

# 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.

## 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 black 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 black 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.

## 1980 — SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 45,677 motor vehicle thefts was reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during 1980.

Motor vehicle thefts made up 6.4 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 476.8 per 100,000 population.

There were 8,399 motor vehicle thefts cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 18.4 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. Of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 90.7 percent were males.

Of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 71.1 percent were white, 28.7 percent were black and 0.2 percent were of other races.

The average value of a motor vehicle theft during the reporting period was \$3,112.

Motor vehicles reported stolen during the commission of any Part I offense totaled \$150,752,211; \$77,670,960 was recovered which constitutes a 51.5 percent recovery rate in value. Of the total number of motor vehicles recovered, 71.1 percent had originally been stolen from the same jurisdiction.

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## CLEARANCE RATE AND VALUE STOLEN, 1976-1980

	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Number of Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses	28,578	29,680	33,392	38,286	45,677
Number of Clearances	5,823	6,573	7,951	7,962	8,399
Percent Cleared	20.4%	22.1%	23.8%	20.8%	18.4%
Value* Stolen During Motor Vehicle Theft	\$52,105,186	\$58,048,607	\$78,026,087	\$108,418,762	\$142,137,196

\*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, 1976-1980

	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
<b>Automobiles</b>					
Value Stolen	\$36,587,314	\$39,675,949	\$54,215,669	\$76,183,769	\$102,446,750
Value Recovered	\$21,368,269	\$24,341,137	\$34,527,434	\$40,770,957	\$53,231,862
Percent Recovered	58.4%	61.3%	63.7%	53.5%	52.0%
<b>Trucks and Buses</b>					
Value Stolen	\$10,747,084	\$13,390,096	\$19,362,239	\$28,117,040	\$36,760,066
Value Recovered	\$5,887,727	\$7,313,122	\$12,492,243	\$16,801,525	\$20,572,629
Percent Recovered	54.8%	54.6%	64.5%	59.8%	56.0%
<b>Motorcycles</b>					
Value Stolen	\$3,739,774	\$4,301,678	\$5,057,069	\$5,645,671	\$7,391,510
Value Recovered	\$1,147,020	\$1,478,934	\$1,736,062	\$2,016,568	\$2,286,970
Percent Recovered	30.7%	34.4%	34.3%	35.7%	30.9%
<b>Other Vehicles</b>					
Value Stolen	\$2,351,845	\$2,475,306	\$2,240,922	\$2,978,860	\$4,153,885
Value Recovered	\$901,686	\$987,075	\$1,183,716	\$1,384,535	\$1,579,499
Percent Recovered	38.3%	39.9%	52.8%	46.5%	38.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>					
Value Stolen	\$53,426,017	\$59,843,029	\$80,875,899	\$112,925,340	\$150,752,211
Value Recovered	\$29,304,702	\$34,120,268	\$49,939,455	\$60,973,585	\$77,670,960
Percent Recovered	54.9%	57.0%	61.7%	54.0%	51.5%

## NUMBER OF RECOVERED VEHICLES,\*\* 1976-1980

	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Recovered Locally	10,394	12,188	14,257	15,124	17,475
Recovered in Other Jurisdictions	4,865	4,930	5,703	5,819	7,116
Number of Motor Vehicles Recovered	15,259	17,118	19,960	20,943	24,591

\*\*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.