| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1797  Responded to: 29th July 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If any information is unavailable, exempt, or beyond time/cost limits, please disregard these and provide the rest.

## 1. The total number of car thefts reported within your police force area for the last five calendar years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023). I do not require information on all vehicle thefts, just passenger cars.

## 2. Please could you also split this data by make and model of each stolen car, and by the colour of each stolen car, where available.

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, we are unable to search thefts by passenger only vehicles or by make/ model of vehicles. The only way to provide you with this information in an accurate and consistent manner would be to individually examine each crime report created on our systems to determine relevence to your request. Considering the numbers of incidents involved this is clearly an exercise which would exceed the cost limitations of the Act.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.