

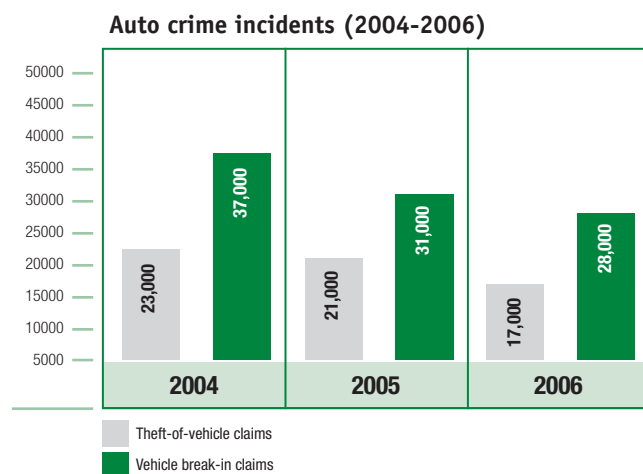
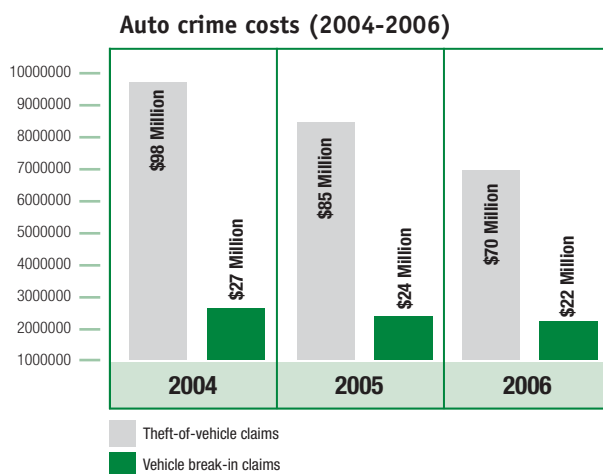
Auto Crime

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Trends

2004-2006 auto crime incidents in B.C.*

- Theft-of-vehicle claims have declined 26 per cent from 2004 to 2006.
- Theft-of-vehicle claims have declined 19 per cent from 2005 to 2006.
- Vehicle break-in claims have declined 25 per cent from 2004 to 2006.
- Vehicle break-in claims have declined 12 per cent from 2005 to 2006.



*Note: Numbers are rounded but percentages are based on unrounded numbers.

Protecting your vehicle against auto crime

Auto thieves look for an easy target. The average age of a stolen vehicle is approximately 11 years old. Thieves target older vehicles because they don't usually have an effective anti-theft device and they are easy to steal.

You can do your part to keep your vehicle safe by using an anti-theft device and removing any packages or personal property from sight.

- Immobilizers are the most effective way to prevent your vehicle from being stolen.
- Car alarms are most effective in preventing vehicle break-ins.
- Steering wheel locks are a good visual deterrent for auto thieves but offer a lower form of protection.

If your vehicle is at high risk consider layering your protection and using a steering wheel lock in combination with an immobilizer and other visual deterrents.

Auto crime tips:

- Install an immobilizer.
- Use a steering wheel lock every time you park your vehicle.
- Always close your windows and lock your doors.
- Take your possessions with you.
- Keep your spare keys in your wallet, not in your car.
- In parkades, avoid parking in areas with poor visibility where thieves will feel safe when breaking into your car, elsewhere, park in well-lit areas near pedestrian traffic.
- After opening an automatic gate to underground parking, watch out for thieves waiting to slip inside. Wait for the gate to close behind you.
- Engrave your stereo and other on-board valuables with your driver's licence number.

Top 10 stolen vehicles in B.C. — 2006

Rank	Make	Model	Model years in order of highest risk
1.	Chrysler (Dodge/Plymouth)	Voyager/Caravan*	94, 92, 95, 93
2.	Honda	Civic	93, 95, 92, 97, 00
3.	Honda	Accord	91, 90, 92, 94, 93
4.	Chrysler (Dodge/Plymouth)	Neon	95, 97, 00, 98, 96
5.	Jeep	Cherokee**	94, 93, 95, 90, 96
6.	Ford	F-Series***	97, 04, 98, 02, 03
7.	Mazda	B2600 Pick-up	90, 92, 89, 93, 91
8.	Dodge	Ram	95, 94, 96, 98, 99
9.	Nissan	Pathfinder	90, 93, 87, 95, 88
10.	Nissan	240	92, 91, 90, 93, 89

* Includes Grand Caravan/Grand Voyager

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*** Includes F150/F250/F350

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