



Larceny-theft

Definition

The UCR Program defines larceny-theft as the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Examples are thefts of bicycles, motor vehicle parts and accessories, shoplifting, pocket-picking, or the stealing of any property or article that is not taken by force and violence or by fraud. Attempted larcenies are included. Embezzlement, confidence games, forgery, check fraud, etc., are excluded.

Overview

- There were an estimated 6.6 million (6,607,013) larceny-theft offenses nationwide during 2006.
- An examination of 2- and 10-year trends revealed a 2.6-percent decrease in the estimated number of larceny-thefts compared with the 2005 figure, and a 14.7-percent decline from the 1997 estimate.
- Two-thirds of all property crimes in 2006 were larceny-thefts. (Based on Table 1.)
- During 2006, there was an estimated rate of 2,206.8 larceny-theft offenses per 100,000 inhabitants.
- From 2005 to 2006, the rate of larceny-thefts declined 3.5 percent, and from 1997 to 2006, the rate declined 23.7 percent. (See Tables 1 and 1A.)
- The average value for property stolen during the commission of a larceny-theft was \$855 per offense.
- There were an estimated \$5.6 billion dollars in lost property in 2006 as a result of larceny-theft offenses. (Based on Tables 1 and 23.)

Expanded larceny-theft data

Expanded offense data are the details of the various offenses that the Program collects beyond the count of how many crimes law enforcement agencies report. These details may include the type of weapons used in a crime, type or value of items stolen, and so forth. In addition, expanded data include trends (for example, 2-year comparisons) and rates per 100,000 inhabitants.

Expanded information regarding larceny-theft is available in the following tables:

Trends (2-year): Tables 12, 13, and 14

Rates (per 100,000 inhabitants): Tables 16, 17, and 18

Offense Analysis: Tables 7 and 23

Larceny-theft Table, "Larceny-theft, Percent Distribution by Region, 2006"

What you won't find on this page

- Statistics about embezzlement, confidence games, forgery, check fraud, etc.
- Clearance and arrest data for larceny-theft.