2023 California Vehicle Theft Facts

VEHICLE THEFTS

- In 2023, 202,893 vehicles were stolen, at an estimated total value of $1.8 billion. This is a 2.2 percent increase from the 2022 total for vehicle thefts statewide. The average rate of vehicle thefts in 2023 was approximately one vehicle every 3 minutes with an average loss of $8,872 per stolen vehicle.

- Of the 202,893 vehicles stolen in 2023, 44.2 percent were personal trucks and sport utility vehicles (SUV), 41 percent were automobiles, 5.8 percent were commercial trucks and trailers, and 4.3 percent were motorcycles. All other vehicles (e.g., recreational vehicles, construction and farm equipment, special construction) accounted for 4.7 percent of thefts.

- Most frequently stolen vehicles in 2023:

  1) Automobiles
  Kia Optima 2015
  Hyundai Sonata 2013
  Hyundai Elantra 2013

  2) Personal Trucks/Sport Utility Vehicles
  Chevy Silverado 2001
  Chevy Silverado 2002
  Chevy Silverado 2006

  3) Motorcycles
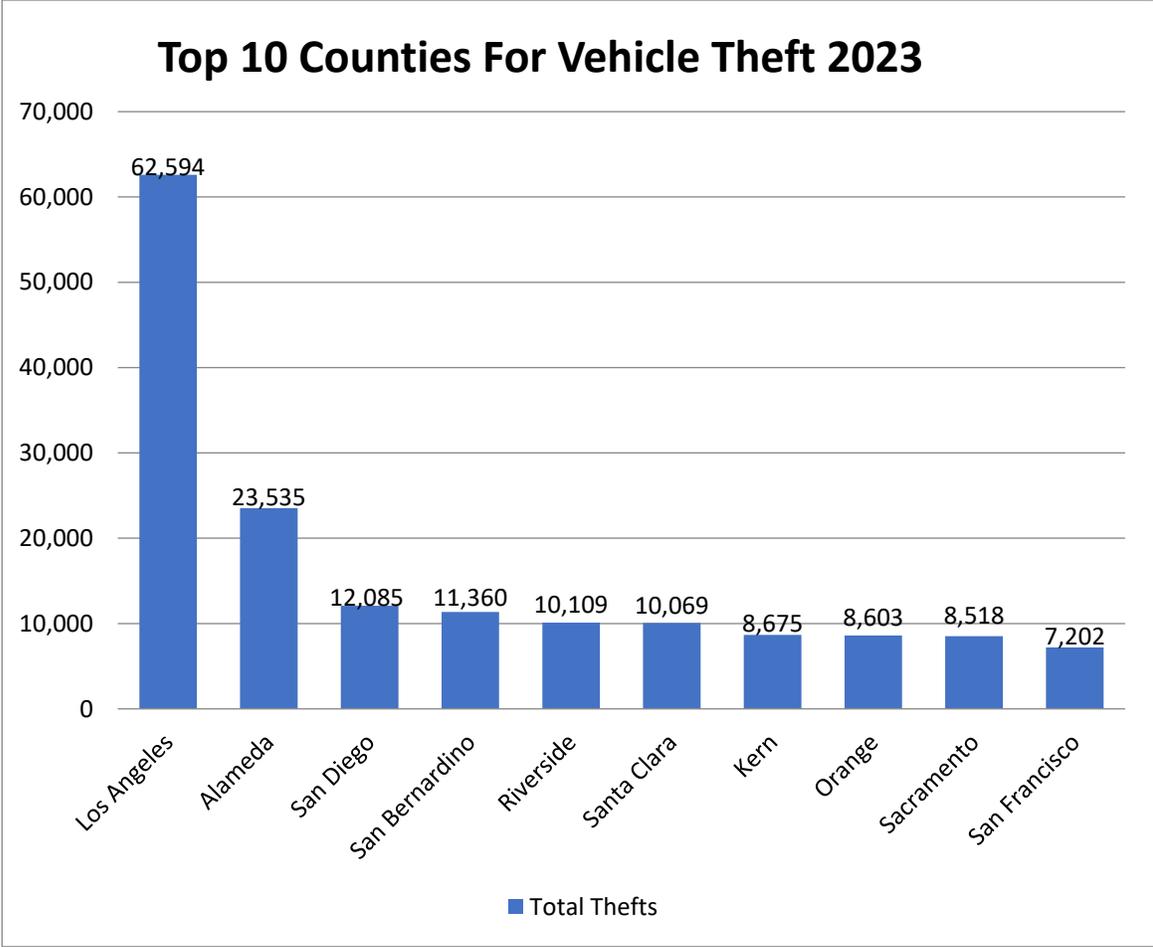 Honda 2022
  Honda 2023
  Kawasaki 2023

  4) Commercial Trucks
  Freightliner 2016
  Freightliner 2015
  Freightliner 2019

WHERE THE THEFTS OCCURRED

- Approximately 51.7 percent of all vehicle thefts occurred in Southern California (Los Angeles, San Diego, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange Counties). Of the vehicle thefts in Southern California, 59.8 percent occurred in Los Angeles County.

- Approximately 21.6 percent of all vehicle thefts occurred in the San Francisco Bay Area (Alameda, Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin Counties). Of the vehicle thefts in the San Francisco Bay Area, 53.8 percent occurred in Alameda County.

- Approximately 11.9 percent of all vehicle thefts occurred in the Central Valley (Kern, Fresno, San Joaquin, Tulare, Stanislaus, Merced, Kings, and Madera Counties). Of the vehicle thefts in the Central Valley, 36 percent occurred in Kern County.

- The remaining 14.8 percent of vehicle thefts occurred throughout the remainder of California.

Top 10 Counties For Vehicle Theft 2023

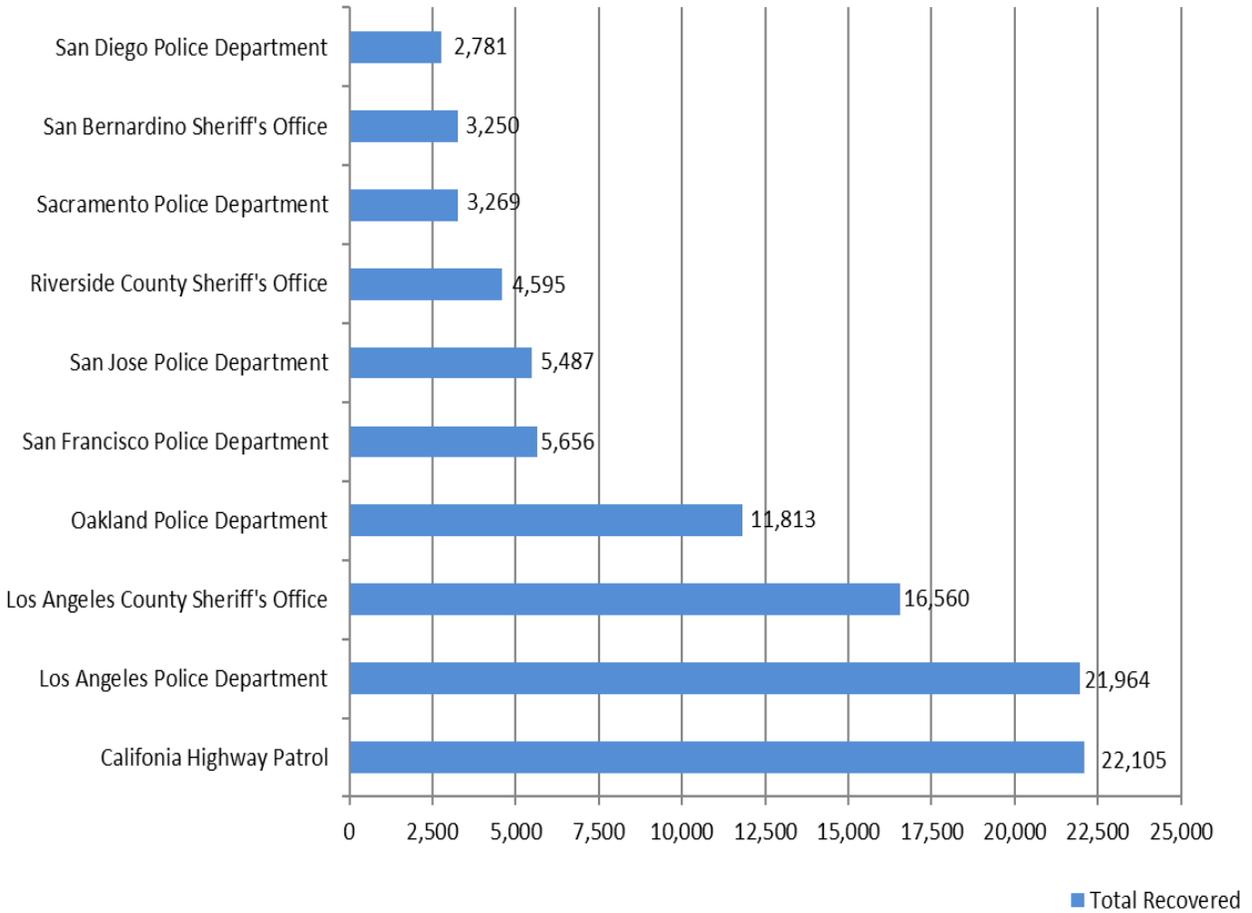| County	Total Thefts
Los Angeles	62,594
Alameda	23,535
San Diego	12,085
San Bernardino	11,360
Riverside	10,109
Santa Clara	10,069
Kern	8,675
Orange	8,603
Sacramento	8,518
San Francisco	7,202

VEHICLE THEFT TRENDS

- In 2023, the top three stolen automobiles were:
  1. 2015 Kia Optima
  2. 2013 Hyundai Sonata
  3. 2013 Hyundai Elantra

- For the third consecutive year, the Chevy Silverado remained a vehicle of choice for thieves who continued targeting personal trucks/SUVs, specifically model years 2001, 2002, and 2006, which ranked one, two, and three, respectively.

- For the first time, 2022 and 2023 Honda ranked number one and two for the most frequently stolen motorcycles in 2023. The 2023 Kawasaki ranked number three.

- Freightliner commercial trucks model years 2016, 2015, and 2019 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 equipment is the number one brand of stolen construction equipment for 2023. These vehicles and equipment are popular targets because of their high resale value, popularity, and availability.

VEHICLE RECOVERIES

- Of the 202,893 vehicles stolen statewide in 2023, 85.4 percent were successfully recovered, representing 173,354 recovered vehicles.

- Of the 202,893 vehicles stolen statewide in 2023, 92.7 percent of the automobiles, 89.1 percent of the personal trucks and SUVs, 76.9 percent of the commercial trucks, and 54.9 percent of the motorcycles were recovered.

- Of the 173,354 vehicles recovered statewide in 2023, 51.7 percent were recovered intact and in drivable condition, 36.1 percent were intentionally burned and/or wrecked, 8.4 percent were stripped of minor parts, and 3.8 percent were missing major components.

- In 2023, it was determined 1,296 vehicles were stolen for the purpose of cargo theft. 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. 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	Total Recovered
San Diego Police Department	2,781
San Bernardino Sheriff's Office	3,250
Sacramento Police Department	3,269
Riverside County Sheriff's Office	4,595
San Jose Police Department	5,487
San Francisco Police Department	5,656
Oakland Police Department	11,813
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office	16,560
Los Angeles Police Department	21,964
Califonia Highway Patrol	22,105

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

2023
California Vehicle Theft

THEFTS	2023	2022	% +/-
Automobile	83,039	72,754	14.1%
Motorcycle	8,805	10,037	-12.3%
Personal truck/Sport utility	89,691	95,728	-6.3%
Commercial truck	2,274	1,896	19.9%
Recreational vehicle	2,534	2,731	-7.2%
Trailer	9,579	10,307	-7.1%
Other	6,971	5,085	37.1%
TOTAL	202,893	198,538	2.2%
RECOVERIES			
Automobile	76,986	68,354	12.6%
Motorcycle	4,835	5,634	-14.2%
Personal truck/Sport utility	79,925	88,194	-9.4%
Commercial truck	1,750	1,521	15.1%
Recreational vehicle	1,277	1,387	-7.9%
Trailer	5,296	5,507	-3.8%
Other	3,285	1,486	121.1%
TOTAL	173,354	172,083	0.7%
RECOVERY RATE (%)			
Automobile	92.7%	94.0%	-1.3%
Motorcycle	54.9%	56.1%	-1.2%
Personal Truck/Sport Utility	89.1%	92.1%	-3.0%
Commercial Truck	76.9%	80.2%	-3.3%
Recreational vehicle	50.4%	50.8%	-0.4%
Trailer	55.3%	53.4%	1.9%
Other	47.1%	29.2%	17.9%
TOTAL	85.4%	86.7%	-1.3%

2023
Thefts by County

COUNTY	2023	2022	% +/-	COUNTY	2023	2022	% +/-
Alameda	23,535	15,982	47.3%	Orange	8,603	9,785	-12.1%
Alpine	1	0	N/A	Placer	550	737	-25.4%
Amador	51	67	-23.9%	Plumas	27	30	-10.0%
Butte	1,010	842	20.0%	Riverside	10,109	11,289	-10.5%
Calaveras	80	143	-44.1%	Sacramento	8,518	8,300	2.6%
Colusa	57	64	-10.9%	San Benito	75	88	-14.8%
Contra Costa	6,225	5,273	18.1%	San Bernardino	11,360	10,449	8.7%
Del Norte	60	91	-34.1%	San Diego	12,085	12,911	-6.4%
El Dorado	196	274	-28.5%	San Francisco	7,202	6,858	5.0%
Fresno	4,792	5,111	-6.2%	San Joaquin	4,124	3,257	26.6%
Glenn	79	79	0.0%	San Luis Obispo	412	518	-20.5%
Humboldt	508	806	-37.0%	San Mateo	2,072	2,191	-5.4%
Imperial	528	679	-22.2%	Santa Barbara	1,566	1,885	-16.9%
Inyo	36	33	9.1%	Santa Clara	10,069	9,894	1.8%
Kern	8,675	9,499	-8.7%	Santa Cruz	528	738	-28.5%
Kings	433	512	-15.4%	Shasta	776	993	-21.9%
Lake	245	227	7.9%	Sierra	2	0	N/A
Lassen	76	70	8.6%	Siskiyou	139	134	3.7%
Los Angeles	62,594	61,770	1.3%	Solano	2,360	2,270	4.0%
Madera	345	445	-22.5%	Sonoma	773	955	-19.1%
Marin	879	1,117	-21.3%	Stanislaus	2,048	2,096	-2.3%
Mariposa	21	16	31.3%	Sutter	576	731	-21.2%
Mendocino	164	173	-5.2%	Tehama	307	386	-20.5%
Merced	1344	1,331	1.0%	Trinity	49	55	-10.9%
Modoc	8	17	-52.9%	Tulare	2,320	2,448	-5.2%
Mono	6	3	100.0%	Tuolumne	105	137	-23.4%
Monterey	997	1,333	-25.2%	Ventura	1,567	1,606	-2.4%
Napa	296	307	-3.6%	Yolo	990	796	24.4%
Nevada	205	205	0.0%	Yuba	135	144	-6.3%
				Other	0	388	N/A

Total	2023	2022	% +/-
	202,893	198,538	2.2%

2023
Recoveries by County

COUNTY	2023	2022	% +/-	COUNTY	2023	2022	% +/-
Alameda	22,746	16,319	39.4%	Orange	6,035	7,218	-16.4%
Amador	39	41	-4.9%	Placer	491	634	-22.6%
Butte	849	688	23.4%	Plumas	14	21	-33.3%
Calaveras	51	99	-48.5%	Riverside	8,853	9,298	-4.8%
Colusa	48	38	26.3%	Sacramento	8,124	7,678	5.8%
Contra Costa	5,889	4,848	21.5%	San Benito	62	55	12.7%
Del Norte	41	79	-48.1%	San Bernardino	9,241	8,922	3.6%
El Dorado	178	158	12.7%	San Diego	7,948	8,803	-9.7%
Fresno	4,183	4,514	-7.3%	San Francisco	5,991	5,656	5.9%
Glenn	51	57	-10.5%	San Joaquin	3,344	2,726	22.7%
Humboldt	422	727	-42.0%	San Luis Obispo	443	526	-15.8%
Imperial	271	334	-18.9%	San Mateo	1,445	1,608	-10.1%
Inyo	30	27	11.1%	Santa Barbara	1,245	1,635	-23.9%
Kern	7,057	8,106	-12.9%	Santa Clara	8,512	8,654	-1.6%
Kings	325	411	-20.9%	Santa Cruz	441	557	-20.8%
Lake	200	216	-7.4%	Shasta	671	854	-21.4%
Lassen	60	56	7.1%	Siskiyou	75	100	-25.0%
Los Angeles	53,996	55,228	-2.2%	Solano	2,188	2,166	1.0%
Madera	290	383	-24.3%	Sonoma	662	775	-14.6%
Marin	590	761	-22.5%	Stanislaus	1,665	1,756	-5.2%
Mariposa	16	12	33.3%	Sutter	418	570	-26.7%
Mendocino	133	151	-11.9%	Tehama	264	307	-14.0%
Merced	1,089	1,073	1.5%	Trinity	30	35	-14.3%
Modoc	5	11	-54.5%	Tulare	2,047	2,176	-5.9%
Mono	7	6	16.7%	Tuolumne	86	92	-6.5%
Monterey	844	1,204	-29.9%	Ventura	1,177	1,275	-7.7%
Napa	231	213	8.5%	Yolo	750	596	25.8%
Nevada	150	156	-3.8%	Yuba	208	170	22.4%
				Other	1,133	1,304	-13.1%

Total	2023	2022	% +/-
	173,354	172,083	0.7%

RANK	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	NUMBER OF THEFTS
1	KIA	OPTIMA	2015	2,273
2	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2013	1,856
3	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2013	1,581
4	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2017	1,519
5	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2015	1,490
6	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2016	1,376
7	KIA	OPTIMA	2013	1,316
8	HONDA	CIVIC	2000	1,193
9	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2011	1,076
10	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2017	1,040
11	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2012	1,001
12	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2014	951
13	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2018	898
14	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2016	880
15	KIA	OPTIMA	2016	841
16	HONDA	CIVIC	1998	832
17	HONDA	CIVIC	1999	756
18	KIA	OPTIMA	2014	743
19	KIA	OPTIMA	2019	689
20	KIA	OPTIMA	2018	687
21	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2015	664
22	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2020	621
23	HONDA	CIVIC	1997	596
24	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2014	594
25	KIA	OPTIMA	2020	545
26	HONDA	ACCORD	1997	527
27	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2019	525
28	KIA	FORTE	2021	502
29	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2012	472
30	KIA	FORTE	2019	468
31	HONDA	ACCORD	1996	436
32	KIA	OPTIMA	2012	424
33	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2019	400
34	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2018	384
35	KIA	OPTIMA	2017	384
36	HONDA	CIVIC	1996	375
37	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2011	363
38	KIA	FORTE	2020	334
39	KIA	RIO	2013	328
40	DODGE	CHARGER	2021	320

2023 Top 40 Personal Trucks/SUVs

RANK	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	NUMBER OF THEFTS
1	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2001	1,230
2	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2002	1,089
3	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2006	1,040
4	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2004	1,030
5	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2005	992
6	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2003	951
7	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2000	855
8	KIA	SOUL	2016	758
9	KIA	SOUL	2014	632
10	KIA	SOUL	2015	628
11	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2007	617
12	HONDA	CRV	2001	506
13	HONDA	CRV	2000	504
14	KIA	SOUL	2018	494
15	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	1999	486
16	KIA	SPORTAGE	2020	481
17	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	2002	479
18	HONDA	CRV	1999	440
19	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	2003	435
20	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	2001	435
21	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	2004	414
22	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2022	403
23	HYUNDAI	TUCSON	2017	392
24	FORD	F250	2006	385
25	GMC	SIERRA	2001	383
26	FORD	F250	2003	383
27	KIA	SOUL	2019	367
28	GMC	SIERRA	2005	365
29	KIA	SPORTAGE	2021	363
30	GMC	SIERRA	2006	361
31	HYUNDAI	TUCSON	2018	354
32	HONDA	CRV	1998	352
33	GMC	SIERRA	2004	348
34	FORD	F250	2004	336
35	KIA	SPORTAGE	2017	335
36	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	2005	332
37	GMC	SIERRA	2002	314
38	KIA	SOUL	2017	313
39	KIA	SPORTAGE	2018	307
40	HYUNDAI	TUCSON	2016	306

RANK	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	NUMBER OF THEFTS
1	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2022	160
2	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2023	139
3	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2023	135
4	HARLEY DAVIDSON	MOTORCYCLE	2022	121
5	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2022	112
6	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2016	109
7	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2022	104
8	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2017	97
9	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2015	95
10	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2021	93
11	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2023	92
12	SUZUKI	MOTORCYCLE	2007	88
13	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2007	86
14	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2005	84
15	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2007	80
16	HARLEY DAVIDSON	MOTORCYCLE	2020	79
17	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2006	77
18	HARLEY DAVIDSON	MOTORCYCLE	2021	77
19	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2020	77
20	SUZUKI	MOTORCYCLE	2006	76
21	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2021	74
22	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2015	74
23	SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION	MOTORCYCLE	2022	72
24	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2003	71
25	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2019	71
26	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2006	67
27	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2014	65
28	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2020	64
29	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2017	63
30	SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION	MOTORCYCLE	2021	62
31	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2018	62
32	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2019	62
33	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2005	62
34	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2018	61
35	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2014	58
36	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2009	58
37	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2008	58
38	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2004	57
39	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2017	57
40	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2013	57