

## FELONY LARCENY THRESHOLDS FROM LOWEST TO HIGHEST

The felony larceny threshold should be raised to \$1500 or more. With only a \$250 threshold, Massachusetts is an outlier nationally and has the lowest threshold in all of New England. Comparable New England states with urban populations are Connecticut (\$2000) and Rhode Island (\$1500). Most states have thresholds that range from \$1000 to \$2500.

The felony larceny threshold gets raised only every 30 or 40 years so it is critical that the threshold be set at an amount of \$1500 or higher so it is not quickly outdated. The threshold was always too low and was last raised to \$250 in 1987 and was originally \$100 back in 1945. **Studies from Pew show that raising the threshold does not increase crime.** Larceny crimes decreased in MA after 1987.

- > \$200: 2 states (New Jersey, Virginia)
- > \$250: 1 state (MA)
- > \$300: 1 state (Florida)
- > \$500: 6 states (Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, New Mexico, Tennessee)
- > \$650: 1 state: Nevada
- > \$750: 6 states (Indiana, Louisiana, Alaska, Washington, Hawaii and Missouri as of Jan. 1, 2017)
- > \$900: 1 state (Vermont)
- > \$950: 1 state (California)
- > \$1000: 19 states & DC (Arizona, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, No. Carolina, New York, No. Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, So. Dakota, Tenn., W. Virginia, Wyoming)
- > \$1500: 8 states (Delaware, Georgia, Kansas, Maryland, Montana, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Utah).
- > \$2000: 4 states (Colorado, Connecticut, PA and So. Carolina)
- > \$2500: 2 states (Texas, Wisconsin)

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