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# AUTO THEFT REPORT

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FIGURES CONTAINED IN THIS MONTHLY REPORT REPRESENT VEHICLE THEFT DATA ENTRIES INTO TCIC BY ALL TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

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TOTAL AUTO THEFTS - 5301  
 TOTAL PICKUP THEFTS - 2352

| MAKE/MODEL        | TOTAL |
|-------------------|-------|
| AMERICAN MOTORS   | 31    |
| <b>BUICK</b>      | 463   |
| Century           | 30    |
| Electra           | 24    |
| Le Sabre          | 44    |
| Regal             | 232   |
| Skylark           | 25    |
| * Others          | 108   |
| <b>CADILLAC</b>   | 304   |
| Seville           | 53    |
| * Others          | 251   |
| <b>CHEVROLET</b>  | 1213  |
| Bel Air           | 10    |
| Camaro            | 359   |
| Caprice           | 61    |
| Chevelle          | 11    |
| Corvette          | 47    |
| Citation          | 17    |
| Impala            | 80    |
| Malibu            | 83    |
| Monte Carlo       | 274   |
| Nova              | 50    |
| Vega              | 7     |
| * Others          | 214   |
| <b>CHRYSLER .</b> | 80    |
| Cordeba           | 15    |
| Newport           | 9     |
| * Others          | 56    |

| MAKE/MODEL     | TOTAL |
|----------------|-------|
| <b>DODGE</b>   | 123   |
| Aries          | 4     |
| Charger        | 10    |
| Coronet        | 6     |
| Dart           | 7     |
| Polara         | 5     |
| * Others       | 91    |
| <b>FORD</b>    | 616   |
| Escort         | 24    |
| Fairlane       | 10    |
| Fairmont       | 18    |
| Galaxie        | 16    |
| Granada        | 35    |
| LTD            | 140   |
| Maverick       | 18    |
| Mustang        | 97    |
| Pinto          | 36    |
| Thunderbird    | 85    |
| Torino         | 25    |
| * Others       | 112   |
| <b>LINCOLN</b> | 100   |
| <b>MERCURY</b> | 225   |
| Capri          | 5     |
| Comet          | 7     |
| Cougar         | 73    |
| Marquis        | 83    |
| Montego        | 2     |
| Monterey       | 5     |
| * Others       | 50    |



| MAKE/MODEL        | TOTAL |
|-------------------|-------|
| <b>OLDSMOBILE</b> | 608   |
| Cutlass           | 370   |
| Delta 88          | 48    |
| Omega             | 11    |
| Toronado          | 46    |
| * Others          | 133   |
|                   |       |
| <b>PLYMOUTH</b>   | 79    |
| Belvedere         | 2     |
| Duster            | 4     |
| Fury              | 21    |
| Horizon           | 6     |
| Reliant           | 11    |
| Satellite         | 1     |
| Valiant           | 5     |
| * Others          | 29    |

| MAKE/MODEL               | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|
| <b>PONTIAC</b>           | 543   |
| Bonneville               | 32    |
| Firebird                 | 157   |
| Grand Prix               | 180   |
| GTO                      | 5     |
| Le Mans                  | 19    |
| Phoenix                  | 8     |
| * Others                 | 142   |
|                          |       |
| <b>DATSUN</b>            | 125   |
| <b>HONDA</b>             | 50    |
| <b>MAZDA</b>             | 78    |
| <b>MERCEDES BENZ</b>     | 48    |
| <b>TOYOTA</b>            | 159   |
| <b>VOLKSWAGEN</b>        | 90    |
| <b>ALL OTHER IMPORTS</b> | 368   |

\* MISCODES, NONCODES AND MODELS NOT LISTED

|                                |     |                                   |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Chevrolet Pickup Thefts</b> | 992 | <b>Farm Equipment Thefts</b>      | 102 |
| <b>Ford Pickup Thefts</b>      | 858 | <b>Construction Equip. Thefts</b> | 53  |

**ALL TEXAS AUTOMOBILE AND PICKUP THEFTS, DURING THIS PERIOD, LISTED BY YEAR MODEL WITH PERCENTAGES OF MONTHLY TOTAL.**

| YEAR MODELS                | AUTO THEFTS | PERCENT OF TOTAL (AUTO) | PICKUP THEFTS | PERCENT OF TOTAL (PICKUP) |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1985                       | 692         | 13 %                    | 326           | 14 %                      |
| 1984                       | 634         | 12 %                    | 296           | 13 %                      |
| 1983                       | 369         | 7 %                     | 191           | 8 %                       |
| 1982                       | 420         | 8 %                     | 185           | 8 %                       |
| 1981                       | 421         | 8 %                     | 145           | 6 %                       |
| <b>TOTAL 81 THRU 85</b>    | 2536        | 48 %                    | 1143          | 49 %                      |
| <b>80 AND OLDER MODELS</b> | 2765        | 52 %                    | 1209          | 51 %                      |
| <b>TOTAL THEFTS</b>        | 5301        |                         | 2352          |                           |



# VEHICLE THEFT DATA FOR URBAN GROUPS 1980 Federal Census

## GROUP I OVER 250,000 POPULATION

|             | Auto Thefts | Pickup Thefts |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Austin      | 211         | 57            |
| Dallas      | 783         | 206           |
| El Paso     | 159         | 104           |
| Ft. Worth   | 323         | 128           |
| Houston     | 1552        | 520           |
| San Antonio | 373         | 301           |

## GROUP II 100,000 TO 250,000 POPULATION

|                |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|
| Amarillo       | 28 | 21 |
| Arlington      | 66 | 24 |
| Beaumont       | 33 | 8  |
| Corpus Christi | 65 | 21 |
| Garland        | 25 | 18 |
| Irving         | 52 | 30 |
| Lubbock        | 38 | 18 |
| Pasadena       | 34 | 18 |
| Waco           | 23 | 8  |