

VEHICLE THEFTS

- In 2018, 164,781 vehicles were stolen, at an estimated total value of approximately \$1.2 billion. This is a 6 percent decrease from the 2017 total for vehicle thefts statewide. The average rate of theft in 2018 was one vehicle every three minutes.
- Of the vehicles stolen in 2018, 49.2 percent were automobiles, 39 percent were personal trucks and sport utility vehicles, 2.5 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 4.6 percent of thefts.
- Top theft targets:

1) Automobiles

Honda Civic 2000 Honda Civic 1998 Honda Accord 1997

3) Motorcycles

Yamaha 2016 Yamaha 2017 Suzuki 2007

2) Personal Trucks/ Sport Utility Vehicles

Honda CRV 2000 Honda CRV 1999 Honda CRV 1998

4) Commercial trucks

Freightliner 2009 Freightliner 2012 Freightliner 2011

https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2017/crime-in-the-u.s.-2017/topic-pages/motor-vehicle-theft 1/4/2019

WHERE THE THEFTS OCCURRED

- Approximately 51.8 percent of all thefts occurred in Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties).
 Of the thefts in Southern California, 51.6 percent occurred in Los Angeles County.
- Approximately 17 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, 38.1 percent occurred in Alameda County.
- Approximately 13.7 percent of all thefts occurred in the Central Valley (Kern, Fresno, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, Merced, Madera, and Kings counties). Of the thefts in the Central Valley, 28.4 percent occurred in Kern County.
- The remaining 17.5 percent of thefts occurred throughout the remainder of California.

AGENCY	THEFTS
Los Angeles Police Department	18,933
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office	11,597
California Highway Patrol	11,314
San Jose Police Department	8,064
Riverside County Sheriff's Office	5,742
San Diego Police Department	4,996
Oakland Police Department	4,639
San Francisco Police Department	4,344
Sacramento Police Department	2,956
Fresno Police Department	2,705

VEHICLE THEFT TRENDS

• The 2000 and 1998 Honda Civic rank as the number one and two stolen vehicles statewide, respectively, and the 1997 Honda Accord ranked at number three. For the third year since 2006, the Honda Civic has replaced the Honda Accord as the number one stolen vehicle.

- For the second year, the Honda CRV leads the list for the top three stolen personal trucks and sport utility vehicles, with the 2000, 1999, and 1998 models ranking number one, two, and three, respectively.
- The 2016 and 2017 Yamaha were the number one and two stolen motorcycles, respectively. In 2018, the 2007 Suzuki ranked at number three and has ranked in the top three most frequently stolen motorcycles every year since 2008.
- Freightliner commercial trucks model years 2009, 2012, and 2011 ranked number one, two, and three, respectively. Other vehicles include farm and construction equipment. In these categories, Melroe Division construction equipment ranked as the number one brand of stolen construction equipment, and John Deere farm equipment has ranked as the number one brand of stolen farm equipment every year since 2008. These vehicles and equipment are popular targets because of their high resale value, popularity, and availability.

VEHICLE RECOVERIES

- Of the 164,781 vehicles stolen statewide in 2018, 90.4 percent were successfully recovered, representing 148,940 recovered vehicles.
- Of the vehicles stolen statewide, 96.7 percent of the automobiles, 52.7 percent of the motorcycles, 93.2 percent of the personal trucks and sport utility vehicles, and 86.8 percent of the commercial trucks were recovered.
- Of the vehicles recovered statewide, 66.2 percent were recovered intact and in drivable condition, 2.9 percent were missing major components, 8.5 percent were stripped of minor parts, and 22.3 percent were intentionally burned and/or wrecked. Less than one half percent of the thefts were considered cargo theft only.
- In 2018, it was determined 37 of the recovered vehicles were cargo theft only.
 At less than half a 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 millions of dollars
 annually.

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AGENCY	RECOVERIES
California Highway Patrol	20,963
Los Angeles Police Department	15,934
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office	10,957
San Jose Police Department	6,925
Riverside County Sheriff's Office	4,936
Oakland Police Department	4,818
San Francisco Police Department	3,861
San Diego Police Department	2,814
Sacramento Police Department	2505
San Diego County Sheriff's Office	1,764

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