

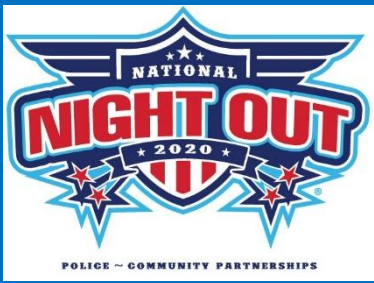


Fourth Quarter Crime Watch Presentation for 2020

Munster Police Department
Posted January 28, 2021



ANNOUNCEMENTS and NEWS



Munster's 2020 National Night Out Against Crime Event **RANKS #1** in the United States (15,000-50,000 category)





Spring Semester Classes Begin for 5th and 8th Grade Students

***Munster Police officers provide D.A.R.E. instruction to approximately 2,000 students in grades K-8 each year.**



Eads



Elliott



Frank Hammond



St. Thomas More



Wilbur Wright



St. Paul's



2020 "Cops and Kids" Event Assists Almost 50 Area Children



This past December, **approximately 50 children in 20 different families** were provided with toys and clothing from funds that were donated by generous residents, businesses, and community service organizations. **Thank you for your support!**





Next Dog Walker Watch Training WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON and will be held virtually.



4th Quarter 2020
(October-December)

4th Quarter Robberies, 2016-2020



5-year average = 2.6 Robberies



4th Quarter Robberies

- **9600 Block of Elmwood (10/24, 4:23PM).** A black SUV reportedly pulled up next to an elderly male victim and two black male suspects exited displaying handguns and demanding his wallet. The victim was struck in the back of the head with a handgun after being robbed and the suspects fled the scene.
- **BP-747 Ridge (10/29, 5:37PM).** A female victim was approached at a gas pump by two suspects carrying guns, and was robbed of her purse and vehicle. The vehicle fled the scene but was later involved in a pursuit involving outside agencies after which suspects were apprehended. **Charges were filed against them for alleged armed robbery.**



4th Quarter Robberies

- **200 Block of Fairbanks PI (11/5, 10:10PM).** A teenaged, male victim walking home from work advised that a black passenger vehicle pulled up next to him after which a black male suspect exited displaying a handgun. The victim was robbed of his wallet and cell phone and the suspect fled the scene.
- **Speedway-444 Ridge (12/9, 11:05PM).** A suspect reportedly implied (but did not display) that he had a handgun and knife and demanded cash. **A suspect was identified following an investigation and charged with alleged robbery.**

4th Quarter Burglaries, 2016-2020



5-year average = 4.6 Burglaries



4th Quarter Burglary

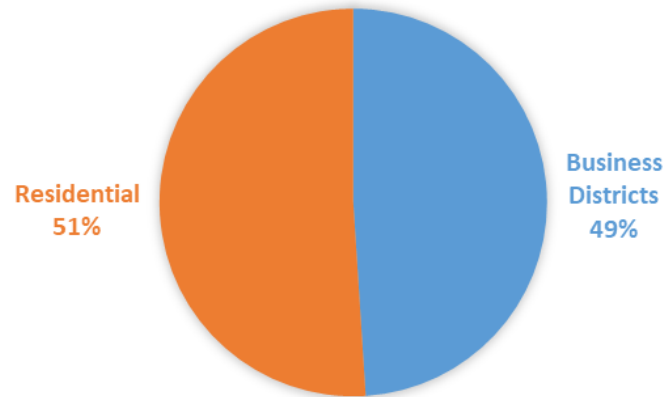
- **ATTEMPTED: 200 Block of Beacon Pl (10/9, overnight).** A garage window was found open but nothing was taken. A neighbor found that their garage was rummaged through but nothing was taken.

4th Quarter Thefts, 2016-2020

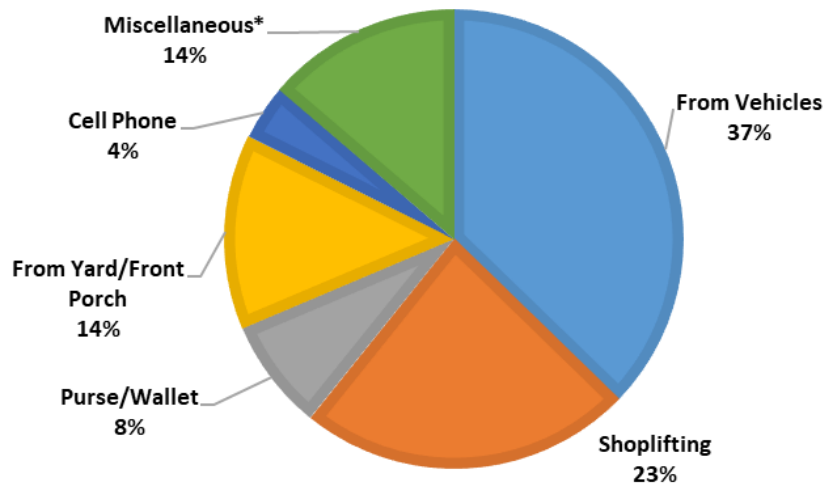


5-year average = 81.4 Thefts

THEFTS BY AREA, 4TH QUARTER 2020

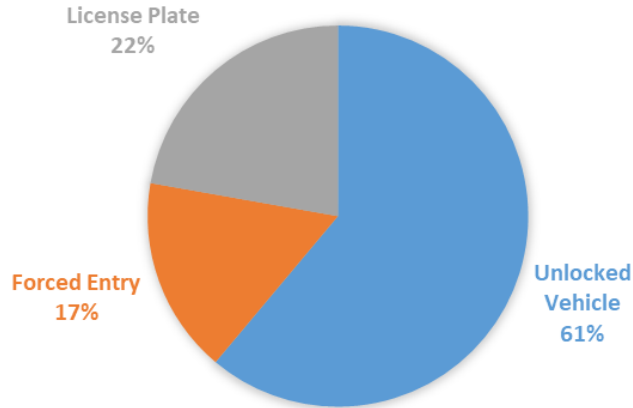


THEFTS BREAKDOWN, 4TH QUARTER 2020

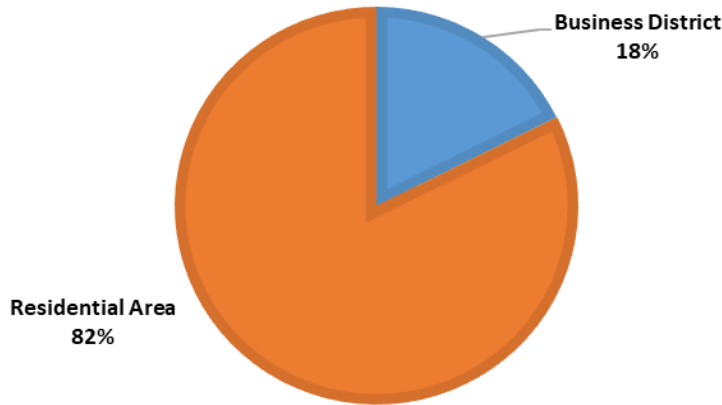


***Miscellaneous thefts** include yard signs, a laptop, prescription medicine, and an incident of employee theft.

THEFTS FROM VEHICLES - 4TH QUARTER 2020



THEFTS FROM VEHICLES BY AREA, 4TH QUARTER 2020



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MUNSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

LOCK YOUR VEHICLES PROTECT YOUR VALUABLES!

Residents are encouraged to follow the safety tips listed below to help prevent thefts from your vehicle. Remember that thefts can occur even if you are only away from your vehicle for a short time.

- *Always keep your vehicle locked with the windows rolled completely up. This prevents easy access.*
- *Attempt to park in a well-lit area or in the garage when possible. Thieves are more likely to strike in the dark.*
- *Install a car alarm and always make sure it is activated.*
- *Keep all valuables out of your vehicle including GPS systems, radar detectors, laptops, purses, wallets, CD wallets, portable DVD players and briefcases. These types of items are stolen most often by thieves.*
- *Report suspicious persons, noises, or other activity immediately to the police department by dialing 911.*

4th Quarter Auto Thefts, 2016-2020



5-year average = 5.6 Auto Thefts



4th Quarter Auto Thefts

- **Munster Tobacco & Hookah-7950 Calumet (10/11, 8:54PM).** Vehicle left running and unlocked was stolen from the parking lot.
- **8200 Block of State Line (10/14, overnight).**
- **Speedway-444 Ridge (10/19, 5:29PM).** Vehicle left running and unlocked in front of the business was stolen.
- **8500 Block of Northcote (11/3, 2:35AM).** Keys were left inside of the vehicle which was also unlocked. **A suspect was later charged.**
- **8100 Block of Woodlawn (11/5, overnight).** Key left in the ignition, and the vehicle was also unlocked.
- **1200 Block of Elliott (11/10, overnight).** Vehicle, which had its keys left inside, was driven away through the yard.



4th Quarter Auto Thefts

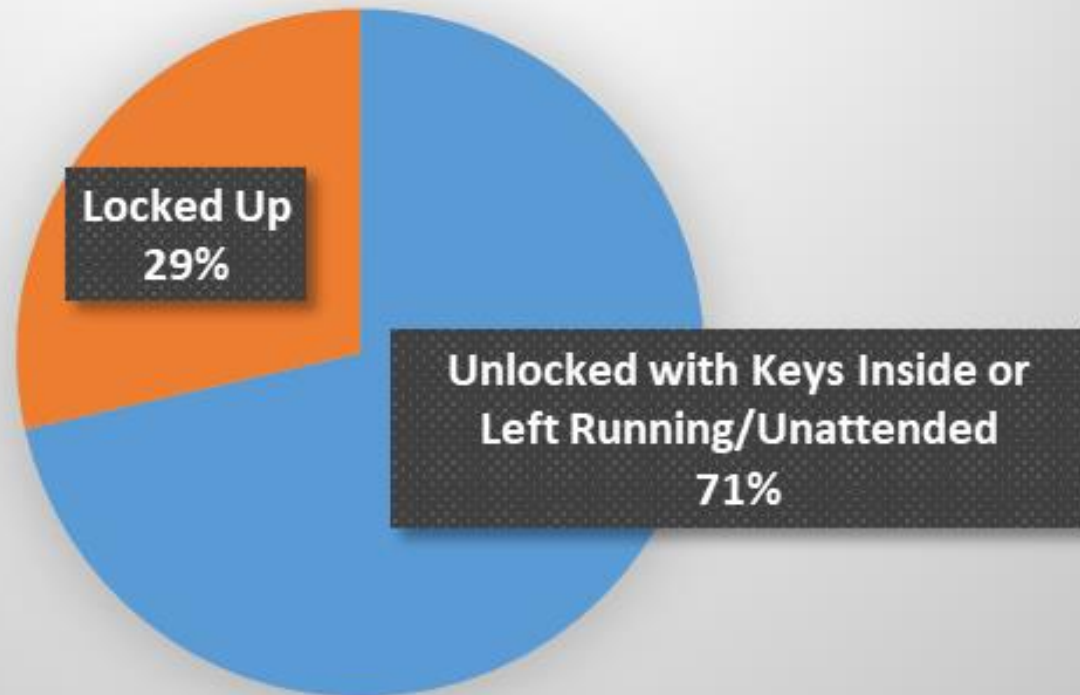
- **Citgo-8310 Calumet (11/25, 7:29PM).** Vehicle left running outside and unlocked was stolen.
- **ATTEMPTED: Danny Z's-18650 45th (12/1, 12:17AM).** **Subject located by police nearby and later charged with alleged unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle.**
- **Marathon-7890 Calumet (12/2, 9:15PM).** Vehicle left with its keys inside of it was stolen from outside of the business.
- **8600 Block of Manor (12/7, overnight).** Keys had been left inside of the vehicle.
- **300 Block of Beverly Pl (12/9, overnight).** A vehicle was stolen and later found abandoned several blocks away. Another vehicle in the driveway, which had been left unlocked, was ransacked.



4th Quarter Auto Thefts

- **Cheap Tobacco-15 Ridge (12/12, 12:13PM).** Vehicle left running and unlocked outside of the business was stolen.
- **BP Amoco-747 Ridge (12/21, 4:10PM).** Vehicle left running and unlocked outside of the business was stolen.
- **Community Hospital-901 MacArthur (12/31, overnight).** A snow plow which had been left unlocked in the parking lot was stolen and later recovered in Gary with its plow portion missing.

Breakdown of Auto Thefts, 4th Quarter 2020



Please **LOCK YOUR VEHICLES, NEVER LEAVE THE KEYS INSIDE,** and **NEVER LEAVE THEM RUNNING OUTSIDE** while unattended.



HELP TO PREVENT AUTO THEFTS!



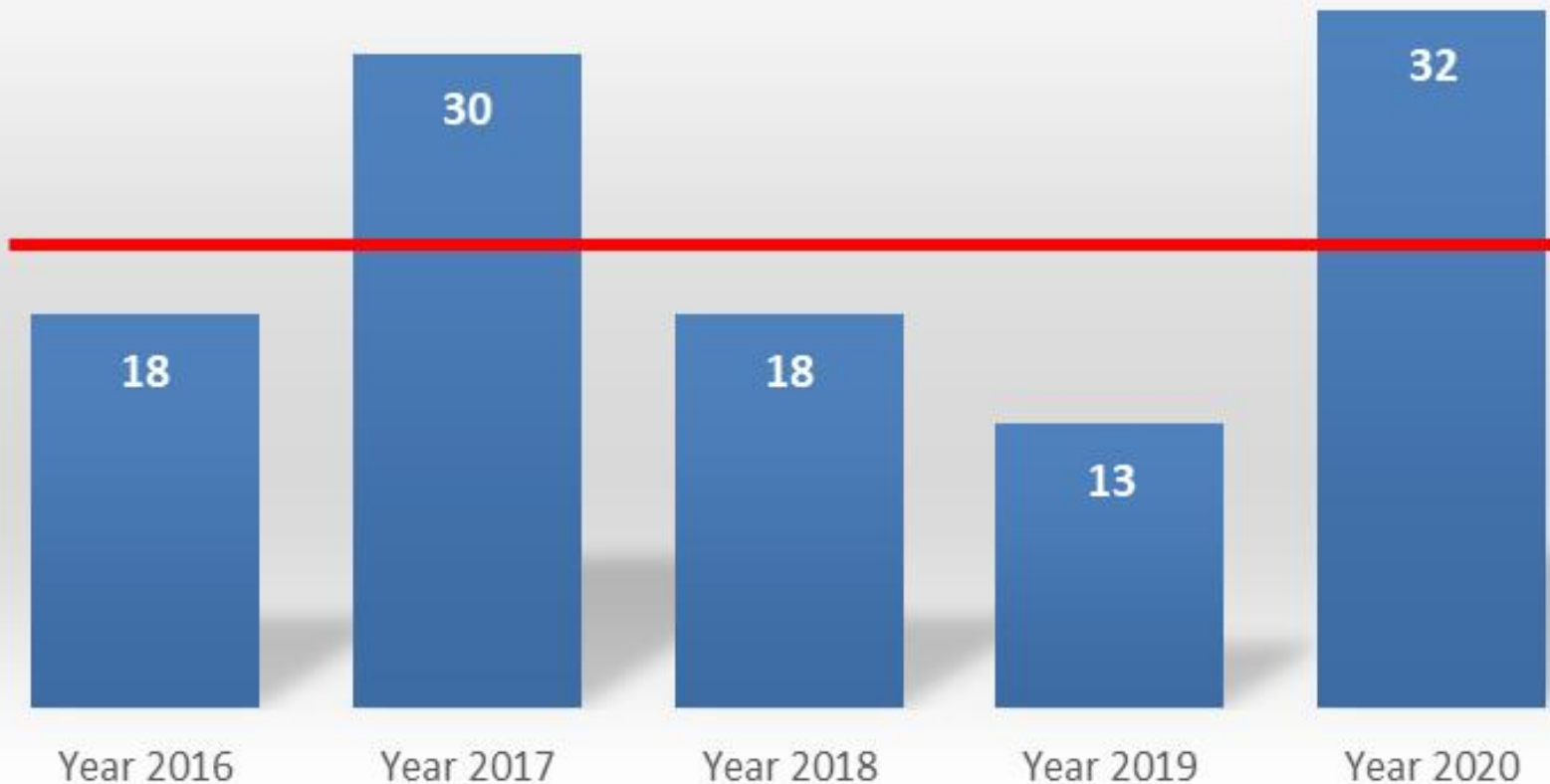
DID YOU KNOW that a vehicle is stolen every 33 seconds in the U.S.?

- . **NEVER** leave your vehicle running outside of this business or your home
- . **ALWAYS** keep your vehicle locked, even when you are pumping gas

Please report suspicious activity to the police department immediately by calling 911

This past summer, **the flyer displayed to the left** was provided to area gas stations and several other businesses while asking them to display them at their entrances. **Please follow these important safety tips to help prevent auto thefts.**

4th Quarter Vandalisms, 2016-2020



5-year average = 22.2 Vandalisms



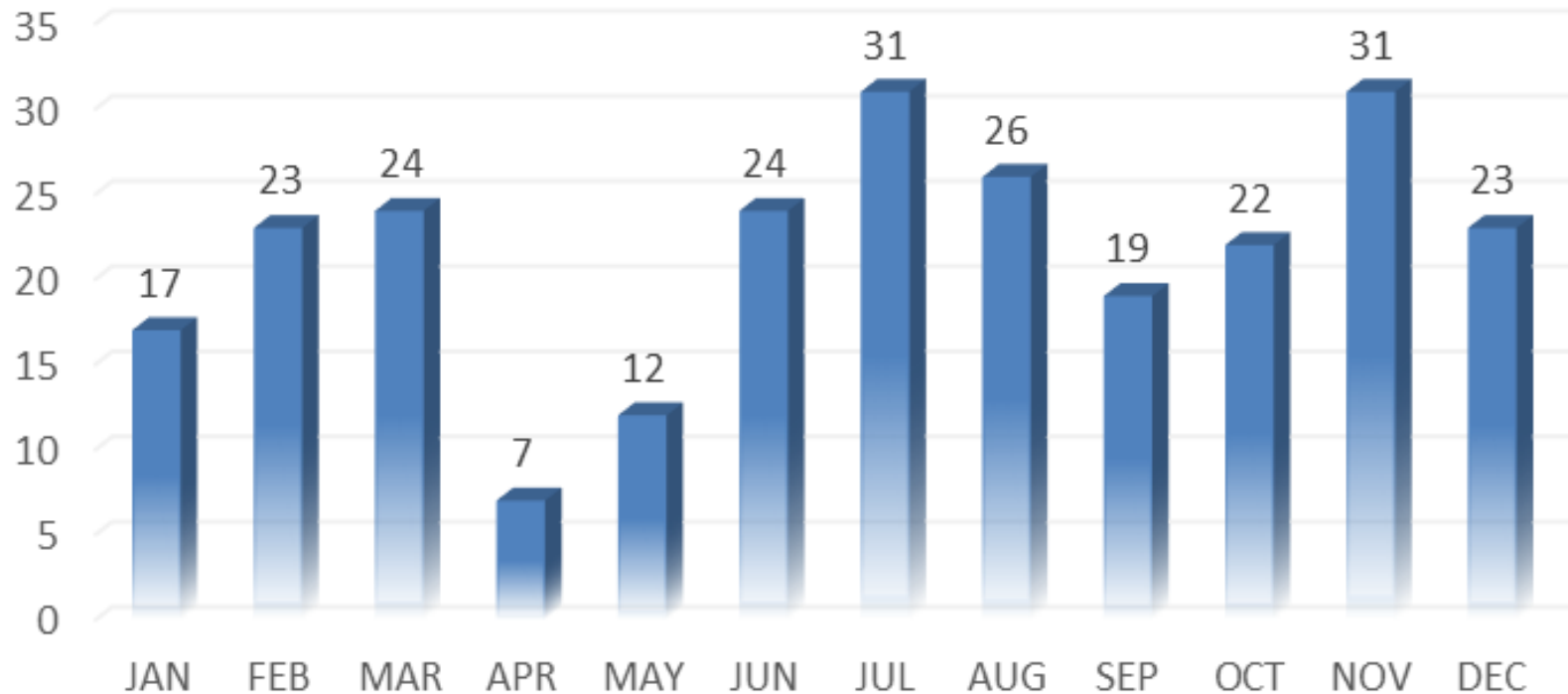
Notable January Incidents

- **DISTRACTION BURGLARY**, 8100 Block of Van Buren (1/21, 1:33PM). Two white or Hispanic male suspects posed as Munster town employees while asking to check the residents' electrical wires. While they were distracted, cash and jewelry were reportedly stolen.
- **INDECENT EXPOSURE**, BP Amoco-10444 Calumet (1/14, 5:45PM). White male suspect (60's, white hair, glasses) reportedly was observed by a female victim and her juvenile daughter to be standing near the door with his genitals exposed while facing them. The suspect fled in a dark utility/cargo van with yellow writing on it.
- **CARJACKING**, 8100 Block Monroe (1/3, 10:55PM). Two female victims reported that they were talking in a parked vehicle in a driveway when two black male suspects approached on foot, displayed a weapon, and drove away with their vehicle which also contained a purse and wallet.



**TOTAL
CRIME STATISTICS
FOR 2020**

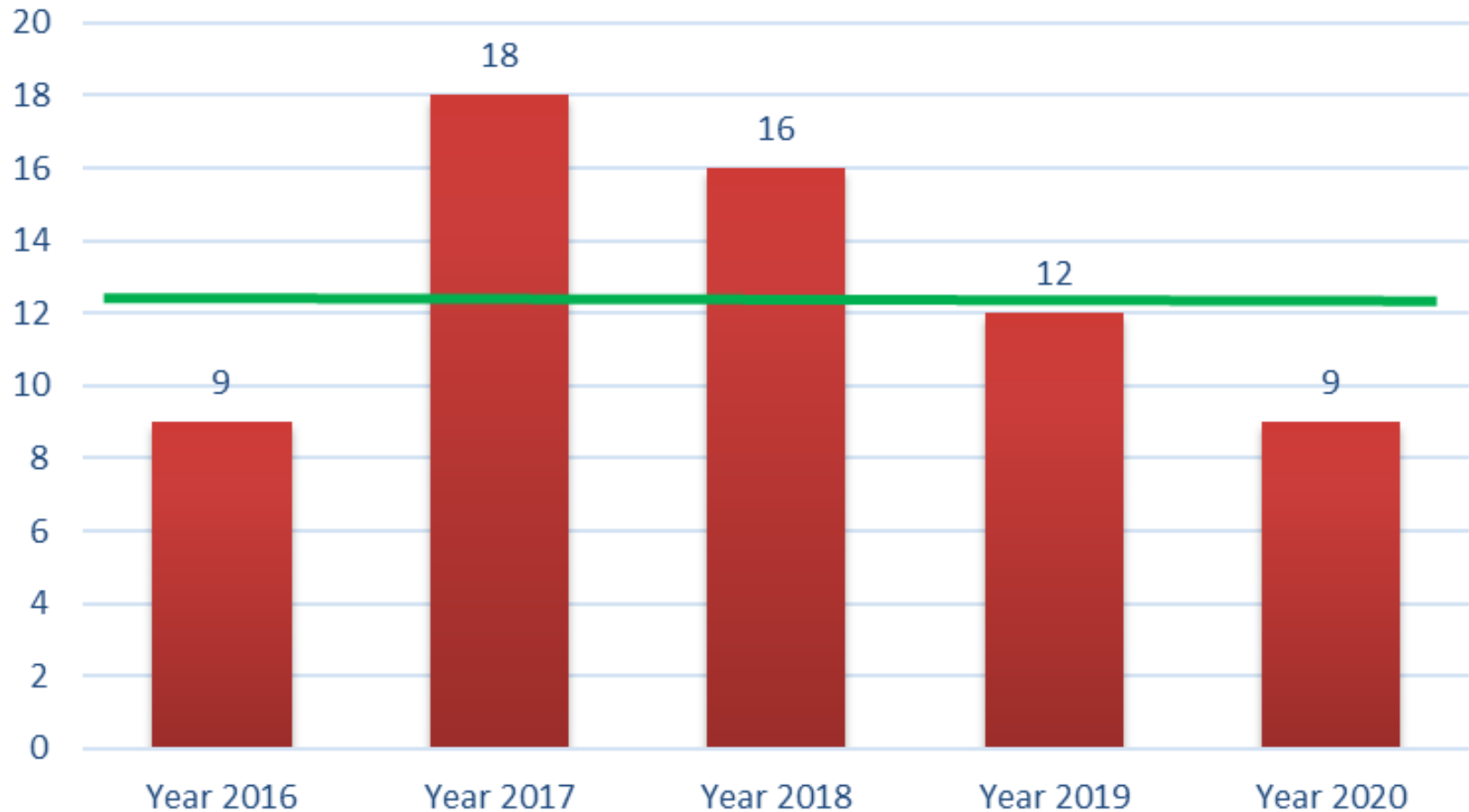
MUNSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS BY MONTH 2020



***259 Total Arrests in 2020 (215 in 2019)**

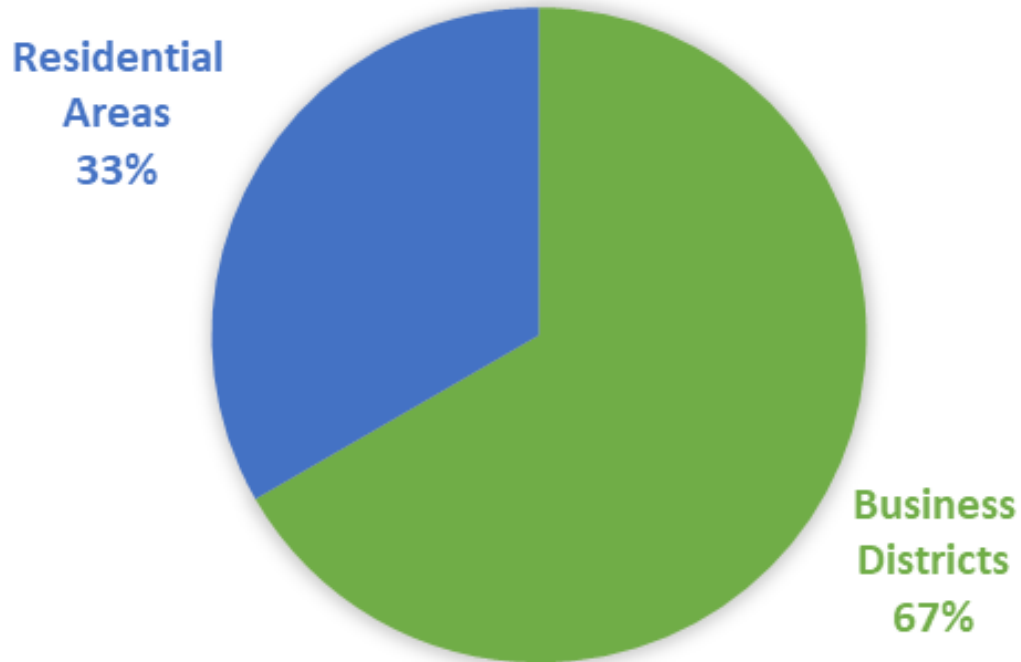
15.1% were juvenile arrests in 2020 (20.4% in 2019)

Total Munster Robberies, 2016-2020



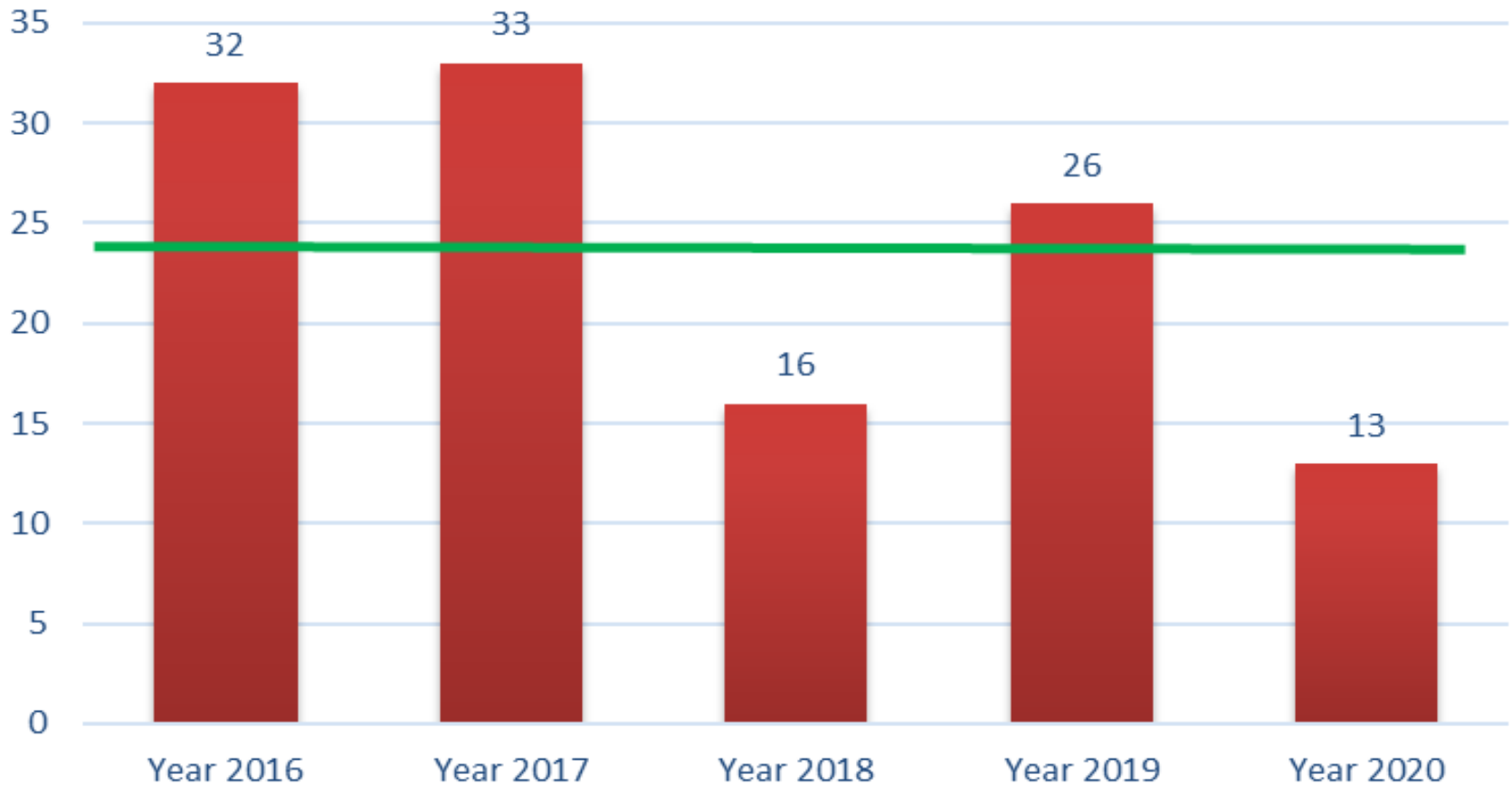
5-year average = 12.8 Robberies

ROBBERIES BY AREA, 2020



*67% of the business area robberies were cleared, and 33% of the residential area robberies were cleared in 2020.

Total Munster Burglaries, 2016-2020

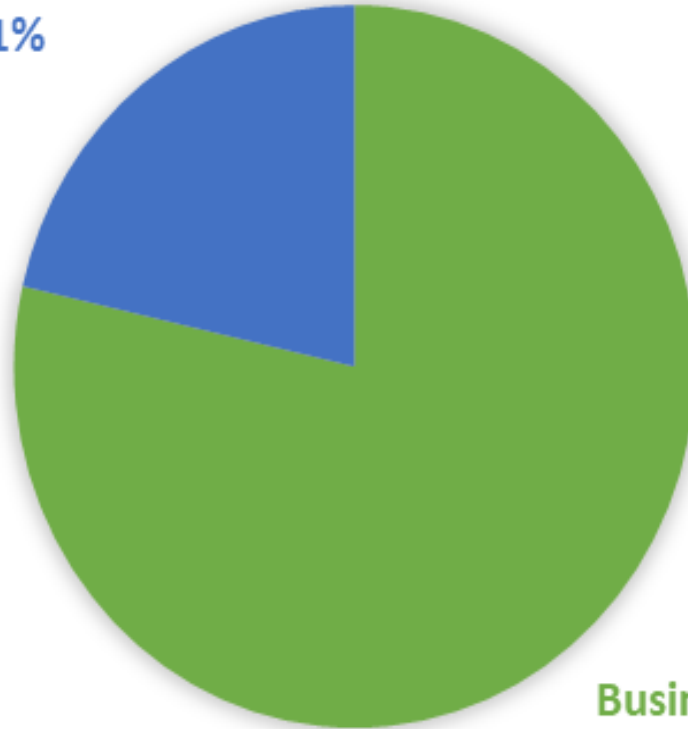


5-year average = 24 Burglaries

***PLEASE NOTE** that **five** of this year's burglaries **are believed to have taken place the same evening in an RV storage yard in late August**. Each is counted separately for UCR reporting purposes.

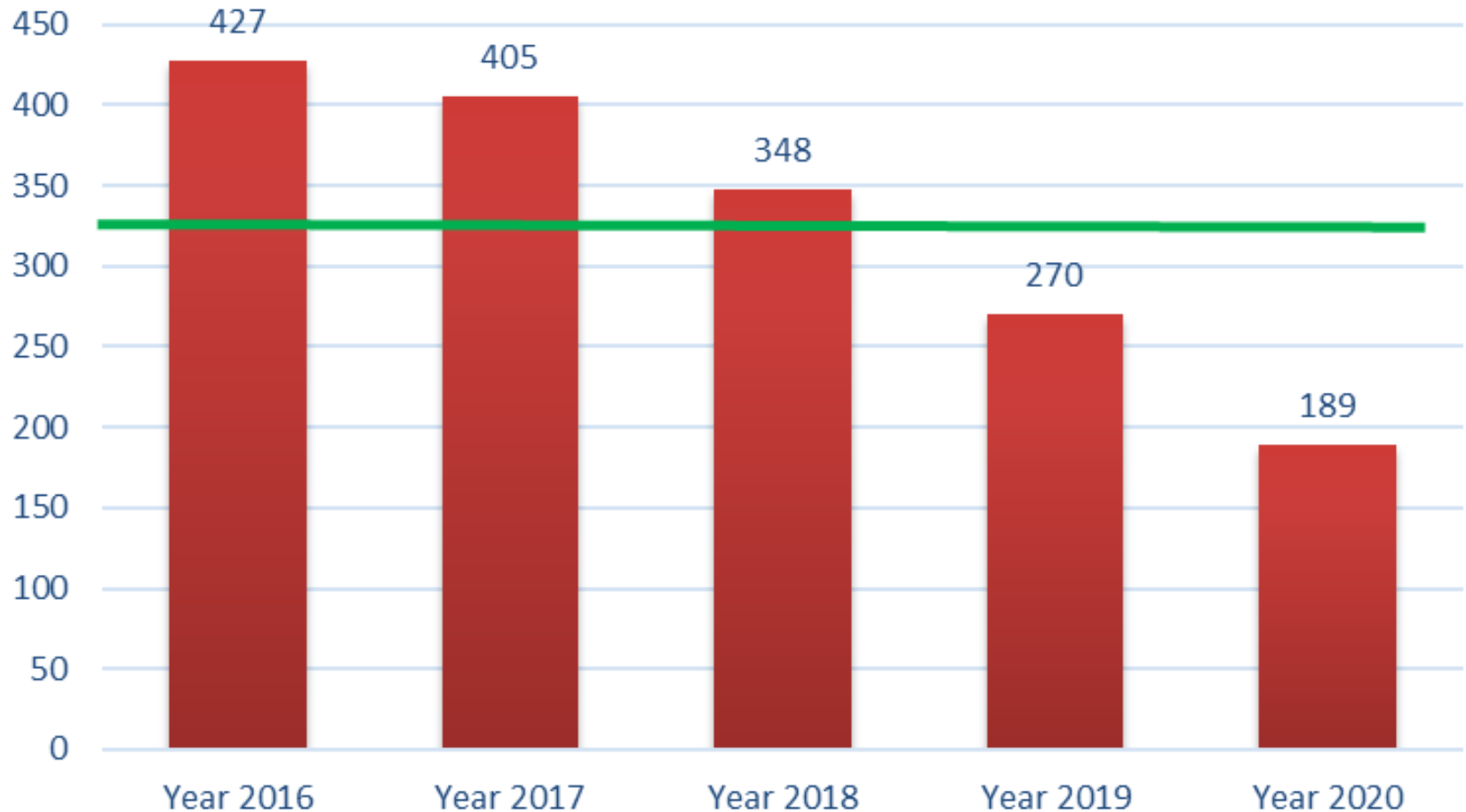
BURGLARIES BY AREA, 2020

Residences
21%



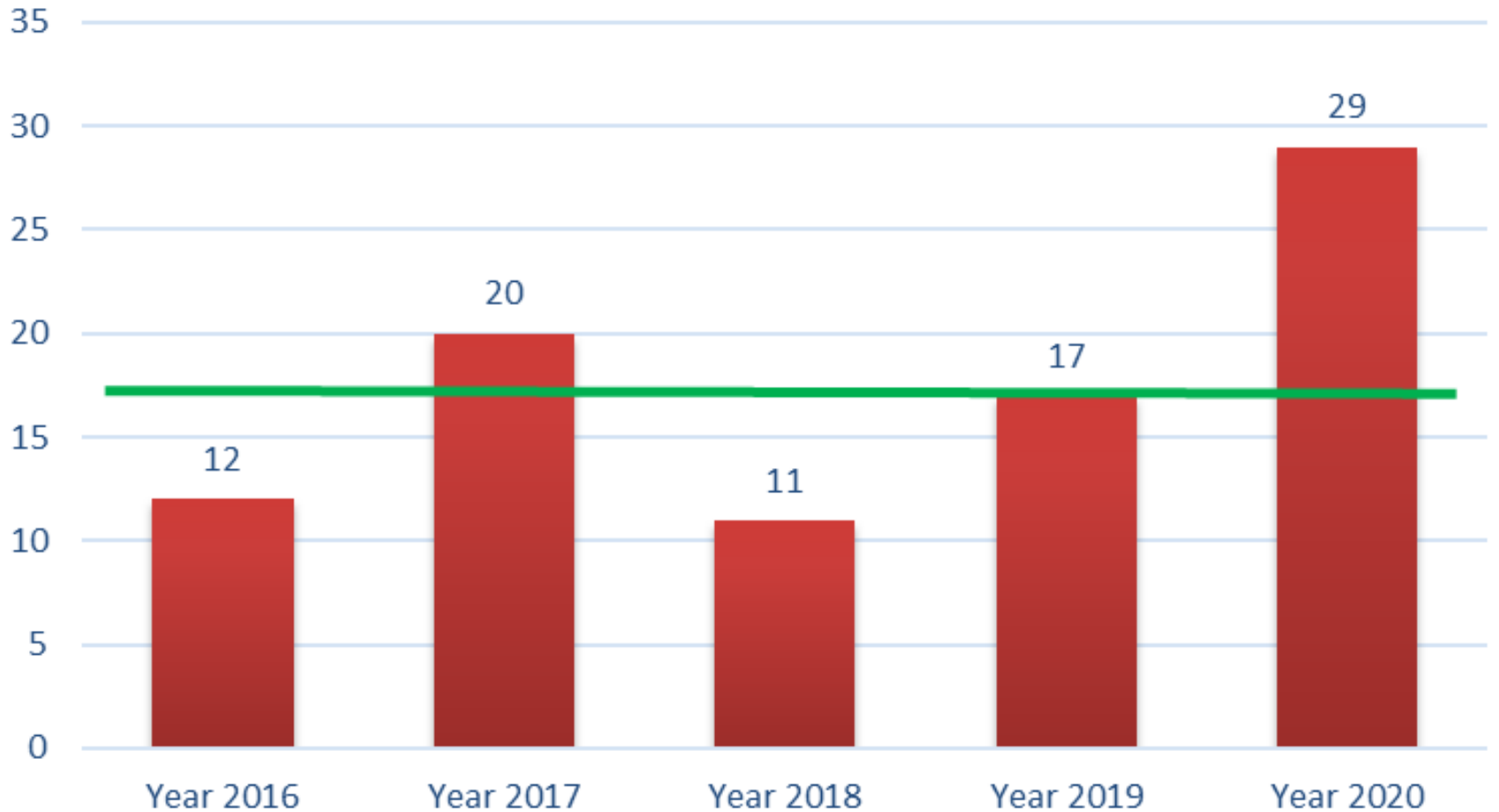
Businesses
79%

Total Munster Thefts, 2016-2020



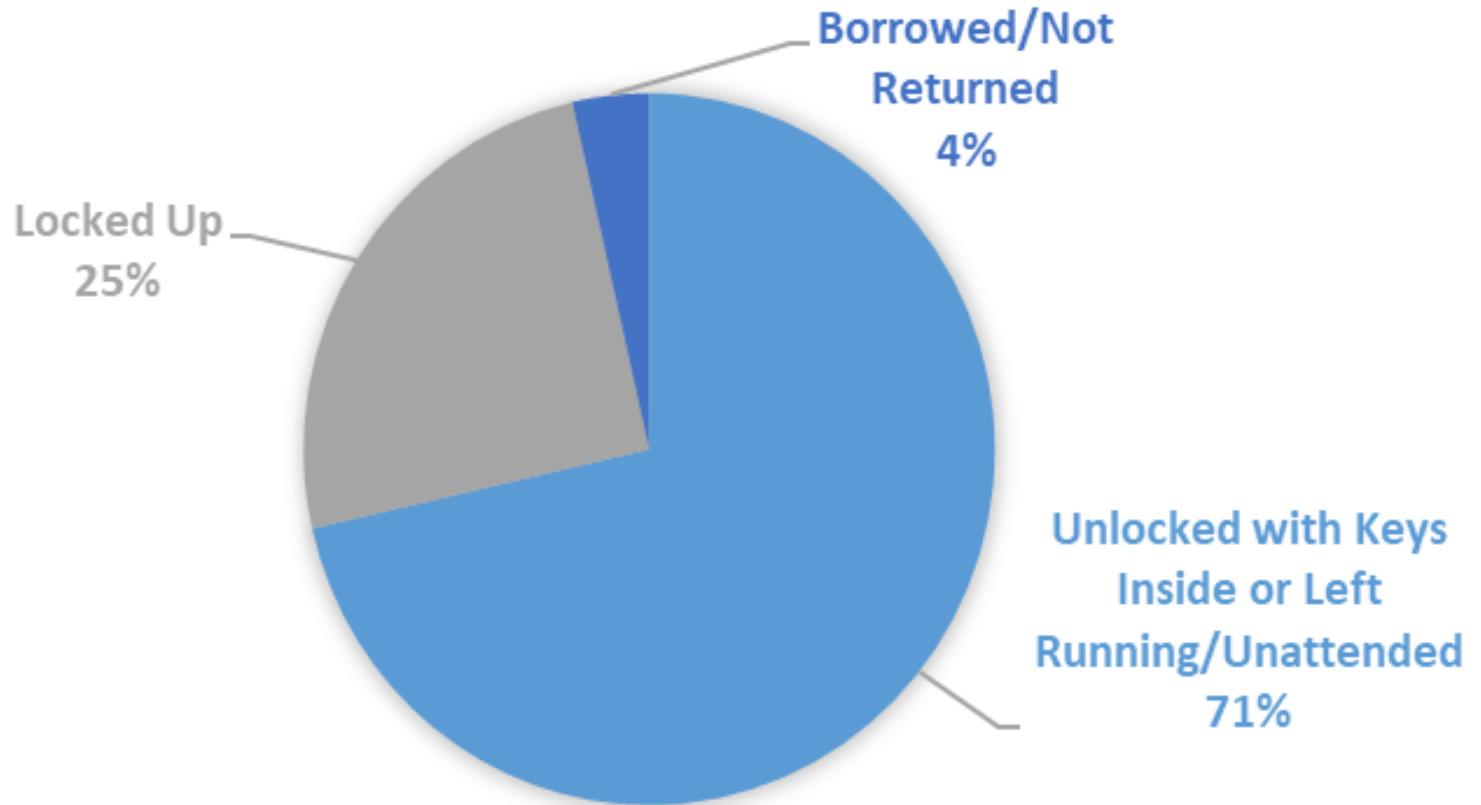
5-year average = 327.8 Thefts

Total Munster Auto Thefts, 2016-2020



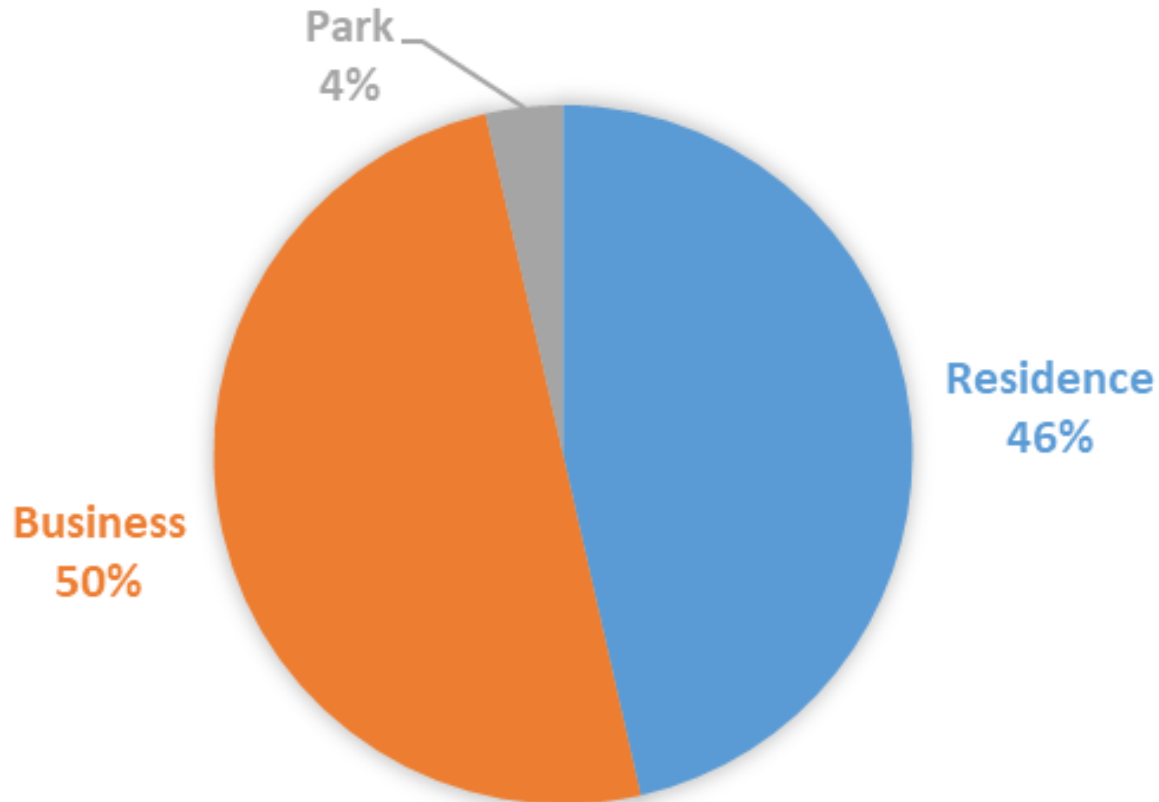
5-year average = 17.8 Auto Thefts

BREAKDOWN OF AUTO THEFTS, 2020



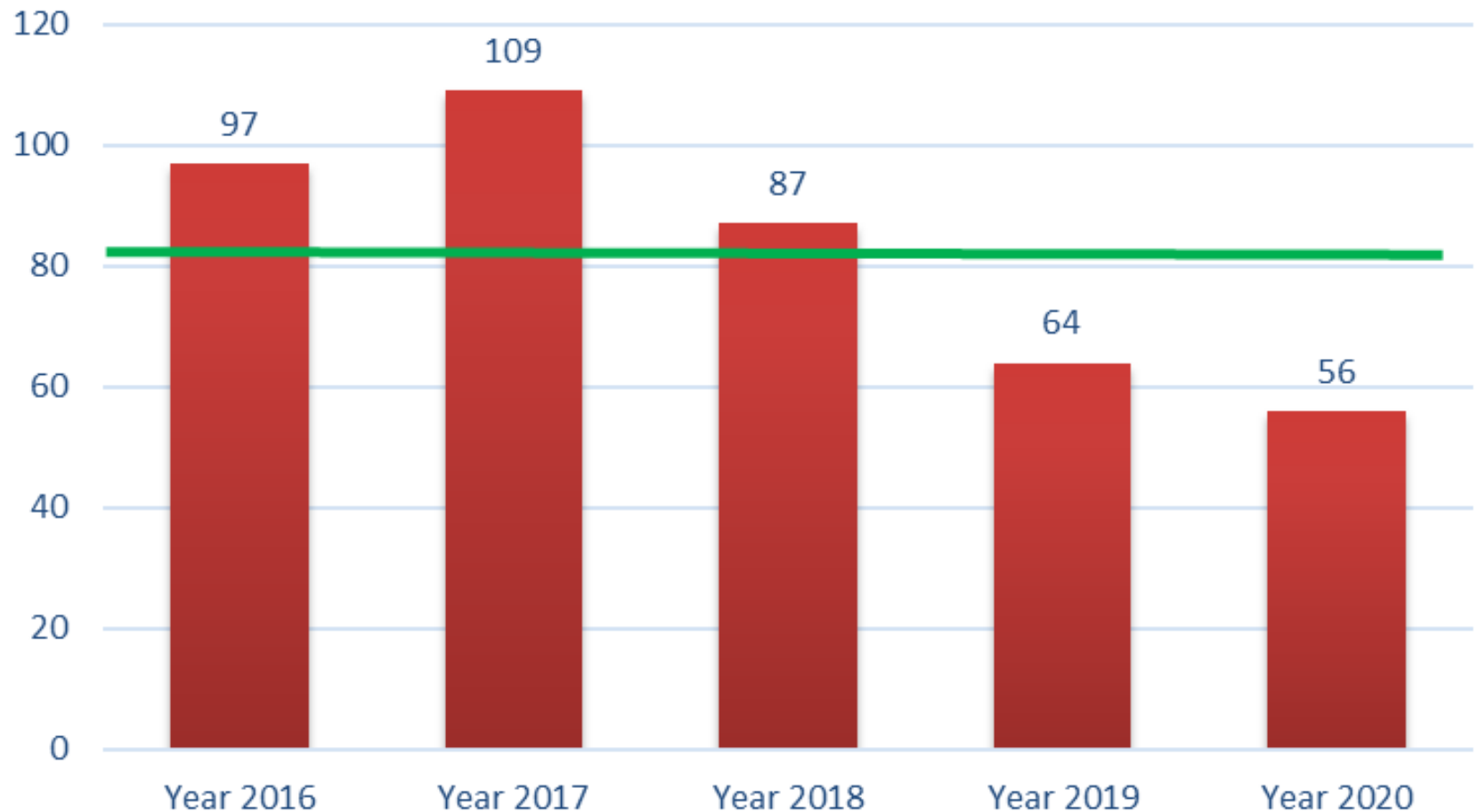
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AUTO THEFTS BY AREA, 2020



***86%** of the auto thefts that occurred in the business districts involved vehicles that were left unlocked and running outside, sometimes for less than a minute.

Total Munster Vandalisms, 2016-2020



5-year average = 82.6 Vandalisms

MUNSTER ROBBERIES, 2010-2020



MUNSTER BURGLARIES, 2010-2020



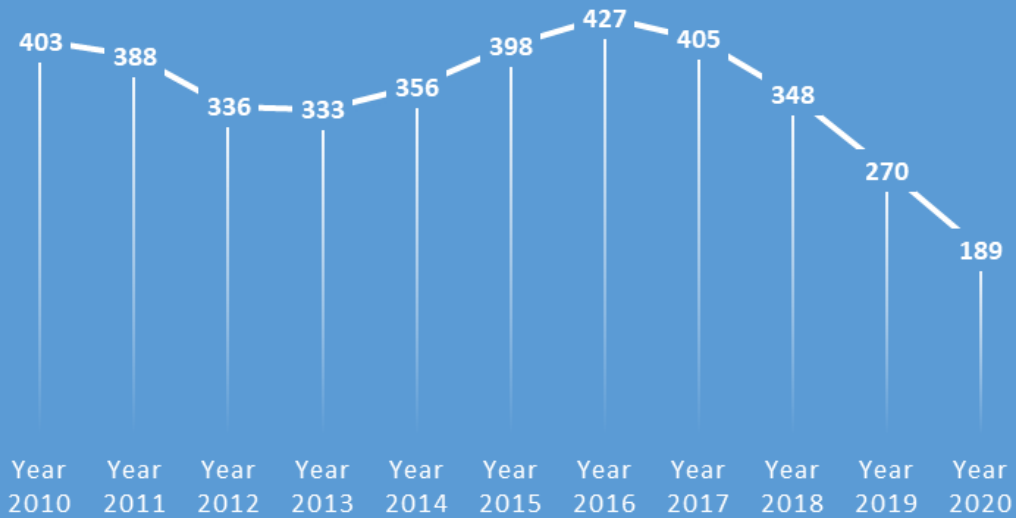
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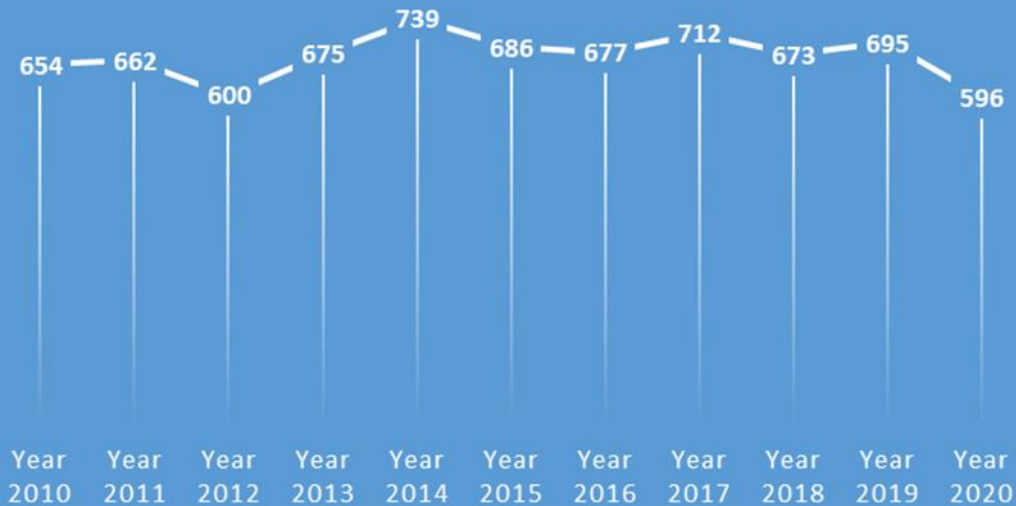
MUNSTER AUTO THEFTS, 2010-2020



MUNSTER THEFTS, 2010-2020



MUNSTER CAR ACCIDENTS, 2010-2020





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Next Tentative Crime Watch Meeting



Thursday, April 22, 2021

7:00PM

Munster Town Hall

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