# Got Milk? Exploring the Whey to Car Theft in Pennsylvania

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#### Abstract

This study examines the peculiar correlation between milk consumption and motor vehicle thefts in the state of Pennsylvania. Leveraging data from the USDA and FBI Criminal Justice Information Services, our research team conducted a rigorous analysis to curdle the mystery and whey in on this unusual relationship. Surprisingly, we discovered a remarkably strong positive correlation, with a coefficient of 0.9194272 and p < 0.01, between the per capita milk consumption and the incidence of motor vehicle thefts from 1990 to 2021. Our findings could have udderly unexpected implications for law enforcement and dairy industry stakeholders. We unpick the potential reasons behind this unlikely association and explore the whey in which milk may be linked to vehicular larceny. We discuss the possibility of calcium-fueled criminal behavior, the impact of lactose intolerance on criminal minds, and the potential role of milk cartons in getaway vehicles. This research not only enriches the bizarre intersection of dietary habits and crime, but also highlights the need for further investigation into the curiously creamy connections between seemingly unrelated societal phenomena.

#### 1. Introduction

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Milk consumption and motor vehicle theft may seem like an utter odd couple at first glance, but as the saying goes, "don't cry over spilled milk, unless it's stolen along with your car." As we delve into the dairy-dealing underworld of crime and calcium, we can't help but wonder if "Got Milk?" advertisements inadvertently inspired a new slogan for car thieves: "Got Milk? Time to Take a Joyride!"

In the world of academia, we often find ourselves navigating through the lactose-laden maze of statistical analysis, but rarely do we stumble upon a scenario where a creamy beverage and criminal activity intersect so profoundly. Yet, our research team has churned through a rich database of data to uncover a surprisingly robust positive correlation between milk consumption and motor vehicle thefts in Pennsylvania. The connection is stronger than the grip of a toddler on a milk bottle – a coefficient of 0.9194272 and p < 0.01, to be precise.

The chosen location of this study, Pennsylvania, provides an interesting backdrop for our investigation. With its rich agricultural history and love for dairy products, one might expect the state to offer a smooth and wholesome environment. However, our findings cast a shadow of doubt, leading us to ponder whether there is a more sinister side to the state's affinity for milk.

In this paper, we embark on a journey to unravel the curdled conundrum of this unlikely relationship. We aim to serve up an analysis that is both thought-provoking and, dare we say, milk-shake-inducing. It is our hope that this research not only offers a creamy contribution to the academic landscape but also brings a lactose-tolerant dose of humor to the often-serious world of statistical inquiry. Let's milk this topic for all it's worth and see what udderly enlightening revelations lie ahead!

# 2. Literature Review

In "Smith et al.'s 2014 study," the authors find a significant positive correlation between milk consumption and theft of motor vehicles in the state of Pennsylvania. This groundbreaking research has prompted numerous follow-up studies and has left experts pondering whether there is something more than mere coincidence at play in this unlikely association. As we delve into the literature, it becomes evident that the relationship between dairy intake and vehicular larceny is not as straightforward as black and white – or should we say, white and chocolate milk.

Moving beyond the statistical analyses, "Doe's publication on Dairy Dynamics and Crime Rates" draws attention to the potential behavioral implications of lactose metabolism on criminal activities. The authors explore the hypothetical scenario where individuals, fueled by the sudden surge of calcium, exhibit an increased propensity for daredevil pursuits, including the theft of automobiles. Indeed, it seems the "Got Milk?" campaign may have inadvertently inspired a new breed of calcium-fueled daredevils, daring law enforcement to "catch them if they can."

Transitioning from academic sources to more diverse and eclectic references, "Milk: The White Elixir of Destiny" offers a philosophical take on the interplay of milk consumption and criminal inclinations. While the connection may seem far-fetched at first glance, this thought-provoking treatise takes readers on a journey through history, religion, and folklore, unearthing dairy-related anecdotes that may have subtly influenced the mischievous tendencies of car thieves.

In a departure from the non-fiction realm, the novel "Milk on the Run" by J.K. Mooving casts an imaginative light on the secret world of dairy-driven crime sprees, where lactose intolerance serves as a driving force behind nefarious plots involving stolen automobiles. This work of fiction adds a whimsical yet thought-provoking layer to our exploration of the milk-motor vehicle theft nexus, challenging readers to ponder the dairy-fueled intricacies of criminal behavior.

An unorthodox departure from the literary milieu, the film "Got Milk Money" provides an unexpected but tangentially related perspective. While the plot may not directly address the consumption of milk and its correlation to motor vehicle theft, the inherent complexities of human behavior, hinted at in the movie, offer an intriguing lens through which to examine the intersection of dairy consumption and criminal activity.

As we wade through the diverse array of literature, both scholarly and imaginative, it becomes abundantly clear that our quest to comprehend the curious camaraderie between milk and motor vehicle theft transcends the boundaries of conventional inquiry. With each source offering its own unique vantage point, we are reminded that no udder topic could be as delightfully enigmatic and whimsically perplexing as this one.

# 3. Research Approach

To investigate the perplexing link between milk consumption and motor vehicle thefts in Pennsylvania, our research team employed a methodological approach as multifaceted as a dairy-based Rubik's cube. We gathered data from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to obtain detailed information on milk consumption trends, while also tapping into the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services to procure comprehensive data on motor vehicle thefts. Our team's data collection process was reminiscent of a cow's diligent milk production, methodically extracting information from various sources and herding it all into one unified dataset.

The time frame for our analysis spanned the years 1990 to 2021, allowing us to observe changes in both milk consumption patterns and motor vehicle theft rates over a substantial period. As we embarked on this research journey, we encountered numerous statistical crossroads and milked every opportunity to apply rigorous analytical frameworks to our data.

To quantify milk consumption, we utilized per capita milk consumption figures, measuring the gallons of milk equivalent (GME) consumed per person in Pennsylvania. This approach provided us with a standardized metric to gauge the dairy habits of the state's populace. We then incorporated motor vehicle theft data from the FBI's repository, meticulously sifting through the reported incidents to paint a comprehensive picture of vehicular larceny trends.

To establish the relationship between milk consumption and motor vehicle thefts, we employed several statistical methods akin to separating cream from milk. First, we conducted a Pearson correlation analysis to assess the strength and direction of the association between these seemingly disparate variables. Our statistical toolkit also included a time series analysis, allowing us to track the fluctuations in both milk consumption and motor vehicle thefts over the study period.

Furthermore, we implemented regression modeling to delve deeper into the nuances of this curious connection. By concocting regression models akin to a chef crafting a delectable milk-based dessert, we sought to unravel the potential mechanisms underlying the observed relationship. We adjusted for various demographic and socioeconomic factors in our regression models, ensuring that our findings would not curdle under the pressure of confounding variables.

In addition to the quantitative analyses, our research team embarked on qualitative inquiries into the cultural and societal aspects of milk consumption and its conceivable impact on criminal behavior. This qualitative exploration was as enlightening as discovering a hidden cheese stash in a dairy farm, shedding light on the complex dynamics between dietary preferences and unlawful activities.

Overall, our methodology embraced a diverse array of statistical and qualitative approaches, akin to blending different types of dairy products to create a harmonious culinary masterpiece. With a pinch of wit and a dollop of scientific rigor, our research endeavor sought to unravel the wheyward path that connects milk to motor vehicle thefts, inviting both scholarly reflection and perhaps a few chuckles along the way.

### 4. Findings

Our analysis of the connection between milk consumption and motor vehicle thefts in Pennsylvania yielded some truly surprising results. We uncovered a cow-mazingly strong positive correlation, with a coefficient of 0.9194272 and an r-squared value of 0.8453463, indicating that approximately 84.5% of the variation in motor vehicle thefts can be explained by variations in milk consumption. This correlation is udderly remarkable and certainly not something one encounters every day in the world of statistical analysis.

The p-value of less than 0.01 provides strong evidence to reject the null hypothesis that there is no relationship between milk consumption and motor vehicle thefts. Simply put, the likelihood of this correlation occurring by mere coincidence is as rare as finding a needle in a haystack, or as rare as finding a lactose-intolerant cow.

To illustrate this unexpected association, we present Figure 1, a scatterplot demonstrating the strikingly strong positive relationship between per capita milk consumption and

motor vehicle thefts in Pennsylvania from 1990 to 2021. The figure leaves little room for doubt and showcases a trend that is as clear as the white of a fresh glass of milk.



Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

It is not often that a research study leads us down the seemingly absurd path of connecting dairy intake and grand theft auto, but our findings undeniably raise questions that are bound to tickle the curiosity of both researchers and enthusiasts of the dairy-and-crime genre.

# 5. Discussion on findings

The results of our study reinforce the findings of prior research, notably the work of Smith et al. (2014), which first unveiled the intriguing positive correlation between milk consumption and motor vehicle thefts in Pennsylvania. Our analysis not only affirms this unexpected relationship but also provides further insight into the whey in which milk intake and car thefts intertwine. It seems that the wheels of dairy and crime are churning in unison, much like a freshly made batch of cheese.

Delving into the literature, we recall the daring speculations made by Doe on the potential influence of lactose metabolism on criminal behaviors. While initially met with skepticism, our results seem to lend credence to this notion, suggesting that calcium-induced bravado may indeed be a contributing factor to the dairy-driven derring-do of auto thieves. Could it be that an overdose of calcium leads to a calcium-fueled crime spree? Our findings certainly seem to suggest so. It appears that the "Got Milk?" campaign might have inadvertently inspired a new breed of daredevils, "Got Stolen Car" perpetrators.

Additionally, the captivating philosophical musings of "Milk: The White Elixir of Destiny" have not been in vain. The historical and folklore influences of dairy consumption on mischievous inclinations may very well have deeper implications than

previously acknowledged. The creamy lure of milk may be whispering felonious temptations into the ears of the lactose-loving criminal underworld. It seems that milk, far from being a mere innocent beverage, may hold the keys to a clandestine world of calcium-fueled capers.

Furthermore, our findings bring to mind the whimsical yet thought-provoking possibilities depicted in J.K. Mooving's "Milk on the Run." The concept of lactose intolerance serving as a driving force behind nefarious schemes involving stolen vehicles suddenly ceases to be mere fiction in the light of our results. Perhaps lactose intolerance drives individuals to desperate measures, including the unauthorized acquisition of motor vehicles, in a desperate attempt to escape the dairy-laden trappings of modern society. The lactose-intolerant may indeed be the ones leading the lacto-crime wave.

Lastly, our unexpected journey through the film "Got Milk Money" – while tangentially related – illustrates that the complexities of human behavior, as hinted at in this movie, offer an intriguing lens through which to examine the intersection of dairy consumption and criminal activity. After all, who would have thought that milk money could potentially be linked to the theft of milk-fueled getaway vehicles?

In conclusion, our study not only solidifies the unlikely connection between milk consumption and motor vehicle thefts but also opens the door to a world of dairy-driven intrigue that promises to be as delightfully enigmatic as it is perplexing. The milk-motor vehicle theft nexus continues to churn the waters of curiosity, and further research is warranted to unravel the mysteries of this unusual correlation.

### 6. Conclusion

In conclusion, our study has churned out some truly remarkable findings that are quite hard to digest, much like an entire gallon of milk in one sitting. The link between milk consumption and motor vehicle thefts in Pennsylvania is utterly astounding, to say the least. This unexpected association may have eluded researchers for so long because they were simply looking in all the wrong places – perhaps they were too focused on the milk carton to notice the getaway car.

While some may argue that correlation does not imply causation, one can't help but wonder if there's something in the milk that's stirring up these criminal activities. Is it the calcium-induced bravado leading to bold heists? Perhaps lactose intolerance creates a sense of urgency to steal a car and escape to a more dairy-friendly location. We can only speculate.

Furthermore, our findings have also shed light on the potential for a new crime genre – "dairy crime." It's only a matter of time before Hollywood produces a thriller where the protagonist tracks down a gang of milk bandits stealing cars under the moonlit night.

In the spirit of scientific inquiry, we must acknowledge that this research, while utterly enlightening and entertaining, also raises some very serious questions. However, it's time to put an end to this investigation and milk our findings for all they're worth. It's clear that no more research is needed in this area, as we've undoubtedly skimmed the surface and extracted all the cream of knowledge available on this utterly peculiar topic.