

# 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.

## 1975--SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 36,973 motor vehicle thefts were reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during 1975.

Motor vehicle thefts made up 6.3 percent of all nonviolent crime and 5.7 percent of all index offenses reported.

The statewide motor vehicle theft rate for the year amounted to 435.7 per 100,000 population.

A total of 8,069 motor vehicle thefts were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 21.8 percent statewide.

The age group responsible for the highest percentage of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 13.5 percent, occurred in the 17

year old age category. 92.6 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were males.

78.3 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were white, 21.4 percent were Negro, and 0.2 percent were of other races.

Of the \$63,964,740 reported stolen in the locally stolen motor vehicle category, \$40,298,969 was recovered, constituting a 63.0 percent recovery rate in value.

The average value of motor vehicles stolen during the reporting period was \$1,706.

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

## 1976--SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 28,578 motor vehicle thefts were reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during 1976.

Motor vehicle thefts made up 5.3 percent of all nonviolent crime and 4.8 percent of all index offenses reported.

The statewide motor vehicle theft rate for the year amounted to 334.2 per 100,000 population.

A total of 5,823 motor vehicle thefts were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 20.4 percent statewide.

The age group responsible for the highest percentage of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 14.0 percent, occurred in the 16

year old age category. 92.0 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were males.

78.2 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were white, 21.3 percent were Negro, and 0.5 percent were of other races.

Of the \$53,426,017 reported stolen in the locally stolen motor vehicle category, \$29,304,702 was recovered, constituting a 54.9 percent recovery rate in value.

The average value of motor vehicles stolen during the reporting period was \$1,823.

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

## 1977--SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 29,680 motor vehicle thefts were reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during 1977.

Motor vehicle thefts made up 5.8 percent of all nonviolent crime and 5.2 percent of all index offenses reported.

The statewide motor vehicle theft rate for the year amounted to 340.5 per 100,000 population.

A total of 6,573 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, 15.3 percent, occurred in the 16

year old age category. 91.4 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were males.

79.4 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were white, 19.9 percent were Negro, and 0.7 percent were of other races.

Of the \$59,843,029 reported stolen in the locally stolen motor vehicle category, \$34,120,268 was recovered, constituting a 57.0 percent recovery rate in value.

The average value of motor vehicles stolen during the reporting period was \$1,956.

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

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## CLEARANCE RATE AND VALUE STOLEN, 1973-1977

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Number of Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses	34,564	39,065	36,973	28,578	29,680
Number of Clearances	7,624	9,015	8,069	5,823	6,573
Percent Cleared	22.1%	23.1%	21.8%	20.4%	22.1%
Value* Stolen during Motor Vehicle Theft	\$45,925,068	\$55,363,776	\$63,059,098	\$52,105,186	\$58,048,607

\*Includes the value of property contained in the vehicles at the time of the motor vehicle theft.

## ANALYSIS OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES\*\*

### VALUE OF VEHICLES\*\* STOLEN AND RECOVERED BY TYPE, 1973-1977

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Automobiles Value Stolen Value Recovered Percent Recovered	Data not compiled by Type of Vehicle in 1973	\$37,719,246 \$26,612,847 70.6%	\$42,843,093 \$28,437,127 66.4%	\$36,587,314 \$21,368,269 58.4%	\$39,675,949 \$24,341,137 61.3%
Trucks and Buses Value Stolen Value Recovered Percent Recovered		\$10,940,212 \$ 7,338,020 67.1%	\$13,410,158 \$ 8,514,404 63.5%	\$10,747,084 \$ 5,887,727 54.8%	\$13,390,096 \$ 7,313,122 54.6%
Motorcycles Value Stolen Value Recovered Percent Recovered	Motorcycles are included in Other Vehicles for 1973 through 1975			\$ 3,739,774 \$ 1,147,020 30.7%	\$ 4,301,678 \$ 1,478,934 34.4%
Other Vehicles Value Stolen Value Recovered Percent Recovered		\$ 8,298,620 \$ 3,479,625 41.9%	\$ 7,711,489 \$ 3,347,438 43.4%	\$ 2,351,845 \$ 901,686 38.3%	\$ 2,475,306 \$ 987,075 39.9%
TOTAL Value Stolen Value Recovered Percent Recovered	\$47,253,078 \$31,466,861 66.6%	\$56,958,078 \$37,430,492 65.7%	\$63,964,740 \$40,298,969 63.0%	\$53,426,017 \$29,304,702 54.9%	\$59,843,029 \$34,120,268 57.0%

### NUMBER OF RECOVERED VEHICLES,\*\* 1973-1977

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Recovered Locally	16,445	16,600	22,012	10,394	12,188
Recovered in Other Jurisdictions	6,623	7,358	7,118	4,865	4,930
Number of Motor Vehicles Recovered	23,068	23,958	29,130	15,259	17,118

\*\*Includes vehicles stolen during the commission of any Part I offense; specifically murder, forcible rape, robbery, breaking and entering, or motor vehicle theft. Property contained in the vehicles is not included.