

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.

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.

1981 — SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 45,707 motor vehicle thefts was reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida during 1981.

Motor vehicle thefts made up 6.4 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 452.6 per 100,000 population.

There were 8,331 motor vehicle thefts cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, representing a clearance rate of 18.2 percent statewide.

The age group responsible for the highest percentage of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 12.3 percent, occurred in the

25-29 year old category. Of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 91.5 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 \$3,574.

Motor vehicles reported stolen during the commission of any Part I offense totaled \$172,252,774, \$82,479,294 was recovered which constitutes a 47.9 percent recovery rate in value. Of the total number of motor vehicles recovered, 72.9 percent had originally been stolen from the same jurisdiction.

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CLEARANCE RATE AND VALUE STOLEN, 1977-1981

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
Number of Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses	29,680	33,392	38,286	45,677	45,707
Number of Clearances	6,573	7,951	7,962	8,399	8,331
Percent Cleared	22.1%	23.8%	20.8%	18.4%	18.2%
Value* Stolen During Motor Vehicle Theft	\$58,048,607	\$78,026,087	\$108,418,762	\$142,137,196	\$163,376,167

*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, 1977-1981

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
Automobiles					
Value Stolen	\$39,675,949	\$54,215,669	\$ 76,183,769	\$102,446,750	\$115,861,464
Value Recovered	\$24,341,137	\$34,527,434	\$ 40,770,957	\$ 53,231,862	\$ 55,378,378
Percent Recovered	61.3%	63.7%	53.5%	52.0%	47.8%
Trucks and Buses					
Value Stolen	\$13,390,096	\$19,362,239	\$ 28,117,040	\$ 36,760,066	\$ 42,578,055
Value Recovered	\$ 7,313,122	\$12,492,243	\$ 16,801,525	\$ 20,572,629	\$ 22,533,561
Percent Recovered	54.6%	64.5%	59.8%	56.0%	52.9%
Motorcycles					
Value Stolen	\$ 4,301,678	\$ 5,057,069	\$ 5,645,671	\$ 7,391,510	\$ 8,027,635
Value Recovered	\$ 1,478,934	\$ 1,736,062	\$ 2,016,568	\$ 2,286,970	\$ 2,526,157
Percent Recovered	34.4%	34.3%	35.7%	30.9%	31.5%
Other Vehicles					
Value Stolen	\$ 2,475,306	\$ 2,240,922	\$ 2,978,860	\$ 4,153,885	\$ 5,785,620
Value Recovered	\$ 987,075	\$ 1,183,716	\$ 1,384,535	\$ 1,579,499	\$ 2,041,198
Percent Recovered	39.9%	52.8%	46.5%	38.0%	35.3%
TOTAL					
Value Stolen	\$59,843,029	\$80,875,899	\$112,925,340	\$150,752,211	\$172,252,774
Value Recovered	\$34,120,268	\$49,939,455	\$ 60,973,585	\$ 77,670,960	\$ 82,479,294
Percent Recovered	57.0%	61.7%	54.0%	51.5%	47.9%

NUMBER OF RECOVERED VEHICLES,** 1977-1981

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
Recovered Locally	12,188	14,257	15,124	17,475	16,840
Recovered in Other Jurisdictions	4,930	5,703	5,819	7,116	6,255
Number of Motor Vehicles Recovered	17,118	19,960	20,943	24,591	23,095

**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.

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