

**AUTO THEFT**

Auto theft is the larceny or attempted larceny of a motor vehicle. This includes all vehicles which can be registered as such in the state. "Joyriding" thefts are included under this category.

Auto theft does not include autos taken for temporary use when the vehicle is returned by the taker and when prior authority has been granted or can be assumed.

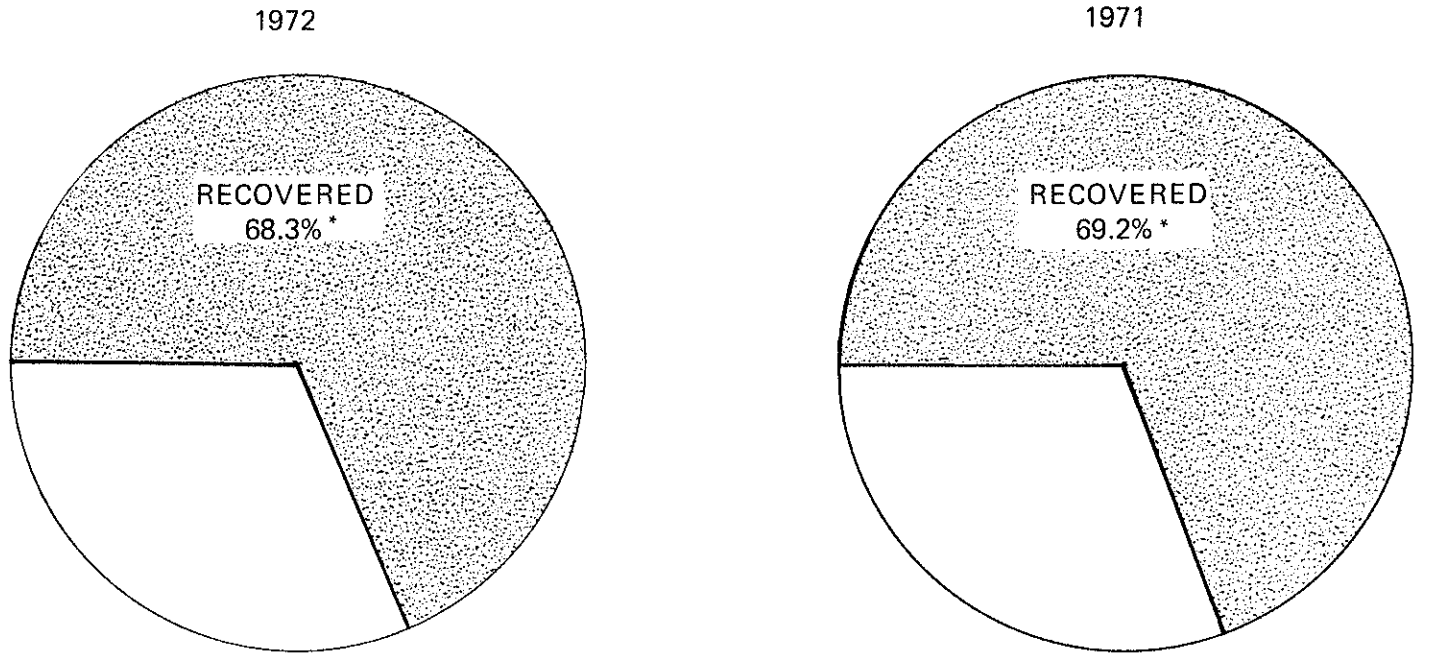
**1971**  
SUMMARY ANALYSIS

- A total of 27,650 auto thefts were reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during 1971.
- Auto thefts made up 11.3 percent of all property crime and 9.7 percent of all index crimes.
- The statewide auto theft rate for 1971 amounted to 392.7 per 100,000 population.
- There were a total of 5,665 auto thefts cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 20.5 percent statewide.
- The age group responsible for the highest percentage of persons arrested for auto theft, 14.3 percent, occurred in the 16 year old age category. 94.5 percent of all persons arrested for auto theft were males.
- 66.1 percent of all persons arrested for auto theft were White, 32.2 percent were Negro, and 1.7 percent were of other races.
- Of the 27,650 autos stolen during this period, 19,132, or 69.2 percent were recovered.
- The total value of autos stolen was \$32,170,086. Autos valued at \$21,216,781 were recovered.
- The average value of auto thefts during the reporting period was \$1,151.
- 49.2 percent of all stolen vehicles were recovered in the same jurisdiction where they were stolen.

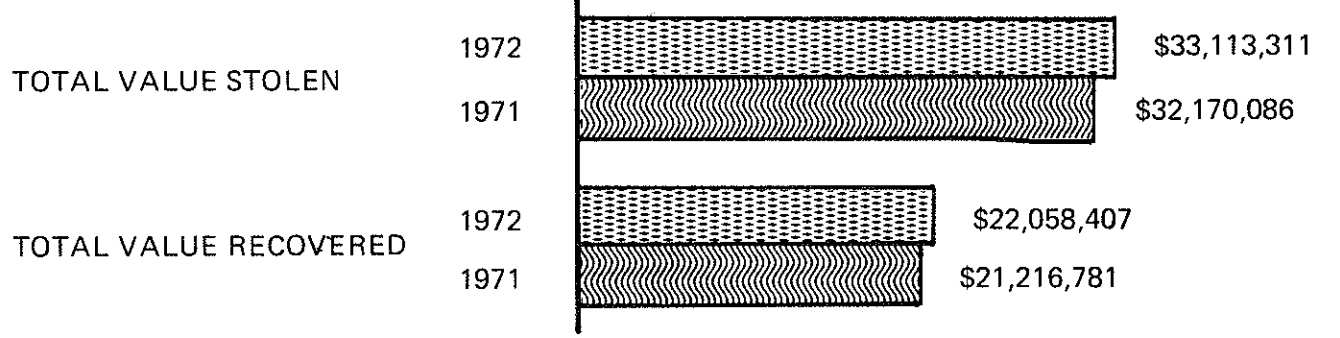
**1972**  
SUMMARY ANALYSIS

- A total of 26,576 auto thefts were reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during the year 1972.
- Auto thefts made up 10.9 percent of all property crime and 9.3 percent of all index offenses reported.
- The statewide auto theft rate for the year amounted to 357.1 per 100,000 population.
- A total of 5,956 auto thefts were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 22.4 percent statewide.
- The age group responsible for the highest percentage of persons arrested for auto theft 16.3 percent, occurred in the 16 year old age category. 94.4 percent of all persons arrested for auto theft were males.
- 70.9 percent of all persons arrested for auto theft were White, 27.7 percent were Negro, and 1.4 percent were of other races.
- Of the 26,576 autos stolen during the year, 18,157 or 68.3 percent were recovered.
- The total value of autos stolen was \$33,113,311. Autos valued at \$22,058,407 were recovered. Stolen autos accounted for 30.4 percent of the total value of property stolen.
- The average value of autos stolen during the reporting period was \$1,246.
- 46.7 percent of all stolen vehicles were recovered in the same jurisdiction where they were stolen.

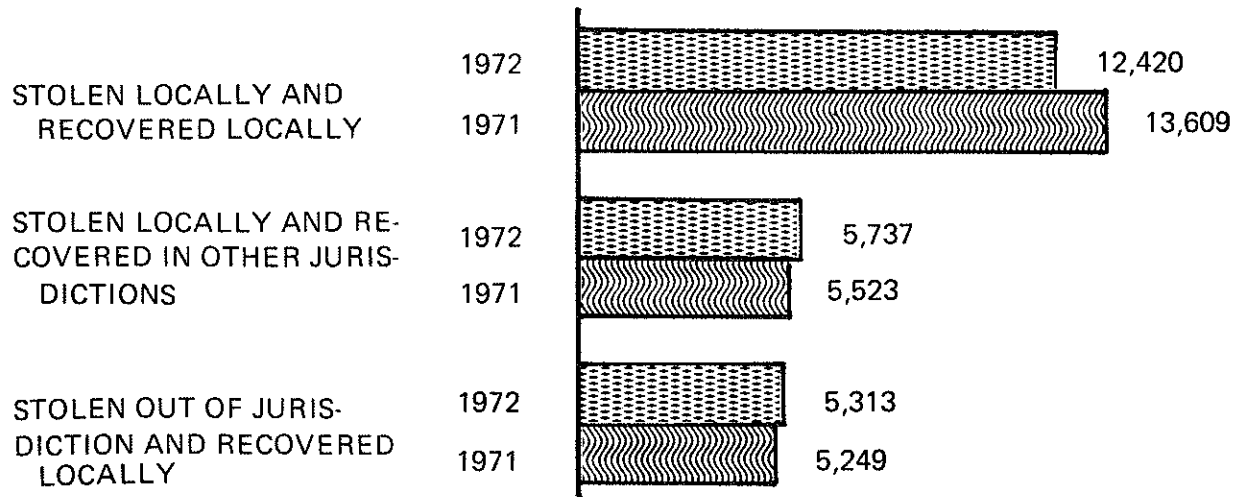
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STOLEN AUTOMOBILES VALUE



AUTOMOBILES RECOVERED



\* Percentage of the Number of Automobiles Recovered.