

FACT SHEET: AUTO THEFT STATISTICS & TRENDS

Auto Theft Spikes in Winter

- The cold winter weather tempts people to leave their car running while unattended to warm it up.
- The telltale “puff” of exhaust is an invitation for thieves to steal a car.
- Unattended running cars are known as “puffers,” an expression used by thieves.
- 40% of Coloradans admit they have left their car running unattended. (Talmey Drake Poll)

Colorado Auto Theft

- 11,003 vehicles were stolen in Colorado in 2012, a 18% increase from 2011 (2012 ATICC Annual Public Report)
 - Auto thefts increased 58% in Colorado Springs from 2011-2012
 - Using the FBI's average valuation of \$6,019 per stolen vehicle, this amounts to an estimated \$66 million in losses during 2012 (Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association)
- CAAT Coalition Partner efforts have resulted in an increase in stolen vehicle recoveries and criminal prosecutions of hard-core and major organized crime; the average recovery rate for all thefts reported through the Colorado Auto Theft Intelligence Coordination Center (ATICC) was 73%
- In 2012, 89% of all stolen vehicles reported originated from the Denver Metropolitan Area (67%) or the South Central area (22%) (2012 ATICC Annual Public Report)
- Car theft rankings: out of the 380 largest cities in the United States, Pueblo ranks #48, Colorado Springs ranks #57 and Denver ranks #58 (NICB Hot Spots 2012)

Top Five Colorado Counties Where Auto Thefts Occurred in 2012 (2012 ATICC Annual Public Report)

1. Denver County
2. Adams County
3. El Paso County
4. Jefferson County
5. Arapahoe County

Colorado's Top Ten Stolen Vehicles in 2012 (NICB)

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| 1. 1996 Honda Accord | 6. 1994 Acura Integra |
| 2. 1997 Honda Civic | 7. 2001 Dodge Pick-Up (Full Size) |
| 3. 2000 Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee | 8. 2003 Ford Explorer |
| 4. 1997 Ford Pick-Up (Full Size) | 9. 1994 Toyota Camry |
| 5. 1999 Chevrolet Pick-Up (Full Size) | 10. 2004 Subaru Impreza |

National Auto Theft

- A motor vehicle is stolen in the United States every 44 seconds (NHTSA)
- The estimated number of motor vehicle thefts increased 0.6 percent in 2012 when compared with the 2011 estimates (FBI)
- 50% of all stolen cars have the keys in them (NHTSA)
- Car theft is costly and inconvenient; losses totaled \$4.3 billion in 2012 (FBI)
 - Car thieves steal cars to resell the parts for more money and with less risk than selling the whole car
 - Car theft rings are often associated with drug distribution and heavier crimes

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