

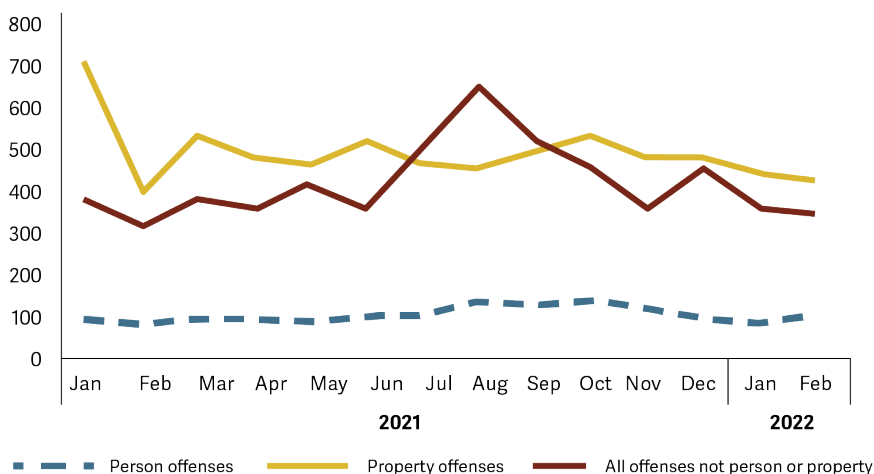
The Boulder Police Department is engaged in evidence-based policing, and this includes using data to help understand public safety. Understanding crime trends helps raise awareness about seasonal issues and various kinds of community concerns. This explainer uses the publicly available data from the [Boulder Crime Dashboard](#).

Person related offenses, property related offenses, and offenses that are not those categories are presented below from January 2021 to February 2022. The crime trends indicate that crime is not random; there was a spike in property offenses in January 2021, and a spike in all other offenses in August 2021.

In January 2021 there were over 700 property offenses. The top 10 kinds of property offenses were:

According to the crime trends, there were over 600 offenses in August 2021 that were not categorized as person or property offenses. The top 10 kinds of offenses were:

Open Crime Data from January 2021 - February 2022



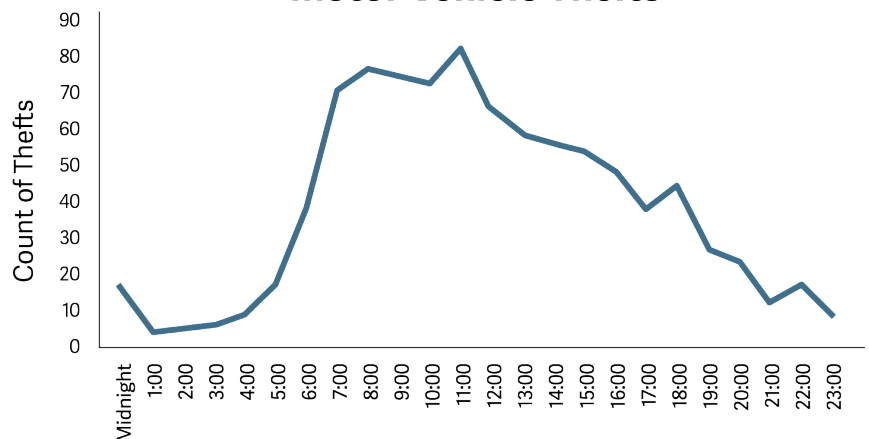
Charge Description	Count
Identity theft- uses personal identifying information	239
Trespass first degree- vehicle with property	72
Criminal mischief \$300 to <\$750	39
Theft \$50 - <\$300	39
Burglary- second degree	34
Theft \$300 - <\$750	30
Burglary- second degree-dwelling	27
Aggravated motor vehicle theft- 2nd degree \$1,000 - \$20k	22
Theft \$750 - <\$2,000	19
Criminal mischief less than \$300	18

Charge Description	Count
Possession/consumption of alcohol in public	73
FTA- failure to appear	68
Dogs running at large	32
Possession/sale of alcohol by minor	31
Trespassing	27
Dog license required	26
Tents and nets prohibited	24
Obstructing peace officer/firefighter	22
Criminal violation of a protection order	20
Violation of bail bond condition- misdemeanor	18

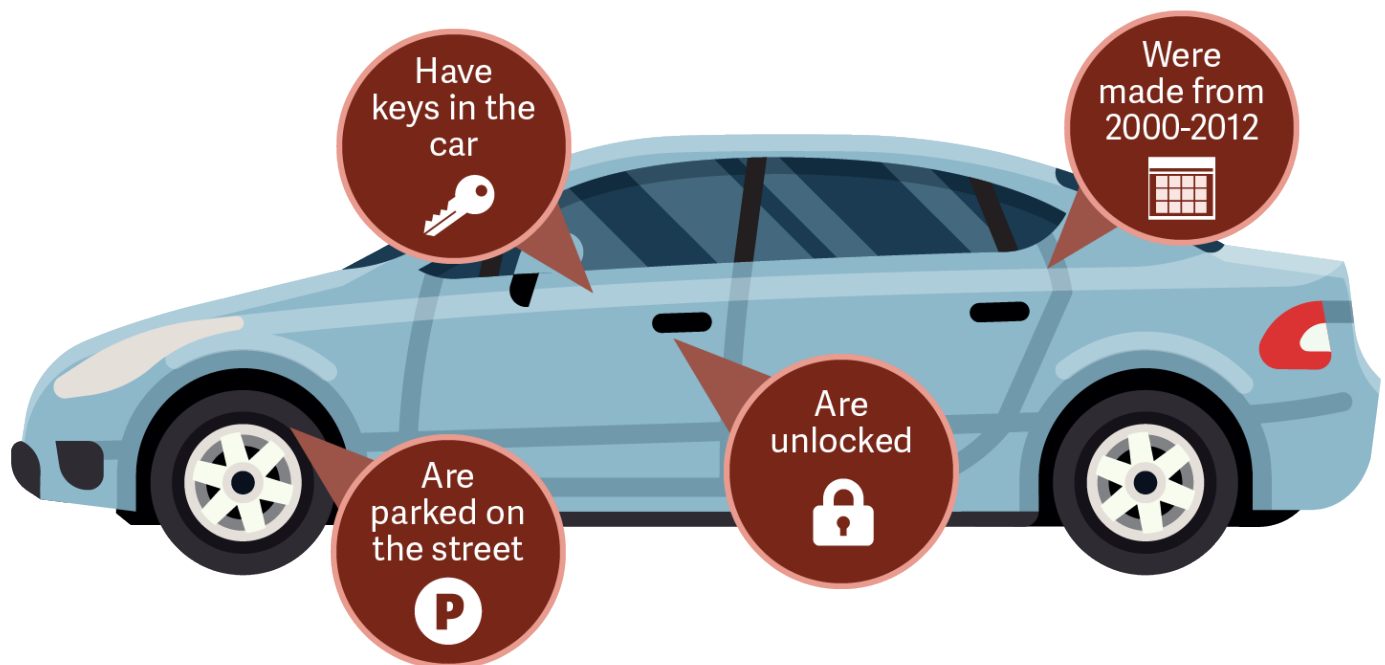
Different kinds of trends show different kinds of information. For example, from January 2020 to March 2022, 40.6% of all motor vehicle thefts were reported between from 7-11am.



Reported Time of Day for Motor Vehicle Thefts



Stolen vehicles commonly:



REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT:

- Do not leave your car unlocked
- Do not leave keys in the car
- Be mindful about where your vehicle is parked
- Consider purchasing a car alarm or other theft prevention devices

For additional information about what you can do to help prevent motor vehicle theft, see the [National Insurance Crime Bureau](#), and the [Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority](#).