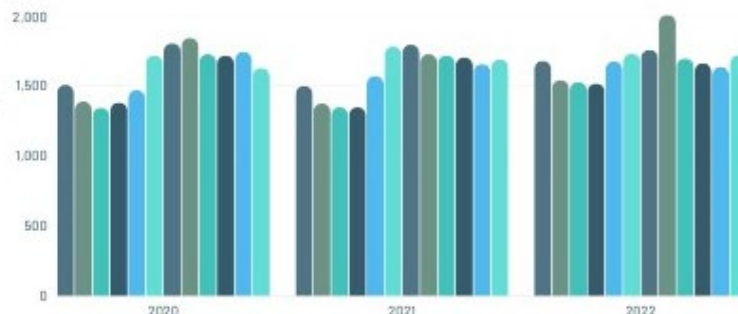# Motor Vehicle Theft in North Carolina, 2020-2022

More than 61,850 motor vehicles were reported stolen in North Carolina between 2020 and 2022, according to the National Incident-Based Reporting System. This publication analyzes vehicle-theft reports and does not include vehicles stolen by way of burglary; breaking and entering; robbery; or carjacking.

Motor Vehicles Stolen by Month

North Carolina saw a slight increase in motor vehicles stolen year-over-year from 2020-2022, with August 2022 having the most of any month (2,009).

On average, over half of all vehicle thefts occurred at a residence or home (51%).

Fewer vehicle thefts were reported per 1,000 N.C. residents than per 1,000 U.S. residents.*

2020: 2.40
2021: 2.68

2020: 1.87
2021: 1.85

The average age of a victim of vehicle theft was higher (43) than the average reported age of an offender (23).**

MVT Victims

Age	Count
Under 18	207
18-25	7,067
26-35	13,818
36-45	11,049
46-55	9,603
56-65	7,339
66 and older	5,478

% missing: 13%

MVT Offenders

Age	Count
Under 18	5,083
18-25	5,744
26-35	7,880
36-45	4,604
46-55	2,164
56-65	652
66 and older	169

% missing: 49%

A total of 1,023 firearms were reported stolen in vehicle-theft incidents during the reporting period.

*US rates: The National Crime Victimization Survey and National Incident-Based Reporting System: A complementary picture of crime in 2021. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics. October 2022; 2022 rates were not available.
**Offender counts are lower than victim counts because the offender in each incident is not always known.

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