

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.

1976—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 28,578 motor vehicle thefts was 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.

There were 5,823 motor vehicle thefts 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. Of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 92.0 percent were males.

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

The average value of a motor vehicle theft during the reporting period was \$1,823.

Motor vehicles reported stolen during the commission of any Part I offense totaled \$53,426,017; \$29,304,702 was recovered which constitutes a 54.9 percent recovery rate in value. Of the total number of motor vehicles recovered, 68.1 percent had originally been stolen from the same jurisdiction.

1977—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 29,680 motor vehicle thefts was 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.

There were 6,573 motor vehicle thefts 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. Of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 91.4 percent were males.

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

The average value of a motor vehicle theft during the reporting period was \$1,956.

Motor vehicles reported stolen during the commission of any Part I offense totaled \$59,843,029; \$34,120,268 was recovered which constitutes a 57.0 percent recovery rate in value. Of the total number of motor vehicles recovered, 71.2 percent had originally been stolen from the same jurisdiction.

1978—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 33,392 motor vehicle thefts was reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during 1978.

Motor vehicle thefts made up 6.2 percent of all nonviolent crime and 5.5 percent of all index offenses reported.

The statewide motor vehicle theft rate for the year amounted to 372.4 per 100,000 population.

There were 7,951 motor vehicle thefts cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 23.8 percent statewide.

The age group responsible for the highest percentage of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 14.6 percent, occurred in the 16

year old age category. Of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 91.9 percent were males.

Of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 77.4 percent were white, 22.5 percent were Negro and 0.1 percent were of other races.

The average value of a motor vehicle theft during the reporting period was \$2,337.

Motor vehicles reported stolen during the commission of any Part I offense totaled \$80,875,899; \$49,939,455 was recovered which constitutes a 61.7 percent recovery rate in value. Of the total number of motor vehicles recovered, 71.4 percent had originally been stolen from the same jurisdiction.

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CLEARANCE RATE AND VALUE STOLEN, 1974-1978

	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
Number of Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses	39,065	36,973	28,578	29,680	33,392
Number of Clearances	9,015	8,069	5,823	6,573	7,951
Percent Cleared	23.1%	21.8%	20.4%	22.1%	23.8%
Value* Stolen during Motor Vehicle Theft	\$55,363,776	\$63,059,098	\$52,105,186	\$58,048,607	\$78,026,087

*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, 1974-1978

	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
Automobiles					
Value Stolen	\$37,719,246	\$42,843,093	\$36,587,314	\$39,675,949	\$54,215,669
Value Recovered	\$26,612,847	\$28,437,127	\$21,368,269	\$24,341,137	\$34,527,434
Percent Recovered	70.6%	66.4%	58.4%	61.3%	63.7%
Trucks and Buses					
Value Stolen	\$10,940,212	\$13,410,158	\$10,747,084	\$13,390,096	\$19,362,239
Value Recovered	\$ 7,338,020	\$ 8,514,404	\$ 5,887,727	\$ 7,313,122	\$12,492,243
Percent Recovered	67.1%	63.5%	54.8%	54.6%	64.5%
Motorcycles					
Value Stolen	Motorcycles are included in Other Vehicles for 1974 and 1975		\$ 3,739,774	\$ 4,301,678	\$ 5,057,069
Value Recovered			\$ 1,147,020	\$ 1,478,934	\$ 1,736,062
Percent Recovered			30.7%	34.4%	34.3%
Other Vehicles					
Value Stolen	\$ 8,298,620	\$ 7,711,489	\$ 2,351,845	\$ 2,475,306	\$ 2,240,922
Value Recovered	\$ 3,479,625	\$ 3,347,438	\$ 901,686	\$ 987,075	\$ 1,183,716
Percent Recovered	41.9%	43.4%	38.3%	39.9%	52.8%
TOTAL					
Value Stolen	\$56,958,078	\$63,964,740	\$53,426,017	\$59,843,029	\$80,875,899
Value Recovered	\$37,430,492	\$40,298,969	\$29,304,702	\$34,120,268	\$49,939,455
Percent Recovered	65.7%	63.0%	54.9%	57.0%	61.7%

NUMBER OF RECOVERED VEHICLES,** 1974-1978

	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
Recovered Locally	16,600	22,012	10,394	12,188	14,257
Recovered in Other Jurisdictions	7,358	7,118	4,865	4,930	5,703
Number of Motor Vehicles Recovered	23,958	29,130	15,259	17,118	19,960

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

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