

# LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES

## DEFINITION

The unlawful taking, carrying, leading or riding away of property from the possession, or constructive possession, of another person.

### POCKET PICKING

The theft of articles from another person's physical possession by stealth, where the victim usually does not become immediately aware of the theft.

### PURSE-SNATCHING

The grabbing or snatching of a purse, handbag, etc., from the physical possession of another person.

### SHOPLIFTING

The theft by a person, other than an employee of the victim, of goods or merchandise exposed for sale.

### THEFT FROM BUILDING

A theft from within a building which is either open to the general public or where the offender has legal access.

### THEFT FROM COIN-OPERATED MACHINE OR DEVICE

A theft from a machine or device which is operated or activated by the use of a coin or token.

### THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE (EXCEPT "MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS/ACCESSORIES")

The theft of articles from a motor vehicle, whether locked or unlocked.

### ALL OTHER LARCENIES

All thefts which do not fit any of the definitions of the specific types of larceny previously listed.

### Clarifying Notes

Embezzlement; fraudulent conversion of entrusted property; conversion of goods lawfully possessed by bailees, lodgers, or finders of lost property; obtaining money or property by false pretenses; larceny by check; larceny after trust; and larceny by bailee are all classified as either Fraud or Embezzlement.

Thefts from rented property or from property which has been rented are not classified as Larceny. This type of incident is considered a Fraud, i.e. defrauding an innkeeper, failure to return rented property, etc.

## Features 1988

### CRIME VOLUME

Number Reported	408,763
Percentage of Index Nonviolent Crimes	60.7%
Index Crimes	53.2%
Mandatory Crimes	44.4%
Rate Per 100,000	3,291.8

### CLEARANCE DATA

Number Cleared	68,237
Clearance Rate	16.7%
Number Cleared by Arrest	52,006
Number Cleared Exceptionally	16,231

### ARREST PROFILE

Number Arrested	64,123
Most Frequent Age Group Arrested	Ages 25-34 29.2%
Percentage of Arrests by Race	White 60.1%, Black 39.5%, Other 0.4%
Percentage of Arrests by Sex	Male 69.5%, Female 30.5%

### OFFENSE SPECIFICS

Most Frequent Location	Commercial 36.0%
Value of Property Stolen	\$202,205,134
Value of Property Recovered	\$21,849,080
Average Value Stolen Per Incident	\$494.70
Most Frequent Dollar Value Stolen	Under \$50 40.0%

**LARCENY OFFENSE TYPES BY LOCATION  
1988**

OFFENSES	NUMBER BY LOCATION					TOTAL
	Residence	Commercial	Gov't/Public	Outdoor	Other	
Pocket Picking	386	1,473	116	346	554	2,875
Purse Snatching	502	1,059	81	1,437	1,905	4,984
Shoplifting	549	71,997	91	275	2,541	75,453
Theft from Building	9,245	13,455	3,865	220	3,447	30,232
Theft from Coin Opr. Machine	297	1,532	202	289	990	3,310
Theft from Motor Vehicle	14,318	5,500	950	11,362	60,182	92,312
All Other	55,030	52,171	5,873	21,177	65,346	199,597
<b>TOTAL For Florida</b>	<b>80,327</b>	<b>147,187</b>	<b>11,178</b>	<b>35,106</b>	<b>134,965</b>	<b>408,763</b>

**SECONDARY OFFENSES REPORTED WITH LARCENY\*  
1988**

PRIMARY OFFENSE	SECONDARY OFFENSE										
	None	Secondary Larceny	Motor Veh. Theft	Kidnap/Abduction	Arson	Simple Assault	Drug/Narcotic	Bribery	Embezzlement	Fraud	Other
Larceny	404,419	1,415	752	6	22	694	358	0	35	263	799

\*Incident where the primary offense is a Larceny, these are the offenses committed in conjunction with the incident.

**LARCENY TYPE BY VALUE STOLEN  
1988**

LARCENY CATAGORIES	VALUE STOLEN	AVERAGE VALUE STOLEN	VALUE RECOVERED	PERCENT
Pocket Picking	\$ 1,363,236	\$ 474.17	\$ 86,588	6.35
Purse Snatching	\$ 1,818,381	\$ 364.84	\$ 53,337	2.93
Shoplifting	\$ 8,664,471	\$ 114.83	\$ 6,296,124	72.67
Theft from Building	\$ 20,817,056	\$ 688.58	\$ 1,481,345	7.11
Theft from Coin Operated Machine	\$ 340,180	\$ 102.77	\$ 18,049	5.30
Theft from Motor Vehicle	\$46,985,381	\$ 508.98	\$ 2,815,640	5.99
All Other	\$ 122,216,429	\$ 612.32	\$ 11,097,997	9.08
<b>TOTAL For Florida</b>	<b>\$ 202,205,134</b>	<b>\$ 494.07</b>	<b>\$ 21,849,080</b>	<b>10.80</b>

**VOLUME OF LARCENY OFFENSES BY VALUE STOLEN  
1988**

OFFENSES	VALUE STOLEN			Attempted No Loss	TOTAL
	Grand Theft (\$300 or More)	Petit Theft \$50-299	Petit Theft Under \$50		
Pocket Picking	720	1,146	987	22	2,875
Purse Snatching	1,126	1,977	1,774	107	4,984
Shoplifting	3,038	14,970	56,702	743	75,453
Theft from Building	10,594	10,704	8,583	351	30,232
Theft from Coin Opr. Machine	287	876	1,806	341	3,310
Theft from Motor Vehicle	31,920	28,546	23,234	8,612	92,312
All Other	56,230	68,903	70,379	4,085	199,597
<b>TOTAL For Florida</b>	<b>103,915</b>	<b>127,122</b>	<b>163,465</b>	<b>14,261</b>	<b>408,763</b>

# LARCENY PROPERTY TYPE BY VALUE RECOVERED AND STOLEN AND LOCATION 1988

PROPERTY TYPE	VALUE RECOVERED		LOCATION				
	VALUE STOLEN		Residence	Commercial	Gov't/Public	Outdoor	Other
Auto Accessory	\$ 556,392 18,371,844	\$ 62,090 2,978,646	\$ 105,079 1,461,820	\$ 7,141 159,791	\$ 57,345 2,524,733	\$ 324,737 11,246,854	
Bicycle	402,265 4,457,571	175,141 1,988,662	36,377 400,183	39,823 315,515	56,944 654,244	93,980 1,098,967	
Camera/Photo Equipment	136,054 3,818,263	23,097 551,359	56,756 854,441	11,003 108,018	10,980 610,723	34,218 1,693,722	
Drug	39,473 100,186	104 4,619	13,337 52,584	73 296	25,055 28,994	904 13,693	
Equipment/Tool	1,167,540 18,065,728	156,124 3,669,833	509,638 5,972,037	18,270 252,014	171,261 1,615,361	312,247 6,556,483	
Food/Liquor/Consumable	306,786 2,702,566	5,402 81,180	271,888 940,769	608 20,928	9,530 135,004	19,358 1,524,685	
Gun	193,111 2,034,926	90,481 811,803	27,493 206,230	2,880 12,444	11,970 148,854	60,287 855,595	
Household Appliance/Goods	219,265 3,972,963	108,733 2,073,256	84,030 1,110,509	729 68,140	4,514 104,516	21,259 616,542	
Plants/Citrus	33,305 684,157	7,406 147,688	2,944 161,580	141 12,565	6,671 150,458	16,143 211,866	
Jewelry/Precious Metals	1,754,236 30,082,437	1,168,064 13,132,085	347,149 8,206,018	29,969 370,565	25,886 1,592,051	183,168 6,781,718	
Clothing/Fur	1,201,862 7,553,261	43,258 1,022,486	1,033,430 3,174,095	11,319 95,911	21,986 897,793	91,869 2,362,976	
Livestock	73,800 325,433	26,509 70,868	134 13,432	0 1,885	5,815 157,899	41,342 81,349	
Musical Instrument	78,658 639,300	28,555 149,034	16,952 122,473	11,574 137,458	3,573 41,673	18,004 188,662	
Construction Mach.	2,674,114 7,506,603	7,625 61,551	1,772,498 5,391,965	775 27,477	702,001 1,257,775	191,215 767,835	
Office Equipment	88,673 1,620,914	12,038 191,216	37,713 635,887	4,626 110,327	13,259 116,295	21,037 567,189	
Art/Collection	168,431 1,179,416	93,952 266,823	67,888 350,200	50 27,442	126 102,508	6,415 432,443	
Computer Equipment	156,161 1,695,212	4,581 132,359	86,432 733,241	36,202 263,900	2,400 115,441	26,546 450,271	
Radio/Stereo	377,106 7,299,993	64,992 1,307,233	119,557 1,215,884	11,973 216,846	43,596 585,493	136,988 3,974,537	
Sports Equipment	261,252 3,402,730	79,951 729,095	74,904 401,504	1,928 26,574	53,182 672,355	51,287 1,573,202	
TV/Video/VCR	324,026 3,266,453	123,105 1,205,315	161,296 909,368	5,329 152,191	6,231 188,443	28,065 811,136	
Currency/Negotiable	696,230 26,935,801	141,972 4,068,038	366,978 9,983,373	40,035 486,763	28,048 1,665,379	119,197 10,732,248	
Credit-Card/Non-Negotiable	144,122 2,011,782	16,977 153,338	92,827 819,160	3,944 17,534	6,572 216,016	23,802 805,734	
Boat-Motor	350,970 4,539,102	84,357 1,544,414	54,811 635,704	1,672 6,563	109,109 963,786	101,021 1,388,635	
Structure	7,080 181,455	3,714 72,228	2,166 59,574	0 2,975	1,200 8,589	0 38,089	
Farm Equipment	305,549 1,139,399	9,650 80,087	16,438 195,592	0 4,268	172,057 458,110	107,404 401,342	
Miscellaneous	3,482,266 29,523,099	322,297 5,278,565	2,101,822 10,575,677	44,272 597,007	378,466 3,234,369	635,389 9,837,481	
Auto	2,081,898 3,539,602	776,264 1,061,960	247,282 365,772	4,275 13,575	311,269 389,176	742,808 1,709,119	
Truck/Van	680,076 1,015,953	137,310 195,786	174,902 234,954	9,000 11,500	98,233 148,483	260,631 425,230	
Motorcycle	50,632 140,533	9,832 55,137	3,050 8,080	1,050 1,700	20,930 30,480	15,770 45,136	
Camper/RV	0 101,603	0 1,256	0 1,700	0 0	0 1,500	0 97,147	
Bus	6,001 430	6,000 429	0 0	0 0	1 1	0 0	
Trailer	286,660 1,389,844	62,593 266,195	76,201 349,084	0 2,000	52,478 209,130	95,388 563,435	
Boat	3,276,837 8,281,262	699,550 1,786,446	99,152 371,689	0 401	1,139,470 3,471,058	1,338,665 2,651,668	
Aircraft	64,000 3,972,150	0 700	64,000 3,229,450	0 0	0 3,500	0 738,500	
Other Mobile	204,249 653,163	103,741 210,618	41,619 217,522	2,500 2,500	1,577 54,273	54,812 168,250	
<b>TOTAL for Florida</b>	<b>\$ 21,849,080 202,205,134</b>	<b>\$ 4,655,465 45,350,308</b>	<b>\$ 8,166,743 59,361,551</b>	<b>\$ 301,161 3,527,073</b>	<b>\$ 3,551,755 22,554,463</b>	<b>\$ 5,173,956 71,411,739</b>	

\* Value stolen and recovered are reflected by the location at which the Larceny occurred.