



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:20/01/2026

2026/014 - Theft of a motor vehicle

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- **The total number of recorded incidents of theft of a motor vehicle in your area for calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025**

The relevant HO Codes I believe to be:

**037/01 Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking,
037/02 Aggravated vehicle taking,
048 Theft of a motor vehicle under which falls:
130/01 Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle (does not include 'being carried knowing motor vehicle has been taken)
131/03 Aggravated vehicle taking (driving/being carried) offences, causing damage to vehicle and/or property under £5000.**

For ease of referral I have placed the classifications here - <https://carcrime.uk/home-office-counting-rules-for-recorded-crime/>

I am content for 130/01 and 048/01 to be combined for the purpose of the response (table) below.

I understand the following request may need some clarification:

I am seeking the recorded number of motor vehicle theft offences in your area for calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025 i.e. the crimes recorded, as opposed to calls about stolen vehicle or similar

The data will relate to Home Office classification (counting rules):

- 1. 48 Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Motor Vehicle**
- 2. 37/2 Aggravated Vehicle Taking**

It would assist if you could provide the data for '1' & '2' above i.e. supply 6 figures

	2023	2024	2025
48 Unauthorised Taking/theft			
37/2 Aggravated taking			

HO Code	HO Description	2023	2024	2025
037/02	Aggravated vehicle taking	35	32	29
048/01	Theft of a motor vehicle	282	303	263
130/01	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle (does not include 'driving or being carried knowing motor vehicle has been taken...')	113	145	144
131/03	Aggravated vehicle-taking (driving/being carried) offences causing damage to vehicle and/or other property under £5000	18	17	11
	Total	448	497	447

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 19/01/2026