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REGARDING: **2018 National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Holiday Vehicle Theft
(Public Dissemination)**

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SECTION 1: Introduction

This **ForeCAST**SM Report analyzes the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) 2018 vehicle theft data in relation to the 2018 holidays.

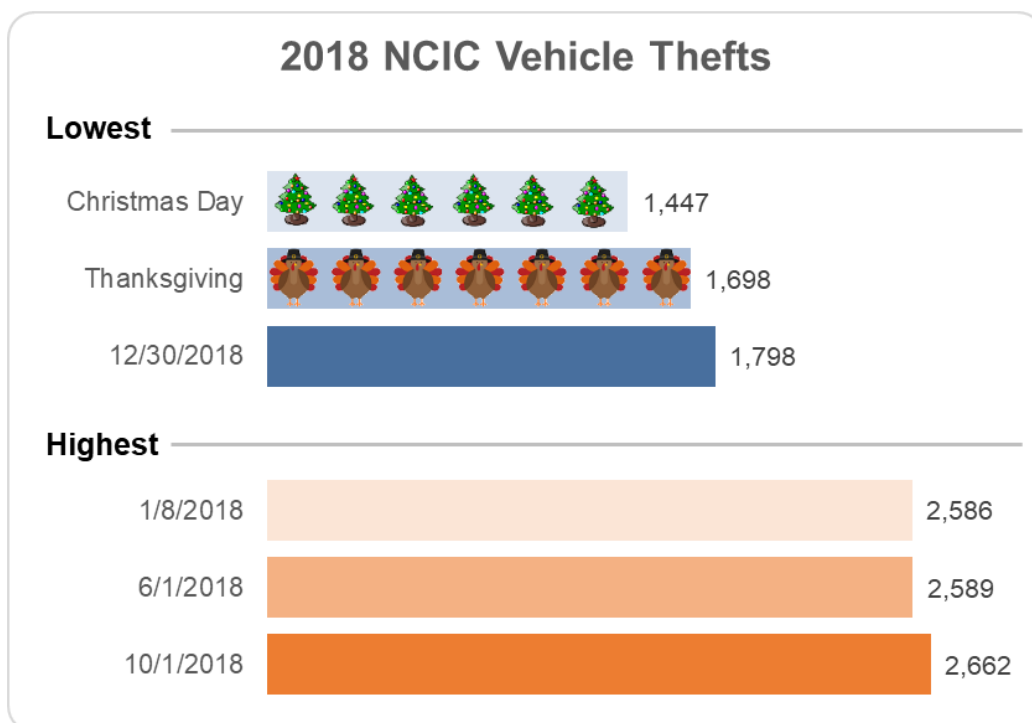
The following 2018 holidays were included in this report:

- 01/01/2018 (New Year's Day)
- 02/14/2018 (Valentine's Day)
- 02/19/2018 (President's Day)
- 05/28/2018 (Memorial Day)
- 07/04/2018 (Independence Day)
- 09/03/2018 (Labor Day)
- 10/31/2018 (Halloween)
- 11/22/2018 (Thanksgiving)
- 12/24/2018 (Christmas Eve)
- 12/25/2018 (Christmas Day)
- 12/31/2018 (New Year's Eve)

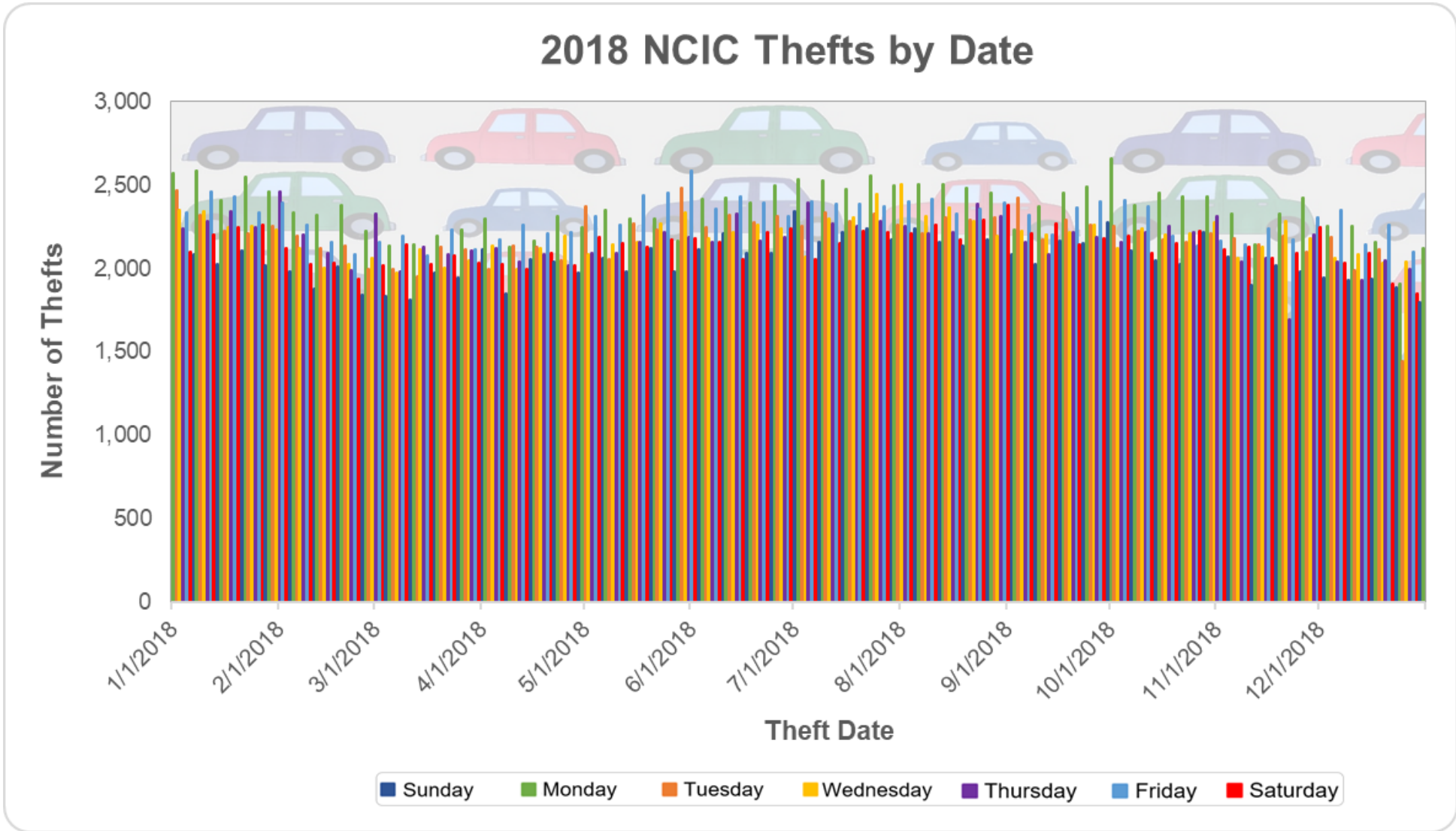
This report analyzes the 2018 NCIC vehicle thefts focusing on: theft date, daily theft rates for each month, holiday thefts, and the top 5 theft states for holiday thefts.

SECTION 2: 2018 NCIC Vehicle Thefts by Theft Date

A total of 802,605 vehicle thefts were reported to NCIC in 2018, averaging approximately 2,199 vehicle thefts reported per day. The graph below shows the days with the lowest and the highest number of vehicle thefts in 2018. Christmas Day and Thanksgiving are the days with the lowest number of reported thefts in 2018.

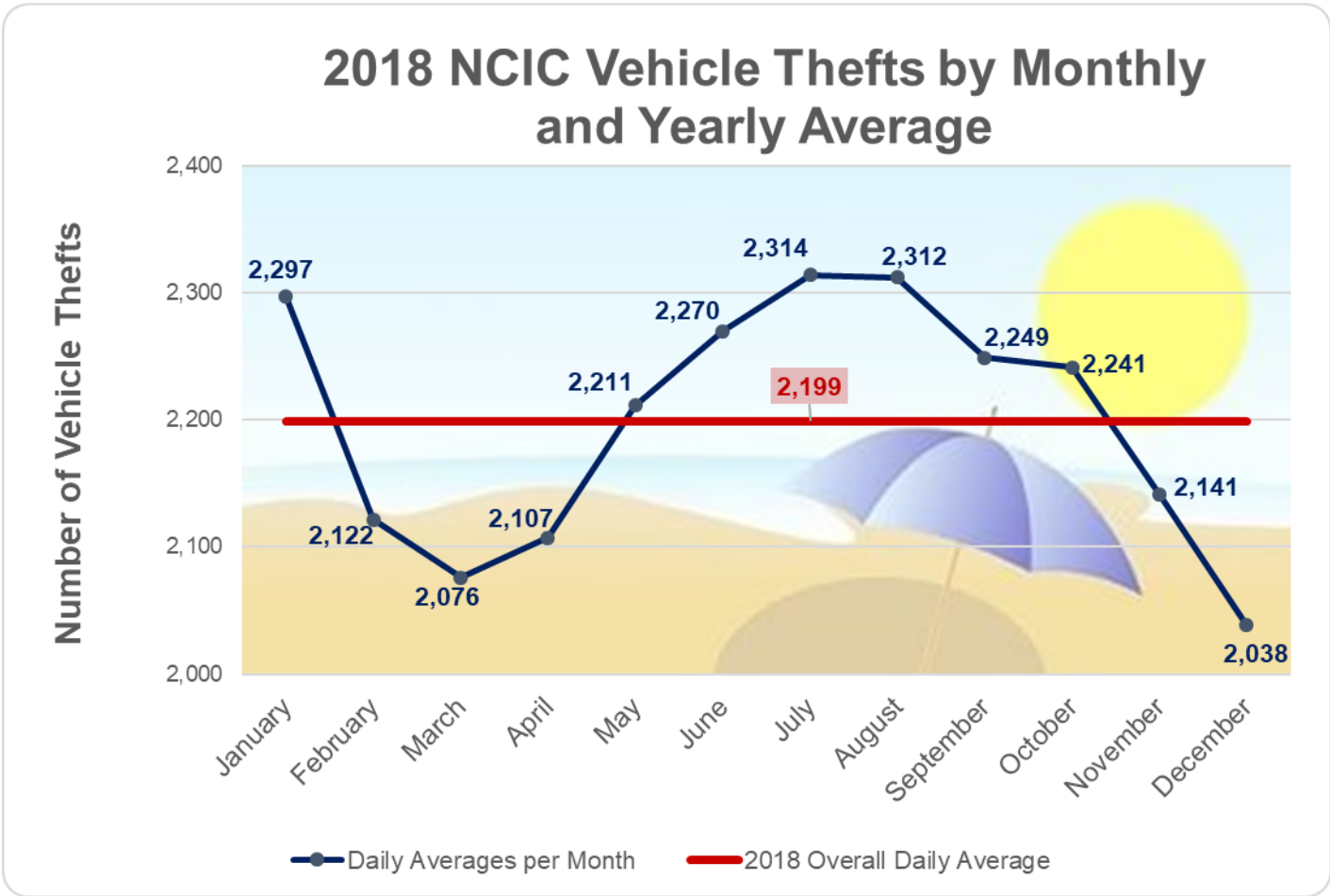


The following chart shows the number of thefts per day for 2018.



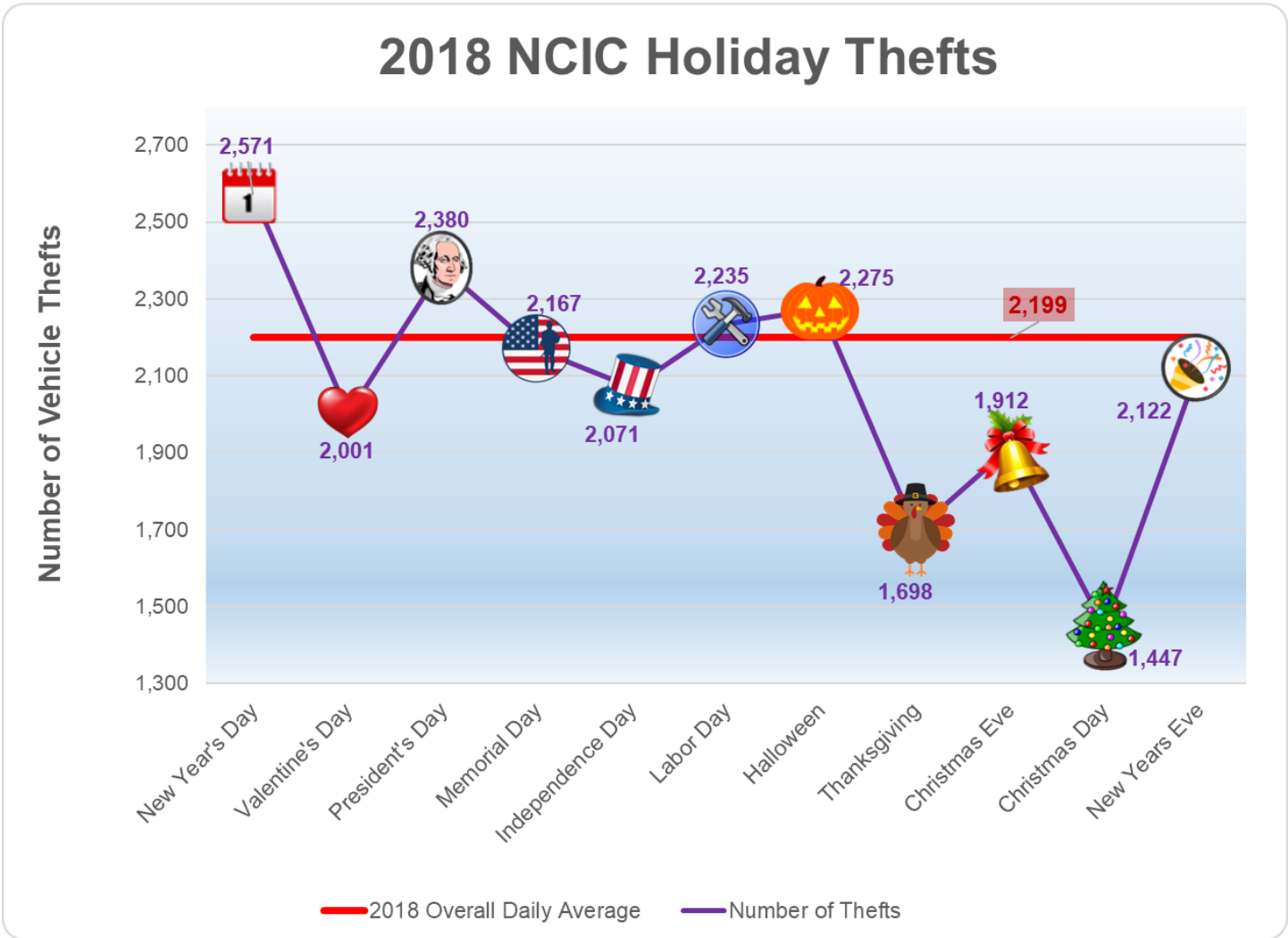
SECTION 3: 2018 NCIC Vehicle Thefts Daily Average per Month

The daily average number of vehicle thefts in 2018 was 2,199. The following chart displays the average number of vehicle thefts stolen per day for each month, along with the daily average number of vehicle thefts for the entire year. February, March, April, November, and December had monthly theft per day averages lower than the daily average for the year, with December having the lowest average of 2,038 thefts per day. Vehicle theft averages rose steadily from March to the year's peak in July with 2,314 thefts per day. Vehicle thefts again followed the pattern seen in previous years where the highest number of thefts are generally reported in the warmer months, while the lowest number of thefts occur during the colder winter months. January continues to be the exception and has the third highest average number of thefts reported per day in 2018, with 2,297.



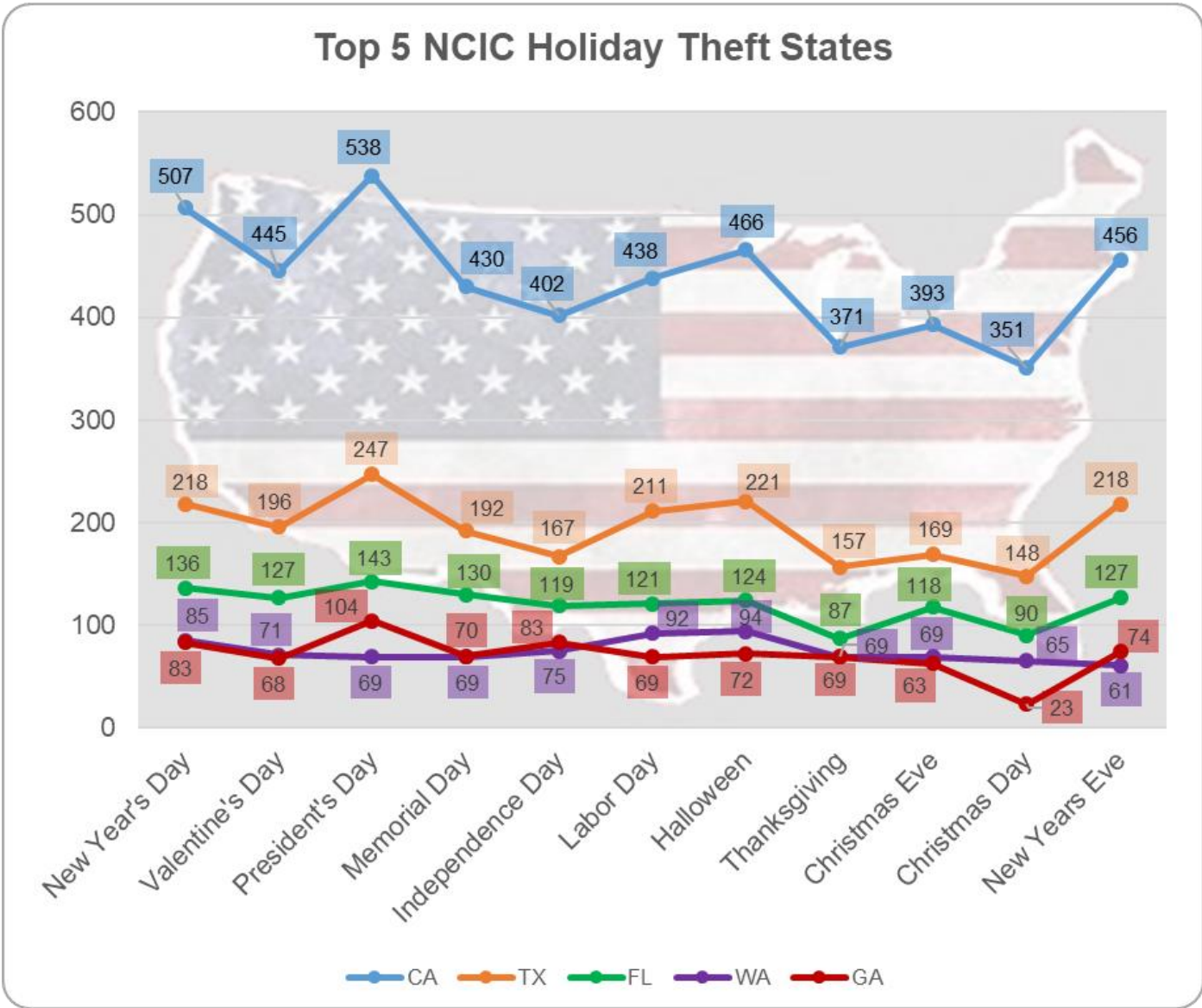
SECTION 4: 2018 NCIC Vehicle Thefts by Holiday

An analysis of 2018 NCIC thefts determined that New Year's Day was the holiday with the highest number of thefts, with 2,571 vehicles reported stolen. New Year's Day, along with President's Day, Labor Day, and Halloween all had a higher number of thefts reported than the overall daily average for 2018. Christmas Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve accounted for the holidays with the lowest number of reported vehicle thefts with 1,447, 1,698, and 1,912 thefts, respectively. Moreover, Christmas Day and Thanksgiving were the days with the lowest number of vehicle thefts for the entire year. The following chart illustrates the number of vehicle thefts on each of the 2018 holidays, in comparison to the overall daily average number of thefts in 2018.



SECTION 5: 2018 NCIC Holiday Thefts by Theft State

The 2018 NCIC holiday thefts were also analyzed by theft state. The following chart displays the number of thefts per holiday for the top five holiday theft states (California, Texas, Florida, Washington, and Georgia). California had a considerably higher overall number of holiday vehicle thefts than other states, with 4,797 reported thefts. While New Year’s Day accounted for the highest overall number of vehicle thefts across the nation, California, Texas, Florida, and Georgia had the most reported thefts on President’s Day, and Washington had the most reported thefts on Halloween. California, Texas, and Georgia followed the national trend with the least amount of thefts on Christmas Day. Florida had the fewest number of thefts on Thanksgiving and Washington had the fewest number of thefts on New Year’s Eve.



SECTION 6: Conclusion

The number of reported vehicle thefts on the majority of the holidays in 2018 was lower than the daily average for the entire year of 2,199 vehicles stolen per day. However, New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, and Halloween all had a higher number of reported vehicle thefts than the national average, with New Year's Day having the most thefts of any holiday with 2,571. The three days with the highest number of thefts in 2018 were 10/1/2018, 6/1/2018, and 1/8/2018. Conversely, Christmas Day, Thanksgiving, and 12/30/2018 had the lowest number of thefts for the year. Vehicle theft rates followed a similar pattern from previous years, with the highest number of thefts occurring over the summer months and the lowest in the winter months, with the exception of January, which had the third highest number of thefts reported per day for the year. California was the state with the highest number of overall thefts for the year, as well as the highest number of thefts on holidays.