

Austin Police Department Auto Theft/Burglary of Vehicle Crime Statistics

Information obtained from APD Property Crime Statistics (Oct. 1 to Oct. 31, 2013)

Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts
Year to Date 2012	Year to Date 2013	% Year to Date Change
1,827	1,718	-6%
Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle
Year to Date 2012	Year to Date 2013	% Year to Date Change
11,547	10,652	-8%

Major patterns for auto thefts during the month of October 2013 were:

- Trucks: 25 cases – a significant increase compare to 5 cases the month September
- Hondas: 60 cases (mid 90’s), a significant increase compare to 12 cases the month of September
- Motorcycles: 13 cases – an increase compare to 9 cases during the month of September
- In 39% of auto thefts, keys were used to steal the vehicles (keys left in vehicle, lost keys, etc)

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

- Lock your car and take your keys even if your only gone a few seconds – remember it only takes a few seconds to steal a vehicle.
- Never hide a second set of keys in or on your car. Extra keys can easily be found by thieves.
- Take your valuables with you. Don’t give thieves the opportunity to steal your valuables.
- Invest in vehicle and motorcycle deterrents – wheel locks, steering lock, tracking device, kill switch, etc. APD offers FREE VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) etching.
- Participate in the statewide H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft) Program, a vehicle registration program aimed at reducing auto theft. Call 1-888-447-5933 or visit web: <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/heat> for details

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