



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0337

On 27/03/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request the number of shoplifting recorded crimes identified by your force.

Please provide the data for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

A search of the Crime Recording System was conducted to identify all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2018 and 31/12/2022 where the offence is Shoplifting. The results have been broken down by year below.

Year	Total
2018	3375
2019	3046
2020	2700
2021	2434
2022	2892
Total	14447

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary