CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

2023 California Vehicle Theft Facts

VEHICLE THEFTS

- In 2023, 202,802 vehicles were stolen, at an estimated total value of $1.8 billion. This is a 2.1 percent increase from the 2022 total for vehicle thefts statewide. The average rate of vehicle thefts in 2023 was approximately one vehicle every 2 minutes and 36 seconds with an average loss of $8,876 per stolen vehicle.

- Of the 202,802 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
    Honda Civic 2000
    Honda Civic 1998

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

    3) Motorcycles
    Honda 2022
    Honda 2023
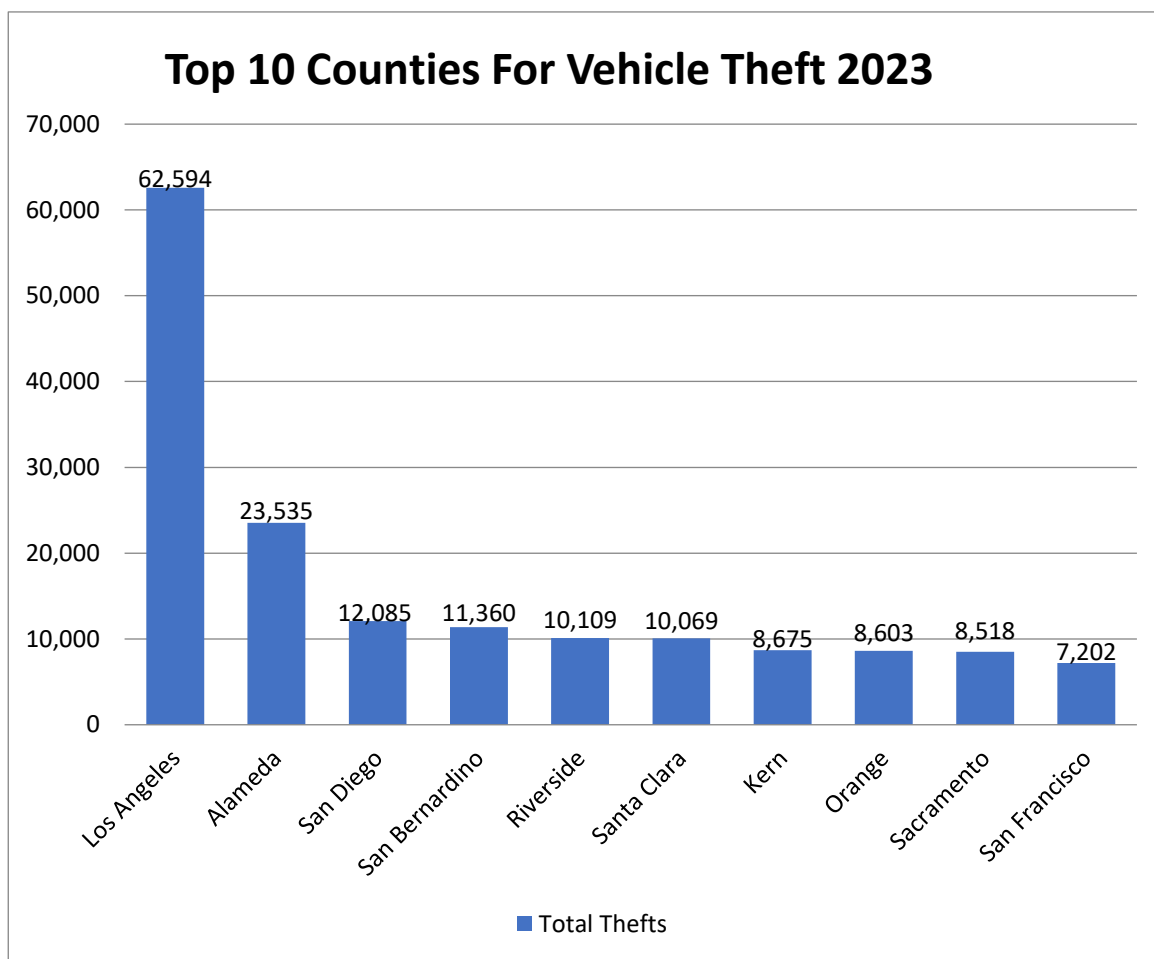   Kawasaki 2023

    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

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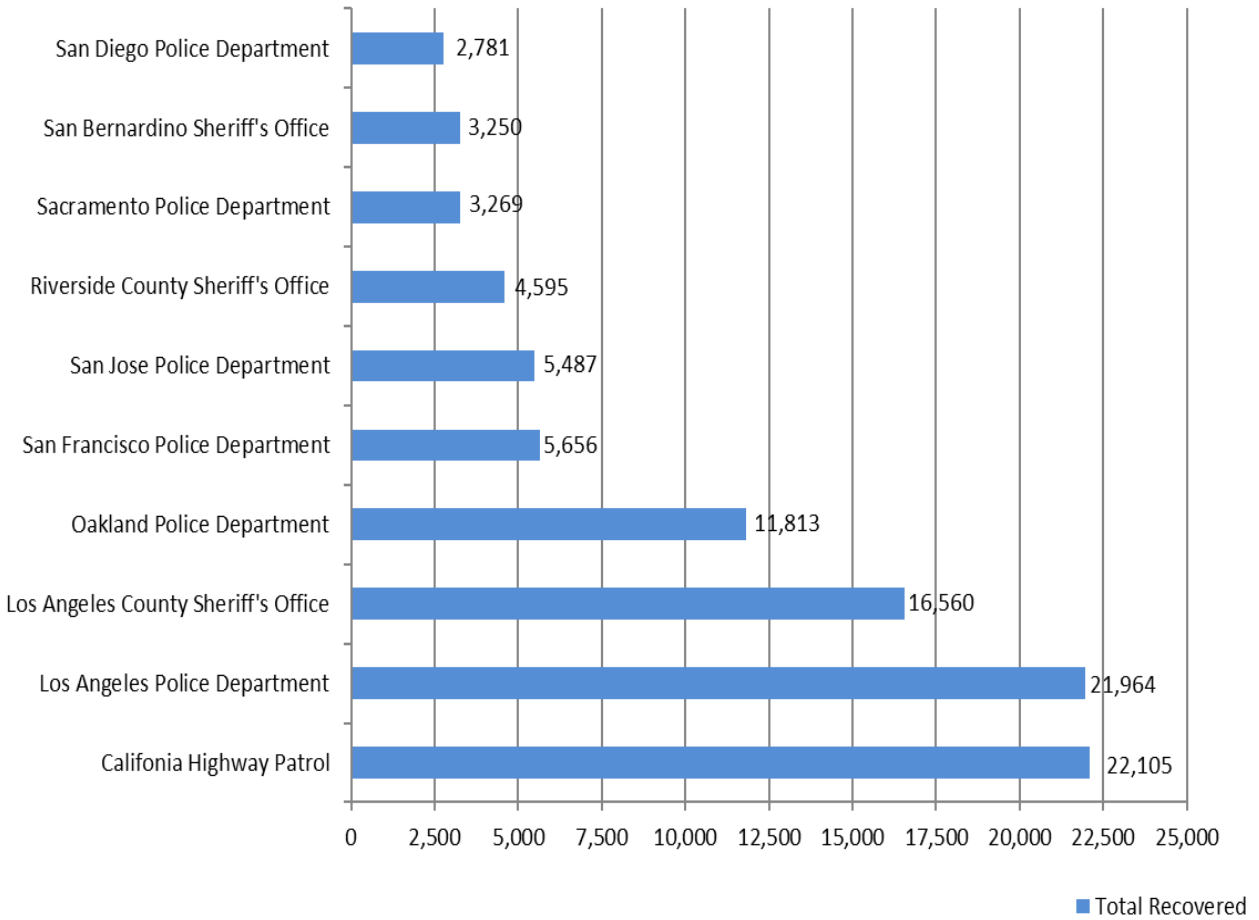
- In 2023, for the second time, the top three stolen automobiles were:
    1. 2015 Kia Optima
    2. 2000 Honda Civic
    3. 1998 Honda Civic

- 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, 2006, and 2004, 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 Unpublished Construction 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 202,802 vehicles stolen statewide in 2023, 85.8 percent were successfully recovered, representing 174,085 recovered vehicles.

- Of the 202,802 vehicles stolen statewide in 2023, 93.5 percent of the automobiles, 90.2 percent of the personal trucks and SUVs, 78.4 percent of the commercial trucks, and 55.7 percent of the motorcycles were recovered.

- Of the 174,085 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

■ Total Recovered

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	83,015	72,754	14.1%
Motorcycle	8,799	10,037	-12.3%
Personal truck/Sport utility	89,643	95,728	-6.4%
Commercial truck	2,271	1,896	19.8%
Recreational vehicle	2,535	2,731	-7.2%
Trailer	9,577	10,307	-7.1%
Other	6,962	5,085	36.9%
TOTAL	202,802	198,538	2.1%
RECOVERIES			
Automobile	77,578	68,354	13.5%
Motorcycle	4,902	5,634	-13.0%
Personal truck/Sport utility	80,824	88,194	-8.4%
Commercial truck	1,780	1,521	17.0%
Recreational vehicle	1,295	1,387	-6.6%
Trailer	5,501	5,507	-0.1%
Other	2,205	1,486	48.4%
TOTAL	174,085	172,083	1.2%
RECOVERY RATE (%)			
Automobile	93.5%	94.0%	-0.5%
Motorcycle	55.7%	56.1%	-0.4%
Personal Truck/Sport Utility	90.2%	92.1%	-2.0%
Commercial Truck	78.4%	80.2%	-1.8%
Recreational vehicle	51.1%	50.8%	0.3%
Trailer	57.4%	53.4%	4.0%
Other	31.7%	29.2%	2.4%
TOTAL	85.8%	86.7%	-0.8%

2023
Thefts by County

COUNTY	2023	2022	% +/-	COUNTY	2023	2022	% +/-
Alameda	11,151	15,982	-30.2%	Orange	3,075	9,785	-68.6%
Amador	2	67	-97.0%	Placer	148	737	-79.9%
Butte	347	842	-58.8%	Plumas	2	30	-93.3%
Calaveras	20	143	-86.0%	Riverside	3,541	11,289	-68.6%
Colusa	19	64	-70.3%	Sacramento	4,089	8,300	-50.7%
Contra Costa	2,824	5,273	-46.4%	San Benito	34	88	-61.4%
Del Norte	15	91	-83.5%	San Bernardino	4,353	10,449	-58.3%
El Dorado	41	274	-85.0%	San Diego	4,328	12,911	-66.5%
Fresno	2,028	5,111	-60.3%	San Francisco	3,096	6,858	-54.9%
Glenn	12	79	-84.8%	San Joaquin	1,944	3,257	-40.3%
Humboldt	150	806	-81.4%	San Luis Obispo	80	518	-84.6%
Imperial	179	679	-73.6%	San Mateo	752	2,191	-65.7%
Inyo	8	33	-75.8%	Santa Barbara	523	1,885	-72.3%
Kern	2,660	9,499	-72.0%	Santa Clara	4,263	9,894	-56.9%
Kings	132	512	-74.2%	Santa Cruz	170	738	-77.0%
Lake	64	227	-71.8%	Shasta	204	993	-79.5%
Lassen	16	70	-77.1%	Siskiyou	32	134	-76.1%
Los Angeles	27,034	61,770	-56.2%	Solano	1,100	2,270	-51.5%
Madera	108	445	-75.7%	Sonoma	271	955	-71.6%
Marin	272	1,117	-75.6%	Stanislaus	811	2,096	-61.3%
Mariposa	5	16	-68.8%	Sutter	172	731	-76.5%
Mendocino	60	173	-65.3%	Tehama	79	386	-79.5%
Merced	537	1,331	-59.7%	Trinity	11	55	-80.0%
Modoc	3	17	-82.4%	Tulare	770	2,448	-68.5%
Mono	3	3	0.0%	Tuolumne	18	137	-86.9%
Monterey	367	1,333	-72.5%	Ventura	561	1,606	-65.1%
Napa	95	307	-69.1%	Yolo	362	796	-54.5%
Nevada	42	205	-79.5%	Yuba	56	144	-61.1%
Total	2023	2022	% +/-				
	83,039	198,538	-58.2%				

COUNTY	2023	2022	% +/-	COUNTY	2023	2022	% +/-
Alameda	10,819	16,319	-33.7%	Orange	2,486	7,218	-65.6%
Amador	11	41	-73.2%	Placer	181	634	-71.5%
Butte	335	688	-51.3%	Plumas	3	21	-85.7%
Calaveras	17	99	-82.8%	Riverside	3,437	9,298	-63.0%
Colusa	17	38	-55.3%	Sacramento	4,111	7,678	-46.5%
Contra Costa	2,830	4,848	-41.6%	San Benito	26	55	-52.7%
Del Norte	12	79	-84.8%	San Bernardino	3,909	8,922	-56.2%
El Dorado	41	158	-74.1%	San Diego	3,368	8,803	-61.7%
Fresno	1,933	4,514	-57.2%	San Francisco	2,752	5,656	-51.3%
Glenn	8	57	-86.0%	San Joaquin	1,701	2,726	-37.6%
Humboldt	141	727	-80.6%	San Luis Obispo	128	526	-75.7%
Imperial	110	334	-67.1%	San Mateo	678	1,608	-57.8%
Inyo	7	27	-74.1%	Santa Barbara	458	1,635	-72.0%
Kern	2,359	8,106	-70.9%	Santa Clara	3,860	8,654	-55.4%
Kings	108	411	-73.7%	Santa Cruz	165	557	-70.4%
Lake	68	216	-68.5%	Shasta	214	854	-74.9%
Lassen	13	56	-76.8%	Siskiyou	24	100	-76.0%
Los Angeles	25,321	55,228	-54.2%	Solano	1,092	2,166	-49.6%
Madera	106	383	-72.3%	Sonoma	258	775	-66.7%
Marin	211	761	-72.3%	Stanislaus	755	1,756	-57.0%
Mariposa	3	12	-75.0%	Sutter	143	570	-74.9%
Mendocino	54	151	-64.2%	Tehama	76	307	-75.2%
Merced	496	1,073	-53.8%	Trinity	8	35	-77.1%
Modoc	2	11	-81.8%	Tulare	741	2,176	-65.9%
Mono	3	6	-50.0%	Tuolumne	17	92	-81.5%
Monterey	352	1,204	-70.8%	Ventura	485	1,275	-62.0%
Napa	96	213	-54.9%	Yolo	314	596	-47.3%
Nevada	32	156	-79.5%	Yuba	91	170	-46.5%

	2023	2022	% +/-
Total	76,986	172,083	-55.3%

2023
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	TOYOTA	CAMRY	2007	215
39	HONDA	ACCORD	2017	213
40	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2018	211

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

2023 Top 40 Motorcycles

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