| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-1494Responded to: 04 July 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Number of recorded thefts of vehicles in the Edinburgh Division for financial years 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24, broken down as follows: Date of theft, Postcode of theft**

**Number of recorded attempted thefts of vehicles in the Edinburgh Division for financial years 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24, broken down as follows: Date of theft, Postcode of attempted theft**

Please see attached excel document which details thefts/ attempted thefts in Edinburgh division for 2021 to 2024.

The full postcodes are held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide them in terms of section 16(1) of the Act.

Individual postcodes cover a small number of properties and on that basis, details of any crimes reported would amount to the personal data of the residents.

Personal data - where it is assessed that disclosure would contravene the data protection principles as defined in the Act - is exempt from disclosure in terms of section 38(1)(b) of the Act.

The exemptions outlined at sections 34(1)(b) and 35(1)(a)&(b) of the Act also apply on the basis that any information held would be held for the purpose of an investigation, and disclosure would prejudice the law enforcement functions of the force.

The public interest overwhelmingly lies in protecting individuals’ right to privacy and honouring their expectation of confidentiality.

To be of assistance, we have provided data by multi member ward.

Please note the following:

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.

All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 2nd July 2024.

The data was extracted using the crime's raised date and by using SGJD codes 302202 (thefts of vehicles) & 302206 (attempted thefts of vehicles)

Please note, only records with a Grid East and Grid North will hold a postcode, not all records have a Grid East and Grid North.

Please note, each record will need to be read to confirm the circumstances and location.

The theft of a motor vehicle category will not include any vehicles that were stolen as a result of a Housebreaking.

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 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 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.