

Austin Police Department Auto Theft/Burglary of Vehicle Crime Statistics

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

Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts
Year to Date 2012	Year to Date 2013	% Year to Date Change
990	878	-8%
Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle
Year to Date 2012	Year to Date 2013	% Year to Date Change
5,628	5,234	-7%

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

- Trucks: 17 cases – slight increase compare to 13 the month of April
- Hondas: 19 cases (mid 90’s), significant decrease compare to 32 the month of April
- Motorcycles: 17 cases – slight decrease compare to 19 during the month of April
- In 55% 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.

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