

To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

January 14, 2025

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SUBJECT: AUTO THEFT UPDATE

The purpose of this informal report is to provide updated information about Auto Thefts around the city of Fort Worth along with prevention tips to keep vehicles secure.

Auto Theft Update:

Between May 1, 2024 and 4 and October 1, 2024 there were 2837 reported auto thefts compared to 2725 for the same time in the previous year.

COUNCIL DISTRICT	2023 May 1 – October 31 VEHICLE COUNT	2024 May 1 – October 31 VEHICLE COUNT	DIFFERENCE
2	297	296	-1
3	307	223	-84
4	160	160	0
5	312	388	76
6	265	325	60
7	102	132	30
8	354	447	93
9	379	343	-36
10	118	121	3
11	431	402	-29
TOTAL	2725	2837	112

VEHICLE MAKE	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	TOTAL
CHEVROLET	110	80	99	92	97	86	564
KIA MOTORS CORP.	75	123	76	57	49	73	453
HYUNDAI	57	86	51	38	64	51	347
FORD	47	36	50	42	45	38	258
DODGE	28	39	41	37	31	47	223
GM CORP.	32	22	41	43	32	24	194
HONDA	20	18	12	22	20	16	108
TOYOTA	21	14	16	15	14	16	96
NISSAN	13	11	15	16	23	15	93
JEEP	11	8	9	10	12	9	59
TOTAL	414	437	410	372	387	375	2395

During this time frame, 2011-2022 Kia and Hyundai models have been targeted because they lack an immobilizer. An immobilizer is an anti-theft device that prevents the vehicle's engine from starting unless the correct key fob is used. This issue has been exacerbated by social media platforms like TikTok, popularizing the "Kia Boyz" trend. Kia and Hyundai have developed theft deterrent software to address this issue.

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**SUBJECT: AUTO THEFT UPDATE****Proactive Measures to Combat Auto Theft**

West Division teamed up with Moritz Kia of Fort Worth on May 18, 2024, where the dealership suspended all other maintenance services for the day to address the immobilizer issue, which was a software upgrade. The dealership was able to do the software upgrade on 64 vehicles and handed out several club wheel locks. In order to get the word out, they used several methods to communicate the event:

- * PRO Team social media posts and media advisory
- * Contacted our council districts so they could include in their newsletter(s)
- * Kia communicated the event to every Kia owner within certain zip codes

In addition to the above event, Patrol Divisions have used some of the below tactics:

- Deploying bait vehicles in hotspot areas
- Strategically placing marked and unmanned vehicles as deterrents
- Sharing Crime Bulletins with patrol officers to identify suspects and suspect vehicles
- Identifying surveillance and Flock Camera blind spots for enhancement

Collaborative Efforts

We maintain a strong collaboration with the Tarrant County Auto Theft Task Force, as well as neighboring law enforcement agencies, to effectively target auto theft suspects. By strategically adjusting our operational hours based on evolving crime patterns, we enhance our ability to combat this issue. Additionally, we stay informed about emerging trends and tactics related to vehicle theft throughout the North Texas region, allowing us to proactively address challenges as they arise.

Auto Theft Prevention

We suggest the following tips to help prevent auto thefts:

- When away from home park in a well-lit area or an area with surveillance cameras
- At home, park in garages, driveways, or secured areas
- Lock your car
- Secure your keys

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- Remove valuables from vehicles
- Use steering wheel locks
- VIN Auto Etching coordinated by Fort Worth Police Crime Prevention Specialist
- Install alarm/GPS systems on your vehicles
- Kia/Hyundai owners (2011-2022 models): contact local dealerships for software updates

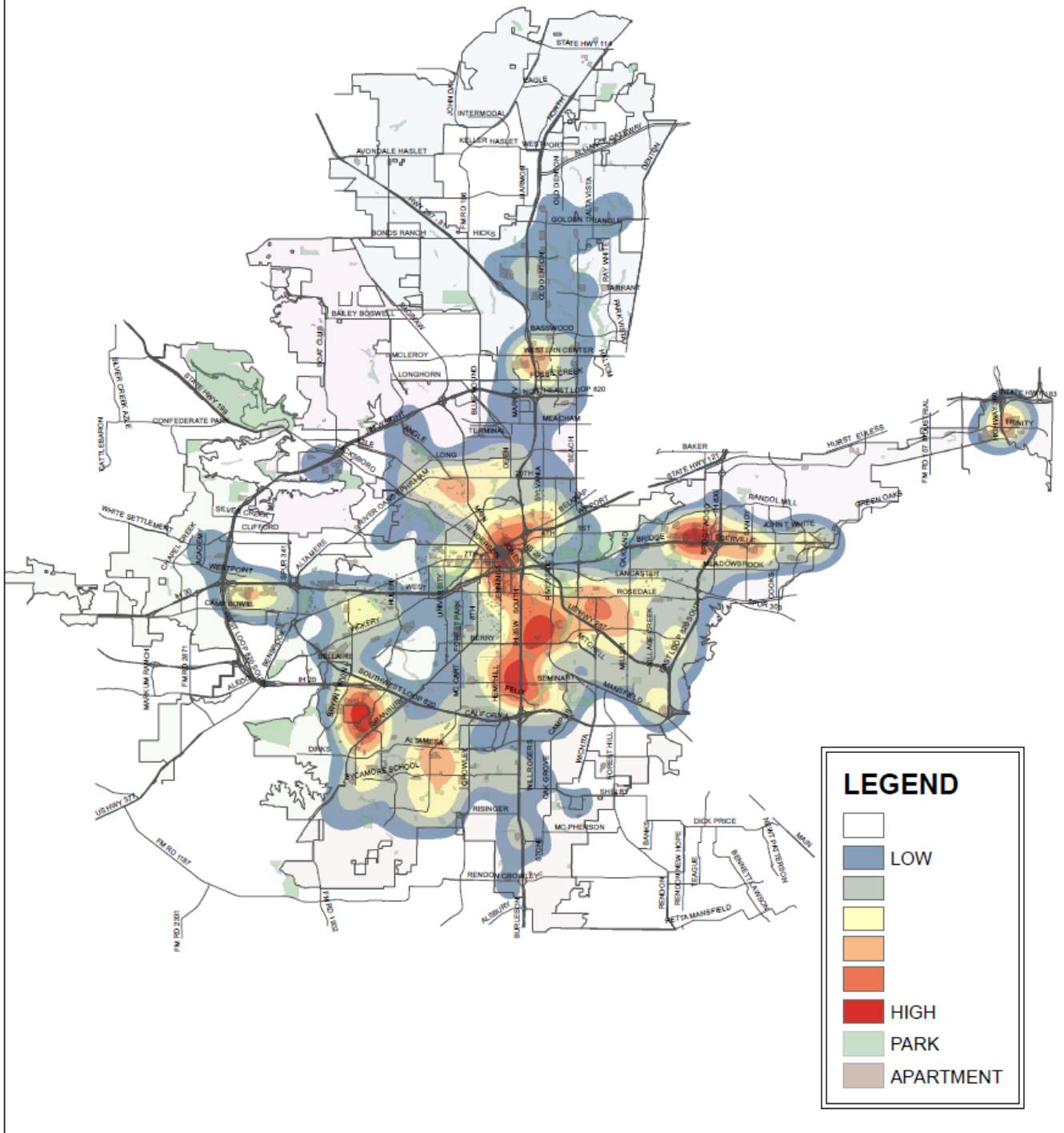
Additional questions or information requests should be directed to Executive Assistant Chief Robert Alldredge at 817-392-4131.

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City Manager



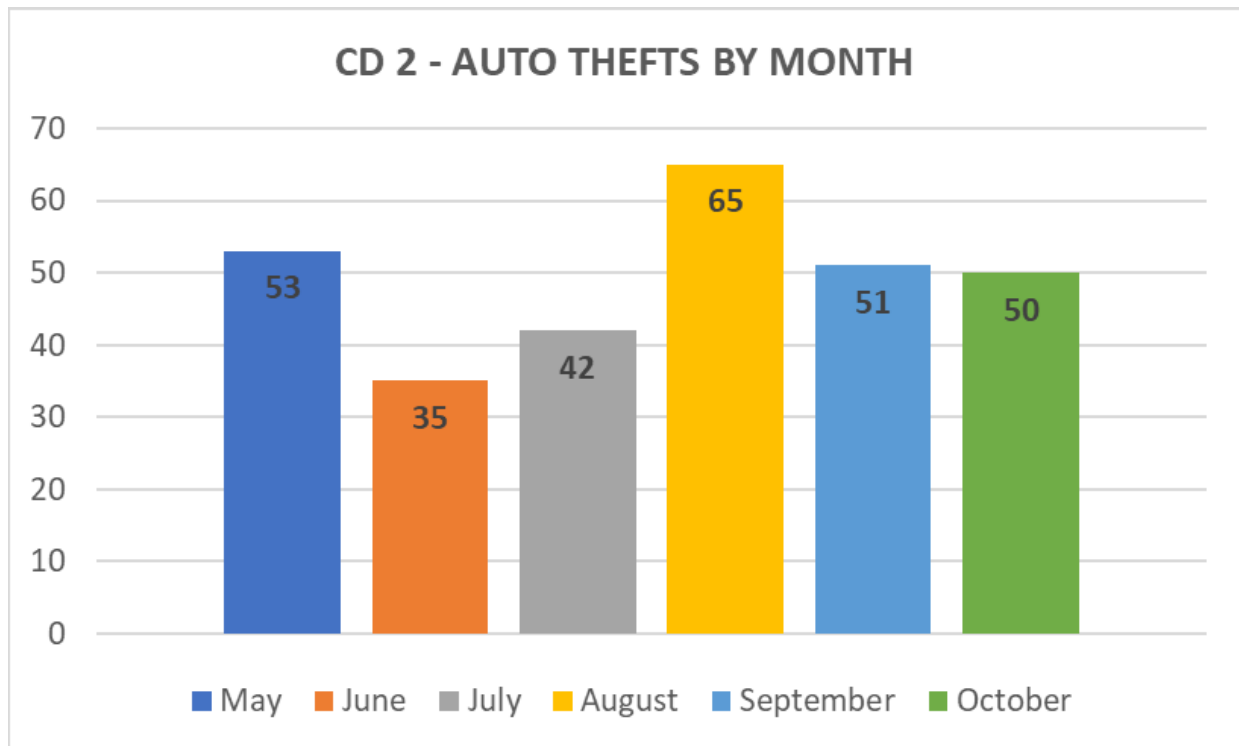
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CITYWIDE AUTO THEFTS BY VEHICLE COUNT MAY 1 - OCT 31, 2024





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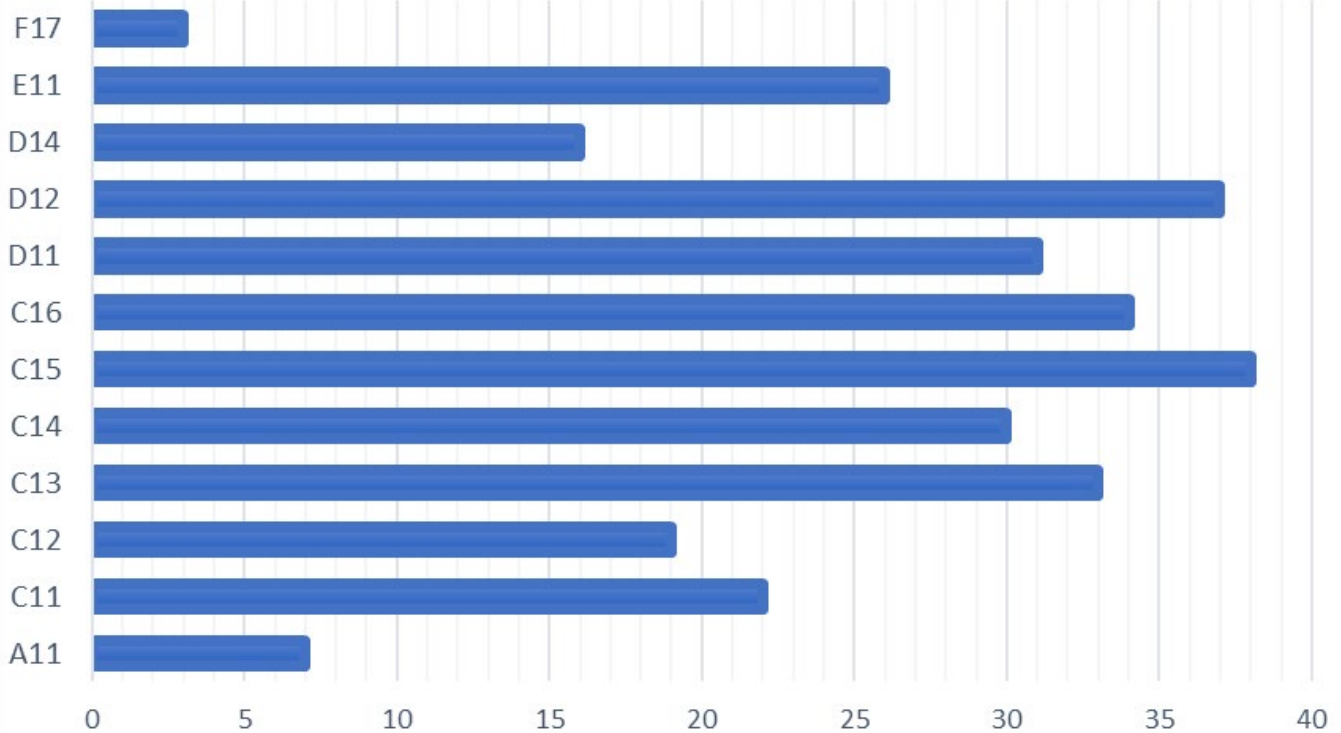
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CHEVROLET	91
FORD	44
DODGE	26
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	20
KIA MOTORS CORP.	17
HONDA	13
NISSAN	11
JEEP	8
TOYOTA	7
HYUNDAI	7
FREIGHTLINER CORP.	4
CAN-AM	4
KAWASAKI	4
MAZDA	3
ACURA	3
CADILLAC	3
CHRYSLER	3
INTERNATIONAL TRUCK & ENGINE CORP.	2
VOLVO	2
BMW	2

VEHICLE MAKE	COUNT
BUICK	2
INFINITI	2
LEXUS	2
WESTERN STAR	1
DUCATI	1
STOUGHTON TRAILERS	1
ENCLOSED TRAILER	1
HYUNDAI TRAILERS	1
FOREST RIVER	1
SCION	1
KUBOTA TRACTOR	1
SUZUKI	1
HARLEY-DAVIDSON	1
VOLKSWAGEN	1
MASSIMO	1
WANCO, INC.	1
GREAT LAKES	1
BAODIAO	1
FLATBED TRAILER	1



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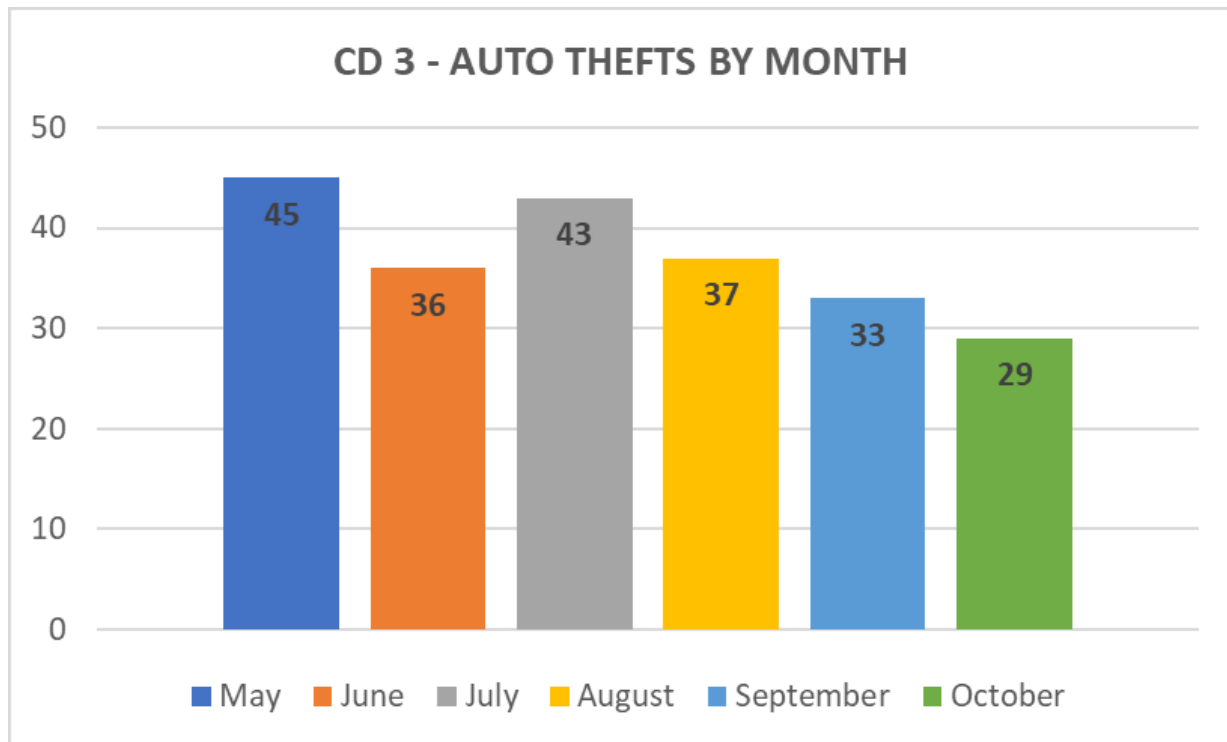
CD 2 AUTO THEFTS BY BEAT



VEHICLE MAKE BY BEAT	A11	C11	C12	C13	C14	C15	C16	D11	D12	D14	E11	F17	TOTAL
CHEVROLET	3	4	7	6	8	14	12	9	13	5	9	1	91
FORD		3	2	9	3	2	6	6	5	2	6		44
DODGE		4	1	2	3	3	4	1	4	3	1		26
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	2		1	4	2	1	1	5	1		3		20
KIA MOTORS CORP.	1		1	2	4		1	1	2	2	2	1	17
HONDA		1		2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1		13
NISSAN		2	1	1			3	1	2	1			11
TOTAL	6	14	13	26	21	21	29	25	29	14	22	2	222



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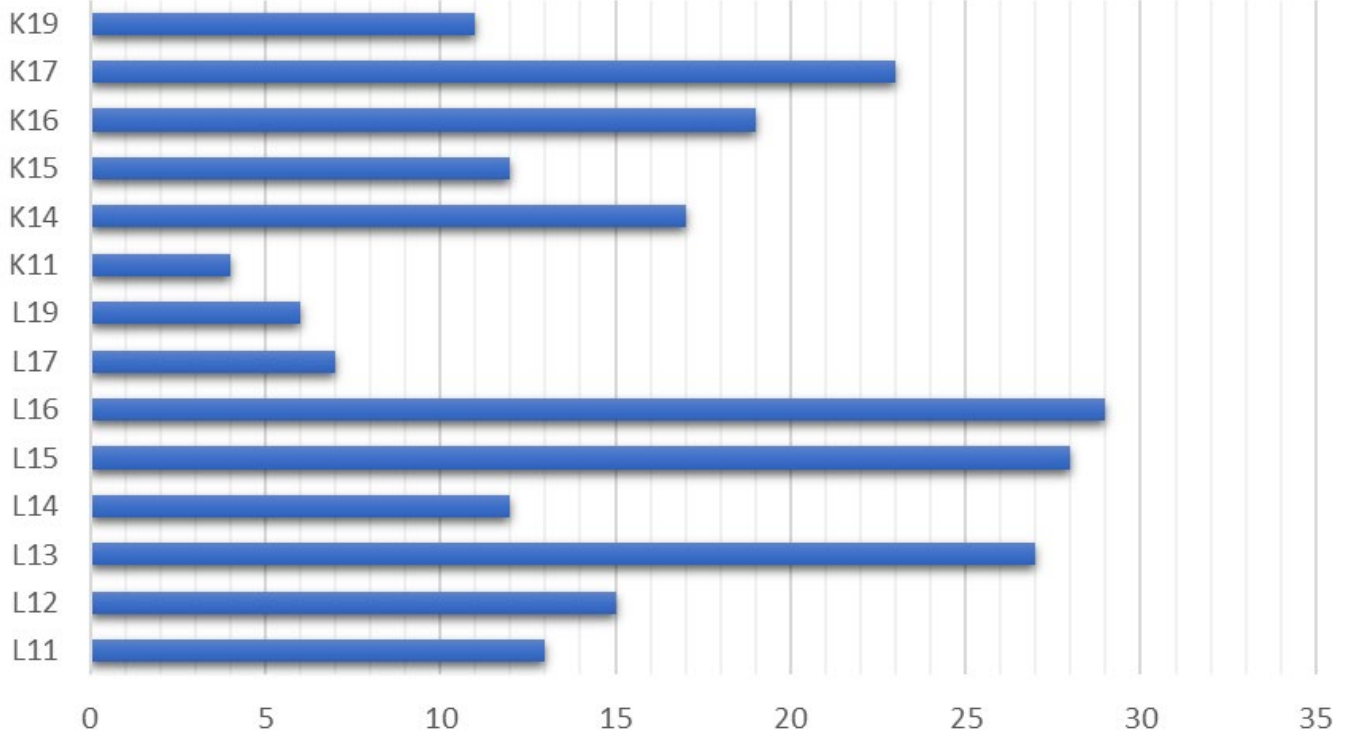
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KIA MOTORS CORP.	43
CHEVROLET	38
HYUNDAI	26
HONDA	19
FORD	19
DODGE	15
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	14
JEEP	8
TOYOTA	5
CADILLAC	3
BMW	3
KAWASAKI	3
NISSAN	3
MERCURY	2
LINCOLN-CONTINENTAL	2
YAMAHA	2
LEXUS	2

VEHICLE MAKE	COUNT
HARLEY-DAVIDSON	1
RAM	1
PONTIAC	1
ENCLOSED TRAILER	1
AUDI	1
HOME MADE TRAILER	1
INTERNATIONAL TRUCK & ENGINE CORP.	1
BUICK	1
PORSCHE	1
DUCATI	1
SUBARU	1
MAZDA	1
VOLKSWAGEN	1
MERCEDES-BENZ	1
INFINITI	1
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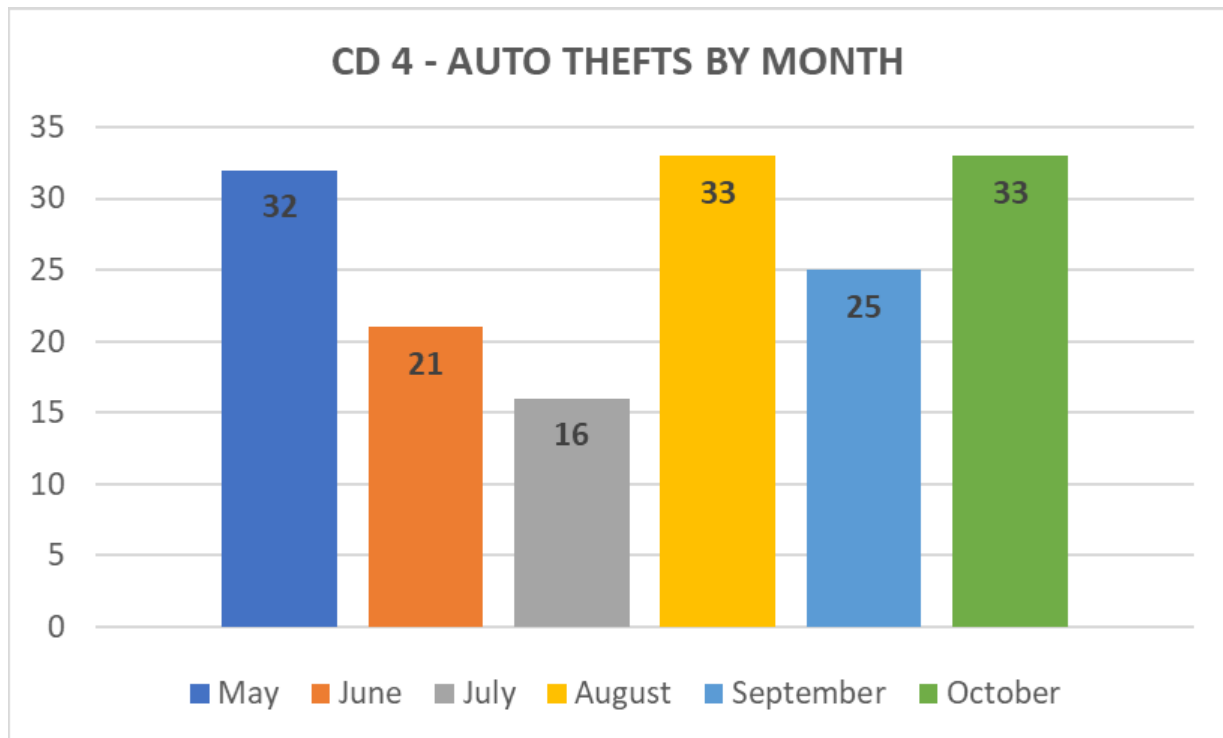
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VEHICLE MAKE BY BEAT	K11	K14	K15	K16	K17	K19	L11	L12	L13	L14	L15	L16	L17	L19	TOTAL
KIA MOTORS CORP.		8		8	2	3	1		4	1	8	8			43
CHEVROLET	1	3	2	2	4	2	3		7	3	3	4	1	3	38
HYUNDAI	1	1	1	7	5	1			3		3	4			26
HONDA	2			1	1		1	2	1	2	3	4	2		19
FORD			3		2	1		4	3	1	1	3		1	19
DODGE		1		1	2	1	2			1	2	3	1	1	15
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.			2		1	1	3		2	1	2		1	1	14
TOTAL	4	13	8	19	17	9	10	6	20	9	22	26	5	6	174



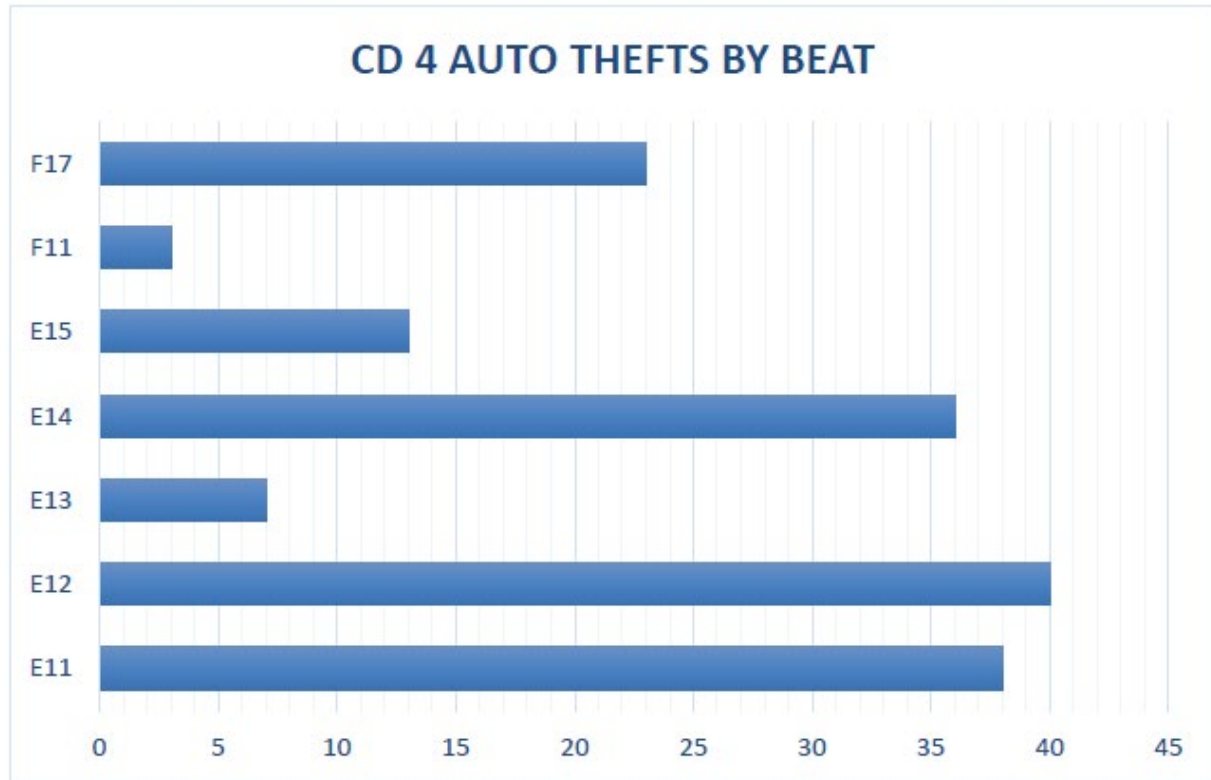
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VEHICLE MAKE	COUNT
CHEVROLET	46
DODGE	21
FORD	18
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	14
HYUNDAI	13
KIA MOTORS CORP.	12
NISSAN	6
HONDA	6
INFINITI	5
CHRYSLER	3
TOYOTA	2
JEEP	2
PACE AMERICAN, INC.	1
VOLKSWAGEN	1
AUDI	1
KAWASAKI	1
BMW	1
GULF STREAM	1
SKID STEER LOADER	1
LAND ROVER	1
UTILITY TRAILERS	1
MAZDA	1
JIMING	1
MERCEDES-BENZ	1



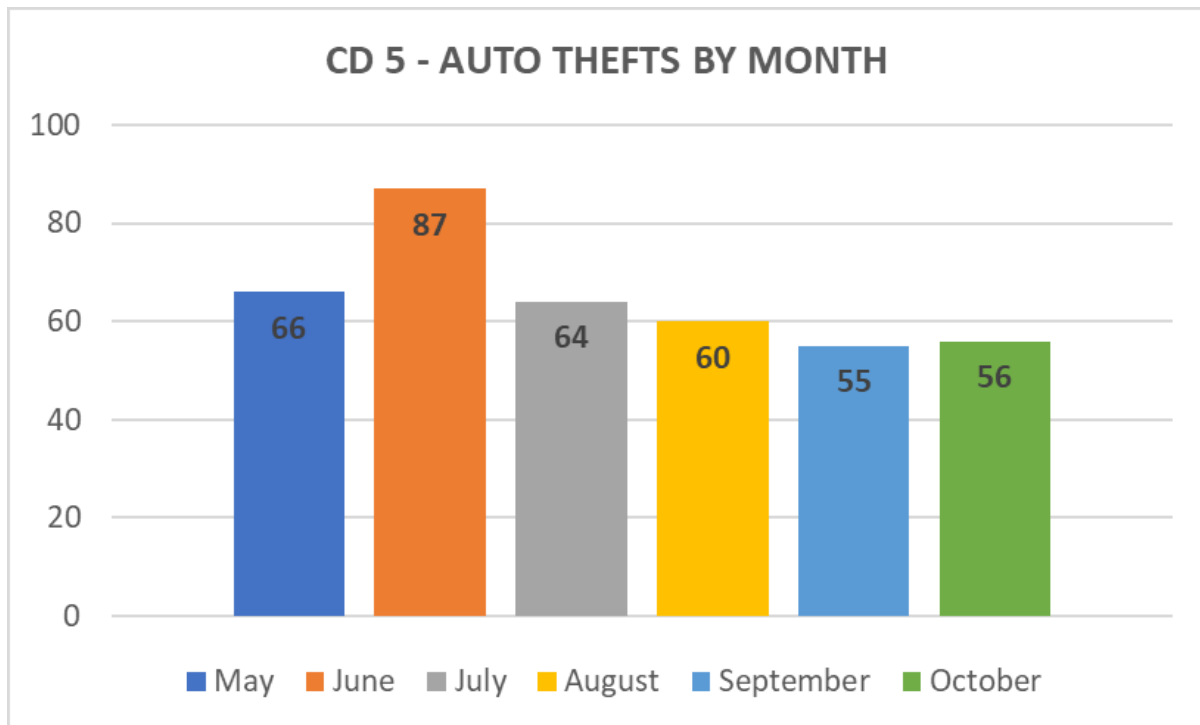
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VEHICLE MAKE BY BEAT	E11	E12	E13	E14	E15	F11	F17	TOTAL
CHEVROLET	15	11	3	10	1	1	5	46
DODGE	5	5		6	1	1	3	21
FORD	4	7	2	3	1		1	18
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	3	3		4		1	3	14
HYUNDAI	2	6		1	2		2	13
KIA MOTORS CORP.	2		1	4	2		3	12
TOTAL	31	32	6	28	7	3	17	124



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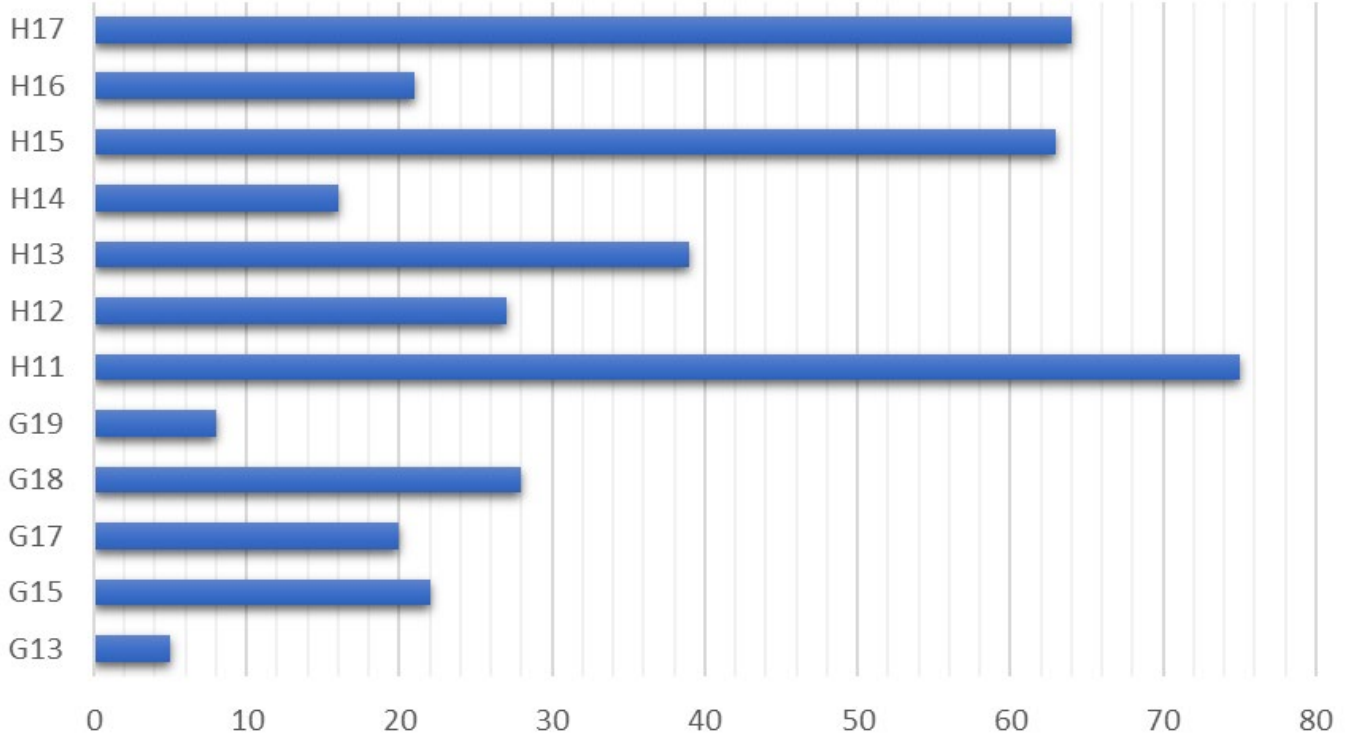
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HYUNDAI	100
KIA MOTORS CORP.	70
CHEVROLET	42
DODGE	31
FORD	30
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	27
HONDA	11
TOYOTA	10
NISSAN	9
JEEP	7
CADILLAC	6
VOLKSWAGEN	4
LEXUS	4
MERCEDES-BENZ	3
PONTIAC	3
CHRYSLER	2
FREIGHTLINER CORP.	2
RAM	2
ACURA	2
SUBARU	2

VEHICLE MAKE	COUNT
FLATBED TRAILER	2
VOLVO	2
BUICK	1
TRAVCO CORP.	1
KAWASAKI	1
KUBOTA TRACTOR	1
UTILITY TRAILERS	1
FENGYUAN	1
JOHN DEERE	1
WABASH	1
BMW	1
BENTLEY	1
UTILITY TOOL & BODY CO.	1
MITSUBISHI	1
CHONGQING	1
INTERNATIONAL TRUCK & ENGINE CORP.	1
ENCLOSED TRAILER	1
BOOM TRIKES USA	1
LOADMASTER	1



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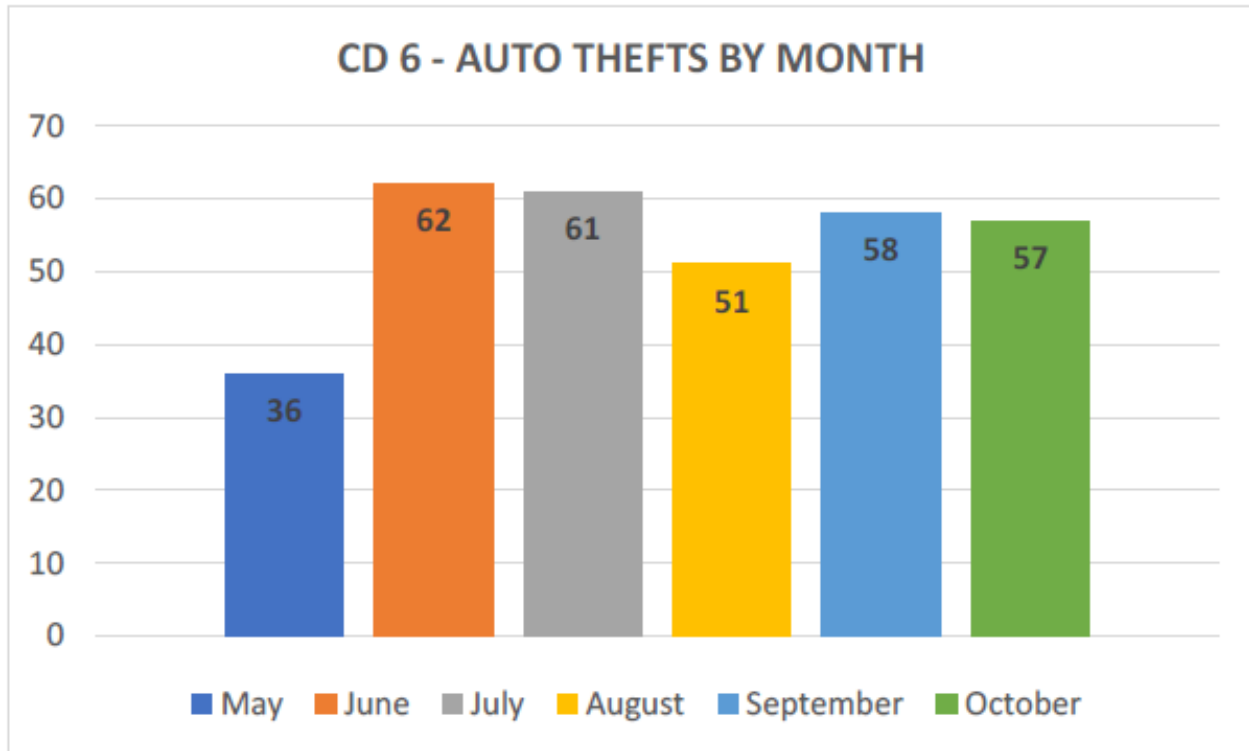
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VEHICLE MAKE BY BEAT	G13	G15	G17	G18	G19	H11	H12	H13	H14	H15	H16	H17	TOTAL
HYUNDAI	1	2	5	3		30	5	15	2	23	6	8	100
KIA MOTORS CORP.	2	4	7	5	2	19	4	7	1	11	1	7	70
CHEVROLET		1	1	3	2	6	3	5	3	2	2	14	42
DODGE		1	1	3	2	3	3	4	2	6	2	4	31
FORD		5		4		2	4	1	3	5	3	3	30
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.			2	1		2	2	1	1	1	2	15	27
HONDA		3				3	1	2	1	1			11
TOYOTA		2	1		1	3		2		1			10
TOTAL	3	18	17	19	7	68	22	37	13	50	16	51	321



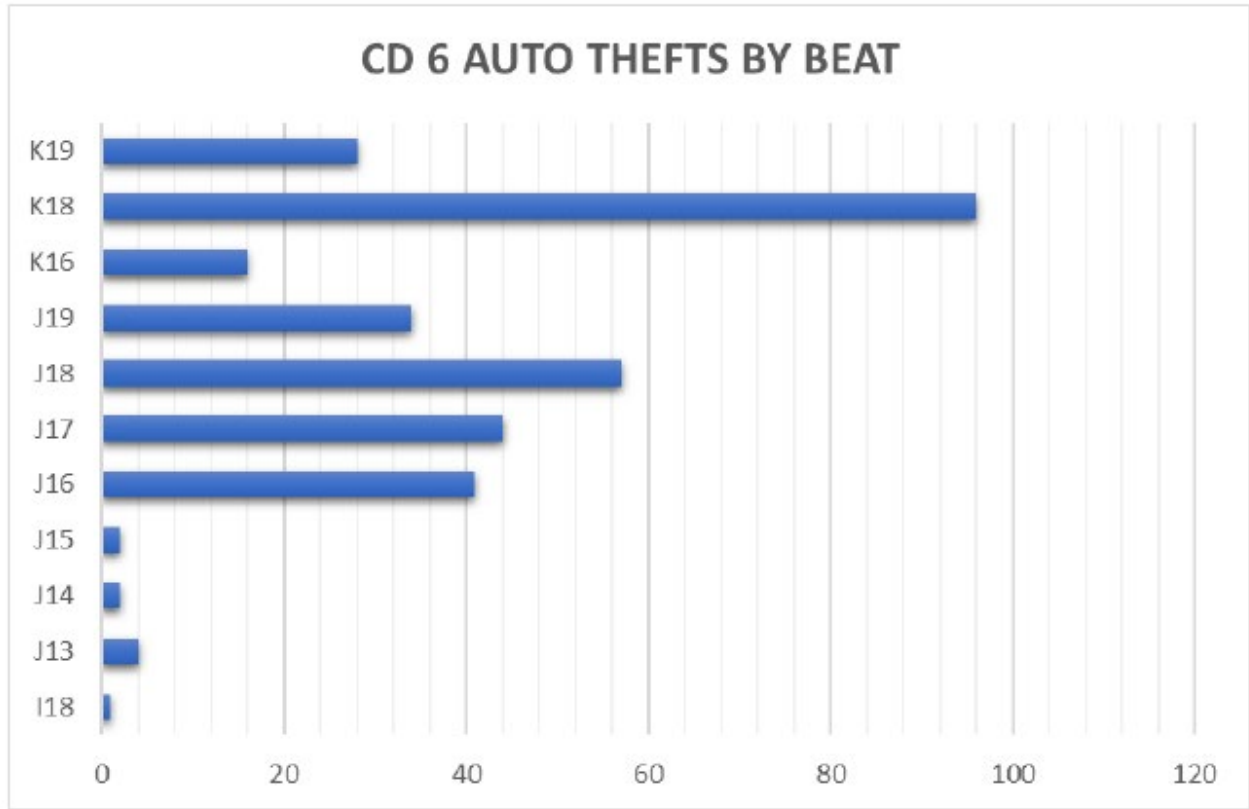
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VEHICLE MAKE	COUNT	VEHICLE MAKE	COUNT
KIA MOTORS CORP.	80	UTILITY TRAILER	2
HYUNDAI	57	LEXUS	2
CHEVROLET	43	MITSUBISHI	2
DODGE	24	BMW	2
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	21	SUZUKI	1
FORD	20	POLARIS	1
INFINITI	12	HARLEY-DAVIDSON	1
JEEP	10	A & F TRAILER MFG.	1
HONDA	9	SKYTRAK	1
NISSAN	7	MERCURY	1
TOYOTA	6	VOLKSWAGEN	1
CADILLAC	4	HOME MADE TRAILER	1
MERCEDES-BENZ	4	MAZDA	1
CHRYSLER	4	FREIGHTLINER CORP.	1
ACURA	3	LAND ROVER	1
BUICK	2		



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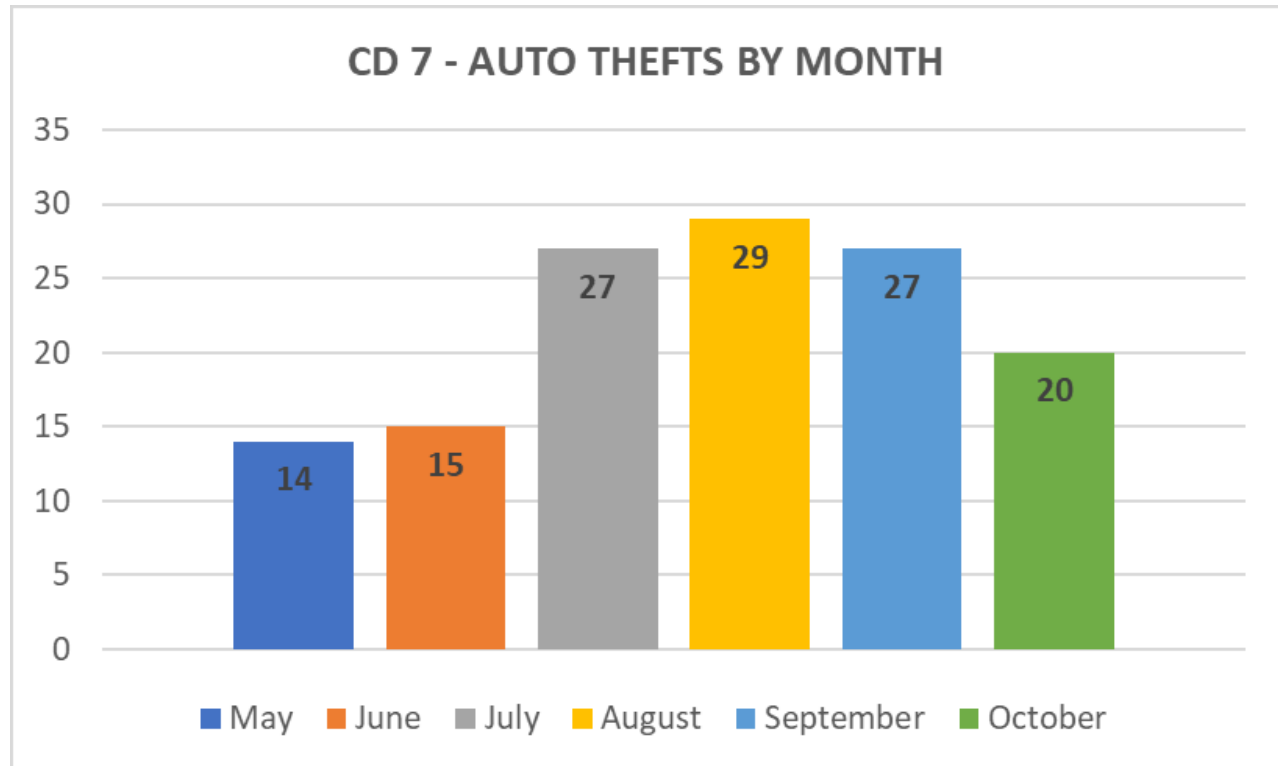


VEHICLE MAKE BY BEAT	I18	J13	J14	J15	J16	J17	J18	J19	K16	K18	K19	TOTAL
KIA MOTORS CORP.		1	2		12	8	15	6	5	27	4	80
HYUNDAI					4	8	12	9	1	19	4	57
CHEVROLET		2			6	1	4	6	2	15	7	43
DODGE	1				5	2	3	2	3	6	2	24
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.						7	3	2		7	2	21
FORD				2	2	6	1	4	1	3	1	20
INFINITI					2		3		1	5	1	12
JEEP					3	1	2			2	2	10
TOTAL	1	3	2	2	34	33	43	29	13	84	23	267



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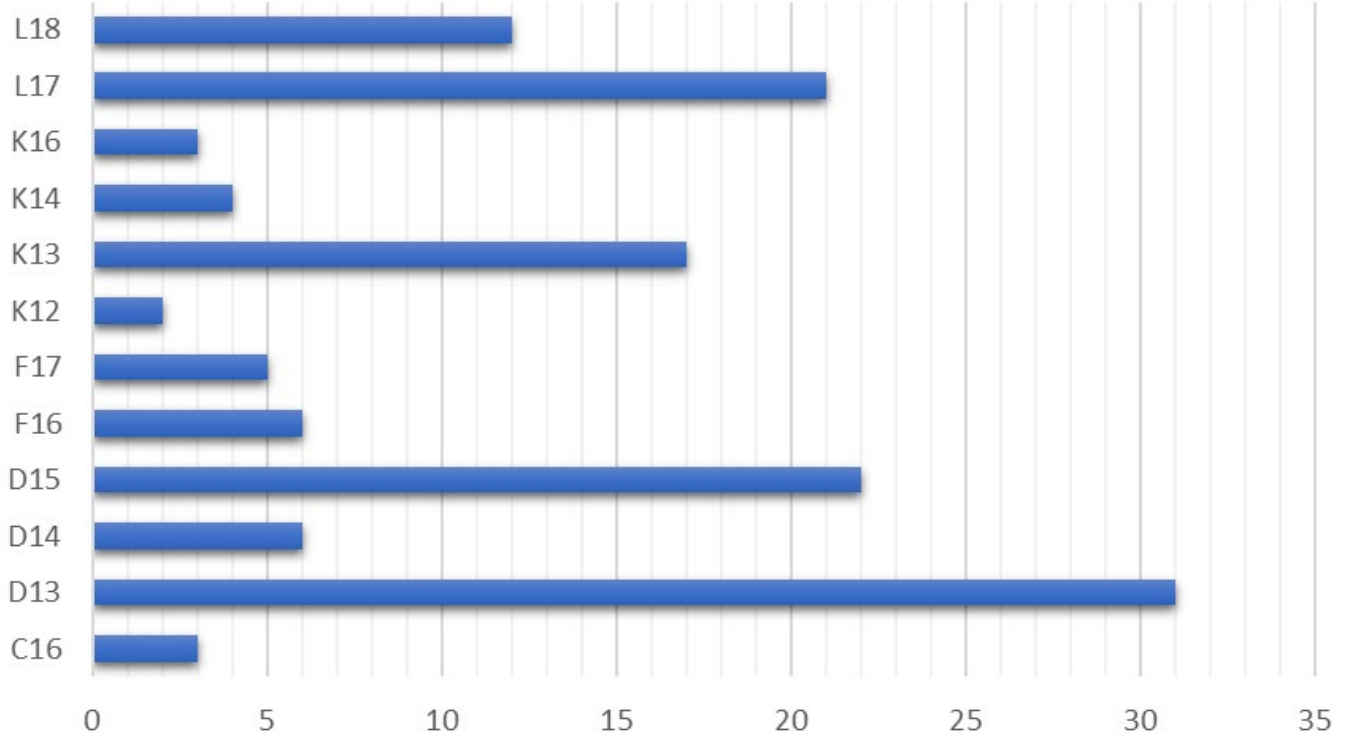
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CHEVROLET	32
DODGE	15
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	15
HYUNDAI	11
TOYOTA	10
FORD	7
KIA MOTORS CORP.	5
JEEP	4
HONDA	4
LEXUS	3
NISSAN	3
INFINITI	3
WABASH	2
AUDI	2
FREIGHTLINER CORP.	1

VEHICLE MAKE	COUNT
BAODIAO	1
SCION	1
CHONGQING	1
TRAILER	1
KAWASAKI	1
PONTIAC	1
HARLEY-DAVIDSON	1
SUZUKI	1
LAND ROVER	1
TRACK SKID LOADER	1
CADILLAC	1
UTILITY TRAILER	1
FLATBED TRAILER	1
PIONEER COACH MFG.	1
INTERNATIONAL TRUCK & ENGINE CORP.	1



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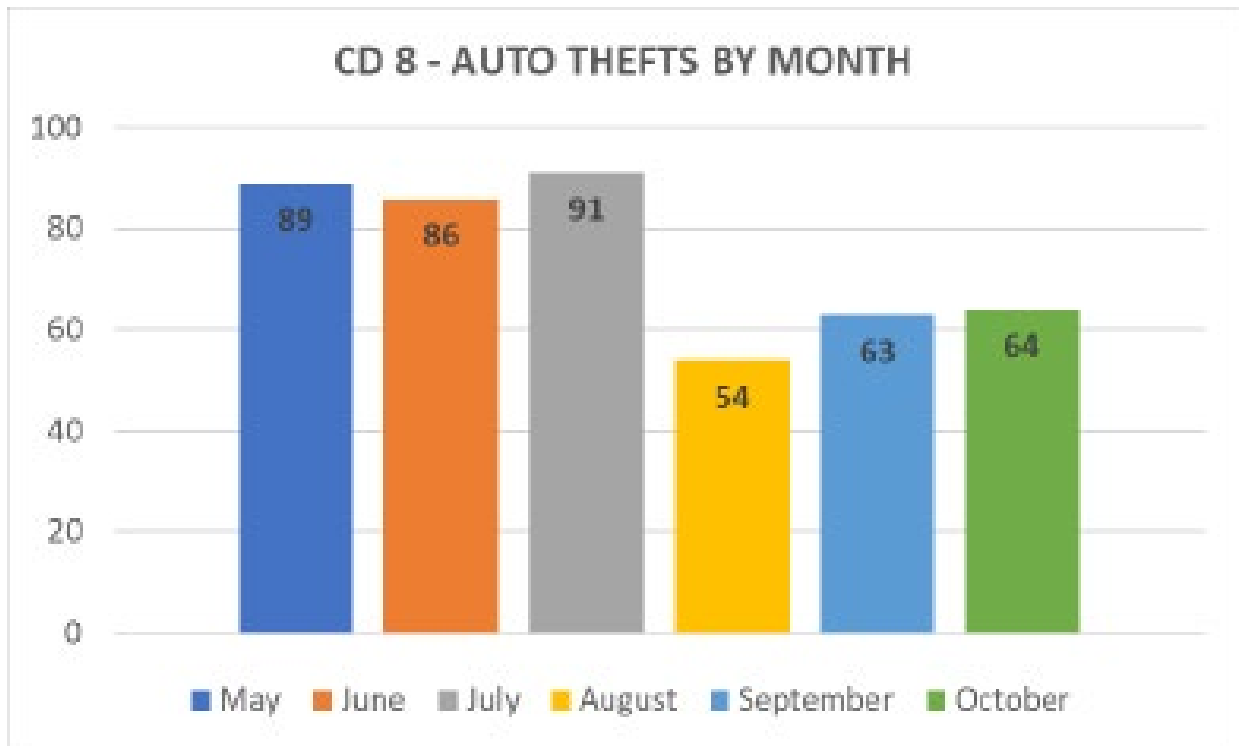
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VEHICLE MAKE BY BEAT	C16	D13	D14	D15	F16	F17	K12	K13	K14	K16	L17	L18	TOTAL
CHEVROLET		4	1	7	2	1		4	3	1	7	2	32
DODGE		3	1	1	2	1	2	2			2	1	15
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	2	3		2		1		3			2	2	15
HYUNDAI		3	1	1				1		1	1	3	11
TOYOTA		5	1	2				1			1		10
TOTAL	2	18	4	13	4	3	2	11	3	2	13	8	83



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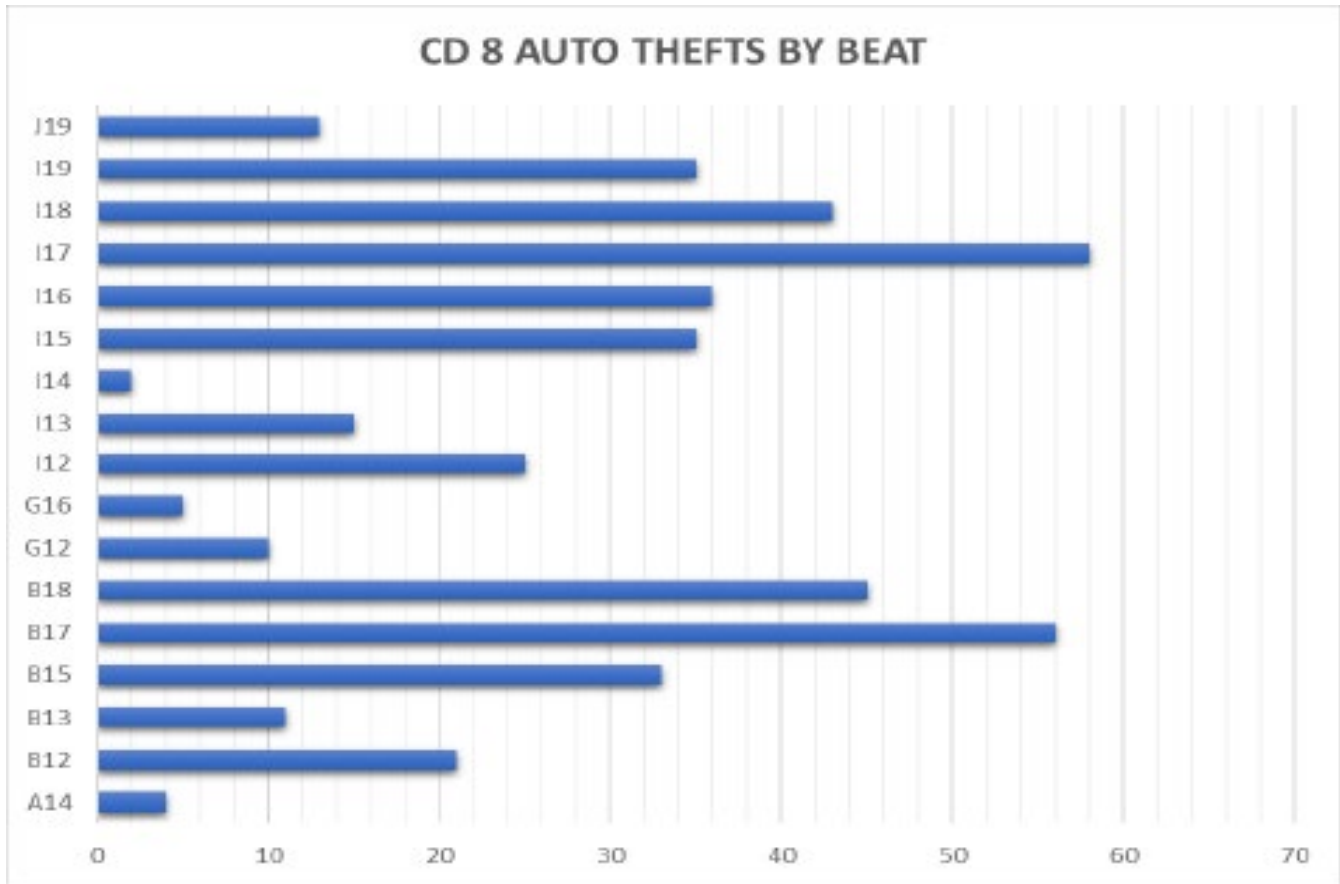


VEHICLE MAKE	COUNT
KIA MOTORS CORP.	102
CHEVROLET	81
HYUNDAI	63
FORD	32
DODGE	25
TOYOTA	21
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	21
NISSAN	18
HONDA	14
CHRYSLER	8
INTERNATIONAL TRUCK & ENGINE CORP.	8
JEEP	7
INFINITI	5
FREIGHTLINER CORP.	5
LEXUS	3
SEMI-TRAILER	3
UTILITY TRAILER	2
CADILLAC	2
VOLVO	2
VOLKSWAGEN	2
BUICK	2

VEHICLE MAKE	COUNT
STRICK TRAILERS CORP.	1
BMW	1
MERCEDES-BENZ	1
LEMOPED	1
COACHMEN HOMES CORP.	1
HARLEY-DAVIDSON	1
GREAT DANE	1
LIFT BOOM	1
MITSUBISHI	1
FENGYUAN	1
PONTIAC	1
LOAD MAX TRAILERS	1
SMART	1
MAGNUM MANUFACTURING	1
SUZUKI	1
MAXEY MFG.	1
FENGYUAN	1
MAZDA	1
LINCOLN-CONTINENTAL	1
AIM-EX OR TAOTAO IND	1
KENWORTH MOTOR TRUCK	1



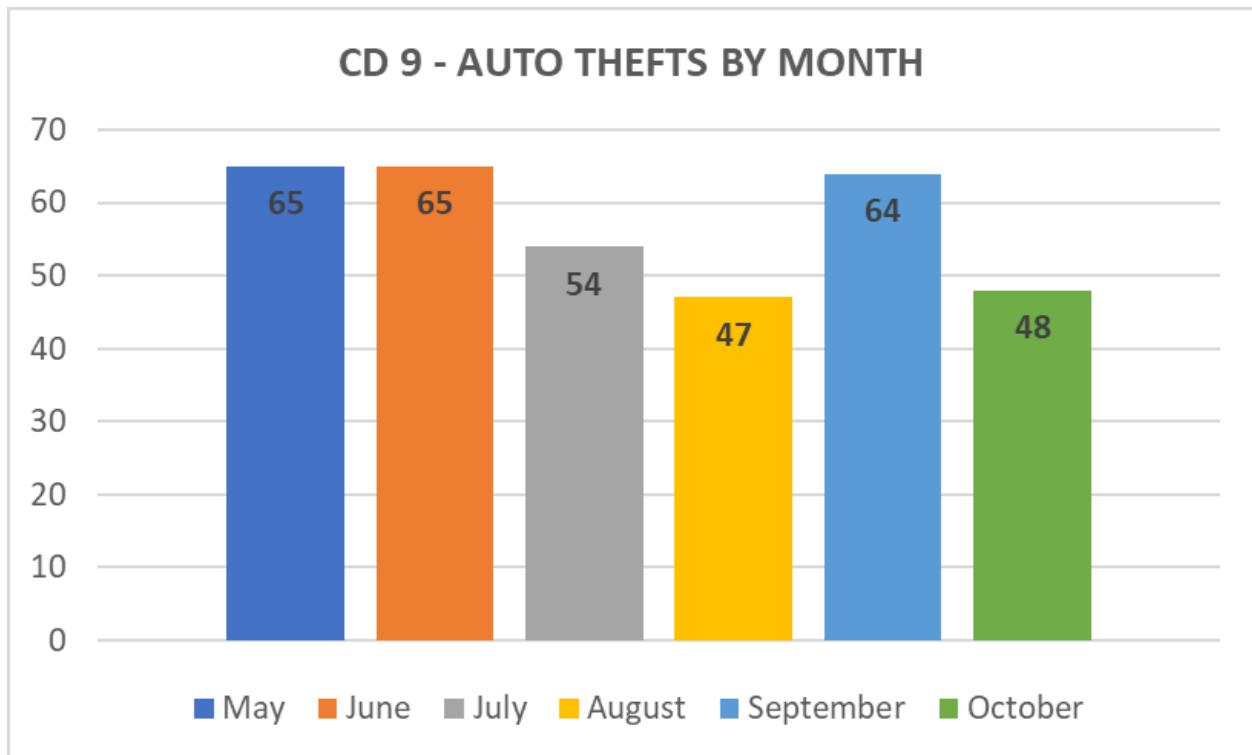
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VEHICLE MAKE BY BEAT	A14	B12	B13	B15	B17	B18	G12	G16	I12	I13	I14	I15	I16	I17	I18	I19	J19	TOTAL
KIA MOTORS CORP.		6	2	13	15	14	2	2	6	2	1	11	10	7	6	3	2	102
CHEVROLET	1	1		2	8	10	1		1	3		3	9	19	9	11	3	81
HYUNDAI		8	2	2	11	6	2		2	4	1	9	2	5	3	2	4	63
FORD		1	1	8	5	2			6	1		1	1	3	2	1		32
DODGE			2		2	2	1		3			2	1	3	4	5		25
TOYOTA				1	5	2	1	1	1	1			3	2	2	1	1	21
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.			1	1		2		1				1	5	3	3	4		21
NISSAN					4	4	1		2			2	3		1	1		18
HONDA	1	2		2	2	1	1			2		1		1			1	14
TOTAL	2	18	8	29	52	43	9	4	21	13	2	30	34	43	30	28	11	377



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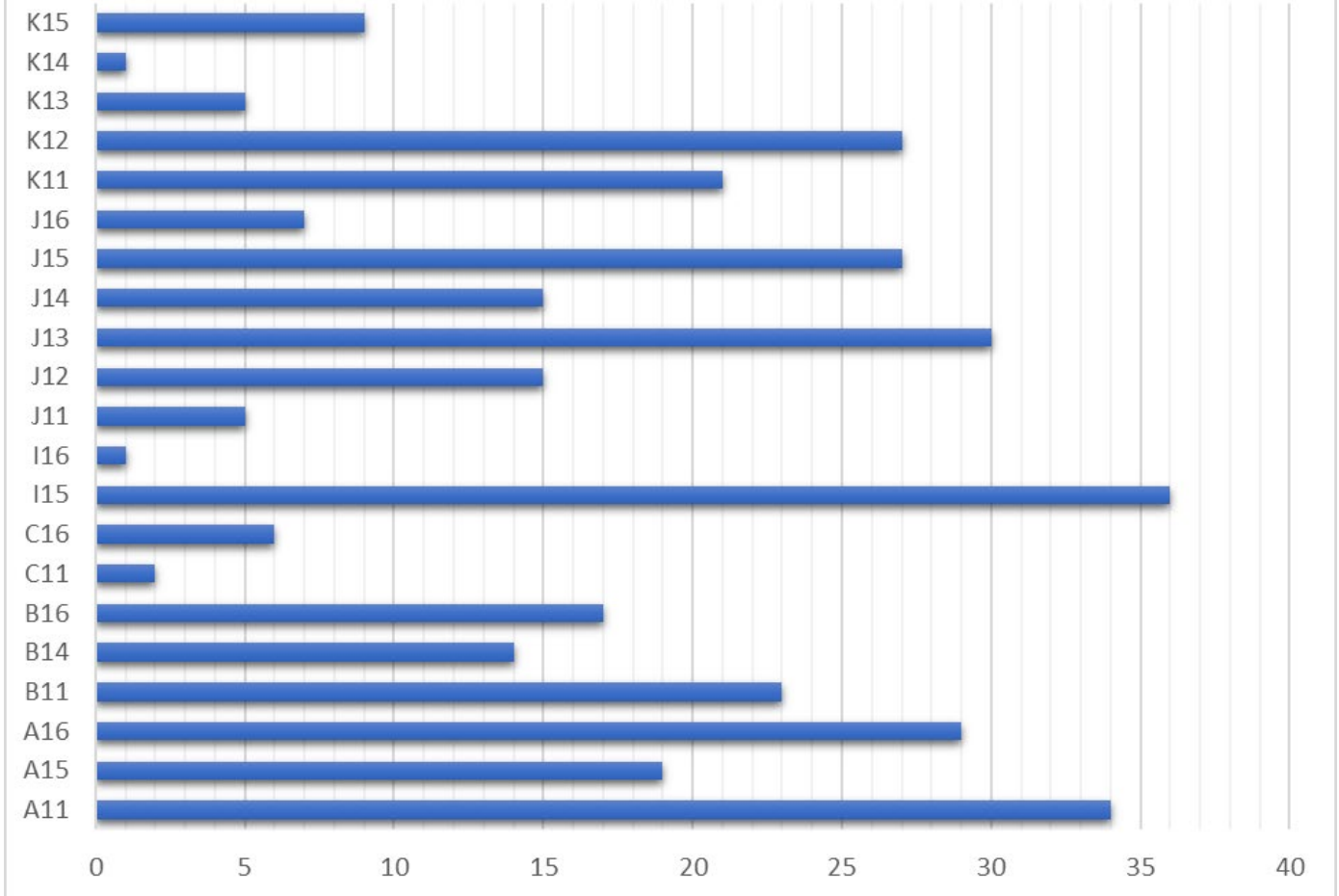
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KIA MOTORS CORP.	44
DODGE	36
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	29
FORD	27
HYUNDAI	24
NISSAN	15
TOYOTA	13
HONDA	10
BMW	6
JEEP	6
CADILLAC	5
CHRYSLER	5
INFINITI	4
MAZDA	3
MERCEDES-BENZ	3
SUZUKI	3

VEHICLE MAKE	COUNT
VOLKSWAGEN	3
BUICK	3
AUDI	2
ACURA	2
RAM	1
UTILITY TRAILER	1
JAGUAR	1
KAWASAKI	1
ALPRILIA	1
HARLEY-DAVIDSON	1
BIG TEX	1
LINCOLN-CONTINENTAL	1
TRIUMPH	1
ENCLOSED TRAILER	1
H & H TRAILER CO.	1
FIAT	1
HAWK	1



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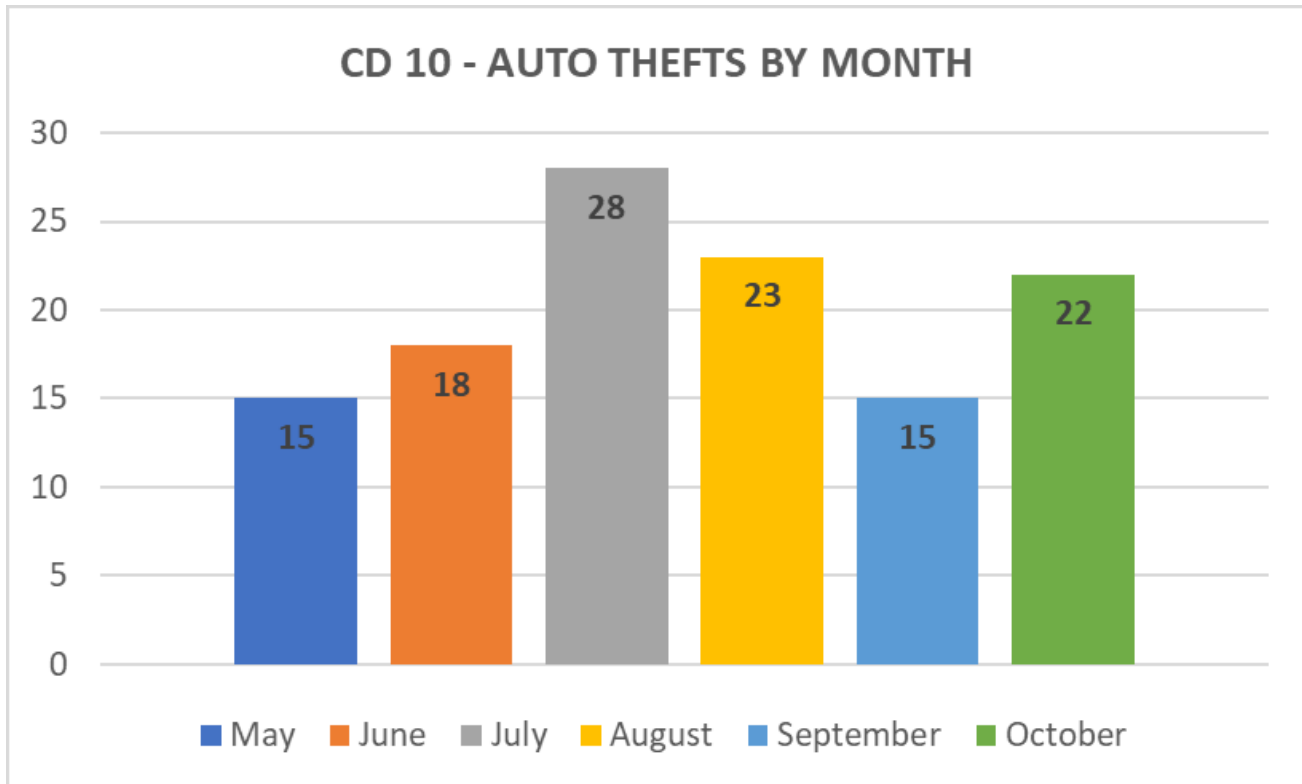
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VEHICLE MAKE BY BEAT	A11	A15	A16	B11	B14	B16	C11	C16	I15	I16	J11	J12	J13	J14	J15	J16	K11	K12	K13	K14	K15	TOTAL	
CHEVROLET	10	7	4	4	5	8	2	1	9		2	7	6	5	4	1	4	6	3		1	87	
KIA MOTORS CORP.		3	5	4	2	4			1			1	10	3	9	1	1						44
DODGE	6	2	1	4		1		1	2		1	1	1	2	3	1	2	6	1		1	38	
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	10	1	1	2	1	1						2	1				4	4				2	29
FORD	1	2	1	1	2				8	1		1		1		2	4	1				2	27
HYUNDAI		1	4	1	1	1			5				3	1	5			2					24
NISSAN		3	1		1	2			3					1	1		1	2					15
TOYOTA				1	1	1		1	3				1		3		1				1		13
HONDA	1			1	1				1				1			1	1	2				1	10
TOTAL	28	19	17	18	14	16	2	3	32	1	3	12	23	13	25	6	18	23	4	1	7	285	



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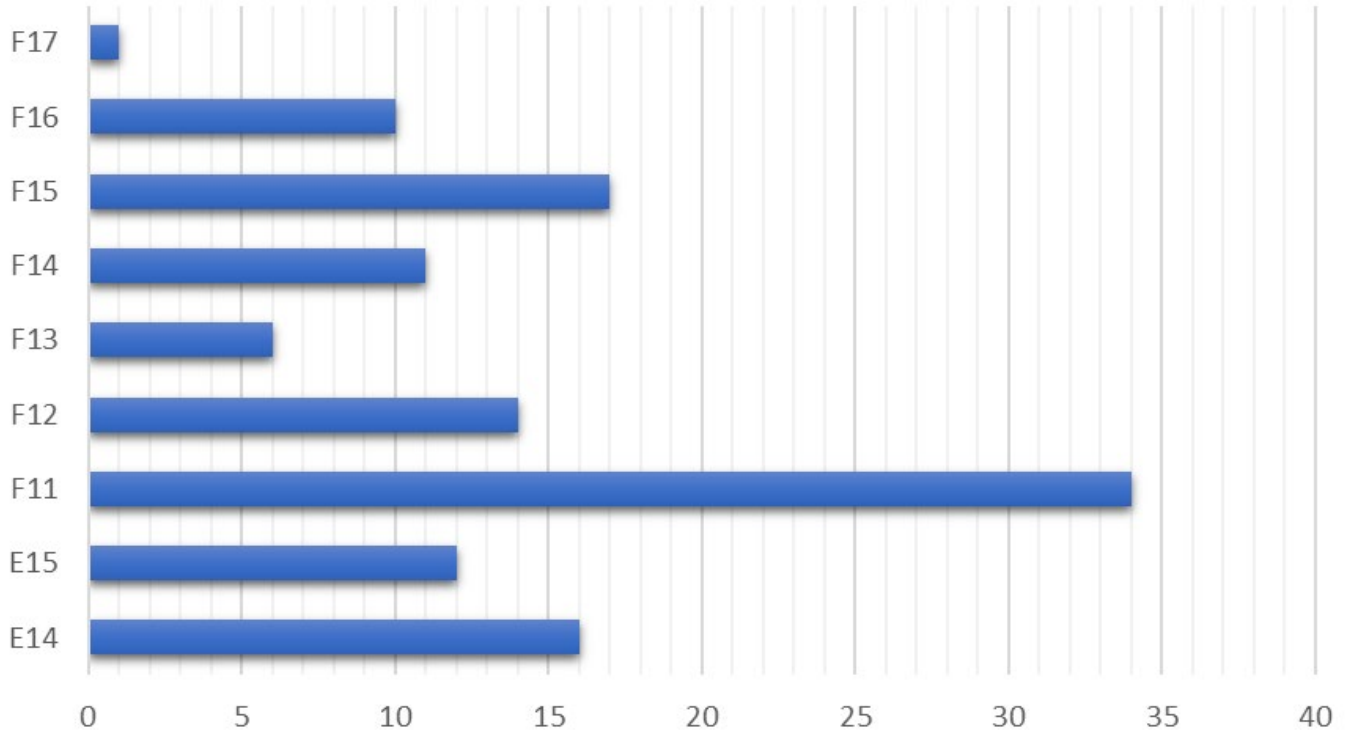
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CHEVROLET	18
FORD	10
DODGE	10
HYUNDAI	8
TOYOTA	7
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	6
NISSAN	5
JEEP	3
HONDA	3
CADILLAC	3
UTILITY TRAILER	2
CHRYSLER	2
POLARIS	2
GREAT DANE	2
ATV	2
MAXEY MFG	1

VEHICLE MAKE	COUNT
SUZUKI	1
FREIGHTLINER CORP.	1
BMW	1
BUICK	1
COACHMEN HOMES CORP	1
MAZDA	1
KENWORTH MOTOR TRUCK	1
VOLVO	1
CHEROKEE CAMPER	1
WABASH	1
LAND ROVER	1
LEXUS	1
INTERNATIONAL TRAILER CORP.	1
WABASH	1
INFINITI	1
INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES, INC.	1



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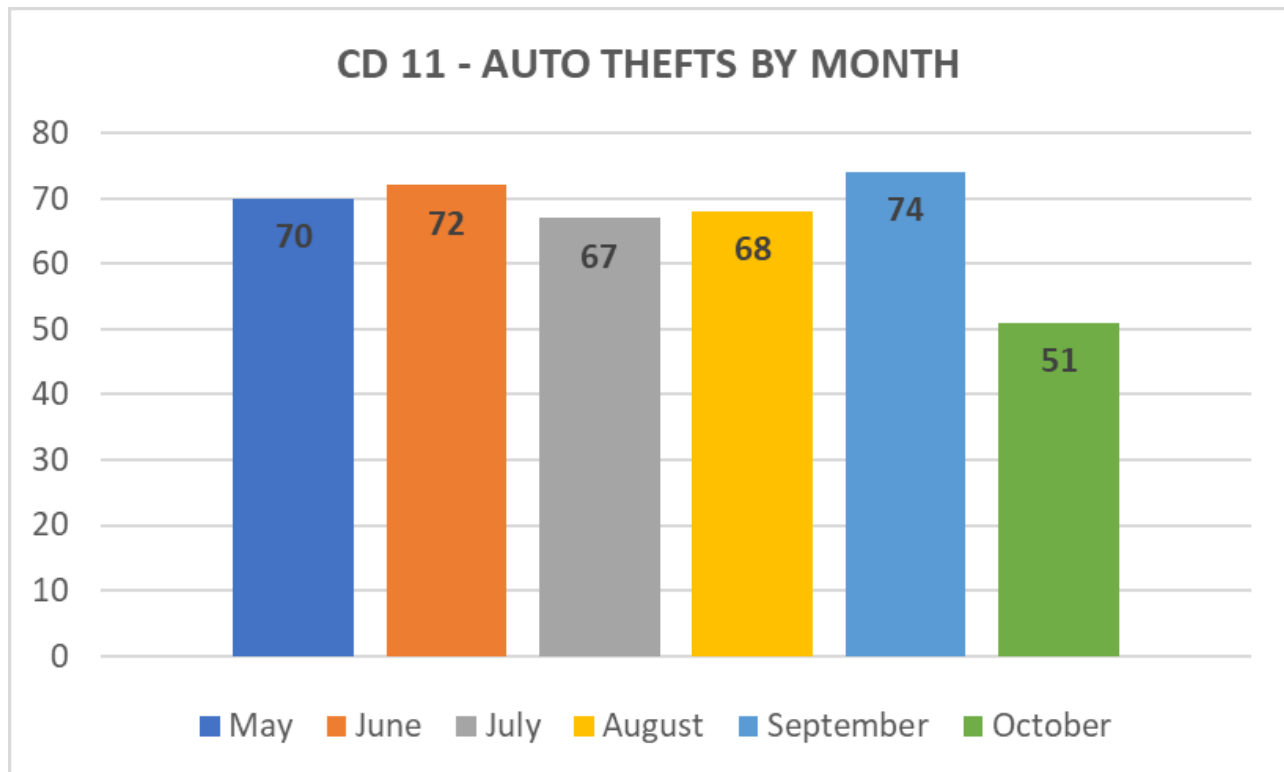
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VEHICLE MAKE BY BEAT	E14	E15	F11	F12	F13	F14	F15	F16	TOTAL
KIA MOTORS CORP.	5	2	12	2					21
CHEVROLET	3	2	2	2	1	3	2	3	18
FORD	2	2	1	2	2		1		10
DODGE	1		3	1		2	3		10
TOTAL	11	6	18	7	3	5	6	3	59



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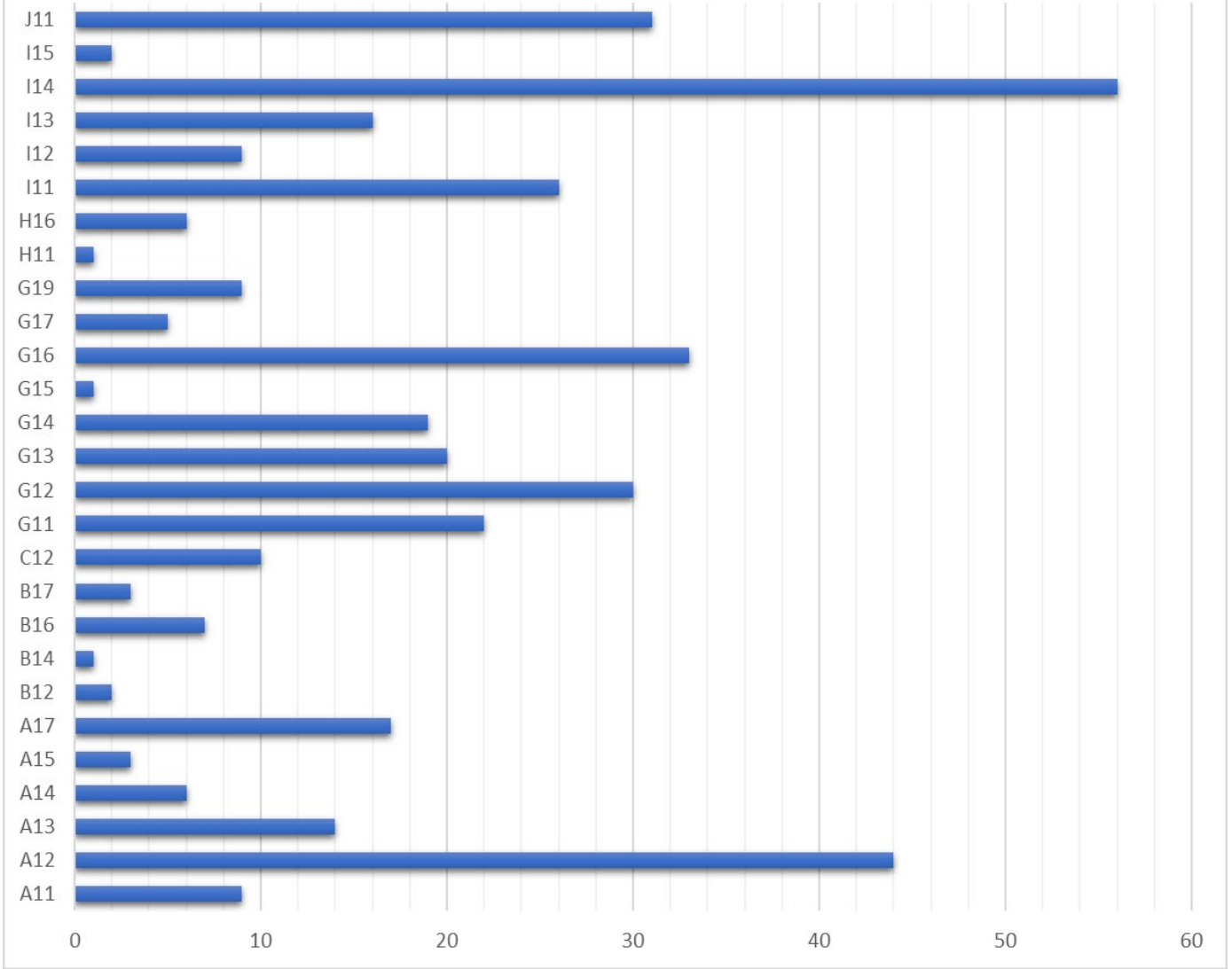
VEHICLE MAKE	COUNT
CHEVROLET	86
KIA MOTORS CORP.	59
FORD	51
HYUNDAI	38
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	27
DODGE	20
HONDA	19
NISSAN	16
TOYOTA	15
CADILLAC	6
MITSUBISHI	5
FREIGHTLINER CORP.	4
JEEP	4
INTERNATIONAL TRUCK & ENGINE CORP.	4
KAWASAKI	3
VOLVO	3
MAZDA	3
CHRYSLER	3
SUZUKI	2
HINO	2
MERCEDES-BENZ	2
PONTIAC	2
SKID STEER LOADER	2
BMW	2

VEHICLE MAKE	COUNT
INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES	1
DEMCO	1
UTILITY TRAILER	1
KAUFMAN TRAILERS INC.	1
INFINITI	1
DIAMOND TRAILERS	1
INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES, INC.	1
GOLF CART	1
YONGFU	1
LEXUS	1
PACE AMERICAN, INC.	1
LINCOLN-CONTINENTAL	1
RAM	1
MACK TRAILER MFG. CO	1
STOUGHTON TRAILERS	1
GREAT DANE	1
FOREST RIVER	1
BUICK	1
VITA	1
MERCURY	1
YAMAHA	1
ENCLOSED TRAILER	1
CATERPILLAR TRACTOR CO.	1
ISUZU	1



Appendix

CD 11 AUTO THEFTS BY BEAT





Appendix

CD 11 Auto Thefts by Beat

VEHICLE MAKE BY BEAT	A11	A12	A13	A14	A15	A17	B12	B14	B16	B17	C12	G11	G12	G13	G14
CHEVROLET		13	1	1		2			2		3	3	9	3	7
KIA MOTORS CORP.		5	3		1	1					2	5	1	4	1
FORD	1	7	1	1	2	2			2	1	1	4	4	1	2
HYUNDAI		1										3	4	4	
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	1	4	1			3			1	1			2	1	1
DODGE		2	1	1							2	1	3	1	
HONDA		1	1			1						2	1	2	
NISSAN		2	3			1	1		1			1	1	2	1
TOYOTA		1	1	1				1				1	2	1	1
TOTAL	2	36	12	4	3	10	1	1	6	2	8	20	27	19	13

VEHICLE MAKE BY BEAT	G15	G16	G17	G19	H11	H16	H1	H2	H3	H4	H5	J11	TOTAL
CHEVROLET		4	1	3	1	2	11	1	2	5		12	86
KIA MOTORS CORP.	1	4					2	2	2	22		3	59
FORD		3	1			1	3	1	2	4	2	5	51
HYUNDAI		7	1					1	3	12		2	38
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.		2		1			3	1	2	2		1	27
DODGE		2	1	1			1			2		2	20
HONDA		4					2		1	1		3	19
NISSAN				1					1	1			16
TOYOTA		2	1				1			1		1	15
TOTAL	1	28	5	6	1	3	23	6	13	50	2	29	331



Appendix

Auto Theft Comparisons for the Month of October 2024

Information provided by the Tarrant County Auto Theft Task Force

Cities with Population over 250,000 in Texas

City	Auto Thefts	Pickup Thefts	Motorcycle Thefts
Arlington	40	48	0
Austin	192	128	38
Corpus Christi	32	40	6
Dallas	391	439	23
El Paso	76	42	5
Fort Worth	154	63	3
Houston	443	593	28
Lubbock	30	32	6
Plano	19	15	3
San Antonio	320	269	22
Total	1697	1667	134