

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following data from your force covering the past three calendar years and available data for this year: 2017, 2016, and 2015 and the year-to-date for 2018.

1) I would like to know how many many children (under 18) in the time period have been arrested on suspicion of theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle.

The offence, contrary to section 12 of the Theft Act 1968, is recorded under Home Office classification code 48.

Please provide the ages of those arrested: for example X number of 10-year-olds, X number of 11-year-olds, and so on to include all those aged under 18.

Age	2015	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
11	-	-	-	1	1
12	5	5	2	2	14
13	15	13	12	7	47
14	37	43	53	33	166
15	83	95	87	78	343
16	147	141	157	101	546
17	144	169	167	156	636
Grand Total	431	466	478	378	1,753

2) Please provide the total number of those aged under 18 who were charged with the offence in the same time period.

Year	Grand Total
2015	72
2016	54
2017	66
2018	47
Grand Total	239

3) Please provide the total number of adults (18 and over) arrested on suspicion of the offence in the same time period.

Year	Grand Total
2015	1,495
2016	1,555
2017	1,532
2018	1,638
Grand Total	6,220

**4) Please provide the total number of adults charged with the offence in the same time period.**

Year	Grand Total
2015	314
2016	266
2017	227
2018	199
Grand Total	1006

NB Data as at 19/11/2018