

Reported thefts of motor vehicles (FOI) in the UK

For RAC Insurance. Please contact the RAC press office (via media.rac.co.uk) with any queries

By financial year (1/4/xx to 31/3/xx) unless otherwise specified

See notes on data below table

	Numbers of reported vehicle thefts				
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Avon and Somerset	1,574	2,190	2,474	2,430	2,316
Bedfordshire Constabulary	846	936	897	1,056	1,445
Cambridgeshire Constabulary	641	638	873	946	1,144
Cheshire Constabulary*	784	675	743	925	1,084
City of London Police**	104	44	73	89	75
Cleveland Police	630	765	752	826	824
Cumbria Constabulary	220	213	275	267	260
Derbyshire Constabulary	1,021	1,028	1,059	1,304	1,549
Devon & Cornwall Police	580	605	686	725	839
Dorset Police	501	680	562	718	864
Durham Constabulary	560	593	668	842	828
Dyfed-Powys Police	23	32	19	35	45
Essex Police	2,936	3,327	3,808	4,353	5,409
Gloucestershire Constabulary					
Greater Manchester Police***	3,018	3,400	4,409	5,879	6,223
Gwent Police	n/a	504	587	672	766
Hampshire Constabulary	711	960	1,304	1,327	1,504
Hertfordshire Constabulary****	874	803	1,078	1,523	1,695
Humberside Police	873	981	1,117	1,433	1,440
Kent Police^	2,429				3,609
Lancashire Constabulary	1,691	1,991	2,041	2,125	2,634
Leicestershire Police\$	1,295	1,382	1,463	1,706	1,934
Lincolnshire Police	73	55	44	65	45
Merseyside Police	1,733	2,122	2,199	2,775	2,592
Metropolitan Police	21,138	21,354	26,967	30,650	30,773
Norfolk Constabulary					
North Wales Police\$	377	407	494	464	612
North Yorkshire Police	413	508	426	494	510
Northamptonshire Police	708	911	1,034	984	1,068
Northumbria Police	1,025	1,254	1,389	1,596	1,805
Nottinghamshire Police	1,150	1,391	1,583	2,315	2,463
Police Scotland#	5,423	5,028	5,216	5,024	4,950
South Wales Police	1,490	1,763	1,845	1,837	1,958
South Yorkshire Police##	1,682	2,188	2,525	2,650	2,797
Staffordshire Police	944	1,003	1,205	1,651	1,831
Suffolk Constabulary	347	428	542	655	945
Surrey Police	661	751	1,071	1,354	1,543
Sussex Police	1,231	1,179	1,549	1,748	2,171
Thames Valley Police	2,011	2,591	2,883	3,279	3,735
Warwickshire Police	590	604	799	973	944
West Mercia Police	857	824	977	1,216	1,389
West Midlands Police	4,695	4,929	6,867	9,536	10,372
West Yorkshire Police	3,573	4,951	5,605	5,252	5,871
Wiltshire Police	430	447	562	644	563
TOTAL	71,862	76,435	90,670	104,343	115,424

Change in number of vehicle thefts					
14/15-15/16	15/16-16/17	16/17-17/18	17/18-18/19	14/15-18/19	
616	284	- 44	- 114	742	
90	- 39	159	389	599	
- 3	235	73	198	503	
- 109	68	182	159	300	
- 60	29	16	- 14	29	
135	- 13	74	- 2	194	
- 7	62	- 8	- 7	40	
7	31	245	245	528	
25	81	39	114	259	
179	- 118	156	146	363	
33	75	174	- 14	268	
9	- 13	16	10	22	
391	481	545	1,056	2,473	
382	1,009	1,470	344	3,205	
	83	85	94		
249	344	23	177	793	
- 71	275	445	172	821	
108	136	316	7	567	
	-	-		1,180	
300	50	84	509	943	
87	81	243	228	639	
- 18	- 11	21	- 20	28	
389	77	576	- 183	859	
216	5,613	3,683	123	9,635	
30	87	- 30	148	235	
95	- 82	68	16	97	
203	123	- 50	84	360	
229	135	207	209	780	
241	192	732	148	1,313	
- 395	188	- 192	- 74	- 473	
273	82	- 8	121	468	
506	337	125	147	1,115	
59	202	446	180	887	
81	114	113	290	598	
90	320	283	189	882	
- 52	370	199	423	940	
580	292	396	456	1,724	
14	195	174	- 29	354	
- 33	153	239	173	532	
234	1,938	2,669	836	5,677	
1,378	654	- 353	619	2,298	
17	115	82	- 81	133	
4,573	14,235	13,673	11,081	43,562	

% change in vehicle thefts					
14/15-15/16	15/16-16/17	16/17-17/18	17/18-18/19	14/15-18/19	
39%	13%	-2%	-5%	47%	
11%	-4%	18%	37%	71%	
0%	37%	8%	21%	78%	
-14%	10%	24%	17%	38%	
-58%	66%	22%	-16%	-28%	
21%	-2%	10%	0%	31%	
-3%	29%	-3%	-3%	18%	
1%	3%	23%	19%	52%	
4%	13%	6%	16%	45%	
36%	-17%	28%	20%	72%	
6%	13%	26%	-2%	48%	
39%	-41%	84%	29%	96%	
13%	14%	14%	24%	84%	
13%	30%	33%	6%	106%	
	16%	14%	14%		
35%	36%	2%	13%	112%	
-8%	34%	41%	11%	94%	
12%	14%	28%	0%	65%	
				49%	
18%	3%	4%	24%	56%	
7%	6%	17%	13%	49%	
-25%	-20%	48%	-31%	-38%	
22%	4%	26%	-7%	50%	
1%	26%	14%	0%	46%	
8%	21%	-6%	32%	62%	
23%	-16%	16%	3%	23%	
29%	14%	-5%	9%	51%	
22%	11%	15%	13%	76%	
21%	14%	46%	6%	114%	
-7%	4%	-4%	-1%	-9%	
18%	5%	0%	7%	31%	
30%	15%	5%	6%	66%	
6%	20%	37%	11%	94%	
23%	27%	21%	44%	172%	
14%	43%	26%	14%	133%	
-4%	31%	13%	24%	76%	
29%	11%	14%	14%	86%	
2%	32%	22%	-3%	60%	
-4%	19%	24%	14%	62%	
5%	39%	39%	9%	121%	
39%	13%	-6%	12%	64%	
4%	26%	15%	-13%	31%	
6%	19%	15%	11%	61%	

\$ - denotes police authority that advised us to look at crime statistics data rather than provide bespoke data

* Data sent was incomplete - used Police recorded crime Police Force Area open data tables, year ending March 2013 onwards

** Data for calendar years provided

*** The data is from a system that is no longer being updated. Records have not been updated since 9th July and any changes to the data since then will not be shown.

**** This data contains crimes recorded between 1st April 2014 and 31st March 2019 under Home Office codes 045/10 Theft from a motor vehicle and 048/01 Theft of a motor vehicle, excluding cancelled crimes

^ Kent Police originally provided different figures to these, which have been published in some media outlets

Taken from <https://www.gov.scot/publications/recorded-crime-scotland-2018-19/> as instructed

Data collected recorded differently from Dec 2017