

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

Information obtained from APD Property Crime Statistics (Feb 1, 2013 – Feb 24, 2013)

Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts
Year to Date 2012	Year to Date 2013	% Year to Date Change
302	357	18%
Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle
Year to Date 2012	Year to Date 2013	% Year to Date Change
1,988	1,856	-7%

Major patterns for February auto thefts were:

- Trucks: 26 cases, down from 41 in January
- Hondas: 16 cases (mid 90's), down from 29 in January
- Motorcycles: 5 cases, down from 8 in January
- In 41% of auto thefts, keys were used to steal the vehicles (keys left in vehicle, lost keys, etc)

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### CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

- Lock your car and take your keys – don't make it easy for a thief to enter your vehicle.
- Park in well-lit areas or attended lots – auto thieves do not like witnesses and prefer unattended parking lots.
- Don't leave valuables in plain view (purses/wallets, cell phones, laptops, electronics, money, jewelry, garage door opener, personal information, etc.) – don't make your car a more desirable target and attract thieves by leaving valuables in sight.



<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/auto-theft>