

# 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.

## 1972--SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 26,576 motor vehicle thefts were reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during the year 1972.

Motor vehicle thefts made up 7.6 percent of all nonviolent crime and 6.8 percent of all index offenses reported.

The statewide motor vehicle theft rate for the year amounted to 357.1 per 100,000 population.

A total of 5,957 motor vehicle thefts were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 22.4 percent statewide.

The age group responsible for the highest percentage of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 16.3 percent, occurred in the 16 year old age category. 94.4 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were males.

70.8 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were White, 27.8 percent were Negro, and 1.4 percent were of other races.

Of the \$33,117,511 reported stolen in the locally stolen motor vehicle category, \$22,058,407 was recovered, constituting a 66.6 percent recovery rate in value.

The average value of motor vehicles stolen during the reporting period was \$1,251.

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

## 1973--SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 34,564 motor vehicle thefts were reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during the year 1973.

Motor vehicle thefts made up 8.4 percent of all nonviolent crime and 7.5 percent of all index offenses reported.

The statewide motor vehicle theft rate for the year amounted to 440.6 per 100,000 population.

A total of 7,624 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, 15.1 percent, occurred in the 16 year old age category. 94.3 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were males.

66.5 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were White, 32.1 percent were Negro, and 1.5 percent were of other races.

Of the \$47,253,078 reported stolen in the locally stolen motor vehicle category, \$31,466,861 was recovered, constituting a 66.6 percent recovery rate in value.

The average value of motor vehicles stolen during the reporting period was \$1,329.

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

## 1974--SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 39,065 motor vehicle thefts were reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during the year 1974.

Motor vehicle thefts made up 7.2 percent of all nonviolent crime and 6.5 percent of all index offenses reported.

The statewide motor vehicle theft rate for the year amounted to 473.6 per 100,000 population.

A total of 9,015 motor vehicle thefts were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 23.1 percent statewide.

The age group responsible for the highest percentage of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 15.0 percent, occurred in the 16 year old age category. 94.5 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were males.

75.4 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were White, 24.3 percent were Negro, and 0.2 percent were of other races.

Of the \$56,958,078 reported stolen in the locally stolen motor vehicle category, \$37,430,492 was recovered, constituting a 65.7 percent recovery rate in value.

The average value of motor vehicles stolen during the reporting period was \$1,417.

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

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| YEAR                                   | 1972         | 1973         | 1974         |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses | 26,576       | 34,564       | 39,065       |
| Number of Clearances                   | 5,957        | 7,624        | 9,015        |
| Percent Cleared                        | 22.4         | 22.1         | 23.1         |
| Value of Vehicles Stolen               | \$33,245,989 | \$45,925,068 | \$55,363,776 |

## STOLEN VEHICLES\*

| YEAR              | 1972         | 1973         | 1974         |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Value Stolen      | \$33,117,511 | \$47,253,078 | \$56,958,078 |
| Value Recovered   | \$22,058,407 | \$31,466,861 | \$37,430,492 |
| Percent Recovered | 66.6         | 66.6         | 65.7         |

## RECOVERED VEHICLES\*

|   |        |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Number of Motor Vehicles Recovered Locally                | 12,420 | 16,445 | 16,600 |
| Number of Motor Vehicles Recovered in Other Jurisdictions | 5,737  | 6,623  | 7,358  |

\*Includes vehicles stolen during the commission of other Part I offenses.