



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.

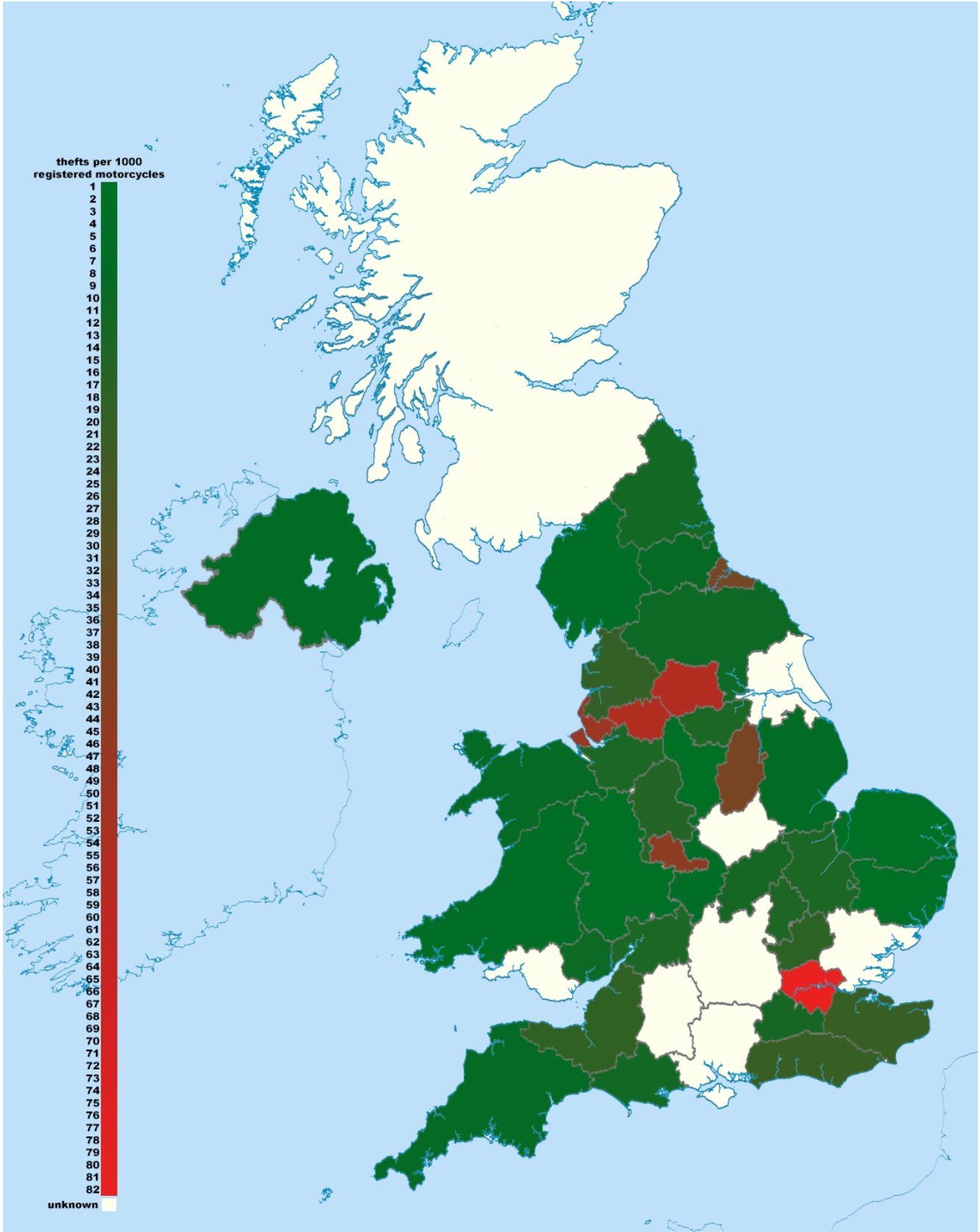
Data has been sourced via Freedom of Information (FOI) requests with, it has to be said, some patchy results. Of the 45 police forces, 6 were unable to give the most basic level of data due to reporting methods that fail to record vehicle type in a retrievable format, and a further 2 forces simply failed to respond to the FOI request within the time requirements.

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



MOST IMPROVED 2017 -2018

Reduction of thefts as a percentage of registered motorcycles.

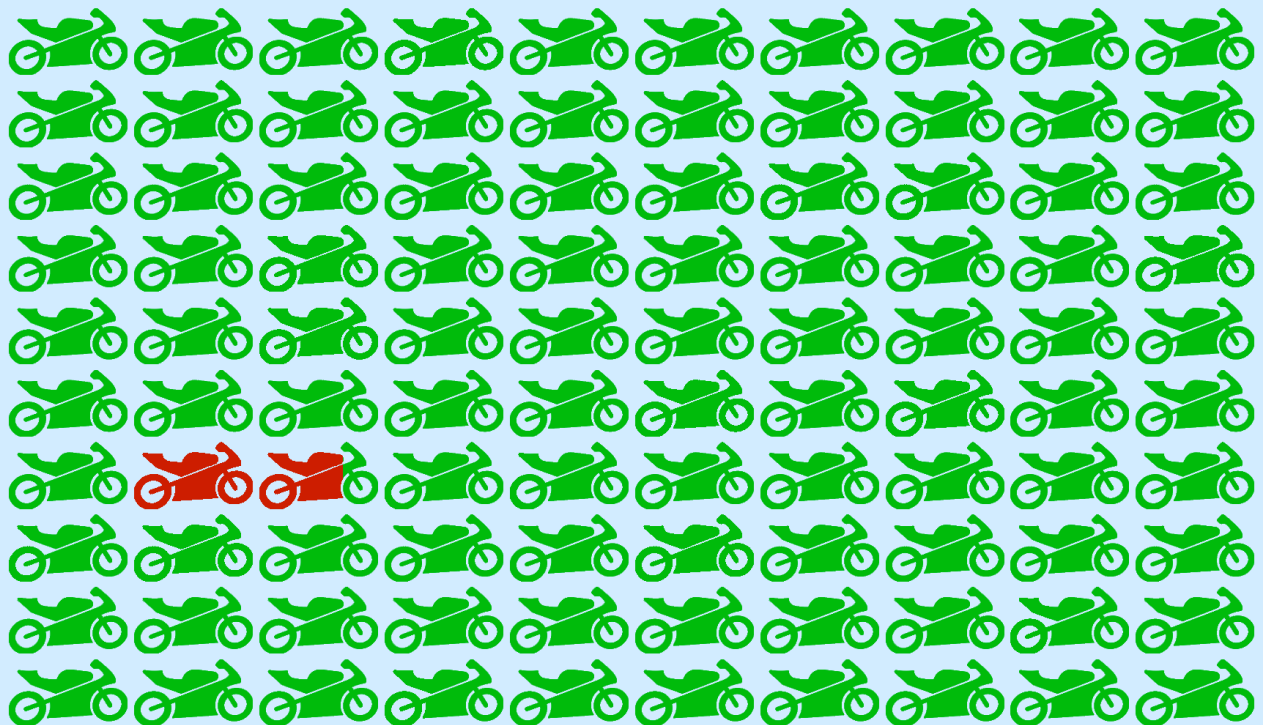
Rank	Force	Improvement 2017 - 2018
1	Metropolitan/City of London	3.98%
2	Merseyside	2.43%
3	West Midlands	1.36%
4	Avon & Somerset	1.23%
5	Bedfordshire	1.14%
6	Warwickshire	0.97%
7	Hertfordshire	0.97%
8	Greater Manchester	0.86%
9	West Mercia	0.82%
10	Northamptonshire	0.61%
11	Gloucestershire	0.51%
12	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	Norfolk	0.06%
22	North Wales	0.05%
23	Northern Ireland	0.05%
24	Derbyshire	0.01%
25	Nottinghamshire	0.00%
26	Durham	-0.04%
27	Dyfed-Powys	-0.05%
28	Northumbria	-0.07%
29	Cambridgeshire	-0.07%
30	Lancashire	-0.12%
31	Devon & Cornwall	-0.12%
32	Surrey	-0.18%
33	Dorset	-0.39%
34	Staffordshire	-0.47%
35	Cleveland	-0.51%
36	Sussex	-0.54%

MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

AVON & SOMERSET POLICE

2018

RANK: **26/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

44,464

1 in 55

STOLEN:

808

STOLEN

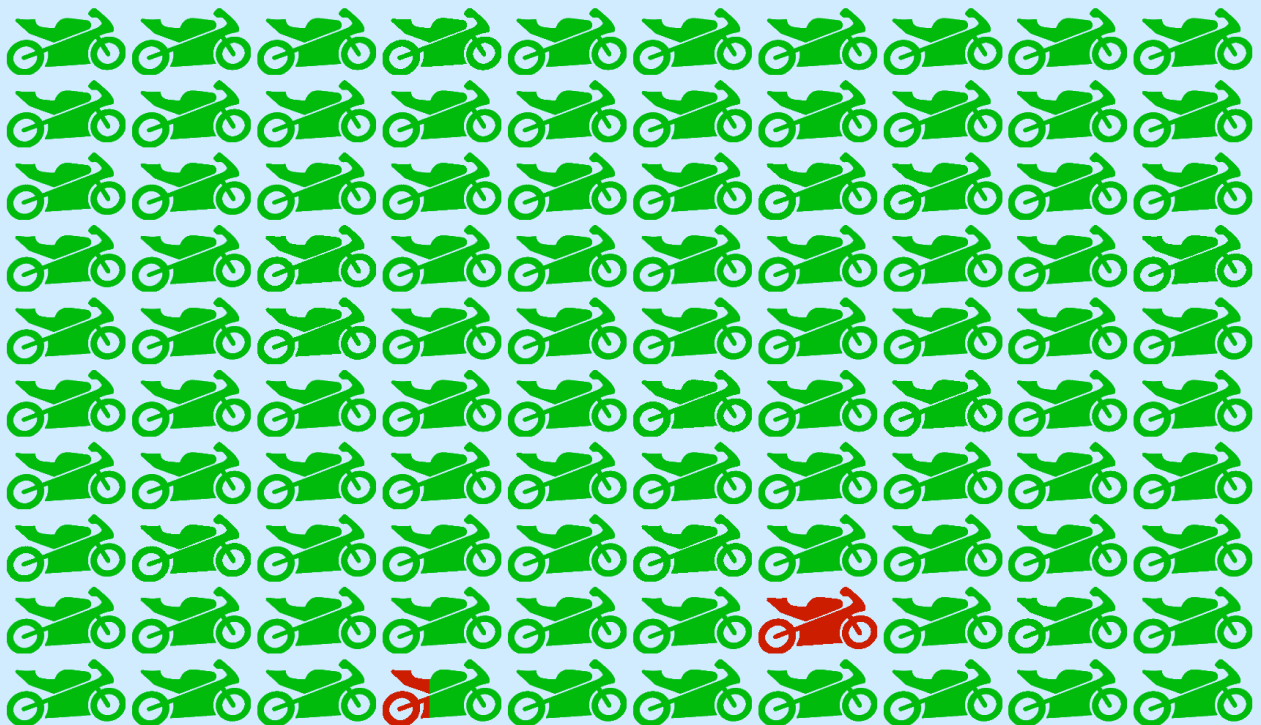
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE

2018

RANK: **23/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

12,031

1 in 71

STOLEN:

169

STOLEN

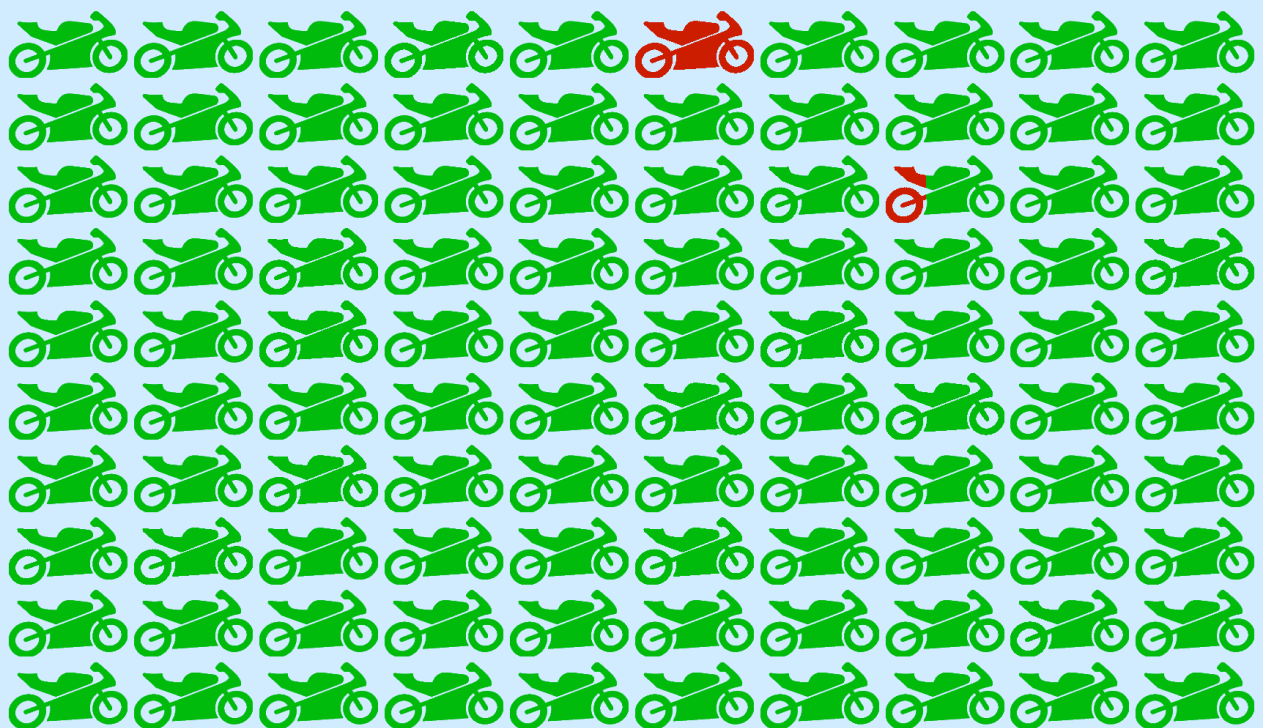
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE

2018

RANK: **21/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

19,540

1 in 76

STOLEN:

256

STOLEN

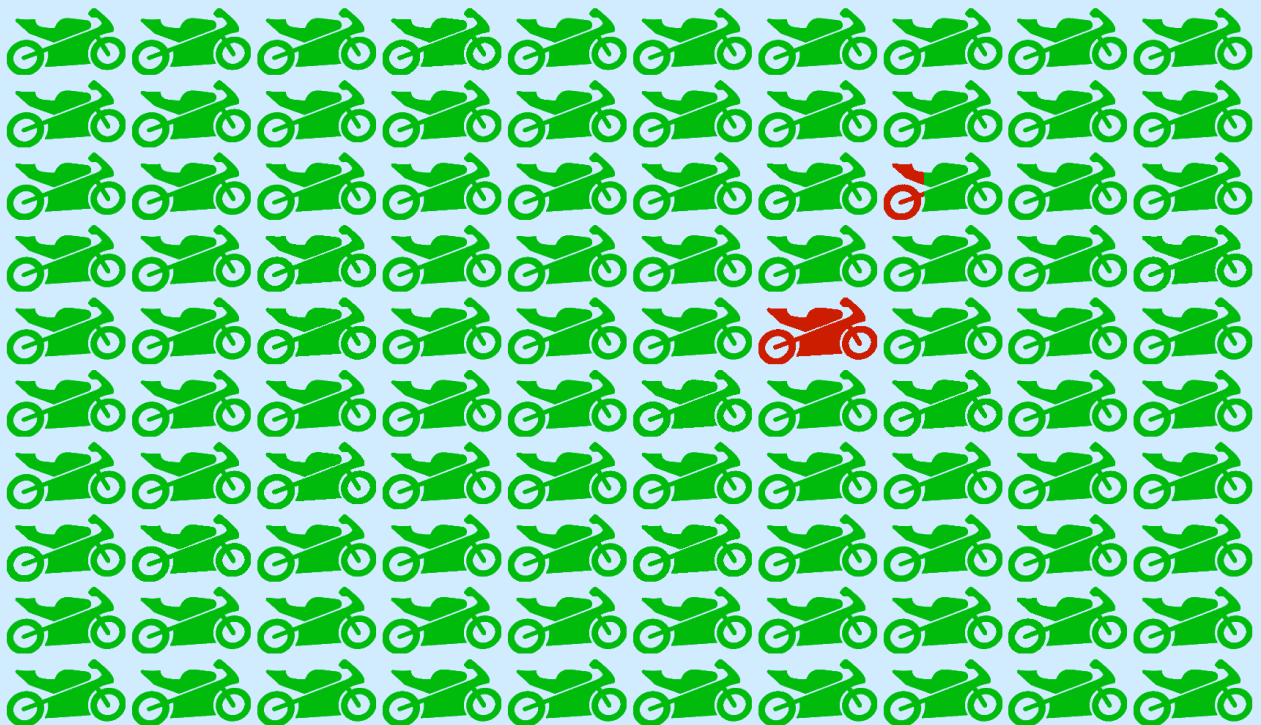
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**CHESHIRE
POLICE**

2018

RANK: 20/36



REGISTERED BIKES:

23,162

1 in 78

STOLEN:

296

STOLEN

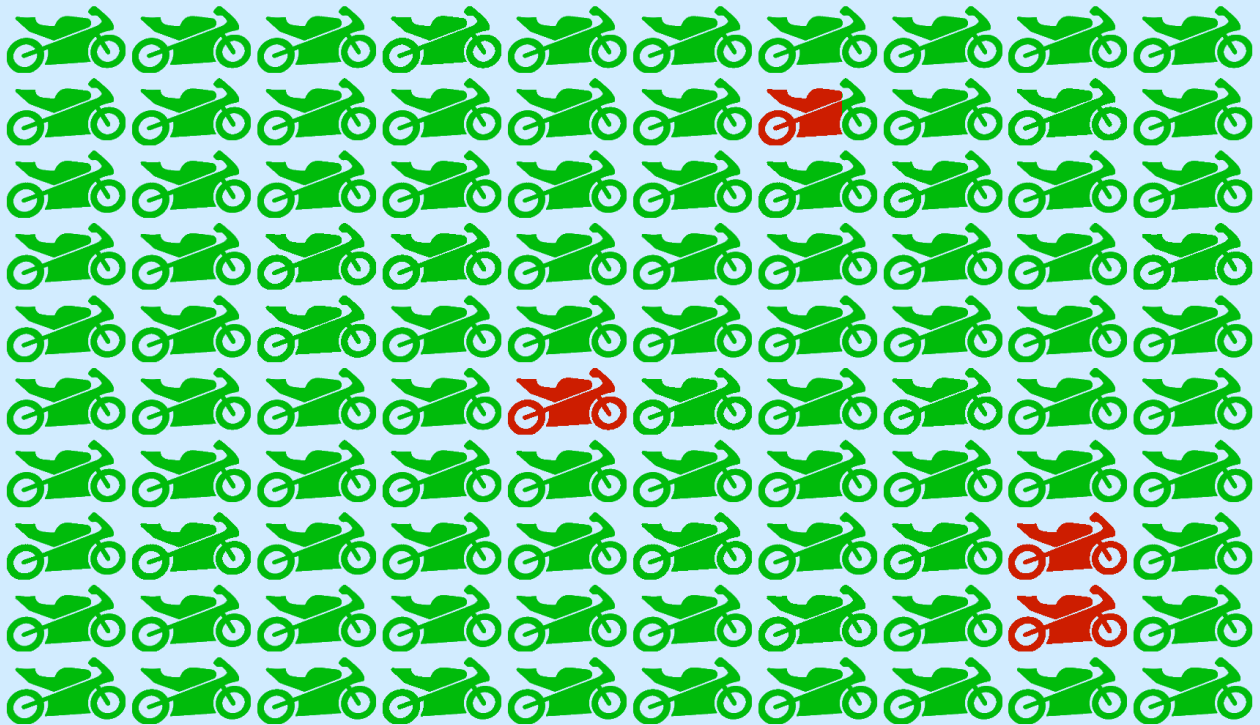
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

CLEVELAND POLICE

2018

RANK: **30/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

8,285

1 in 27

STOLEN:

307

STOLEN

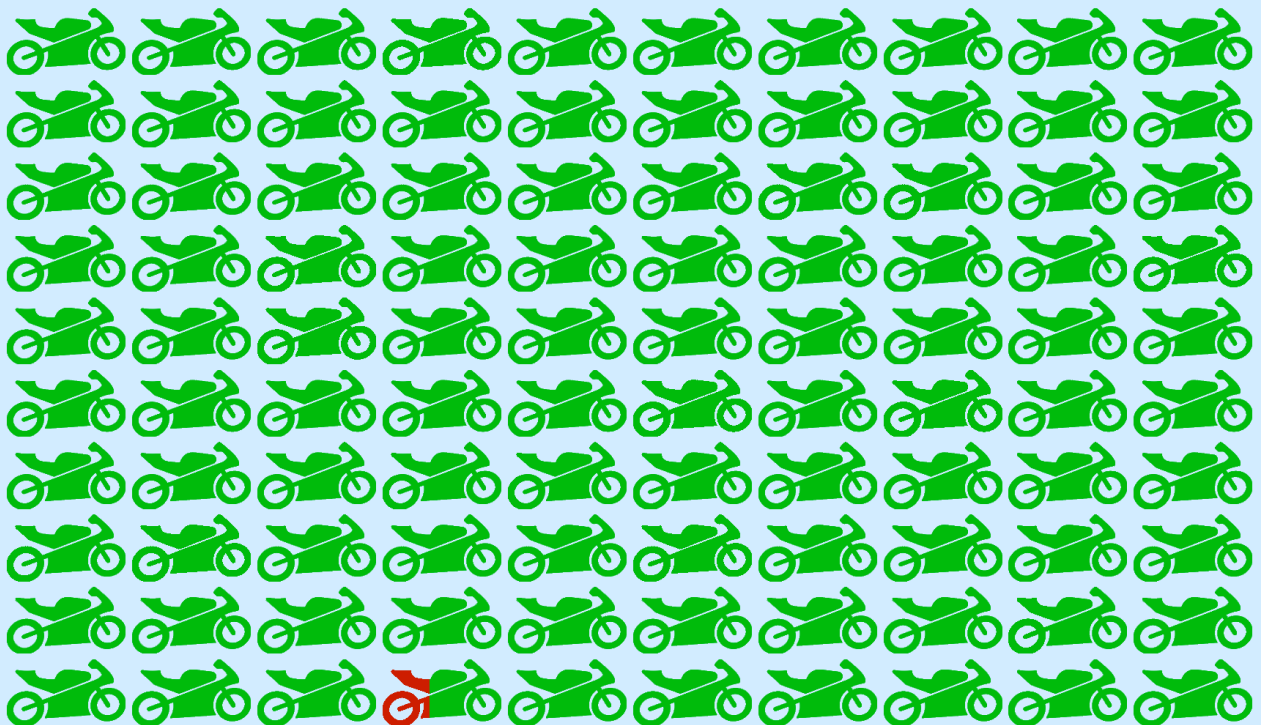
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**CUMBRIA
POLICE**

2018

RANK: 5/36



REGISTERED BIKES:

12,395

1 in 282

STOLEN:

44

STOLEN

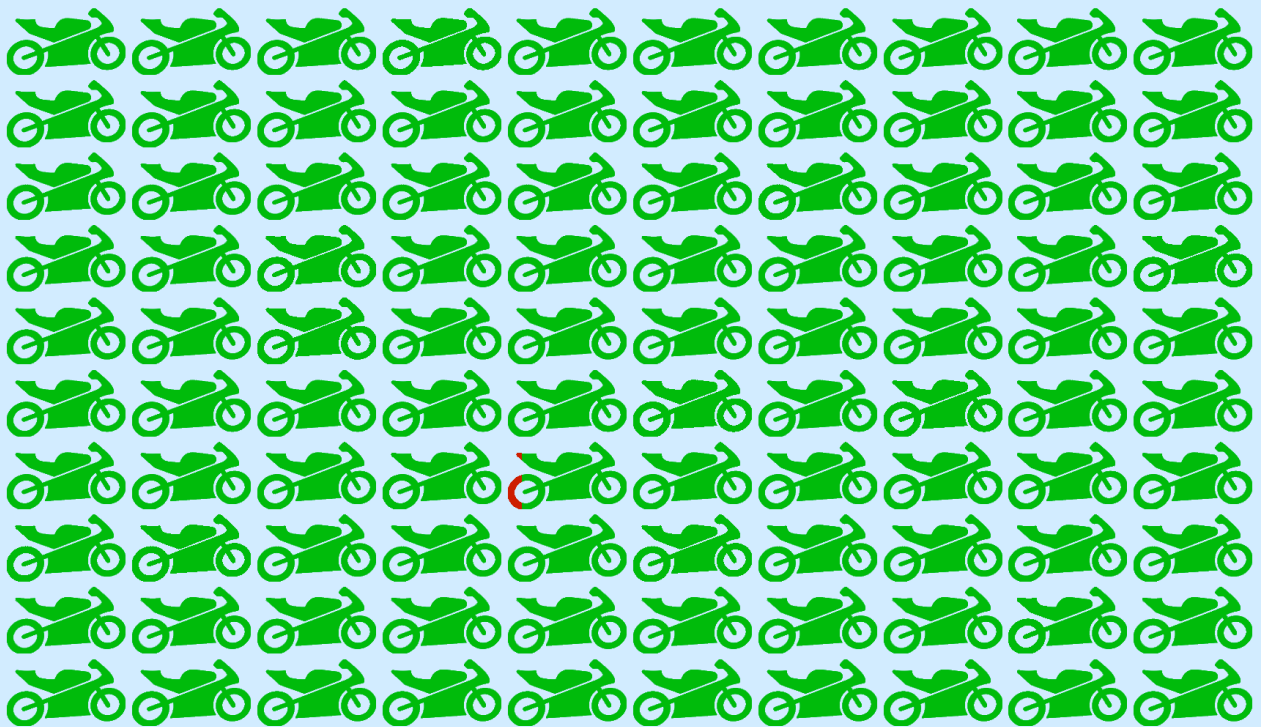
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

DERBYSHIRE POLICE

2018

RANK: **1/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

25,605

1 in 776

STOLEN:

33

STOLEN

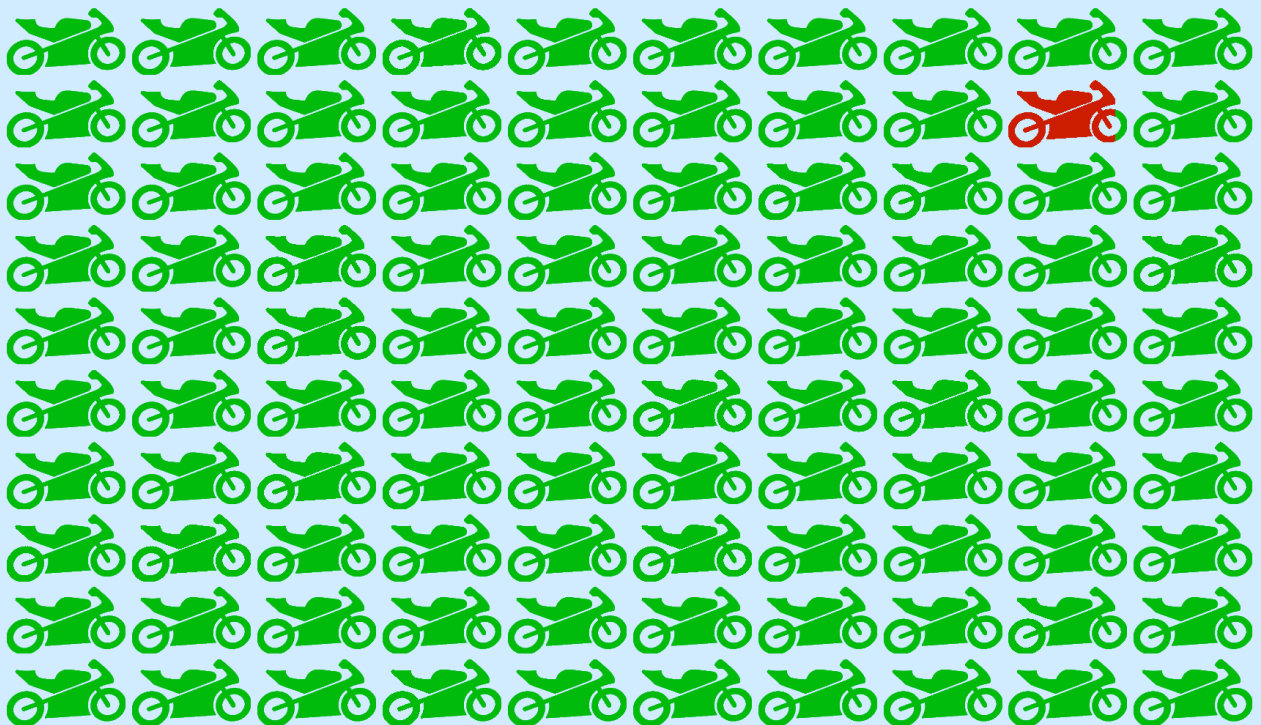
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE

2018

RANK: **10/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

51,414

1 in 110

STOLEN:

466

STOLEN

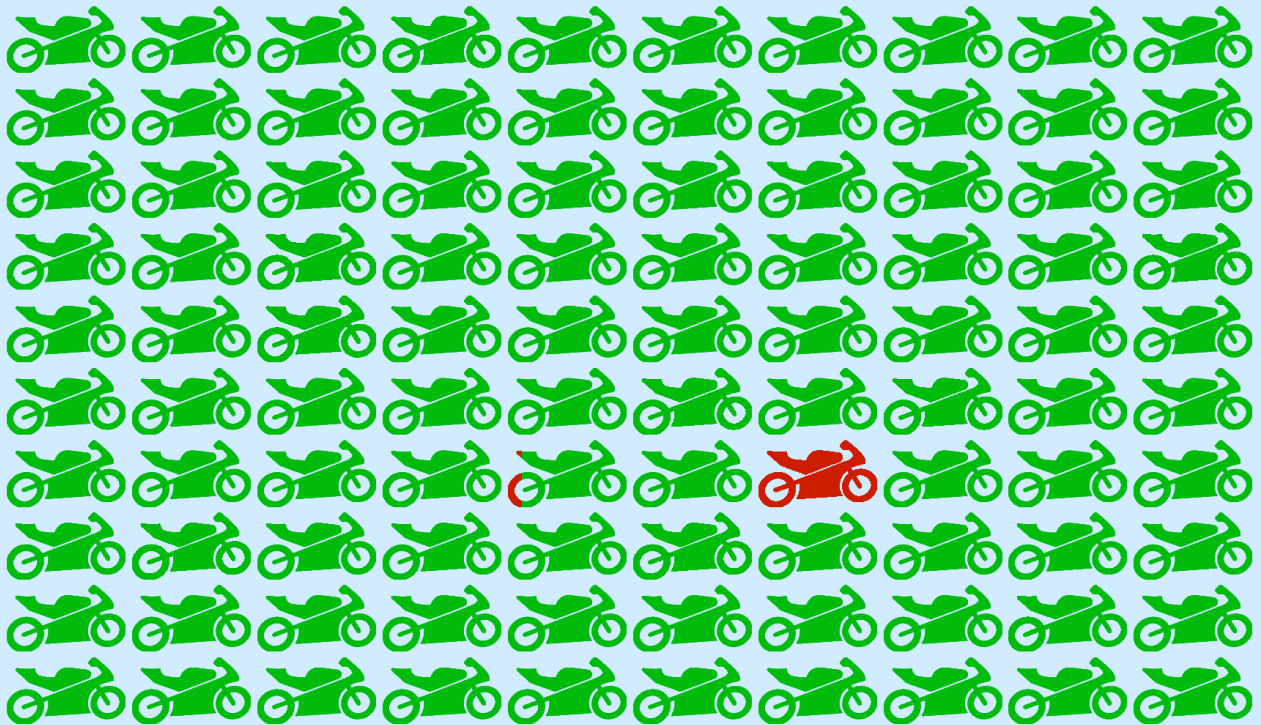
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**DORSET
POLICE**

2018

RANK: 16/36



REGISTERED BIKES:

21,818

1 in 90

STOLEN:

242

STOLEN

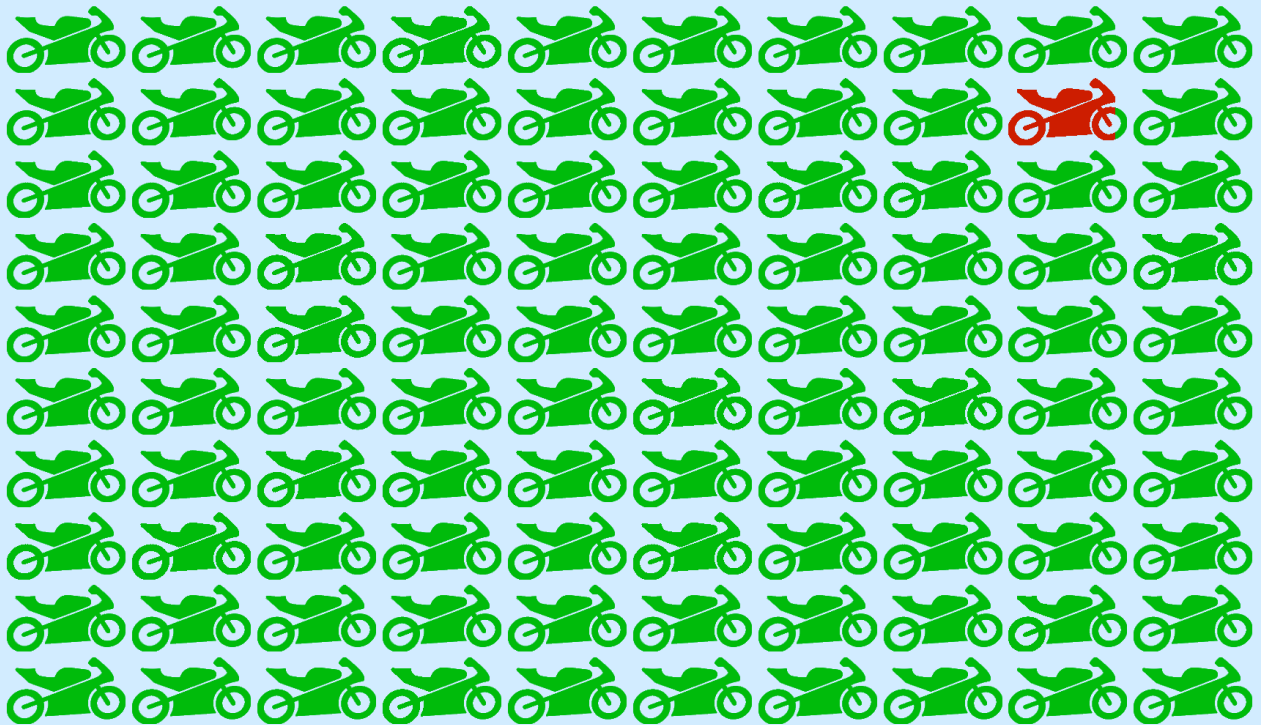
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**DURHAM
POLICE**

2018

RANK: 12/36



REGISTERED BIKES:

11,159

1 in 106

STOLEN:

105

STOLEN

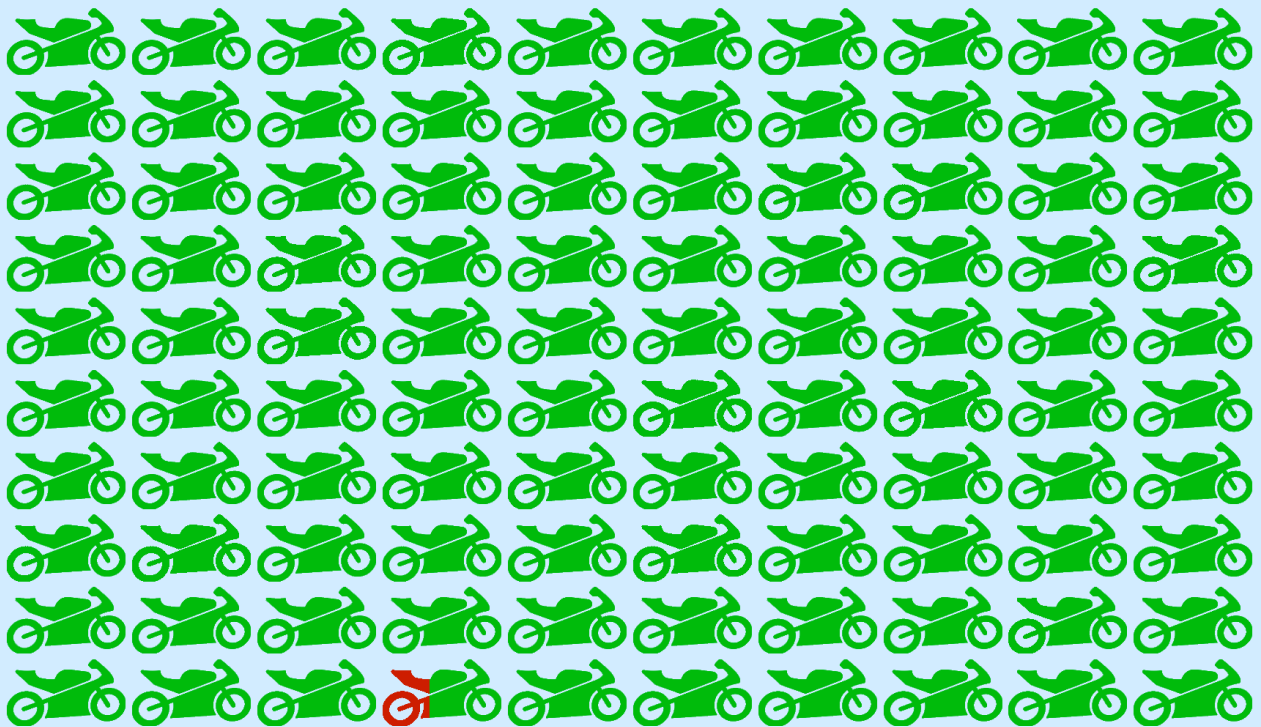
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

DYFED-POWYS POLICE

2018

RANK: **6/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

12,048

1 in 236

STOLEN:

51

STOLEN

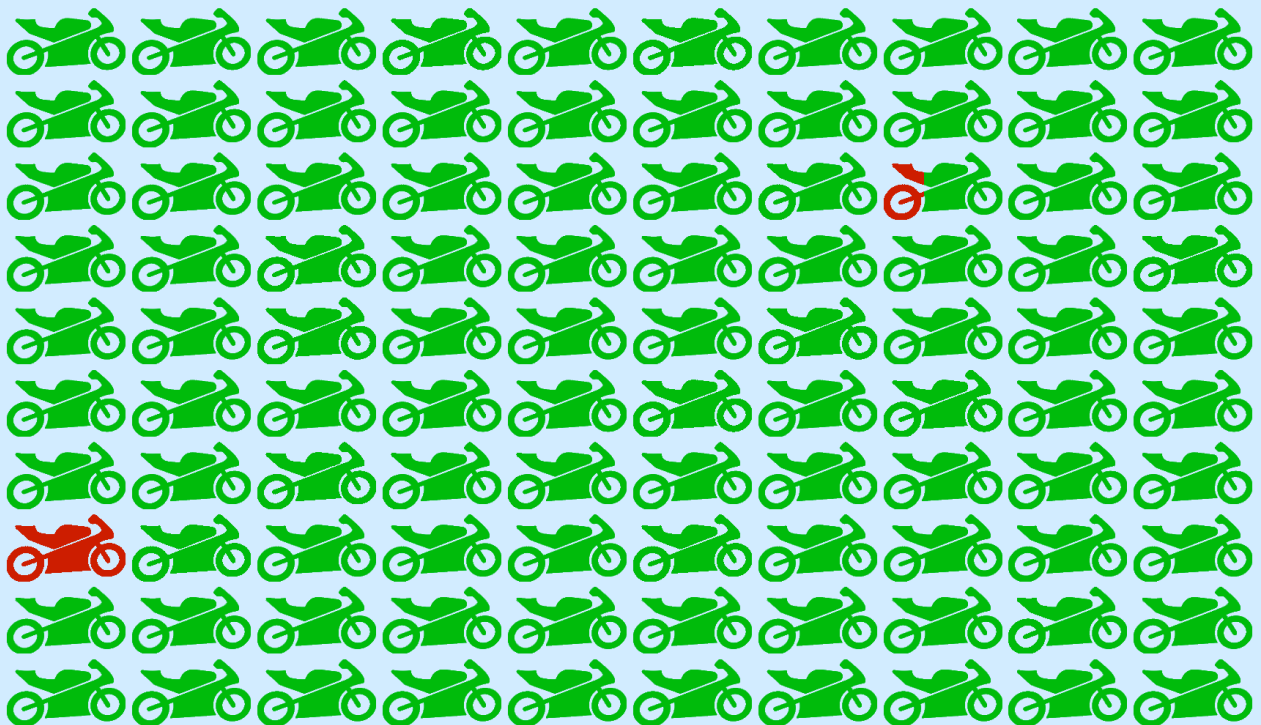
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

GLOUCESTERSHIRE POLICE

2018

RANK: **22/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

16,989

1 in 74

STOLEN:

229

STOLEN

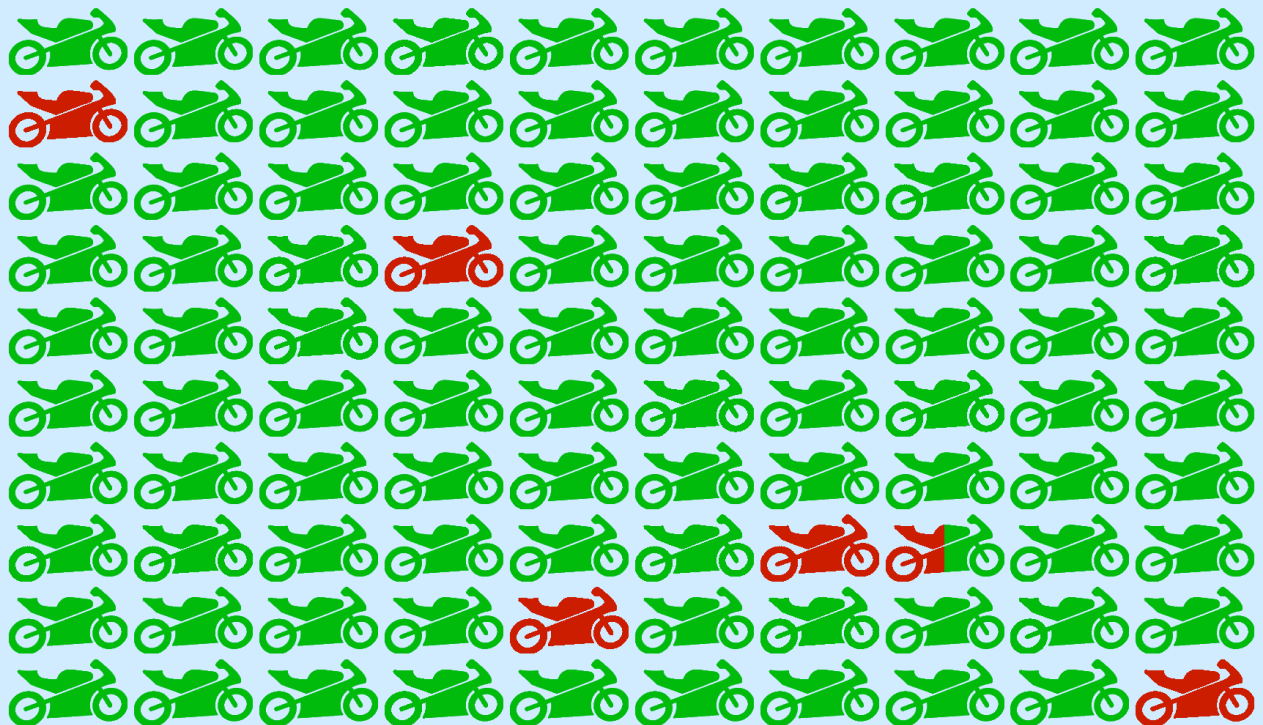
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

2018

RANK: 34/36



REGISTERED BIKES:

34,492

1 in 18

STOLEN:

1,887

STOLEN

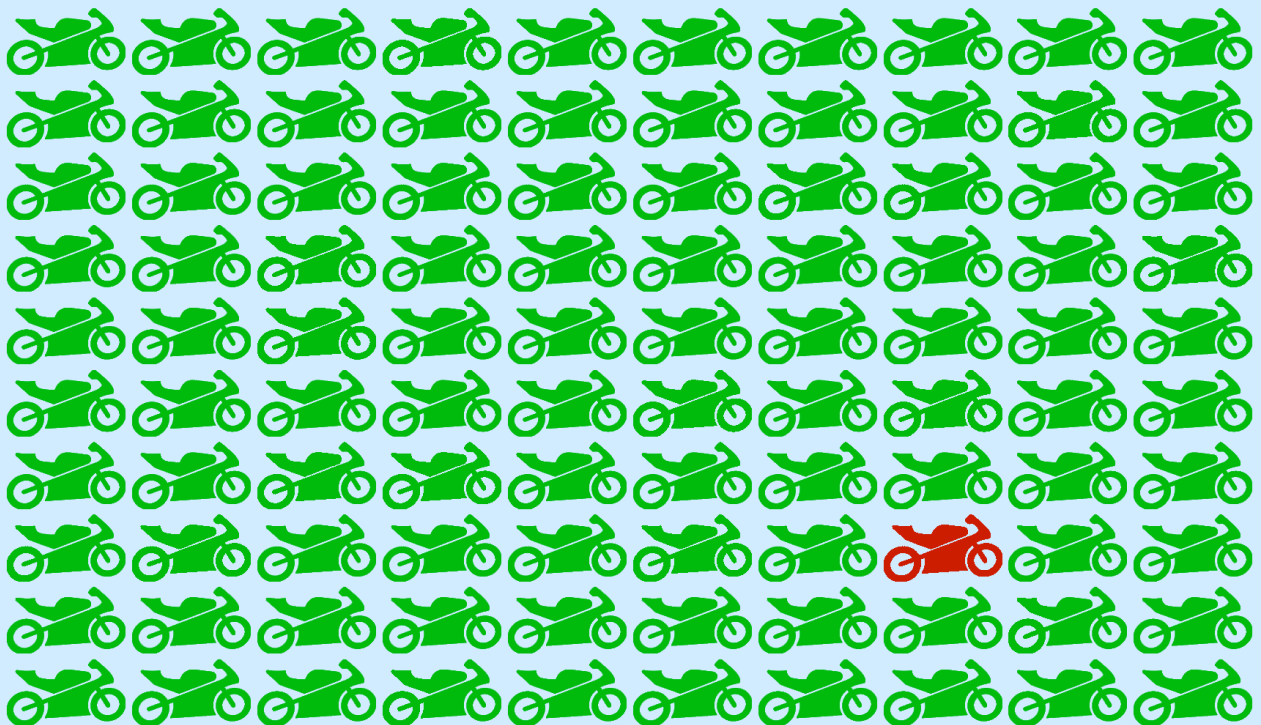
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**GWENT
POLICE**

2018

RANK: 14/36



REGISTERED BIKES:

10,829

1 in 102

STOLEN:

106

STOLEN

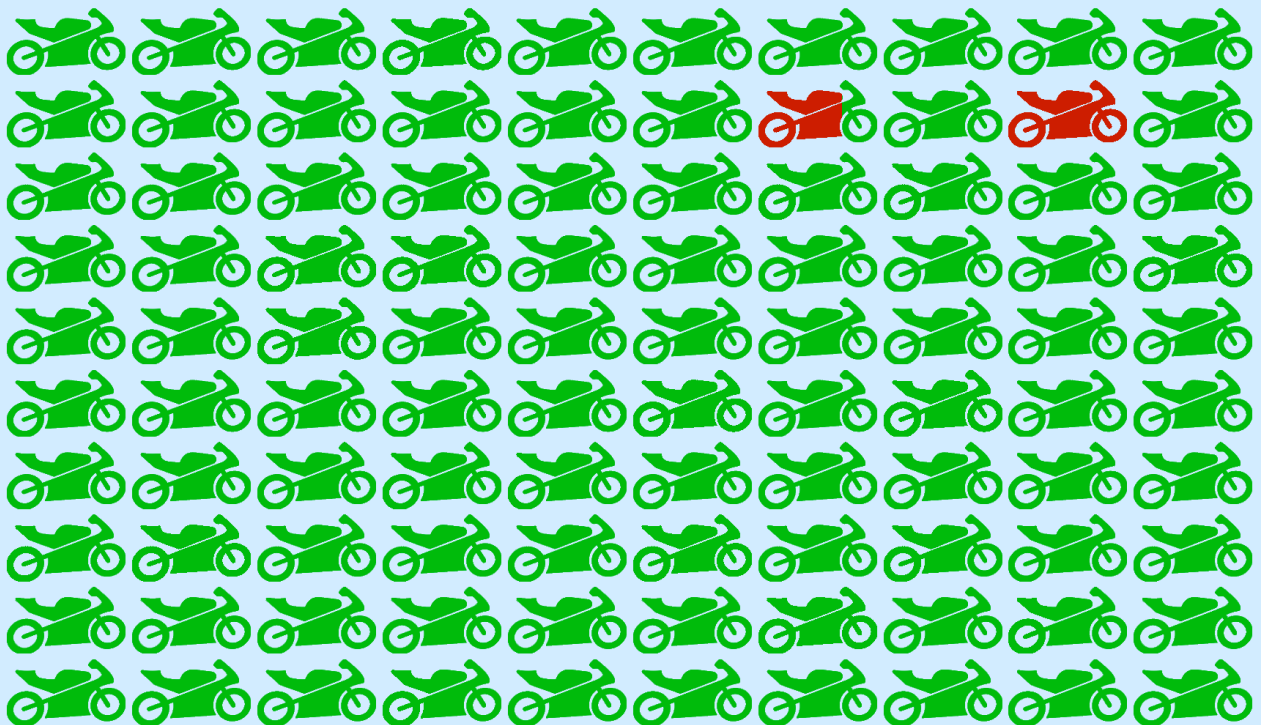
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE

2018

RANK: **25/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

21,339

1 in 60

STOLEN:

356

STOLEN

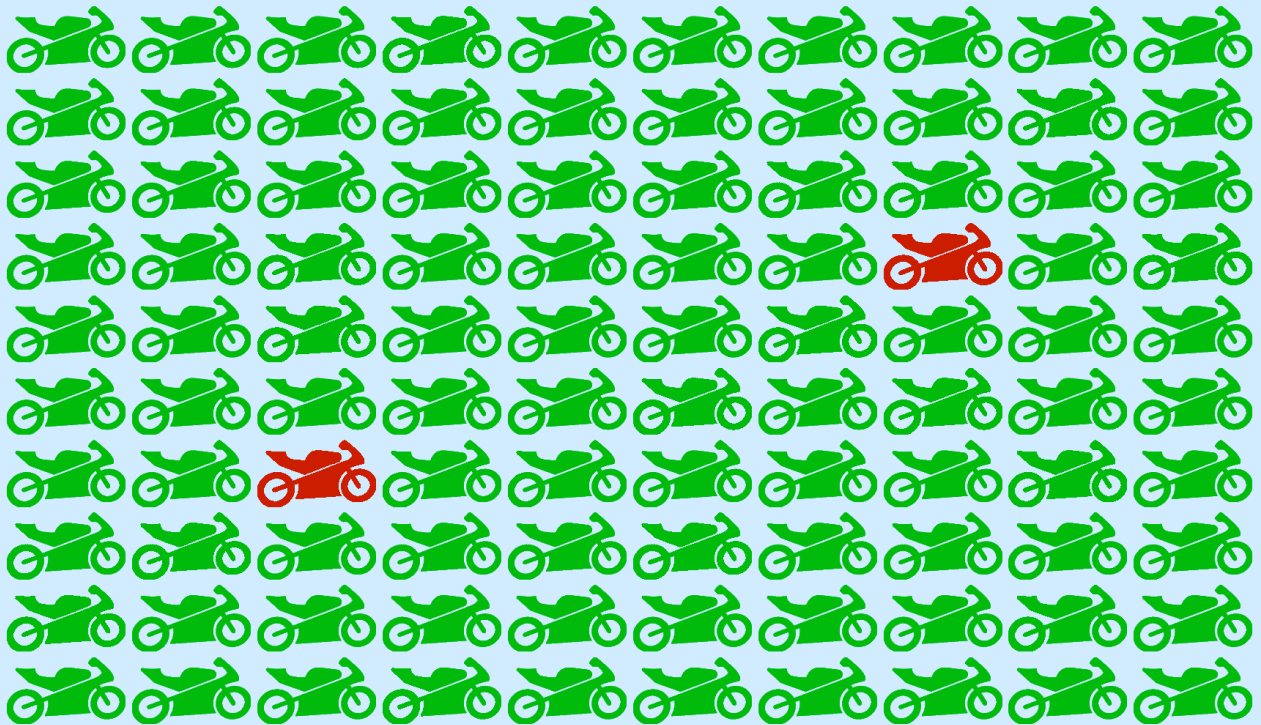
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**KENT
POLICE**

2018

RANK: 29/36



REGISTERED BIKES:

42,826

1 in 49

STOLEN:

875

STOLEN

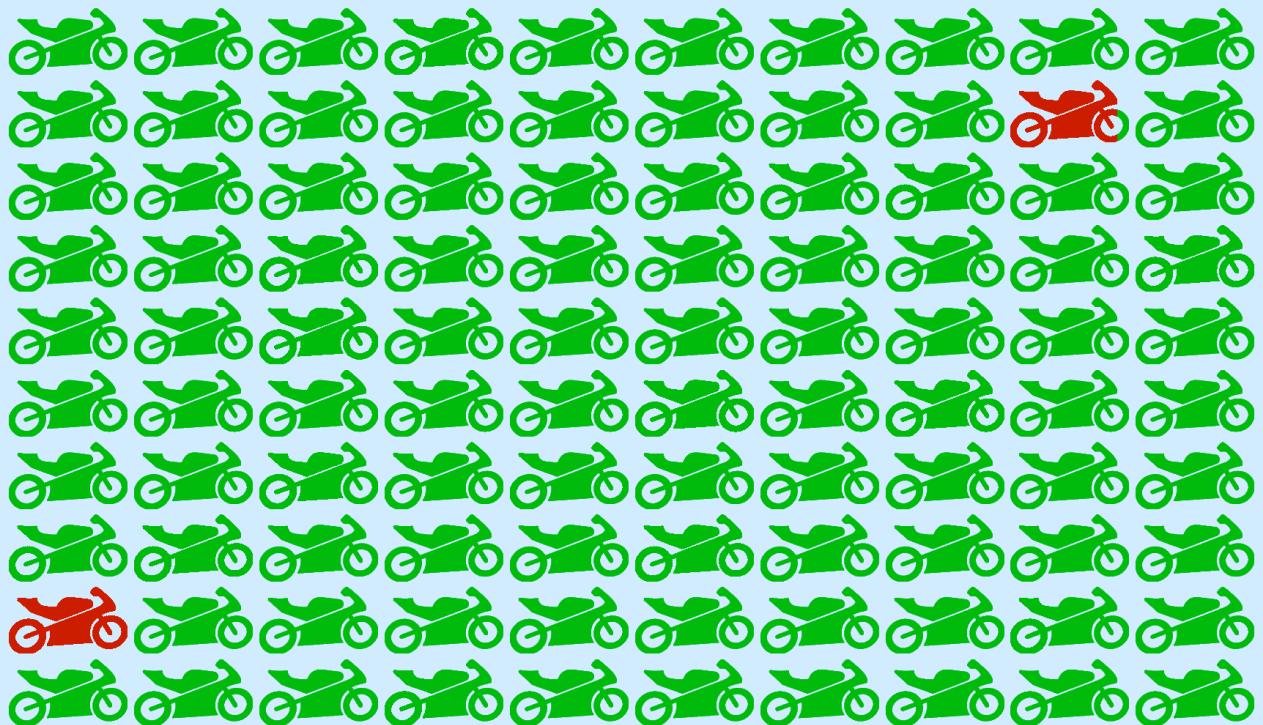
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

LANCASHIRE POLICE

2018

RANK: **27/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

29,922

1 in 52

STOLEN:

570

STOLEN

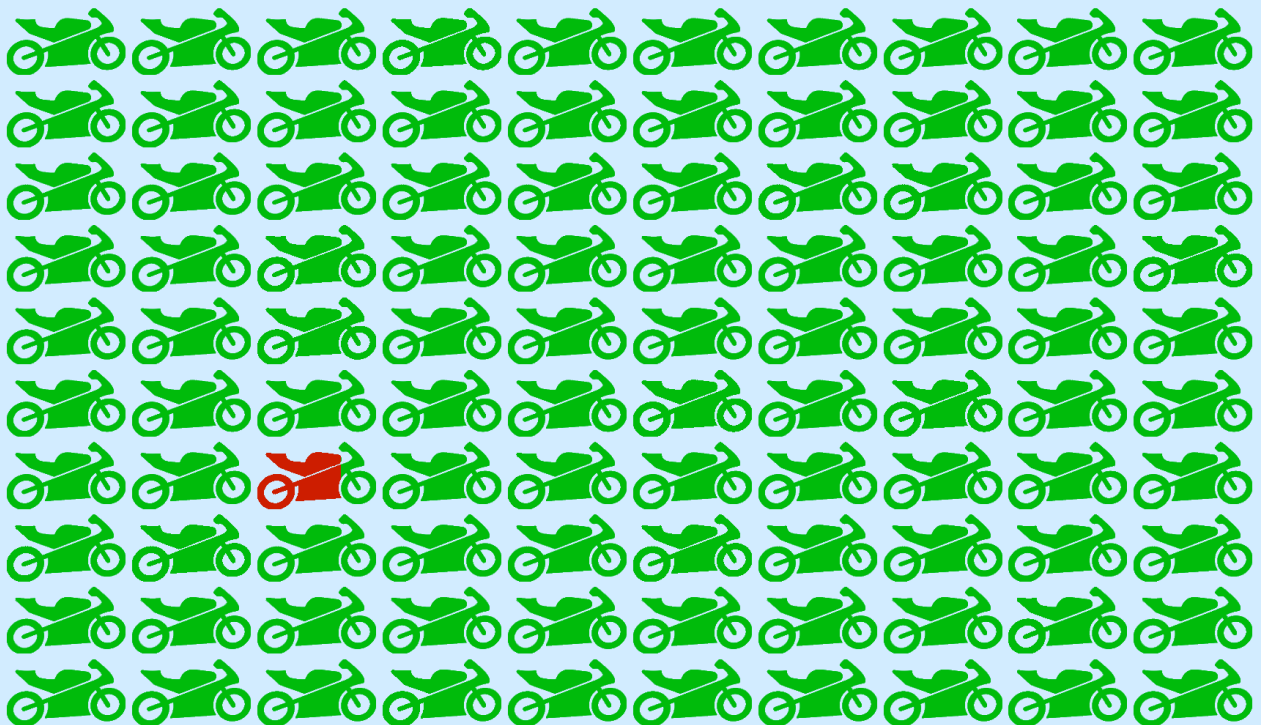
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

2018

RANK: **9/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

20,688

1 in 125

STOLEN:

165

STOLEN

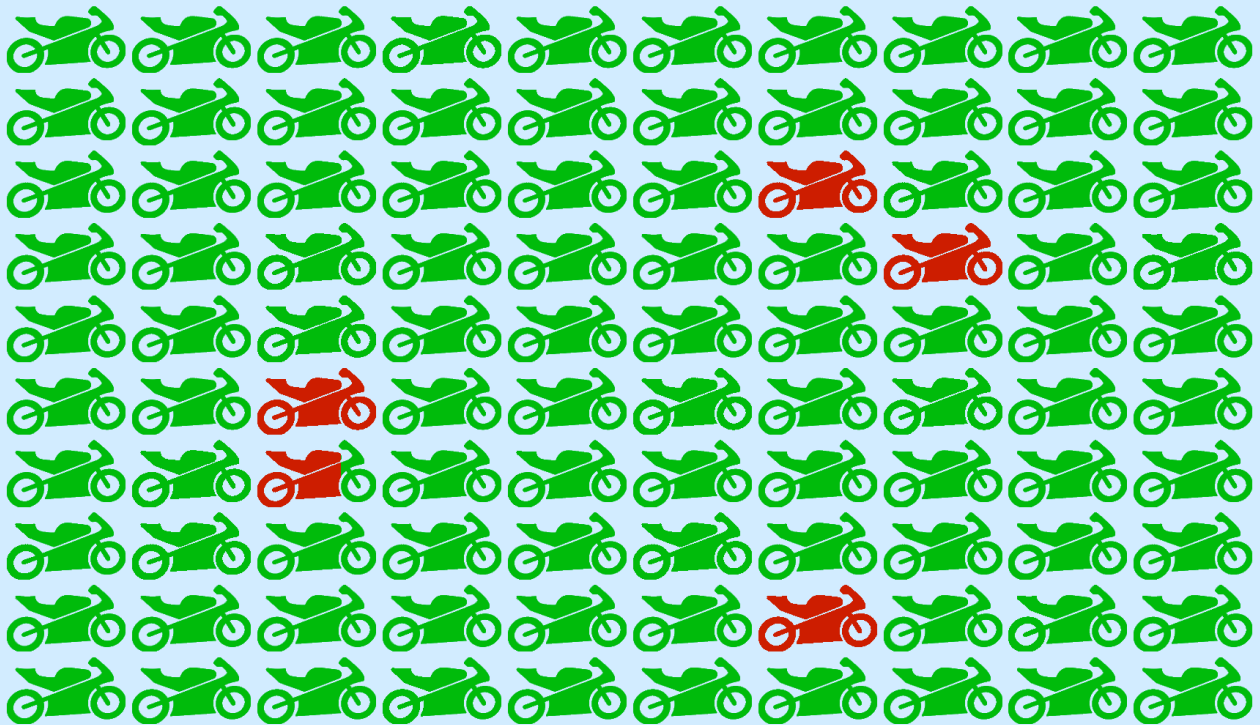
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

MERSEYSIDE POLICE

2018

RANK: **33/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

17,901

1 in 21

STOLEN:

862

STOLEN

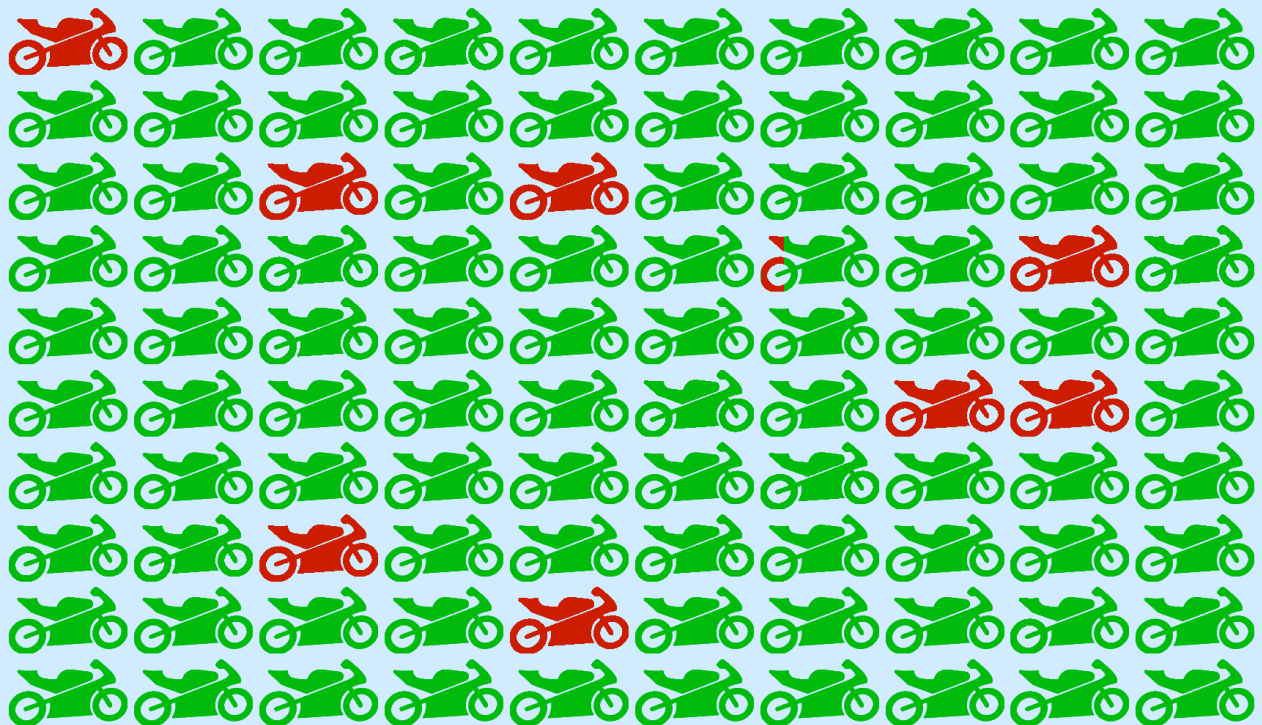
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

METROPOLITAN AND CITY OF LONDON POLICE

2018

RANK: **36/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

115,907

STOLEN:

9,483

1 in 12

STOLEN

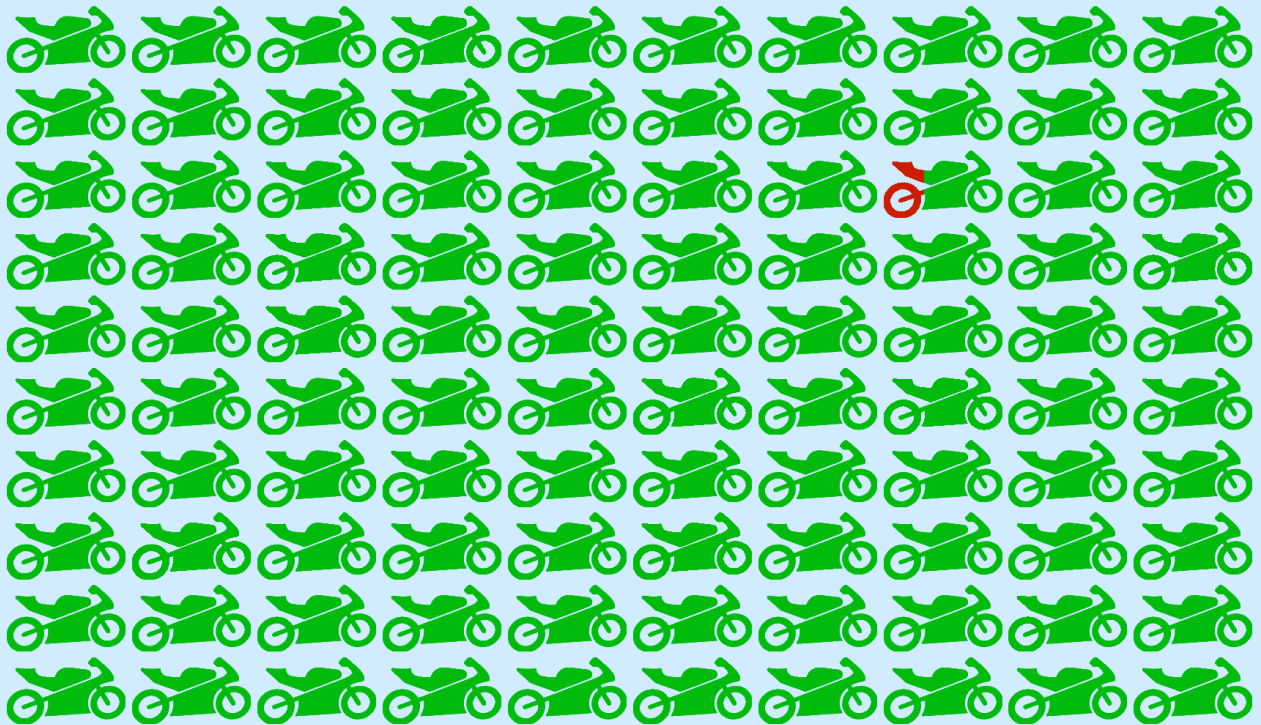
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

NORFOLK POLICE

2018

RANK: 3/36



REGISTERED BIKES:

26,596

1 in 375

STOLEN:

71

STOLEN

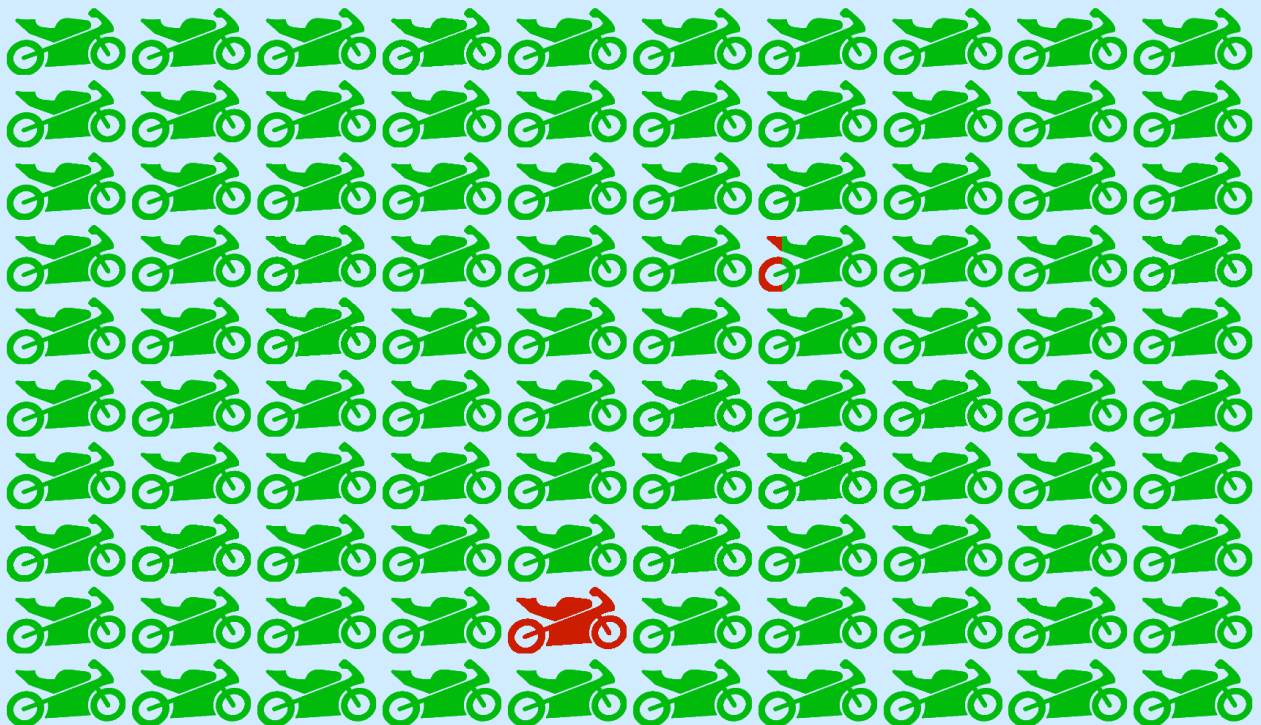
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE

2018

RANK: **17/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

17,233

1 in 86

STOLEN:

201

STOLEN

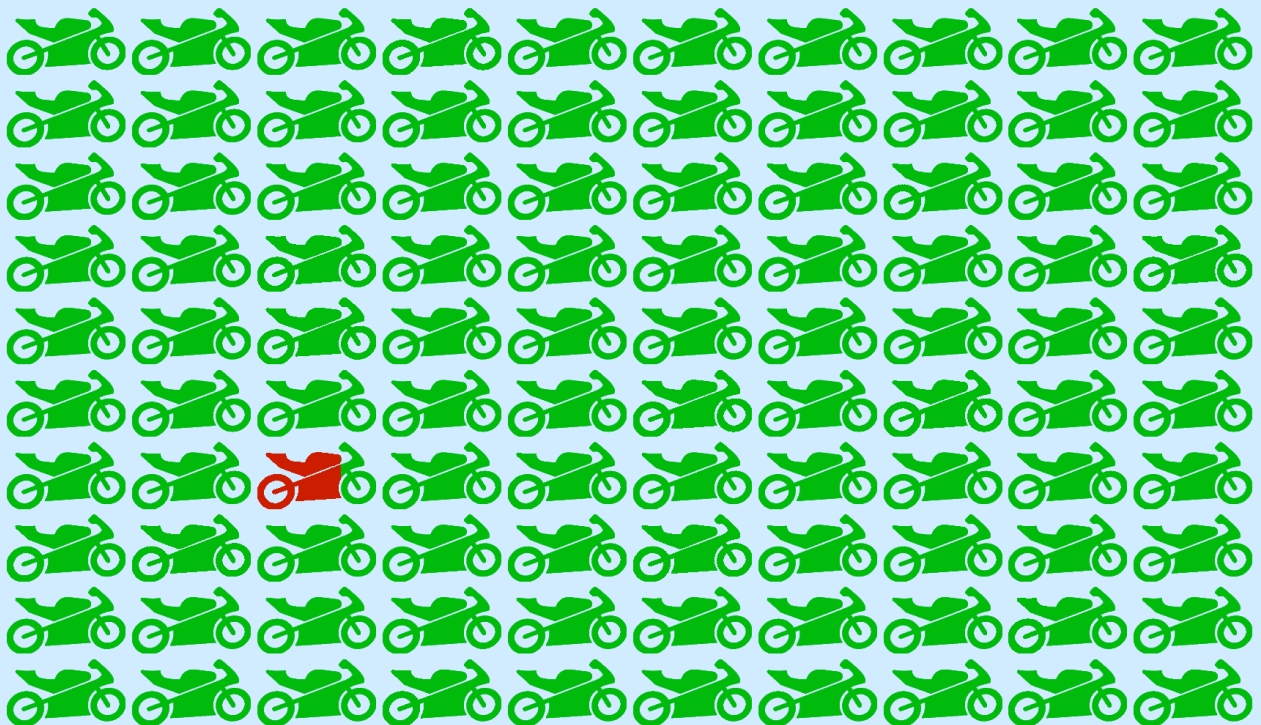
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

POLICE SERVICE NORTHERN IRELAND

2018

RANK: **8/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

22,246

1 in 135

STOLEN:

165

STOLEN

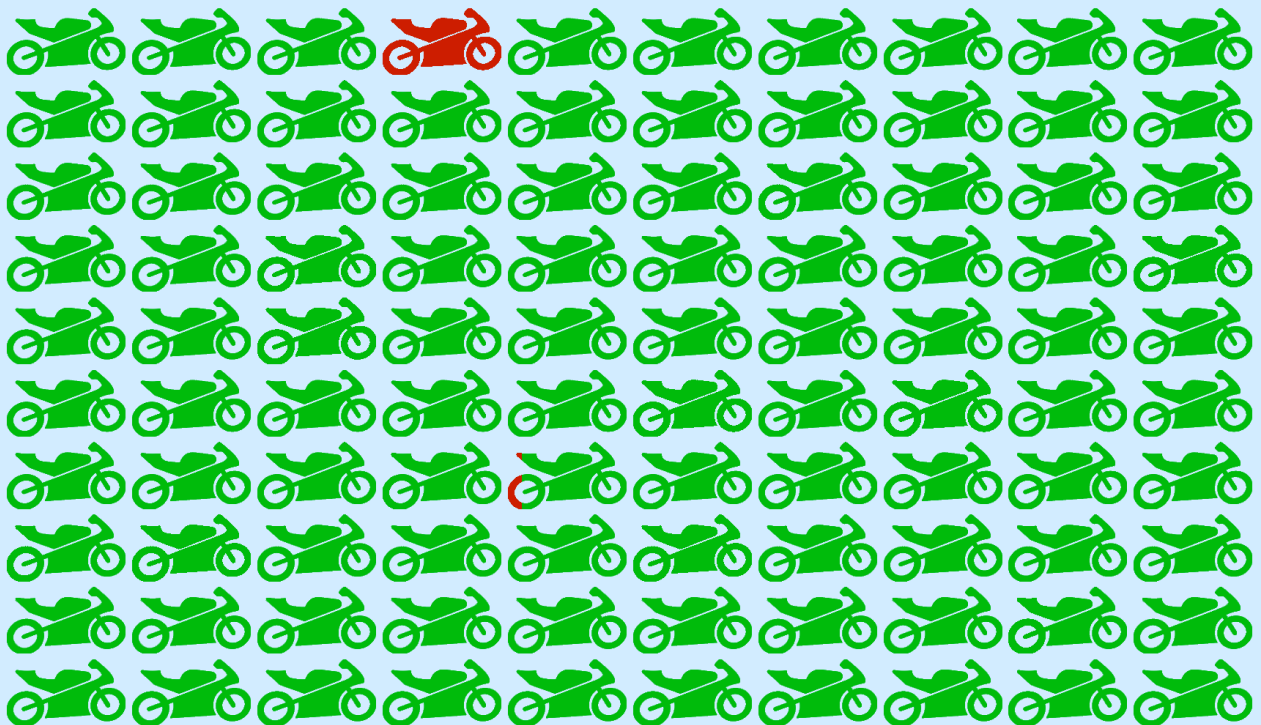
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

2018

RANK: **15/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

19,686

1 in 95

STOLEN:

208

STOLEN

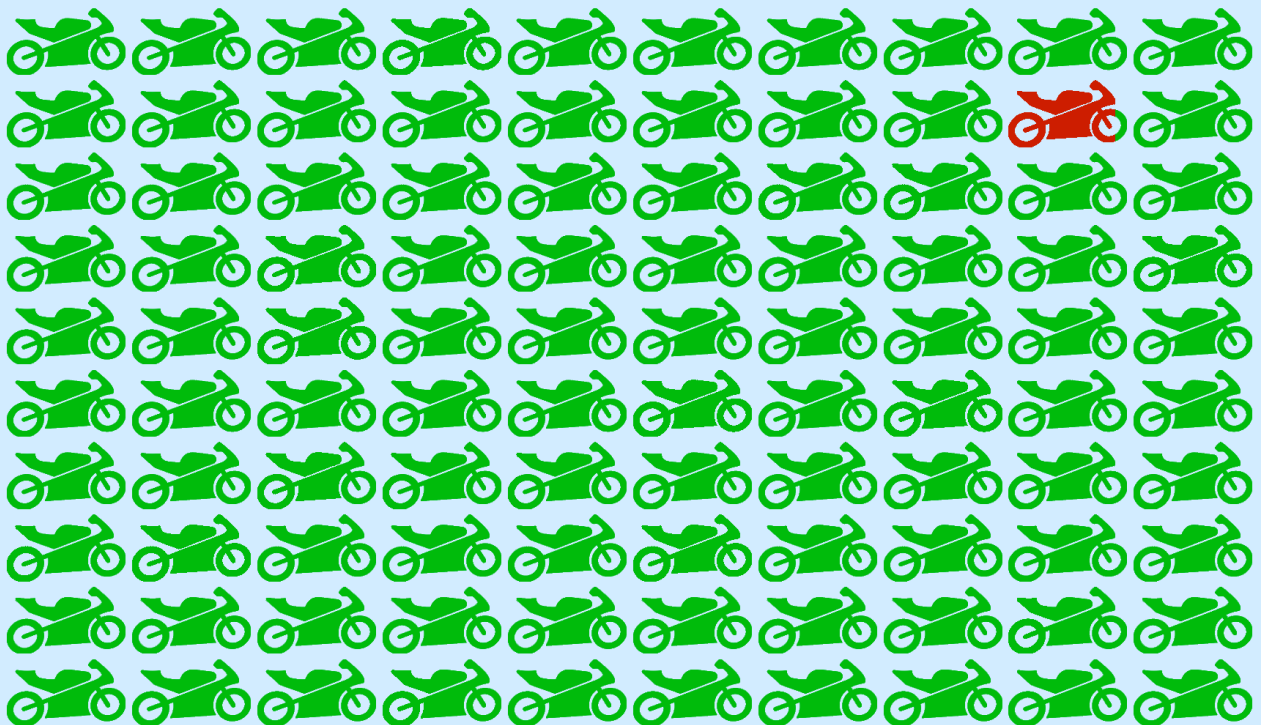
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

NORTH WALES POLICE

2018

RANK: **11/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

15,323

1 in 108

STOLEN:

142

STOLEN

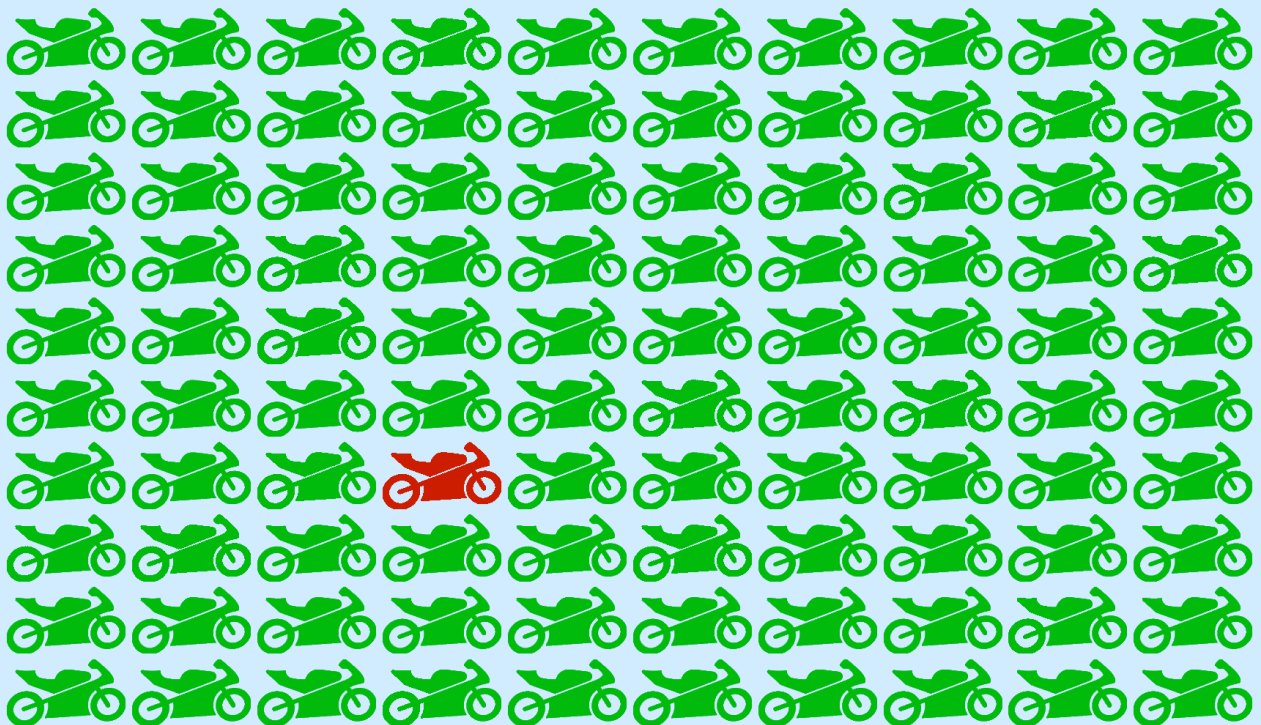
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

2018

RANK: **13/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

20,967

1 in 103

STOLEN:

204

STOLEN

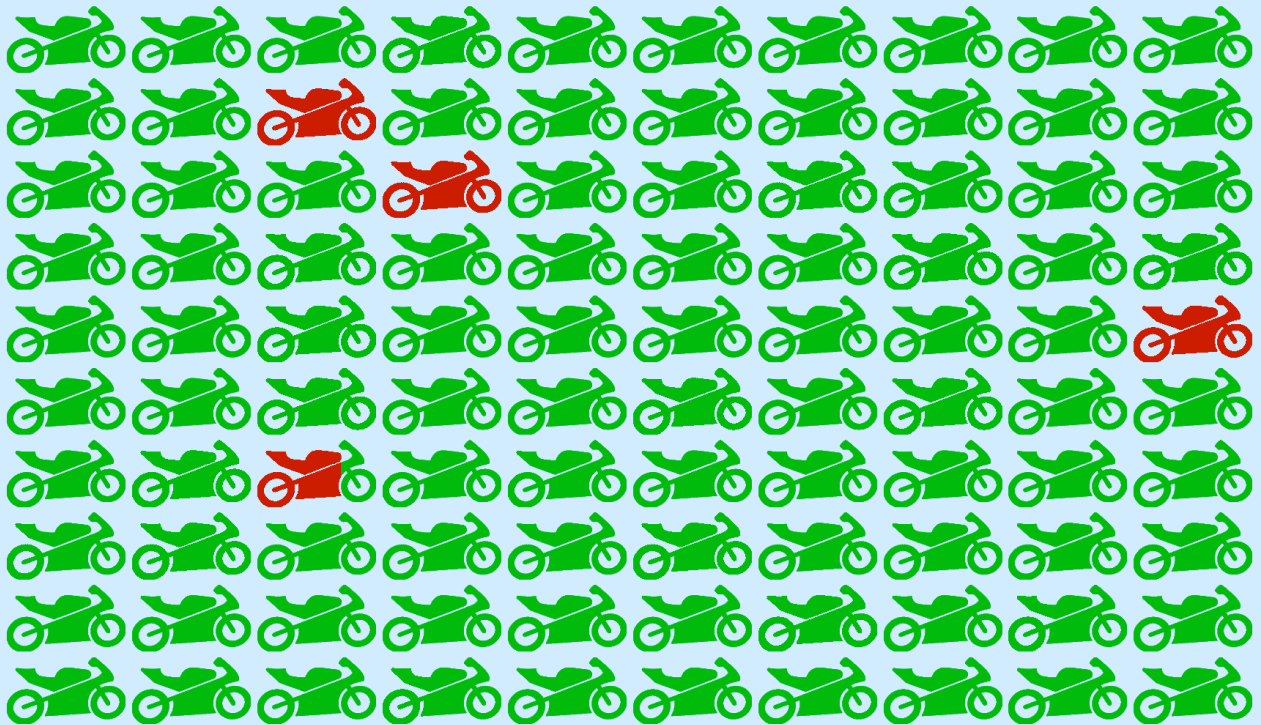
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE

2018

RANK: **31/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

20,850

1 in 26

STOLEN:

791

STOLEN

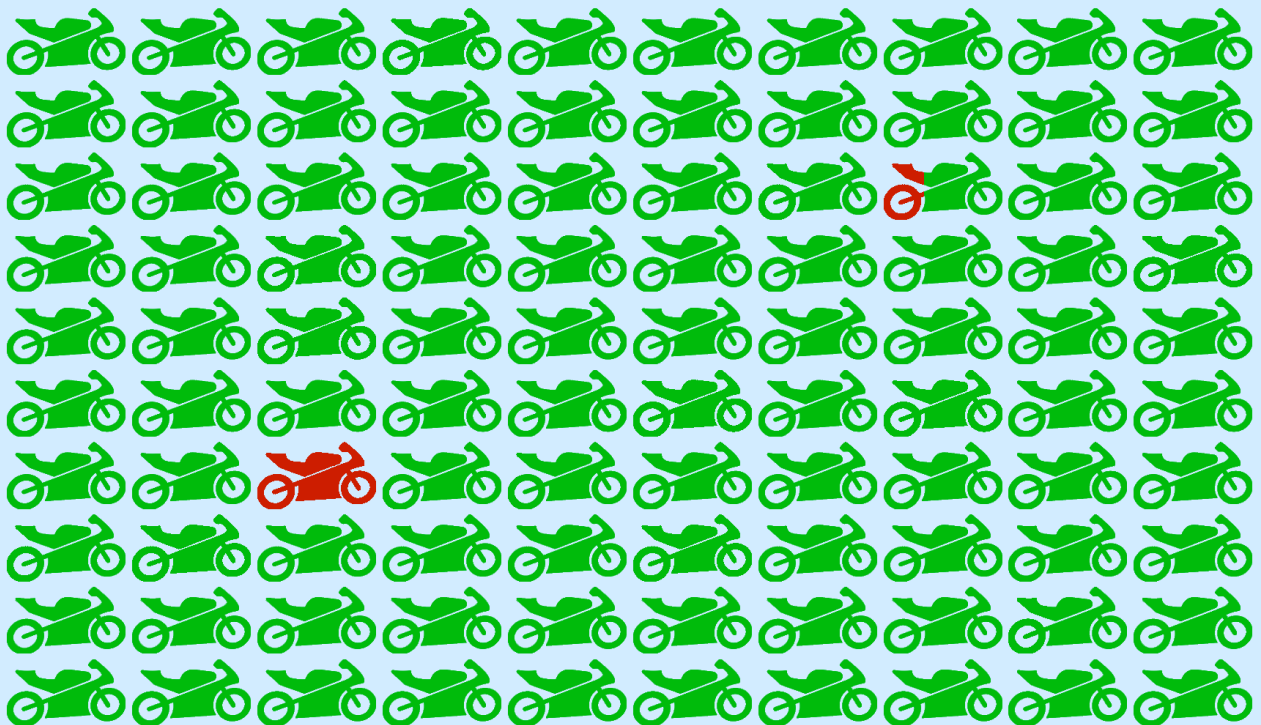
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

2018

RANK: **19/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

22,653

1 in 78

STOLEN:

289

STOLEN

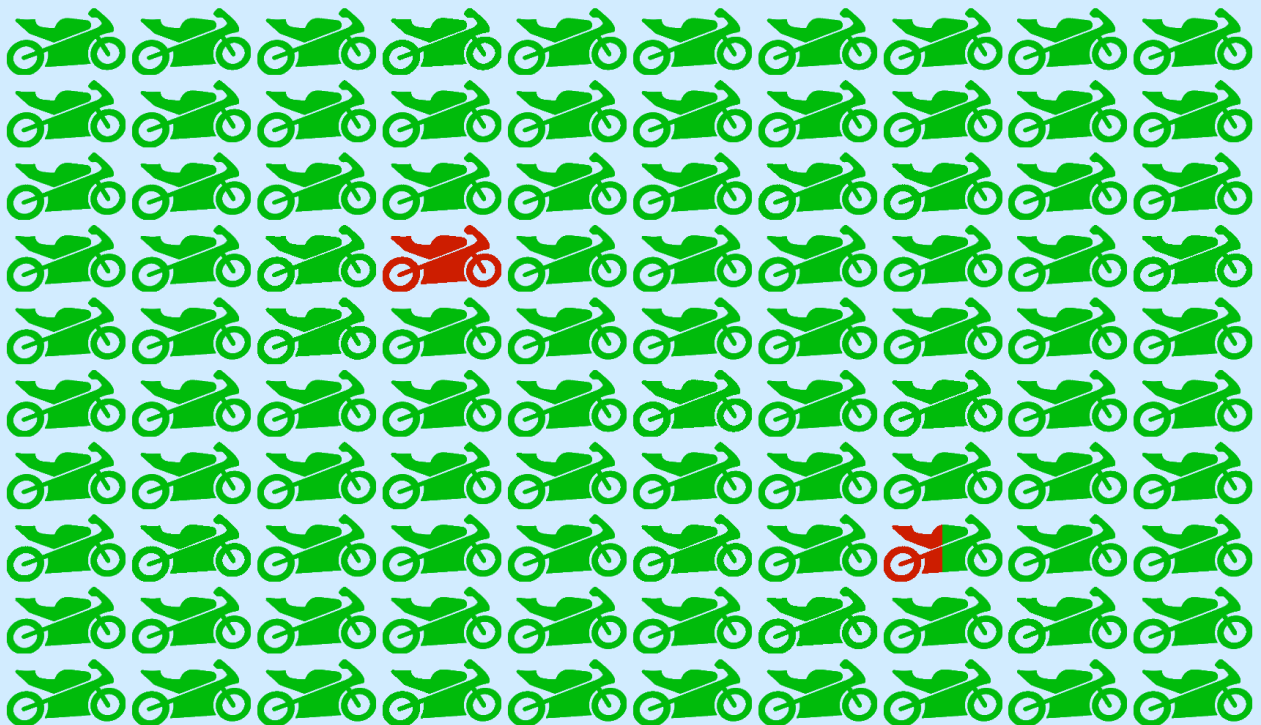
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

2018

RANK: **24/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

24,805

1 in 65

STOLEN:

384

STOLEN

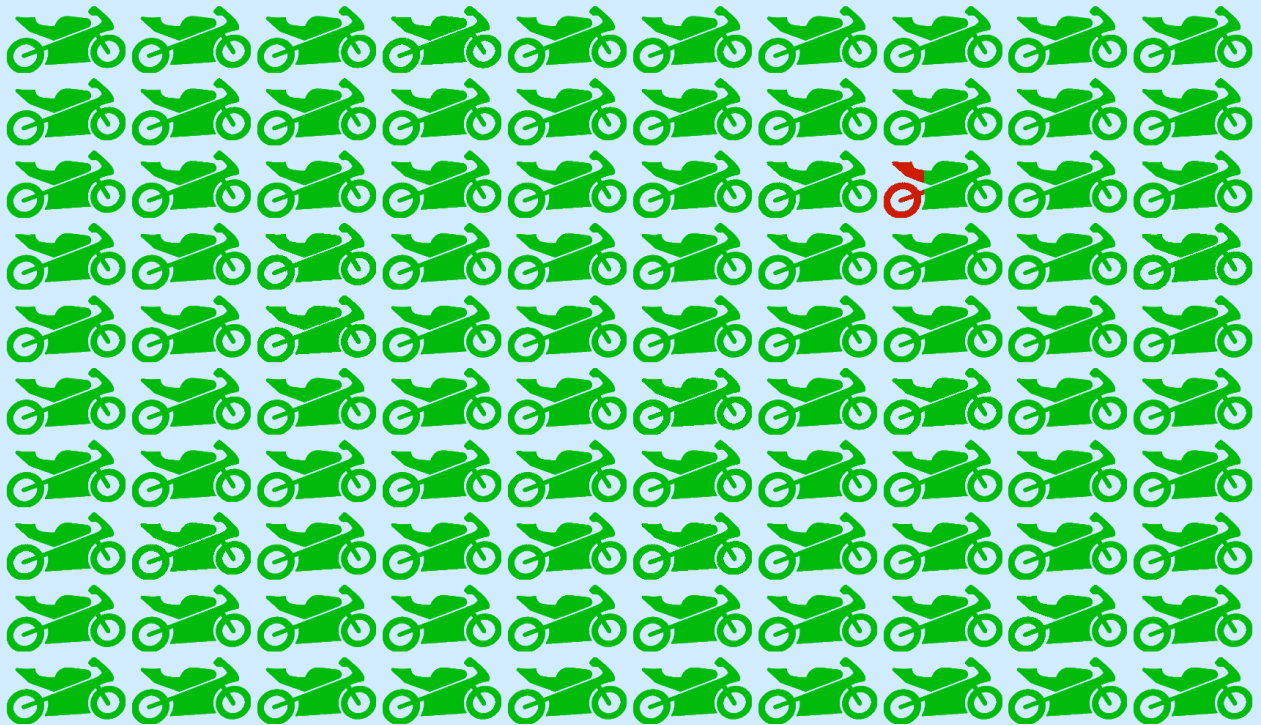
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**SUFFOLK
POLICE**

2018

RANK: 2/36



REGISTERED BIKES:

21,371

1 in 382

STOLEN:

56

STOLEN

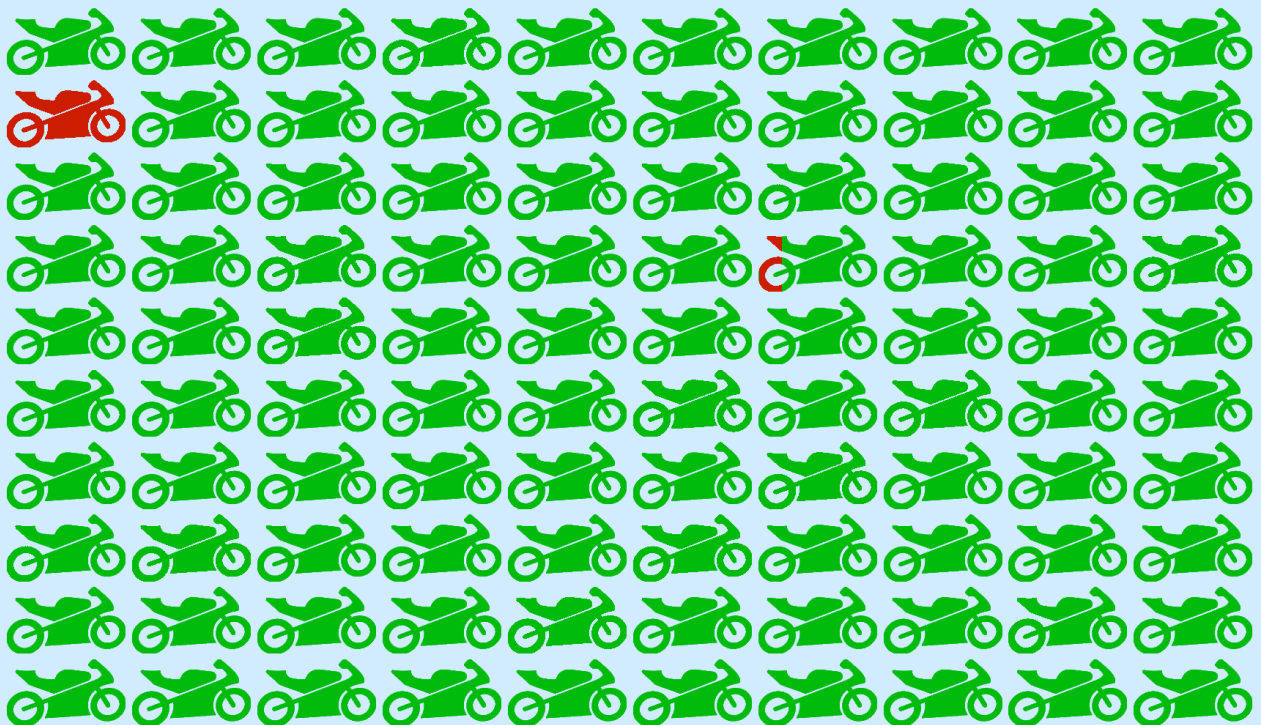
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**SURREY
POLICE**

2018

RANK: 18/36



REGISTERED BIKES:

29,221

1 in 83

STOLEN:

350

STOLEN

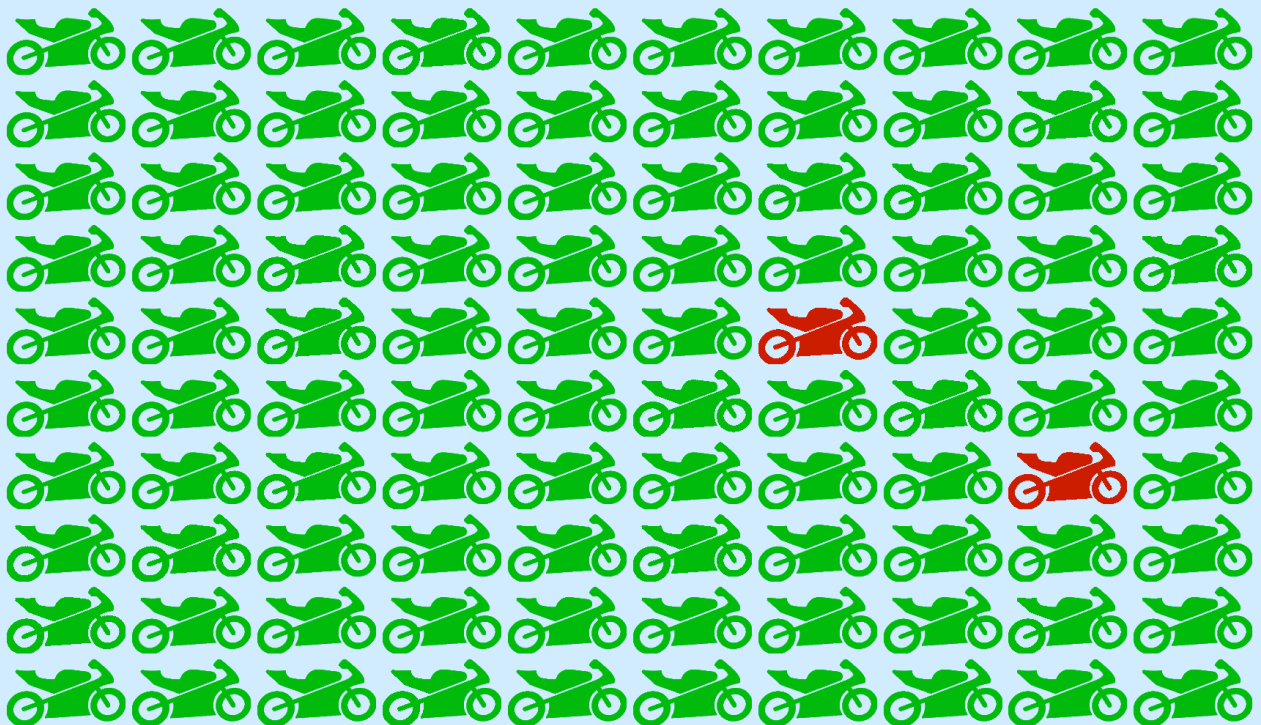
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

**SUSSEX
POLICE**

2018

RANK: 28/36



REGISTERED BIKES:

41,118

1 in 49

STOLEN:

840

STOLEN

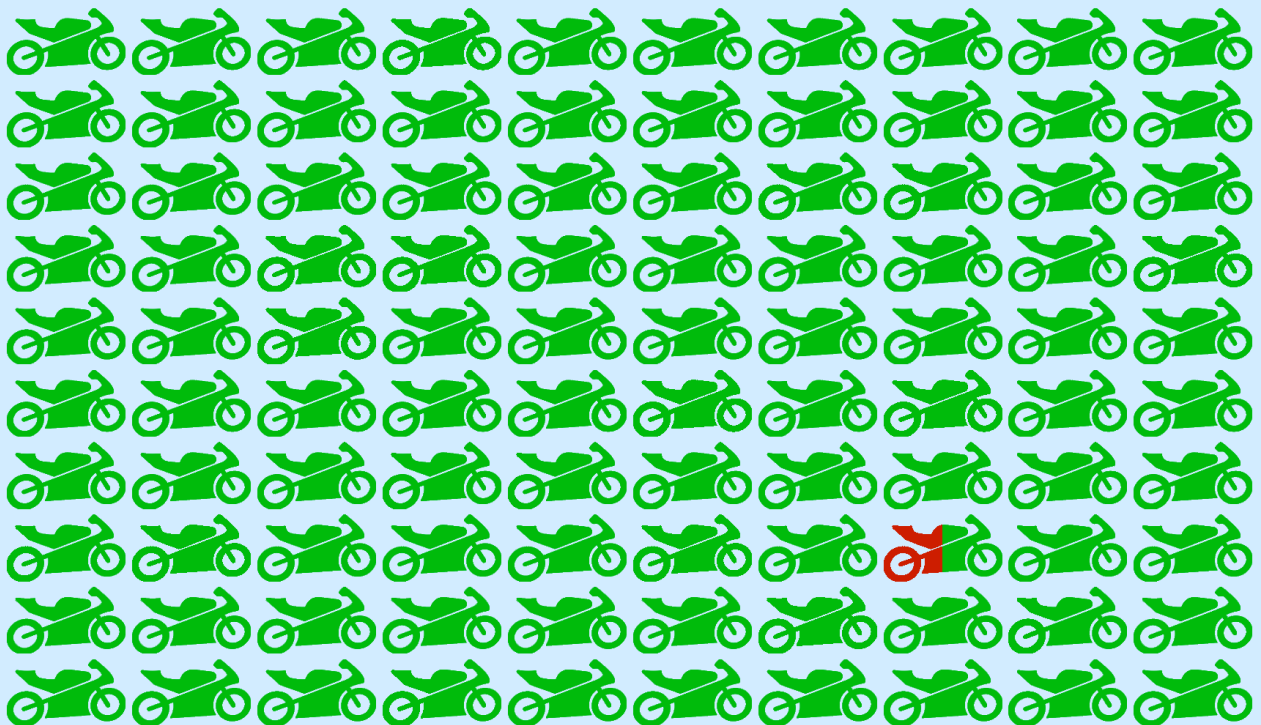
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

WARWICKSHIRE POLICE

2018

RANK: **7/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

13,674

1 in 195

STOLEN:

70

STOLEN

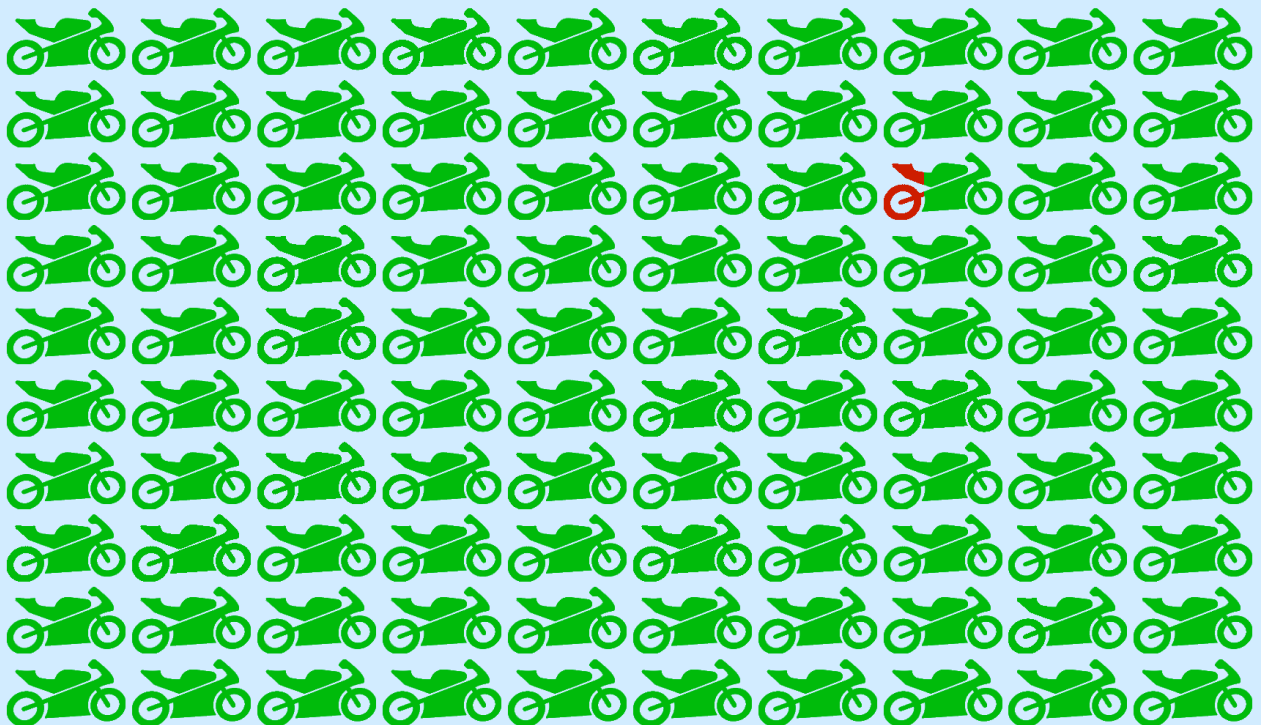
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

WEST MERCIA POLICE

2018

RANK: **4/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

30,888

1 in 289

STOLEN:

107

STOLEN

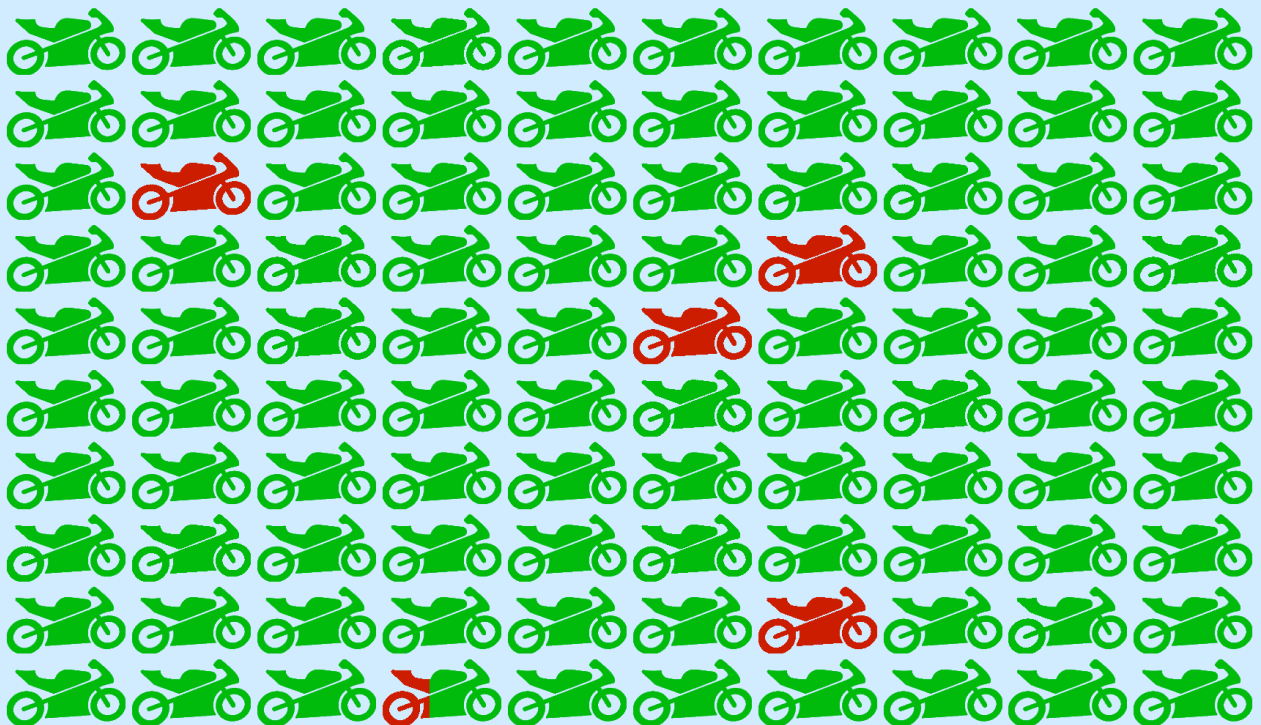
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

2018

RANK: **32/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

34,610

STOLEN:

1537

1 in 23

STOLEN

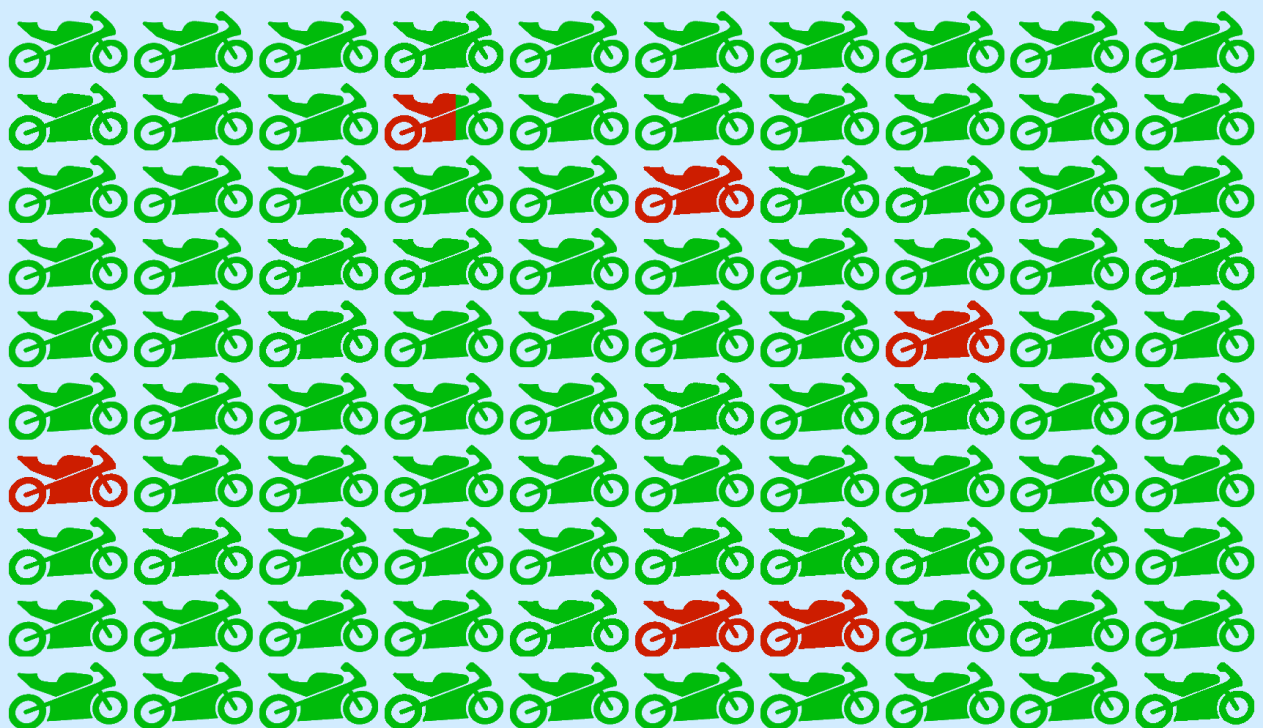
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MAG NATIONAL BIKE THEFT RANKING

WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

2018

RANK: **35/36**



REGISTERED BIKES:

33,566

1 in 18

STOLEN:

1,868

STOLEN

(National Average 1 in 46)

UNRANKED

The following forces failed to respond to the FOI request:

- Humberside Police
- Leicestershire Police

Should we receive responses we will issue an amended ranking in a future revision.

The following forces refused to respond with the required information:

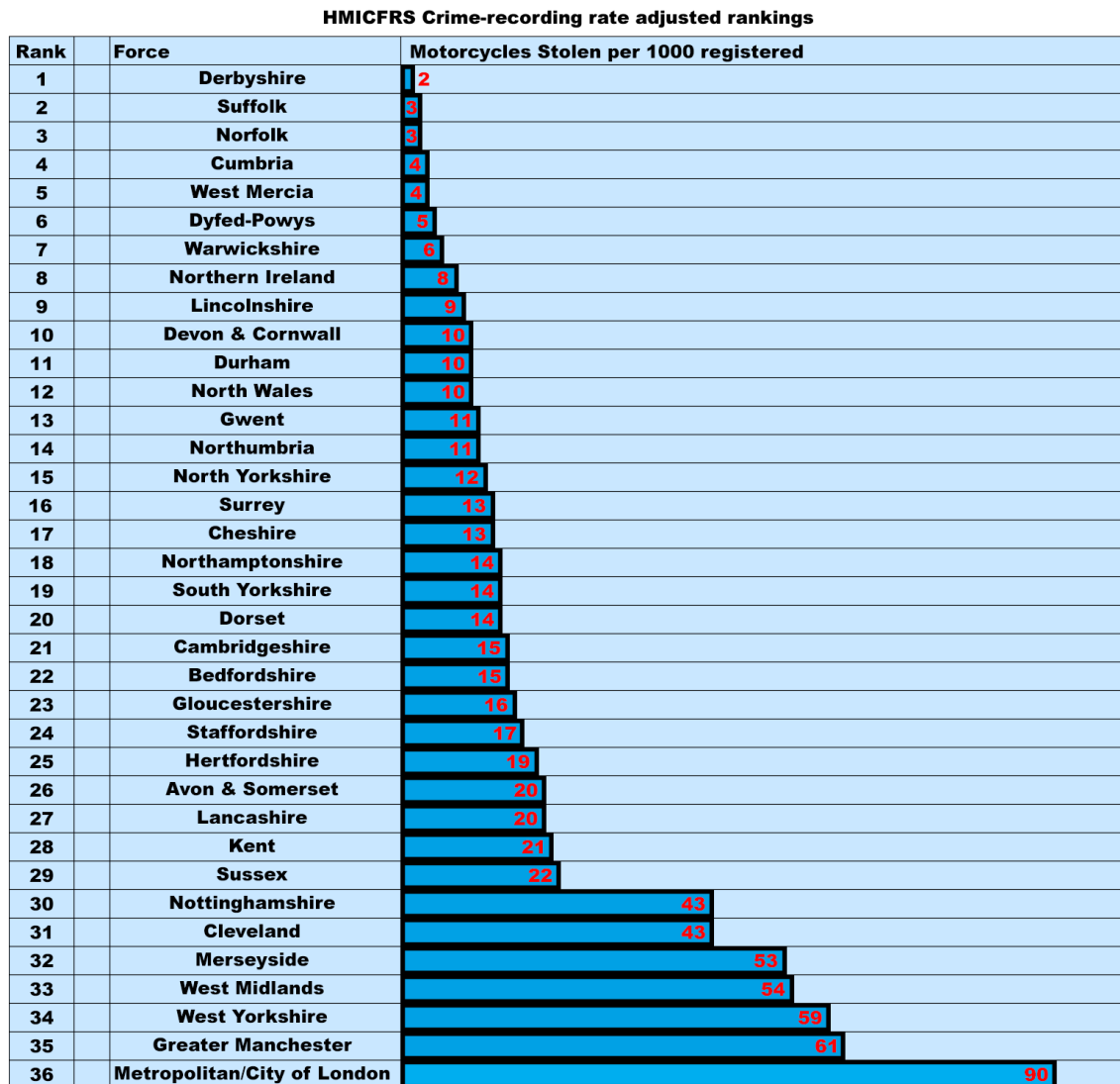
- Essex Police
- Hampshire Police
- Police Scotland
- South Wales Police
- Thames Valley Police
- Wiltshire Police

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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