



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Dear requester,

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at, **Section 1(1) (a)**, is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at, **Section 1 (1) (b)**, is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

The information that you are seeking is in relation to the following:

REQUEST

The number of Shoplifting offences per year broken down by outcome

1a) How many were recorded as being committed by a child under the age of 10? And the outcome of this if recorded.

1b) How many were recorded as being committed by a child aged 10-17?

1c) How many were recorded as being committed by a person aged 18 and over?

The number of Burglary offences per year broken down by outcome

2a) How many were recorded as being committed by a child under the age of 10? And the outcome of this if recorded.

2b) How many were recorded as being committed by a child aged 10-17?

2c) How many were recorded as being committed by a person aged 18 and over?

If you could provide data broken down per year from 2019-2024 please and calendar year if possible.



RESPONSE

Q1) Please see the below table with the number of crimes for shoplifting offences broken down by years:

Year	Count
2019	3448
2020	2407
2021	2134
2022	2565
2023	3764
2024	4962
Total	19280

Please note there maybe multiple offenders linked to one occurrence. This is reliant on officers inputting the correct information.

Q1a) Under 10's recorded with outcome of the crime:

Outcome	Count
6: Penalty notice for disorder	1
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	3
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	8
Grand Total	13

Q1b) 10 – 17 Years recorded with the crime outcome:

Outcome	Count
1: Charged	56
1: Summoned/postal requisition	39
2: Youth caution	18
2: Youth conditional caution	22
3: Adult caution	2
6: Penalty notice for disorder	4
8: Community resolution	19
8: Youth restorative disposal	83
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	1
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	87
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	3
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	4
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	4
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	416



16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	338
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	6
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	56
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	1
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	9
22. Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, not in public interest to take further	40
Cancelled/transferred	1
New	94
Grand Total	1303

Q1c) 18 and over recorded with the crime outcome:

Outcome	Count
1: Charged	4573
1: Summoned/postal requisition	231
1A: Alternate offence charged	4
3: Adult caution	76
3: Adult conditional caution	54
4: TIC (taken into consideration)	45
5: Offender has died	10
6: Penalty notice for disorder	224
8: Community resolution	447
8: Youth restorative disposal	2
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	302
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	6
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	29
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	26
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1912
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	601
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	58
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	548
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	1
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	46
22. Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, not in public interest to take further	10
New	264
Grand Total	9469



Residential burglary and Commercial burglary have been combined to provide the figures below.

Q2) Please see the below table with the number of crimes for burglary offences broken down by years:

Year	Count
2019	3691
2020	2840
2021	2393
2022	2518
2023	2219
2024	2258
Grand Total	15919

Please note there maybe multiple offenders linked to one occurrence. This is reliant on officers inputting the correct information

Q2a) Under 10's linked with the outcome:

Outcome	Count
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	5
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	3
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	2
Grand Total	10

Q2b) 10 – 17 Years recorded with the crime outcome:

Outcome	Count
1: Charged	37
1: Summoned/postal requisition	37
1A: Alternate offence summoned/postal requisition	4
2: Youth caution	14
2: Youth conditional caution	27
2A: Alternate offence youth conditional caution	5
3: Adult caution	3
8: Community resolution	12
8: Youth restorative disposal	88
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	8
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	4
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	4
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	37
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	374
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	198
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	103
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	2



22. Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, not in public interest to take further	20
New	61
Grand Total	1038

Q2c) 18 and over recorded with the crime outcome:

Outcome	Count
1: Charged	718
1: Summoned/postal requisition	163
1A: Alternate offence charged	59
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	11
3: Adult caution	12
3: Adult conditional caution	8
3A: Alternate offence adult caution	2
3A: Alternate offence adult conditional caution	4
4: TIC (taken into consideration)	46
5: Offender has died	3
8: Community resolution	32
8: Youth restorative disposal	1
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	3
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	16
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	3
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill	15
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	41
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	307
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1522
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	744
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	647
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	8
New	209
Grand Total	4574



Please note, every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete.

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.