

### Auto Theft Facts: UK

- Vehicle crime accounts for more than a quarter of all crimes recorded by the police, and is the single most common offence.
- The results incorporate the 31% vehicle related theft fall since 1997, according to the British Crime Survey 2002/03. The everyday risk of having your vehicle stolen is now very low about once every 70 years.
- Although the numbers of crimes have been falling steadily since 1992, around 500,000 vehicles are still stolen every year.
- older cars (those aged 12-14 years old) are at the highest risk of being stolen
- cars aged between 11-15 year account for 41% of all cars stolen
- new cars are at least risk of being stolen – those aged 0-3 years old account for only 13% of stolen car
- sophisticated security measures now fitted as standard to new cars mean some criminals are turning to other methods to steal vehicles (for example taking the key )
- theft from a vehicle is the largest category of vehicle theft according to the British Crime Survey 2002/03, accounting for 60% of all vehicle-related theft.
- the average value of possessions stolen from vehicles is estimated at £80, while the average cost of a stolen vehicle is £900.
- the British Crime Survey also found that around 40% of vehicle crimes occur on the street outside the home.
- regardless of the monetary loss victims suffer distress, inconvenience, and an increased fear of crime.
- in 2002, 314,774 cars were stolen in England, Scotland and Wales. This is 26,900 fewer thefts than in 2001.

### AUTO THEFT FACTS : USA

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 1999, an estimated 1.1 million vehicles were stolen in the United States (FBI Uniform Crime Reports).</li> <li>• The estimated value of motor vehicles reported stolen in 1999 was over \$7 billion with an average value of \$6,104.</li> <li>• The recovery rate for vehicles stolen in 1999 was 67 per cent, showing that most thefts were either for necessity or used for joyriding.</li> <li>• Seventy-five per cent of all motor vehicles reported stolen during 1999 were automobiles. Nineteen per cent were <u>trucks</u> or buses.</li> <li>• The most commonly used tool for thieves is a screwdriver.</li> <li>• Auto theft is an estimated \$7.5 billion business and continues to grow, according to the FBI.</li> <li>• In 1998, auto thieves grabbed 8.4 per cent fewer <u>cars</u> than in 1997, but the average value of the cars stolen was 11 per cent higher. That means the auto theft industry's cost to consumers and insurers rose \$200</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The odds of your car being taken were 1 in 171 in 1998.</li> <li>• Police apprehend 14 per cent of all <u>auto</u> thieves - a percentage that has remained constant for the past decade.</li> <li>• The majority of vehicle thefts are done by non-professionals.</li> <li>• 23 per cent of vehicles stolen are by professionals for profit by supplying to chop shops or exporting the vehicle.</li> <li>• 77 per cent of vehicles stolen are by non-professionals that steal for <u>transportation</u> or joyriding.</li> <li>• 67 per cent of persons arrested for vehicle theft are under the age of 25.</li> <li>• 64 per cent of persons arrested for vehicle theft are under the age of 18.</li> </ul> <p><b>Locations:</b> Most vehicles are stolen from in front of the victim's home or apartment.</p> |
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<p>million in 1998.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One car is stolen every 19 seconds in the US. That's a shorter time than it takes most people to unlock their car, put on their seat belt and start the engine.</li> <li>• More than two thirds of all auto theft occurs at night. Over one half of all auto theft occurs in residential areas.</li> <li>• If auto theft was a legitimate business, it would be ranked 50th among the Fortune 500 companies.</li> <li>• The thief who drives your car away is 200 times more likely to have a serious accident with it than you are.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Suspects</b> have a preference for stealing cars that they already know how to steal, and are easily stolen: <u>Chevy/Olds/Pontiac/Buick/Dodge/Plymouth</u> and Chrysler products are most popular in Pittsburgh and account for 8 of the top 10 models stolen. Honda and <u>Toyota</u> products are popular throughout the USA due to popularity and ability to resale parts.</p> <p>Tools typically used are slide hammers, flat metal strips, screwdriver, slip tools such as a common butter knife.</p>
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<b>AUTO THEFT FACTS: INDIA</b>									
<b>NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, DELHI</b>									
CRIME HEAD	REPORTED			TRACED OUT			%AGE TRACED OUT		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
Motor Vehicle Theft	8443	7943	8043	1056	1508	1609	12.72	19.38	18.3
Car Theft	--	4337	4225	--	--	1169	--	--	26.97
Details of Lost, Recovered and Co-ordination achieved till 31/07/99									
Name of the Property	Lost	Recovered	No. of cases Co-ordinated						
Motor Vehicles	2,68,697	51,631	20,175						
<p>The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) based in Delhi collates information on crimes across the country. <u>Motor vehicle</u> theft is one of heads under which crime is classified. The NCRB maintains computerised records of missing vehicles and recovered vehicles and allows prospective car buyers to check their database before buying a <u>used vehicle</u>. Stolen vehicles usually find their way into used car markets in another part of the country where unwary buyers can end up with a vehicle that has forged registration documents. The NCRB database can be queried at <a href="http://www.ncrbindia.org">www.ncrbindia.org</a></p>	<p>The data available in Crime Records Division is used for the purpose of co-ordination of recovered / seized Motor Vehicles with data of lost / stolen Motor Vehicles and vice versa. In case of co-ordination the concerned District Superintendent of Police are informed through wireless message accordingly. The data of Motor Vehicles is also used to cater the need of the issuing theft clearance reports to 10 <u>Transport</u> Authorities of Delhi Administration and certain other States for the purpose of transferring the ownership of the vehicle.</p>								

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incidents of car theft all over the country are on the rise.</li> <li>• More than 40,000 vehicles worth Rs 140 crore are stolen in our country every year, mainly in the metropolitan</li> </ul>

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- Less than 15,000 vehicles are traced.