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REGARDING: **2019 National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Holiday Vehicle Thefts  
(Public Dissemination)**

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## Introduction

This *ForeCAST*<sup>SM</sup> Report analyzes the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) 2019 vehicle theft data in relation to the 2019 holidays. The analysis focuses on theft date, daily theft rates for each month, holiday thefts, and the top 5 theft states for holiday thefts.

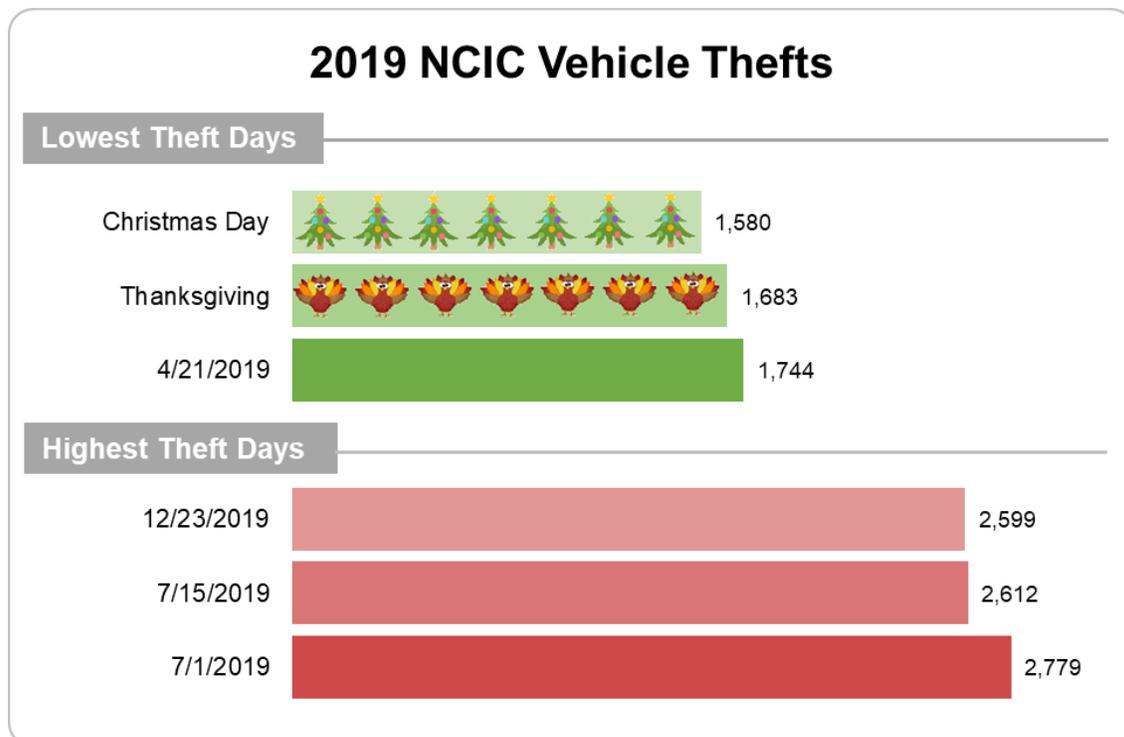
The following 2019 holidays are included in this report:

- New Year's Day (1/1/2019)
- Valentine's Day (2/14/2019)
- President's Day (2/18/2019)
- Memorial Day (5/27/2019)
- Independence Day (7/4/2019)
- Labor Day (9/2/2019)
- Halloween (10/31/2019)
- Thanksgiving (11/28/2019)
- Christmas Eve (12/24/2019)
- Christmas Day (12/25/2019)
- New Year's Eve (12/31/2019)

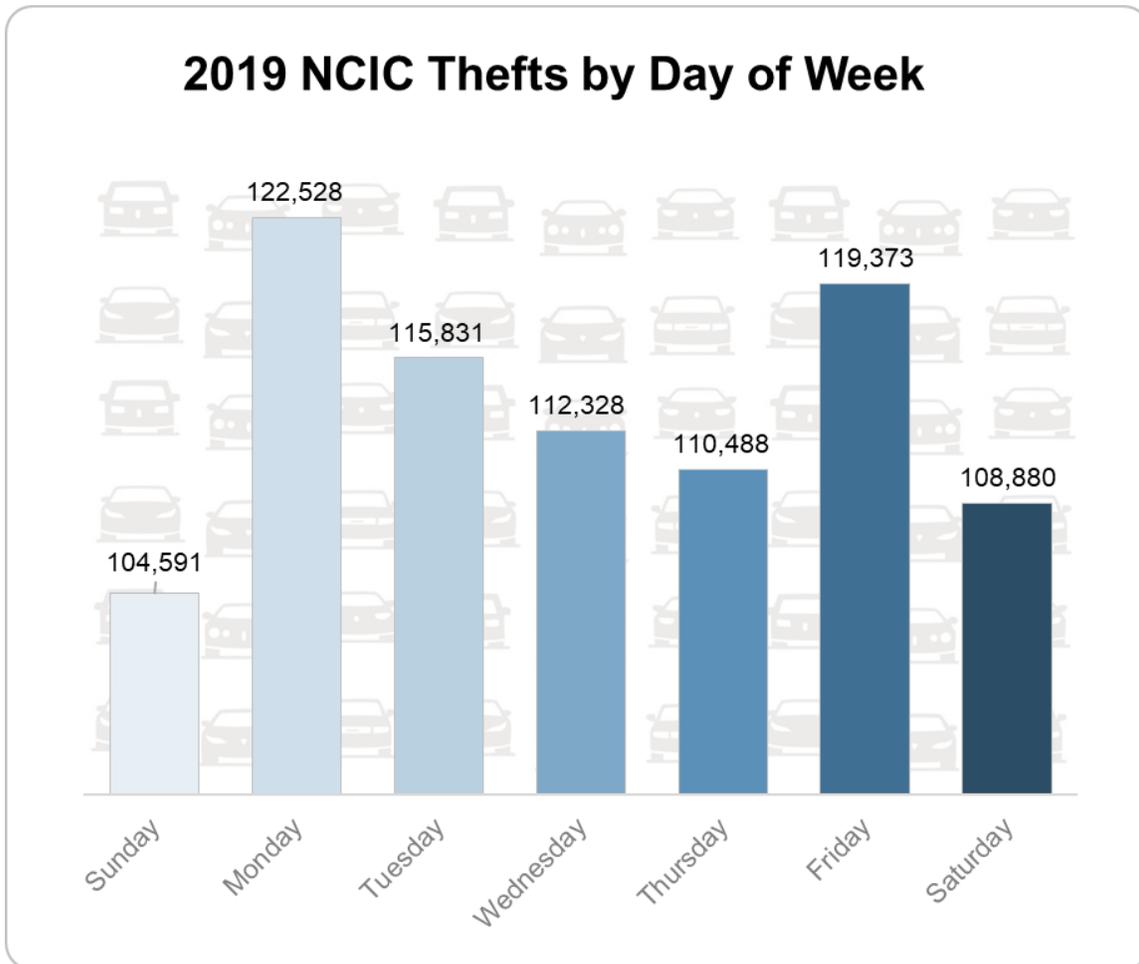
It should be noted that analyses in this report are based off reported theft dates in NCIC; it is possible that the actual theft could have occurred on or around that date.

## SECTION 1: 2019 NCIC Vehicle Thefts by Theft Date

A total of 794,019 vehicle thefts were reported to NCIC in 2019, averaging approximately 2,175 thefts reported each day. The graph below displays the days with the lowest and the highest number of vehicle thefts reported in 2019. Christmas Day and Thanksgiving have the lowest number of reported thefts of the year.

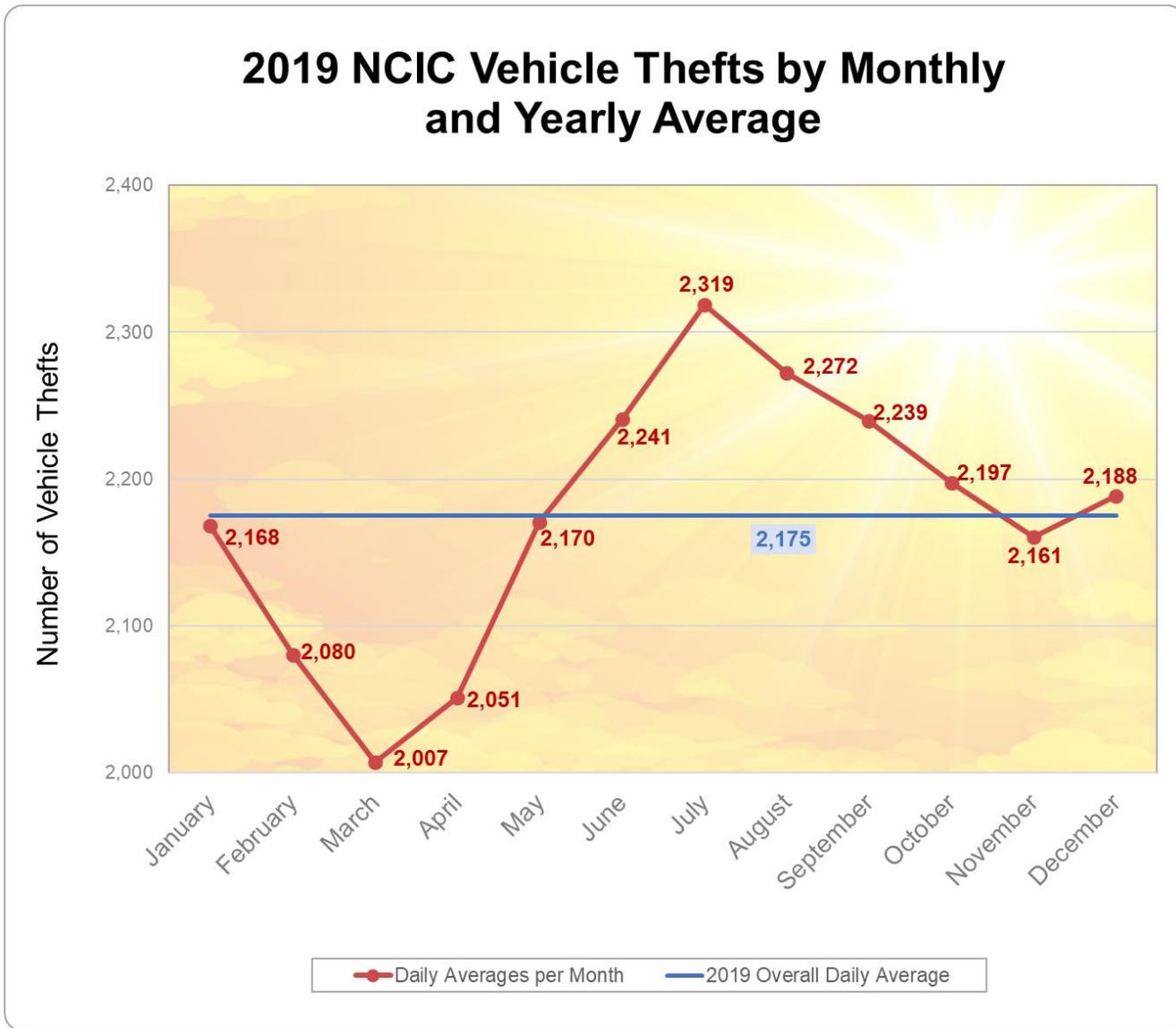


Of the reported vehicle thefts in 2019, 213,471 (27%) were reported on the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) while 580,548 (73%) were reported on weekdays (Monday through Friday). The table below shows the number of vehicle thefts that were reported on each day of the week. Thefts were reported most often on Mondays and least often on Sundays.



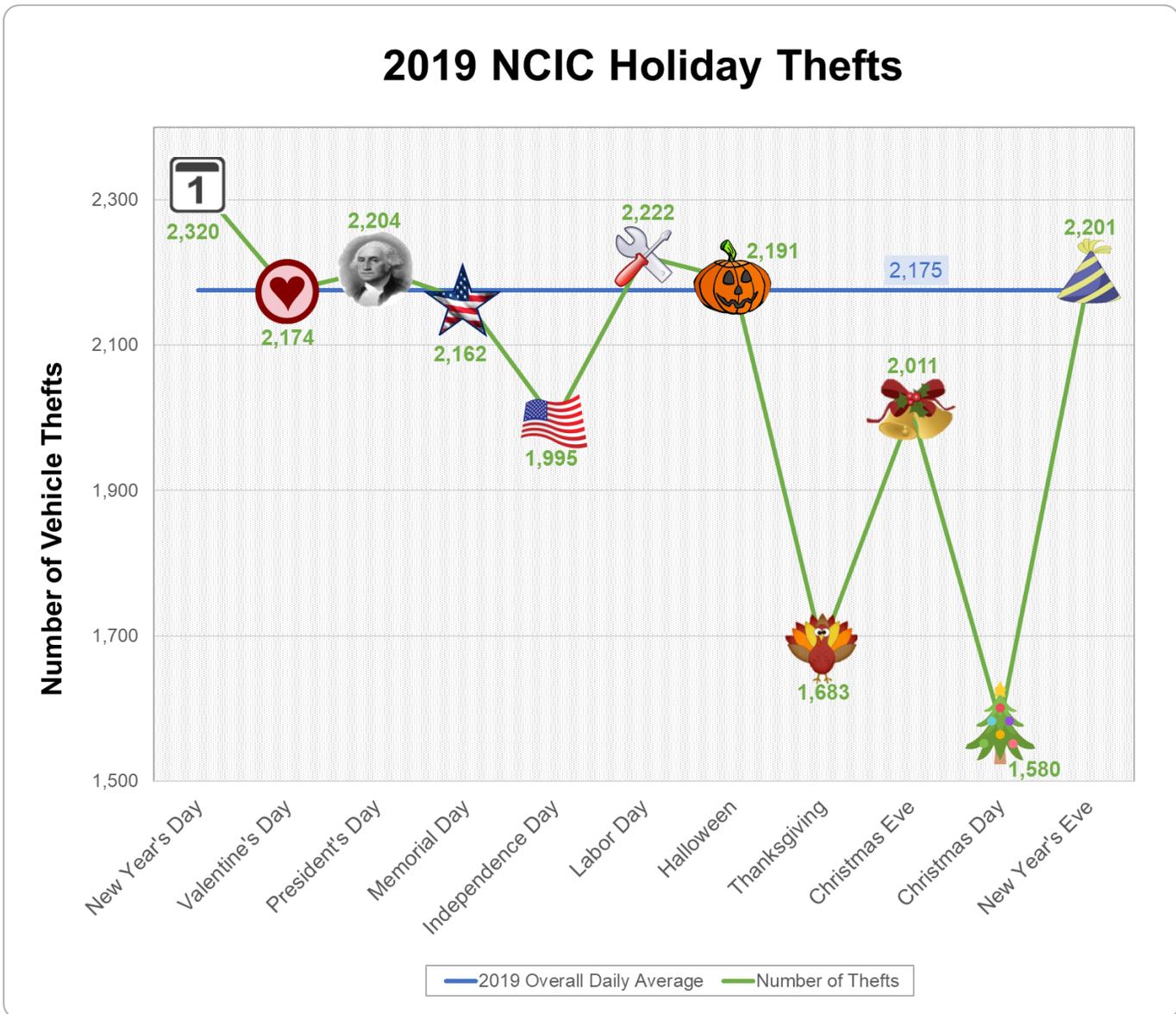
## SECTION 2: 2019 NCIC Vehicle Thefts Daily Average per Month

The daily average number of vehicle thefts in 2019 was 2,175. The following chart displays the average number of vehicles stolen per day for each month, compared to the daily average number of vehicle thefts for the entire year. Monthly theft-per-day averages were lower than the daily average for the year during January through May, and again in November. Vehicle thefts rose steadily beginning in March, before peaking in July with an average of 2,319 thefts per day. The number of vehicle thefts again followed the pattern seen in previous years where the highest number of thefts are generally reported in warmer summer months, while lower numbers are reported in colder months.



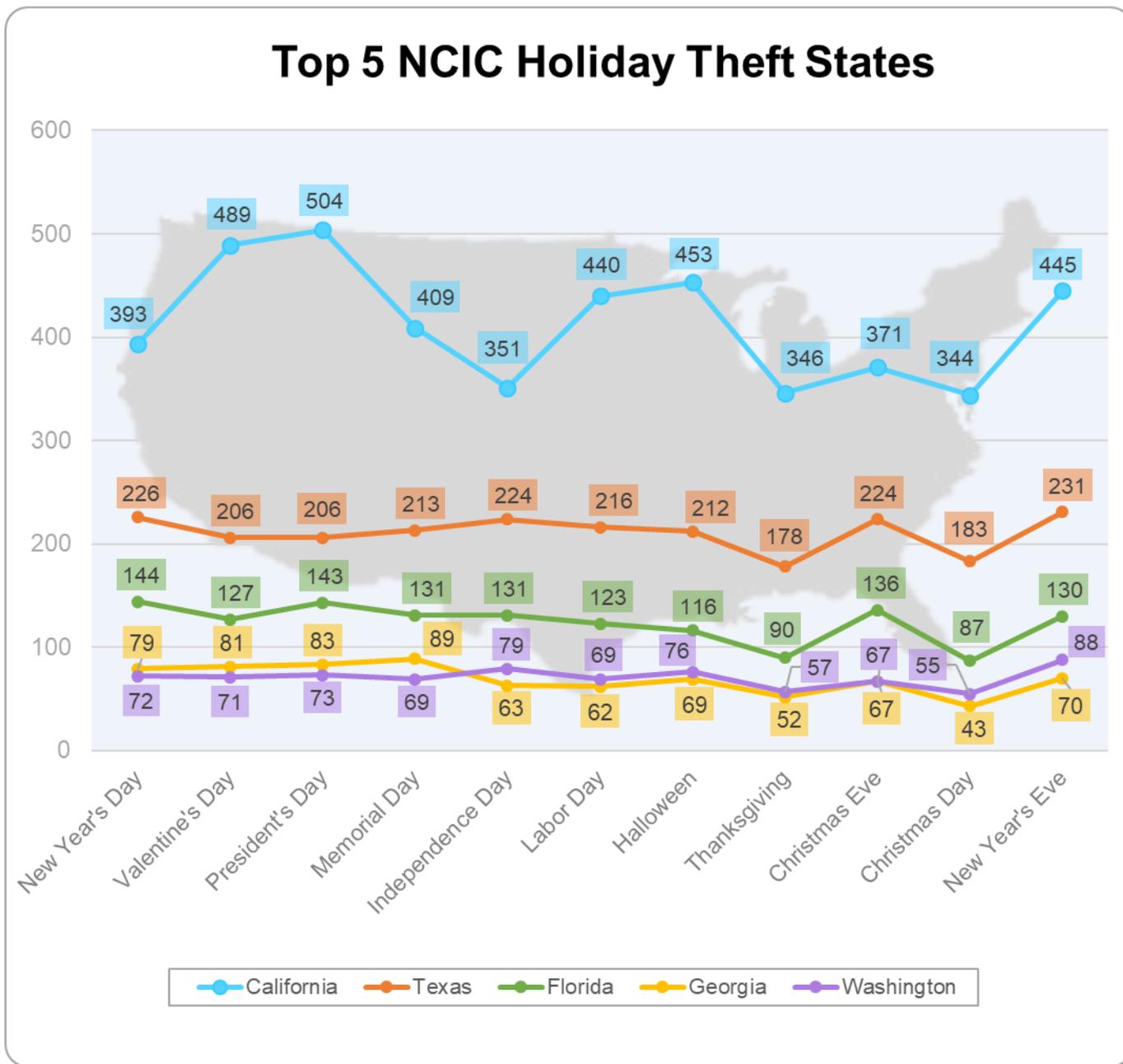
## SECTION 3: 2019 NCIC Vehicle Thefts by Holiday

The chart below illustrates the number of vehicle thefts on each of the 2019 holidays, compared to the overall daily average number of thefts for the entire year. New Year's Day had the highest number of vehicle thefts, with 2,320 vehicles reported stolen. New Year's Day, as well as President's Day, Labor Day, Halloween, and New Year's Eve all had a higher number of thefts reported than the overall daily average in 2019. Christmas Day, Thanksgiving, and Independence Day were the holidays with the lowest number of thefts reported, with 1,580, 1,683, and 1,995 thefts respectively. Christmas Day and Thanksgiving had the lowest number of vehicle thefts reported for the whole year.



## SECTION 4: 2019 NCIC Vehicle Thefts by Theft State

An analysis of 2019 NCIC holiday theft data determined that most of the vehicle thefts reported on holidays occurred in California, Texas, Florida, Georgia, and Washington, respectively. The overall number of holiday vehicle thefts in California was considerably higher than other states, with 4,545 reported thefts. While New Year's Day accounted for the highest number of holiday thefts across the nation, Florida was the only top 5 state with the most holiday thefts on this day. California had the most holiday thefts on President's Day, Texas and Washington had the most on New Year's Eve, and Georgia had the most on Memorial Day. California, Florida, Washington, and Georgia all followed the national trend with having the least number of vehicle thefts reported on Christmas Day, while Texas had the least amount of thefts reported on Thanksgiving. The following chart displays the number of thefts per holiday for the top 5 theft states.



## Conclusion

New Year's Day had the most thefts of any holiday, with 2,320 vehicles reported stolen. The number of reported vehicle thefts on New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Halloween, and New Year's Eve was higher than the daily average, 2,175 thefts per day, for the entire year. Conversely, the number vehicle thefts on Valentine's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day was lower than the daily average for the year. The three days with the highest number of vehicle thefts in 2019 were 7/1/2019, 7/15/2019, and 12/23/2019. Christmas Day, Thanksgiving, and 4/21/2019 had the lowest number of vehicle thefts reported. Theft were more often reported on weekdays than weekends and overall, most vehicle thefts were reported on Mondays. Vehicle theft rates followed a similar pattern from previous years, with the highest number of thefts occurring over the warmer summer months and the lowest in the cold winter months. California had the most overall thefts in 2019, as well as the most thefts occurring on holidays.