

# 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.

## 1974—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

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

## 1975—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 36,973 motor vehicle thefts were reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during 1975.

Motor vehicle thefts made up 6.3 percent of all nonviolent crime and 5.7 percent of all index offenses reported.

The statewide motor vehicle theft rate for the year amounted to 435.7 per 100,000 population.

A total of 8,069 motor vehicle thefts were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 21.8 percent statewide.

The age group responsible for the highest percentage of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 13.5 percent, occurred in the 17

year old age category. 92.6 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were males.

78.3 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were white, 21.4 percent were Negro, and 0.2 percent were of other races.

Of the \$63,964,740 reported stolen in the locally stolen motor vehicle category, \$40,298,969 was recovered, constituting a 63.0 percent recovery rate in value.

The average value of motor vehicles stolen during the reporting period was \$1,706.

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

## 1976—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 28,578 motor vehicle thefts were 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.

A total of 5,823 motor vehicle thefts were 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. 92.0 percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were males.

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

Of the \$53,426,017 reported stolen in the locally stolen motor vehicle category, \$29,304,702 was recovered, constituting a 54.9 percent recovery rate in value.

The average value of motor vehicles stolen during the reporting period was \$1,823.

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

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## CLEARANCE RATE AND VALUE STOLEN, 1972-1976

	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
Number of Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses	26,576	34,564	39,065	36,973	28,578
Number of Clearances	5,957	7,624	9,015	8,069	5,823
Percent Cleared	22.4%	22.1%	23.1%	21.8%	20.4%
Value* Stolen during Motor Vehicle Theft	\$33,245,989	\$45,925,068	\$55,363,776	\$63,059,098	\$52,105,186

\*Includes the value of property contained in the vehicles at the time of the motor vehicle theft.

## ANALYSIS OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES\*\*

### 1. VALUE STOLEN AND RECOVERED,\*\* 1972-1976

	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
Value Stolen	\$33,117,511	\$47,253,078	\$56,958,078	\$63,964,740	\$53,426,017
Value Recovered	\$22,058,407	\$31,466,861	\$37,430,492	\$40,298,969	\$29,304,702
Percent Recovered	66.6%	66.6%	65.7%	63.0%	54.9%

### 2. NUMBER OF RECOVERED VEHICLES,\*\* 1972-1976

	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
Recovered Locally	12,420	16,445	16,600	22,012	10,394
Recovered in Other Jurisdictions	5,737	6,623	7,358	7,118	4,865
Number of Motor Vehicles Recovered	18,157	23,068	23,958	29,130	15,259

### 3. VALUE OF VEHICLES\*\* STOLEN AND RECOVERED BY TYPE, 1975-1976

	Year	Value Stolen	Value Recovered	Percent Recovered
Automobiles	1975	\$42,843,093	\$28,437,127	66.4%
	1976	36,587,314	21,368,269	58.4%
Trucks and Buses	1975	13,410,158	8,514,404	63.5%
	1976	10,747,084	5,887,727	54.8%
Other Vehicles	1975	7,711,489	3,347,438	43.4%
	1976	6,091,619	2,048,706	33.6%
TOTAL	1975	\$63,964,740	\$40,298,969	63.0%
	1976	53,426,017	29,304,702	54.9%

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

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