

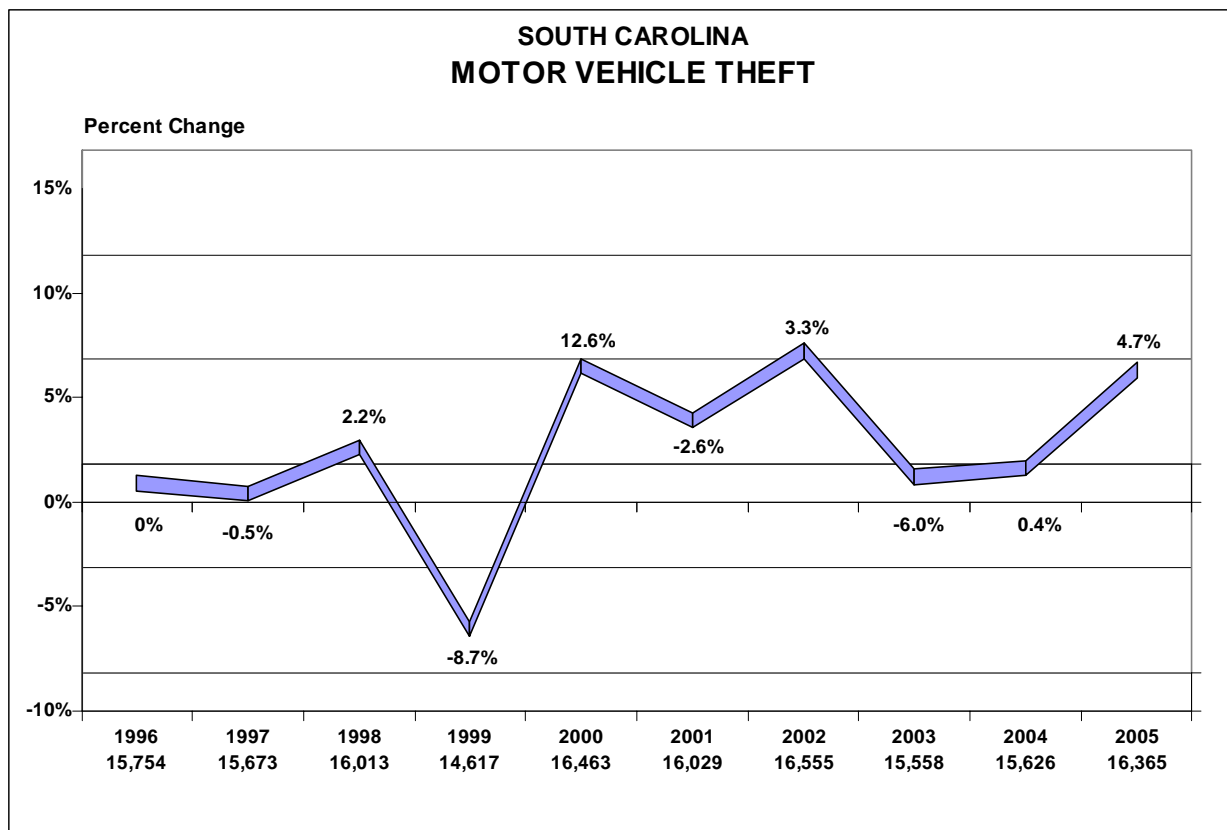
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

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.

ROUNDING

Percentages shown in the tables and charts may not add to 100% due to rounding. Rates per 10,000 population and percent changes also have been rounded.



2005 SUMMARY

A total of 16,365 motor vehicle thefts was reported in the 2005 crime index. During this year, motor vehicle thefts increased 4.7 percent compared to those reported in 2004.

There were 2,383 motor vehicle thefts cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a clearance rate of 14.6 percent statewide.

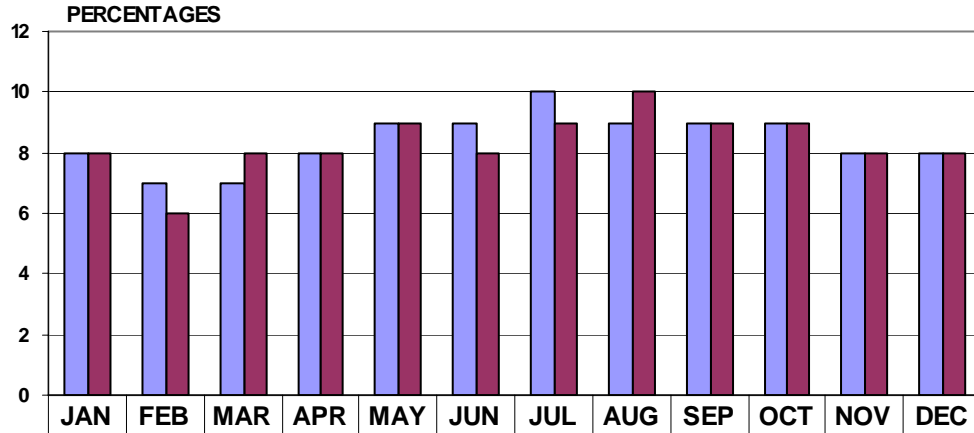
Motor vehicle thefts accounted for 8.9 percent of all nonviolent crimes and 7.6 percent of the total crime index.

The motor vehicle theft rate in South Carolina was 38.5 per 10,000 persons.

Of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 76.4 percent were 34 years of age or younger. With respect to race, 52.3 percent were white, 46.5 percent were black, and 1.2 percent were other races.

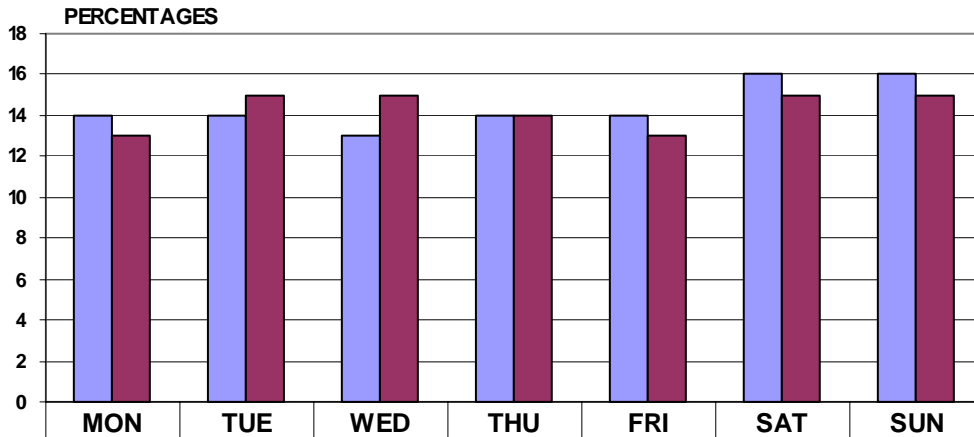
There were 16,365 motor vehicle thefts reported in 2005. Of these, 2.5 percent were attempted motor vehicle thefts.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT INCIDENTS BY MONTH



2004	8	7	7	8	9	9	10	9	9	9	8	8
2005	8	6	8	8	9	8	9	10	9	9	8	8

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK

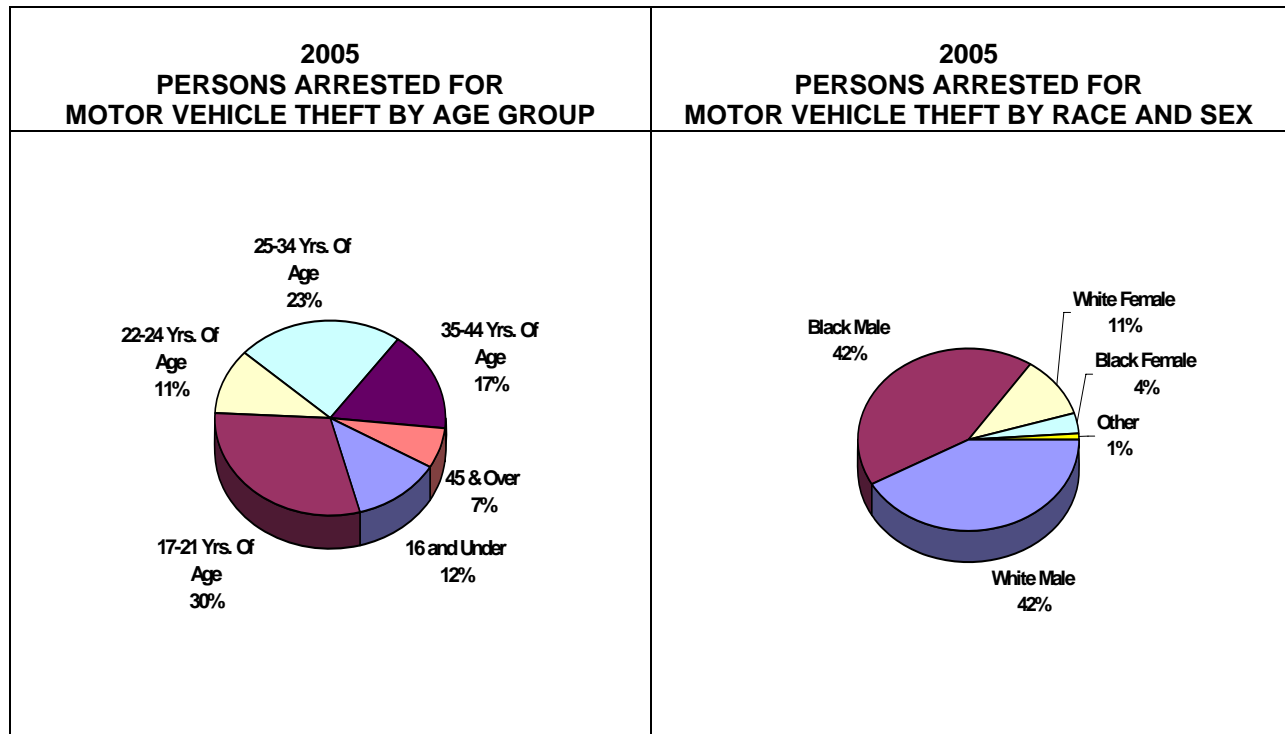


2004	14	14	13	14	14	16	16
2005	13	15	15	14	13	15	15

**2005 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 – 16	185	62	91	1	24	6	1
17 – 21	437	169	221	11	28	8	0
22 – 24	159	67	63	0	20	9	0
25 – 34	341	164	118	1	43	14	1
35 – 44	245	109	89	1	35	11	0
45 – 54	80	33	34	0	9	4	0
55 – 64	17	11	5	0	1	0	0
65 – 99	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
State Total	1,466	615	623	14	160	52	2

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.



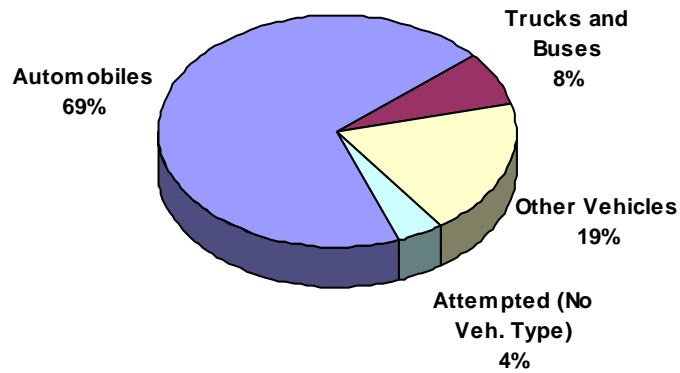
Forty-two percent of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft in 2005 were white males, 38 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 43 percent were black males, 50 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 11 percent of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, and black females accounted for 4 percent. Thirty-three percent of the white females and 27 percent of the black females were 21 years of age or younger.

2003-2005 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TRENDS

Type Vehicle	2003	% Distr.	2004	% Distr.	2005	% Distr.
Automobiles	10,672	68.6	10,693	68.4	11,470	70.1
Trucks and Buses	1,053	6.8	1,242	7.9	1,325	8.1
Other Vehicles	3,067	19.7	3,065	19.6	3,042	18.6
Attempted (No vehicle type)	766	4.9	626	4.0	528	3.2
State Total	15,558	100.0	15,626	100.0	16,365	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).

**2003-2005
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT BY TYPE VEHICLE**



2003-2005 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS BY PREMISE

Premise	2003 Veh. Thefts	% Distr.	2004 Veh. Thefts	% Distr.	2005 Veh. Thefts	% Distr.
Residences, Apts.	8,466	52.1	8,452	52.4	9,393	55.1
Roads, Parking Lots, etc.	3,370	20.7	3,508	21.7	3,326	19.5
Commercial	2,294	14.1	1,962	12.2	2,017	11.8
Nightclubs, Bars	220	1.4	185	1.1	196	1.1
Hotels, Motels	318	2.0	239	1.5	343	2.0
Convenience Stores, etc.	494	3.0	626	3.9	522	3.1
Schools, Churches	196	1.2	169	1.0	203	1.2
Woods, etc.	100	0.6	133	0.8	151	0.9
Other	794	4.9	870	5.4	897	5.3
State Total	16,252	100.0	16,144	100.0	17,048	100.0

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

