

# **MAG NATIONAL POLICE FORCE BIKE THEFT RANKINGS 2018**

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# Motorcycle Action Group National Police Force Bike Theft Rankings

Motorcycles are, on average, **seven times more likely to be stolen** than any other vehicle type in the UK.

As with most issues of this kind the picture varies from region to region, but until now there has been a lack of detailed evidence.

The Motorcycle Action Group (MAG) has undertaken this project in an attempt to start to lay the foundations for a more in-depth understanding of the issue of bike theft across the country and hopefully to introduce a greater awareness amongst riders and police forces of the local impacts.

It is hoped that this process will help to create a degree of competitiveness between forces to show improvement and also to highlight where tactics are achieving results so that best practice can be investigated and shared.

Data has been sourced via Freedom of Information (FOI) requests with, it has to be said, some patchy results. Of the 45 police forces, 5 were unable to give the most basic level of data due to reporting methods that fail to record vehicle type in a retrievable format.

**This updated edition now contains figures for Humberside, Leicestershire and Thames Valley Police, plus corrected figures for Derbyshire Police. Derbyshire initially supplied incorrect data due to an administrative error. Note that the Thames Valley data supplied covered the entire period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. We have quoted the average annual figure across the two years.**

## 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	↑ 1	Suffolk	3
2	↓ 1	Norfolk	3
3	↑ 12	West Mercia	3
4	↑ 1	Cumbria	4
5	↓ 2	Dyfed-Powys	4
6	↓ 2	Humberside	4
7	↑ 12	Warwickshire	5
8	→ 0	Northern Ireland	7
9	↑ 7	Lincolnshire	8
10	↓ 3	Devon & Cornwall	9
11	→ 0	North Wales	9
12	↓ 3	Durham	9
13	↑ 4	North Yorkshire	10
14	→ 0	Gwent	10
15	↓ 5	Northumbria	11
16	↓ 10	Dorset	11
17	↑ 6	Northamptonshire	12
18	↓ 6	Surrey	12
19	↑ 1	South Yorkshire	13
20	↑ 2	Cheshire	13
21	↓ 3	Cambridgeshire	13
22	↑ 4	Gloucestershire	13
23	↑ 7	Bedfordshire	14
24	↓ 11	Staffordshire	15
25	↓ 2	Derbyshire	16
26	↑ 5	Hertfordshire	17
27	↑ 5	Avon & Somerset	18
28	↓ 3	Lancashire	19
29	↓ 2	Thames Valley	20
30	↓ 9	Sussex	20
31	↓ 2	Kent	20
32	↓ 4	Leicestershire	21
33	→ 0	Cleveland	37
34	→ 0	Nottinghamshire	38
35	→ 0	West Midlands	44
36	↑ 2	Merseyside	48
37	→ 0	Greater Manchester	55
38	↓ 2	West Yorkshire	56
39	→ 0	Metropolitan/City of London	82





## MOST IMPROVED 2017 -2018

Reduction of thefts as a percentage of registered motorcycles.

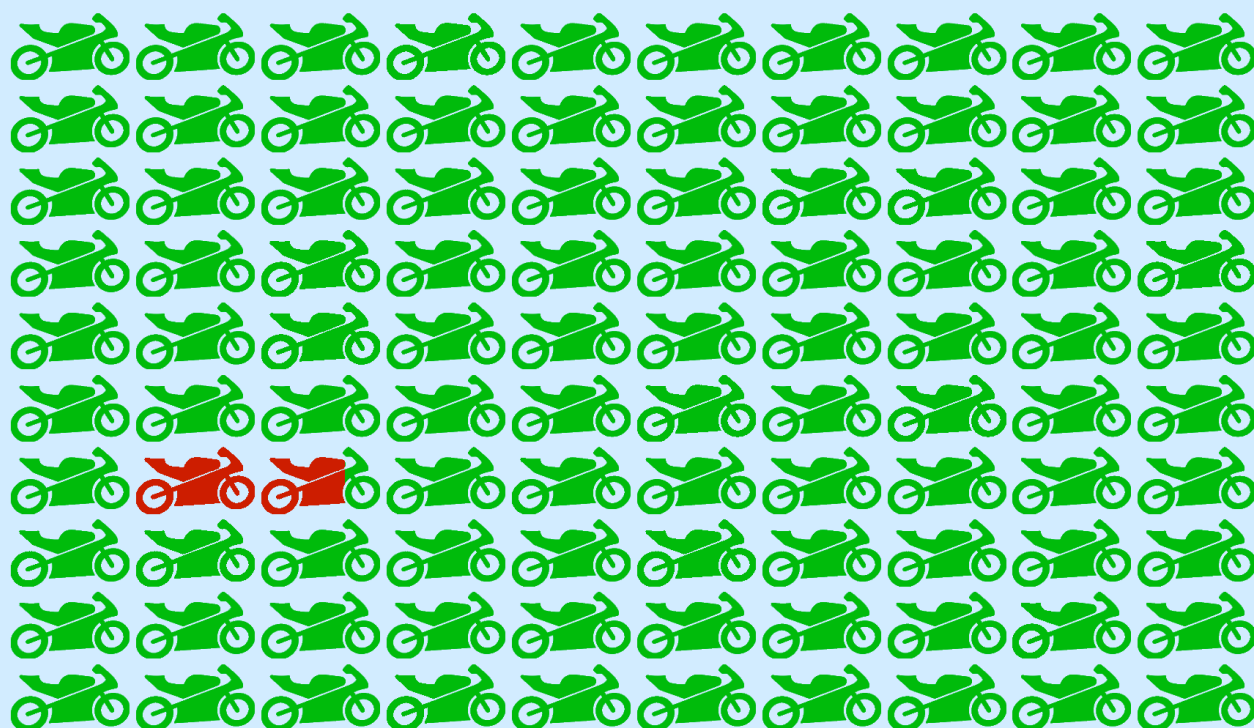
Rank	Force	Improvement 2017 - 2018
1	Metropolitan/City of London	3.98%
2	Merseyside	2.43%
3	West Midlands	1.36%
4	Avon & Somerset	1.23%
5	Bedfordshire	1.14%
6	Warwickshire	0.97%
7	Hertfordshire	0.97%
8	Greater Manchester	0.86%
9	West Mercia	0.82%
10	Northamptonshire	0.61%
11	Gloucestershire	0.51%
12	Lincolnshire	0.41%
13	Kent	0.31%
14	Cheshire	0.29%
15	Cumbria	0.27%
16	North Yorkshire	0.26%
17	South Yorkshire	0.26%
18	Gwent	0.18%
19	West Yorkshire	0.14%
20	Suffolk	0.12%
21	Derbyshire	0.09%
22	Norfolk	0.06%
23	Leicestershire	0.05%
24	North Wales	0.05%
25	Northern Ireland	0.05%
26	Nottinghamshire	0.00%
27	Humberside	0.00%
28	Thames Valley	0.00%
29	Durham	-0.04%
30	Dyfed-Powys	-0.05%
31	Northumbria	-0.07%
32	Cambridgeshire	-0.07%
33	Lancashire	-0.12%
34	Devon & Cornwall	-0.12%
35	Surrey	-0.18%
36	Dorset	-0.39%
37	Staffordshire	-0.47%
38	Cleveland	-0.51%
39	Sussex	-0.54%

# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## AVON & SOMERSET POLICE

2014

RANK: **27/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**44,464**

STOLEN:

**808**

**1 in 55**

**STOLEN**

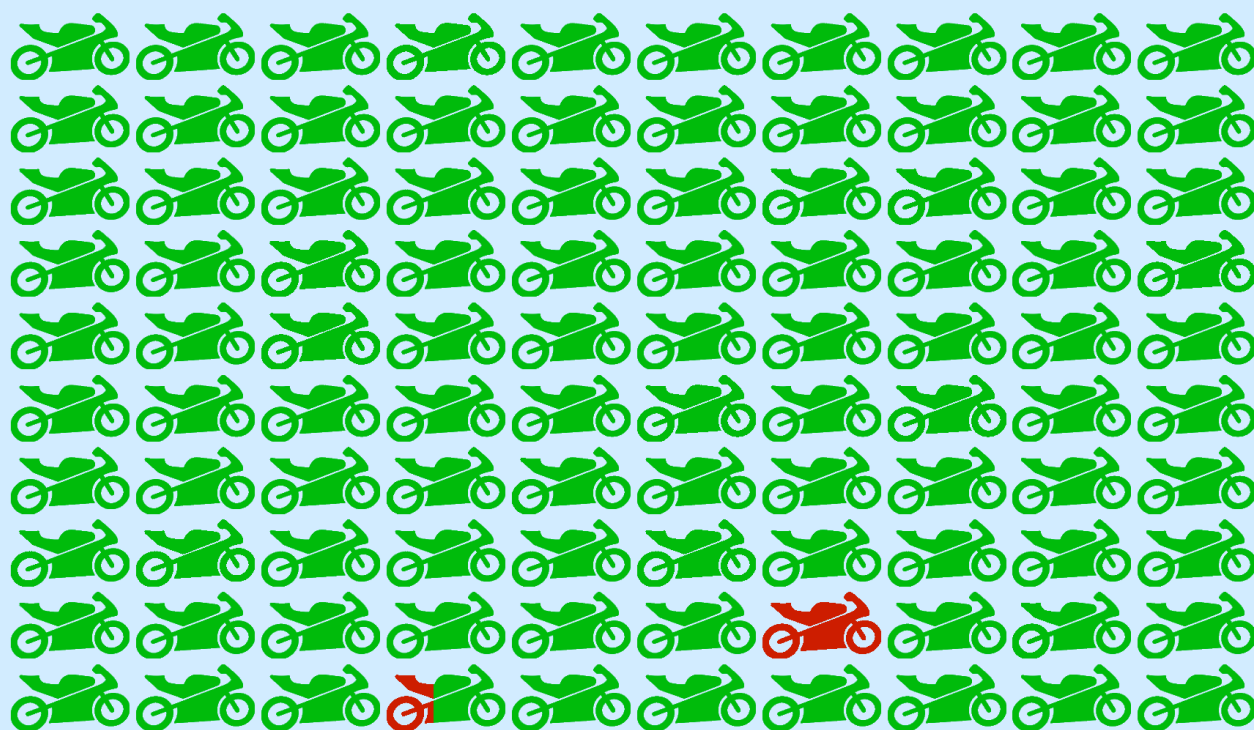
(National Average 1 in 46)

# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**BEDFORDSHIRE  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 23/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**12,031**

**STOLEN:**

**169**

**1 in 71**

**STOLEN**

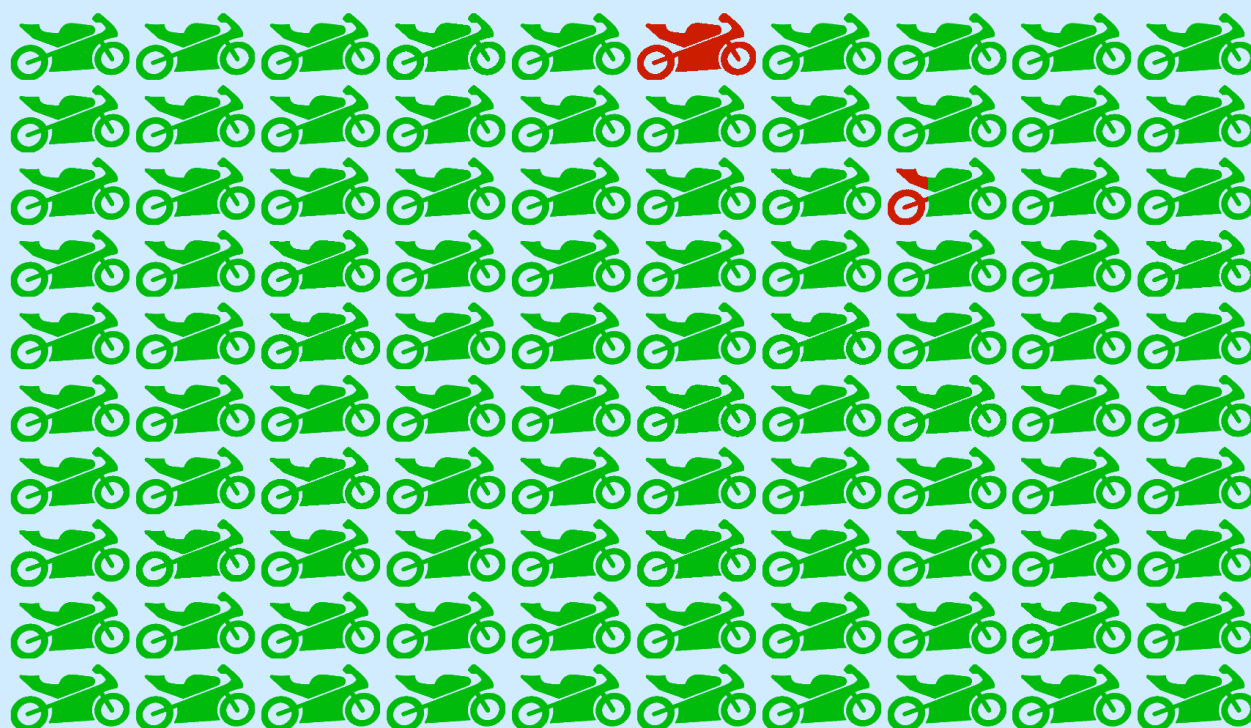
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE

2014

RANK: **21/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**19,540**

STOLEN:

**256**

**1 in 76**

**STOLEN**

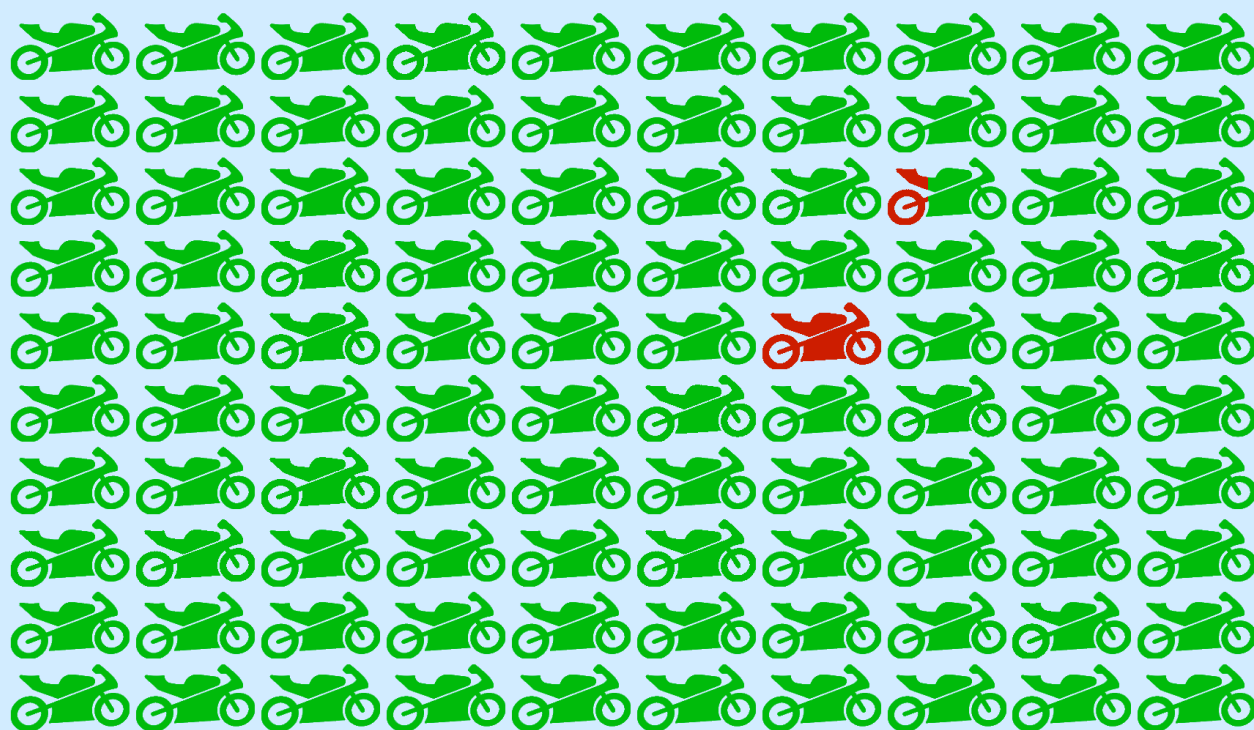
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**CHESHIRE  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 20/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**23,162**

**STOLEN:**

**296**

**1 in 78**

**STOLEN**

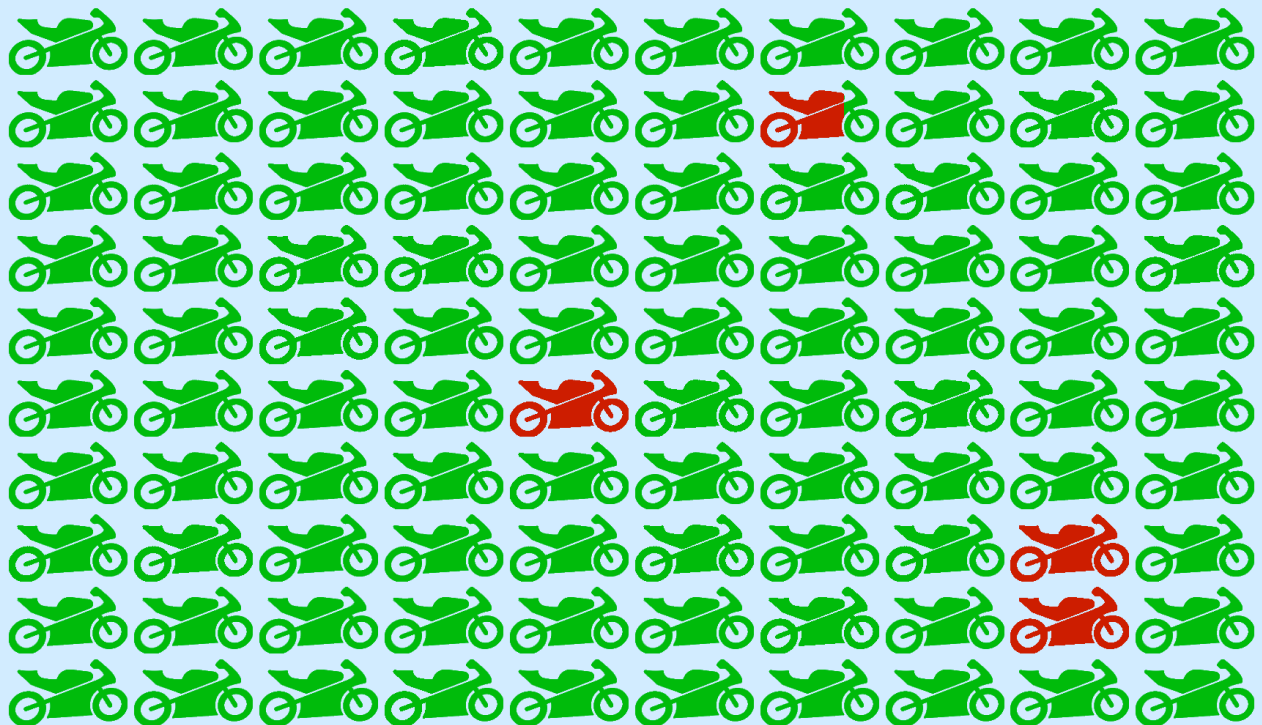
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**CLEVELAND  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 33/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**8,285**

**STOLEN:**

**307**

**1 in 27**

**STOLEN**

**(National Average 1 in 46)**

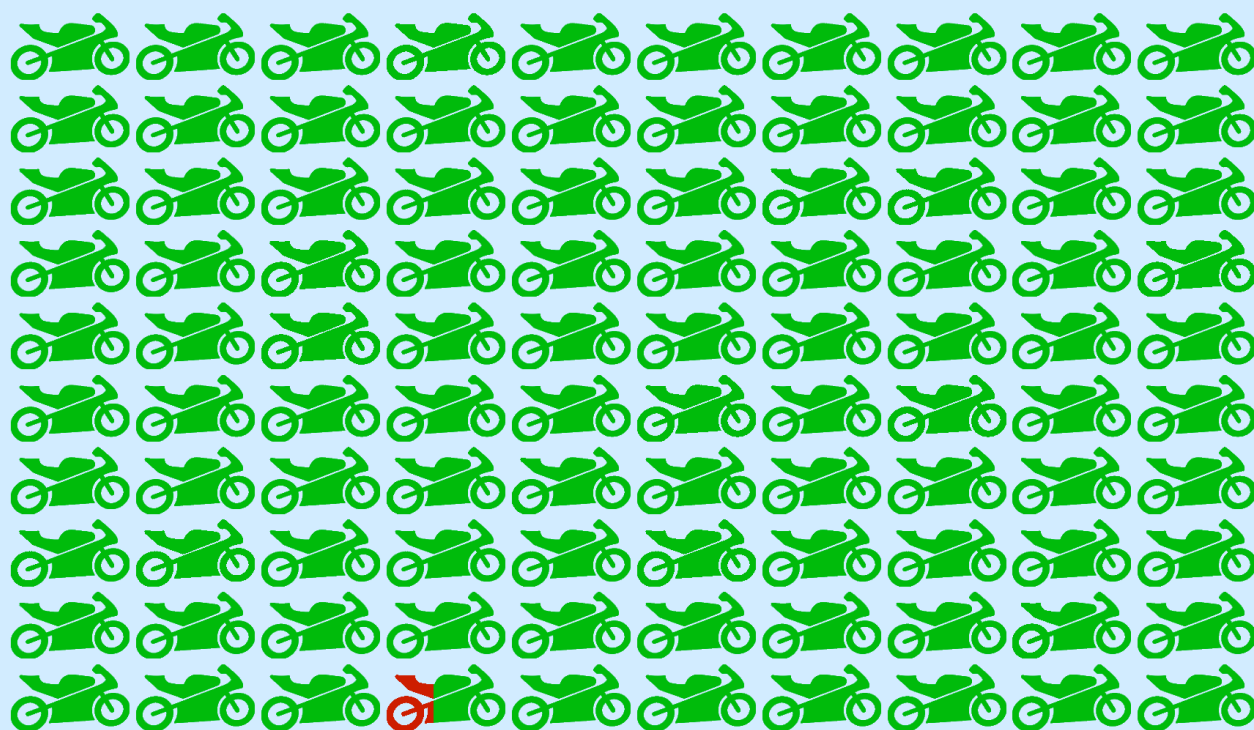


# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**CUMBRIA  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 4/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**12,395**

**STOLEN:**

**44**

**1 in 282**

**STOLEN**

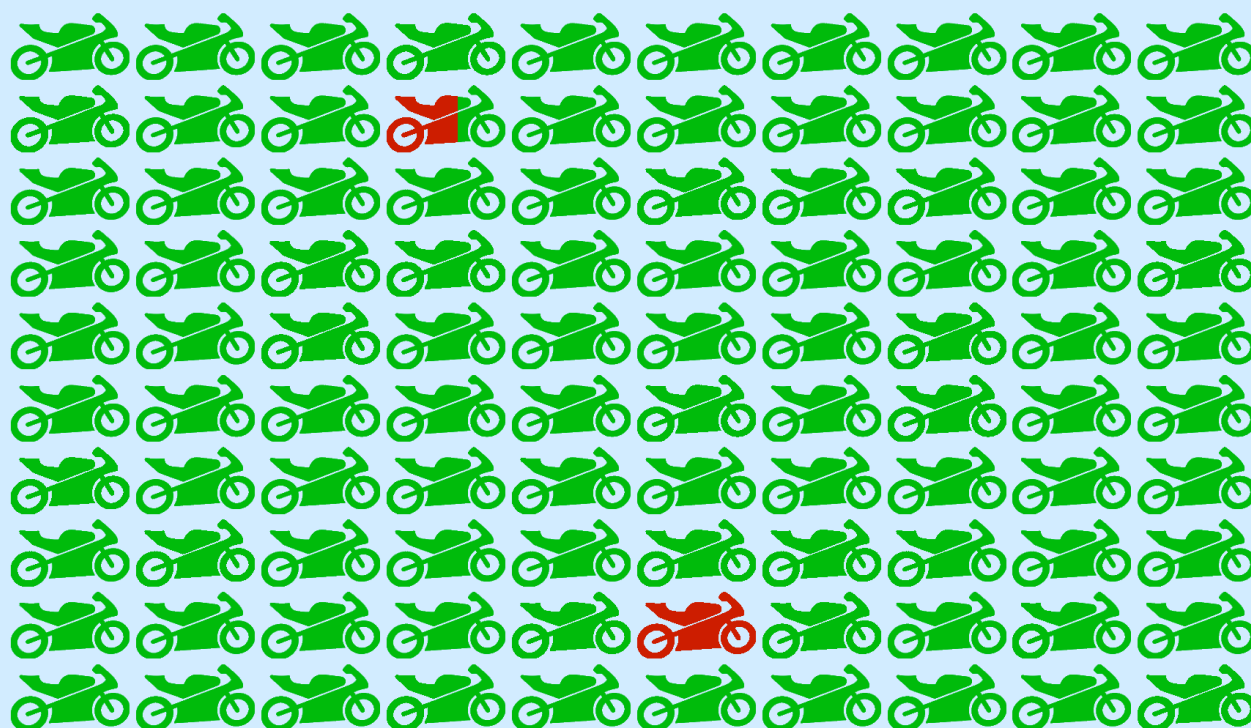
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**DERBYSHIRE  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 25/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**25,605**

**STOLEN:**

**414**

**1 in 62**

**STOLEN**

**(National Average 1 in 46)**

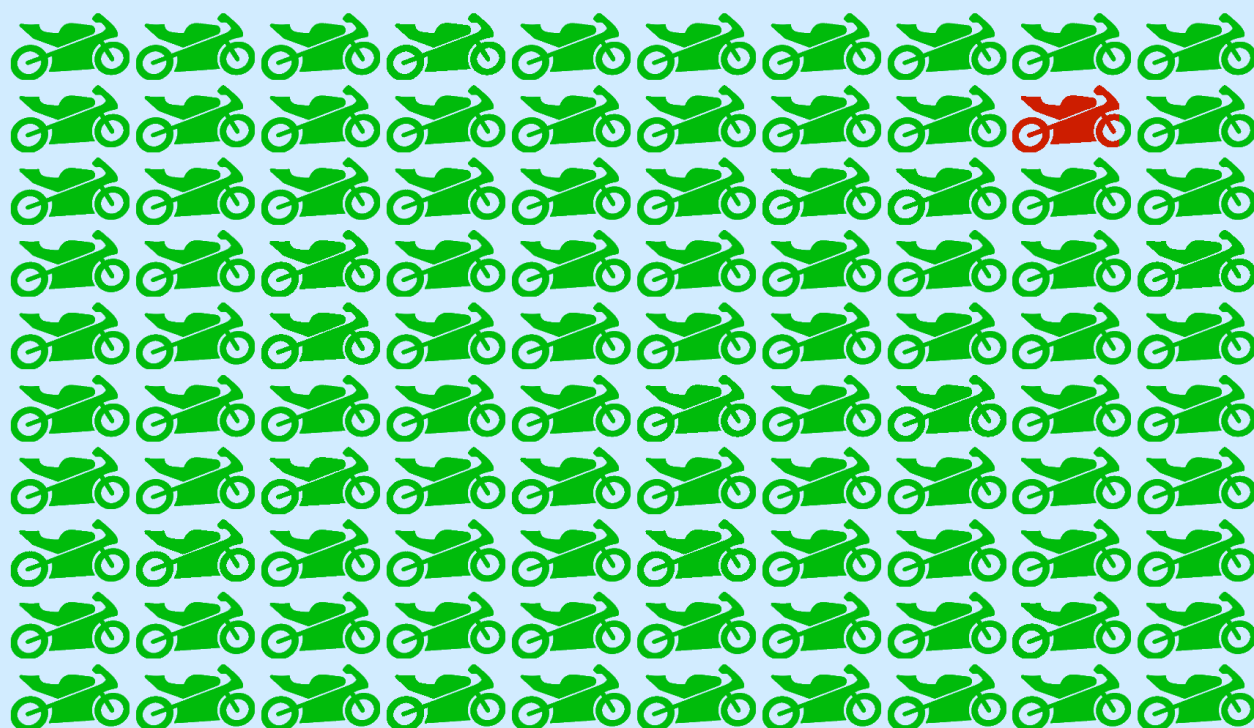


# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE

2014

RANK: **10/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**51,414**

**1 in 110**

STOLEN:

**466**

**STOLEN**

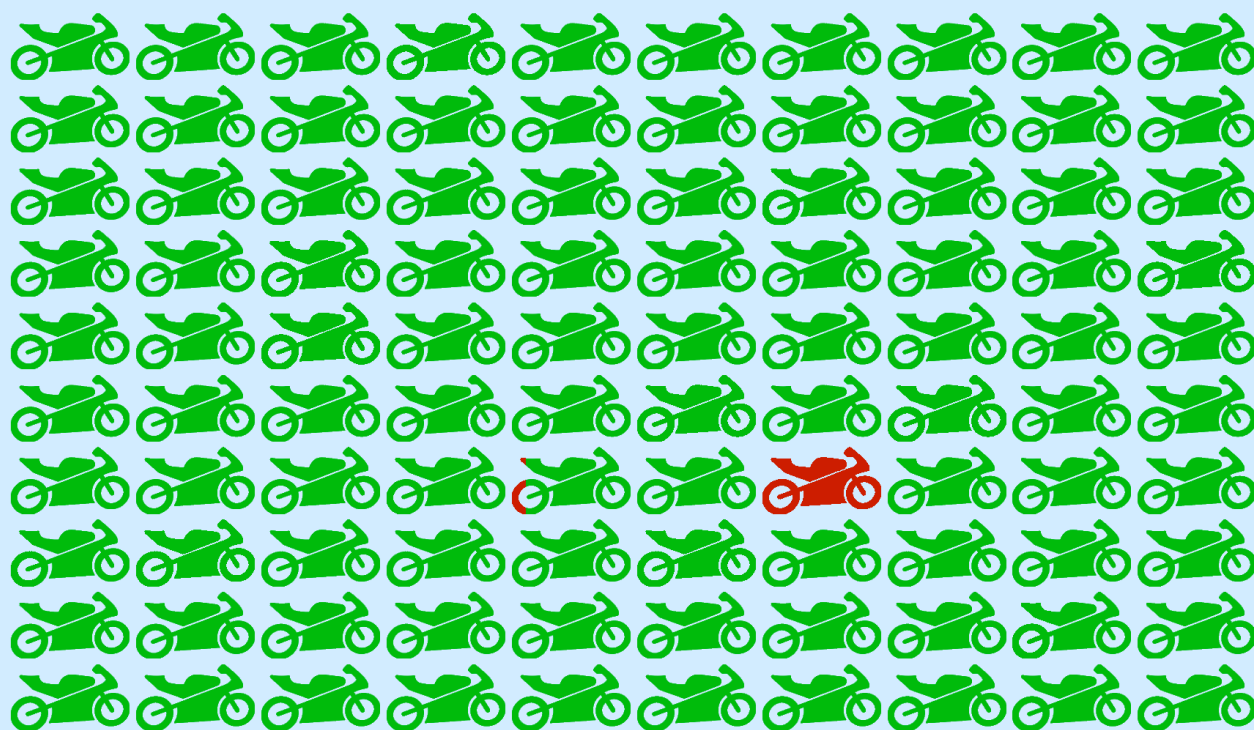
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**DORSET  
POLICE**

2018

**RANK: 16/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**21,818**

**STOLEN:**

**242**

**1 in 90**

**STOLEN**

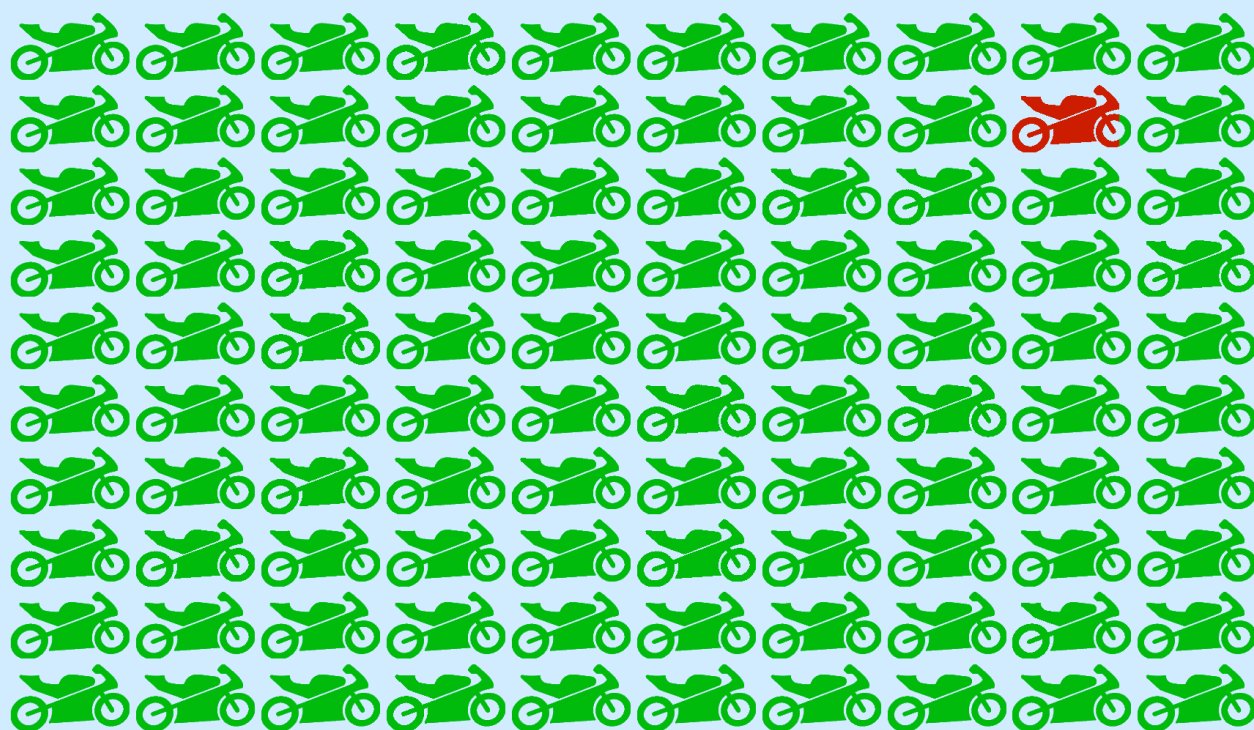
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**DURHAM  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 12/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**11,159**

**1 in 106**

**STOLEN:**

**105**

**STOLEN**

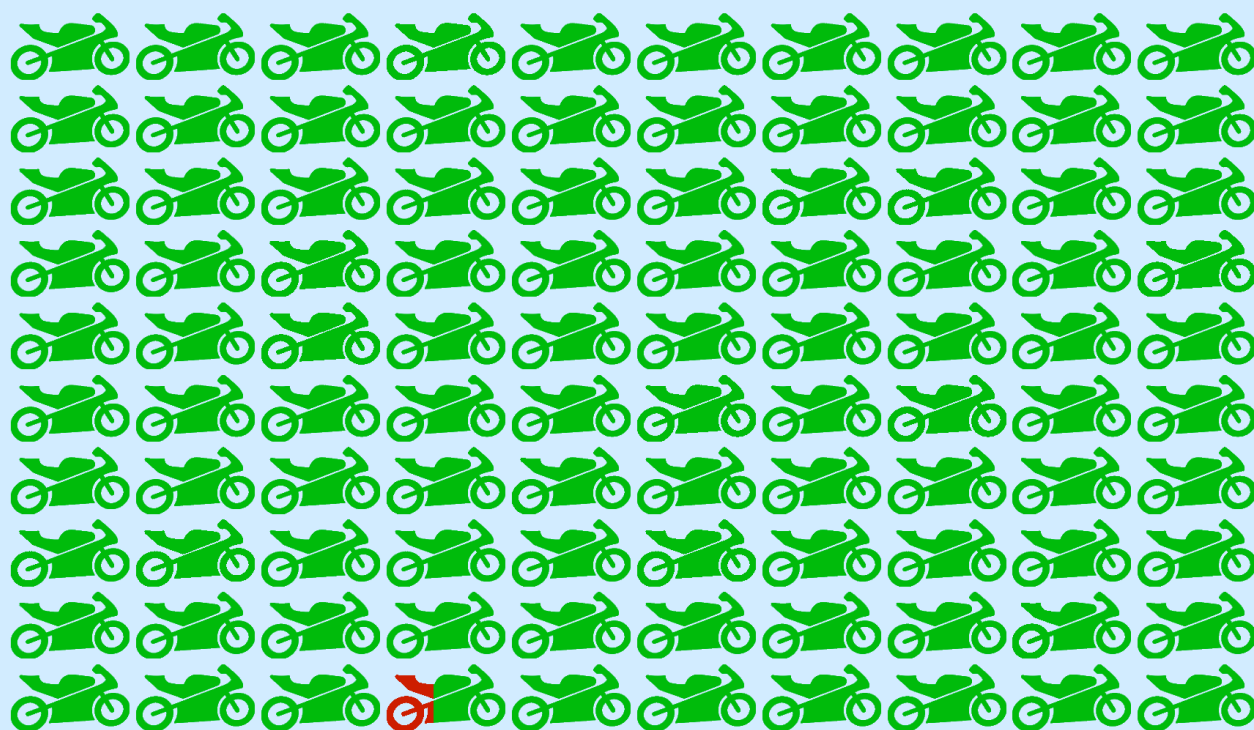
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## DYFED-POWYS POLICE

2014

RANK: **5/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**12,048**

STOLEN:

**51**

**1 in 236**

**STOLEN**

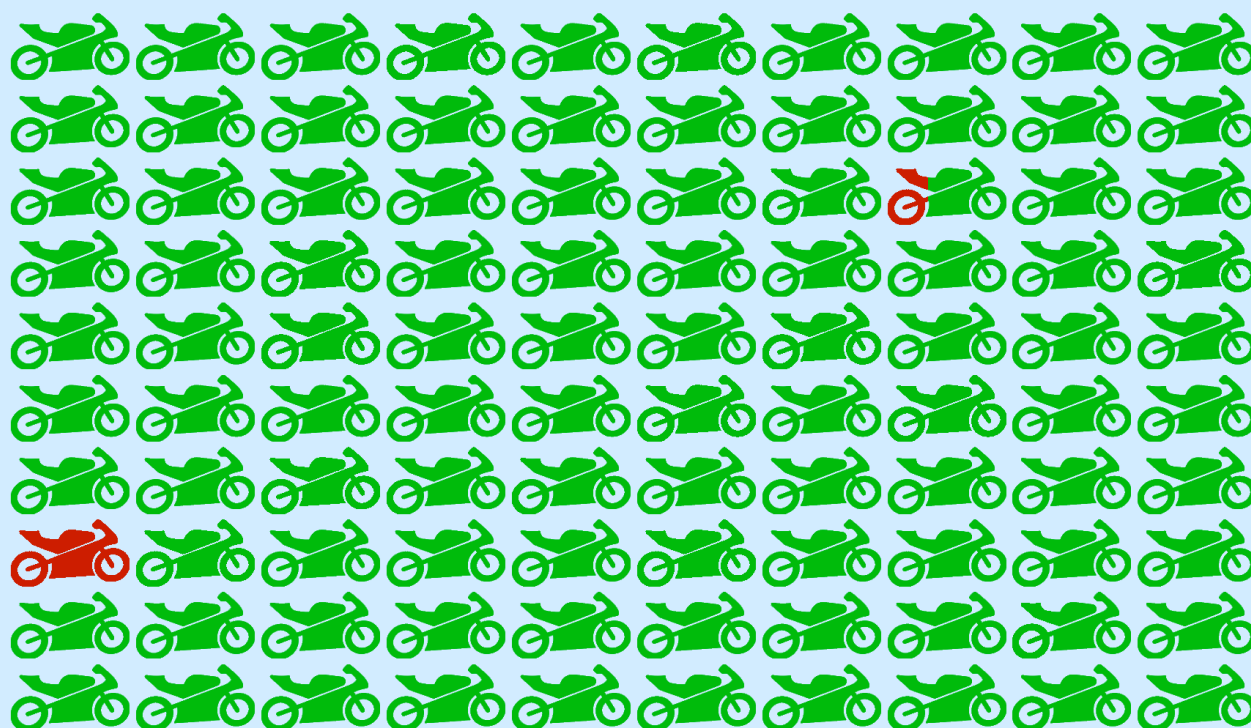
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE POLICE

2014

RANK: **22/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**16,989**

STOLEN:

**229**

**1 in 74**

**STOLEN**

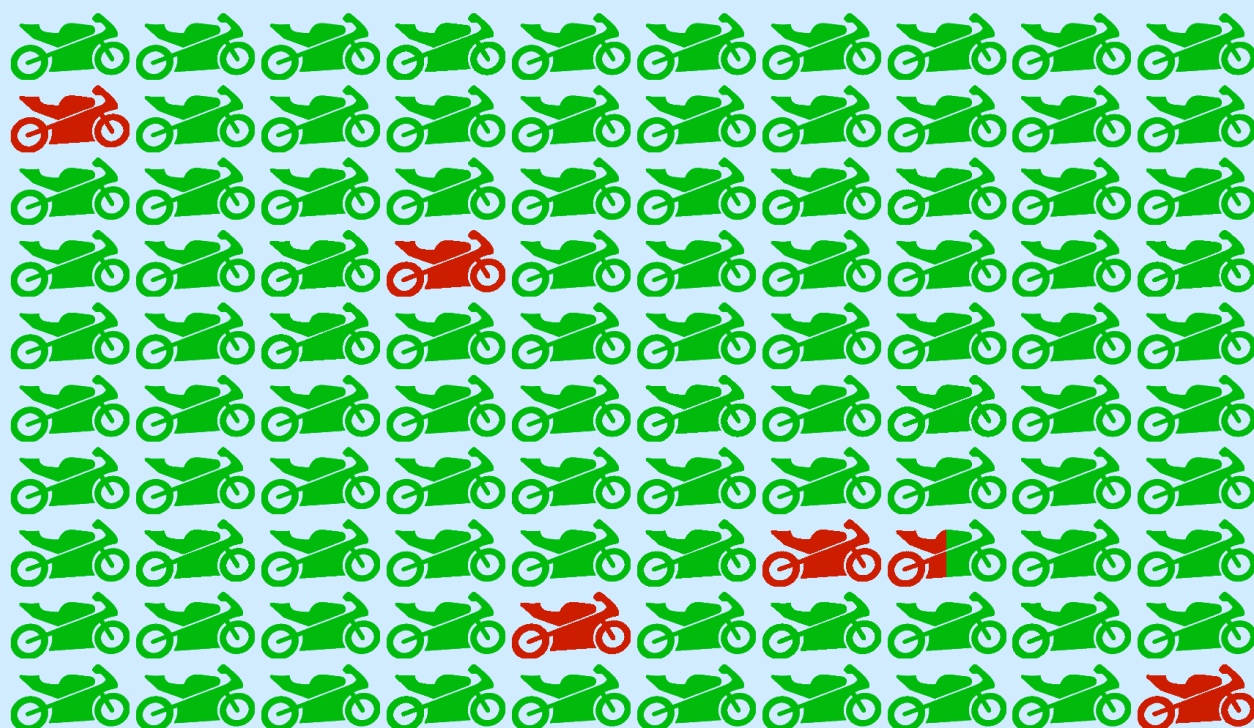
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

2014

RANK: **37/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**34,492**

STOLEN:

**1,887**

**1 in 18**

**STOLEN**

(National Average 1 in 46)

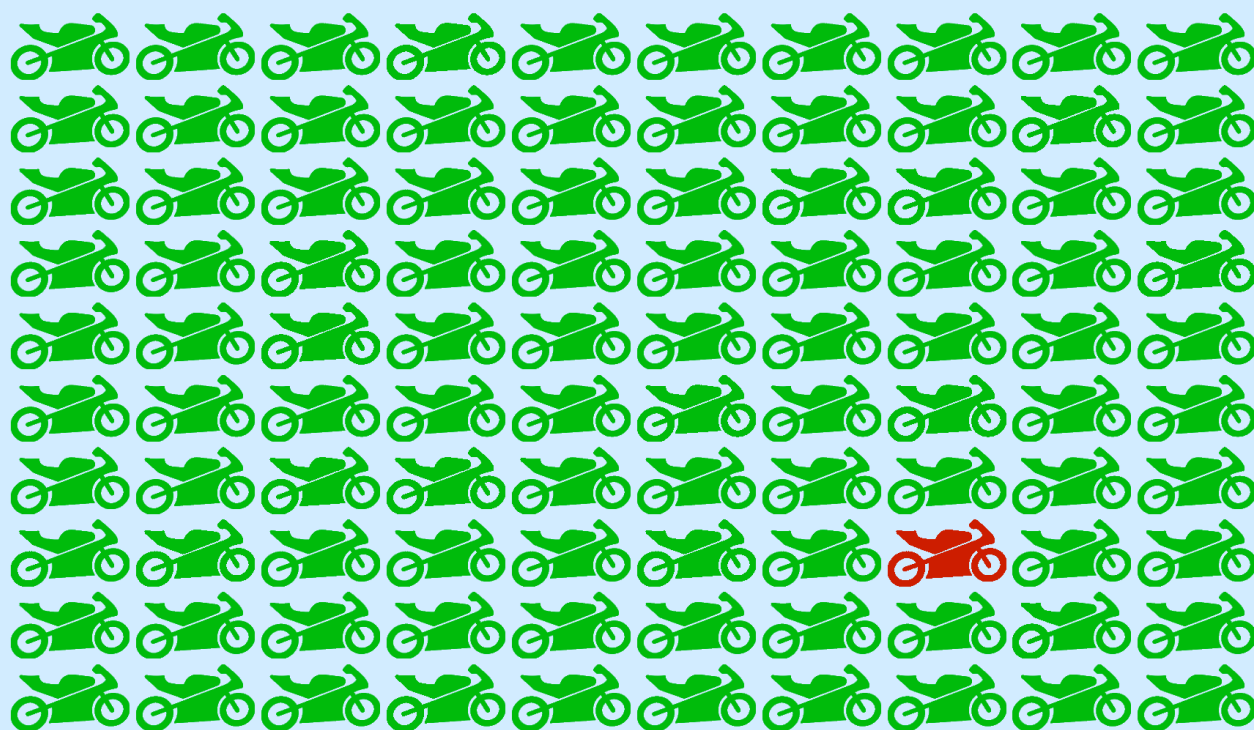


# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**GWENT  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 14/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**10,829**

**1 in 102**

**STOLEN:**

**106**

**STOLEN**

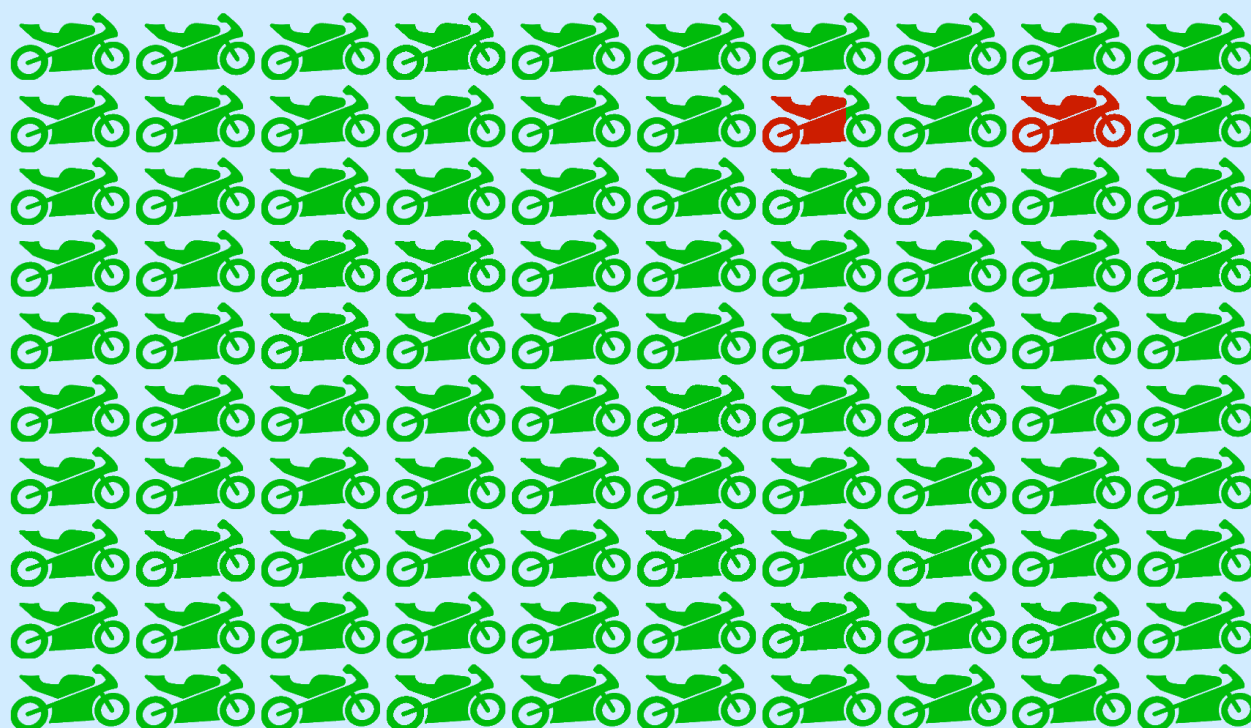
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**HERTFORDSHIRE  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 26/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**21,339**

**STOLEN:**

**356**

**1 in 60**

**STOLEN**

**(National Average 1 in 46)**

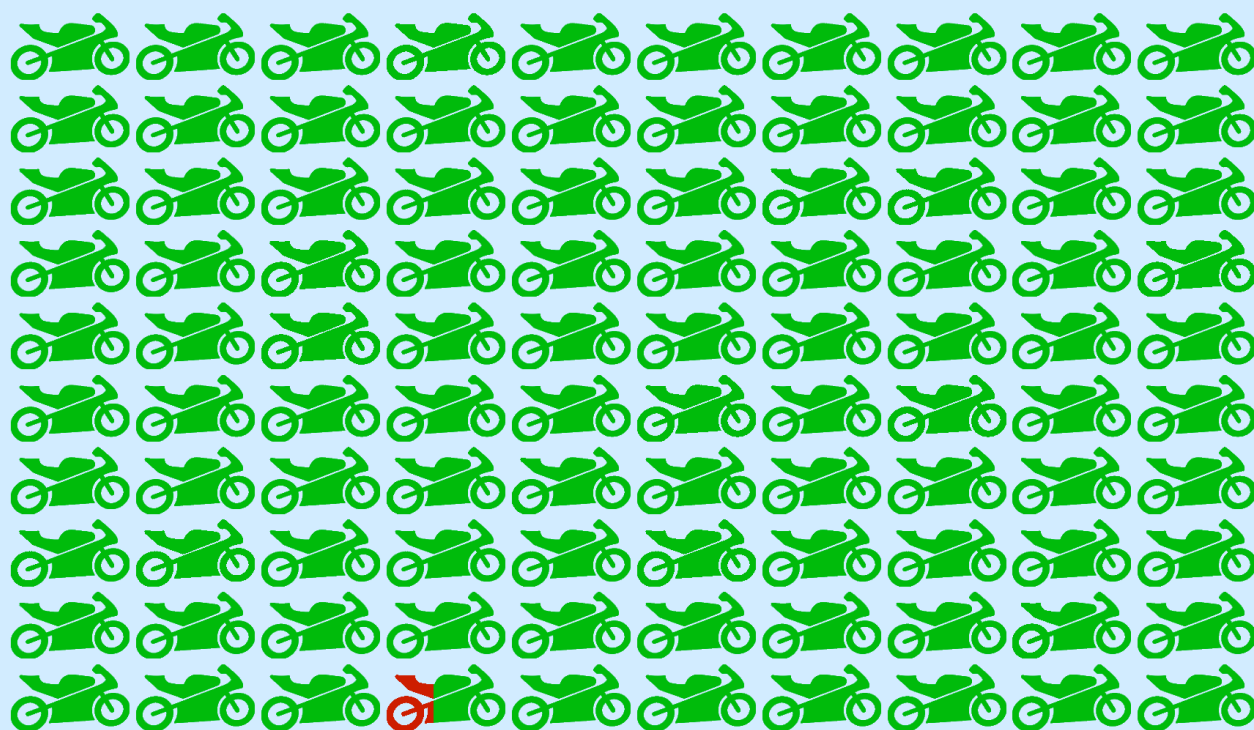


# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## HUMBERSIDE POLICE

2014

RANK: **6/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**22,895**

STOLEN:

**99**

**1 in 231**

**STOLEN**

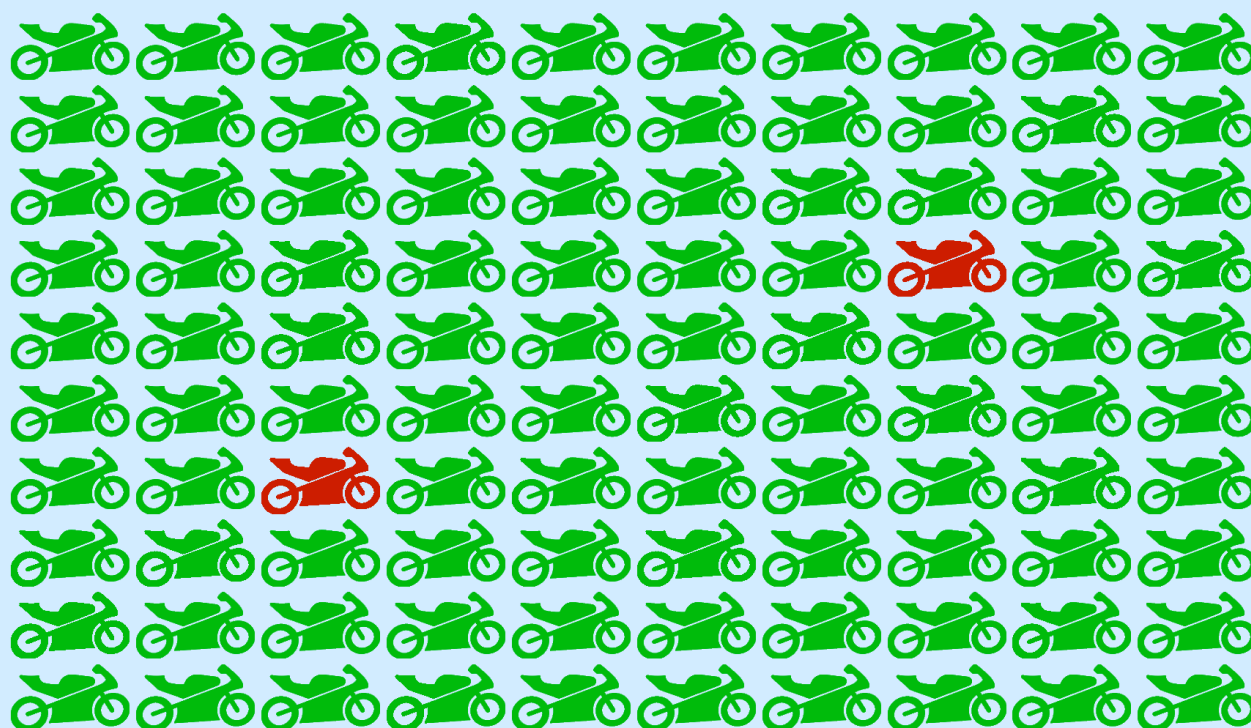
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**KENT  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 31/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**42,826**

**STOLEN:**

**875**

**1 in 49**

**STOLEN**

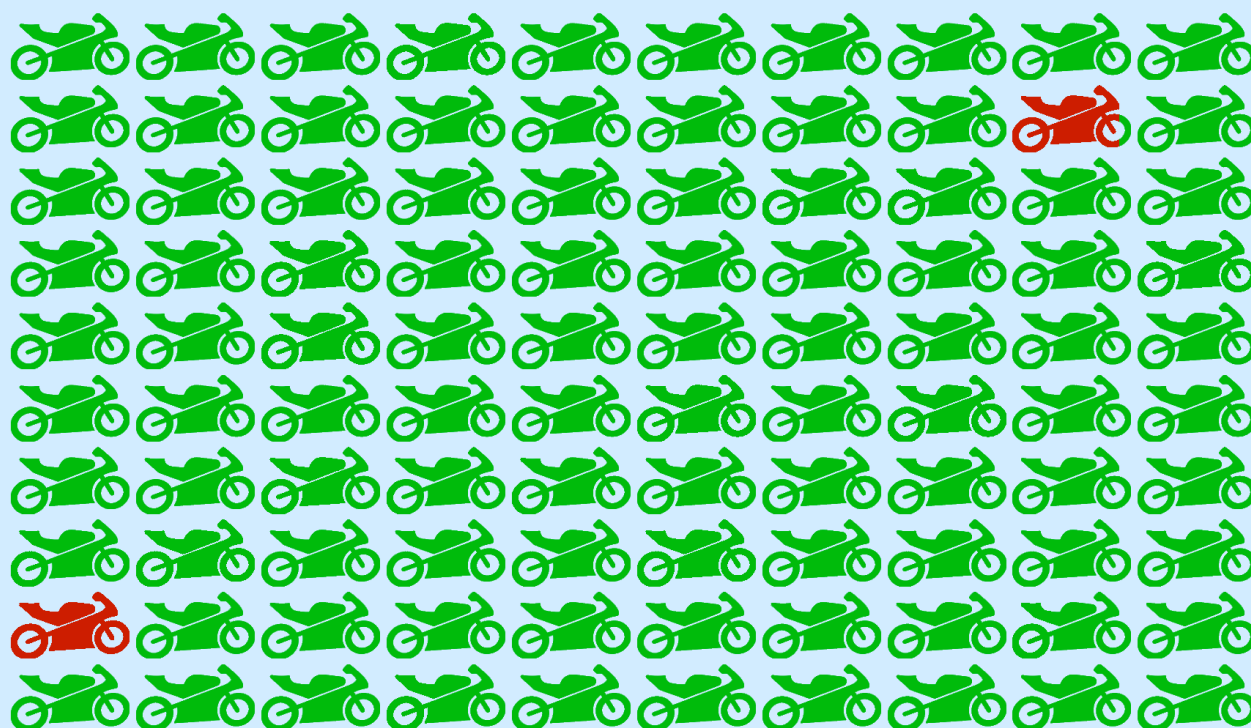
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**LANCASHIRE  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 28/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**29,922**

**STOLEN:**

**570**

**1 in 52**

**STOLEN**

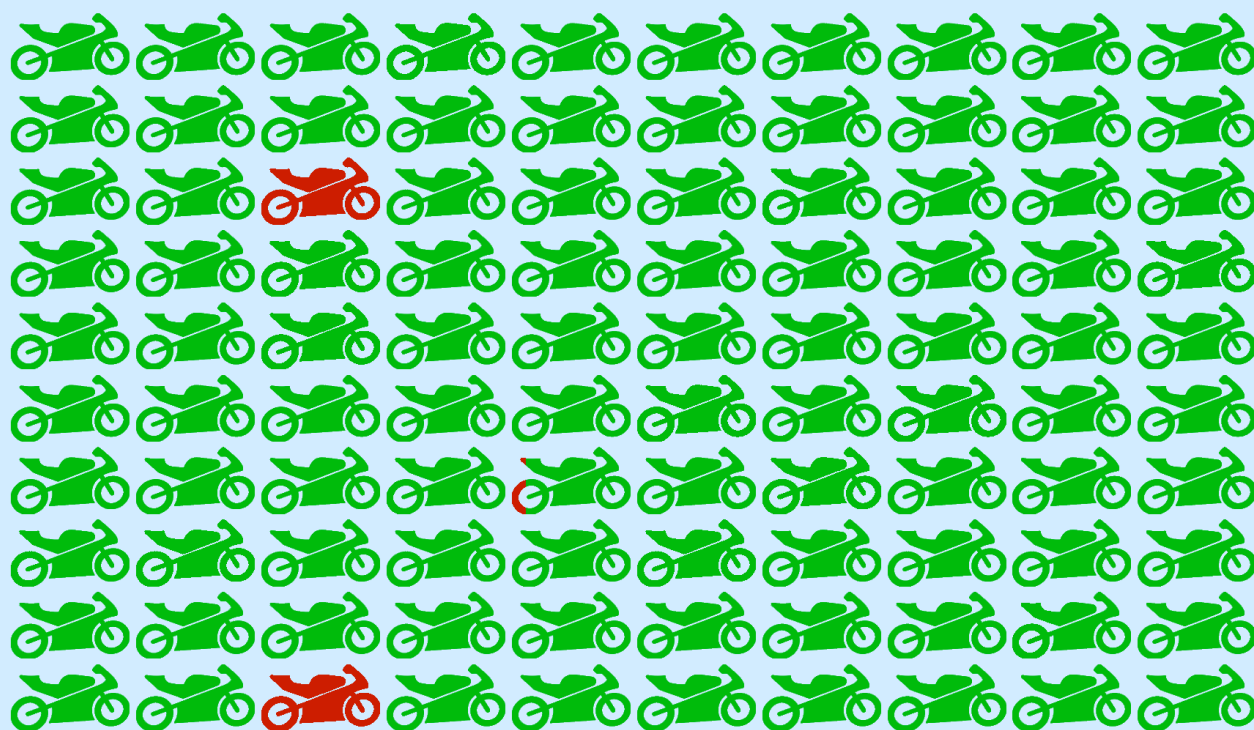
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE

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RANK: **32/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**21,919**

STOLEN:

**464**

**1 in 47**

**STOLEN**

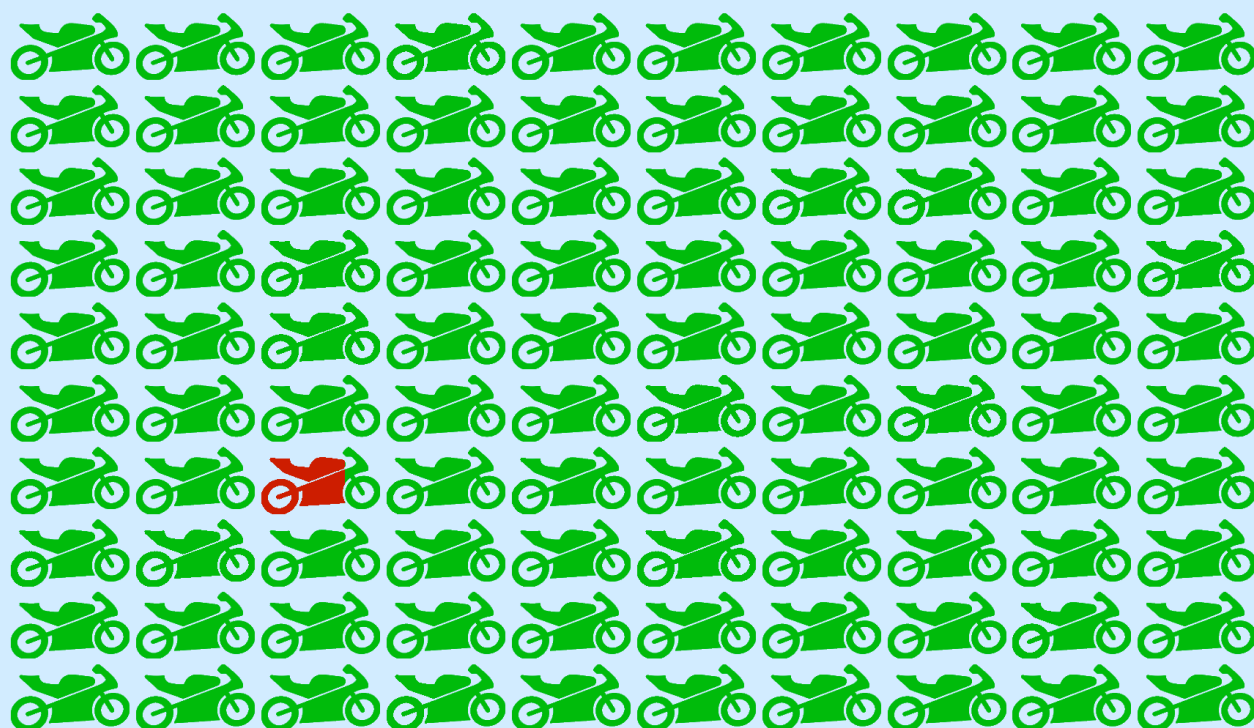
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

2014

RANK: **9/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**20,688**

**1 in 125**

STOLEN:

**165**

**STOLEN**

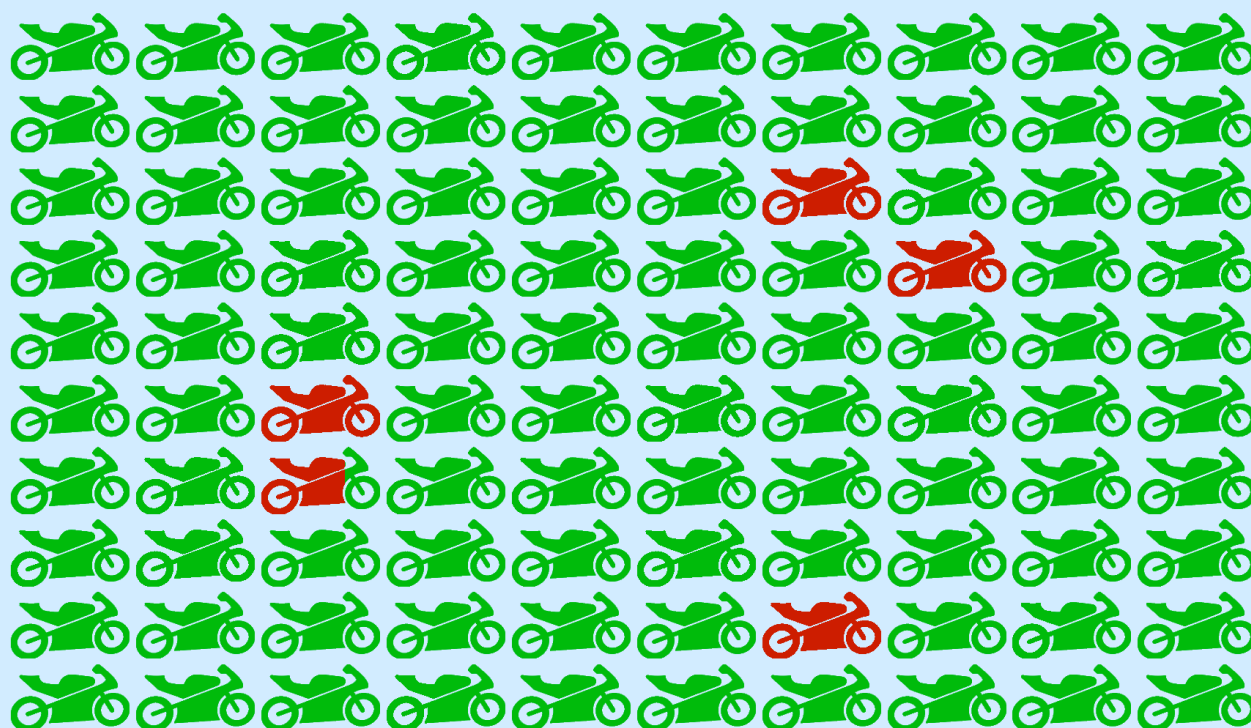
(National Average 1 in 46)

# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**MERSEYSIDE  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 36/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**17,901**

**STOLEN:**

**862**

**1 in 21**

**STOLEN**

**(National Average 1 in 46)**

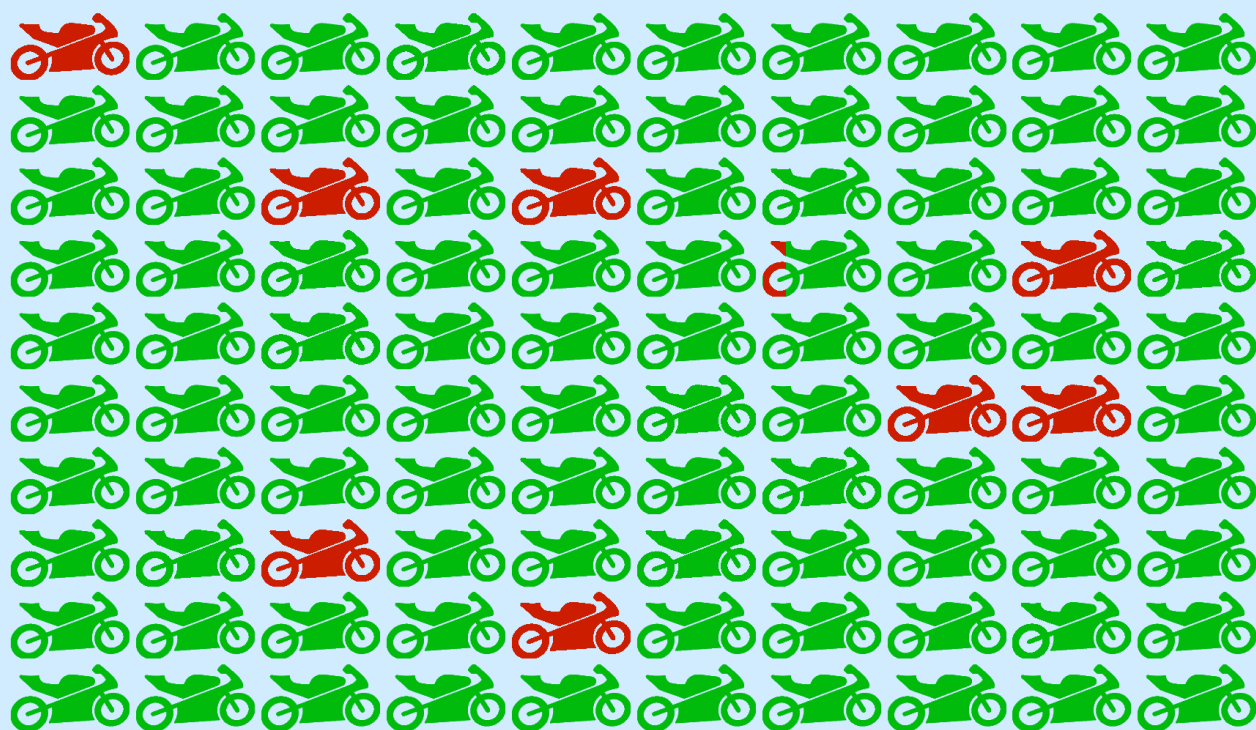


# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## METROPOLITAN AND CITY OF LONDON POLICE

2014

RANK: **39/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**115,907**

STOLEN:

**9,483**

**1 in 12**

**STOLEN**

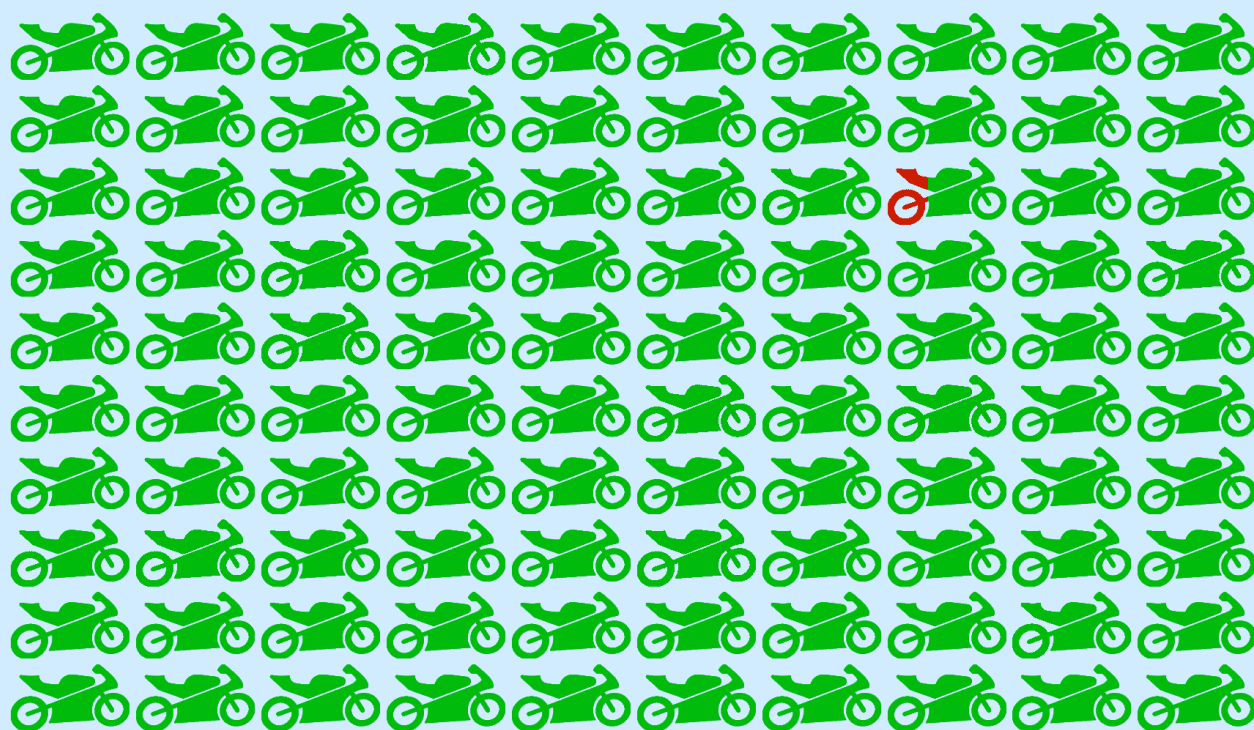
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**NORFOLK  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 2/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**26,596**

**STOLEN:**

**71**

**1 in 375**

**STOLEN**

**(National Average 1 in 46)**

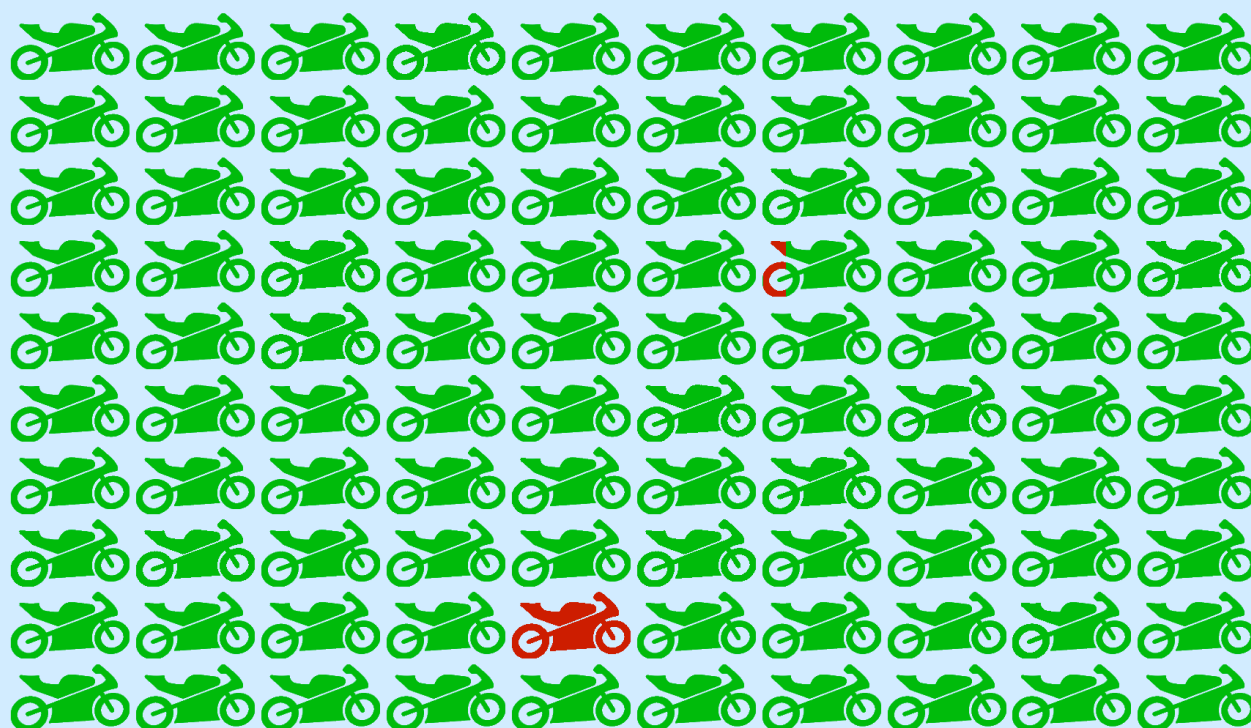


# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE

2014

RANK: **17/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**17,233**

STOLEN:

**201**

**1 in 86**

**STOLEN**

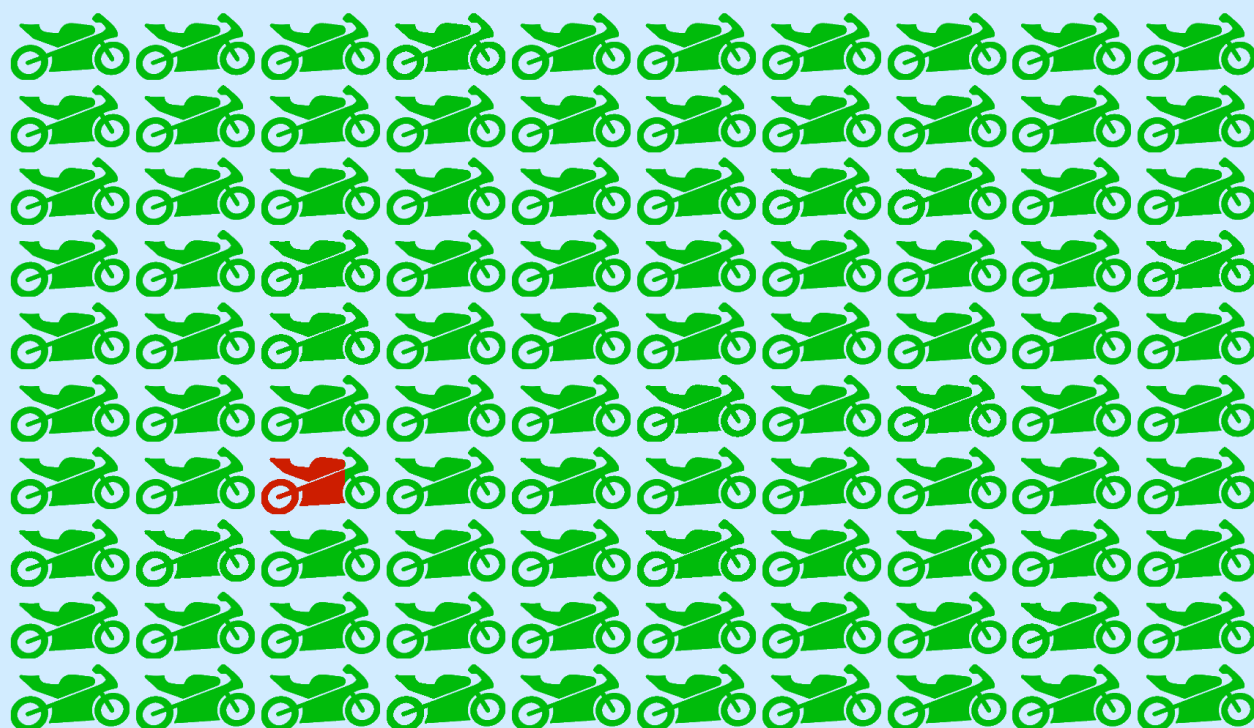
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## POLICE SERVICE NORTHERN IRELAND

2014

RANK: **8/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**22,246**

**1 in 135**

STOLEN:

**165**

**STOLEN**

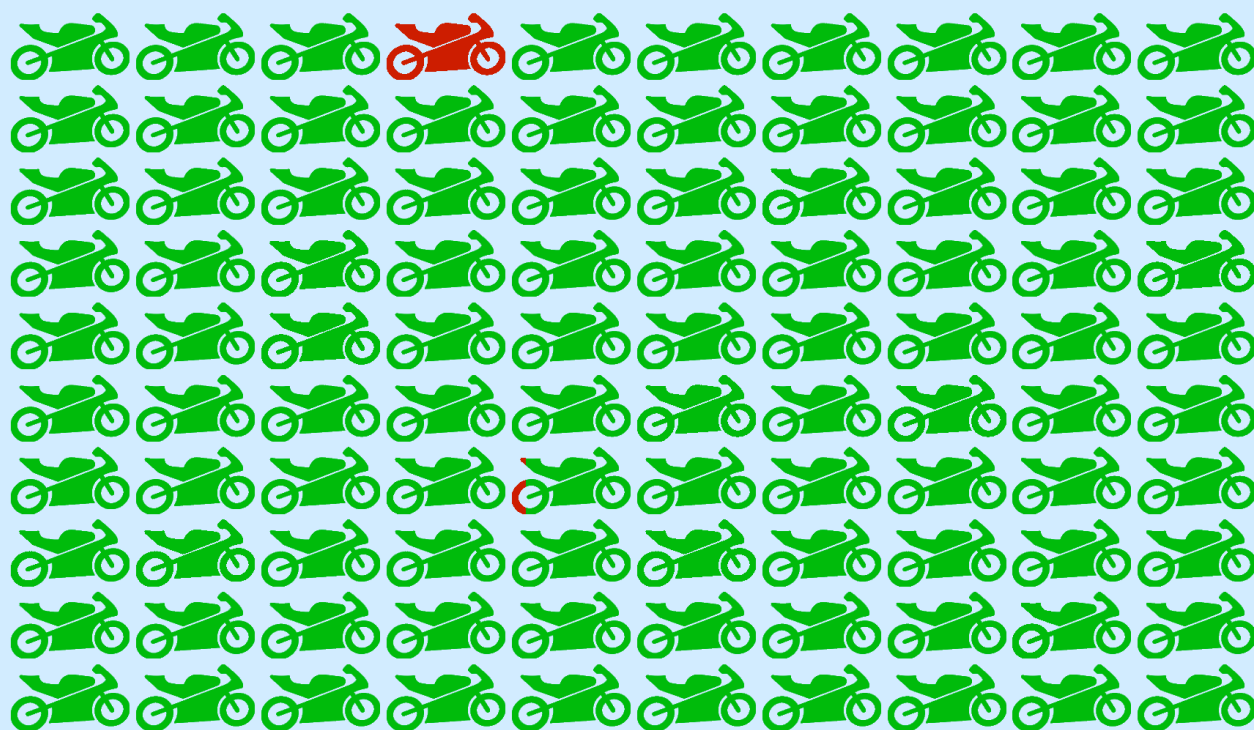
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

2014

RANK: **15/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**19,686**

STOLEN:

**208**

**1 in 95**

**STOLEN**

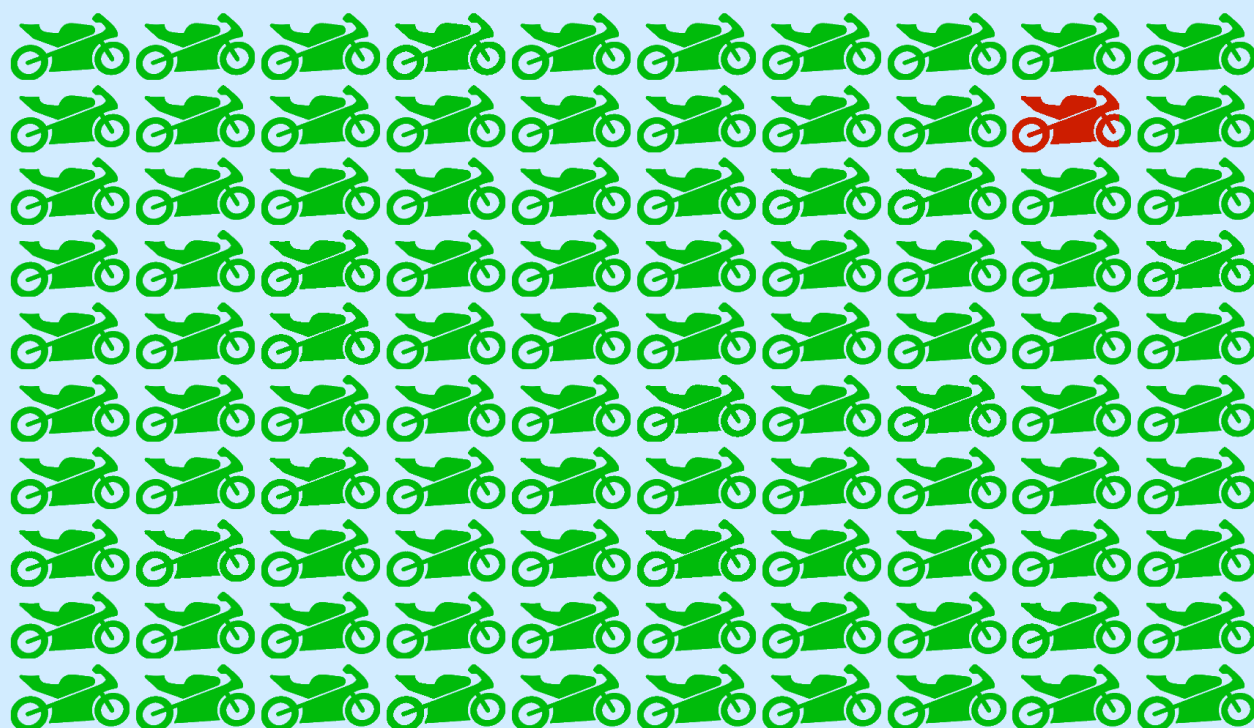
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**NORTH WALES  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 11/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**15,323**

**1 in 108**

**STOLEN:**

**142**

**STOLEN**

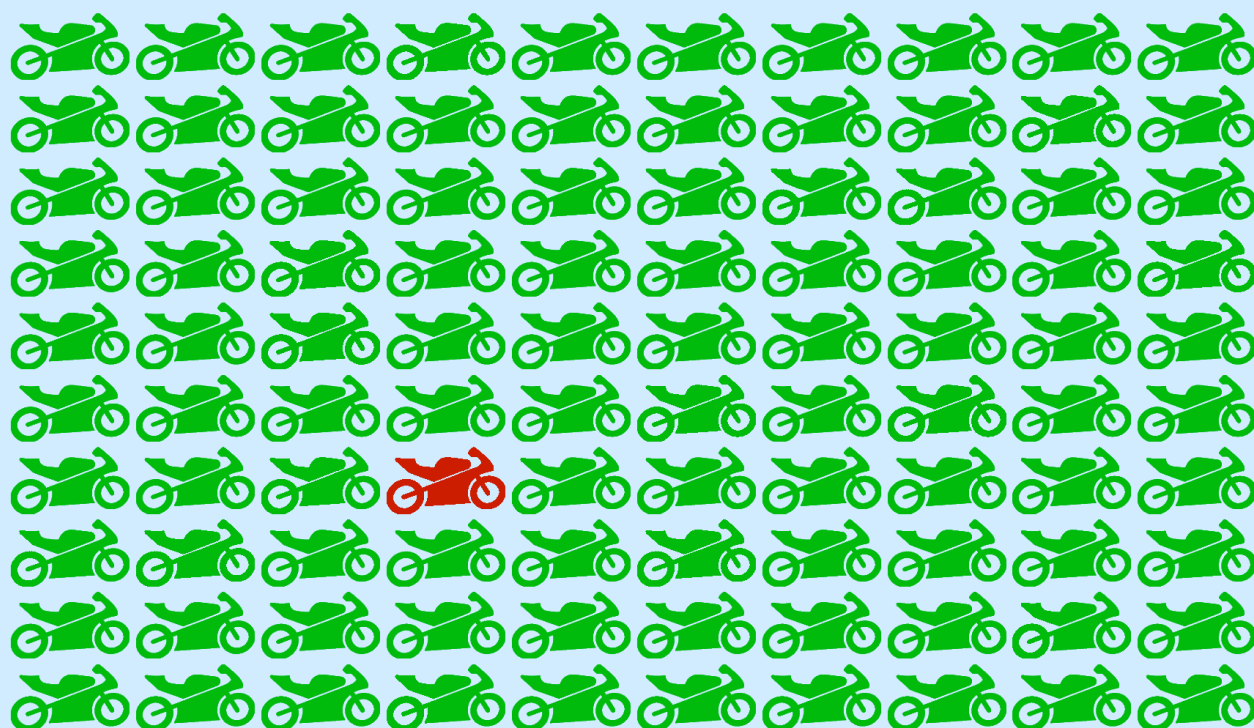
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

2014

RANK: **13/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**20,967**

**1 in 103**

STOLEN:

**204**

**STOLEN**

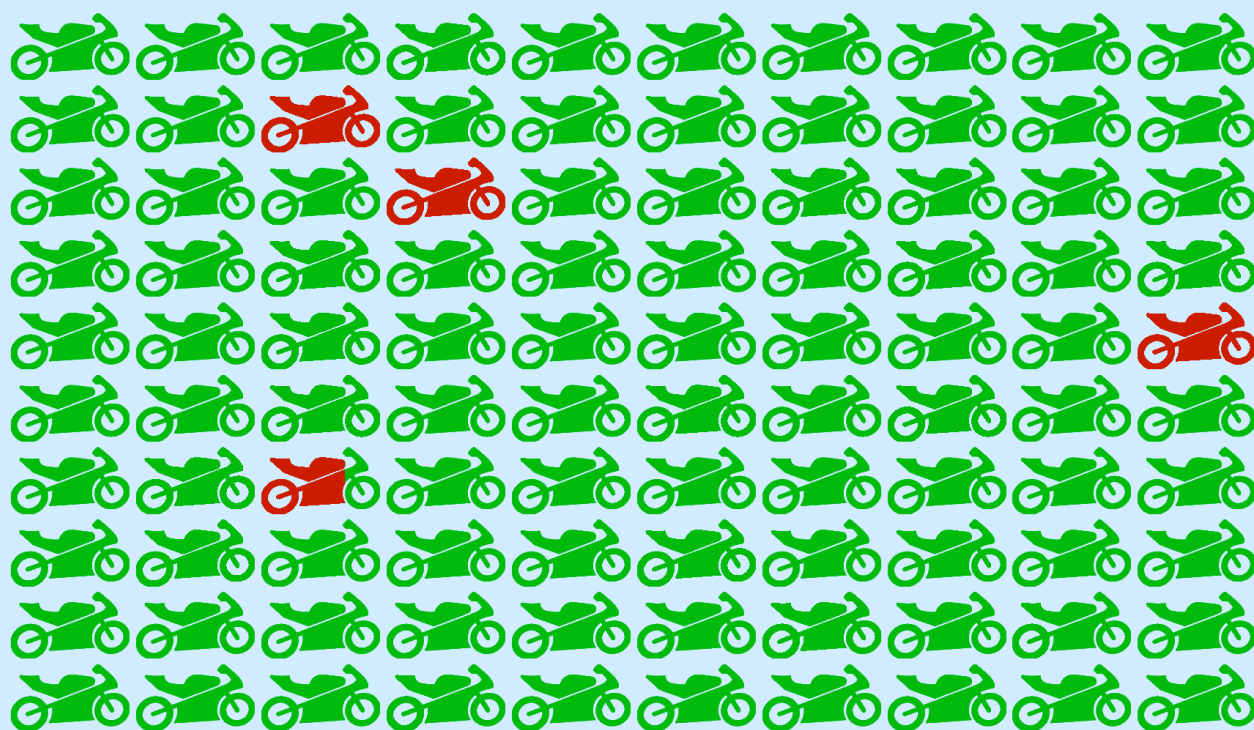
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE

2014

RANK: **34/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**20,850**

STOLEN:

**791**

**1 in 26**

**STOLEN**

**(National Average 1 in 46)**

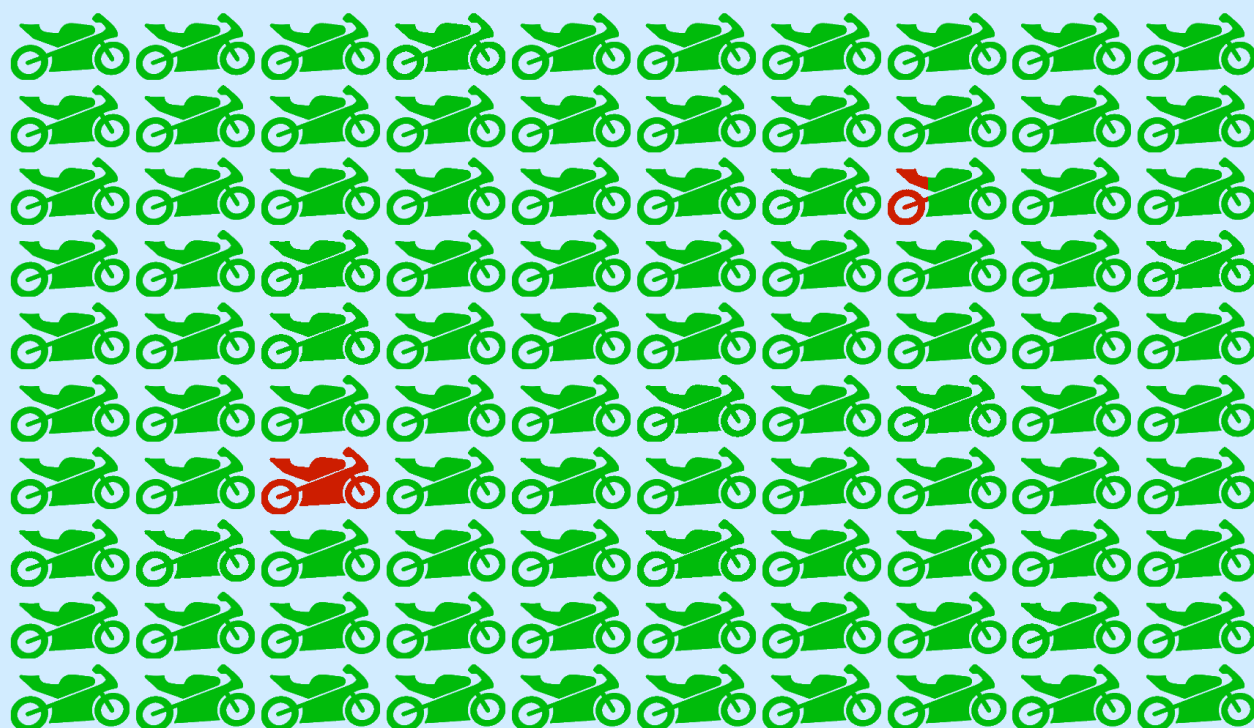


# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

2014

RANK: **19/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**22,653**

STOLEN:

**289**

**1 in 78**

**STOLEN**

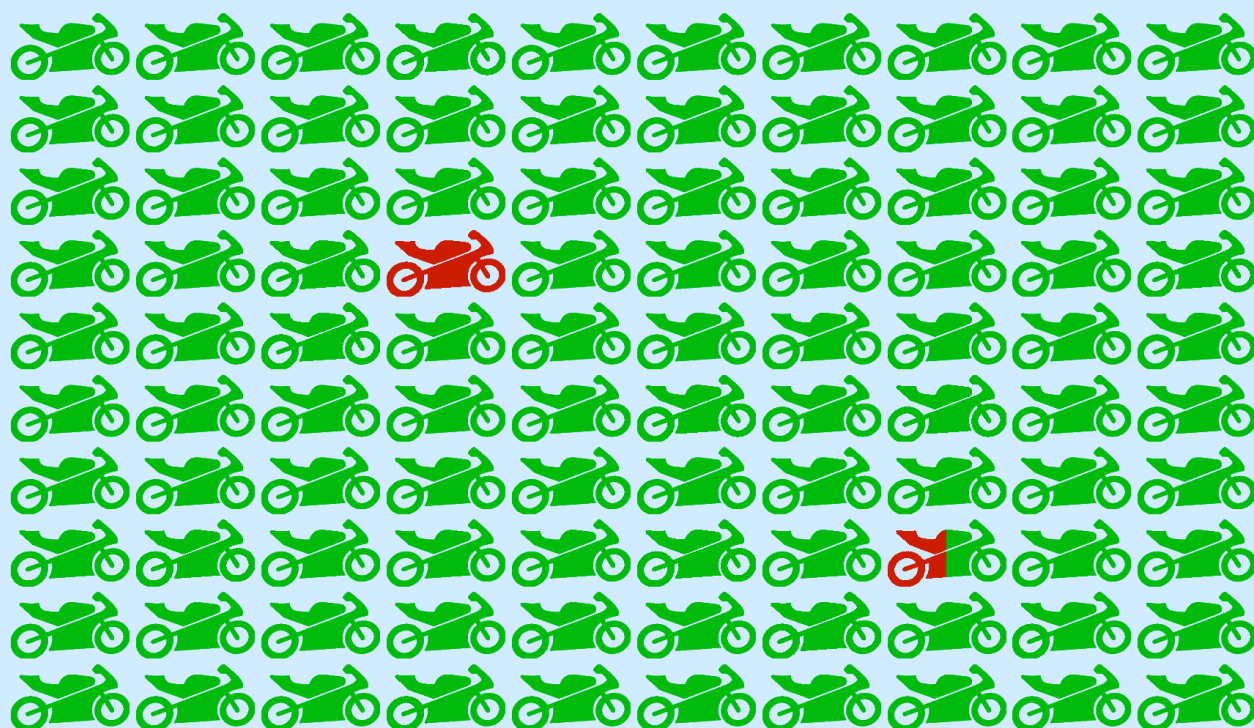
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

2014

RANK: **24/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**24,805**

STOLEN:

**384**

**1 in 65**

**STOLEN**

(National Average 1 in 46)

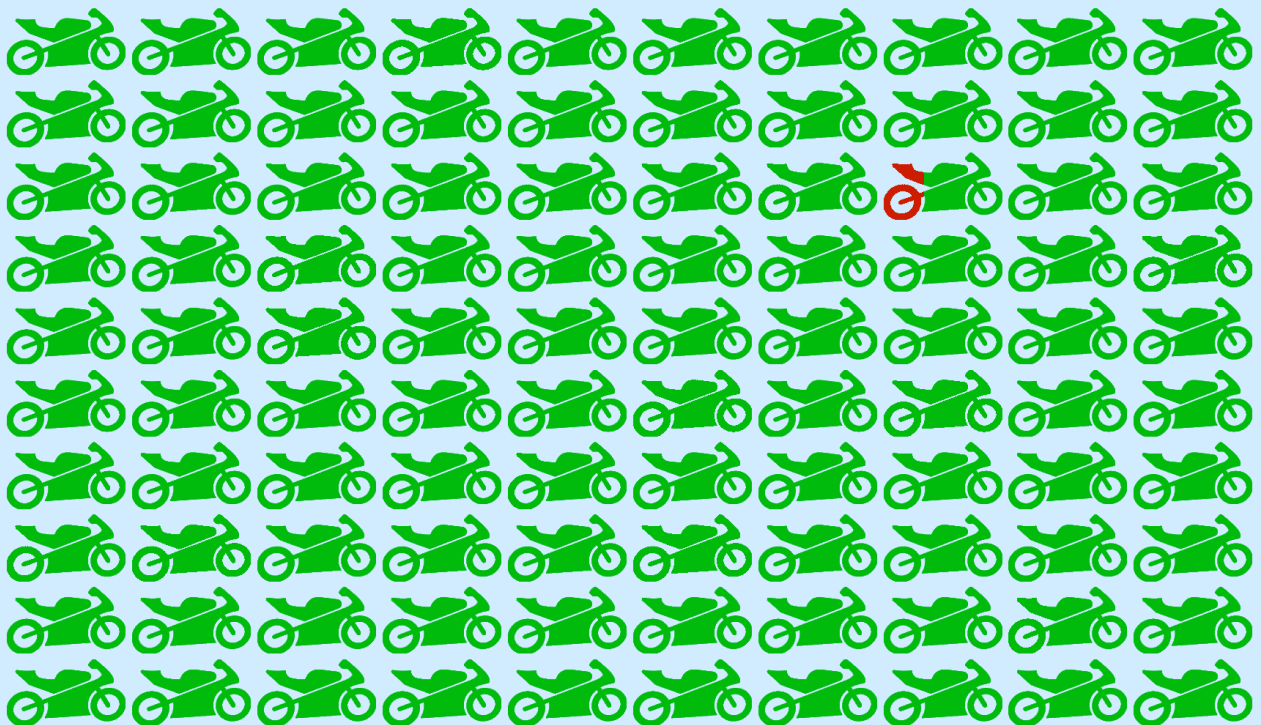


# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**SUFFOLK  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 1/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**21,371**

**1 in 382**

**STOLEN:**

**56**

**STOLEN**

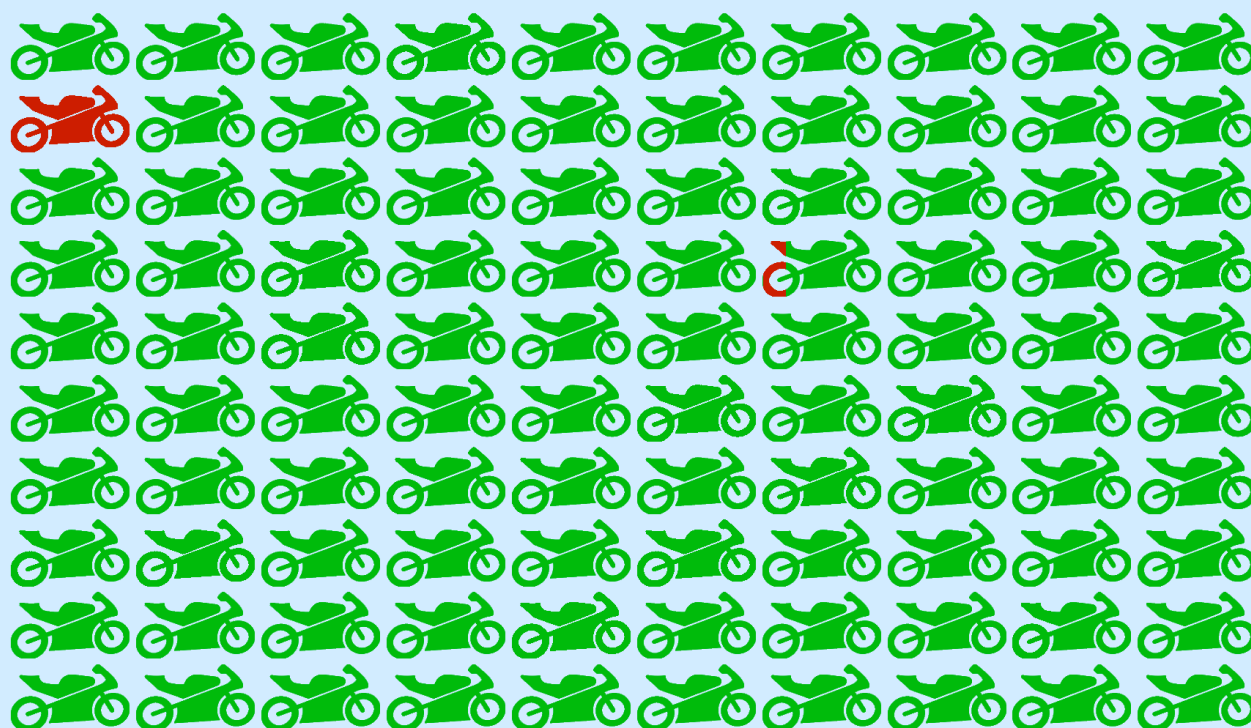
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**SURREY  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 18/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**29,221**

**STOLEN:**

**350**

**1 in 83**

**STOLEN**

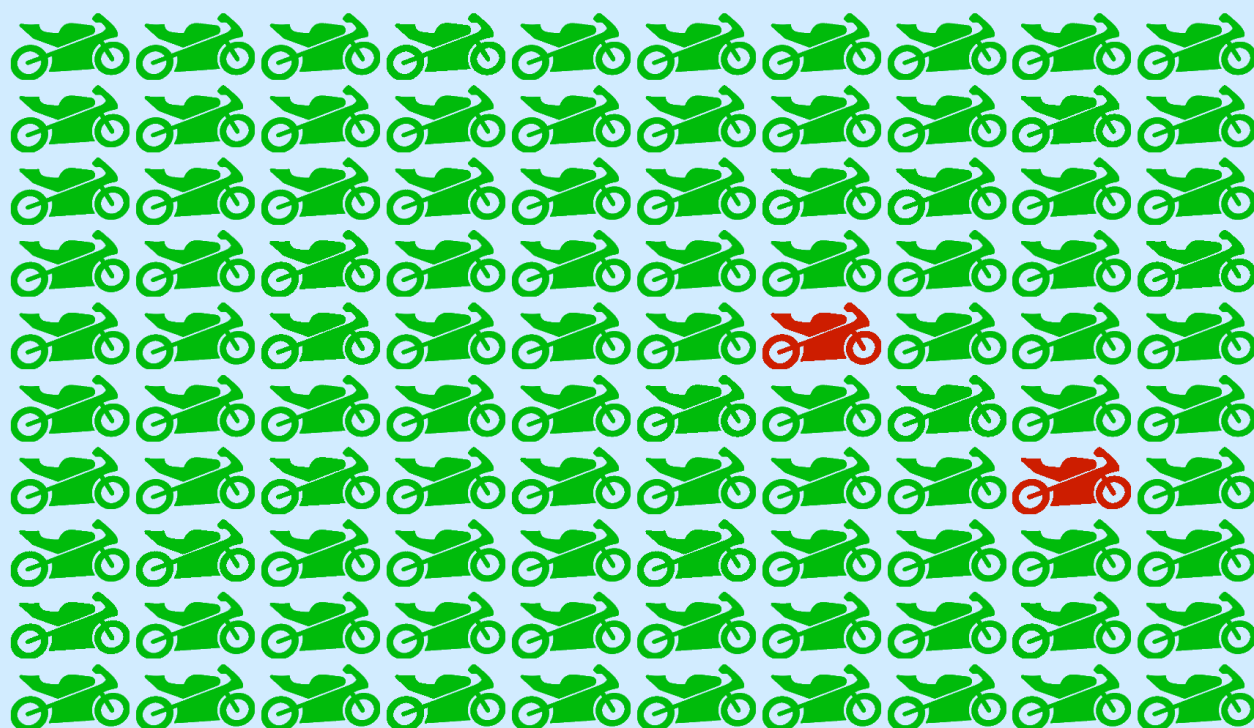
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**SUSSEX  
POLICE**

2014

**RANK: 30/39**



**REGISTERED BIKES:**

**41,118**

**STOLEN:**

**840**

**1 in 49**

**STOLEN**

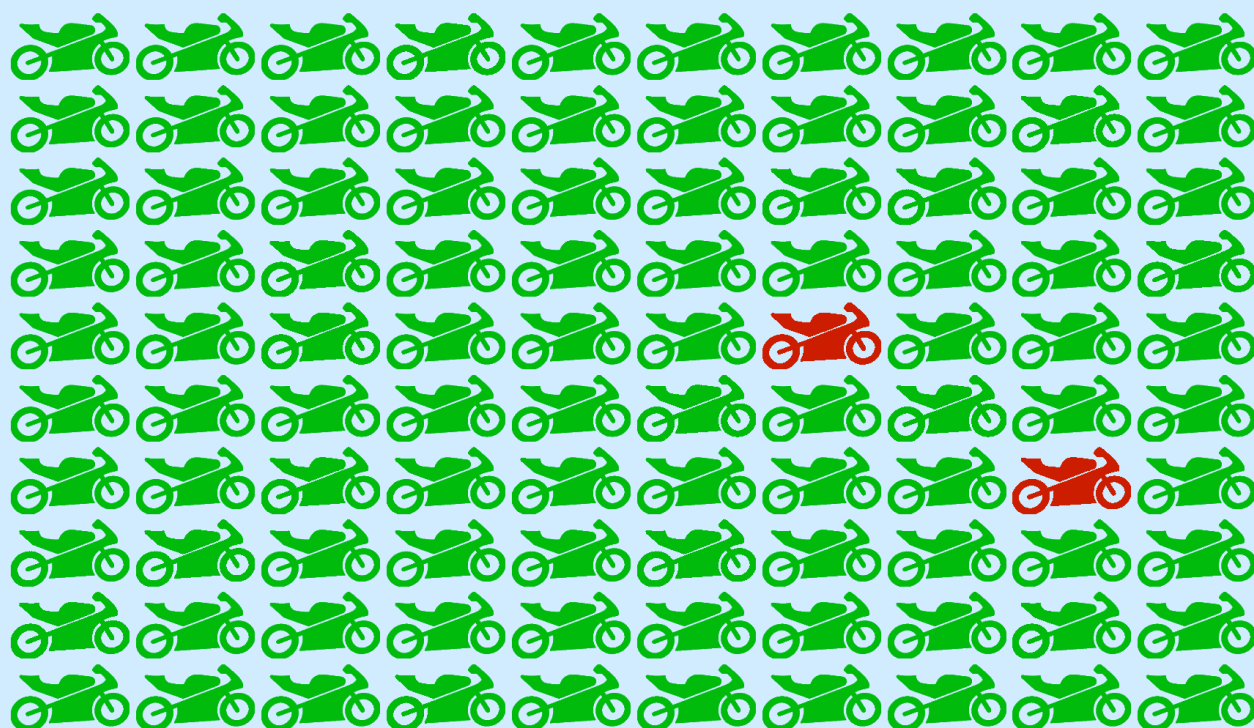
**(National Average 1 in 46)**

# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## THAMES VALLEY POLICE

2018

RANK: **29/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**50,980**

STOLEN:

**1015\***

\* AVERAGE FOR 2017 AND 2018

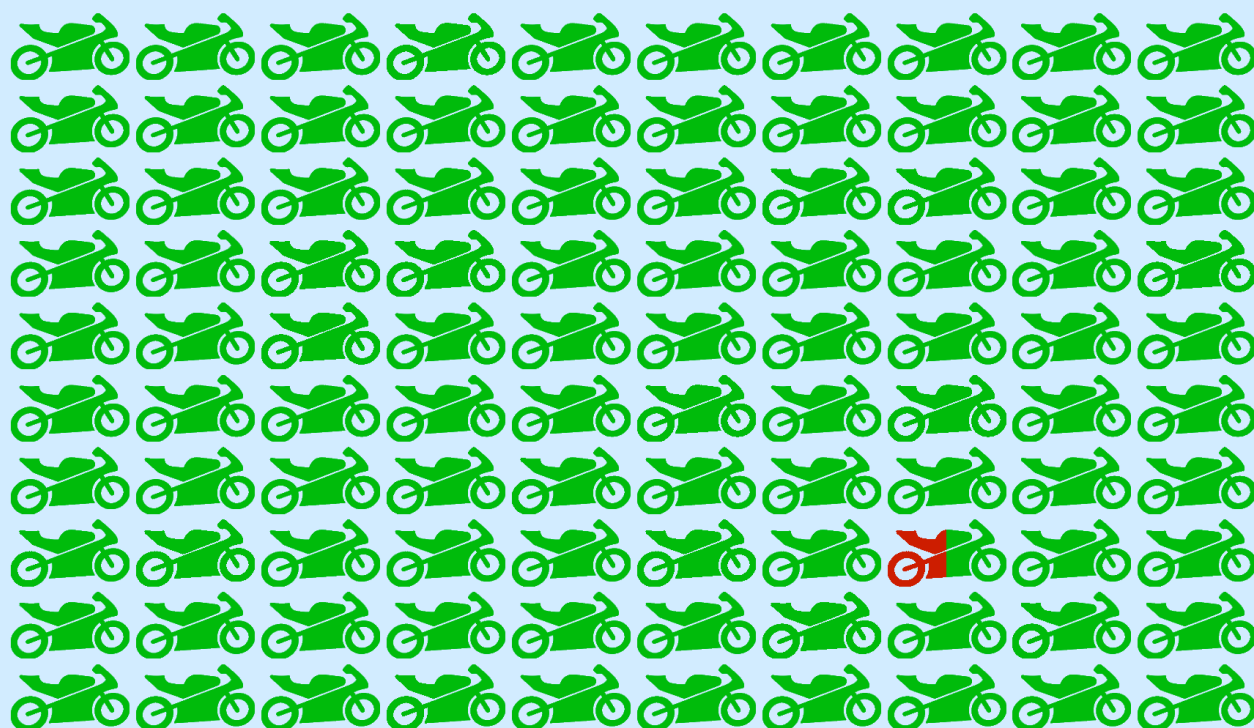
**1 in 50**  
**STOLEN**  
(National Average 1 in 46)

# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## WARWICKSHIRE POLICE

2014

RANK: **7/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**13,674**

**1 in 195**

STOLEN:

**70**

**STOLEN**

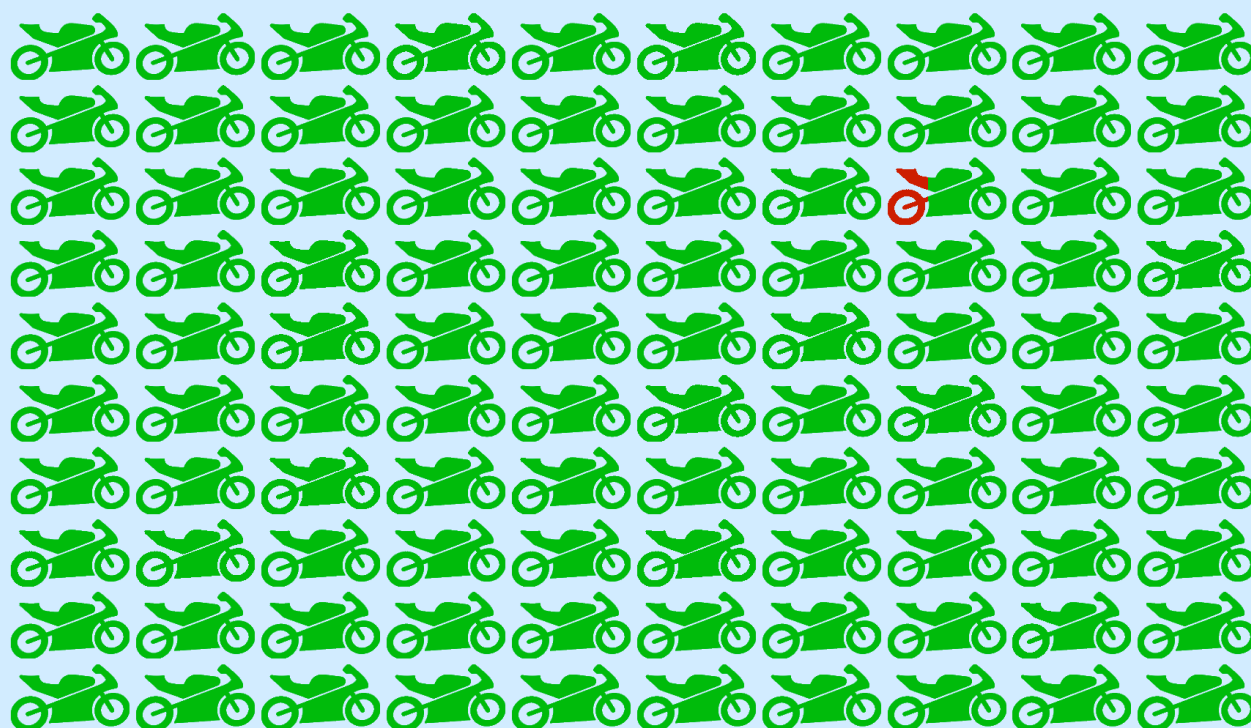
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## WEST MERCIA POLICE

2018

RANK: **3/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**30,888**

**1 in 289**

STOLEN:

**107**

**STOLEN**

**(National Average 1 in 46)**

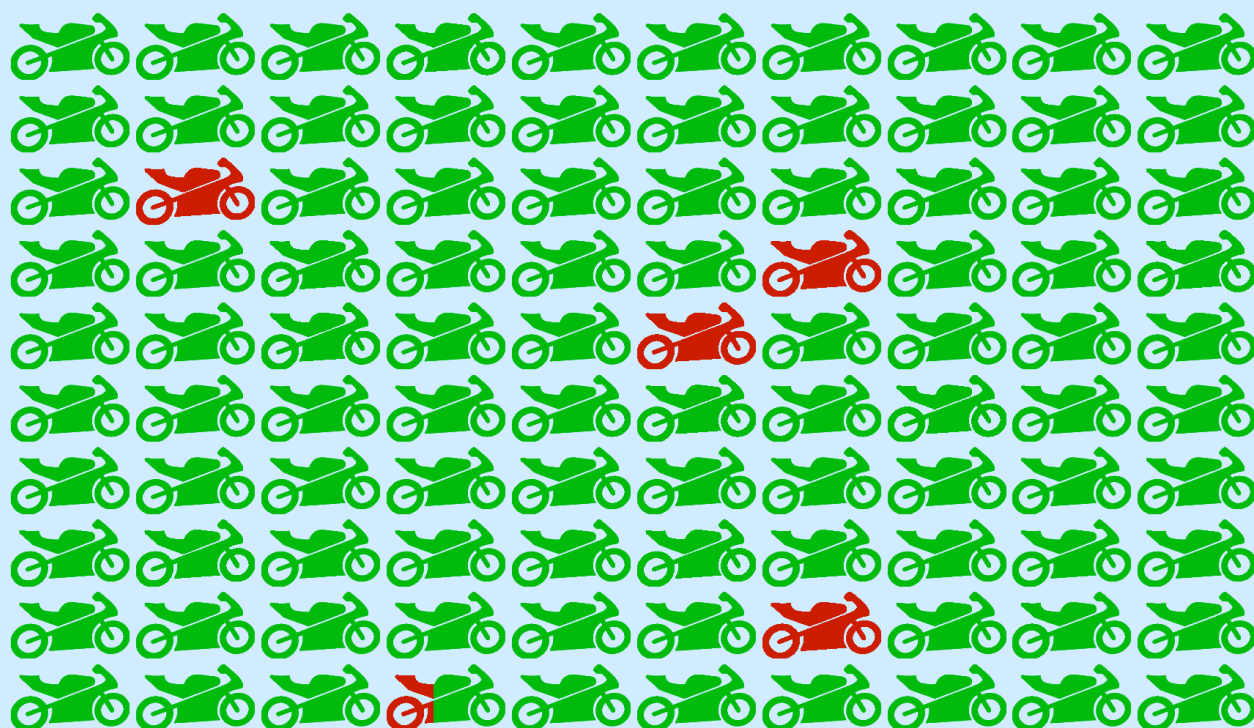


# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

2014

RANK: **35/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**34,610**

STOLEN:

**1537**

**1 in 23**

**STOLEN**

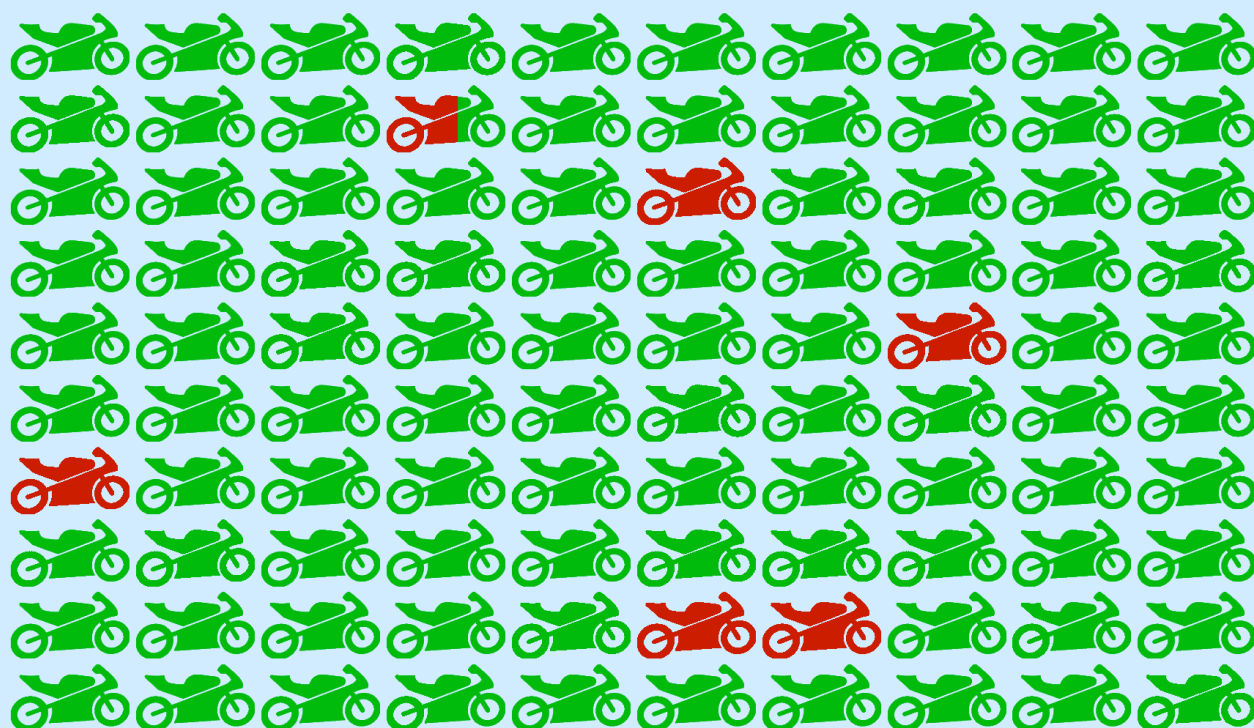
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# MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

## WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

2014

RANK: **38/39**



REGISTERED BIKES:

**33,566**

STOLEN:

**1,868**

**1 in 18**

**STOLEN**

(National Average 1 in 46)

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## UNRANKED

The following forces refused to respond with the required information:

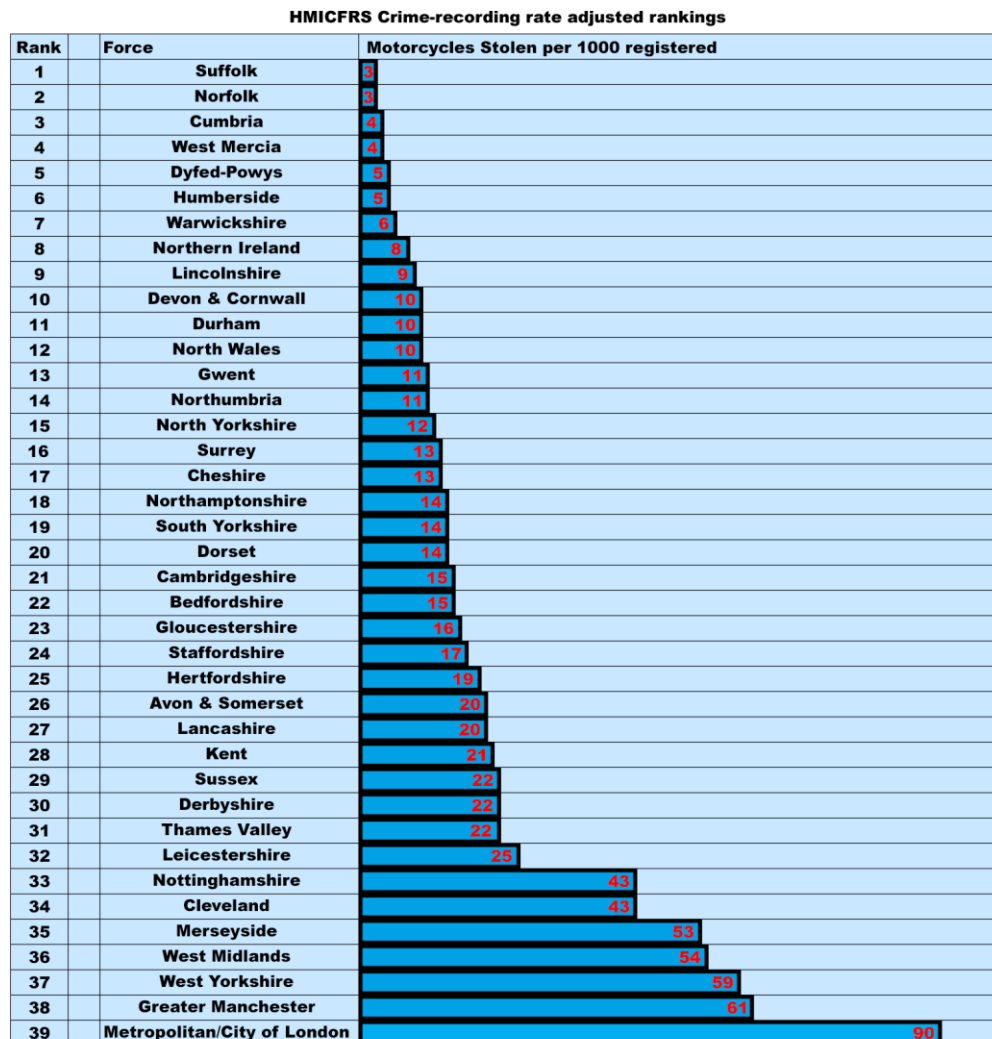
- Essex Police
- Hampshire Police
- Police Scotland
- South Wales Police
- Wiltshire Police

Essex did provide a figure, but stated that they were “unable to differentiate between whether the vehicle was involved in the crime (i.e. used by the suspect), or whether it was part of the crime (e.g. stolen).”

## ACCURACY OF CRIME REPORTING

It has been brought to our attention that there is variability in performance between police forces when it comes to recording of crime. The quoted numbers in Freedom of Information responses may actually be lower than the real numbers.

We have produced the below adjusted rankings based on the most recent Crime Data Integrity Inspections by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS). The reports present overall crime-recording rates for each force, but it should be noted that the most recent reports date from anywhere between 2014 and 2019. The adjustments may therefore introduce some bias for which we cannot be held responsible.



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