

**Request:**

I am seeking information on e-scooter use in the jurisdiction of Northamptonshire Police, for the latest available date and preferably broken down by whether the vehicles are part of the sanctioned schemes or privately owned.

1. How many incident reports have there been regarding e-scooters that do not belong to authorized schemes in the past four years?  
Please can this data be broken down into incident type and if possible by year, for example, unauthorized use of a vehicle, drunk driving, collision, inappropriate use of the vehicle e.g. pavement riders or tandem riding, riding with no license.
2. How many incident reports have there been regarding use of e-scooters that are under authorized schemes since their inception?  
Please can this data be broken down into incident type and if possible by year, for example, unauthorized use of a vehicle, drunk driving, collision, inappropriate use of the vehicle e.g. pavement riders or tandem riding, riding with no license.
3. Overall, over the past four years, how many arrests have been made of e-scooter users?  
If possible can this be broken down by year.
4. Overall, over the past four years, how many fines have been levied on e-scooter users and what is the value of these?  
If possible can this be broken down by year.

**Response:**

Northamptonshire Police records 'Incident reports' from requests from members of the public requiring police assistance. These requests for assistance may be made via 101 or the 999 telephone system, or online submissions via the Northamptonshire Police website. Not all incident reports generate a crime report, and not all crime reports come from an incident report.

In order to respond to your request, both the crime system and the incident system were searched. Crime reports conform to the [National Crime Recording Standards](#) using the [Offence classification index](#) and Incident Reports conform to the [National Standard for Incident recording](#) (NSIR)

1. Crimes and Incidents where an e-scooter is mentioned within the MO or incident report text, excluding any reports where an authorised rental e-scooter (VOI) or council scheme is mentioned; broken down by Offence and NSIR Closing Category Description, and year for the last four whole years and to May 2021.

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| Offence                              | 2017     | 2018      | 2019      | 2020      | 2021      |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| BURGLARY                             |          | 2         | 1         | 3         | 6         |
| CRIMINAL DAMAGE                      |          | 2         |           | 1         | 2         |
| DRUG OFFENCES                        |          |           |           |           | 1         |
| MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY |          |           |           | 1         | 1         |
| POSSESSION OF WEAPONS                |          |           |           |           | 1         |
| PUBLIC ORDER                         |          |           | 2         | 6         | 8         |
| ROBBERY                              |          |           | 4         | 10        | 6         |
| THEFT                                | 1        | 9         | 9         | 15        | 9         |
| VEHICLE OFFENCES                     |          | 3         | 1         | 8         |           |
| VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON          | 1        | 2         | 2         | 12        | 7         |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>2</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>56</b> | <b>41</b> |

| NSIR Closing Category         | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| ABANDONED CALL                |      |      |      | 1    |
| ADMIN OTHER                   |      | 3    | 14   | 5    |
| BURGLARY DWELLING             | 1    |      | 1    | 1    |
| BURGLARY NON-DWELLING         |      |      | 1    |      |
| CIVIL DISPUTE                 |      |      | 1    |      |
| COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE POLICE |      |      | 1    |      |
| CONCERN FOR SAFETY            |      | 1    | 10   | 11   |
| CRIME RELATED INCIDENT        | 1    |      |      |      |
| CRIMINAL DAMAGE               |      |      | 3    | 1    |
| DOMESTIC INCIDENT             |      |      | 1    |      |
| HIGHWAYS DISRUPTION           |      |      | 4    | 3    |
| MESSAGE                       |      | 1    | 2    | 1    |
| MISSING PERSON                |      |      |      | 1    |
| NOT ROAD RELATED TRANSPORT    |      |      | 2    |      |
| OTHER CRIMES                  |      | 1    | 5    | 1    |

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|                                |          |           |            |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| OTHER CRIMES- Theft            |          |           | 1          |          |
| POLICE GENERATED RESOURCE ACTI |          |           | 1          |          |
| ROAD INC UNCAPTURED ELSEWHERE  |          |           | 10         | 9        |
| ROBBERY                        |          |           | 2          | 2        |
| ROWDY OR INCONSIDERATE BEHAV   |          | 3         | 22         | 16       |
| RTC - INJURY                   |          |           | 1          | 5        |
| RTC DAMAGE ONLY                |          |           | 1          | 1        |
| SEXUAL OFFENCE                 |          |           |            | 1        |
| SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES       |          | 1         | 20         | 15       |
| THEFT                          |          | 1         | 5          | 2        |
| THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE         |          |           | 1          | 1        |
| VEHICLE NUIS & INAPPROP VEH US |          | 1         | 8          | 6        |
| VIOLENCE AGAINST A PERSON      | 1        |           | 6          | 4        |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>3</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>123</b> | <b>0</b> |

2. Incidents and crime where an authorised rental e-scooter (VOI) or council scheme is mentioned within the MO or incident report text; broken down by Offence and NSIR Closing Category Description, since their inception (2020).

| Offence                     | 2020     | 2021     |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| CRIMINAL DAMAGE             | 1        |          |
| DRUG OFFENCES               | 1        |          |
| PUBLIC ORDER                | 1        | 1        |
| THEFT                       | 2        | 1        |
| VEHICLE OFFENCES            |          | 2        |
| VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON | 1        |          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>6</b> | <b>4</b> |

| NSIR Closing Category | 2020 | 2021 |
|-----------------------|------|------|
| ADMIN OTHER           | 3    | 3    |

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|                                |           |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE POLICE  |           | 1         |
| CONCERN FOR SAFETY             | 1         | 3         |
| MESSAGE                        | 1         |           |
| NOT ROAD RELATED TRANSPORT     |           | 1         |
| OTHER CRIMES                   |           | 2         |
| ROAD INC UNCAPTURED ELSEWHERE  | 5         | 1         |
| ROWDY OR INCONSIDERATE BEHAV   | 3         | 6         |
| RTC DAMAGE ONLY                | 1         |           |
| SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES       | 5         | 4         |
| THEFT                          | 1         |           |
| THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE         |           | 1         |
| VEHICLE NUIS & INAPPROP VEH US | 4         | 6         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>24</b> | <b>28</b> |

3. Number of arrests of e-scooter users

2017 - 0

2018 - 0

2019 - 0

2020 - 6 people were arrested for 8 offences

2021 - 7 people were arrested for 19 offences

4. Number of Fixed Penalty Notice fines given to e-scooter users (see note below re fines at court):

2017 - 0

2018 - 0

2019 - 0

2020 - 0

2021 - 0

Please note the following in relation to the data provided:

There are no incidents recorded for 2017.

Northamptonshire Police does not hold any information in relation to fines issued at court. That is because information on fines and convictions i.e. Results at Court, are held by Her Majesty's Court Service.

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Crimes and incidents have been 'keyword' searched to see if they contain the words e-scooter, electric scooter, or VOI scooter. As with any keyword search, the search will only return exact matches within the Crime MO or initial incident report. This does not account for differences in terminology and/or spelling used. If the MO or initial description does not mention if it is part of an authorised scheme, then this will not be included. Also, we cannot search the crime investigation screens/additional information screens, if the terms are not used within the MO or initial incident report, then the crimes or incidents will not be identified.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data. The figures provided therefore are our best interpretation of relevance of data to your request, but you should be aware that the collation of figures for ad hoc requests may have limitations and this should be taken into account when the data is used.

Due to the different methods of recording information across 43 forces, a specific response from one constabulary should not be seen as an indication of what information could be supplied (within cost) by another. Systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. For this reason responses between forces may differ, and should not be used for comparative purposes.

If you decide to write an article / use the enclosed data we would ask you to take into consideration the factors highlighted in this document so as to not mislead members of the public or official bodies, or misrepresent the relevance of the whole or any part of this disclosed material.

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