| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-3099  Responded to: 03 December 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please provide information on the total number of thefts of catalytic converters from motor vehicles recorded between 1st January 2019 (inclusive) and 31st December 2023 (inclusive) in your force area. Please also provide a breakdown of the number of catalytic converter thefts in each year (excluding 2020) during this time period.

## Please also provide a breakdown of the number of thefts of catalytic converters from motor vehicles split by make and model of the vehicle within each year during this time period.

## Please also provide a breakdown of the number of thefts of catalytic converters from motor vehicles split by the city/town they were stolen from within each year during this time period.

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 cannot search based of nature of stolen items. The only way to collate this data would be to manually search each individual record of theft for relevance to catalytic converters. This is clearly an exercise that far exceeds the cost threshold set out within 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.