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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0317

On 23/03/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Q1. A yearly breakdown of the total number of 'theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicle' offences reported in your policing area during the periods:

1st April 2019 - March 31st 2020
1st April 2020 - March 31st 2021
1st April 2021 - March 31st 2022
1st April 2022 - March 31st 2023
1st April 2023 - March 31st 2024
1st April 2024 - March 31st 2025
1st April 2025 - March 31st 2026

Q2. Please provide all recorded outcomes for the results of Q1 above using the same yearly periods.

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 has been completed between 01/04/2016 and 31/03/2026 for "Theft of Motor Vehicle" and "Taking without consent". This has been sorted by financial year.

Offence / Outcome	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	Grand Total
Theft of m/v	325	360	344	453	553	581	505	3128
1 - Charged/Summons	21	11	12	16	7	22	12	104
10 - Not in the public interest (Police)				1		1	1	3
12 - Prosecution prevented - suspect too ill/dead					1			1
13 - Prosecution prevented - victim/key witness too ill/dead							1	1
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	9	21	19	17	16	12	21	115
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	56	48	43	60	79	66	44	398
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support action	42	41	44	42	23	32	37	261
17 - Prosecution time limit expired							1	1
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	190	234	217	310	419	415	338	2124
2 - Youth Caution		1					1	2
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency			1		1	1	1	4
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	5	3	3	1				12
22 - Diversionary				3	1	1	2	7
3 - Adult Caution	1							2
4 - Taken into Consideration (TIC)			4	1		2	1	8
5 - Offender died							1	1
8 - Community Resolution					3	3		6
9 - Not in the public interest (CPS)		1			1			2
Ongoing	1		1	2	2	26	44	76

Twoc m/v	60	56	61	69	48	50	56	402
1 - Charged/Summons	12	5	5	7	1	4	4	38
12 - Prosecution prevented - suspect too ill/dead			1					1
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	1	5			1		5	12
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	6	3	10	7	9	8	9	52
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support action	23	28	37	45	22	26	27	209
17 - Prosecution time limit expired		1		1	1	1		4
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	12	11	6	7	8	9	3	56
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency		1					1	2
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest		1	1					2
22 - Diversionary	6			1				7
3 - Adult Caution								1
4 - Taken into Consideration (TIC)				1	1			2
5 - Offender died		1						1
8 - Community Resolution					5	1	3	9
Ongoing			1			1	4	6
Grand Total	385	416	405	522	601	631	561	3530

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.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post – Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely,

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