



National Motor Vehicle
Theft Reduction Council
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TAKING MOTORCYCLE THEFT TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL

We have recently developed a new classification system for motorcycles which has greatly improved the detail of our theft data. Until now we have reported on motorcycles as a single body type broken down by make and cubic capacity. The intensive process reviewed almost 57,000 unique motorcycle make, model, year and body type combinations cross referenced with registered motorcycle details. Using the new system, we can now classify both on-road and off-road motorcycles by their market segment and have improved make/model details. Due to the poor nature of motorcycle theft reporting, the classification of the motorcycle is unknown in around 30 per cent of cases (see Table 1).

Where motorcycle theft details are known, in Australia in 2014:

- Scooters made up the highest proportion of thefts (19%), followed by off-road dirt bikes (17%) and on-road sports bikes (13%).

A breakdown by short term and profit motivated thefts indicated that:

- Scooters were the most popular short term theft target (28%) while dirt bikes were the most popular profit motivated theft target (22%) (Table 1).

Table 1. AUS - Motorcycles stolen by type of theft and segment, 2014

Motorcycle segments	Short term theft		Profit motivated theft		Total theft	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
On-road	1,999	54%	1,467	32%	3,466	42%
Standard	178	5%	121	3%	299	4%
Sports	516	14%	533	12%	1,049	13%
Touring	57	2%	48	1%	105	1%
Cruiser	69	2%	108	2%	177	2%
Scooter	1,038	28%	517	11%	1,555	19%
Trike	0	0%	4	0%	4	0%
Unknown	141	4%	136	3%	277	3%
Off-road	689	19%	1,648	36%	2,337	28%
ATV	112	3%	298	7%	410	5%
Dirt	450	12%	984	22%	1,434	17%
Mini	50	1%	160	4%	210	3%
Unknown	77	2%	206	5%	283	3%
Unknown	1,020	28%	1,402	31%	2,422	30%
Total	3,708	100%	4,517	100%	8,225	100%

State/territory analysis showed:

- Scooters were the most popular theft targets in Western Australia (28%) and South Australia (30%).
- Dirt bikes (which include motocross, enduro, trail, farm and motard bikes) comprised 45 per cent of motorcycle thefts in the Australian Capital Territory.
- In Victoria, 1 in 4 (25%) of all motorcycles stolen were sports bikes.

The improved level of detail on motorcycle makes and models highlighted that:

- The top motorcycle theft target was the Honda CT110 with 168 thefts followed by the Suzuki DR-Z400 dirt bike with 110 thefts.
- The Honda CT110 makes up more than half (56%) of all standard bikes stolen.
- Popular sports bikes included the Yamaha YZF-R1 (8%) and Honda CBR250R (6%).
- The most commonly stolen scooters were the Honda Lead 100 (5%), Yamaha Beewee YW100 (4%) and Yamaha Jog (4%).
- Almost 1 in 5 ATVs stolen were the Honda TRX420 and TRX500 (18%).

For more information on motorcycle theft in Australia including detailed mapping tools visit our dedicated website protectyourbike.com.au

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