

Crime Summary for 2014. Estimated Population, Bell County – 332882
 Estimated Population, Rural Only - 175609
 Estimated Population Annual R/G - 2.5%

CRIME (Monthly Totals For Sparta Valley Area) -

Burglary From a Vehicle:

Jan-13	Feb- 3	Mar- 3	Apr- 8	May-5	Jun- 6	Jul-17	Aug- 8	Sep-7	Oct - 2	Nov- 2	Dec- 2
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A total of 76 Vehicles Burglaries occurred in the Sparta Valley area last year, 2014. That equates to an approximate 20% jump from a total of 63 Burglaries of Vehicle, with peaks in May (9) and December (8), in 2013, but only a per capita rate of 0.34/1000 for rural Bell County. The cities of Belton and Harker Heights per capita rates dropped slightly by .1/1000 and .4/1000 respectively, Killeen and Temple saw increases of .67 and 1.01/1000 with Sparta Valley residences seeing an estimated .61/1000.

February through June, 2014 incidents of Burglary of a Vehicle in the Sparta Valley area was a precipitous decline from a high to moderate number of 13 in January, 2014, only to peak in July, 2014 to a high of 17. August and September showed improvement in deterrence with 8 and 7 respectively to finish the year with 2 Burglary of a Vehicle each in October, November and December: at the Lago Terra, Phase II subdivision at XX Lago Verde Lane and at X Vista De Luna in Temple near Morgan’s Point Resort.

Theft of Vehicle:

Jan- 0	Feb- 2	Mar- 4	Apr- 3	May-1	Jun- 2	Jul- 3	Aug- 1	Sep- 3	Oct- 3	Nov- 4	Dec- 1
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In 2014 there were 21 reported Vehicle Thefts (revised) in the Sparta Valley area in 2014. Compared to a total of only 6 in 2013, that equates to an increase of 2.5 times over 2013. The per capita rate, however, equals 1.06/1000 above that of 2013 and .35/1000 increase countywide. Belton’s rate dropped by .23/1000, with Harker Heights and Killeen declining slightly to .05/1000; Temple’s per capita rate climbed slightly by .36/1000. Monday and Tuesdays in both years tended to be the preferred day of the week for vehicle thieves.

These disturbing trends are likely attributed to a high density of transient tenant population, especially in the urban peripheries, and residents neglecting the basic fundamentals to prevent becoming a victim of vehicle theft.

Theft:

Jan-14	Feb-18	Mar-11	Apr-10	May-12	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-11	Sep-7	Oct-6	Nov-9	Dec-12
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Reported Thefts for October were down slightly over those in September with 6: XX Coletto Court, 6XX Benchmark Trail, and 36XX Broken Bow Rd, all in Temple; two were classified as Felony Theft at: 97XX W. FM 93 and 11XX E. Phillip Nolan Expressway, near Nolanville; and 1 was reported at 54XX Denmons Loop; only to leap by 50% to 9 reported thefts for the month of November, 2014 in the Sparta Valley area at: 73XX Sparta Road and 23XX Sparta Loop (Felony Offeses), 38XX Eagle Point North Street, 67XX Fullview First Street, 44XX West Drive, 33XX Briana Drive and 3 at 26XX North Main Street in Belton.

The total number of Thefts (both Petty and Felony), equaled 130; a 45% decline from a total of 243 total in 2013, of which only 24 were classified as Felony Theft (\$5,000 or more). Per capita rates of Theft From An Individual declined slightly in rural Bell County by .09/1000, in Sparta Valley area by 2.06/1000, 8.69/1000 in Belton and 2.01 in Harker Heights while Temple celebrated a 10/1000-point decline from 2013. Killeen realized a net .55/1000 increase from 2013.

Burglary:

Jan-13	Feb- 3	Mar- 3	Apr- 2	May-6	Jun- 6	Jul- 6	Aug-4	Sep-5	Oct- 6	Nov- 3	Dec- 3
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Last year, 2014, there was a total of 61 home Burglaries in the Sparta Valley area, the majority occurring (23) in rural Bell County, (6 - Belton, 5 - Morgan's Point Resort, 5 Nolanville, 11 - Temple areas within Sparta Valley 5 mile radius). Starting out at a high with 13 in January, the rate tapered-off rapidly to 3 each in February and March. The incidences in April dropped to 2 only to jump to 6 each in May, June, July and October, ending the year with 3 each in November and December.

By comparison, in 2013 there were only 23 reported Burglaries equating to 2.7-times fewer Home Invasions than in 2014. Recognizing a 2.5% annual growth rate, the countywide per capita rate increase of Home Invasion for 2014 was .44/1000 and up by .36/1000 for the Sparta Valley area. In urban Belton a per capita decline of .47/1000 was reported, while in Harker Heights that dropped by 1.26/1000, in Killeen it was down by 1.23/1000 and in Temple the rate/1000 was - 0.36 from 2013.

Robbery:

Jan- 0	Feb- 0	Mar- 0	Apr- 0	May-2	Jun- 0	Jul- 1	Aug- 0	Sep- 1	Oct- 0	Nov- 0	Dec- 0
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Four Robbery of Individual incidents were reported in 2014; 2 in May, 1 in July and 1 in September was reported as Aggravated Robbery with Firearm at Broken Bow Rd. There were no reports of Robbery in the months remaining from 2014.

The per capita rates for Robbery of an Individual rose by .03/1000 countywide and by .04/1000 in Belton; by .05/1000 in Killeen, and by .18/1000 in the Sparta Valley area. The rates per/1000 dropped by .04 in Harker Heights and Temple.

Despite an increase per capita rate of 2.72/1000 up by .36/1000 from 2013 in Killeen and from 1.59/1000 in 2013 per capita rate in Temple to 2.89/1000 (up .017/1000), the Bell County per capita rate of Robbery of Commercial Activity rose by .31/1000 from 2.09 to 2.4/1000 in 2014.