GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

Tuesday, 29 September 2026

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017626/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am seeking figures for recorded crimes of burglary and theft occurring at construction or building sites in your force area over the last five full years (2020 to 2025). If you can provide the data for 2026 too (year to date or up to the most recent date you can) this will also be gratefully received.

By "construction or building site" I mean premises where building, civil engineering or demolition work is taking place, including sites under active development and their associated compounds, site offices and storage. If you hold a searchable "location type" or "premises type" field, please provide figures for whichever categories correspond to construction/building sites and state those in your response.

For each of the five years (and 2026 if applicable) please provide the number of recorded crimes, broken down by offence type, for:

1. *Burglary (business and community / non-residential) at construction or building sites; and*
3. *In addition, for each of these recorded crimes, is it possible to provide a geographic breakdown at the most detailed area level you are able to release without breaching data protection? — for example by local authority district, policing area/BCU, town, or partial (outward) postcode.*

If you do not hold a searchable field identifying construction or building sites, I would be grateful if you could tell me what location or premises categories you do record, so I can consider a revised request.

Clarification to remove Part 2 received on 14/109/2026

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

Caveats

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

- This dataset contains crimes classified as 'theft offences' at Crime Tree Level 2, where 'Site' has been selected in the optional MO Sub Category field and with a created date between '01 January 2020' and '09 September 2026', excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as non-counting fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.

- Please note, the MO keywords are not mandatory and may not be completed.
    - There may be relevant records missing from our response where this field has not been completed.
    - As these are optional fields, an increase or decrease in crime volume where these fields are part of the filtering may not indicate a true increase or decrease of the volume of these crimes, but may reflect a change in usage of this field.

Due to the low numbers for combined information of offence and district, the combined data would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information would be engaged. I have provided the data on offence and district separately for each calendar year.

Data

Crime Latest Classification	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**
All other theft offences	46	93	202	205	234	181	119
Bicycle theft	0	0	1	1	2	0	1
Business and community burglary	36	48	97	90	88	83	38
Residential burglary	8	8	19	5	6	5	2
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0	2	0	0

Theft from the person	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Vehicle offences	6	14	35	22	30	12	12

District	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**
Bolton	9	22	39	26	29	30	14
Bury	2	5	7	10	16	22	12
CoM Central	6	19	31	36	35	23	21
CoM North	8	14	33	34	50	25	16
CoM South	5	4	9	10	7	10	5
Manchester Airport	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Oldham	12	18	34	23	32	28	16
Rochdale	15	17	31	27	33	46	18
Salford	7	19	47	43	62	24	17
Stockport	5	5	26	22	18	21	14
Tameside	8	9	13	15	14	11	10
Trafford	1	12	12	27	25	13	8
Wigan	17	20	72	51	42	27	21