From 2007 to 2017, 18.3% of reported Motor Vehicle Thefts were cleared by arrest or exception. The number of Motor Vehicle Thefts decreased by 41.7% between 2007 and 2017. From 2007 to 2017, 75% of over 500,000 stolen vehicles were recovered by law enforcement. The average value of stolen automobiles increased 96.6% from 2007 to 2017; however, the number of stolen automobiles has decreased by 41.6% over the same period.

The following data comes from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement’s Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) system; the system provides standardized annual and semi-annual reports on crime statistics based on data gathered from across the state.

The crimes recorded by the UCR are classified as Index Crimes which include Property Crimes. Property Crimes are categorized as: Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft. The Motor Vehicle Theft category includes automobiles, trucks, buses, motorcycles, and other self-propelled objects used to transport passengers or cargo. When counting the number of offenses for Motor Vehicle Theft, UCR counts one offense for each vehicle stolen.

In Florida, the annual number of Motor Vehicle Thefts has decreased from 73,582 in 2007 to 42,889 in 2017. The Motor Vehicle Theft rate decreased by 41.7%, from 393.9 offenses (per 100,000 population) in 2007 to 209.0 in 2017. Florida’s population increased 9.7% during the same period.

Males accounted for nearly 85% of arrests for Motor Vehicle Theft between 2007 and 2017.