

## Take Action During National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month

Vehicle theft is a multi-billion-dollar crime in the United States. In 2017 alone, nearly three quarters of a million vehicles were stolen nationwide, costing vehicle owners nearly \$6 billion. To help drivers keep their vehicles safe, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is continuing its annual Vehicle Theft Prevention Campaign during July, which is National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month.

Vehicle theft is serious business. In the United States in 2017:

- Passenger cars made up more than 50 percent of all stolen motor vehicles.
- Only 59 percent of all stolen motor vehicles were recovered.
- Of all motor vehicles stolen, 75.4 percent were passenger vehicles.
- There were 773,139 motor vehicles stolen.
- A motor vehicle was stolen every 41 seconds.

Here is NHTSA's list of the top 10 states with the most motor vehicles stolen in 2017.

1. California
2. Texas
3. Florida
4. Washington
5. Illinois
6. Georgia
7. Colorado
8. Missouri
9. Ohio
10. Arizona

Here is NHTSA's list of the top 10 stolen motor vehicles in 2017.

1. Honda Civic
2. Honda Accord
3. Chevrolet Silverado
4. Toyota Camry
5. Ford F150
6. Nissan Altima
7. Toyota Corolla
8. Ford F250
9. Ford Econoline
10. Chevrolet Impala

Take action! Here are ways you can help prevent motor vehicle theft.

- Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Do not leave the area while your vehicle is running.
- Do not leave your keys in your vehicle.
- Always stow away your valuables.