

Analysis of 2000 Virginia Motor Vehicle Theft Statistics

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HIGHLIGHTS

August and January were the leading months for auto theft in Virginia in 2000, with close to 20% of thefts occurring in these two months. The four-month period from July to October accounts for over 35% of the reported thefts for the 1988-2000 average, excluding 1999*.



Motor Vehicle Theft in Virginia increased from 15,022 offenses in 1987 to 21,284 offenses in 1991, a 42% increase. Since HEAT began in 1992, Motor Vehicle Thefts have decreased 24% compared to the base year of 1991.

Young people continue to make up a large portion of the arrests for Motor Vehicle Theft, with a little over 50% of those arrested in 2000 in the 20 years old or younger age group.



The five-year average (1995-2000, excluding 1999) value of reported Motor Vehicle Thefts each year in Virginia is \$122,317,317. The five-year average (1996-2000) value per incident is \$6,742.

Three areas of the state account for about 84% of the reported Motor Vehicle Thefts in Virginia: Tidewater - 36%; Northern Virginia - 26%; and Richmond - 22%.



*See next page for explanation of exclusion of 1999.

Prior to 1999, crimes in Virginia were reported using the Summary System, which counts only the highest crime in an incident. In 1999, two methods were in place: the Summary System; and the Incident Based System (IBR), a new method, which counts all offenses in an incident, to a maximum of ten.

In 2000, all information included in the *Crime in Virginia* report is in the IBR format. Because of the change to a new reporting format, it is impossible to compare some information to previous data. In some cases, 1999 data have been omitted from comparisons.

For more information and a further discussion of the two reporting systems, see the 1999 and 2000 editions of *Crime in Virginia*, which were compiled by the Uniform Crime Reporting Section of the Virginia Department of State Police.

The sources for all information in this analysis are the 1988 through 2000 editions of *Crime in Virginia*.

INCIDENCE - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Number Thefts	15,022	18,084	18,951	20,263	21,284	19,488	18,533	18,205	19,366	18,454	18,663	17,769	16,120	16,172
Increase/ Decrease														
Year-to-Year		20.38%	4.79%	6.92%	5.04%	-8.44%	-4.90%	-1.77%	6.38%	-4.71%	1.13%	-4.79%	-9.28%	0.32%
Since 1991						-8.44%	-12.93%	-12.47%	-9.01%	-13.30%	-12.31%	-16.51%	-24.26%	-24.02%

Motor Vehicle Theft in Virginia increased from 15,022 offenses in 1987 to 21,284 offenses in 1991, a 42% increase. Since HEAT began in 1992, motor vehicle thefts have decreased 24% as compared to the base year of 1991. In 2000 there were 16,172 reported auto thefts, an increase of less than 1% from the previous year.

INCIDENCE - VIRGINIA CRIME INDEX OFFENSES

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Murder	437	468	480	545	584	563	539	570	501	496	484	407	346	376
Forcible Rape	1,537	1,622	1,637	1,915	1,879	2,008	2,084	1,862	1,794	1,763	1,774	1,675	1,566	4,729
Robbery	6,244	6,748	6,494	7,626	8,651	8,787	9,216	8,680	8,717	8,145	8,336	7,023	6,165	5,741
Agg. Assault	9,196	9,102	10,451	11,621	12,345	12,548	12,322	12,464	12,917	12,236	12,457	12,322	11,578	10,627
Burglary	47,642	49,069	46,149	45,236	49,224	45,217	43,338	41,863	39,427	38,868	37,875	36,478	29,780	27,154
Larceny	153,690	165,343	172,640	187,564	195,652	185,506	181,104	180,789	181,306	183,243	178,898	165,268	157,758	149,936
M.V.Theft	15,022	18,084	18,951	20,263	21,284	19,488	18,533	18,205	19,366	18,454	18,663	17,769	16,120	16,172
Total	233,768	250,436	256,802	274,770	289,619	274,117	267,136	264,433	264,028	263,205	258,487	240,942	223,313	214,735
Inc (Dec)														
M.V. Theft		20.38%	4.79%	6.92%	5.04%	-8.44%	-4.90%	-1.77%	6.38%	-4.71%	1.13%	-4.79%	-9.28%	0.32%
Crime Index		7.13%	2.54%	7.00%	5.40%	-5.35%	-2.55%	-1.01%	-0.15%	-0.31%	-1.79%	-6.79%	-7.32%	-4.49%

The Crime Index continues a nine-year downward trend. The number of reported crime index offenses in Virginia has dropped from 289,619 in 1991 to 214,735 in 2000. This downward trend can also be noted in the Motor Vehicle Theft category. With the exception of 1995, 1997, 1998, and 2000, the incidence of Motor Vehicle Theft has decreased by greater percentages than the Crime Index.

*2000 data are for Forcible Sex Offenses.

SEASONALITY - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Mon	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	2000	Avg.	% of Total
Aug	1,898	1,887	2,084	1,952	1,940	1,975	1,793	1,887	1,839	1,796	1,672	1,596	1,860	9.91%
Jul	1,650	1,916	1,925	2,067	1,785	1,669	1,744	1,922	1,820	1,719	1,589	1,439	1,770	9.43%
Oct	1,716	1,705	1,885	1,890	1,599	1,648	1,437	1,641	1,670	1,721	1,612	1,343	1,656	8.82%
Sep	1,674	1,659	1,784	1,796	1,618	1,757	1,434	1,652	1,639	1,654	1,598	1,326	1,633	8.70%
Jan	1,568	1,581	1,726	1,862	1,631	1,702	1,434	1,520	1,501	1,574	1,487	1,465	1,588	8.46%
Jun	1,445	1,583	1,586	1,792	1,414	1,556	1,591	1,682	1,554	1,577	1,537	1,360	1,556	8.29%
Nov	1,483	1,570	1,724	1,803	1,723	1,548	1,471	1,409	1,480	1,615	1,408	1,257	1,541	8.21%
Dec	1,532	1,573	1,730	1,855	1,728	1,365	1,509	1,565	1,441	1,437	1,406	1,194	1,528	8.14%
May	1,344	1,507	1,464	1,609	1,652	1,459	1,542	1,507	1,409	1,460	1,459	1,436	1,487	7.92%
Mar	1,209	1,418	1,496	1,704	1,490	1,245	1,508	1,649	1,491	1,404	1,367	1,208	1,432	7.63%
Apr	1,235	1,284	1,436	1,453	1,411	1,325	1,497	1,435	1,265	1,397	1,422	1,282	1,370	7.30%
Feb	1,330	1,268	1,423	1,501	1,497	1,284	1,245	1,497	1,345	1,309	1,212	1,266	1,348	7.18%
Tot	18,084	18,951	20,263	21,284	19,488	18,533	18,205	19,366	18,454	18,663	17,769	16,172	18,769	100.00%

In 2000, August and January were the leading months for Motor Vehicle Theft, with close to 20% (18.93%) of reported thefts in these two months. To place these figures in perspective, August and January represent about 17% of the year (62 days divided by 365 days equals 16.99%). July was the third highest month with 8.9% of auto thefts reported during the month.

The four-month period, July to October, accounts for over 35% of the reported thefts (36.86% for the 1988-2000 average [excluding 1999] and 35.27% for 2000). To place these figures in perspective, July through October represents less than 35% of the year (123 days divided by 365 days equals 33.7%).

Note: 1999 data omitted in order to make comparisons more relevant.

AGE OF OFFENDERS - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ARRESTS

Age	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	Avg.	Total %	Cum. %	99	2000	Avg.	Total %	Cum %
12 & under	43	57	65	66	90	77	58	82	63	50	41	28	60	1.70%	1.70%	35	13	24	1.4%	1.4%
13 - 17	985	1,556	1,733	1,794	1,788	1,687	1,587	1,686	1,547	1,342	1,407	1,117	1,519	42.60%	44.30%	673	485	579	37.6%	39.0%
18 - 20	519	654	725	644	696	569	511	531	523	506	427	445	563	15.80%	60.10%	305	321	313	17.0%	56.0%
21 - 24	449	537	540	491	456	448	403	374	367	359	248	318	416	11.70%	71.70%	153	193	173	8.5%	64.6%
25 - 29	326	389	466	403	389	357	410	413	380	390	286	284	374	10.50%	82.20%	180	148	164	10.1%	74.6%
30 - 34	178	236	292	255	304	233	290	332	335	338	297	321	284	8.00%	90.20%	170	186	178	9.5%	84.1%
35 - 39	115	167	154	124	147	173	179	191	182	221	212	262	177	5.00%	95.20%	142	146	144	7.9%	92.0%
40 & over	131	161	166	125	162	147	145	183	197	208	192	238	171	4.80%	100.00%	133	139	136	7.40%	99.4%
TOTAL	2,746	3,757	4,141	3,902	4,032	3,691	3,583	3,792	3,594	3,414	3,110	3,013	3,565			1,791	1,631	1,711		

Age	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	2000	Total	% of Total
20 & under	1,547	2,267	2,523	2,504	2,574	2,333	2,156	2,299	2,133	1,898	1,875	1,590	1,013	819	27,531	59.60%
% of Total	1	60.30%	60.90%	64.20%	63.80%	63.20%	60.20%	60.60%	59.40%	55.60%	60.30%	52.80%	56.60%	50.20%	59.60%	
21 & over	1,199	1,490	1,618	1,398	1,458	1,358	1,427	1,493	1,460	1,516	1,235	1,423	778	812	18,665	40.40%
% of Total	0	39.70%	39.10%	35.80%	36.20%	36.80%	39.80%	39.40%	40.60%	44.40%	39.70%	47.20%	43.40%	49.80%	40.40%	
Total	2,746	3,757	4,141	3,902	4,032	3,691	3,583	3,792	3,593	3,414	3,110	3,013	1,791	1,631	46,196	

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% Inc (Dec)		46.54%	11.29%	-0.75%	2.80%	-9.36%	-7.59%	6.63%	-7.22%	11.00%	-1.20%	15.20%	-36.28%	19.15%		
21 & over	1,199	1,490	1,618	1,398	1,458	1,358	1,427	1,493	1,460	1,516	1,235	1,423	778	812	18,665	40.40%
% Inc (Dec)		24.27%	8.59%	-13.60%	4.29%	-6.86%	5.08%	4.63%	-2.21%	3.80%	18.50%	15.20%	-45.33%	4.37%		
Total	2,746	3,757	4,141	3,902	4,032	3,691	3,583	3,792	3,593	3,414	3,110	3,013	1,791	1,631	46,196	

% Inc (Dec)		36.82%	10.22%	-5.77%	3.33%	-8.46%	-2.93%	5.83%	-5.25%	-4.98%	-8.90%	-3.12%	-40.56	-8.93%		
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On average (1987-2000), 59.6% of the people arrested for Motor Vehicle Theft were 20 years old or younger. (Information for 2000 is reported separately on the next page.)

AGE OF OFFENDERS - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ARRESTS, Continued

Age	2000	% of Total	Cum.
12 & under	13	.79%	0.79%
13 - 17	485	29.7%	30.5%
18 - 20	321	19.7%	50.2%
21 - 24	193	11.8%	62.0%
25 - 29	148	9.1%	71.1%
30 - 34	186	11.5%	82.6%
35 - 39	146	8.9%	91.5%
40 & over	139	8.5%	100.0%
TOTAL	1,631	100.0%	

Age	2000	% of Total
20 & under	819	50.2%
21 & over	812	49.8%
Total	1,631	100.0%

A little over 50% (50.2%) of the people arrested for Motor Vehicle Theft in 2000 were 20 years old or younger. This is a decrease in the arrest pattern during the 1987 through 2000 period, when an average of 59.6% of the arrests were of people 20 years old or younger (see previous page).

CLEARANCE RATE - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98
Motor Vehicle Theft	31.4%	32.5%	29.6%	27.9%	30.5%	28.9%	29.4%	27.3%	27.8%	24.1%	23.7%
Crime Index	26.6%	27.8%	26.4%	26.2%	27.7%	26.1%	25.6%	25.2%	25.3%	24.2%	24.6%

Clearance Rate information was not included in *Crime in Virginia* (1999 & 2000 editions).

VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	2000
\$102,675,739	\$111,911,694	\$115,273,346	\$113,933,893	\$106,006,275	\$99,250,780	\$102,689,284	\$127,668,582	\$126,860,726	\$127,775,309	\$123,859,005	\$105,422,963
Inc (Dec)	9.00%	3.00%	-1.16%	-6.96%	-6.37%	3.46%	24.33%	-0.63%	0.72%	-3.06%	-14.88%
Five Year Average											\$122,317,317

The “Value of Property Stolen – Virginia Motor Vehicle Theft” in 2000 was \$105,422,963, a decrease of 14.88% as compared to 1998.

Note: 1999 data omitted in order to make comparisons more relevant.

AVERAGE VALUE PER INCIDENT - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	2000
\$5,178	\$5,678	\$5,905	\$5,689	\$5,353	\$5,440	\$5,355	\$5,641	\$6,592	\$6,874	\$6,846	\$6,971	\$6,501	\$6,519
Inc (Dec)	9.64%	4.01%	-3.67%	-5.90%	1.62%	-1.55%	5.33%	16.87%	4.28%	-0.41%	1.81%	-6.74%	-0.28%
Five Year Average													\$6,742

The average value per incident in 2000 decreased slightly, from \$6,501 in 1999 to \$6,519 in 2000.

LOCATION (BY TYPE OF JURISDICTION) - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Location	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	2000
County	6,917	7,808	7,675	7,123	7,503	6,986	6,760	7,084	7,580	7,965	7,784	7,348	7,025	5,485
City	8,042	10,215	11,226	12,909	13,625	12,356	11,577	10,937	11,626	10,423	10,693	10,259	9,110	10,569
College	60	48	35	77	71	56	49	54	62	29	56	37	30	46
Other	3	13	15	154	85	90	147	130	98	37	130	125	58	72
Totals	15,022	18,084	18,951	20,263	21,284	19,488	18,533	18,205	19,366	18,454	18,663	17,769	16,223	16,172

Location	Avg.	% of Total
County	7,217	39.40%
City	10,969	59.88%
College	51	0.28%
Other	83	0.45%
Total	16,172	100.00%

Note: "Average" and "% of Total" figures are based on 1987 through 2000 data. The information is shown as two tables because of the limitation of the page size.

About 60% of reported Motor Vehicle Thefts occur in Virginia cities (59.88% for the 1987-2000 average; 65.35% for 2000). Another 40% (39.40% for the 1987-2000 average; 33.92% for 2000) occur in counties. The remaining thefts occur in colleges and other locations such as airports.

Note: 1999 thefts by location data were slightly different than total reported thefts (16,120 total vs. 16,223 total when counted by area).

LOCATION (BY VSP DIVISION) - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Division	89-00 Thefts	% of Total	Cumulative
V	79,590	35.63%	35.63%
VII	57,934	25.94%	61.57%
I	49,405	22.12%	83.69%
VI	12,775	5.72%	89.41%
III	10,371	4.64%	94.05%
II	7,851	3.51%	97.56%
IV	5,445	2.44%	100.00%
Total	223,371		

On average (1989-2000), three areas of the state account for about 84% of the reported Motor Vehicle Thefts in Virginia: Tidewater - 36% (Virginia State Police Division V); Northern Virginia - 26% (VSP Division VII); and Richmond - 22% (VSP Division I).

CHANGE BY DIVISION FROM '99 TO 2000 - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Div.	'99 Thefts	'00 Thefts	Difference	% Change	% of Total Decrease
I	4,273	4,706	433	10.13%	-849.02%
II	681	656	-25	-3.67%	49.02%
III	892	950	58	6.50%	-113.73%
IV	516	429	-87	-16.86%	170.59%
V	5,130	6,260	1,130	22.03%	-2215.69%
VI	1,075	1,029	-46	-4.28%	90.19%
VII	3,656	2,142	-1,514	-41.41%	2968.63%
Total	16,223	16,172	-51	-0.31%	

Divisions I, III, and V had increases in auto theft for the year 2000, with Division V experiencing the largest increase (1,130 thefts; 22.03%). Divisions II, IV, VI, and VII had decreases in auto theft for the year 2000, with Division VII recording the greatest decrease (1,514 thefts; 41%).

DETAIL BY AREA FOR DIVISION I - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Area	99 Thefts	00 Thefts	Difference	% Change	% of Total Decrease
Amelia Co.	5	3	-2	-40.00%	-0.46%
Caroline Co. (Bowling Green)	40	28	-12	-30.00%	-2.77%
Charles City Co.	2	1	-1	-50.00%	-0.23%
Chesterfield Co.	730	465	-265	-36.30%	-61.20%
Dinwiddie Co. (McKinney)	40	44	4	10.00%	0.92%
Essex Co. (Tappahannock)	19	22	3	15.79%	0.69%
Goochland Co.	16	9	-7	-43.75%	-1.62%
Hanover Co. (Ashland)	50	54	4	8.00%	0.92%
Henrico Co.	789	783	-6	-0.76%	-1.39%
King & Queen Co.	3	0	-3	-100.00%	-0.69%
King George Co.	20	19	-1	-5.00%	-0.23%
King William Co.	15	12	-3	-20.00%	-0.69%
Lancaster Co. (Kilmarnock)	6	4	-2	-33.33%	-0.46%
Louisa Co. (Louisa)	21	19	-2	-9.52%	-0.46%
New Kent Co. (West Point)	12	13	1	8.33%	0.23%
Northumberland Co.	5	6	1	20.00%	0.23%
Nottoway Co. (Blackstone; Crewe; Burkeville)	13	16	3	23.08%	0.69%
Powhatan Co.	5	16	11	220.00%	2.54%
Richmond Co. (Warsaw)	6	5	-1	-16.67%	-0.23%
Westmoreland Co. (Colonial Beach)	17	26	9	52.94%	2.08%
Colonial Heights	41	39	-2	-4.88%	-0.46%
Hopewell	16	105	89	556.25%	20.55%
Petersburg	275	299	24	8.73%	5.54%
Richmond	2,101	2,695	594	28.27%	137.18%
VCU PD	5	11	6	120.00%	1.39%
U of R PD	4	1	-3	-75.00%	-0.69%
Capitol PD	6	0	-6	-100.00%	-1.39%
RIC Airport PD	10	9	-1	-10.00%	-0.23%
SS VA Training Center	0	2	2		
VA Dept Alc.Bev. Control	1	0	-1	-100.00%	-0.23%

TOTAL	4,273	4,706	433	10.13%	
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There was a 10% increase in thefts in Division I. The City of Richmond had the largest increase (594 thefts; 29%), while Chesterfield County had the largest decrease (265 thefts; 36%).

DETAIL BY AREA FOR DIVISION II - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Area	99 Thefts	00 Thefts	Difference	% Change	% of Total Decrease
Clarke Co. (Berryville)	16	12	-4	-25.00%	4.55%
Culpeper Co. (Culpeper)	26	0	-26	-100.00%	29.55%
Fauquier Co. (Warrenton)	55	35	-20	-36.36%	22.73%
Frederick Co. (Middletown; Stephens City)	96	93	-3	-3.13%	3.41%
Madison Co.	9	8	-1	-11.11%	1.14%
Orange Co. (Orange; Gordonsville)	20	8	-12	-60.00%	13.64%
Page Co. (Luray; Shenandoah; Stanley)	20	8	-12	-60.00%	13.64%
Rappahannock Co.	4	5	1	25.00%	-1.14%
Shenandoah Co. (Edinburg; Mt. Jackson; Woodstock; Strasburg; New Market)	27	33	6	22.22%	-6.82%
Spotsylvania Co.	114	95	-19	-16.67%	21.59%
Stafford Co.	148	160	12	8.11%	-13.64%
Warren Co. (Front Royal)	74	68	-6	-8.11%	6.82%
Fredericksburg	31	75	44	141.94%	-50.00%
Winchester	40	54	14	35.00%	-15.91%
Mary Washington College PD	1	2	1	100.00%	-1.14%
TOTAL	744	656	-88	-11.83%	

While there was a 12% decrease in thefts in this Division, the absolute decrease (88 thefts) is relatively small. The largest decreases were in Culpeper County (26 thefts; 100%) and Fauquier County (20 thefts; 36%). Fredericksburg had the largest increase (44 thefts; 142%).

DETAIL BY AREA FOR DIVISION III - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Area	99 Thefts	00 Thefts	Difference	% Change	% of Total Decrease
Albemarle Co.	66	88	22	33.33%	146.67%
Amherst Co. (Amherst)	31	22	-9	-29.03%	-60.00%
Appomattox Co.	9	8	-1	-11.11%	-6.67%
Augusta Co.	65	46	-19	-29.23%	-126.67%
Buckingham Co.	19	9	-10	-52.63%	-66.67%
Campbell Co. (Altavista; Brookneal)	69	72	3	4.35%	20.00%
Charlotte Co.	13	4	-9	-69.23%	-60.00%
Cumberland Co.	10	12	2	20.00%	13.33%
Fluvanna Co.	19	12	-7	-36.84%	-46.67%
Greene Co.	2	17	15	750.00%	100.00%
Halifax Co. (Halifax; South Boston)	48	30	-18	-37.50%	-120.00%
Lunenburg Co. (Kenbridge; Victoria)	7	9	2	28.57%	13.33%
Mecklenburg Co. (Chase City; Clarksville; LaCrosse; South Hill)	60	79	19	31.67%	126.67%
Nelson Co.	19	20	1	5.26%	6.67%
Prince Edward Co. (Farmville)	5	2	-3	-60.00%	-20.00%
Rockingham Co. (Bridgewater; Broadway; Dayton; Elkton; Grottoes; Timberville)	31	26	-5	-16.13%	-33.33%
Charlottesville	122	149	27	22.13%	180.00%
Harrisonburg	101	74	-27	-26.73%	-180.00%
Lynchburg	125	213	88	70.40%	586.67%
Staunton	38	38	0	0.00%	0.00%
Waynesboro	29	14	-15	-51.72%	-100.00%
UVA PD	3	6	3	100.00%	20.00%
James Madison University PD	1	0	-1	-100.00%	-6.67%
TOTAL	935	950	15	1.60%	

There was a slight increase in thefts in this Division (15 thefts, 1.6%). The City of Lynchburg had the largest increase (88 thefts; 70%), while Harrisonburg had the largest decrease (27 thefts; 27%).

DETAIL BY AREA FOR DIVISION IV - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Area	99 Thefts	00 Thefts	Difference	% Change	% of Total Decrease
Bland Co.	3	3	0	0.00%	0.00%
Buchanan Co. (Grundy)	32	13	-19	-59.38%	20.65%
Carroll Co. (Hillsville)	35	44	9	25.71%	-9.78%
Dickenson Co. (Clintwood; Haysi; Clincho)	5	5	0	0.00%	0.00%
Giles Co. (Glen Lyn; Pearisburg; Pembroke; Rich Creek; Narrows)	7	14	7	100.00%	-7.61%
Grayson Co. (Fries; Independence)	13	9	-4	-30.77%	4.35%
Lee Co. (Jonesville; Pennington Gap)	21	19	-2	-9.52%	2.17%
Pulaski Co. (Pulaski; Dublin)	46	24	-22	-47.83%	23.91%
Russell Co. (Lebanon; Honaker)	18	20	2	11.11%	-2.17%
Scott Co. (Gate City; Weber City)	18	12	-6	-33.33%	6.52%
Smyth Co. (Marion; Saltville; Chilhowie)	28	28	0	0.00%	0.00%
Tazewell Co. (Bluefield; Pocahontas; Richlands; Tazewell; Cedar Bluff)	61	66	5	8.20%	-5.43%
Washington Co. (Abingdon; Damascus; Glade Spring)	81	50	-31	-38.27%	33.70%
Wise Co. (Appalachia; Big Stone Gap; Coeburn; Pound; St. Paul; Wise)	62	31	-31	-50.00%	33.70%
Wythe Co. (Wytheville; Rural Retreat)	30	41	11	36.67%	-11.96%
Bristol	24	27	3	12.50%	-3.26%
Galax	20	13	-7	-35.00%	7.61%
Norton	12	10	-2	-16.67%	2.17%
TOTAL	521	429	-92	-17.66%	

There was a considerable decrease in thefts in this Division (92 thefts; 18%). The largest decreases were in Washington County (31 thefts; 38%), Wise County (31 thefts; 50%), and Pulaski County (22 thefts; 48%).

DETAIL BY AREA FOR DIVISION V - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Area	99 Thefts	00 Thefts	Difference	% Change	% of Total Decrease
Accomack Co. (Chincoteague; Onancock; Parksley; Onley)	83	84	1	1.20%	0.13%
Brunswick Co. (Lawrenceville)	7	13	6	85.71%	0.80%
Gloucester Co.	57	38	-19	-33.33%	-2.53%
Greensville Co.	9	11	2	22.22%	0.27%
Isle of Wight Co. (Smithfield)	61	42	-19	-31.15%	-2.53%
James City Co.	64	50	-14	-21.88%	-1.87%
Mathews Co.	5	5	0	0.00%	0.00%
Middlesex Co.	12	6	-6	-50.00%	-0.80%
Northampton Co. (Cape Charles; Exmore)	21	14	-7	-33.33%	-0.93%
Prince George Co.	41	24	-17	-41.46%	-2.27%
Southampton Co. (Courtland; Boykins)	23	33	10	43.48%	1.33%
Surry Co.	2	2	0	0.00%	0.00%
Sussex Co. (Waverly)	18	12	-6	-33.33%	-0.80%
York Co.	85	75	-10	-11.76%	-1.33%
Chesapeake	580	207	-373	-64.31%	-49.73%
Emporia	34	38	4	11.76%	0.53%
Franklin	22	15	-7	-31.82%	-0.93%
Hampton	464	630	166	35.78%	22.13%
Newport News	1193	1256	63	5.28%	8.40%
Norfolk	782	1,742	960	122.76%	128.00%
Poquoson	5	5	0	0.00%	0.00%
Portsmouth	610	770	160	26.23%	21.33%
Suffolk	188	286	98	52.13%	13.07%
Virginia Beach	719	870	151	21.00%	20.13%
Williamsburg	30	16	-14	-46.67%	-1.87%
Hampton University PD	1	2	1	100.00%	0.13%
Norfolk State University PD	0	9	9		1.20%
Virginia State University PD	6	2	-4	-66.67%	-0.53%
William & Mary College PD	0	1	1		0.13%
Old Dominion Campus PD	4	0	-4	-100.00%	-0.53%
Norfolk Airport Authority	4	2	-2	-50.00%	-0.27%

TOTAL	5,510	6,260	750	13.61%	
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There was a 13.6% increase in thefts in this Division. The largest increases were in Norfolk (960 thefts; 123%), Hampton (166 thefts; 36%), Portsmouth (160 thefts; 26%), and Virginia Beach (151 thefts; 21%). Chesapeake experienced a large decrease (373 thefts; 64%).

DETAIL BY AREA FOR DIVISION VI - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Area	99 Thefts	00 Thefts	Difference	% Change	% of Total Increase
Alleghany Co. (Iron Gate)	10	9	-1	-10.00%	4.00%
Bath Co.	2	0	-2	-100.00%	8.00%
Bedford Co.	27	20	-7	-25.93%	28.00%
Botetourt Co.	22	29	7	31.82%	-28.00%
Craig Co.	3	2	-1	-33.33%	4.00%
Floyd Co.	9	10	1	11.11%	-4.00%
Franklin Co. (Rocky Mount)	44	51	7	15.91%	-28.00%
Henry Co.	147	152	5	3.40%	-20.00%
Highland Co.	1	2	1	100.00%	-4.00%
Montgomery Co. (Blacksburg; Christiansburg)	90	85	-5	-5.56%	20.00%
Patrick Co.	24	68	44	183.33%	-176.00%
Pittsylvania Co. (Chatham; Gretna; Hurt)	54	96	42	77.78%	-168.00%
Roanoke Co. (Vinton)	66	74	8	12.12%	-32.00%
Rockbridge Co. (Glasgow)	19	29	10	52.63%	-40.00%
Bedford	12	9	-3	-25.00%	12.00%
Buena Vista	2	6	4	200.00%	-16.00%
Clifton Forge	3	2	-1	-33.33%	4.00%
Covington	0	2	2		-8.00%
Danville	141	33	-108	-76.60%	432.00%
Lexington	5	3	-2	-40.00%	8.00%
Martinsville	50	47	-3	-6.00%	12.00%
Radford	13	0	-13	-100.00%	52.00%
Roanoke	286	261	-25	-8.74%	100.00%
Salem	43	35	-8	-18.60%	32.00%
Ferrum College PD	0	1	1		
Radford University PD	0	3	3		
Virginia Tech PD	1	0	-1	-100.00%	4.00%
VMI PD	1	0	-1	-100.00%	4.00%
TOTAL	1,054	1,029	-25	-2.37%	

There was a slight decrease in thefts in this Division (25 thefts; 2%). The largest increases were in Patrick County (44 thefts; 183%) and Pittsylvania County (42 thefts; 78%). The largest decrease was in Danville (108 thefts; 77%).

DETAIL BY AREA FOR DIVISION VII - VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Area	99 Thefts	00 Thefts	Difference	% Change	% of Total Decrease
Arlington Co.	665	309	-356	-53.53%	14.29%
Fairfax Co. (Herndon; Vienna)	1,230	311	-919	-74.72%	36.88%
Loudoun Co. (Leesburg; Middleburg; Purcellville)	203	229	26	12.81%	-1.04%
Prince William Co. (Quantico; Dumfries; Occoquan; Haymarket)	565	695	130	23.01%	-5.22%
Alexandria	706	293	-413	-58.50%	16.57%
Fairfax	62	49	-13	-20.97%	0.52%
Falls Church	36	0	-36	-100.00%	1.44%
Manassas	119	154	35	29.41%	-1.40%
Manassas Park	30	35	5	16.67%	-0.20%
George Mason University PD	3	7	4	133.33%	-0.16%
NOVA Comm College PD	0	1	1		-0.04%
Metro Wash Airport Authority	37	59	22	59.46%	-0.88%
TOTAL	4,634	2,142	-2,492	-53.78%	

Division VII had the largest decrease in thefts in 2000, both in terms of absolute numbers (2,492 thefts) and as a percentage (54%). The largest decreases were in Fairfax County (919 thefts; 75%), Alexandria (413 thefts; 59%) and Arlington County (356 thefts; 54%).