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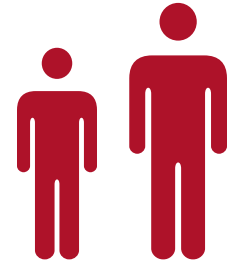
2021 | VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ANNUAL STATISTICS

2020 – 11,209 motor vehicle theft offenses

2021 – 11,638 motor vehicle theft offenses

4%

There were 11,638 motor vehicle theft offenses in Virginia in 2021. That's 429 more than reported in 2020, a **4 percent increase**. In 2021, 7,589 stolen vehicles were recovered by Virginia law enforcement agencies.

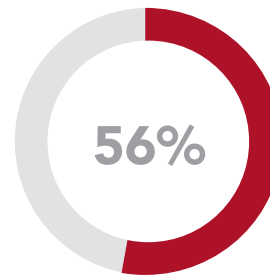54% of victims of vehicle theft were between the **ages of 18 and 44.**
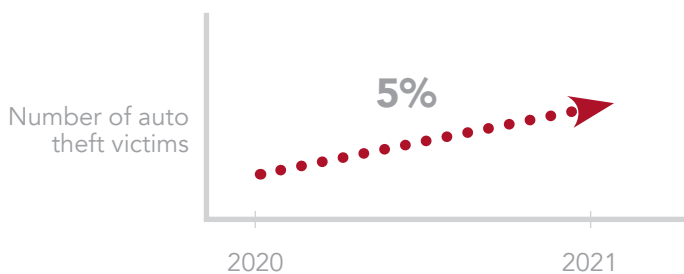
2020 - 1,068 arrests

2021– 1,014 arrests

5%

The number of arrests **decreased by 5 percent.** Twelve percent of all arrests in 2021 were minors under the age of 18.

56%

56 percent of all auto thefts occurred between **6 p.m. and 6 a.m**.

5%

Number of auto theft victims

2020   2021

There were 10,346 reported victims of auto theft in 2021, **an increase of 5 percent from the previous year.**

35 percent of auto thefts occurred at a residence in 2021.

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In 2021, the value of stolen motor vehicles totaled **$134 million, a 2.2 percent decrease** from 2020, when the value of vehicles stolen was **$137 million**.