MAG NATIONAL POLICE FORCE BIKE THEFT RANKINGS 2020

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Motorcycle Action Group National Police Force Bike Theft Rankings

This is the third annual publication of the Motorcycle Action Group's National Police Force Bike Theft Rankings. This publication covers data for reported thefts of motorcycles in 2020.

The data is obtained via Freedom of Information requests lodged with all 45 territorial police forces in the UK. We continue to be unable to secure data from all contacted Police Forces.

With the world-wide Covid pandemic and lockdown measures taking place throughout all four nations of the UK, 2020 was a far from normal year with respect to crime. As with many other crimes the total number of motorcycle thefts nationally showed a significant decrease. The average theft rate fell from 19 per 1000 registered motorcycles in 2019 to 13 per 1000 registered in 2020. The national average is calculated on Police National Computer data, not reported thefts totalled from the FOI responses.

London remains by far the worst affected area with 8138 thefts. A surprise result places Gwent as the second worst ranked police force in the UK. The 2020 theft rate for London was 69 per 1000, but for Gwent the rate has more than doubled from 14 per 1000 in 2019 to 35 per 1000 in 2020.
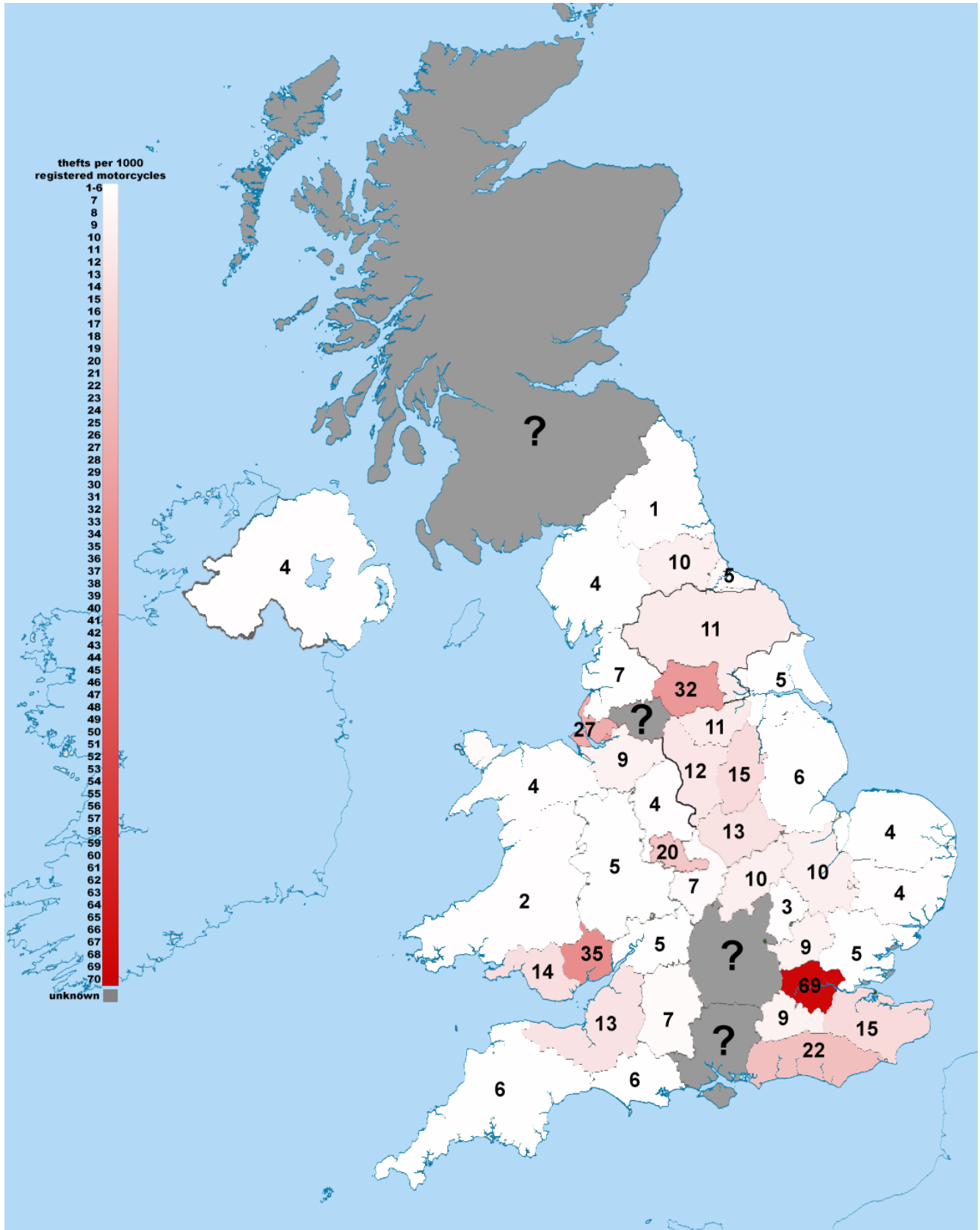
It should be noted that for a second year Greater Manchester Police have failed to provide data. We have received data for Wiltshire and South Wales for the first time this year, but the significant holes in the data from Manchester, Scotland, Hampshire and Thames Valley are disappointing.

UK RANKING BY POLICE FORCE

City of London and Metropolitan Police are combined due to the small geographical area covered by City of London.

Ranking is by number of motorcycles reported stolen divided by number of motorcycles registered in the force area. This is to provide a fair ranking system for forces with varying geographical and population jurisdictional size.

Rank		Force	Motorcycles Stolen per 1000 registered
1	⬆29	Northumbria	1 National Average
2	➡0	Dyfed-Powys	2 13
3	⬆9	Bedfordshire	3
4	⬆1	Suffolk	4
5	⬆6	Northern Ireland	4
6	⬆12	Staffordshire	4
7	⬆3	North Wales	4
8	⬇4	Cumbria	4
9	➡0	Norfolk	4
10	⬇7	West Mercia	5
11	⬆8	Gloucestershire	5
12	⬇5	Essex	5
13	⬆12	Humberside	5
14	➡0	Cleveland	5
15	➡0	Lincolnshire	6
16	➡0	Devon & Cornwall	6
17	⬆3	Dorset	6
18		Wiltshire	7
19	⬇6	Lancashire	7
20	⬇7	Warwickshire	7
21	⬇1	Cheshire	9
22	⬇5	Surrey	9
23	⬇15	Hertfordshire	9
24	➡0	Northamptonshire	10
25	⬆4	Durham	10
26	⬇3	Cambridgeshire	10
27	⬇26	North Yorkshire	11
28	⬇7	South Yorkshire	11
29	⬇2	Derbyshire	12
30	⬆3	Leicestershire	13
31	⬆3	Avon & Somerset	13
32		South Wales	14
33	⬇5	Nottinghamshire	15
34	⬇1	Kent	15
35	⬆1	West Midlands	20
36	⬇4	Sussex	22
37	➡0	Merseyside	27
38	➡0	West Yorkshire	32
39	⬇13	Gwent	35
40	➡0	Metropolitan/City of London	69

thefts per 1000
registered motorcycles

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MOST IMPROVED 2019-2020

Reduction of thefts as a percentage of registered motorcycles.

Rank		Force	Improvement 2019 - 2020
1		Northumbria	1.60%
2		Metropolitan/City of London	1.45%
3		West Yorkshire	1.21%
4		Merseyside	1.13%
5		West Midlands	1.01%
6		Kent	0.84%
7		Avon and Somerset	0.79%
8		Humberside	0.77%
9		Leicestershire	0.72%
10		Durham	0.66%
11		Gloucestershire	0.62%
12		Staffordshire	0.57%
13		Dorset	0.52%
14		Bedfordshire	0.41%
15		Sussex	0.36%
16		Cheshire	0.31%
17		Northamptonshire	0.31%
18		Derbyshire	0.28%
19		Northern Ireland	0.27%
20		North Wales	0.25%
21		Cambridgeshire	0.25%
22		Cleveland	0.25%
23		Lincolnshire	0.24%
24		Devon and Cornwall	0.24%
25		Norfolk	0.19%
26		Essex	0.14%
27		Suffolk	0.13%
28		Dyfed-Powys	0.09%
29		Nottinghamshire	0.06%
30		South Yorkshire	0.04%
31		Lancashire	0.03%
32		Surrey	0.02%
33		Cumbria	-0.05%
34		West Mercia	-0.13%
35		Warwickshire	-0.18%
36		Hertfordshire	-0.31%
37		North Yorkshire	-0.78%
38		Gwent	-2.09%

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

AVON & SOMERSET POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100	
75	
50	
25	

2017 2018 2019 2020
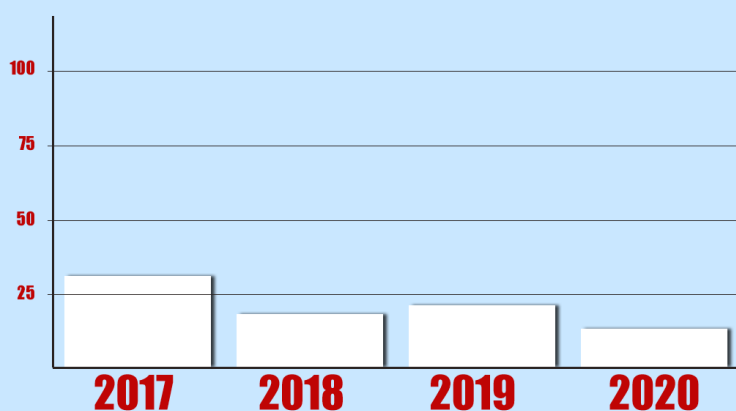
2020 RANK: 31/40
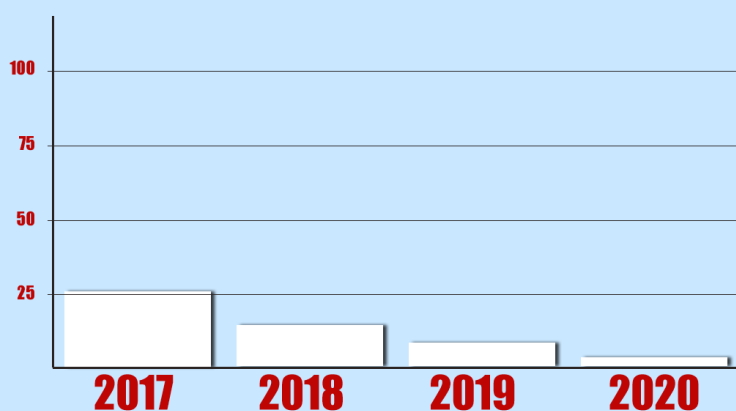
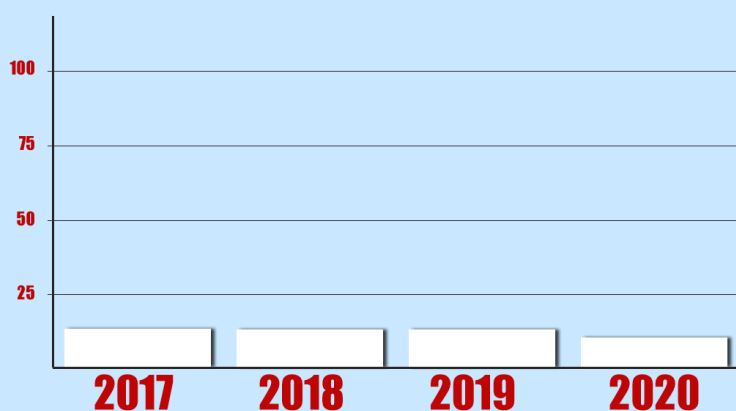**REGISTERED BIKES:**

45,293

STOLEN:

611

1 in 74 STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100	
75	
50	
25	

2017 2018 2019 2020

2020   RANK: 3/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

12,300

1 in 293

STOLEN:

42

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50			
25			
2017	2018	2019	2020

2020   RANK: 26/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

20,167

1 in 101

STOLEN:

200

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

CHESHIRE
POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50			
25			
2017	2018	2019	2020
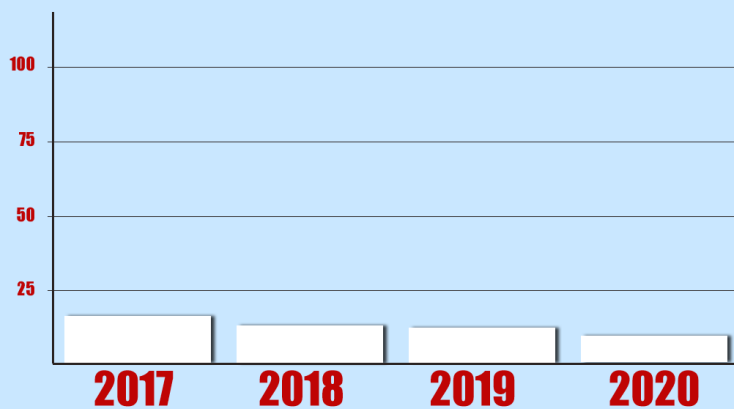
2020   RANK: 21/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

24,043

1 in 115

STOLEN:

209

STOLEN
(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

CLEVELAND
POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
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25			
2017	2018	2019	2020
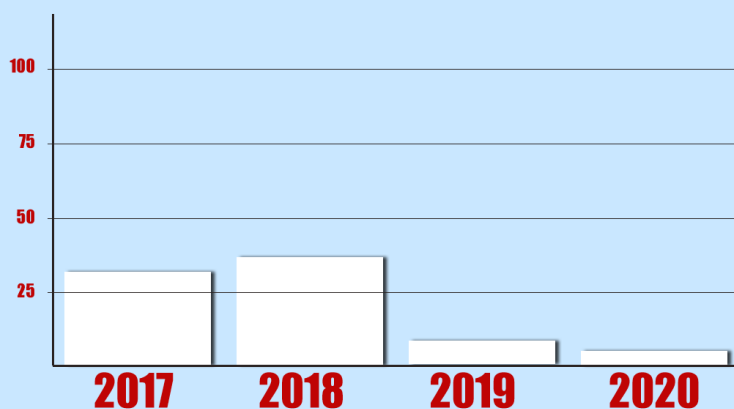
2020   **RANK:** **14/40**

REGISTERED BIKES: **1 in 186**

8,555

STOLEN: **STOLEN**

46   **(National Average 1 in 75)**

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

CUMBRIA
POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

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2017	2018	2019	2020
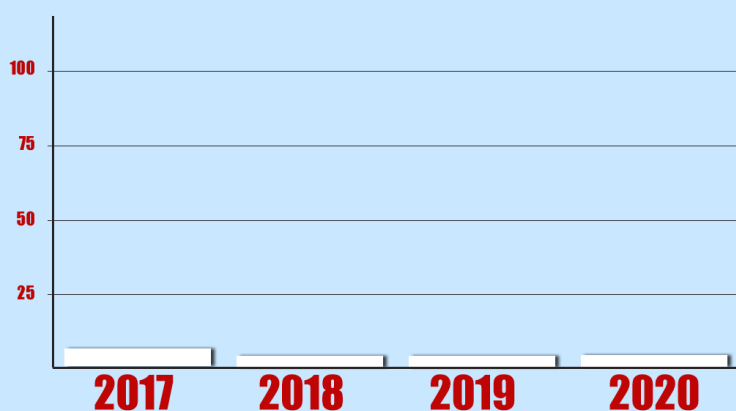
2020   RANK: 8/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

12,940

1 in 227

STOLEN:

57

STOLEN
(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

DERBYSHIRE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
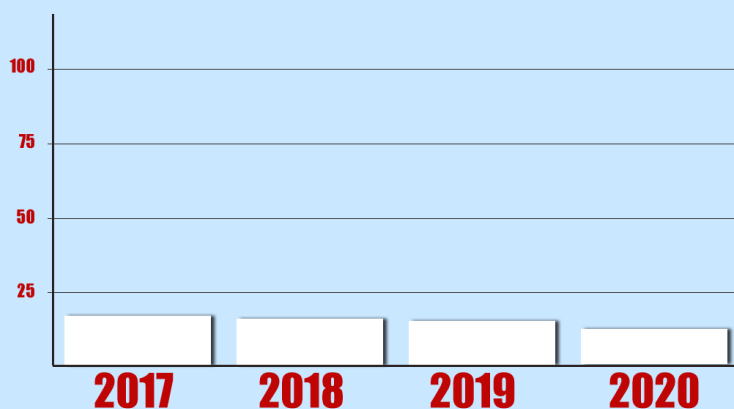
2020   **RANK: 29/40**

REGISTERED BIKES:

26,484

STOLEN:

305

1 in 87

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

DEVON and CORNWALL POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

	2017	2018	2019	2020
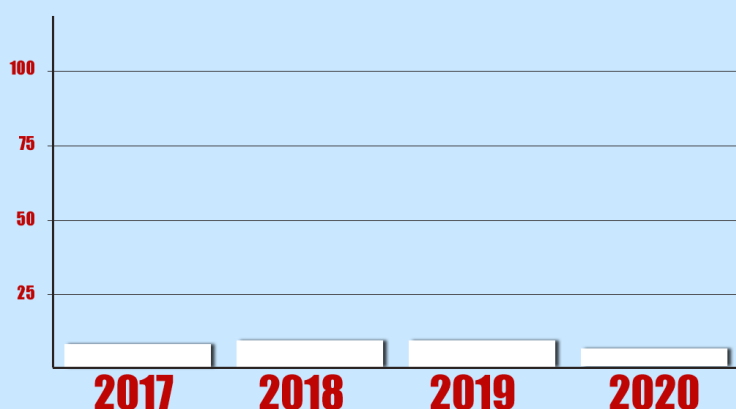
2020 **RANK: 16/40**

REGISTERED BIKES:

53,955

STOLEN:

324

1 in 167

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

DORSET
POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
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2017	2018	2019	2020
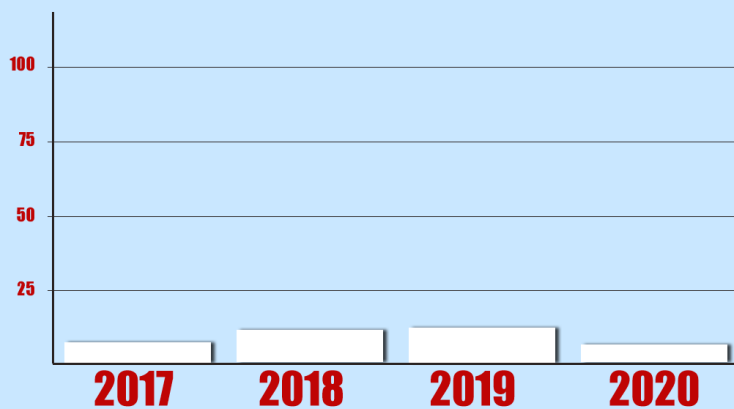
2020   **RANK:** **17/40**

REGISTERED BIKES:

22,528

1 in 166

STOLEN:

136

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

DURHAM
POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

	2017	2018	2019	2020
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25				
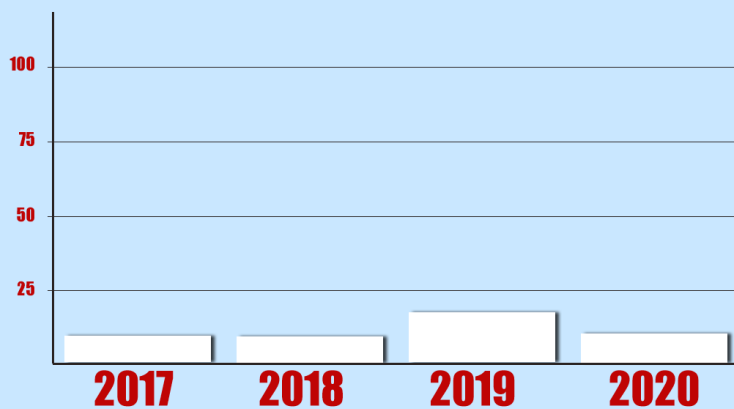
2020   RANK: 25/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

11,566

1 in 103

STOLEN:

112

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

DYFED POWYS
POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

	2017	2018	2019	2020
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75				
50				
25				
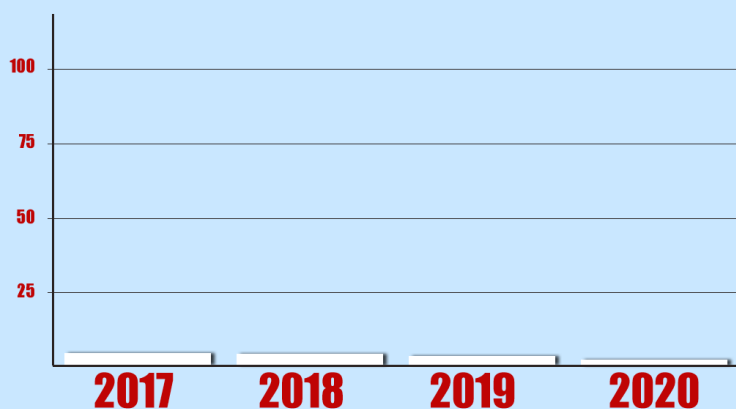
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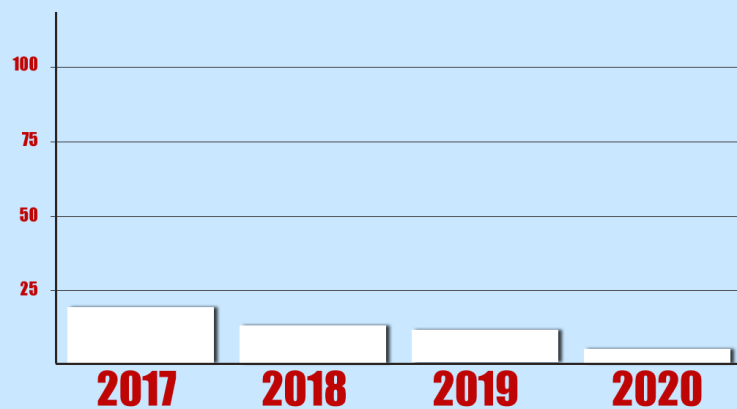
12,867

1 in 477

STOLEN:

27

STOLEN
(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

ESSEX
POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

	100	
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2017	2018	2019	2020
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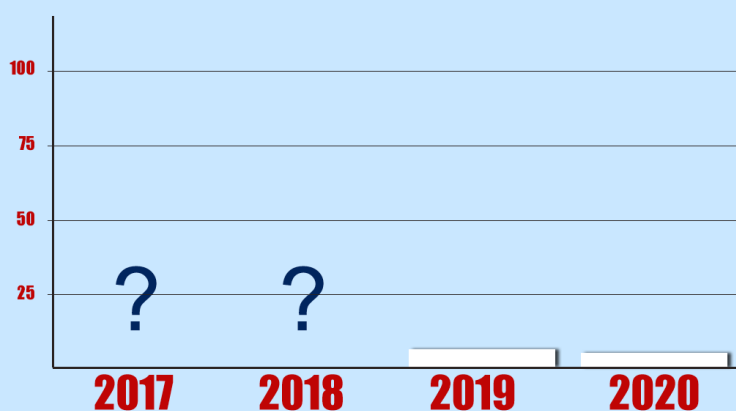
2020   **RANK:** **12/40**

REGISTERED BIKES:

40,943

1 in 211

STOLEN:

194

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

GLOUCESTERSHIRE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

| 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |

2020   **RANK: 11/40**

REGISTERED BIKES:
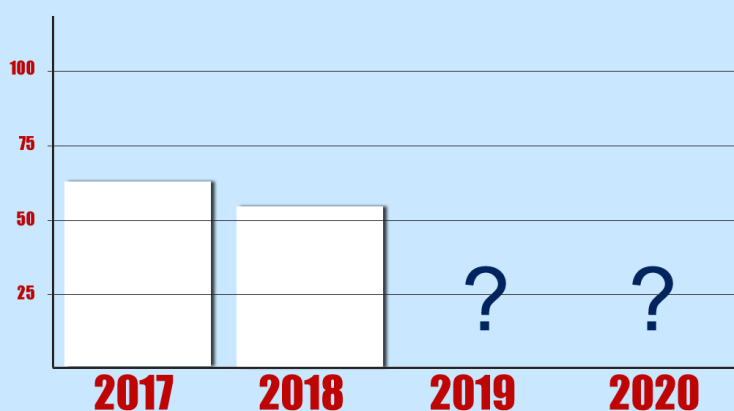
17,395

STOLEN:

81

1 in 215 STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50		?	?
25			
2017	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**

2020   **RANK:** **?/40**

REGISTERED BIKES:

34,087

STOLEN:

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1 in ?

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

GWENT
POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
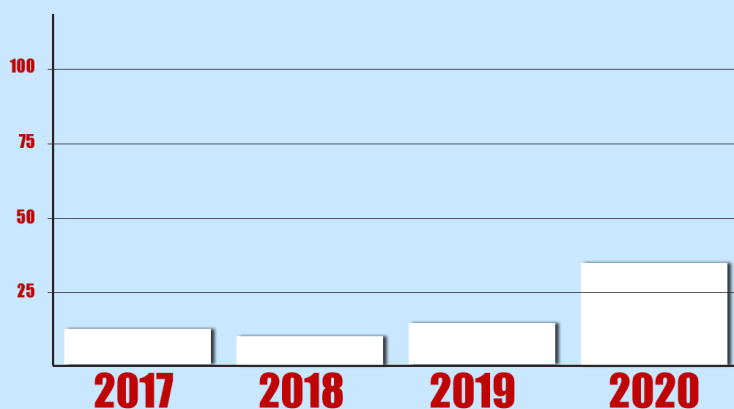
2020   RANK: 39/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

11,622

1 in 29

STOLEN:

401

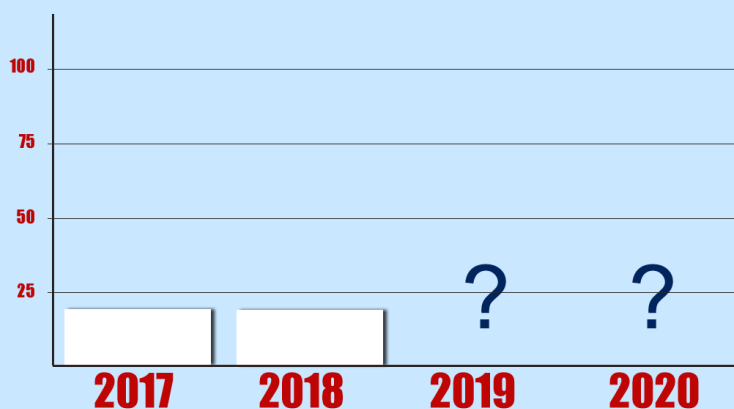# STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

HAMPSHIRE
POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
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25		?	?
2017	2018	2019	2020

2020 RANK: **?/40**

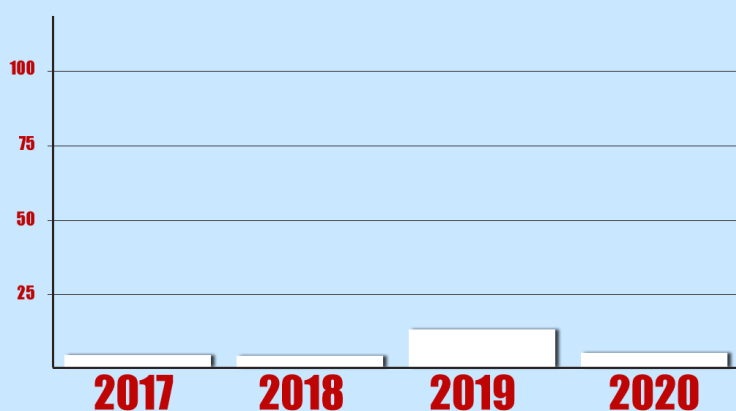REGISTERED BIKES:

56,280

STOLEN:

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1 in **?**
STOLEN
(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

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2017	2018	2019	2020
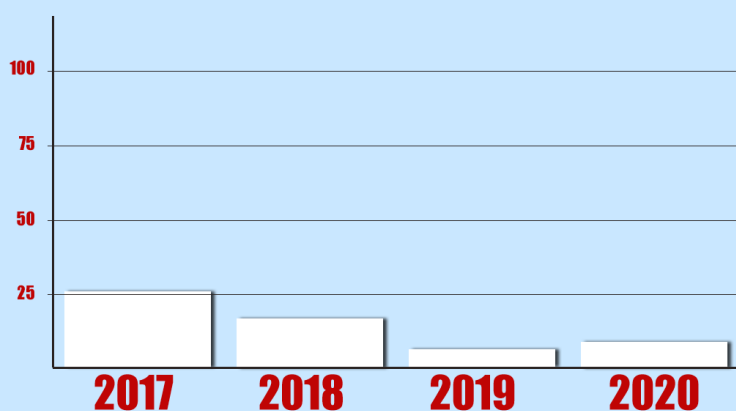
2020   RANK: 23/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

21,370

1 in 106

STOLEN:

201

STOLEN
(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

HUMBERSIDE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50			
25			
2017	2018	2019	2020

2020   **RANK: 13/40**

REGISTERED BIKES:
23,595

1 in 187

STOLEN:
126

STOLEN
(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

KENT
POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

2017	2018	2019	2020
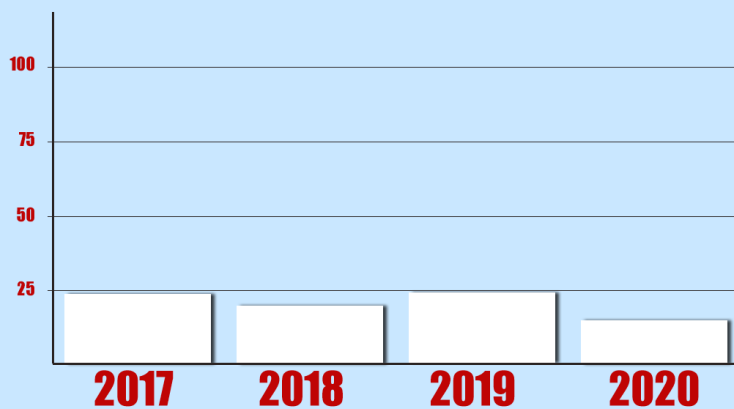
2020   RANK: 34/40

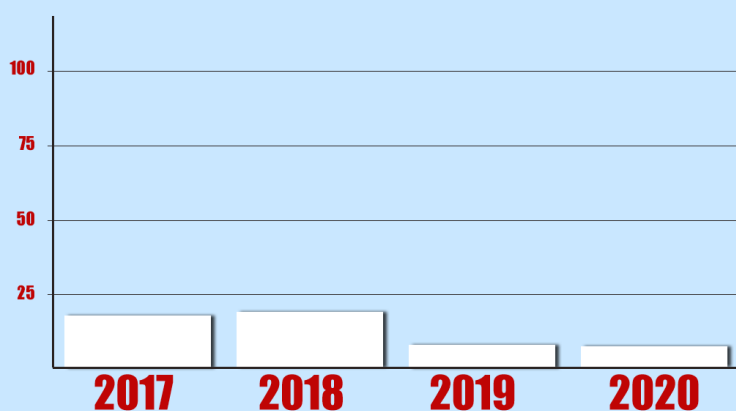**REGISTERED BIKES:**

44,256

1 in 65

STOLEN:

679

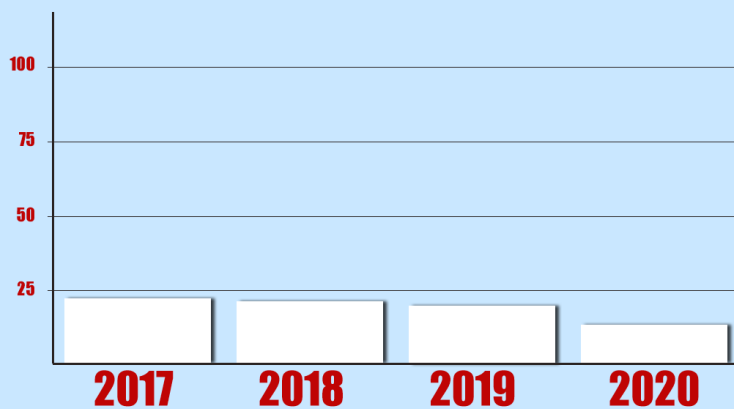# STOLEN
(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

LANCASHIRE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

	100
	75
	50
	25

2017   2018   2019   2020

2020   RANK: 19/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

31,200

STOLEN:

225

1 in 139 STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

2017	2018	2019	2020

2020   RANK: 30/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

22,075

STOLEN:

288

1 in 77

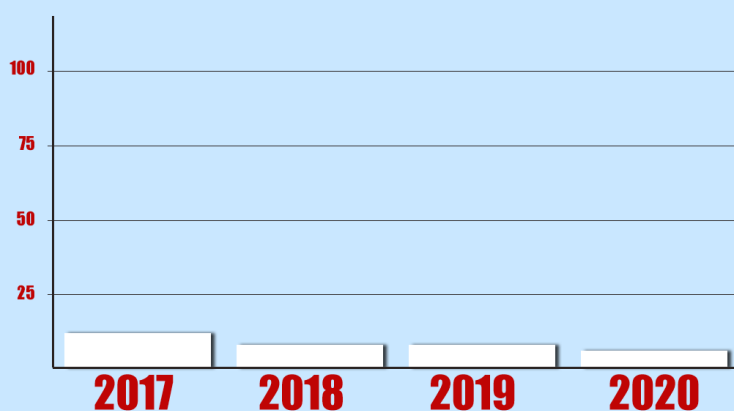# STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

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75			
50			
25			
2017	2018	2019	2020

2020   RANK: 15/40

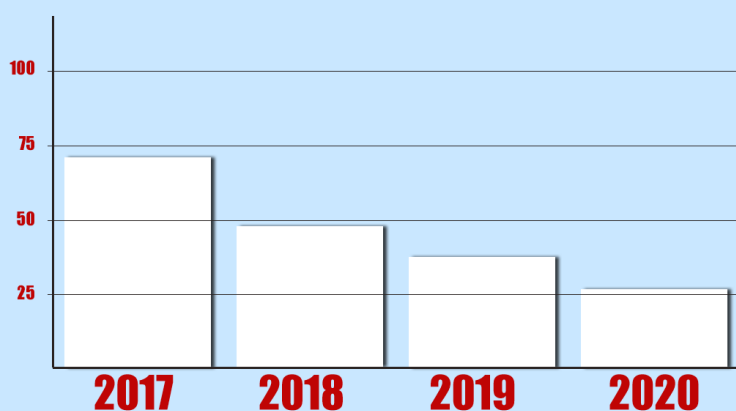**REGISTERED BIKES:**

21,573

STOLEN:

123

1 in 175
STOLEN
(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

MERSEYSIDE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

	2017	2018	2019	2020

2020 RANK: 37/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

17,664

1 in 38

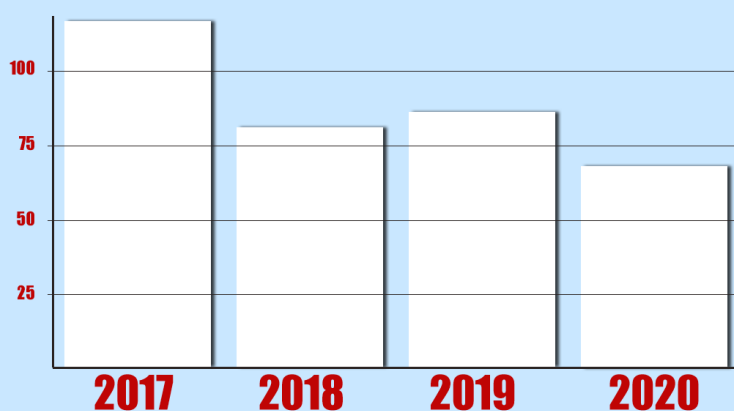**STOLEN:**

471

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

METROPOLITAN and CITY of LONDON POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50			
25			
2017	2018	2019	2020

2020   RANK: 40/40

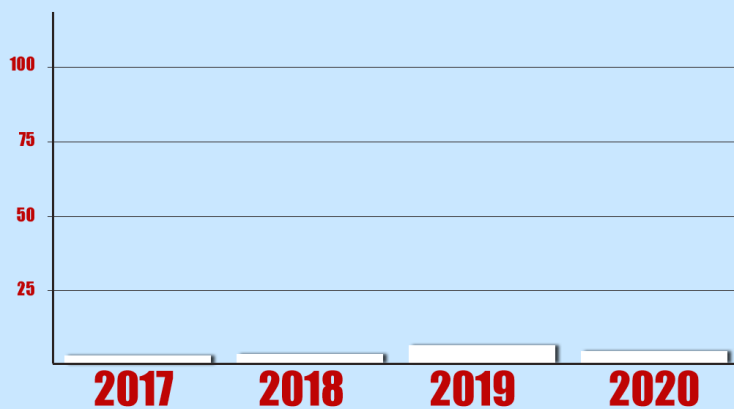### REGISTERED BIKES:
117,888

1 in 14

STOLEN:
8,138

STOLEN
(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

NORFOLK
POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

	2017	2018	2019	2020
100				
75				
50				
25				

2020   RANK: 9/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

27,114

1 in 226

STOLEN:

120

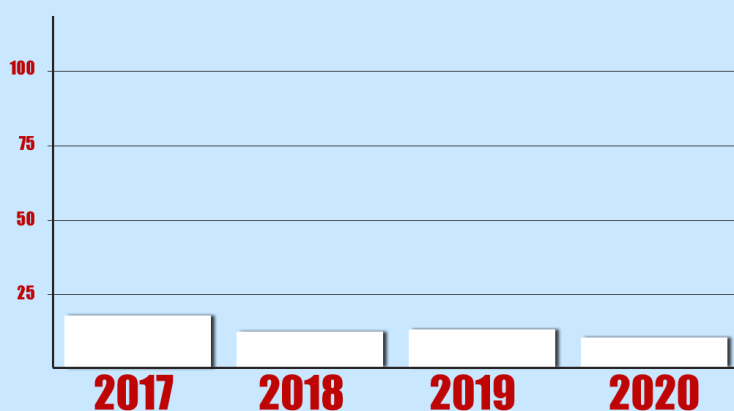# STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50			
25			
2017	2018	2019	2020

2020   **RANK: 24/40**

REGISTERED BIKES:
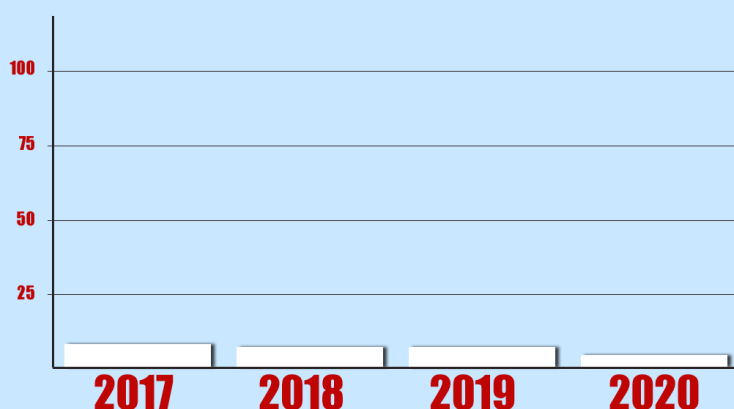
17,169

1 in 105

STOLEN:

168

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

NORTERN IRELAND POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |

2020   **RANK:** **5/40**

REGISTERED BIKES:

23,893

1 in 275

STOLEN:

87

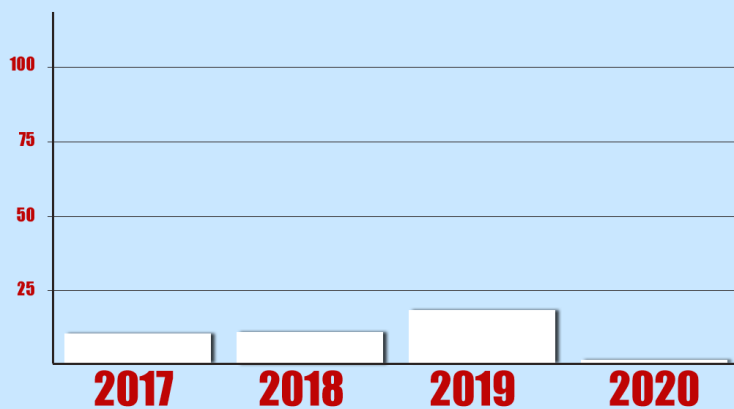**STOLEN**

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50			
25			
2017	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**

2020   RANK: 1/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

20,508

STOLEN:

16

1 in 1282 STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

NORTH WALES POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

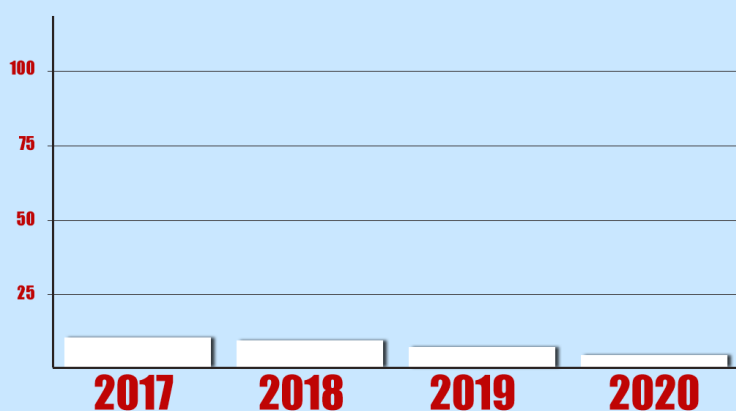|	2017	2018	2019	2020

2020   **RANK:** **7/40**

REGISTERED BIKES:

15,914

STOLEN:

62

1 in 257

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

	2017	2018	2019	2020

2020   RANK: 27/40
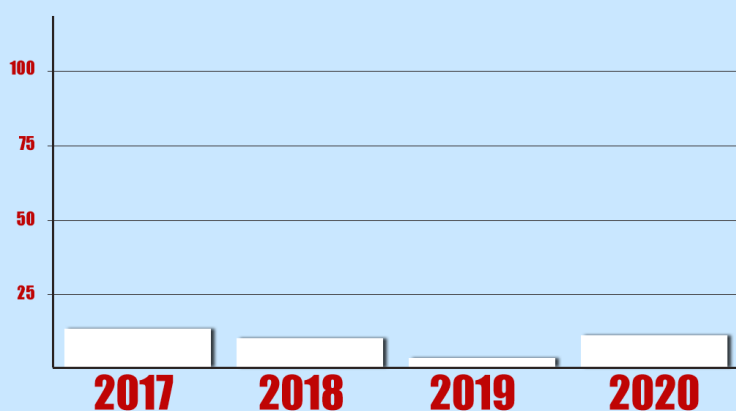
REGISTERED BIKES:

21,584

STOLEN:

233

1 in 93

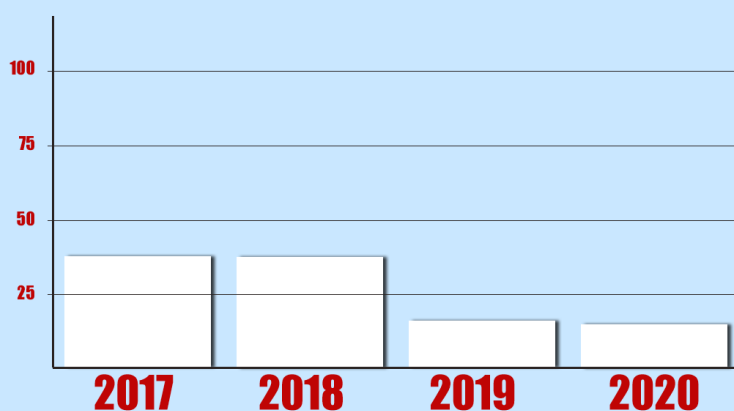# STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50			
25			
2017	2018	2019	2020

2020   RANK: 33/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

21,539

1 in 69

STOLEN:

314

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

SCOTLAND
POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50			
25	? ? ? ?		
	2017	2018	2019	2020

2020   RANK: ?/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

73,367

STOLEN:

?

1 in ?
STOLEN
(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

SOUTH WALES POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50			
25	?	?	?
	2017	2018	2019	2020

2020   RANK: 32/40

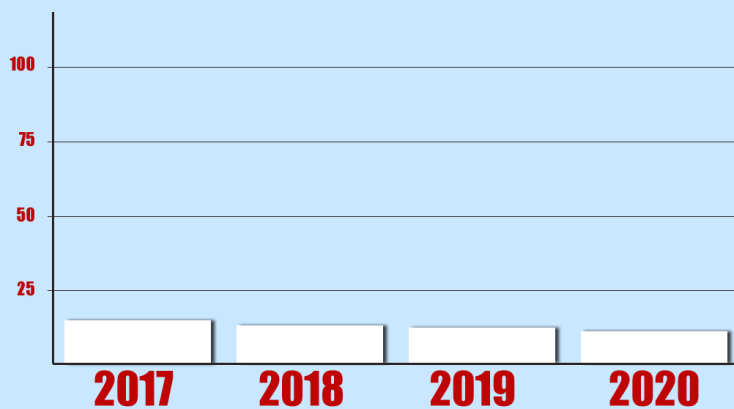**REGISTERED BIKES:**

21,377

1 in 71

STOLEN:

303

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50			
25			
2017	2018	2019	2020

2020   **RANK: 28/40**

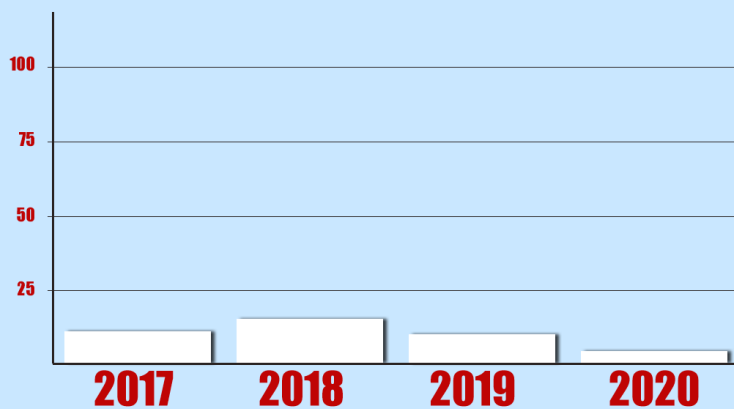**REGISTERED BIKES:**

22,844

1 in 88

STOLEN:

261

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

Year	
100	
75	
50	
25	
	2017 · 2018 · 2019 · 2020

2020   **RANK:** **6/40**

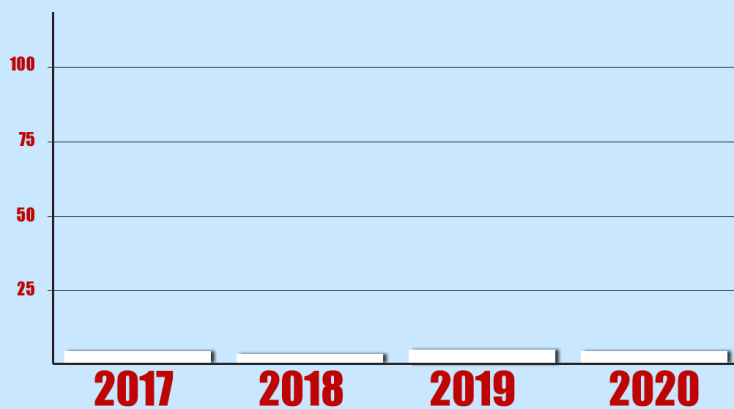**REGISTERED BIKES:**
25,791

1 in 274

STOLEN:
94

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

SUFFOLK
POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50			
25			
2017	2018	2019	2020

2020 RANK: 4/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

22,040

STOLEN:

78

1 in 283
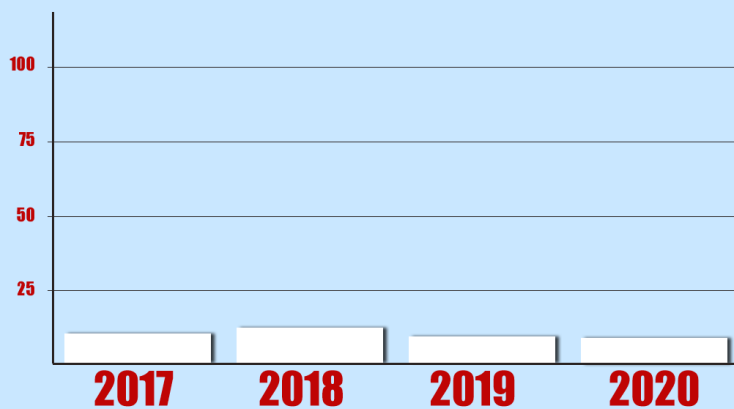## STOLEN
(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

SURREY POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50			
25			
2017	2018	2019	2020

2020 **RANK: 22/40**

REGISTERED BIKES:

29,684

STOLEN:

272

1 in 109

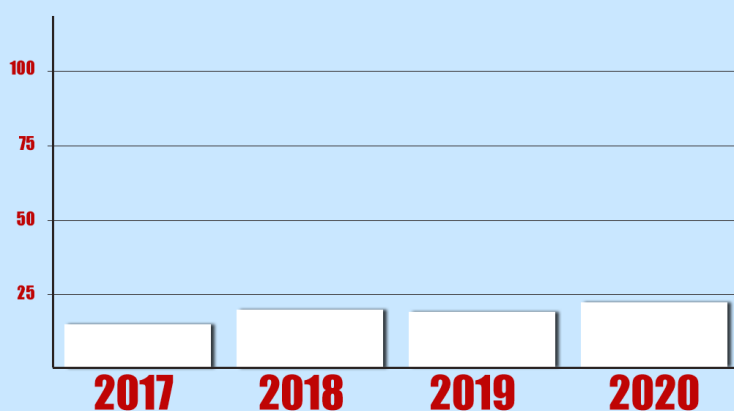**STOLEN**

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

SUSSEX POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50			
25			
2017	2018	2019	2020

2020 **RANK: 36/40**

REGISTERED BIKES:

31,367

1 in 45

STOLEN:

691

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50			
25	?	?	?	?
	2017	2018	2019	2020

2020   **RANK:** **?/40**

REGISTERED BIKES:

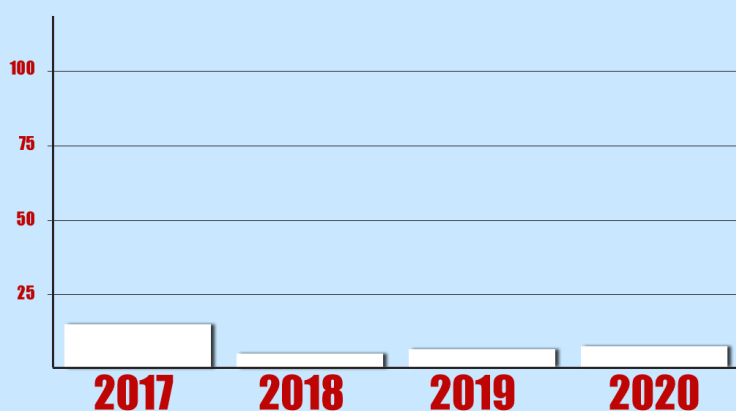**52,151**

STOLEN:

?

1 in ?

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

WARWICKSHIRE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

	100	75	50	25	
2017	2018	2019	2020		

2020   RANK: **20/40**

REGISTERED BIKES:

13,920

1 in 138

STOLEN:

101

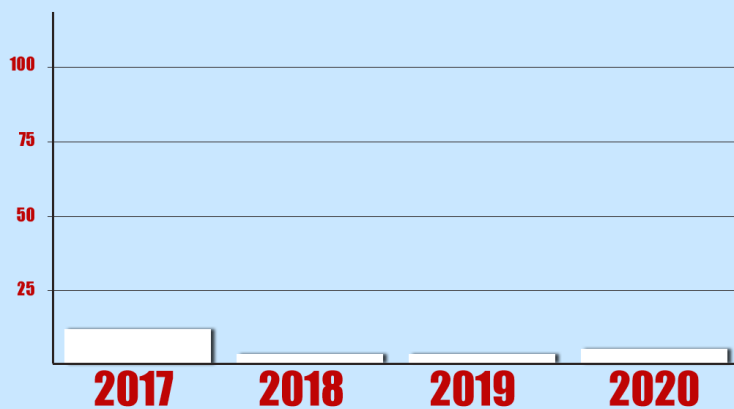**STOLEN**

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

WEST MERCIA
POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100			
75			
50			
25			
2017	2018	2019	2020

2020   RANK: 10/40
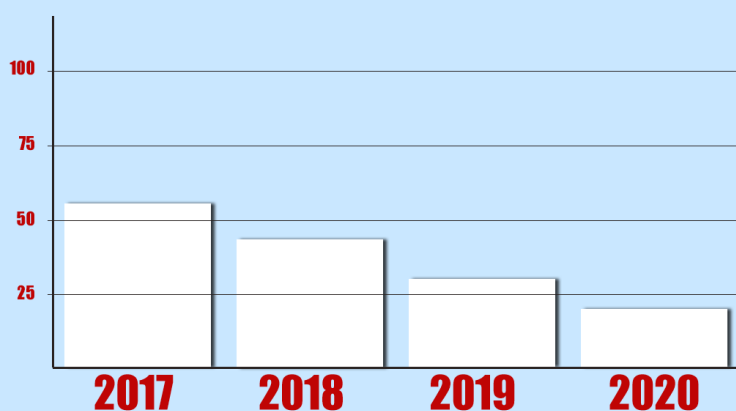
REGISTERED BIKES:
31,933

1 in 219

STOLEN:
146

STOLEN
(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

	2017	2018	2019	2020

2020 RANK: 35/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

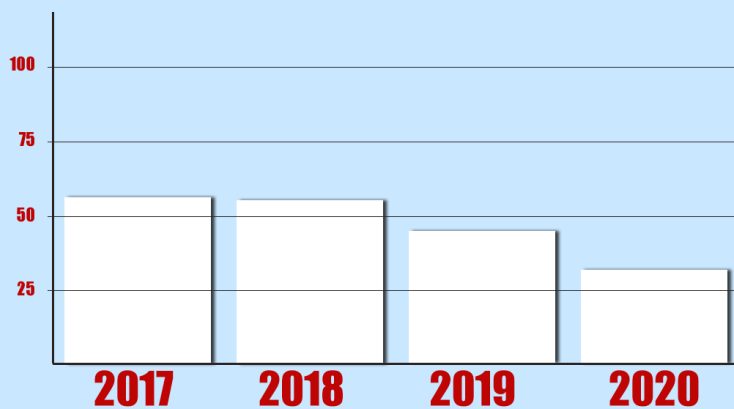33,649

STOLEN:

677

1 in 50 STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

100
75
50
25

2017   2018   2019   2020

2020   RANK: 38/40

REGISTERED BIKES:

34,269

STOLEN:

1,088

1 in 31
STOLEN
(National Average 1 in 75)

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

WILTSHIRE
POLICE

Theft rate per 1000 registered motorcycles

	2017	2018	2019	2020
	?	?	?	

2020   **RANK: 18/40**

REGISTERED BIKES:

20,493

1 in 151

STOLEN:

136

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 75)

UNRANKED

The following forces failed to respond with the required information:

- Greater Manchester Police
- Hampshire Police
- Police Scotland
- Thames Valley Police

ACCURACY OF REPORTING

The process of collating these data for 2020 has continued to reinforce the view that confidence in the accuracy of reported motorcycle theft data is low.

We caution against placing great store in data changes whether laterally from force to force or longitudinally from year to year within a force area.

Questioning of data for Hertfordshire led to claims by the force that the initial data supplied was in error. This data was then replaced after a lengthy process of reapplying for a separate Freedom of Information request with figures that were demonstrably inconsistent with previous years' data. We have provided data in this report from the initial response which appears more credible in the context of previous responses but fails to answer claims made by the force that motorcycle theft had reduced during 2020 in line with the national average. Both sets of data demonstrated a year on year increase from 2019 to 2020.

In a similar vein the data supplied by Gwent appears to be suspect due to the notable increased theft rate reported which appears beyond statistical probability compared to the average national picture. We will be investigating Gwent's data further subject to co-operation by that force.

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