



VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION

Which Vehicles Are Most At Risk?

Motor vehicles are the primary mode of transportation for most Americans, and often an indispensable part of their lives. They are used for a myriad of reasons, including going to work, school, and the grocery store. But what would happen if that vehicle suddenly disappeared? Many would find it difficult, if not impossible, to take care of even the simplest everyday errands.

The Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration establishes, implements, and enforces vehicle antitheft regulations. NHTSA has set the standard to help consumers and vehicle owners address the vehicle theft problem for more than 25 years.

To learn more about NHTSA's vehicle theft prevention laws and regulations, visit [SaferCar.gov/theft](https://www.safercar.gov/theft).



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You might think that the most stolen vehicles are expensive sports vehicles or multi-purpose passenger vehicles, but that's not always the case. In fact, nearly 84% of all motor vehicles reported stolen are passenger cars according to NHTSA.

According to NHTSA's theft rate data, there were a total of 10,777,407 model year 2012 vehicles produced in calendar year 2012 — and 12,172 were stolen. Of those stolen, 10,215 were passenger cars, 1,787 were multi-purpose passenger vehicles and 170 were light-duty trucks.

The top 10 vehicles from NHTSA's 2012 theft rate data compilation are:

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| 1 Mercedes-Benz CL-Class | 6 Dodge Avenger |
| 2 Mitsubishi Eclipse | 7 Chrysler 300 |
| 3 Mazda 6 | 8 Chevrolet Impala |
| 4 Dodge Charger | 9 Mitsubishi Galant |
| 5 Nissan Infiniti FX35/FX50 | 10 Chevrolet Captiva |

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