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## **NEW REPORT FINDS 2000 HONDA CIVIC IS MOST FREQUENTLY STOLEN CAR IN NEW YORK STATE**

**ALBANY, NY**—The New York Insurance Association said the 2000 Honda Civic is the most frequently stolen vehicle in New York State.

The *Hot Wheels 2009* study released by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) examines data reported to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and determines the vehicle make, model, and model year most reported stolen in 2008.

In 2008, the most stolen vehicles\* in New York State were:

1. 2000 Honda Civic
2. 1994 Honda Accord
3. 2000 Dodge Caravan
4. 1991 Toyota Camry
5. 1997 Nissan Maxima
6. 1995 Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
7. 2005 Nissan Altima
8. 1996 Plymouth Voyager
9. 2007 Toyota Corolla
10. 2002 Ford Explorer

For 2008, the most stolen vehicles\* in the nation were:

1. 1994 Honda Accord
2. 1995 Honda Civic
3. 1989 Toyota Camry
4. 1997 Ford F-150 Pickup
5. 2004 Dodge Ram Pickup
6. 2000 Dodge Caravan
7. 1996 Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
8. 1994 Acura Integra
9. 1999 Ford Taurus
10. 2002 Ford Explorer

Ellen Melchionni, president of NYIA, said that vehicle theft continues to decline in New York State and the nation. “Even though vehicle theft has decreased, drivers still need to take prudent steps to prevent their vehicle from being stolen,” she said.

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NYIA and the NICB recommend a “layered approach” to auto theft prevention by employing simple, low-cost suggestions to make their vehicles less attractive to thieves. The four layers of protection are:

**Common Sense:** The cheapest form of defense is to simply employ the anti-theft devices that are standard on all vehicles: locks. Lock your car and take your keys.

**Warning Device:** Having and using a visible or audible warning device is another item that can ensure that your car remains where you left it.

**Immobilizing Device:** “Kill” switches, fuel cut-offs, and smart keys are among the devices which are high and low tech, but extremely effective. Generally speaking, if your car won’t start, it won’t get stolen.

**Tracking Device:** Some systems use GPS to track your vehicle. Others use radio frequency technology and help law enforcement track and recover it quickly.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau is the nation’s leading not-for-profit organization exclusively dedicated to preventing, detecting and defeating insurance fraud and vehicle theft through information analysis, investigations, training and public awareness.

Anyone with information concerning auto theft and insurance fraud can report it anonymously by calling toll-free 1-800-TEL-NICB (1-800-835-6422). For complete information on *Hot Wheels 2009*, please visit [www.nicb.org](http://www.nicb.org).

The New York Insurance Association (NYIA®) is a state trade association that has represented the property and casualty insurance industry for over 125 years. For more information on NYIA, visit [www.nyia.org](http://www.nyia.org).

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- \* This report reflects only stolen vehicle data reported to NCIC in 2008. No further filtering of information is conducted, i.e., determining the total number of a particular make and model currently registered in the U.S. for comparison purposes.