

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Motor vehicle 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.

1971—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 27,650 motor vehicle thefts were reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during 1971.

Motor vehicle thefts made up 7.7 percent of all nonviolent crime and 6.9 percent of all index crimes.

The statewide motor vehicle theft rate for 1971 amounted to 392.7 per 100,000 population.

There were a total of 5,665 motor vehicle 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 motor vehicle theft, 14.3 percent, occurred in the 16 year old age category. 94.5 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were males.

66.1 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were White, 32.2 percent were Negro, and 1.7 percent were of other races.

Of the \$32,170,086 reported stolen in the locally stolen automobile category, \$21,216,781 was recovered, constituting a 66.0 percent recovery rate in value.

The average value of motor vehicle thefts during the reporting period was \$1,151.

71.1 percent of the total motor vehicles recovered had originally been stolen from the same jurisdiction.

1972—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 26,576 motor vehicle thefts were reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during the year 1972.

Motor vehicle thefts made up 7.6 percent of all nonviolent crime and 6.8 percent of all index offenses reported.

The statewide motor vehicle theft rate for the year amounted to 357.1 per 100,000 population.

A total of 5,957 motor vehicle 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 motor vehicle theft, 16.3 percent, occurred in the 16 year old age category. 94.4 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were males.

70.8 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were White, 27.8 percent were Negro, and 1.4 percent were of other races.

Of the \$33,117,511 reported stolen in the locally stolen automobile category, \$22,058,407 was recovered, constituting a 66.6 percent recovery rate in value.

The average value of motor vehicles stolen during the reporting period was \$1,251.

68.4 percent of the total motor vehicles recovered had originally been stolen from the same jurisdiction.

1973—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 34,564 motor vehicle thefts were reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during the year 1973.

Motor vehicle thefts made up 8.4 percent of all nonviolent crime and 7.5 percent of all index offenses reported.

The statewide motor vehicle theft rate for the year amounted to 440.6 per 100,000 population.

A total of 7,624 motor vehicle thefts were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 22.1 percent statewide.

The age group responsible for the highest percentage of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 15.1 percent, occurred in the 16 year old age category. 94.3 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were males.

66.5 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were White, 32.1 percent were Negro, and 1.5 percent were of other races.

Of the \$47,253,078 reported stolen in the locally stolen automobile category, \$31,466,861 was recovered, constituting a 66.6 percent recovery rate in value.

The average value of motor vehicles stolen during the reporting period was \$1,329.

71.3 percent of the total motor vehicles recovered had originally been stolen from the same jurisdiction.

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YEAR	1971	1972	1973
Number of Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses	27,650	26,576	34,564
Number of Clearances	5,665	5,957	7,624
Percent Cleared	20.5	22.4	22.1
Value of Vehicles Stolen	\$31,822,294	\$33,245,989	\$45,925,068
STOLEN VEHICLES*			
YEAR	1971	1972	1973
Value Stolen	\$32,170,086	\$33,117,511	\$47,253,078
Value Recovered	\$21,216,781	\$22,058,407	\$31,466,861
Percent Recovered	66.0	66.6	66.6
RECOVERED VEHICLES*			
Number of Motor Vehicles Recovered Locally	13,609	12,420	16,445
Number of Motor Vehicles Recovered in Other Jurisdictions	5,523	5,737	6,623

*Includes vehicles stolen during the commission of other Part I offenses.