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Regarding: **2014 National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Holiday Vehicle Theft**
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Section 1: Executive Summary

This *Fore***CAST**[SM] Report analyzes the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) 2014 vehicle theft data in relation to the 2014 holidays.
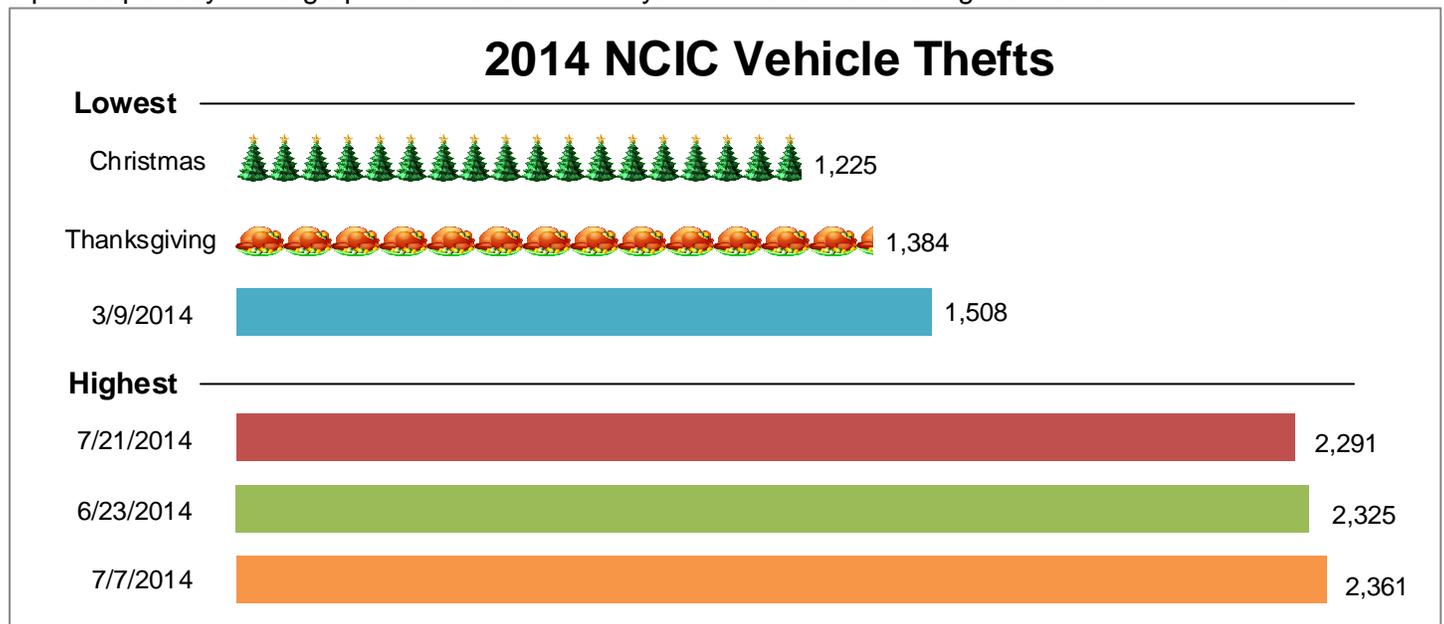
The following 2014 holidays were included in this report:

- 01/01/2014 (New Year's Day)
- 02/14/2014 (Valentine's Day)
- 02/17/2014 (President's Day)
- 05/26/2014 (Memorial Day)
- 07/04/2014 (Independence Day)
- 09/01/2014 (Labor Day)
- 10/31/2014 (Halloween)
- 11/27/2014 (Thanksgiving)
- 12/24/2014 (Christmas Eve)
- 12/25/2014 (Christmas Day)
- 12/31/2014 (New Year's Eve)

This report analyzes the 2014 NCIC vehicle thefts focusing on: theft date, daily theft rates for each month, holiday thefts, and the top 5 theft states for holiday thefts.
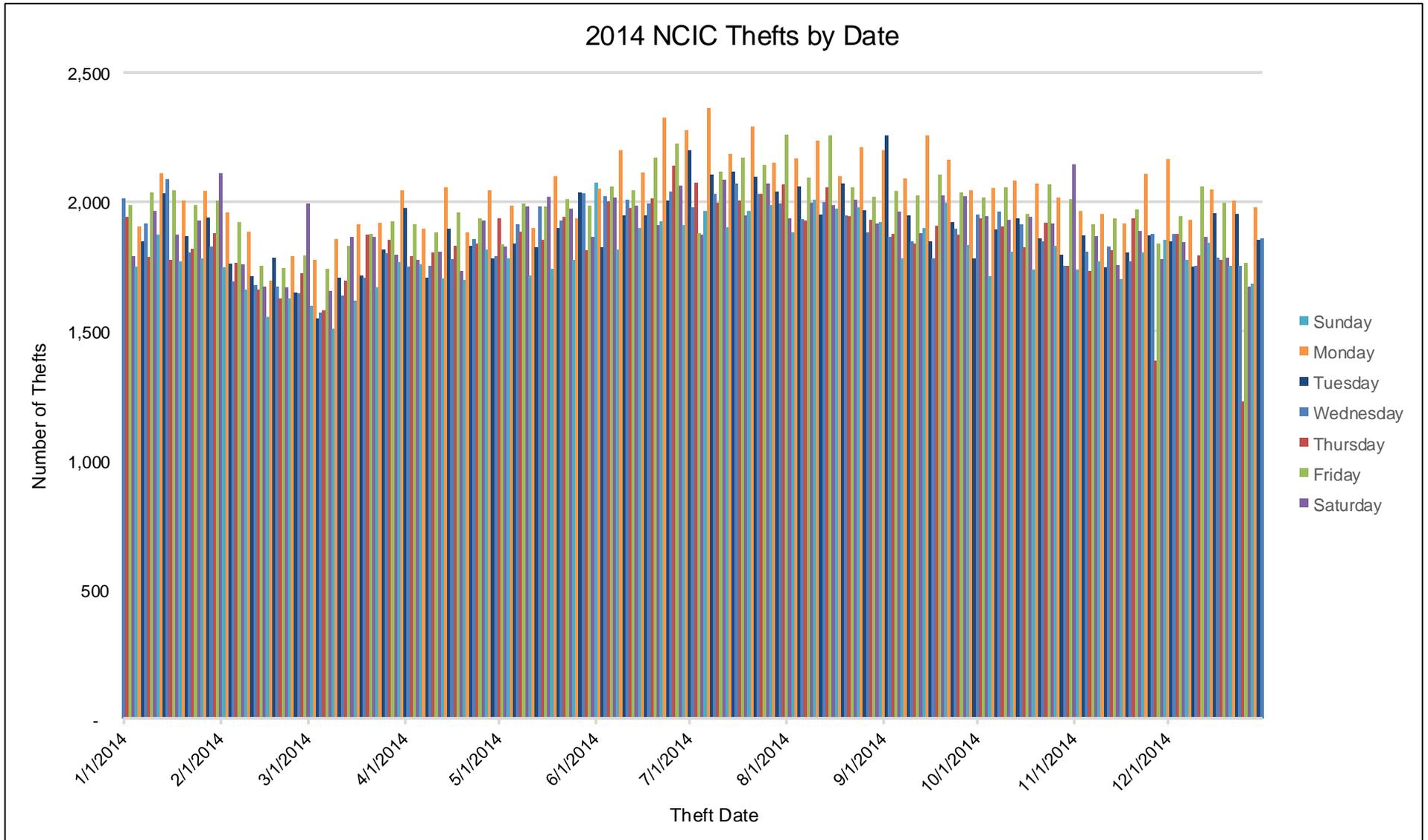
Section 1: 2014 NCIC Vehicle Thefts by Theft Date

A total of 695,246[1] vehicle thefts were reported to NCIC in 2014, averaging approximately 1,905 vehicle thefts reported per day. The graph below shows the days with the lowest and highest vehicles thefts in 2014.

2014 NCIC Vehicle Thefts

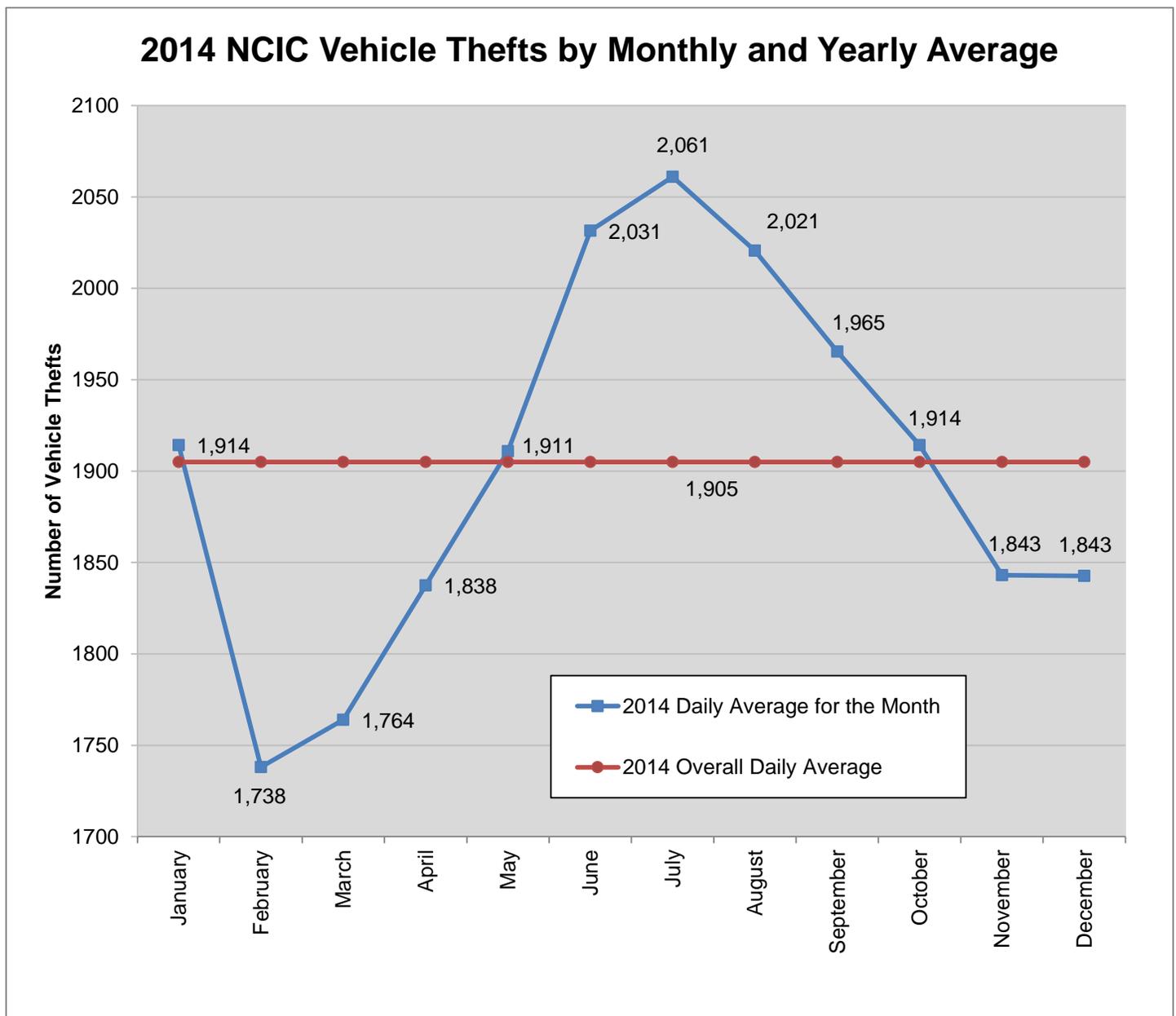|	
Lowest	
Christmas	1,225
Thanksgiving	1,384
3/9/2014	1,508
Highest	
7/21/2014	2,291
6/23/2014	2,325
7/7/2014	2,361

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[1]The NCIC database is a dynamic dataset, thus theft totals may vary.

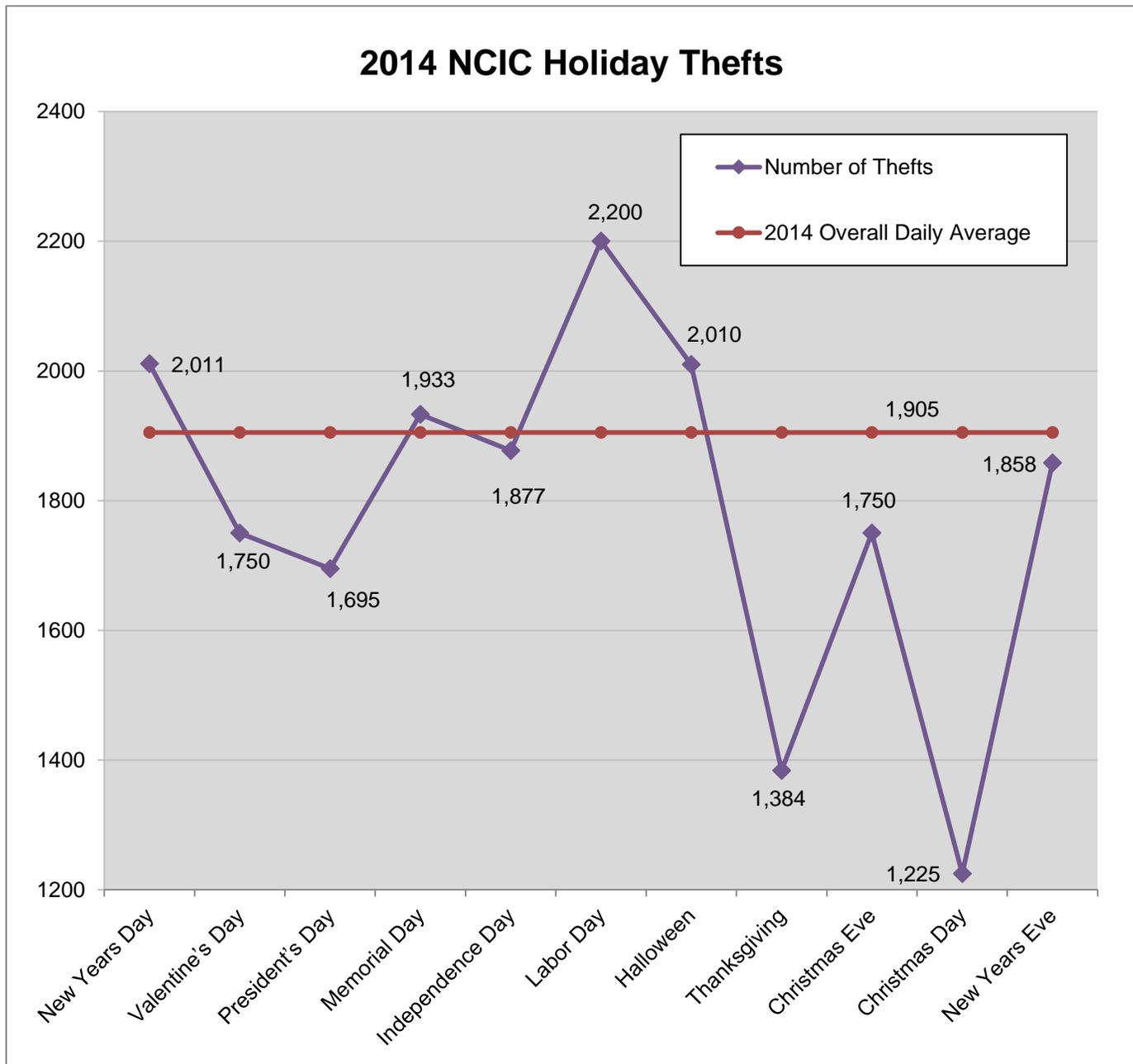The following chart shows the number of thefts per day for 2014:

Section 2: 2014 NCIC Vehicle Thefts Daily Average per Month

The following chart displays the average number of vehicles stolen per day for each month, along with the daily average of vehicle thefts for the year, 1,905 thefts per day. February, March, April, November, and December had monthly theft per day averages lower than the daily average for the year, with February having the lowest average overall at 1,738 thefts per day. Vehicle thefts rose steadily from February to the year's peak in July with 2,061 thefts per day. The summer months of June, July, and August had the highest monthly theft per day averages followed closely by September. January, May, and October were also just barely above the daily average. Vehicle thefts again followed the pattern seen previously where the highest number of thefts are reported in the warmer summer months and the lowest theft numbers occur during the colder winter months.

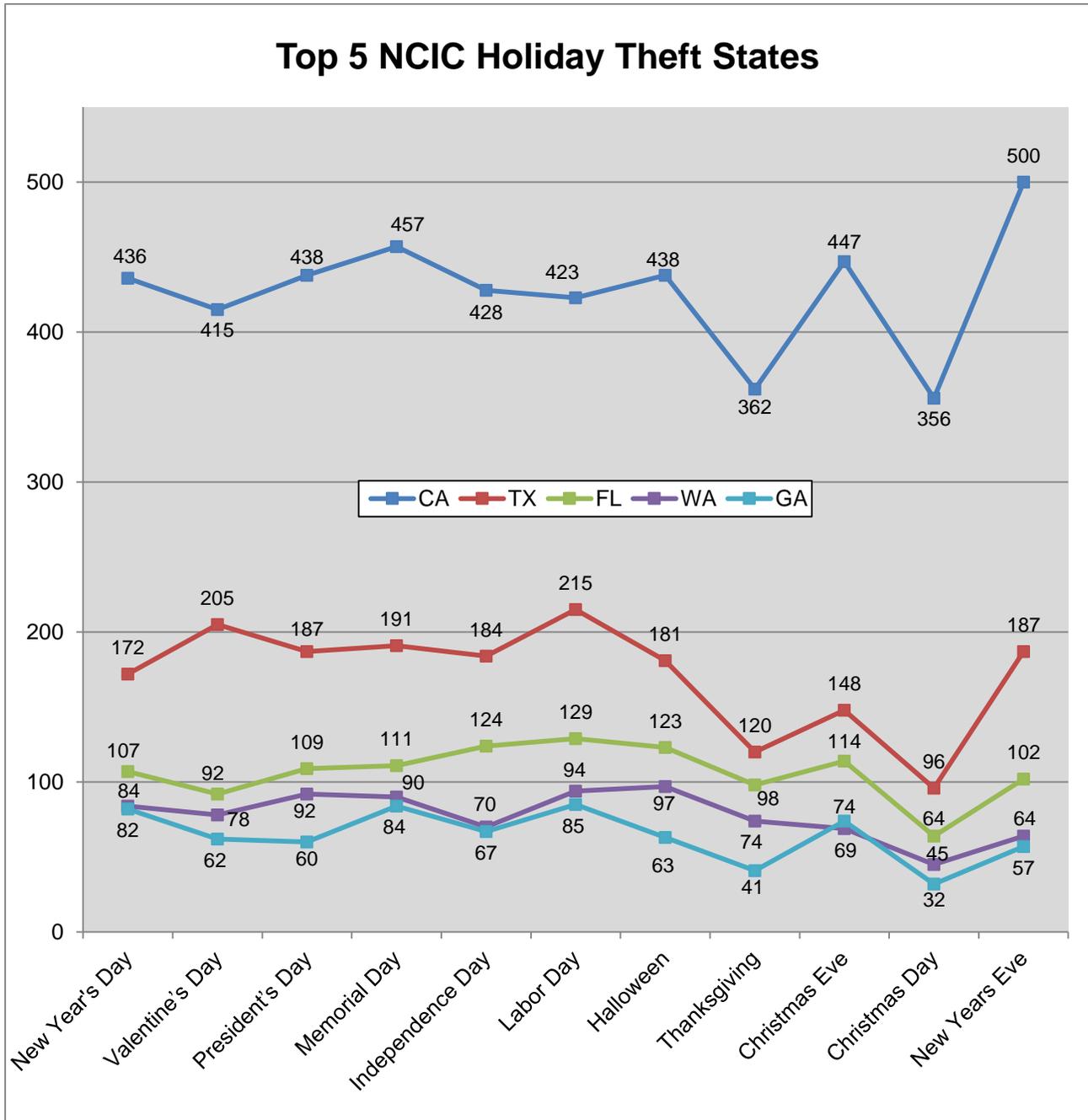**2014 NCIC Vehicle Thefts by Monthly and Yearly Average**

Section 3: 2014 NCIC Vehicle Thefts by Holiday

The following chart shows the number of vehicles thefts on each of the 2014 holidays in comparison to the daily average thefts in 2014. Labor Day had the highest number of thefts for a holiday with 2,200 thefts followed by New Year's Day with 2,011 thefts. Halloween and Memorial Day also had more thefts than the overall daily average for 2014. Christmas Day and Thanksgiving had the lowest number of vehicle thefts of the holidays with 1,225 and 1,384 thefts, respectively. Christmas Day and Thanksgiving were also the days with the least number of thefts of any day in 2014.

2014 NCIC Holiday Thefts

Legend:
- Number of Thefts
- 2014 Overall Daily Average

Data points:
- New Years Day: 2,011
- Valentine's Day: 1,750
- President's Day: 1,695
- Memorial Day: 1,933
- Independence Day: 1,877
- Labor Day: 2,200
- Halloween: 2,010
- Thanksgiving: 1,384
- Christmas Eve: 1,750
- Christmas Day: 1,225
- New Years Eve: 1,858

(2014 Overall Daily Average line at approximately 1,905)

Section 4: 2014 NCIC Holiday Vehicle Thefts by Theft State

The 2014 NCIC holiday thefts were also analyzed by theft state. The following chart shows the number of thefts, per holiday, for the top 5 holiday theft states (California, Texas, Florida, Washington, and Georgia). California had the highest overall number of holiday vehicle thefts, by far, with 4,700. Thanksgiving and Christmas Day had the least number of thefts per holiday in California but still almost twice the thefts of any holiday for the other top 5 holiday theft states. Texas, Florida, and Georgia followed the national trend with the most thefts on Labor Day. California had the most thefts on New Year's Day while Washington had the most thefts on Halloween. All of the top 5 holiday theft states had the lowest number of thefts on Christmas.

Top 5 NCIC Holiday Theft States

Legend: CA, TX, FL, WA, GA

Holiday	CA	TX	FL	WA	GA
New Year's Day	436	172	107	84	82
Valentine's Day	415	205	92	78	62
President's Day	438	187	109	92	60
Memorial Day	457	191	111	90	84
Independence Day	428	184	124	70	67
Labor Day	423	215	129	94	85
Halloween	438	181	123	97	63
Thanksgiving	362	120	98	74	41
Christmas Eve	447	148	114	74	69
Christmas Day	356	96	64	45	32
New Years Eve	500	187	102	64	57

Section 5: Conclusion

For most of the holidays in 2014, vehicle theft was lower than the daily average for the year of 1,905 vehicles stolen per day. However, Labor Day, New Year's Day, Halloween, and Memorial Day were over the average with Labor Day having the most thefts of any holiday with 2,200.   In 2014, the days with the highest number of thefts were 7/7/2014, 6/23/2014, and 7/21/2014; while Christmas Day, Thanksgiving, and 3/9/2014 had the lowest number of thefts. 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. California had the most thefts overall as well as the most thefts on holidays.