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**Motor vehicle registrations and thefts**

United States, 1980-2009

|      | Number of<br>motor vehicle<br>registrations | Estimated<br>number of<br>motor vehicle<br>thefts | Ratio of<br>vehicles stolen<br>to registered | Thefts<br>per 100,000<br>registrations |
|------|---|---|--|--|
| 1980 | 161,614,294                                 | 1,131,700   | 1:143  | 700                                    |
| 1981 | 164,287,643                                 | 1,087,800   | 1:151  | 662                                    |
| 1982 | 165,298,024                                 | 1,062,400   | 1:156  | 643                                    |
| 1983 | 167,718,000                                 | 1,007,933   | 1:166  | 601                                    |
| 1984 | 169,446,281                                 | 1,032,165   | 1:164  | 609                                    |
| 1985 | 175,709,000                                 | 1,102,862   | 1:159  | 628                                    |
| 1986 | 181,890,000                                 | 1,224,137   | 1:149  | 673                                    |
| 1987 | 186,137,000                                 | 1,288,674   | 1:144  | 692                                    |
| 1988 | 183,930,000                                 | 1,432,916   | 1:128  | 779                                    |
| 1989 | 188,981,016                                 | 1,564,800   | 1:121  | 828                                    |
| 1990 | 194,502,000                                 | 1,635,907   | 1:119  | 841                                    |
| 1991 | 194,897,000                                 | 1,661,738   | 1:117  | 853                                    |
| 1992 | 193,775,000                                 | 1,610,834   | 1:120  | 831                                    |
| 1993 | 198,041,338                                 | 1,563,060   | 1:127  | 789                                    |
| 1994 | 201,763,492                                 | 1,539,287   | 1:131  | 763                                    |
| 1995 | 205,297,050                                 | 1,472,441   | 1:139  | 717                                    |
| 1996 | 210,236,393                                 | 1,394,238   | 1:151  | 663                                    |
| 1997 | 211,580,033                                 | 1,354,189   | 1:156  | 640                                    |
| 1998 | 215,496,003                                 | 1,242,781   | 1:173  | 577                                    |
| 1999 | 220,461,056                                 | 1,152,075   | 1:191  | 523                                    |
| 2000 | 225,821,241                                 | 1,160,002   | 1:195  | 514                                    |
| 2001 | 235,331,382                                 | 1,228,391   | 1:192  | 522                                    |
| 2002 | 234,624,135                                 | 1,246,646   | 1:188  | 531                                    |
| 2003 | 236,760,033                                 | 1,261,226   | 1:188  | 533                                    |
| 2004 | 243,023,486                                 | 1,237,851   | 1:196  | 509                                    |
| 2005 | 247,421,120                                 | 1,235,859   | 1:200  | 499                                    |
| 2006 | 250,844,644                                 | 1,198,440   | 1:209  | 478                                    |
| 2007 | 254,403,081                                 | 1,098,498   | 1:232  | 432                                    |
| 2008 | 255,917,664                                 | 958,629   | 1:267  | 375                                    |
| 2009 | 254,212,610                                 | 794,616   | 1:320  | 313                                    |

Note: Data on motor vehicle thefts were obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Figures for number of thefts include motorcycles; beginning in 1993, figures for number of registrations also include motorcycles. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

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