

# Austin Police Department Auto Theft/Burglary of Vehicle Crime Statistics

Information obtained from APD Property Crime Statistics (June 1 -30, 2014)

Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts
Year to Date 2013	Year to Date 2014	% Year to Date Change
1026	1060	3%
Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle
Year to Date 2013	Year to Date 2014	% Year to Date Change
6,376	5,104	-20 %

Major patterns for auto thefts during the month of June 2014 were:

- Trucks: 14 cases – a slight increase compare to 11 cases the month of May
- Hondas: 13 cases (mid 90’s), a significant decrease compare to 37 cases the month of May
- Motorcycles: 11 cases – a decrease compare to 17 cases the month of May
- **In 48% of auto thefts, keys were used to steal the vehicles (keys left in vehicle, lost keys, etc)**

**APD reminds you to take safety precaution. It only takes few minutes for a thief to steal your car and take your items which can then lead to other crimes. Don’t give a thief an opportunity to commit these crimes. Remember...”Watch Your Car!”**

**CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:**

- Lock your car and take your keys.
- Never leave your car running even if you’ll only be gone for a minute – leaving your key in an unattended motor vehicle is a crime in Texas.
- **Never hide a spare key or a second set of keys in or about your car. Extra keys are easily found by car thieves.**
- Secure your belongings. Don’t attractive thieves by leaving valuables in plain view.
- Invest in vehicle and motorcycle theft deterrents – wheel locks, steering lock, tracking device, kill switch, etc. APD offers FREE VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) etching.
- When buying from a private individual, make sure the title and registration are signed and match the name and address of the person selling the car. For title history report: [www.txDMV.gov](http://www.txDMV.gov)

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