



Brazil: Q3-2025 Cargo Theft Report



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Executive Summary

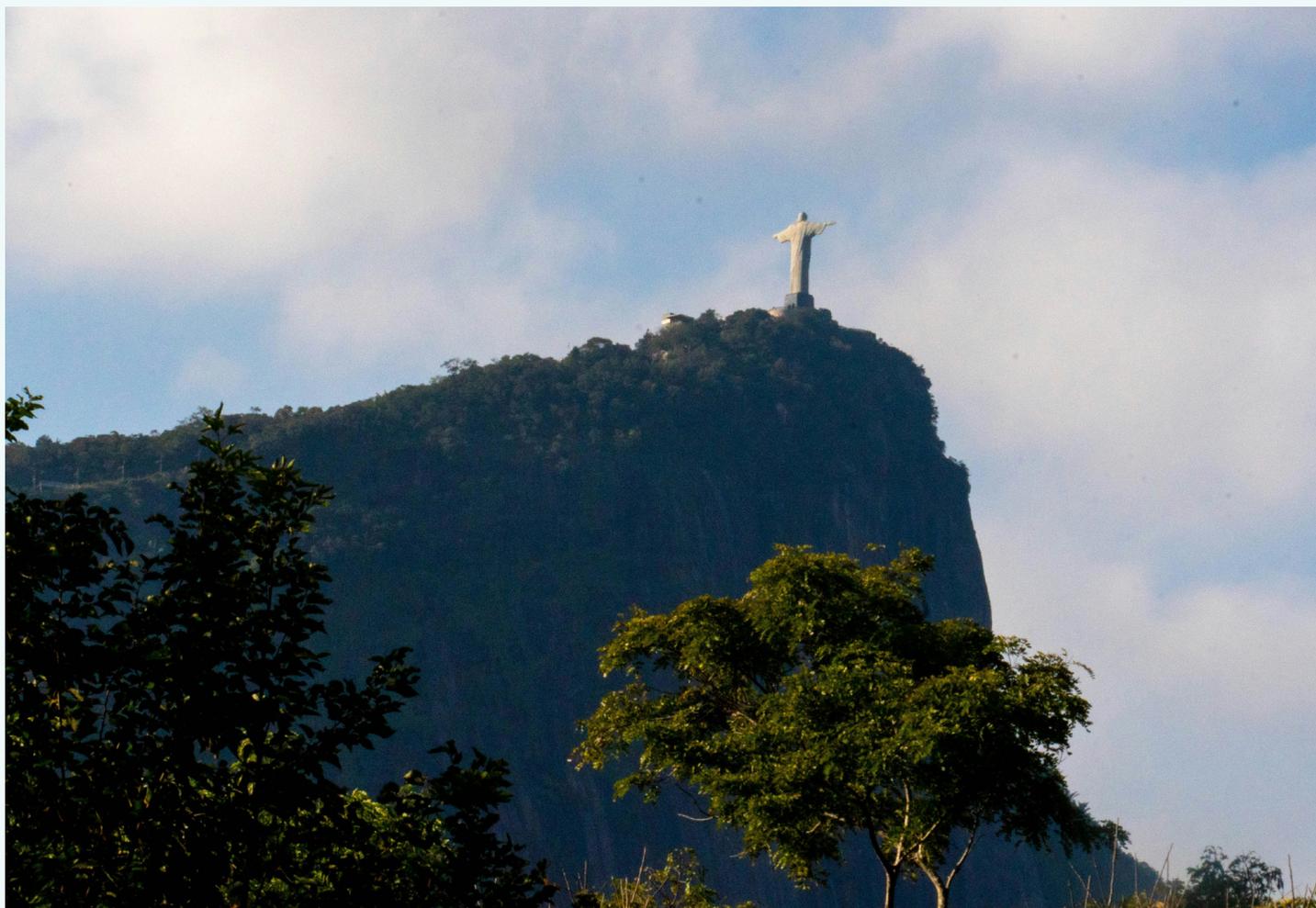
The Q3-2025 Overhaul Report provides an in-depth overview of cargo crime in Brazil, based on comprehensive studies. The analysis utilized a unique dataset derived from public sources, complemented by advanced technological tools and the expertise of specialized analysts.

The report considers cargo theft to be all events involving the transportation, attempted transportation, and/or recovery of raw materials, components, and in-process and/or finished products. It can also include the theft of cargo vehicles.

Cargo theft continues to be one of the main problems affecting the country's logistics chains. The Q3-2025 report on cargo theft in Brazil describes the spatial and temporal patterns of this crime at the national level to help decision-makers establish prevention strategies to reduce the risk to their operations.

Criminal groups within Brazil often utilize different modes of operation across high-risk areas at the regional, state, and road levels. For this reason, we advise using actionable intelligence to develop strategies tailored to specific sector or industry threats. For more information, please contact us.

Note: In Q3-2025, Overhaul had access to more data on cargo theft across the country, so when making comparisons against the previous year, some important variations can be noted.





Spatial Analysis of Cargo Theft

The spatial distribution of cargo theft crimes by quadrants during Q3-2025 compared to Q2-2025 is similar. The most notable change was a 3.43 percentage point decrease in the fourth quadrant. Conversely, the remaining quadrants experienced increases, led by the third quadrant (+1.76 p.p.) and the first quadrant (+1.25 p.p.). The second quadrant registered the smallest change, with an increase of 0.42 p.p.

The fourth quadrant, which includes the South, Southeast and part of the Midwest, was responsible for 91.38% of the cargo thefts recorded in Q3-2025. This quadrant includes the states of São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais, Paraná, Santa Catarina, Rio Grande do Sul, and Goiás.

The first quadrant, which mainly covers the Northeast, was responsible for 5.98% of criminal activity.

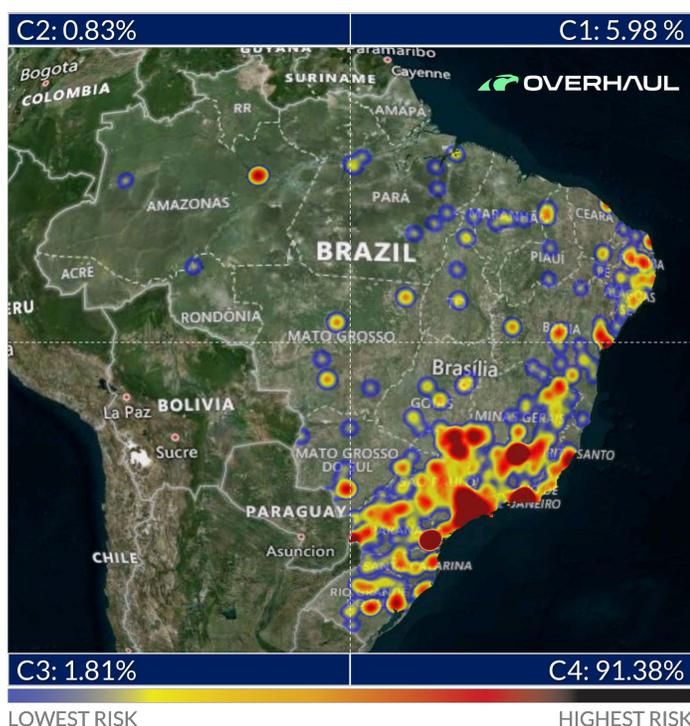
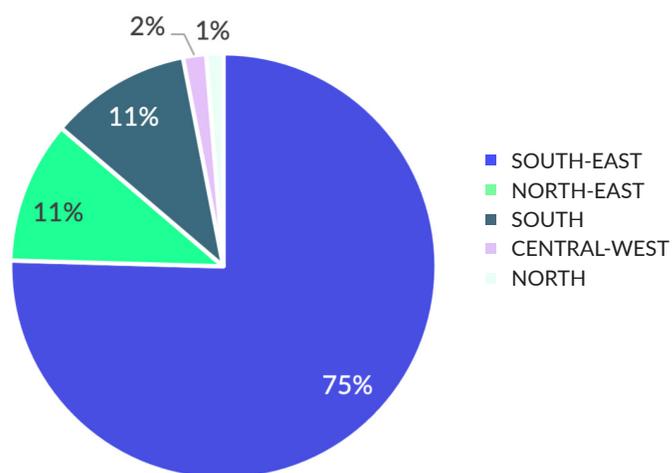


Chart 1: Cargo Theft by Region Q3-2025



97% of cargo thefts nationwide were concentrated in the Southeast (75%), Northeast (11%) and South (11%) regions.

Ten States with the Highest Number of Cargo Thefts

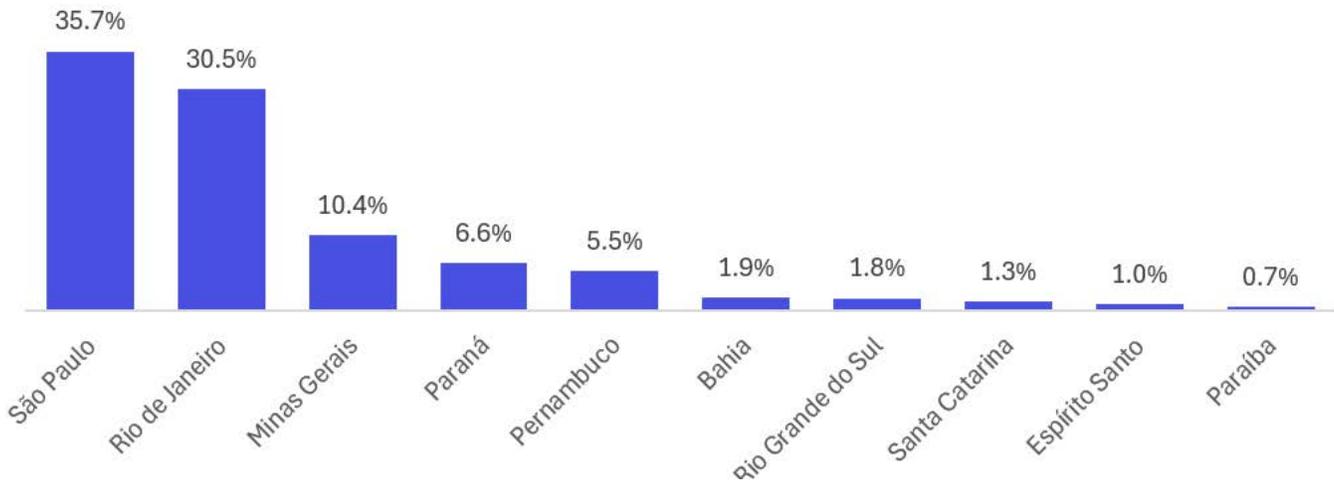
In Q3-2025, 95.3% of the cargo thefts registered nationwide were concentrated in ten entities. The states of São Paulo (35.7%) and Rio de Janeiro (30.5%) accounted for 66.2% of the incidence.

São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro are the most important economic zones in the country, so the greater movement of goods at these points generates a greater opportunity for cargo theft.

The states of Minas Gerais, Paraná and Pernambuco also had a significant share, accounting for 22.5% of cargo theft incidents.



Chart 2. Top 10 States with the Highest Number of Cargo Thefts Q3-2025



Temporal Analysis of Cargo Theft

In Q3-2025, 85% of cargo theft events occurred between Monday and Friday. The peak in criminal activity was recorded between Tuesday and Friday, with 72%.

The riskiest times for cargo transportation in Q3-2025 were morning, between 6AM and 12PM, with 36% of incidents.

Between 5AM and 2AM there was a peak in cargo theft with 53% of the incidence.

Chart 3: Cargo Theft by Day of the Week Q3-2025

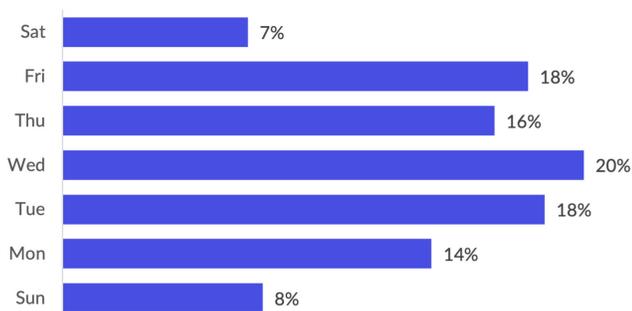
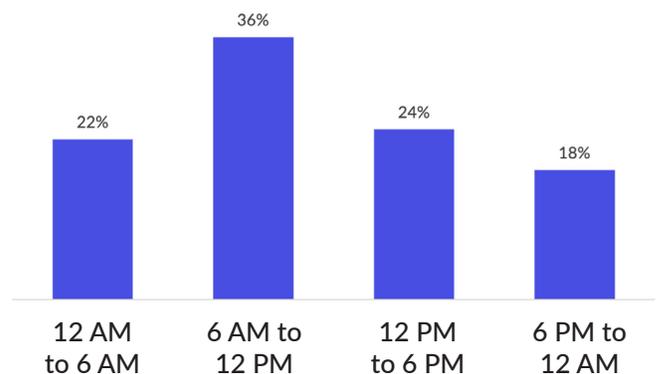


Chart 4: Cargo Theft By Time of Day Q3-2025





Cargo Theft by Product Type

The six most stolen types of products were **Food & Drinks** (39%), **Auto & Parts** (16%), **Tobacco** (6%), **Miscellaneous** (6%), **Electronics** (5%), and **Agro** (5%).

Food & drinks are highly sought after by criminals due to their easy distribution and sale in informal markets.

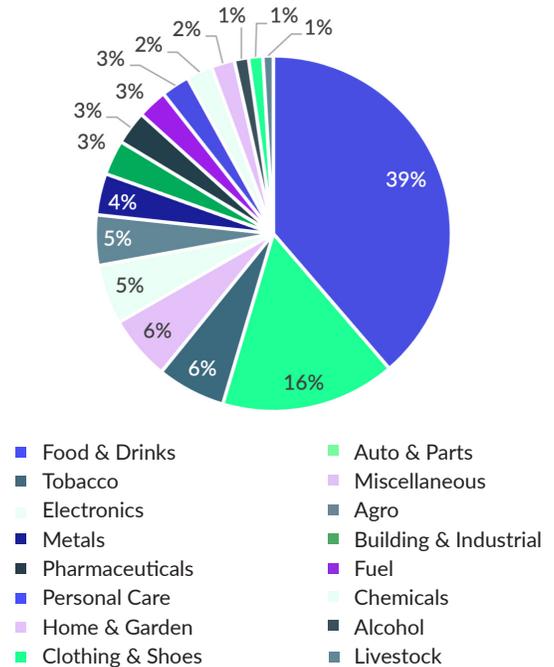
In the **Auto & Parts** category, the main targets for criminals are auto parts, batteries, tires, and luxury vehicles.

Tobacco, mainly in the form of cigarettes, is a highly sought-after commodity by criminals.

Miscellaneous products have historically been highly targeted. This category is mainly related to mixed cargo and parcel services.

The most stolen products in the **Electronics** category are computers, cell phones, and consoles. For **Agro**, the most targeted products are fertilizers and pesticides.

Chart 5: Cargo Theft by Product Type Q3-2025

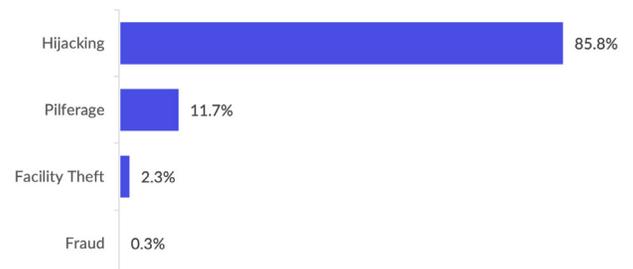


Cargo Theft by Event Type

In Q3-2025, armed robbery (**Hijacking**) accounted for 85.8% of offenses, followed by **Pilferage**, with 11.7% of incidents and **Facility Thefts** with 2.3%.

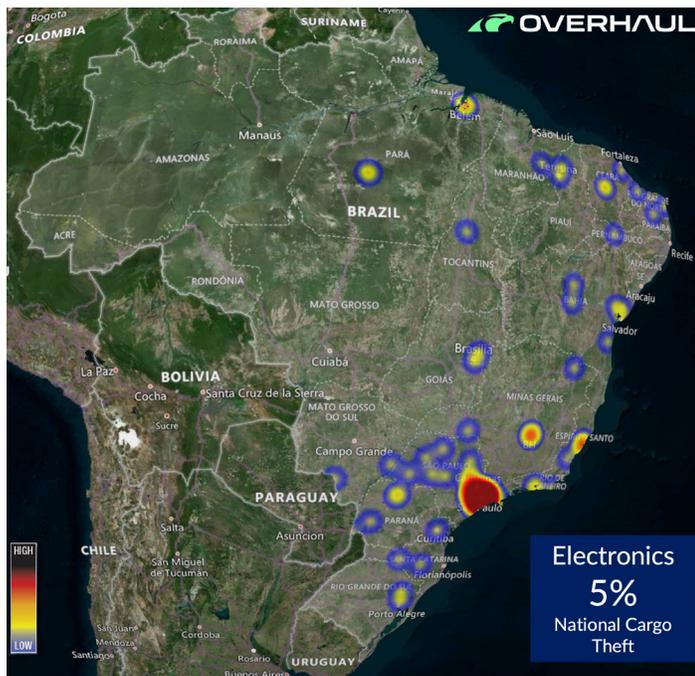
Fraud, which represents the involvement of an employee or person linked to the logistics process in facilitating access to cargo, sharing information, or manipulating internal activities so that cargo is stolen, stood at 0.3%.

Chart 6: Cargo Theft by Type of Event Q3-2025





Spotlight: Electronics



During the last quarter of the year, thefts of electronics are expected to increase because of higher demand for these products during Black Friday and the holiday season. From January to September 2025, electronics thefts accounted for 5% of domestic cargo thefts.

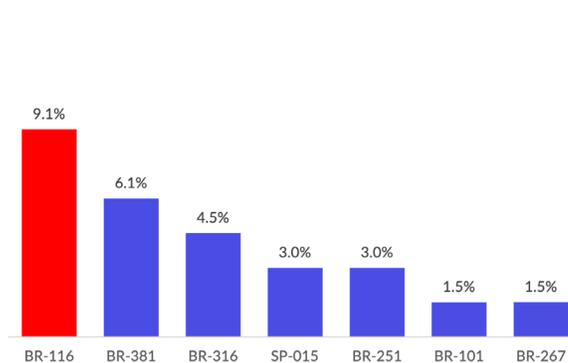
49.4% of electronics thefts occurred in the states of São Paulo (30.4%) and Rio de Janeiro (19.0%), which corresponds to the economic importance of the region. 77% of electronics theft cases occurred in transit. 63% of these incidents occurred in urban areas and 37% on highways. The highways with the highest risk for electronics theft are BR-116 (9.1%), BR-381 (6.1%), and BR-316 (4.5%).

As for time patterns, 45% of electronics thefts occurred between 5AM and 11AM. The days with the highest criminal activity were Wednesday (23%) and Friday (21%).

Electronics Cargo Theft Riskiest States Jan-Sep 2025



Electronics Cargo Theft Riskiest Highways Jan-Sep 2025





General Recommendations

Overhaul is dedicated to helping our customers combat cargo theft and violence in Brazil. To mitigate in-transit threats, we recommend that all cargo units use both physical and electronic security measures and travel during daylight hours. We also suggest that companies invest in proactive risk prevention tools and strategies.

Overhaul's platform enables proactive risk management by leveraging data from GPS, weather conditions, and crime statistics to identify potential security threats. Additionally, our real-time tracking and monitoring features enable immediate response to any unusual activity or route deviations.

Finally, Overhaul provides access to security experts, educational resources, and tools for reporting and analyzing security effectiveness. Combined, these offerings empower our customers to keep their cargo protected throughout their shipment journeys

