



2015 California Vehicle Theft Facts

VEHICLE THEFTS

- In 2015, 180,000 vehicles were stolen. The estimated total value of the vehicles is approximately \$1 billion. (This figure is based on the average replacement value established by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.)
- Of the vehicles stolen in 2015, 57.1 percent were automobiles, 26.1 percent were personal trucks and sport utility vehicles, 3.7 percent were commercial trucks and trailers, and 4.7 percent were motorcycles. All other vehicles (recreational vehicles, construction and farm equipment, special construction, etc.) accounted for 8.4 percent.
- Top three theft targets:

Autos

Honda Accord 1996
Honda Civic 1998
Honda Accord 1994

Motorcycles

Suzuki 2007
Yamaha 2014
Yamaha 2009

Pickups and Sport Utility Vehicles

Honda CRV 1999
Chevrolet Silverado 2006
Honda CRV 2000

Commercial Trucks

Freightliner 2008
Freightliner 2009
International 2009

Recreational Vehicles

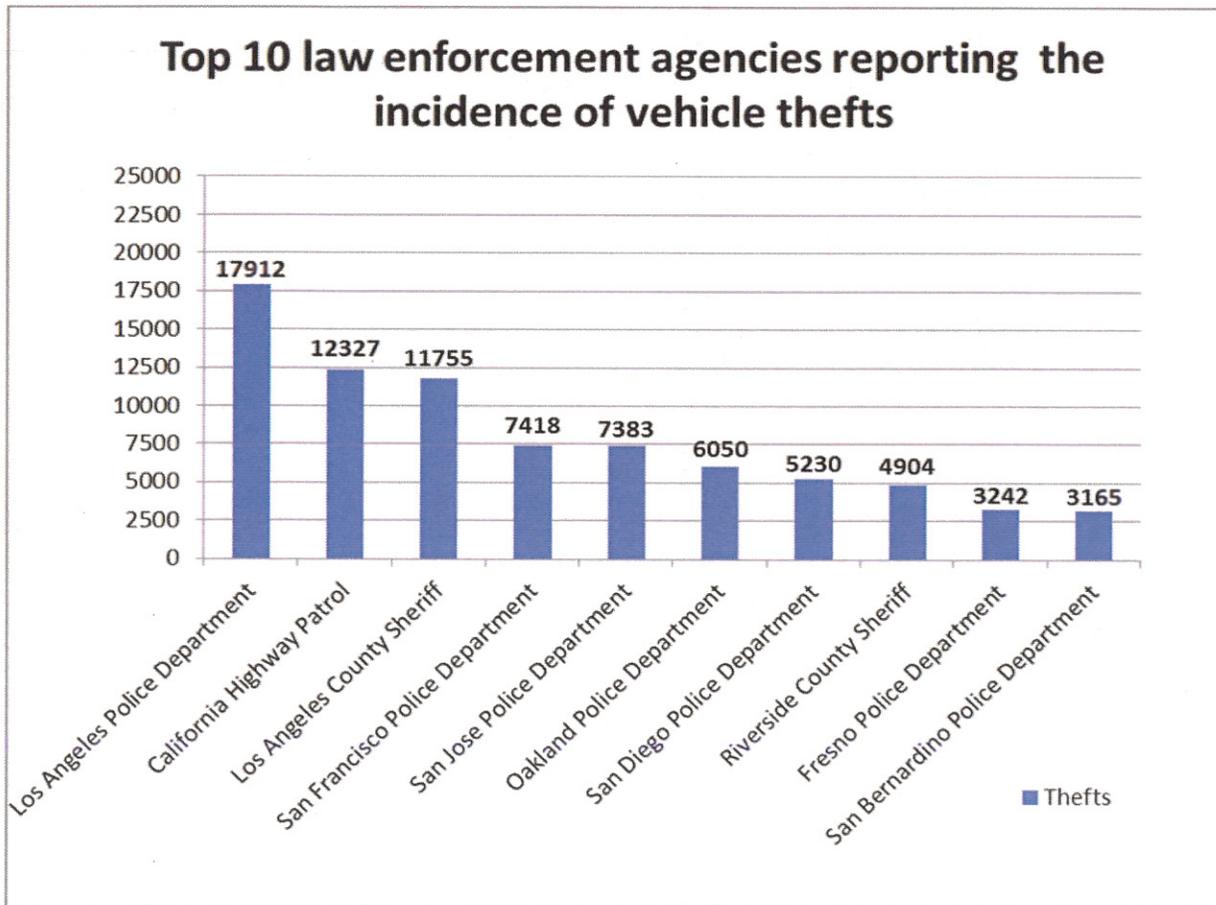
All-Terrain Vehicle 2005
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Trailers

Homemade Utility Trailer 2015
Homemade Utility Trailer 2000
Carson Trailer 2005

WHERE THE THEFTS OCCURRED

- Approximately 50.4 percent of all thefts occurred in Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties). Of the thefts in Southern California, 51.4 percent occurred in Los Angeles County.
- Approximately 21.8 percent of all thefts occurred in the San Francisco Bay Area (Alameda, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties). Of the thefts in the San Francisco Bay area, 33.2 occurred in Alameda County.
- Approximately 4.5 percent of all thefts occurred in Sacramento County.
- Approximately 2.7 percent of all thefts occurred in Fresno County.
- The remaining 20.6 percent of thefts occurred throughout California.

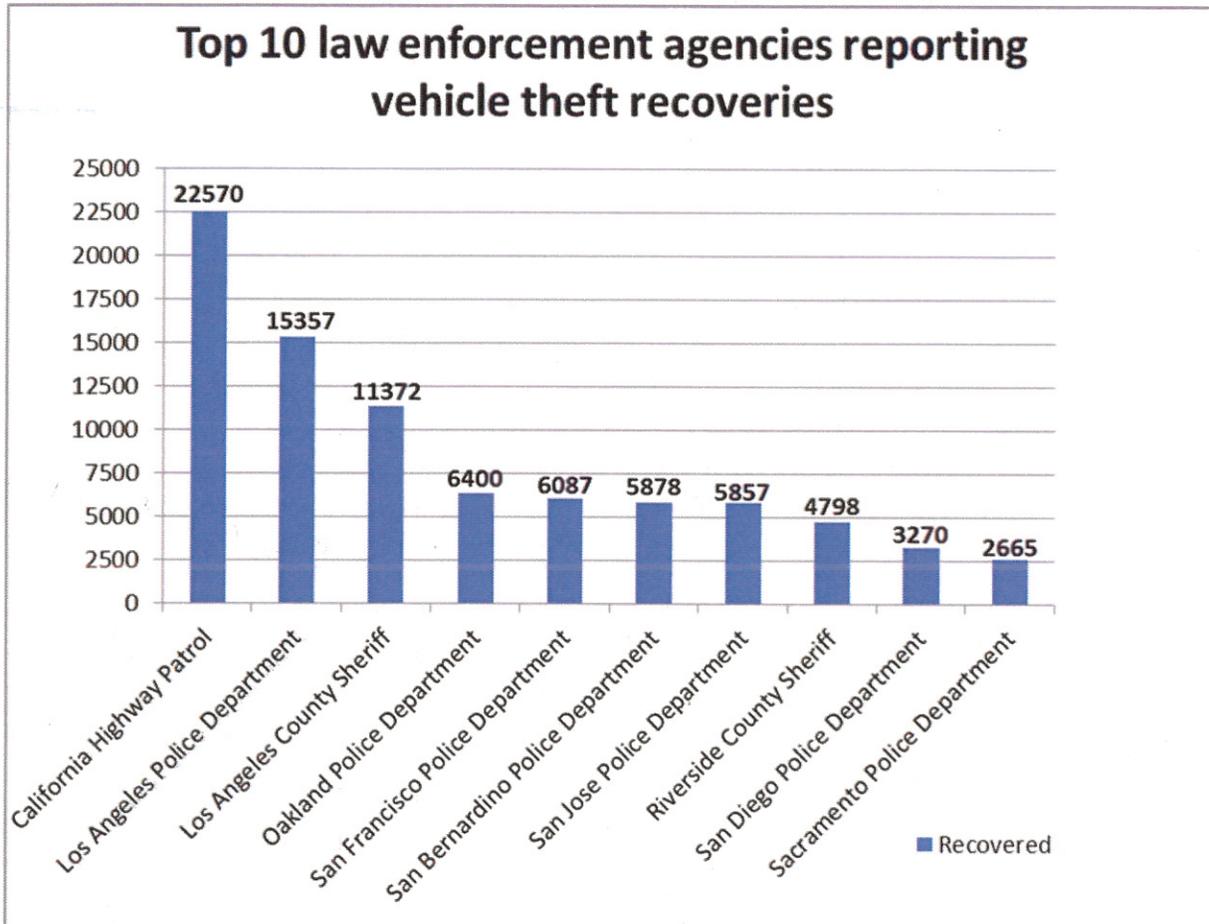


VEHICLE THEFT TRENDS

- The 1996 Honda Accord ranks as the number one stolen vehicle statewide, the 1998 Honda Civic and 1994 Honda Accord are ranked at numbers two and three, respectively. The Honda Accord has been the number one stolen vehicle since 2006.
- The Honda CRV tops the list for stolen Pickups and Sport Utility Vehicles, with the 1999 and 2000 models ranking number one and three respectively. The 2006 Chevrolet Silverado split the top three at number two.
- The 2007 Suzuki was the number one stolen motorcycle in 2015, and has ranked in the top three most frequently stolen motorcycles every year since 2008, followed this year by the 2014 and 2009 Yamaha.
- Freightliner commercial trucks model years 2008, and 2009 ranked as the number one and two most frequently stolen vehicles in their category, with the 2009 International ranking at number three. John Deere farm equipment has ranked as the number one stolen vehicle in its category since 2008. These vehicles and equipment are popular targets because of their high resale value, popularity, and availability.

VEHICLE RECOVERIES

- Of the 180,000 vehicles stolen statewide in 2015, 90.7 percent were successfully recovered, representing 163,226 recovered vehicles.
- Of the vehicles stolen statewide, 96.3 percent of the automobiles, 49.0 percent of the motorcycles, 92.2 percent of the personal trucks and sport utility vehicles, and 87.5 percent of the commercial trucks were recovered.
- Of the vehicles recovered statewide, 65.0 percent were recovered intact and in drivable condition, 3.4 percent were missing major components, 11.6 percent were stripped of minor parts, and 19.9 percent were intentionally burned and/or wrecked. The remaining .01 percent was considered cargo theft only.
- In 2015, it was determined that 51 of the recovered vehicles were cargo theft only. At less than one half percent, the total number of cargo thefts in California is low compared to overall vehicle thefts; however, it is considered an ongoing problem as cargo theft is estimated to cost Californians hundreds of millions of dollars annually.



INFORMATION SOURCES

- California Department of Justice, Stolen Vehicle System
- California Highway Patrol, Vehicle Theft Information System
- Federal Bureau of Investigation