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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1621/25 Tool Theft

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 19th December 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information relating to tool theft in your police force area between January 2021 and December 2025 or the latest available date:

- 1. Total number of reported tool theft offences (including tools stolen from vans, workplaces, homes, or other locations) broken down by year*
- 2. Number of tools or tool sets recovered and whether they were returned to victims*
- 3. Any recorded data on the estimated total value of stolen tools for each year.*

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

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'. The results were then assessed for relevancy.

Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the words were recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

Question 1.

The volume of tool thefts, broken down by year	
Year	Volume
2021	291
2022	253
2023	258
2024	264
2025 (to end of Nov)	358



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Question 2.

The recovered/returned fields are not mandatory fields when closing or recording a crime meaning that they may be filled much later or not at all. This means that the results when searching this field are not accurate or representative of the actual total. Therefore, the response to question 2 is no information held as we cannot provide estimates.

Question 3.

As stated above, we are not required to provide estimates for Freedom of Information requests. However, similarly, to question 2, the field for values of property is not compulsory therefore it is not accurate 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 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.

In the first instance, please email freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk quoting the FOI reference number and explain why you are dissatisfied. Your complaint will be considered, and a response will be provided to you after your complaint has been investigated.

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.

The address for the Information Commissioner can be found below:

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

Complaints to the Information Commissioner can also be made online:

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



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