

# MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT FACTS



Nationally there were an average of **131** thefts per day in 2020/21.



It is estimated that **one in every 150 QLD households** experienced a motor vehicle theft in 2020/21. (This compares to 1 in 208 households nationally).



The number of profit motivated thefts in 2020/21 is almost equivalent to the number of PLC registrations in **postcode 6008 (Subiaco, WA)**.



The total estimated value of profit motivated plant and equipment thefts in 2020/21 was **\$19 million** and heavy truck were worth a further **\$12 million**.



There were **113 different motorcycle makes** stolen in 2020/21 compared to 98 in 2010/11. This adds to the complexity of motorcycle investigation and recovery.



The CARS theft risk rating of more than 1,100 different PLC make/model combinations reveals that **41%** had a medium or high risk of theft in 2020/21.



If each car had half a tank of petrol when it was stolen, the profit motivated PLC thefts also involved **\$397,000** worth of stolen petrol in 2020/21. This is enough to drive 3.0 million kms or 75 times around the world.



On average, an estimated **59** passenger and light commercial vehicles are **stolen and exported** from Australia each week.



**1 in 5** vehicle fires attended by NSW fire authorities in 2019/20 were stolen vehicles.



Nationally there are nearly **1.3 million** registered PLCs with **no immobiliser** making them less secure than newer vehicles.



An estimated **37 PLCs** are stolen each week in Australia and illegally **converted to scrap metal**.



If all the vehicles stolen and not recovered in Australia in 2020/21 were parked end to end they would create a traffic jam stretching **59 kms** or the distance from Sydney to Penrith.