VEHICLE THEFTS

- In 2024, 176,230 vehicles were stolen, at an estimated total value of $1.56 billion. This is a 13.14 percent decrease from the 2023 total for vehicle thefts statewide. The average rate of vehicle thefts in 2024 was approximately one vehicle every 2.94 minutes.

- Of the 176,230 vehicles stolen in 2024, 43.44 percent were personal trucks and sport utility vehicles (SUV), 39.38 percent were automobiles, 6.04 percent were commercial trucks and trailers, and 4.73 percent were motorcycles. All other vehicles (e.g., recreational vehicles, construction and farm equipment, special construction) accounted for 6.40 percent of thefts.

- Most frequently stolen vehicles in 2024:

  1) Automobiles
  Kia Optima 2015
  Hyundai Elantra 2013
  Hyundai Sonata 2013

  2) Personal Trucks/Sport Utility Vehicles
  Chevrolet Silverado 2001
  Chevrolet Silverado 2002
  Chevrolet Silverado 2006

  3) Motorcycles
  Miscellaneous Import 2024
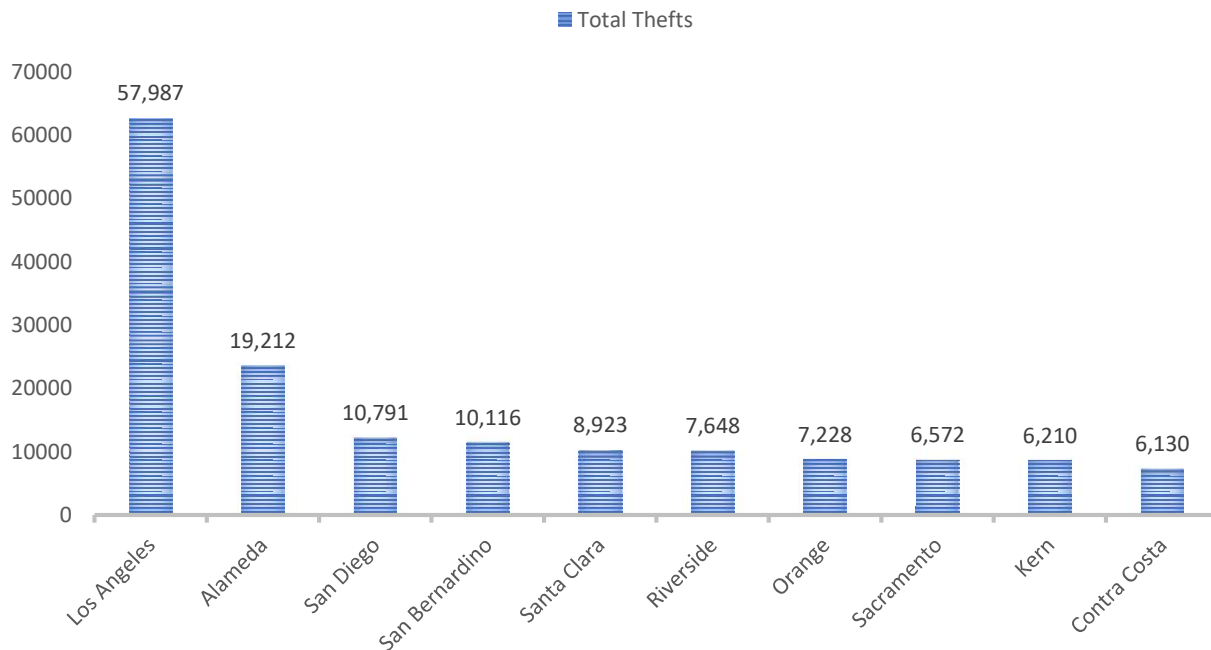 Honda 2022
  Honda 2023

  4) Commercial Trucks
  Freightliner 2016
  Freightliner 2019
  Freightliner 2015

WHERE THE THEFTS OCCURRED

- Approximately 53.21 percent of all vehicle thefts occurred in Southern California (Los Angeles, San Diego, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange Counties). Of the vehicle thefts in Southern California, 61.83 percent occurred in Los Angeles County.

- Approximately 25.36 percent of all vehicle thefts occurred in the San Francisco Bay Area (Alameda, Santa Clara, San Francisco, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Solano, and Marin Counties). Of the vehicle thefts in the San Francisco Bay Area, 42.99 percent occurred in Alameda County.

- Approximately 11.31 percent of all vehicle thefts occurred in the Central Valley (Kern, Fresno, San Joaquin, Tulare, Stanislaus, Merced, Kings, and Madera Counties). Of the vehicle thefts in the Central Valley, 31.15 percent occurred in Kern County.

- Approximately 5.39 percent of all vehicle thefts occurred in the Northen part of California (Sacramento, Yolo, Sutter, Shasta, Butte, and Humboldt counties). Of the vehicle thefts in the Northern part of California, 69.29 percent occurred in Sacramento County.

- The remaining 4.73 percent of vehicle thefts occurred throughout the remainder of California.

TOP 10 COUNTIES FOR VEHICLE THEFT 2024

■ Total Thefts

County	Total Thefts
Los Angeles	57,987
Alameda	19,212
San Diego	10,791
San Bernardino	10,116
Santa Clara	8,923
Riverside	7,648
Orange	7,228
Sacramento	6,572
Kern	6,210
Contra Costa	6,130

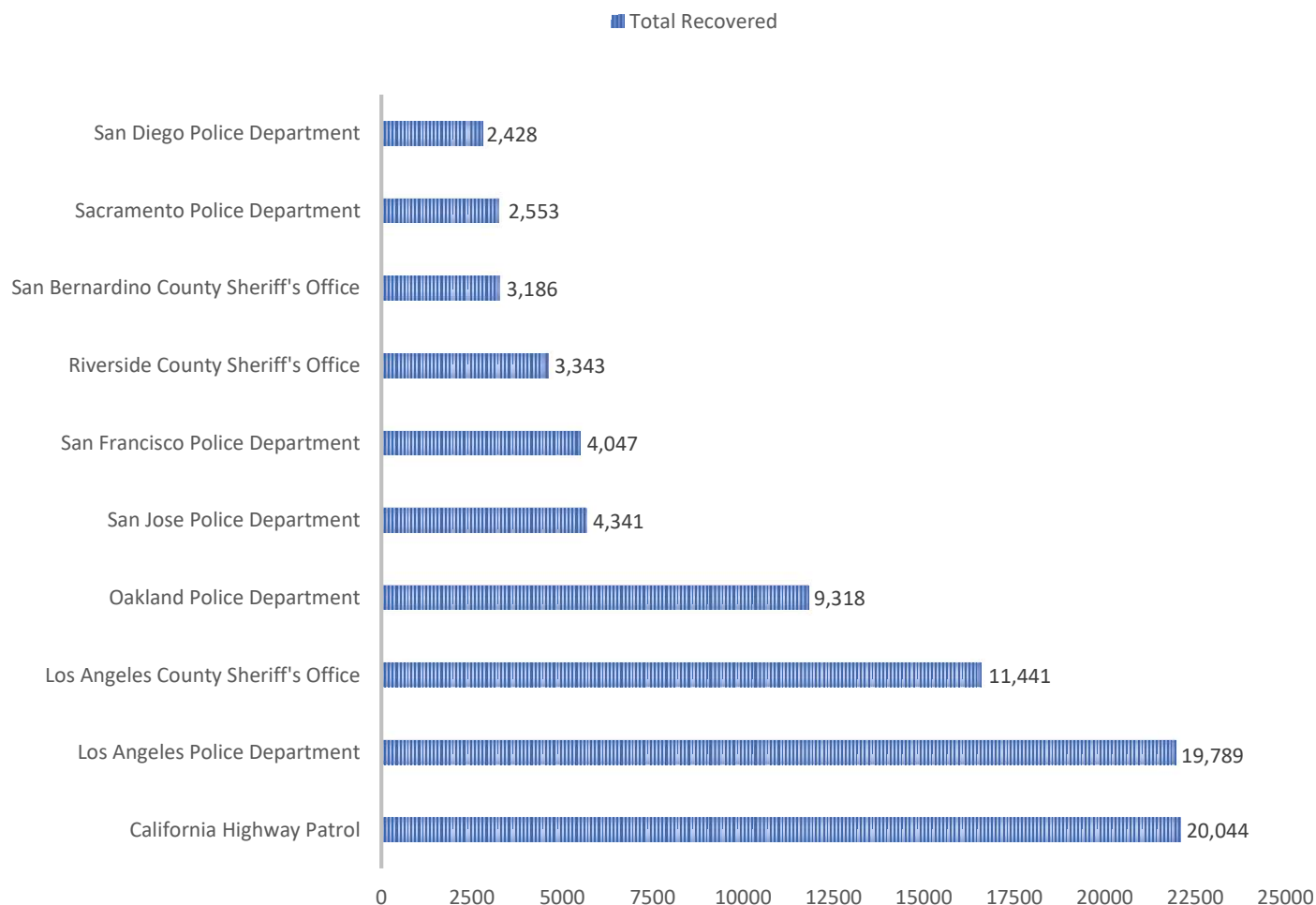**VEHICLE THEFT TRENDS**

- In 2024, the top three stolen automobiles were:
    1. 2015 Kia Optima
    2. 2013 Hyundai Elantra
    3. 2013 Hyundai Sonata

- For the fourth consecutive year, the Chevrolet Silverado remained the vehicle of choice for thieves who continued targeting personal trucks/SUVs, specifically model years 2001, 2002, and 2006, which ranked one, two, and three, respectively.

- For the first time, 2024 miscellaneous import ranked number one as the most stolen motorcycle. Miscellaneous imports are non-specific makes and imported from other countries. Honda model years 2022 and 2023, ranked number two and three.

- Freightliner commercial trucks model years 2016, 2019, and 2015 ranked number one, two, and three, respectively.

- Other vehicles include farm and construction equipment. In these categories, John Deere farm equipment has ranked as the number one brand of stolen farm equipment every year since 2008, and Bobcat Company equipment is the number one brand of stolen construction equipment for 2023 and 2024. These vehicles and equipment are popular targets because of their high resale value, popularity, and availability.

VEHICLE RECOVERIES

- Of the 176,230 vehicles stolen statewide in 2024, 84.59 percent were successfully recovered, representing 149,080 recovered vehicles.

- Of the 176,230 vehicles stolen statewide in 2024, 93.62 percent of the automobiles, 89.46 percent of the personal trucks and SUVs, 75.45 percent of the commercial trucks, and 57.34 percent of the motorcycles were recovered.

- Of the 149,080 vehicles recovered statewide in 2024, 53.23 percent were recovered intact and in drivable condition, 28.72 percent were intentionally burned and/or wrecked, 6.67 percent were stripped of minor parts, and 3.34 percent were missing major components.

TOP 10 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES REPORTING VEHICLE THEFT RECOVERIES 2024

Total Recovered

Agency	Total Recovered
San Diego Police Department	2,428
Sacramento Police Department	2,553
San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office	3,186
Riverside County Sheriff's Office	3,343
San Francisco Police Department	4,047
San Jose Police Department	4,341
Oakland Police Department	9,318
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office	11,441
Los Angeles Police Department	19,789
California Highway Patrol	20,044

INFORMATION SOURCES

- California Department of Justice, Stolen Vehicle System
- California Highway Patrol, Vehicle Theft Information System
- Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program

2024
California Vehicle Theft

THEFTS	2024	2023	% +/-
Automobile	69,392	83,039	-16.43%
Motorcycle	8,338	8,805	-5.30%
Personal Truck/Sport utility	76,559	89,691	-14.64%
Commercial truck	1,898	2,274	-16.53%
Recreational vehicle	2,348	2,534	-7.34%
Trailer	8,751	9,579	-8.64%
Other	8,944	6,971	28.30%
TOTAL	176,230	202,893	-13.14%
RECOVERIES			
Automobile	64,966	76,986	-15.61%
Motorcycle	4,781	4,835	-1.12%
Personal Truck/Sport utility	68,492	79,925	-14.30%
Commercial truck	1,432	1,750	-18.17%
Recreational vehicle	1,152	1,277	-9.79%
Trailer	5,082	5,296	-4.04%
Other	3,175	3,285	-3.35%
TOTAL	149,080	173,354	-14.00%
RECOVERY RATE (%)			
Automobile	93.62%	92.7%	0.99%
Motorcycle	57.34%	54.9%	4.44%
Personal Truck/Sport Utility	89.46%	89.1%	0.40%
Commercial Truck	75.45%	76.9%	-1.89%
Recreational vehicle	49.06%	50.4%	-2.66%
Trailer	58.07%	55.3%	5.01%
Other	35.50%	47.1%	-24.63%
TOTAL	84.59%	85.4%	-0.95%

COUNTY	2024	2023	% +/-	COUNTY	2024	2023	% +/-
Alameda	19,212	23,535	-18.37%	Orange	7,228	8,603	-15.98%
Alpine	0	1	-100.00%	Placer	467	550	-15.09%
Amador	40	51	-21.57%	Plumas	10	27	-62.96%
Butte	742	1,010	-26.53%	Riverside	7,648	10,109	-24.34%
Calaveras	112	80	40.00%	Sacramento	6,572	8,518	-22.85%
Colusa	45	57	-21.05%	San Benito	100	75	33.33%
Contra Costa	6,130	6,225	-1.53%	San Bernardino	10,116	11,360	-10.95%
Del Norte	69	60	15.00%	San Diego	10,791	12,085	-10.71%
El Dorado	220	196	12.24%	San Francisco	5,934	7,202	-17.61%
Fresno	4,597	4,792	-4.07%	San Joaquin	3,363	4,124	-18.45%
Glenn	54	79	-31.65%	San Luis Obispo	342	412	-16.99%
Humboldt	429	508	-15.55%	San Mateo	1,822	2,072	-12.07%
Imperial	458	528	-13.26%	Santa Barbara	1,105	1,566	-29.44%
Inyo	18	36	-50.00%	Santa Clara	8,923	10,069	-11.38%
Kern	6,210	8,675	-28.41%	Santa Cruz	605	528	14.58%
Kings	417	433	-3.70%	Shasta	525	776	-32.35%
Lake	246	245	0.41%	Sierra	0	2	-100.00%
Lassen	56	76	-26.32%	Siskiyou	80	139	-42.45%
Los Angeles	57,987	62,594	-7.36%	Solano	2,026	2,360	-14.15%
Madera	451	345	30.72%	Sonoma	683	773	-11.64%
Marin	637	879	-27.53%	Stanislaus	1,731	2,048	-15.48%
Mariposa	19	21	-9.52%	Sutter	462	576	-19.79%
Mendocino	139	164	-15.24%	Tehama	302	307	-1.63%
Merced	1,359	1344	1.12%	Trinity	47	49	-4.08%
Modoc	13	8	62.50%	Tulare	1,807	2,320	-22.11%
Mono	8	6	33.33%	Tuolumne	91	105	-13.33%
Monterey	995	997	-0.20%	Ventura	1,528	1,567	-2.49%
Napa	238	296	-19.59%	Yolo	755	990	-23.74%
Nevada	139	205	-32.20%	Yuba	103	135	-23.70%
				Other	24	0	N/A

	2024	2023	% +/-
Total	176,230	202,893	-13.15%

2024
Recoveries by County

COUNTY	2024	2023	% +/-	COUNTY	2024	2023	% +/-
Alameda	20,352	22,746	-10.52%	Orange	4,897	6,035	-18.86%
Amador	35	39	-10.26%	Placer	385	491	-21.59%
Butte	610	849	-28.15%	Plumas	10	14	-28.57%
Calaveras	86	51	68.63%	Riverside	6,509	8,853	-26.48%
Colusa	39	48	-18.75%	Sacramento	6,471	8,124	-20.35%
Contra Costa	5,354	5,889	-9.08%	San Benito	53	62	-14.52%
Del Norte	42	41	2.44%	San Bernardino	8,237	9,241	-10.86%
El Dorado	160	178	-10.11%	San Diego	6,659	7,948	-16.22%
Fresno	4,091	4,183	-2.20%	San Francisco	4,253	5,991	-29.01%
Glenn	41	51	-19.61%	San Joaquin	2,906	3,344	-13.10%
Humboldt	345	422	-18.25%	San Luis Obispo	345	443	-22.12%
Imperial	241	271	-11.07%	San Mateo	1,215	1,445	-15.92%
Inyo	20	30	-33.33%	Santa Barbara	888	1,245	-28.67%
Kern	5,055	7,057	-28.37%	Santa Clara	6,934	8,512	-18.54%
Kings	327	325	0.62%	Santa Cruz	408	441	-7.48%
Lake	194	200	-3.00%	Shasta	450	671	-32.94%
Lassen	37	60	-38.33%	Siskiyou	50	75	-33.33%
Los Angeles	48,303	53,996	-10.54%	Solano	1,999	2,188	-8.64%
Madera	359	290	23.79%	Sonoma	535	662	-19.18%
Marin	345	590	-41.53%	Stanislaus	1,426	1,665	-14.35%
Mariposa	11	16	-31.25%	Sutter	347	418	-16.99%
Mendocino	114	133	-14.29%	Tehama	239	264	-9.47%
Merced	1,172	1,089	7.62%	Trinity	27	30	-10.00%
Modoc	14	5	180.00%	Tulare	1,558	2,047	-23.89%
Mono	7	7	0.00%	Tuolumne	64	86	-25.58%
Monterey	900	844	6.64%	Ventura	1,206	1,177	2.46%
Napa	158	231	-31.60%	Yolo	496	750	-33.87%
Nevada	115	150	-23.33%	Yuba	125	208	-39.90%
				Out of State	1,169	1,133	3.18%
				Other	692	0	N/A

	2024	2023	% +/-
Total	149,080	173,354	-14.01%

RANK	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	NUMBER OF THEFTS
1	KIA	OPTIMA	2015	1,218
2	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2013	1,176
3	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2013	1,015
4	HONDA	CIVIC	2000	809
5	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2017	804
6	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2015	786
7	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2016	734
8	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2017	646
9	KIA	OPTIMA	2013	636
10	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2011	632
11	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2016	605
12	INFINITI	G37	2013	595
13	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2012	589
14	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2018	579
15	HONDA	CIVIC	1998	572
16	KIA	OPTIMA	2016	533
17	HYUNDAI	SONATA	2014	522
18	HONDA	CIVIC	1999	492
19	KIA	OPTIMA	2018	439
20	CHEVROLET	CAMARO	2018	435
21	HONDA	CIVIC	1997	429
22	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2015	426
23	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2014	423
24	INFINITI	G35	2008	421
25	KIA	OPTIMA	2014	417
26	CHEVROLET	CAMARO	2017	416
27	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2012	408
28	INFINITI	G37	2011	401
29	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2020	400
30	INFINITI	G37	2012	389
31	HONDA	ACCORD	2018	380
32	INFINITI	G35	2007	374
33	KIA	OPTIMA	2019	371
34	INFINITI	G37	2010	362
35	KIA	OPTIMA	2020	352
36	HONDA	ACCORD	2022	350
37	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2019	333
38	HONDA	ACCORD	1997	328
39	CHEVROLET	CAMARO	2016	320
40	HONDA	ACCORD	2019	307

RANK	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	NUMBER OF THEFTS
1	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2001	926
2	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2002	828
3	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2006	826
4	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2004	810
5	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2005	768
6	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2003	761
7	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2000	754
8	KIA	SOUL	2016	567
9	KIA	SOUL	2015	505
10	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2007	444
11	KIA	SOUL	2014	434
12	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	2002	362
13	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	2001	348
14	KIA	SPORTAGE	2020	348
15	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	2003	347
16	HONDA	CRV	2001	337
17	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	1999	323
18	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	2004	319
19	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2021	317
20	HONDA	CRV	2000	316
21	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2023	305
22	HONDA	CRV	1999	300
23	GMC	SIERRA	2005	286
24	KIA	SOUL	2018	286
25	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2020	282
26	FORD	F250	2006	279
27	KIA	SPORTAGE	2017	274
28	INFINITI	Q50	2018	271
29	GMC	SIERRA	2006	270
30	RAM	150	2022	262
31	GMC	SIERRA	2001	260
32	FORD	F250	2003	255
33	KIA	SOUL	2019	252
34	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	2005	249
35	KIA	SOUL	2017	243
36	GMC	SIERRA	2000	242
37	GMC	YUKON	2004	241
38	KIA	SPORTAGE	2018	240
39	HYUNDAI	TUCSON	2017	240
40	GMC	SIERRA	2004	240

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

RANK	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	NUMBER OF THEFTS
1	MISC. IMPORT	MOTORCYCLE	2024	226
2	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2022	165
3	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2023	151
4	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2023	124
5	HARLEY DAVIDSON	MOTORCYCLE	2023	111
6	HARLEY DAVIDSON	MOTORCYCLE	2022	105
7	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2023	103
8	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2024	96
9	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2015	88
10	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2016	85
11	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2022	83
12	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2006	77
13	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2022	76
14	MISC. IMPORT	MOTORCYCLE	2023	75
15	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2017	75
16	HARLEY DAVIDSON	MOTORCYCLE	2021	74
17	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2009	73
18	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2024	72
19	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2024	72
20	HARLEY DAVIDSON	MOTORCYCLE	2020	72
21	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2007	71
22	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2021	70
23	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2019	69
24	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2017	68
25	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2006	67
26	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2015	67
27	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2007	66
28	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2005	63
29	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2020	62
30	HARLEY DAVIDSON	MOTORCYCLE	2016	62
31	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2021	62
32	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2005	62
33	MISC. IMPORT	MOTORCYCLE	2022	61
34	SUZUKI	MOTORCYCLE	2007	60
35	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2014	59
36	YAMAHA	MOTORCYCLE	2020	58
37	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2019	56
38	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2003	54
39	KAWASAKI	MOTORCYCLE	2020	54
40	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	2004	54