

Table 18. Motor vehicle theft, 2008:

Number of victimizations and victimization rates on the basis of thefts per 1,000 households and thefts per 1,000 vehicles owned, by selected household characteristics

Characteristic	Based on households			Based on vehicles owned		
	Number of households	Number of thefts	Rate per 1,000	Number of vehicles owned	Number of thefts	Rate per 1,000
Race of head of household						
All races	121,141,060	795,160	6.6	228,757,090	853,690	3.7
White only	98,421,450	529,820	5.4	192,819,050	563,140	2.9
Black only	15,538,060	196,100	12.6	22,923,710	216,000	9.4
Other race only	5,926,740	46,080	7.8	10,719,990	51,390	4.8
Two or more races	1,254,810	23,160 *	18.5 *	2,294,340	23,160 *	10.1 *
Age of head of household						
12-19	1,267,680	21,210 *	16.7 *	1,981,200	21,210 *	10.7 *
20-34	26,940,670	236,500	8.8	46,921,420	253,440	5.4
35-49	36,190,160	254,310	7.0	75,789,720	283,330	3.7
50-64	32,253,420	207,710	6.4	67,409,070	220,270	3.3
65 or older	24,489,120	75,440	3.1	36,655,670	75,440	2.1
Form of tenure						
Owned or being bought	82,681,000	444,740	5.4	177,855,220	485,320	2.7
Rented	38,460,060	350,410	9.1	50,901,870	368,370	7.2
Locality of residence						
Urban ^a	37,542,470	375,320	10.0	59,624,290	402,150	6.7
Suburban ^b	54,774,340	356,820	6.5	110,210,830	376,820	3.4
Rural ^c	28,824,260	63,020	2.2	58,921,970	74,720	1.3

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding. The number of thefts based on vehicles owned is equal to or higher than the corresponding figure based on households because the former includes all completed or attempted vehicle thefts, regardless of the final classification of the event. Personal crimes of contact and burglary occurring in conjunction with motor vehicle thefts take precedence in determining the final classification based on the number of households.

*Estimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases.

^aDenotes principal cities.

^bDenotes communities outside principal cities.

^cDenotes nonmetropolitan areas.