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Dear XXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 773/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 24 July 2025.
I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *The number of reported incidents of **tool theft** recorded by your police force for each of the last five calendar years (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024), and if available, year-to-date data for 2025.*
2. *For each year, please provide a breakdown of:*
 - *The number of thefts from vehicles, residential properties, construction sites, or commercial premises (if this categorisation is available).*
 - *The estimated total value of tools reported stolen each year (if recorded).*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold information relevant to your request and I have today decided to disclose this to you.

The number of tool thefts recorded from 01/01/2020
- 24/07/2025

Year	Total
2020	369
2021	291
2022	253
2023	258
2024	264
2025	215

The number of tool thefts for each year, broken down by offence

Offence Location	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Theft from home	125	105	97	68	95	59	549



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Theft from vehicles	116	62	54	45	38	42	357
Theft from businesses	103	102	68	112	99	91	575
Other	25	22	34	33	32	23	169

Please note - To provide the information a search of our crime recording system was undertaken within the date range requested and with keyword of "tools" for all crimes relating to 'Burglary', 'Theft offences' and 'Vehicle offences'. A manual review of this data with property keyword 'Building Materials/DIY/Trade Items' was carried out, where tools were included in the property description. The information provided is therefore subject to the Analyst's interpretation, knowledge and understanding of the subject matter. Final categories were given for 'residential burglary of a home' for 'theft from home', 'vehicle offences' for 'theft from vehicle' and 'burglary-business and community' for 'theft from businesses'.

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 this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

If you believe your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to request an internal review.

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If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

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The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary



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