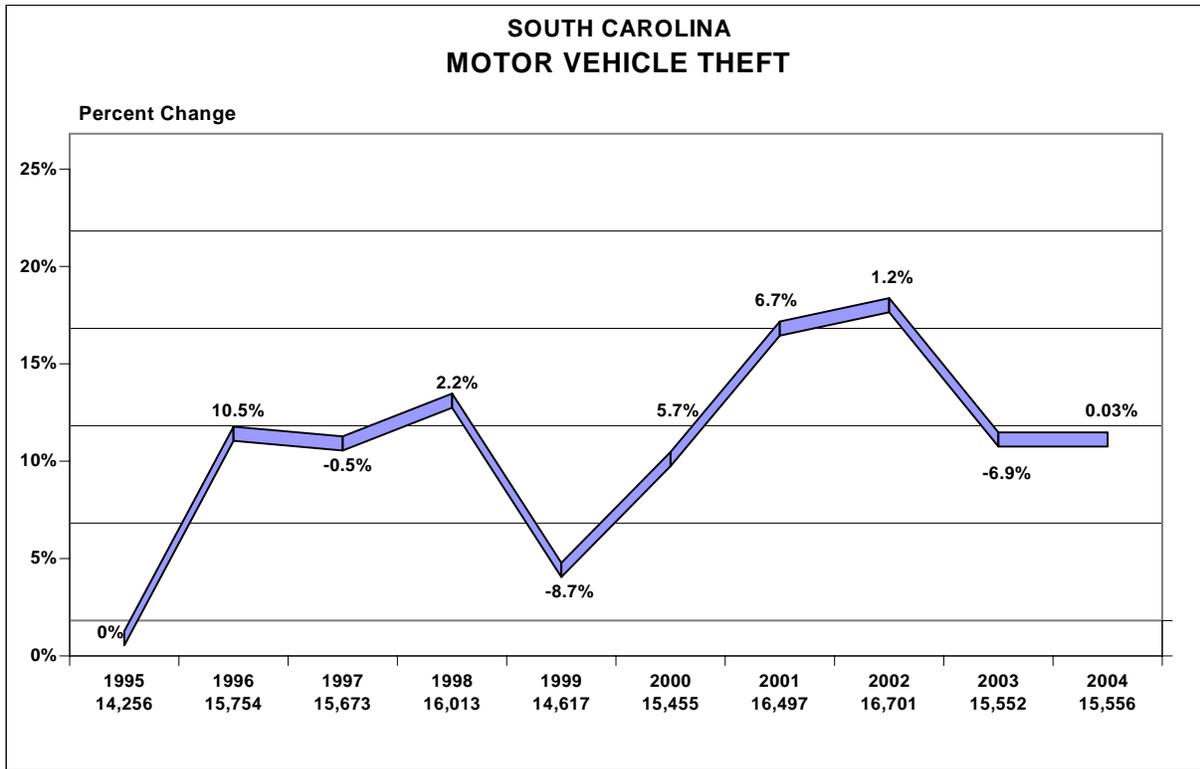


MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

DEFINITION

Motor Vehicle theft, for UCR purposes, is defined as the theft of a self-propelled vehicle that runs on the surface of the land but not on rails. Motor vehicles include automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, and the like. One offense is counted for each vehicle stolen. This category does not include boats, farm equipment, tractors, bulldozers, etc. Motor vehicle theft does not include using a vehicle without the owner's consent if prior consent or lawful access has been granted. Obtaining vehicles through fraud or failure to return rented vehicles are not included in this category. Attempts to steal motor vehicles as well as "joyrides" are counted as motor vehicle thefts.



2004 SUMMARY

A total of 15,556 motor vehicle thefts was reported in the 2004 crime index. During this year, motor vehicle thefts increased 0.03 percent compared to those reported in 2003.

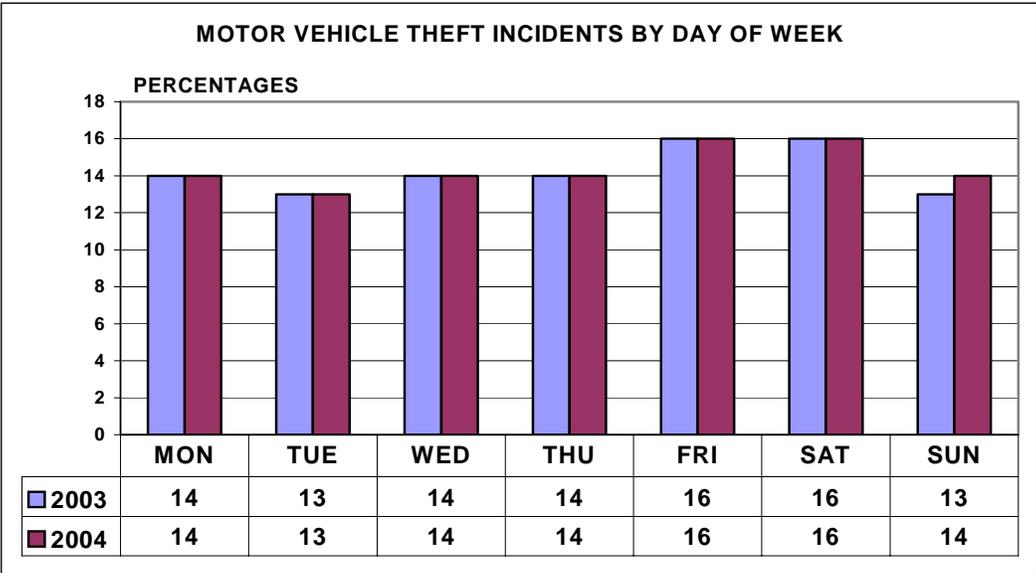
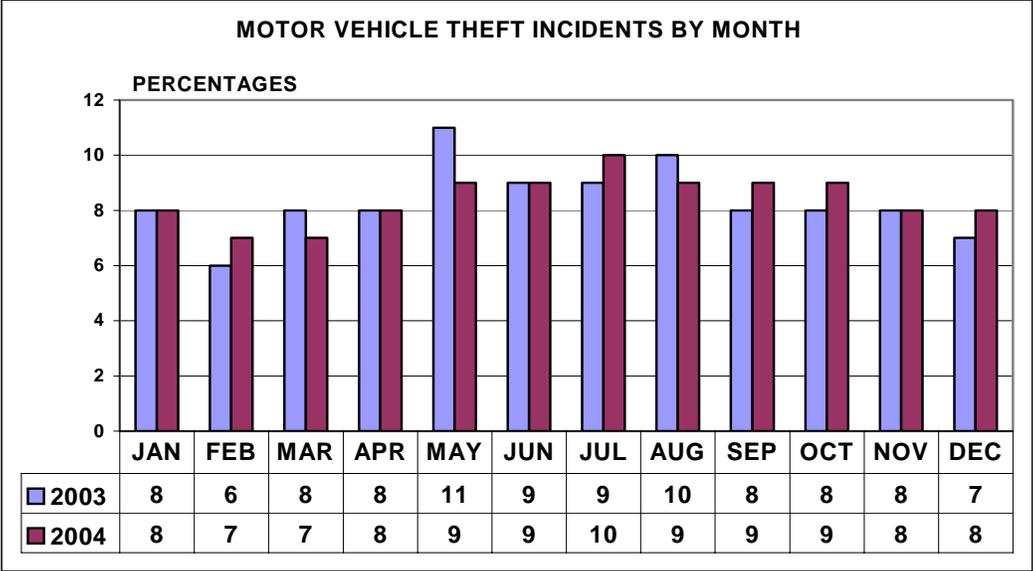
There were 2,009 motor vehicle thefts cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a clearance rate of 12.9 percent statewide.

Motor vehicle thefts accounted for 8.3 percent of all nonviolent crimes and 7.1 percent of the total crime index.

The motor vehicle theft rate in South Carolina was 37.2 per 10,000 persons.

Of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 80.8 percent were 34 years of age or younger. With respect to race, 52.3 percent were white, 47.1 percent were black, and 0.6 percent were other races.

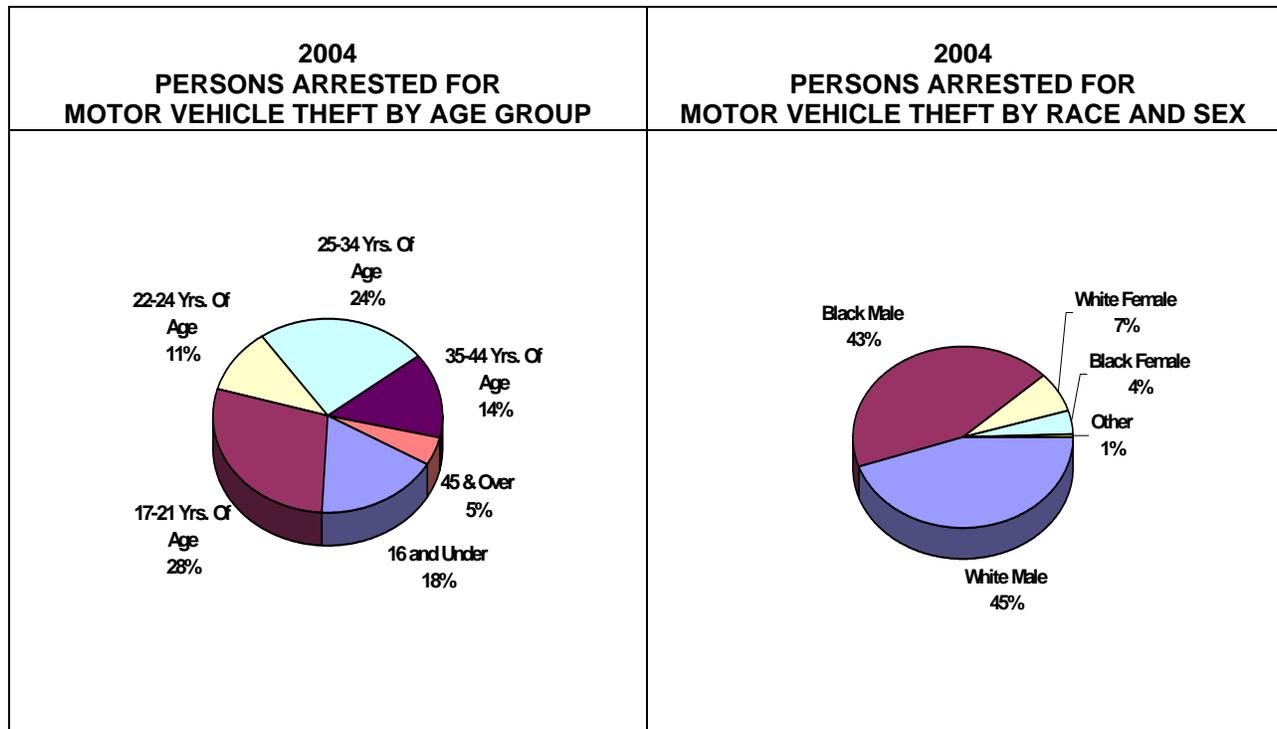
There were 15,556 motor vehicle thefts reported in 2004. Of these, 3.1 percent were attempted motor vehicle thefts.



**2004 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
BY AGE, SEX, RACE**

Age Group	Total	White Male	Black Male	Other Male	White Female	Black Female	Other Female
01 – 09	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
10 – 16	232	78	128	3	11	12	0
17 – 21	384	173	184	0	14	13	0
22 – 24	146	61	70	0	10	5	0
25 – 34	323	179	92	5	36	11	0
35 – 44	192	79	76	0	25	11	1
45 – 54	52	24	27	0	1	0	0
55 – 64	8	3	4	0	0	1	0
65 – 99	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
State Total	1,343	602	582	8	97	53	1

NOTE: The arrest counts shown here have not been subjected to the “hierarchy rule” (explained elsewhere); therefore, all persons arrested that are linked to this offense type are counted.



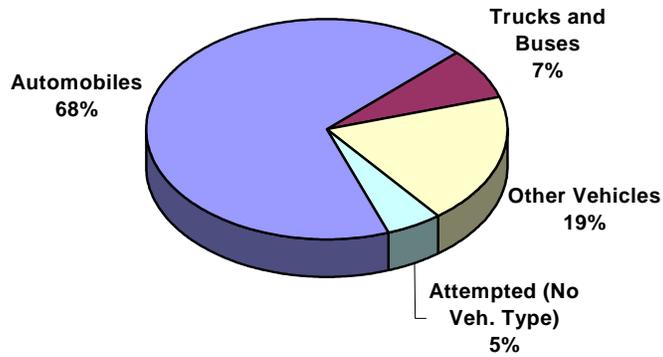
Forty-five percent of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft in 2004 were white males, 42 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 43 percent were black males, 54 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 7 percent of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, and black females accounted for 4 percent. Twenty-six percent of the white females and 47 percent of the black females were 21 years of age or younger.

2002-2004 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TRENDS

Type Vehicle	2002	% Distr.	2003	% Distr.	2004	% Distr.
Automobiles	11,437	68.5	10,651	68.5	10,573	68.0
Trucks and Buses	1,226	7.3	1,053	6.8	1,295	8.3
Other Vehicles	3,083	18.5	3,079	19.8	3,061	19.7
Attempted (No vehicle type)	955	5.7	769	4.9	627	4.0
State Total	16,701	100.0	15,552	100.0	15,556	100.0

NOTE: The vehicle counts in this table have been taken from a report which selects only the most serious offense in an incident (hierarchy rule).

**2002-2004
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT BY TYPE VEHICLE**



2002-2004 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS BY PREMISE

Premise	2002 Veh. Thefts	% Distr.	2003 Veh. Thefts	% Distr.	2004 Veh. Thefts	% Distr.
Residences, Apts.	8,602	50.0	8,466	52.1	8,407	52.3
Roads, Parking Lots, etc.	3,590	20.9	3,370	20.7	3,486	21.7
Commercial	2,450	14.3	2,294	14.1	1,969	12.2
Nightclubs, Bars	219	1.3	220	1.4	184	1.1
Hotels, Motels	407	2.4	318	2.0	238	1.5
Convenience Stores, etc.	496	2.9	494	3.0	623	3.9
Schools, Churches	239	1.4	196	1.2	167	1.0
Woods, etc.	111	0.6	100	0.6	131	0.8
Other	1,058	6.2	794	4.9	876	5.4
State Total	17,172	100.0	16,252	100.0	16,081	100.0

NOTE: The counts in this table have not been subjected to the "hierarchy rule" (explained elsewhere).

