

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

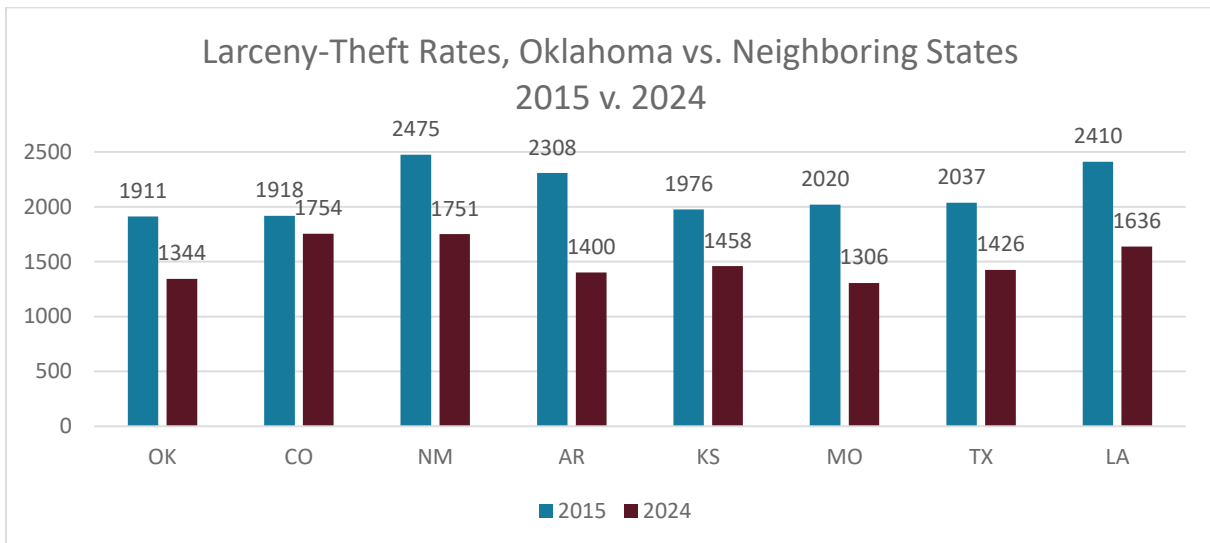
Theft in Oklahoma

Is theft increasing in Oklahoma?

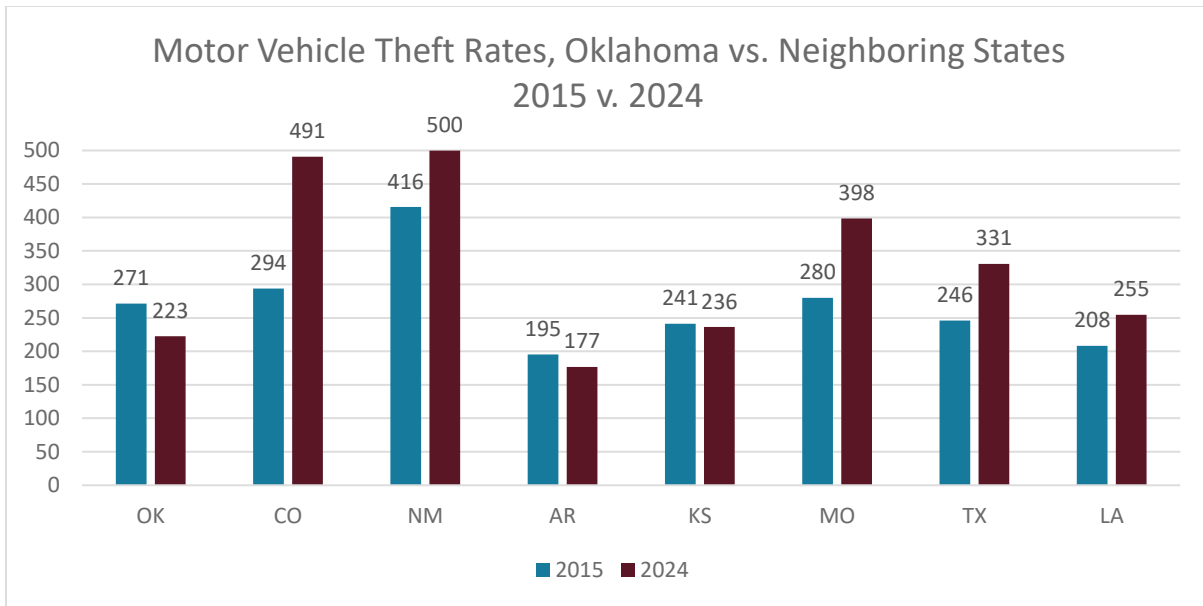
- **No.** The larceny theft rate in Oklahoma **dropped 30%** from 1911.2 to 1343.7 per 100,000 from 2015 to 2024.
- **No.** Oklahoma’s motor vehicle theft rate **decreased 18%** from 2015 to 2024.

How does Oklahoma compare to neighboring states?

- Between 2015 and 2024, six out of seven neighboring states experienced similar drops in their larceny-theft rates of 29-39%, including New Mexico, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Texas, and Louisiana. Colorado saw a 9% drop. Oklahoma’s larceny-theft rate has consistently been one of the lowest in the region.



- Oklahoma’s motor vehicle theft rate decreased by 18% from 2015 to 2024, while the national rate increased 16%, from 222 per 100,000 residents to 259 per 100,000 residents. **Oklahoma’s motor vehicle theft rate was lower than the national rate in 2023 and 2024.**
- Relative to neighboring states, Oklahoma experienced the most significant reduction in motor vehicle theft from 2015-2024. During this period, Colorado, New Mexico, Missouri, Texas, and Louisiana saw increases in their motor vehicle theft crime rates (67%, 20%, 42%, 34%, and 22%, respectively), while Arkansas and Kansas saw modest decreases of 10 and 2%, respectively. By 2024, Oklahoma had the second-lowest motor vehicle theft rate in the region.



Have Oklahoma's theft rates mirrored national trends since the COVID-19 pandemic?

- **No.** Oklahoma has performed better than national trends post-pandemic, with larceny-theft rates **decreasing 22%** from 2020 to 2024, while the national rate decreased by 9% during that same period.
- **No.** Oklahoma's motor vehicle theft rate **decreased 41%** from 2020 to 2024, compared to a 5% increase in the national rate.
- **No.** In Oklahoma, the stolen property offense rate **decreased 20%** from 2021 to 2024, compared to an 8% increase in the national rate over the same period.
- **No.** Oklahoma has seen a **22% increase** in shoplifting rates since 2021, a more modest increase compared to **the 54% increase** in the **national rate** over the same period.