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Bicycle Theft Trend Report 2014

This report looks at stolen bicycle data from January 2012 through October 2014. Over this time period there were 7,678 stolen bicycles reported in the city. Please note this data does not include bicycles stolen from residential or commercial burglaries. The first few tables below will deal with the overall information.

This table shows the stolen bicycles by precinct over the above listed time.

Precinct	Cases
CENTRAL	3595
NORTH	2324
EAST	1759

This table shows the 4 crime types studied and their totals.

Description	Cases
LARCENY-BICYCLES	6771
LARCENY-FRM MOTOR VEHICLE	430
LARCENY-UNSPECFD	401
LARCENY-FRM BUILDINGS	76

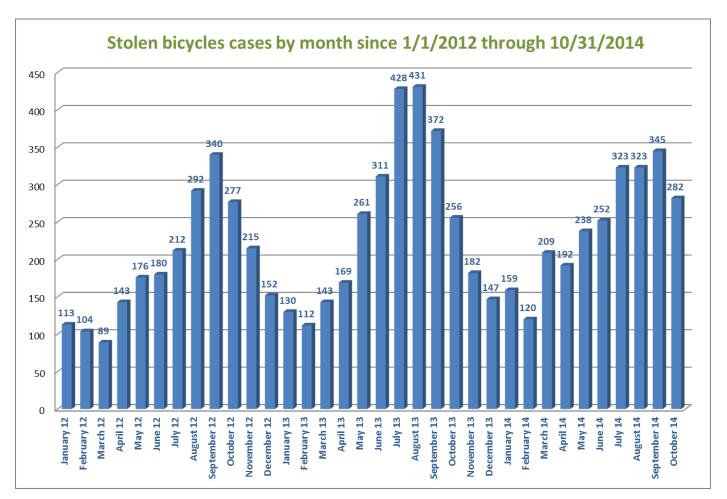
These last initial charts show the top neighborhoods for bicycle theft since 2012 and the top neighborhoods for 2014 through October 31.

Top Neighborhoods By Cases	Cases	Top Neighborhoods By Cases	Cases
DWNTN	780	KERNS	141
NWEST	422	PWHST	131
PEARL	411	GSHOL	128
HAZEL	217	FTRPW	119
BUKNE	208	ELIOT	115
RHMND	195	SPORT	112
LLOYD	191	CULLY	110
OLDTN	190	HMBLT	108
SLWMR	188	OVRLK	106
HFDAB	185	STJHN	105
BUKNW	183	UNIPK	105
LENTS	180	IRVTN	103
SUNSD	179	CRSTN	102
MNTVL	161	WDSTK	100
CNCDA	145		

2014 YTD Top Neighborhoods	Cases
DWNTN	255
NWEST	180
PEARL	131
HAZEL	81
ELIOT	60
RHMND	60
OLDTN	58
LENTS	58
GSHOL	57
SLWMR	54
BUKNW	53
LLOYD	52
CNCDA	51
MNTVL	50
BUKNE	48

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Finally, this graph shows the bike thefts by month over the entire period. This chart shows a higher rate for the beginning of the year as compared to 2013, yet we are 170 cases less than the first 10 months of last year. Please note that these cases are from what is being reported into PPDS. Traditionally bicycle theft has been underreported. Estimates of the underreporting are between 15-30%, but this is a best guess only.





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The next series of information is on the bicycles themselves. First is a table of the brand of bicycle that is being taken. The top "brand" is unknown. Most of these reports come in on-line and it is possible they entered the make in the wrong area or truly had no idea what brand of bicycle they were riding.

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Top Brands	Cases
Unnamed	1419
TREK	913
SPECIALIZED	565
SCHWINN	350
CANNONDALE	335
GIANT	291
KONA	196
FUJI	185
RALEIGH	170
GARY FISHER	157
BIANCHI	137
JAMIS	135
NOVARA	125
MONGOOSE	124
DIAMOND BACK	122
GT	121
SURLY	96
SCOTT	92
MARIN	85
KHS	73
FELT	57
HUFFY	52
PEUGEOT	50

The last graph shows the value of bicycles that were stolen buy clustered price. Looking at the \$5,000 and above numbers, there were 56 bicycles reported to be worth more than \$5,000. In that column alone there was over \$200,000 in value taken since 2012. In the \$501-\$1,000 column there were 2,113 stolen bicycles. That is well more than \$1,000,000 in value taken.

