



Juvenile Auto Theft Facts

July 2021

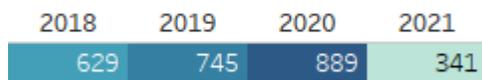
Background

In April of 2018 the Judicial Branch - Court Support Services Division began to identify details about court referrals that involve auto theft. As probation supervisors read police reports as part of the initial handling decision process, information is recorded about the auto theft-related aspects of the offense.

Supervisors indicate whether the docket number involves an auto theft. They also record whether the referred youth was a driver or passenger, and whether the incident involved a motor vehicle accident. This document looks at delinquent referrals to juvenile court (docket numbers) that have been identified involving auto theft. **Data is through June 30, 2021.**

Volume

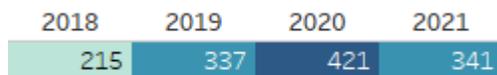
Auto Theft Arrests



Indeed, a direct comparison of Auto theft-related arrests in the first six months of each year shows 2021 on par with 2019 and 19% less than 2020.

Auto Theft Arrest

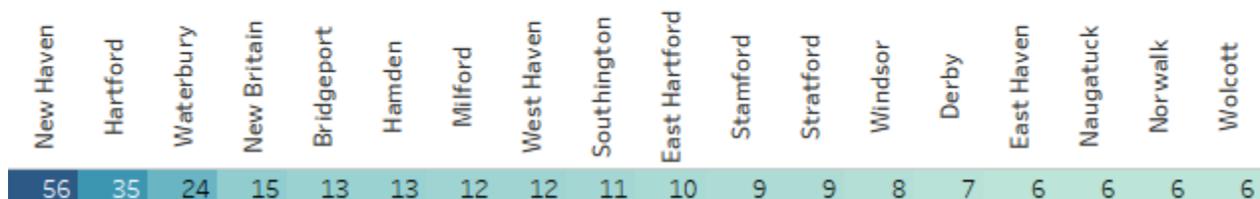
January to June



Geography

Arrest by Town, 2021

Top 20





Demographics

Auto theft arrests are primarily made on 15/16/17-year-old males.

Demographics (2021 Arrests)

Race/Ethnicity, Gender, Age at Offense

Gender	Race/Ethnicity	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Male	Black, Non-Hispanic	1	9	30	44	42	30	1
	Hispanic		1	11	30	10	49	
	White, Non-Hispanic	1	1	6	11	3	22	
	Other, Non-Hispanic					1		
Female	Black, Non-Hispanic			2	1	4	4	
	Hispanic		1	2	8	3	1	
	White, Non-Hispanic	1		1	4	3	3	

Prior Referrals

Median Prior Referrals

For youth with delinquent charges

	Felony, A	Felony, B	Felony, C	Felony, D	Misd., A	Misd., B	Misd., C	Misd., D	Misd., U
Auto Theft	4	4	4	3	1	3	4	1	
Non-Auto Theft	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	0

Repeat Auto Theft Offenders

The table to the right looks at how many prior auto theft arrests juveniles who were arrested in 2021 have had. 35% of auto theft arrests in 2021 were first-time arrests for auto theft. Approximately 35% of arrests had more than four prior arrests for auto theft.

Auto Theft Sequence

Arrests in 2021

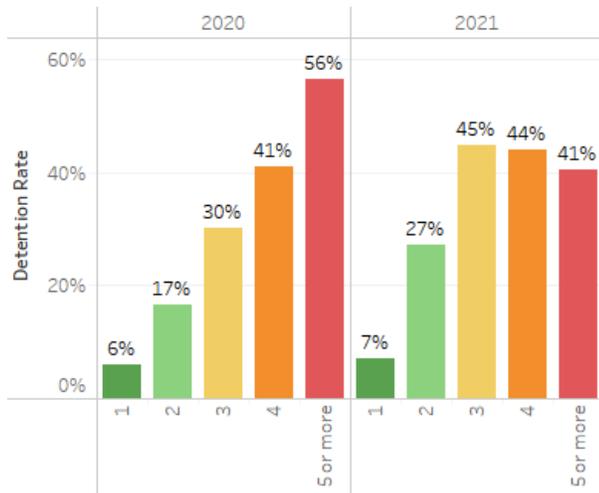
Auto Theft Sequence..		
First Offense	114.0	35.19%
Second Offense	59.0	18.21%
Third Offense	38.0	11.73%
Fourth Offense	34.0	10.49%
Fifth or more	79.0	24.38%



Detention Rates

This chart looks at the percentage of juveniles arrested for auto theft who are detained upon arrest. Detention admission becomes more likely as an individual's number of prior auto thefts increases.

Detention Rate
By calendar year and auto theft sequence



Case Outcomes

Dispositions

What type of case outcomes are experienced for kids who commit their first auto-theft related offense, vs those who commit multiple offenses?

	1	2	3	4	5
Transfer	3%	8%			14%
Probation w/ Placement		4%	13%	19%	27%
Supervision	24%	48%	38%	31%	11%
Discharge	7%	24%	17%	31%	18%
Dismissal	7%				
Not Prosecuted	59%	16%	33%	19%	30%