

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.

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.

1979—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 38,286 motor vehicle thefts was reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during 1979.

Motor vehicle thefts made up 6.3 percent of all nonviolent crime and 5.6 percent of all index offenses reported.

The statewide motor vehicle theft rate for the year amounted to 414.1 per 100,000 population.

There were 7,962 motor vehicle thefts cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 20.8 percent statewide.

The age group responsible for the highest percentage of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 13.7 percent, occurred in the 16

year old age category. Of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 91.2 percent were males.

Of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 74.8 percent were white, 25.0 percent were Negro and 0.1 percent were of other races.

The average value of a motor vehicle theft during the reporting period was \$2,832.

Motor vehicles reported stolen during the commission of any Part I offense totaled \$112,925,340; \$60,973,585 was recovered which constitutes a 54.0 percent recovery rate in value. Of the total number of motor vehicles recovered, 72.2 percent had originally been stolen from the same jurisdiction.

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CLEARANCE RATE AND VALUE STOLEN, 1975-1979

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Number of Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses	36,973	28,578	29,680	33,392	38,286
Number of Clearances	8,069	5,823	6,573	7,951	7,962
Percent Cleared	21.8%	20.4%	22.1%	23.8%	20.8%
Value* Stolen during Motor Vehicle Theft	\$63,059,098	\$52,105,186	\$58,048,607	\$78,026,087	\$108,418,762

*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, 1975-1979

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Automobiles					
Value Stolen	\$42,843,093	\$36,587,314	\$39,675,949	\$54,215,669	\$76,183,769
Value Recovered	\$28,437,127	\$21,368,269	\$24,341,137	\$34,527,434	\$40,770,957
Percent Recovered	66.4%	58.4%	61.3%	63.7%	53.5%
Trucks and Buses					
Value Stolen	\$13,410,158	\$10,747,084	\$13,390,096	\$19,362,239	\$28,117,040
Value Recovered	\$ 8,514,404	\$ 5,887,727	\$ 7,313,122	\$12,492,243	\$16,801,525
Percent Recovered	63.5%	54.8%	54.6%	64.5%	59.8%
Motorcycles					
Value Stolen	Motorcycles are included in Other Vehicles for 1975	\$ 3,739,774	\$ 4,301,678	\$ 5,057,069	\$5,645,671
Value Recovered		\$ 1,147,020	\$ 1,478,934	\$ 1,736,062	\$2,016,568
Percent Recovered		30.7%	34.4%	34.3%	35.7%
Other Vehicles					
Value Stolen	\$ 7,711,489	\$ 2,351,845	\$ 2,475,306	\$ 2,240,922	\$2,978,860
Value Recovered	\$ 3,347,438	\$ 901,686	\$ 987,075	\$ 1,183,716	\$1,384,535
Percent Recovered	43.4%	38.3%	39.9%	52.8%	46.5%
TOTAL					
Value Stolen	\$63,964,740	\$53,426,017	\$59,843,029	\$80,875,899	\$112,925,340
Value Recovered	\$40,298,969	\$29,304,702	\$34,120,268	\$49,939,455	\$ 60,973,585
Percent Recovered	63.0%	54.9%	57.0%	61.7%	54.0%

NUMBER OF RECOVERED VEHICLES,** 1975-1979

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Recovered Locally	22,012	10,394	12,188	14,257	15,124
Recovered in Other Jurisdictions	7,118	4,865	4,930	5,703	5,819
Number of Motor Vehicles Recovered	29,130	15,259	17,118	19,960	20,943

**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.