2022 California Vehicle Theft Facts

VEHICLE THEFTS

- In 2022, 198,538 vehicles were stolen, at an estimated total value of $1.76 billion. This is a 1.9 percent increase from the 2021 total for vehicle thefts statewide. The average rate of vehicle thefts in 2022 was approximately one (1) vehicle every three (3) minutes.

- Of the 198,538 vehicles stolen in 2022, 48.2 percent were personal trucks and sport utility vehicles (SUV), 36.6 percent were automobiles, 6.2 percent were commercial trucks and trailers, and 5.1 percent were motorcycles. All other vehicles (e.g., recreational vehicles, construction and farm equipment, special construction) accounted for 3.9 percent of thefts.

- Most frequently stolen vehicles in 2022:

1) Automobiles
Kia Optima 2015
Honda Civic 2000
Honda Civic 1998

2) Personal Trucks/Sport Utility Vehicles
Chevy Silverado 2001
Chevy Silverado 2002
Chevy Silverado 2004

3) Motorcycles
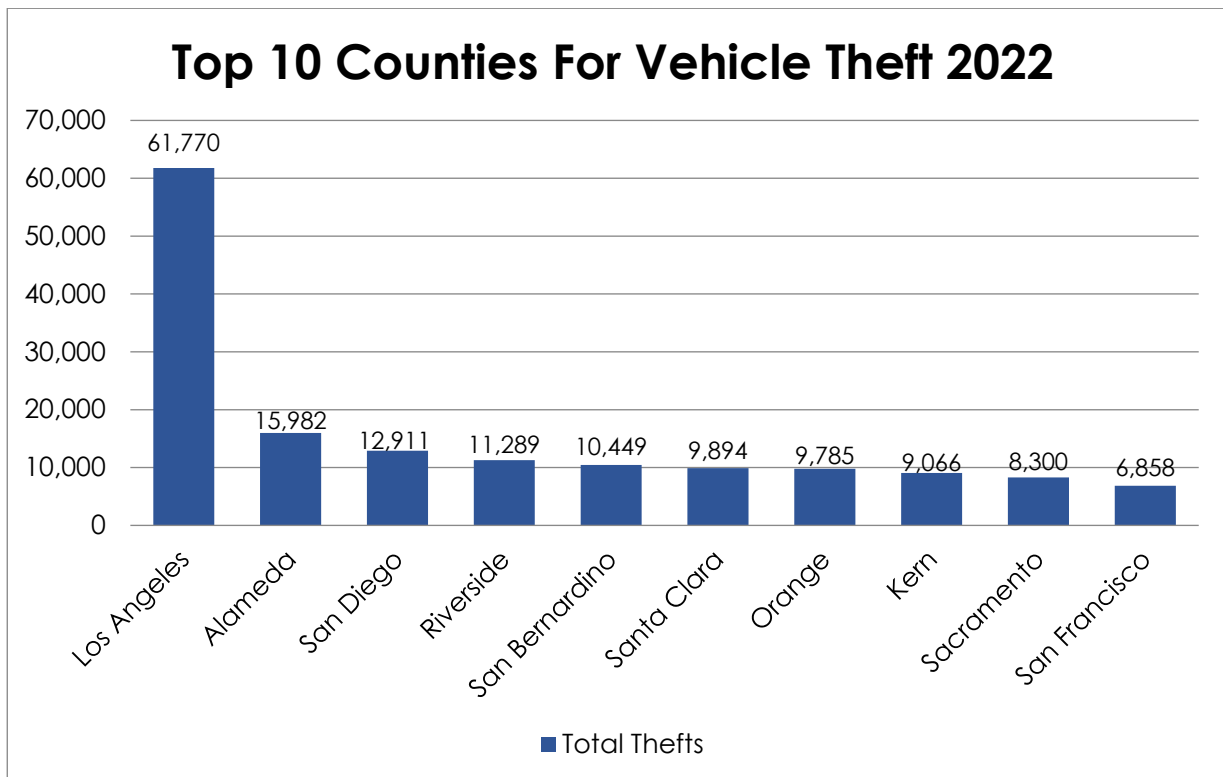Yamaha 2015
Yamaha 2016
Honda 2022

4) Commercial Trucks
Freightliner 2016
Freightliner 2014
Freightliner 2015

WHERE THE THEFTS OCCURRED

- Approximately 53.5 percent of all vehicle thefts occurred in Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties). Of the vehicle thefts in Southern California, 58.2 percent occurred in Los Angeles County.

- Approximately 18 percent of all vehicle thefts occurred in the San Francisco Bay Area (Alameda, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties). Of the vehicle thefts in the San Francisco Bay Area, 44.8 percent occurred in Alameda County.

- Approximately 12.5 percent of all vehicle thefts occurred in the Central Valley (Kern, Fresno, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, Merced, Madera, and Kings Counties). Of the vehicle thefts in the Central Valley, 36.5 percent occurred in Kern County.

- The remaining 16 percent of vehicle thefts occurred throughout the remainder of California.

Top 10 Counties For Vehicle Theft 2022

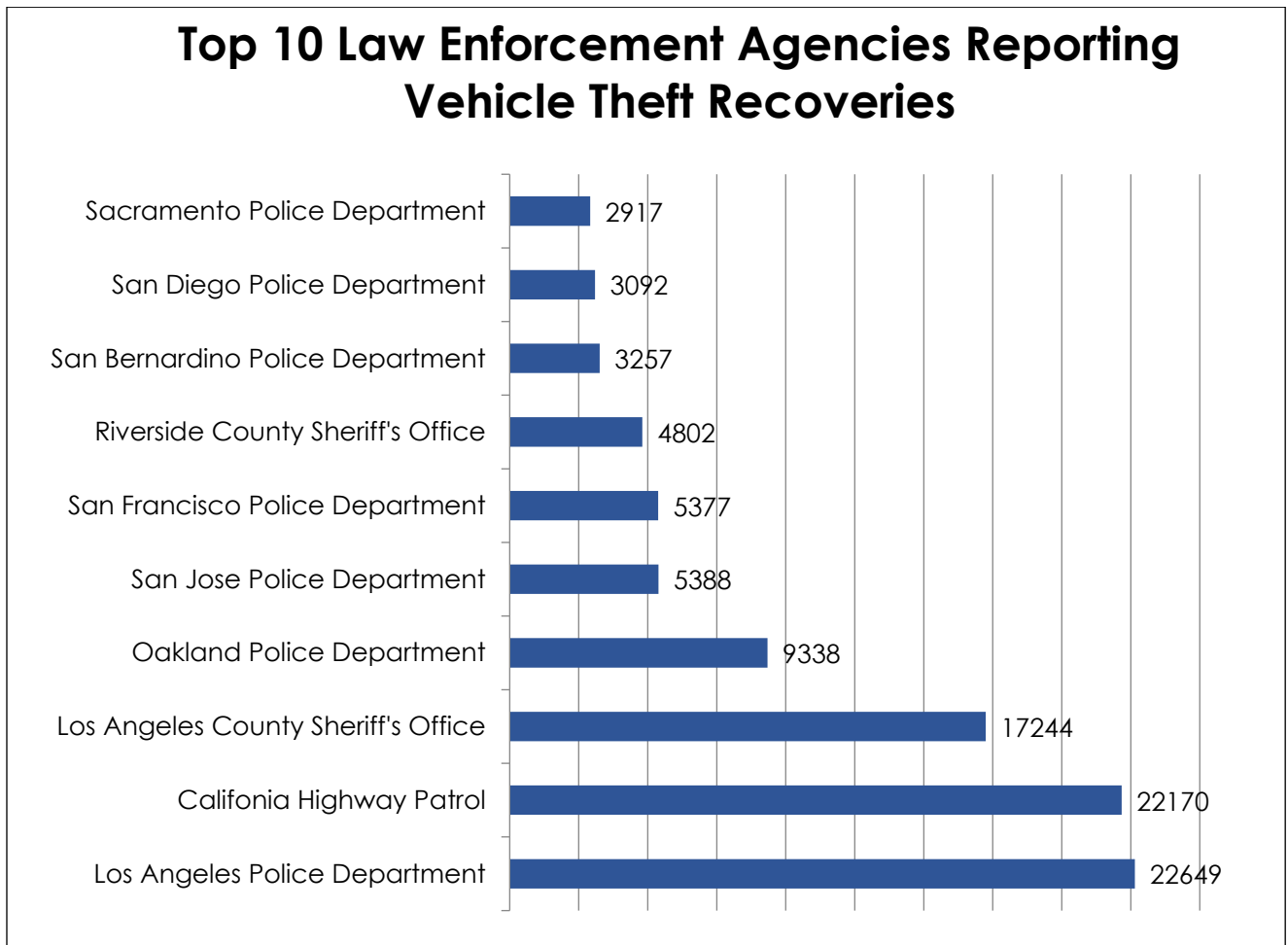| County	Total Thefts
Los Angeles	61,770
Alameda	15,982
San Diego	12,911
Riverside	11,289
San Bernardino	10,449
Santa Clara	9,894
Orange	9,785
Kern	9,066
Sacramento	8,300
San Francisco	6,858

VEHICLE THEFT TRENDS

- In 2022 the top three stolen automobiles were:
  1. 2015 Kia Optima (for the first time)
  2. 2000 Honda Civic (sixth consecutive year being in the top 3)
  3. 1998 Honda Civic (eighth consecutive year being in the top 3)

- For the second consecutive year, the Chevy Silverado remained a vehicle of choice for thieves who continued targeting personal trucks/SUV, specifically model years 2001, 2002, and 2004, which ranked one, two, and three, respectively.

- For the fourth consecutive year, the 2015 and 2016 Yamaha ranked number one and two respectively, for the most frequently stolen motorcycles. The 2022 Honda ranked number three.

- Freightliner commercial trucks model years 2016, 2014, and 2015 ranked number one, two, and three, respectively.

- Other vehicles include farm and construction equipment. In these categories, John Deere farm equipment has ranked as the number one brand of stolen farm equipment every year since 2008 and Bobcat Company is the number one brand of stolen construction equipment for 2022. These vehicles and equipment are popular targets because of their high resale value, popularity, and availability.

VEHICLE RECOVERIES

- Of the 198,538 vehicles stolen statewide in 2022, 86.7 percent were successfully recovered, representing 172,083 recovered vehicles.

- Of the 198,538 vehicles stolen statewide in 2022, 94 percent of the automobiles, 92.1 percent of the personal trucks and SUVs, 80.2 percent of the commercial trucks, and 56.1 percent of the motorcycles were recovered.

- Of the vehicles 172,083 vehicles recovered statewide in 2022, 56.5 percent were recovered intact and in drivable condition, 29.6 percent were intentionally burned and/or wrecked, 10 percent were stripped of minor parts, and 3.8 percent were missing major components.

- In 2022, it was determined 43 of the recovered vehicles were stolen for the purpose of cargo theft. Representing less than half a percent, the total number of cargo thefts in California is low compared to overall vehicle thefts; however, the economic impact of cargo theft continues to soar and is considered an ongoing problem. Cargo theft is a crime frequently associated with organized retail crime, with a reported loss value in excess of $54 million. These thefts are detrimental to businesses statewide, the people of the State of California, and the overall economy.

Top 10 Law Enforcement Agencies Reporting Vehicle Theft Recoveries

Agency	Recoveries
Sacramento Police Department	2917
San Diego Police Department	3092
San Bernardino Police Department	3257
Riverside County Sheriff's Office	4802
San Francisco Police Department	5377
San Jose Police Department	5388
Oakland Police Department	9338
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office	17244
Califonia Highway Patrol	22170
Los Angeles Police Department	22649

INFORMATION SOURCES

- California Department of Justice, Stolen Vehicle System
- California Highway Patrol, Vehicle Theft Information System
- Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program

2022
California Vehicle Theft

THEFTS	2022	2021	% +/-
Automobile	72,754	72,349	0.6%
Motorcycle	10,037	9,470	6.0%
Personal truck/Sport utility	95,728	94,785	1.0%
Commercial truck	1,896	1,587	19.5%
Recreational vehicle	2,731	2,409	13.4%
Trailer	10,307	10,074	2.3%
Other	5,085	4,202	21.0%
TOTAL	**198,538**	**194,876**	**1.9%**
RECOVERIES			
Automobile	68,354	68,646	-0.4%
Motorcycle	5,634	5,312	6.1%
Personal truck/Sport utility	88,194	87,627	0.6%
Commercial truck	1,521	1,390	9.4%
Recreational vehicle	1,387	1,247	11.2%
Trailer	5,507	5,446	1.1%
Other	1,486	1,986	-25.2%
TOTAL	**172,083**	**171,654**	**0.2%**
RECOVERY RATE (%)			
Automobile	94.0%	94.9%	-0.9%
Motorcycle	56.1%	56.1%	0.0%
Personal truck/Sport utility	92.1%	92.4%	-0.3%
Commercial truck	80.2%	87.6%	-7.4%
Recreational vehicle	50.8%	51.8%	-1.0%
Trailer	53.4%	54.1%	-0.6%
Other	29.2%	47.3%	-18.0%
TOTAL	**86.7%**	**88.1%**	**-1.4%**

**2022
Thefts by County**

COUNTY	2022	2021	% +/-	COUNTY	2022	2021	% +/-
Alameda	15,982	15,459	3.4%	Orange	9,785	9,586	2.1%
Amador	67	99	-32.3%	Placer	737	852	-13.5%
Butte	842	1,083	-22.3%	Plumas	30	31	-3.2%
Calaveras	143	89	60.7%	Riverside	11,289	11,448	-1.4%
Colusa	64	90	-28.9%	Sacramento	8,300	7,238	14.7%
Contra Costa	5,273	4,962	6.3%	San Benito	88	101	-12.9%
Del Norte	91	100	-9.0%	San Bernardino	10,449	10,765	-2.9%
El Dorado	274	257	6.6%	San Diego	12,911	12,347	4.6%
Fresno	5,111	5,326	-4.0%	San Francisco	6,858	6,592	4.0%
Glenn	79	79	0.0%	San Joaquin	3,257	3,179	2.5%
Humboldt	806	769	4.8%	San Luis Obispo	518	609	-14.9%
Imperial	679	540	25.7%	San Mateo	2,191	2,256	-2.9%
Inyo	33	38	-13.2%	Santa Barbara	1,885	2,001	-5.8%
Kern	9,499	9,066	4.8%	Santa Clara	9,894	9,802	0.9%
Kings	512	561	-8.7%	Santa Cruz	738	795	-7.2%
Lake	227	305	-25.6%	Shasta	993	894	11.1%
Lassen	70	72	-2.8%	Siskiyou	134	196	-31.6%
Los Angeles	61,770	60,443	2.2%	Solano	2,270	2,181	4.1%
Madera	445	527	-15.6%	Sonoma	955	1,167	-18.2%
Marin	1,117	792	41.0%	Stanislaus	2,096	2,444	-14.2%
Mariposa	16	23	-30.4%	Sutter	731	867	-15.7%
Mendocino	173	175	-1.1%	Tehama	386	335	15.2%
Merced	1,331	1,632	-18.4%	Trinity	55	49	12.2%
Modoc	17	10	70.0%	Tulare	2,448	2,075	18.0%
Mono	3	8	-62.5%	Tuolumne	137	162	-15.4%
Monterey	1,333	1,256	6.1%	Ventura	1,606	1,362	17.9%
Napa	307	267	15.0%	Yolo	796	746	6.7%
Nevada	205	178	15.2%	Yuba	144	149	-3.4%
				Other	388	441	-12.0%

Total	2022	2021	% +/-
	198,538	194,876	1.9%

2022
Recoveries by County

COUNTY	2022	2021	% +/-	COUNTY	2022	2021	% +/-
Alameda	16,319	15,613	4.5%	Orange	7,218	7,369	-2.0%
Amador	41	55	-25.5%	Placer	634	659	-3.8%
Butte	688	930	-26.0%	Plumas	21	15	40.0%
Calaveras	99	91	8.8%	Riverside	9,298	9,801	-5.1%
Colusa	38	65	-41.5%	Sacramento	7,678	7,000	9.7%
Contra Costa	4,848	4,719	2.7%	San Benito	55	78	-29.5%
Del Norte	79	62	27.4%	San Bernardino	8,922	9,673	-7.8%
El Dorado	158	189	-16.4%	San Diego	8,803	9,144	-3.7%
Fresno	4,514	4,652	-3.0%	San Francisco	5,656	5,663	-0.1%
Glenn	57	77	-26.0%	San Joaquin	2,726	2,686	1.5%
Humboldt	727	699	4.0%	San Luis Obispo	526	655	-19.7%
Imperial	334	349	-4.3%	San Mateo	1,608	1,472	9.2%
Inyo	27	35	-22.9%	Santa Barbara	1,635	1,642	-0.4%
Kern	8,106	7,746	4.6%	Santa Clara	8,654	8,507	1.7%
Kings	411	431	-4.6%	Santa Cruz	557	640	-13.0%
Lake	216	318	-32.1%	Shasta	854	733	16.5%
Lassen	56	53	5.7%	Siskiyou	100	139	-28.1%
Los Angeles	55,228	54,076	2.1%	Solano	2,166	2,120	2.2%
Madera	383	468	-18.2%	Sonoma	775	916	-15.4%
Marin	761	520	46.3%	Stanislaus	1,756	2,065	-15.0%
Mariposa	12	20	-40.0%	Sutter	570	671	-15.1%
Mendocino	151	166	-9.0%	Tehama	307	243	26.3%
Merced	1,073	1,489	-27.9%	Trinity	35	41	-14.6%
Modoc	11	13	-15.4%	Tulare	2,176	1,848	17.7%
Mono	6	9	-33.3%	Tuolumne	92	139	-33.8%
Monterey	1,204	1,093	10.2%	Ventura	1,275	1,151	10.8%
Napa	213	198	7.6%	Yolo	596	605	-1.5%
Nevada	156	142	9.9%	Yuba	170	226	-24.8%
				Other	1,304	1,475	-11.6%
Total	2022	2021	% +/-				
	172,083	171,654	0.2%				

2022
Top 40 Automobiles

RANK	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	NUMBER OF THEFTS
1	KIA	OPTIMA	2015	2,095
2	HONDA	CIVIC	2000	1,875
3	HONDA	CIVIC	1998	1,434
4	HONDA	CIVIC	1999	1,260
5	KIA	OPTIMA	2013	1,129
6	HONDA	CIVIC	1997	987
7	HONDA	ACCORD	1997	937
8	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2013	928
9	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2017	820
10	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2015	812
11	HONDA	ACCORD	1996	762
12	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2016	717
13	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2011	625
14	KIA	OPTIMA	2014	602
15	HONDA	ACCORD	1994	585
16	HONDA	CIVIC	1996	574
17	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2012	558
18	HONDA	ACCORD	1995	523
19	HONDA	CIVIC	1995	490
20	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2014	446
21	KIA	OPTIMA	2012	383
22	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2013	374
23	HONDA	ACCORD	2001	280
24	HONDA	ACCORD	1991	278
25	HONDA	CIVIC	1994	271
26	HONDA	ACCORD	1993	271
27	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2017	267
28	HONDA	ACCORD	2002	264
29	HONDA	ACCORD	1992	259
30	HONDA	CIVIC	1993	257
31	KIA	OPTIMA	2018	254
32	KIA	OPTIMA	2016	252
33	HONDA	ACCORD	2000	252
34	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2019	243
35	HONDA	CIVIC	2016	240
36	KIA	OPTIMA	2011	220
37	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2016	217
38	TOYTA	CAMRY	2007	215
39	HONDA	ACCORD	2017	213
40	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2018	211

2022 Top 40 Personal Trucks/SUVs

RANK	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	NUMBER OF THEFTS
1	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2001	1,634
2	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2002	1,524
3	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2004	1,397
4	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2006	1,280
5	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2005	1,265
6	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2003	1,254
7	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2000	1,242
8	HONDA	CRV	2001	761
9	HONDA	CRV	2000	745
10	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2007	667
11	HONDA	CRV	1999	666
12	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	1999	613
13	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	2002	566
14	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	2004	535
15	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	2001	534
16	GMC	SIERRA	2001	509
17	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	2003	502
18	HONDA	CRV	1998	498
19	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2021	487
20	GMC	SIERRA	2004	483
21	GMC	SIERRA	2002	472
22	GMC	SIERRA	2006	459
23	GMC	SIERRA	2005	452
24	FORD	F-250	2003	448
25	GMC	SIERRA	2000	447
26	FORD	F-250	2006	445
27	GMC	SIERRA	2003	416
28	FORD	F-250	2004	393
29	FORD	F-250	1999	370
30	CHEVROLET	SUBURBAN	2001	364
31	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	2005	364
32	GMC	YUKON	2001	359
33	HONDA	CRV	1997	355
34	FORD	F-250	2001	347
35	KIA	SPORTAGE	2020	346
36	FORD	F-250	2002	342
37	GMC	YUKON	2004	342
38	GMC	YUKON	2003	325
39	GMC	YUKON	2002	305
40	GMC	YUKON	2005	292

2022 Top 40 Motorcycles

RANK	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	NUMBER OF THEFTS
1	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2015	163
2	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2016	150
3	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2022	136
4	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2007	120
5	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2021	119
6	HARLEY DAVIDSON	MOTORCYCLE	2021	117
7	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2007	115
8	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2009	113
9	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2017	110
10	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2019	101
11	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2021	101
12	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2005	99
13	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2006	97
14	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2020	97
15	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2022	96
16	SUZUKI	MOTORCYCLE	2007	94
17	SUZUKI	MOTORCYCLE	2020	94
18	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2020	94
19	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2006	93
20	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2018	87
21	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2022	86
22	HARLEY DAVIDSON	MOTORCYCLE	2020	85
23	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2017	83
24	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2015	83
25	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2003	83
26	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2018	81
27	SUZUKI	MOTORCYCLE	2022	80
28	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2021	79
29	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2004	79
30	HARLEY DAVIDSON	MOTORCYCLE	2016	79
31	SUZUKI	MOTORCYCLE	2006	78
32	HARLEY DAVIDSON	MOTORCYCLE	2006	78
33	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2014	75
34	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2009	75
35	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2014	73
36	SUZUKI	MOTORCYCLE	2005	73
37	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2020	72
38	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2013	72
39	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2018	72
40	HARLEY DAVIDSON	MOTORCYCLE	2019	71