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Tēnā koe Kasey

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 8 January 2026. You wrote:

*Could you please provide this information about bike and scooter thefts in Wellington City:*

*How many bikes and scooters have been reported stolen over the past five years, broken down by year?*

*Of those reported thefts, how many have been recovered?*

*And of those reported thefts, how many have resulted in an arrest?*

Table 1 is a count of bicycles reported stolen, those recovered, and of the offences that have been proceeded against in the Wellington area<sup>1</sup> within Police's Wellington District, 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2025, by year.

Table 2 is a count of scooters reported stolen, those recovered, and of the offences that have been proceeded against in the Wellington area, 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2025, by year.

A proceeding counts each separate occasion when Police deal with an offender for one or more offences. Proceedings for official statistics are usually classified according to the most serious offence that the offender is dealt with on that occasion.

*Table 1. Bicycles reported stolen, recovered, and the offences proceeded against in the Wellington area, 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2025, by year.*

Bicycles	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Stolen	101	202	151	224	291	969
Recovered	9	3	5	5	6	28
Proceeded Against	13	13	9	15	18	68

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/structure/police-districts/wellington>

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Table 2. Scooters reported stolen, recovered, and the offences proceeded against in the Wellington area, 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2025, by year.

Scooter	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Stolen	21	32	49	51	77	230
Recovered	0	0	0	2	0	2
Proceeded Against	1	1	6	7	5	20

Data in this response is drawn from a dynamic operational database and is subject to change as new information is recorded or updated.

A key focus for Police is preventing crime and working together with communities to protect themselves against this kind of offending. We continue to advise people about the importance of ensuring bikes are locked, placed in a brightly lit and public area, and making note of the serial number.

We rely on the public to report any suspicious activity that includes an excessive amount of bikes at a private address, or a person carrying tools such as grinders or bolt cutters near bike racks. Our people remain committed to investigate all matters reported and will aim to recover stolen property wherever possible.

The data in this response is a count of items reported as stolen to Police. However, Police may discover stolen items, which are then seized by police, that are not included in this data as they may not have been reported as stolen.

As an example of Police seizing items which were not captured in this data, please see this report on the Police website<sup>2</sup> of an operation which led to a large recovery of items including 285 bicycles.

As part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively release some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.police.govt.nz/news/release/operation-trump-card-huge-cache-stolen-property-recovered>