

Grand Theft Australia

2015

51,534
MOTOR VEHICLE
THEFTS

141
PER DAY

2.79
THEFTS PER
1,000
REGISTERED
VEHICLES

1.3%
INCREASE ON
LAST YEAR

What was stolen?

Passenger and light commercial vehicles

Motorcycles

Other

79%

16%

5%

What were they stolen for?

Short term use

69%

Profit

31%

The majority of cars in Australia are stolen for short term use unrelated to the vehicle's value, usually for committing crimes, joyriding or transport. The remainder are stolen for conversion to profit, either as a whole vehicle or as stripped parts.

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What's the value of all the light passenger vehicles stolen?

\$434.7
MILLION

What was the age of all vehicles stolen?

0-4YRS 18%

5-9YRS 22%

10-14YRS 20%

15-19YRS 17%

20-24YRS 10%

25-29YRS 4%

30+ 2%

UNKNOWN 7%

THE MEDIAN
AGE OF STOLEN
VEHICLES IS
11 YEARS

TIP: Was your car manufactured before 2001?
It may not be equipped with an Australian-Standards equivalent immobiliser, but you can install one easily enough to keep your vehicle safe.

Where are these thefts happening?



Car theft capitals

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| 1 BRISBANE CITY QLD | 5 BLACKTOWN (CITY) NSW |
| 2 GOLD COAST QLD | 6 STIRLING (CITY) WA |
| 3 LOGAN (CITY) QLD | 7 BRIMBANK (CITY) VIC |
| 4 HUME (CITY) VIC | 8 GREATER GEELONG (CITY) VIC |

Where are vehicles stolen from?



There is a perception that cars are stolen from the street, but in reality it's occurring far closer to home. In many cases, the thief gains access to the keys via home burglary

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TIP: Over half of stolen vehicles are taken from homes. Where possible, park in a garage or behind lockable gates, and protect your car keys. Do not leave keys near windows or external doors and never keep a spare set in your car.

When is it happening?

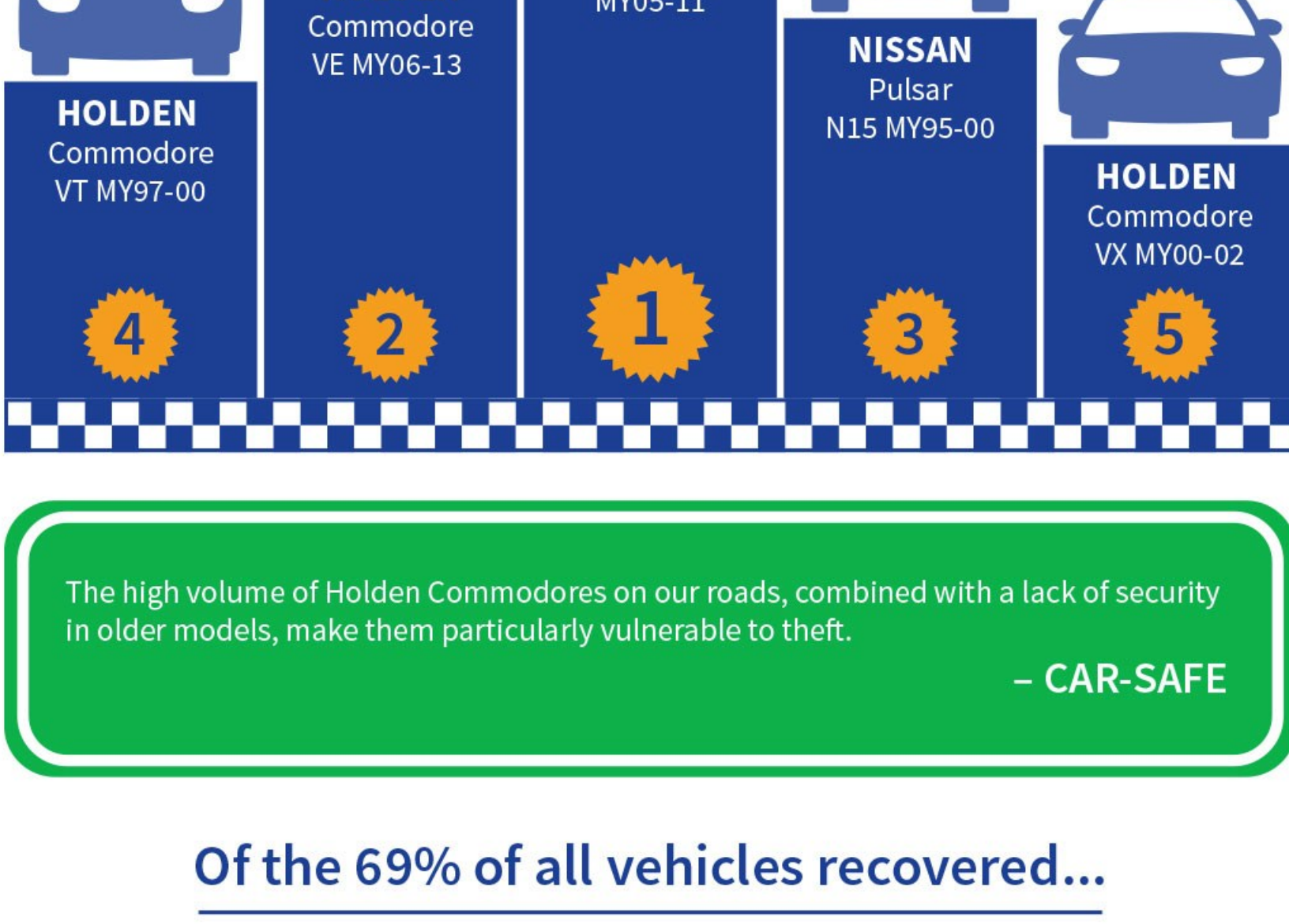
The top 5 most popular times and days for vehicle theft are:



21%
OF THEFTS
HAPPEN BETWEEN
THESE TIMES

Most popular vehicle models for thieves

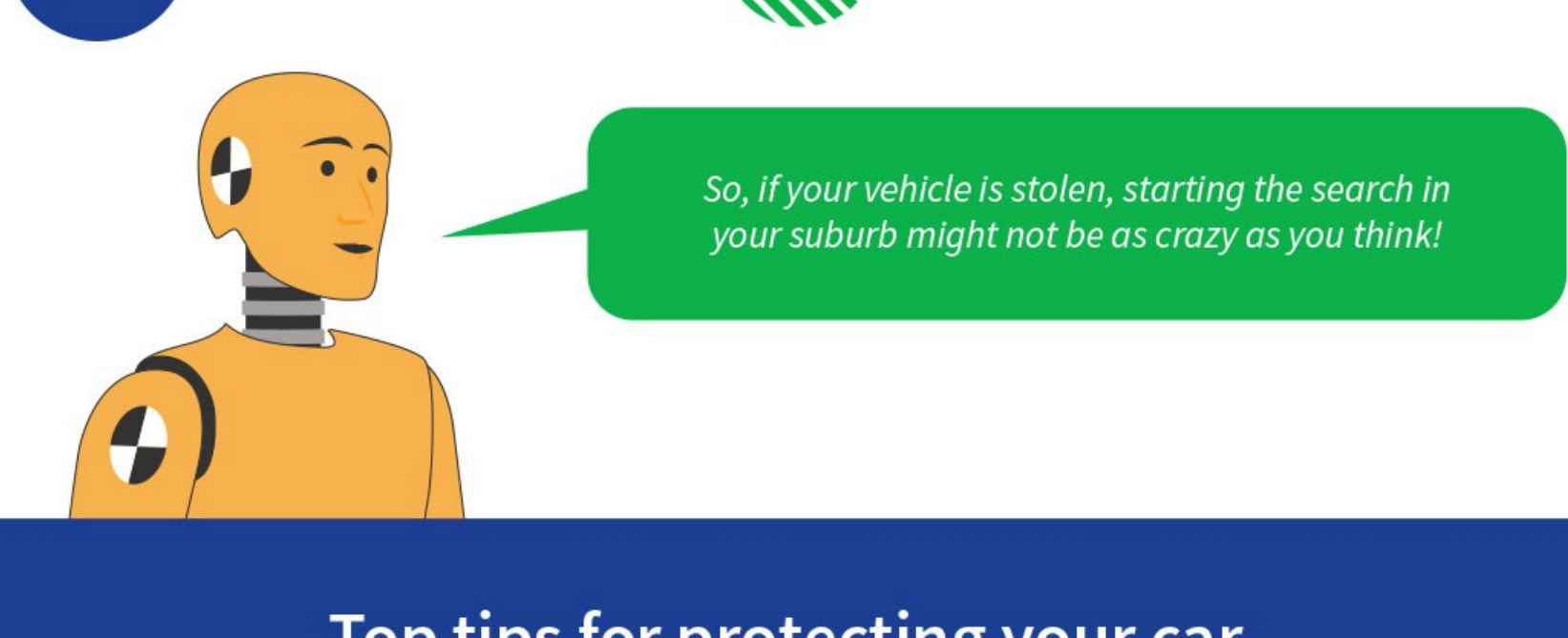
Out of the top 10, 5 are Commodore models



The high volume of Holden Commodores on our roads, combined with a lack of security in older models, make them particularly vulnerable to theft.

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Of the 69% of all vehicles recovered...



So, if your vehicle is stolen, starting the search in your suburb might not be as crazy as you think!

Top tips for protecting your car

- Protect your car keys. Do not leave them lying around and in view of external doors and windows and never leave a spare set in your car.
- If you own an older vehicle, protect it by fitting an Australian-standards equivalent immobiliser.
- Remove temptation - never leave valuables in your car.
- Ideally, park your car in a locked garage or behind lockage gates.
- Visit carsecuritybeginsathome.com for more tips and to download a free Home Security Audit to maximise your home's security.