

The Facts About Auto Theft

According to National Insurance Crime Bureau, a vehicle is stolen somewhere in the United States every 26 seconds.^[1]

The Numbers

According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB):^[1]

In 2005, the odds of a vehicle being stolen were 1 in 207.

A total of 1,192,809 vehicles were reported stolen in 2006.^[2]

The average cost of a stolen vehicle in 2006 was \$6,649.

Forty-seven percent of Americans don't always park in a well-lit area and 40 percent don't hide the valuables inside their vehicle from view.

Carjacking only accounts for three percent of all motor vehicle thefts.

According to a survey conducted by Opinion Research Corporation, virtually none (one percent) of the respondents knew that there are additional costs to vehicle theft such as time spent dealing with police, vehicle rental costs and the cost of time off from work.

Thefts by Region

The NICB also found:^[1]

- In 2006, Western states accounted for the largest share of thefts at 36.8 percent.
- The South had the second highest rate of auto thefts with 34.6 percent of stolen vehicles.
- The Midwest accounted for 18.5 percent of thefts, and the Northeast came in last with 10.2 percent of thefts.

Thefts by City

This chart (at right) outlines the top ten U.S. metropolitan areas with the highest motor vehicle theft rates for 2007. ^[1]

Rank	Metropolitan Statistical Area	Rate
1	Modesto, CA	1,047.99
2	Las Vegas/Paradise, NV	1,036.36
3	San Diego/Carlsbad/San Marcos, CA	943.71
4	Stockton, CA	841.89
5	San Francisco, Oakland, Fremont	832.47
6	Laredo, TX	820.92
7	Albuquerque, NM	819.64
8	Phoenix/Mesa/Scottsdale, AZ	817.86
9	Yakima, WA	814.38
10	Tucson, AZ	804.58

(1) Ranked by the rate of vehicle thefts reported per 100,000 people based on the 2007 U.S. Census Population Estimates.
Source: National Insurance Crime Bureau

^[1] This information was obtained from the National Insurance Crime Bureau at www.nicb.org

^[2] The 2006 data is the most recent full year available.



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Thefts by Vehicle^[1]

- The 1995 Honda Civic was the most stolen vehicle of 2007.
- Motor vehicle thieves continue to target imports over domestic brands.
 - Thieves target consistent top sellers and dismantle these cars because some of their parts are interchangeable. Thieves dismantle the vehicles for their components, which can be more valuable than the whole.

The following chart outlines the top ten stolen vehicles in 2007:^[1]

Rank	Year	Make/Model
1	1995	Honda Civic
2	1991	Honda Accord
3	1989	Toyota Camry
4	1997	Ford F150 Series
5	1994	Chevrolet Full Size C/K 1500 Pickup
6	1994	Acura Integra
7	2004	Dodge Ram Pickup
8	1994	Nissan Sentra
9	1988	Toyota Pickup
10	2007	Toyota Corolla

Source: National Insurance Crime Bureau



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