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Mexico: Q3-2025 Cargo Theft Report



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Executive Summary

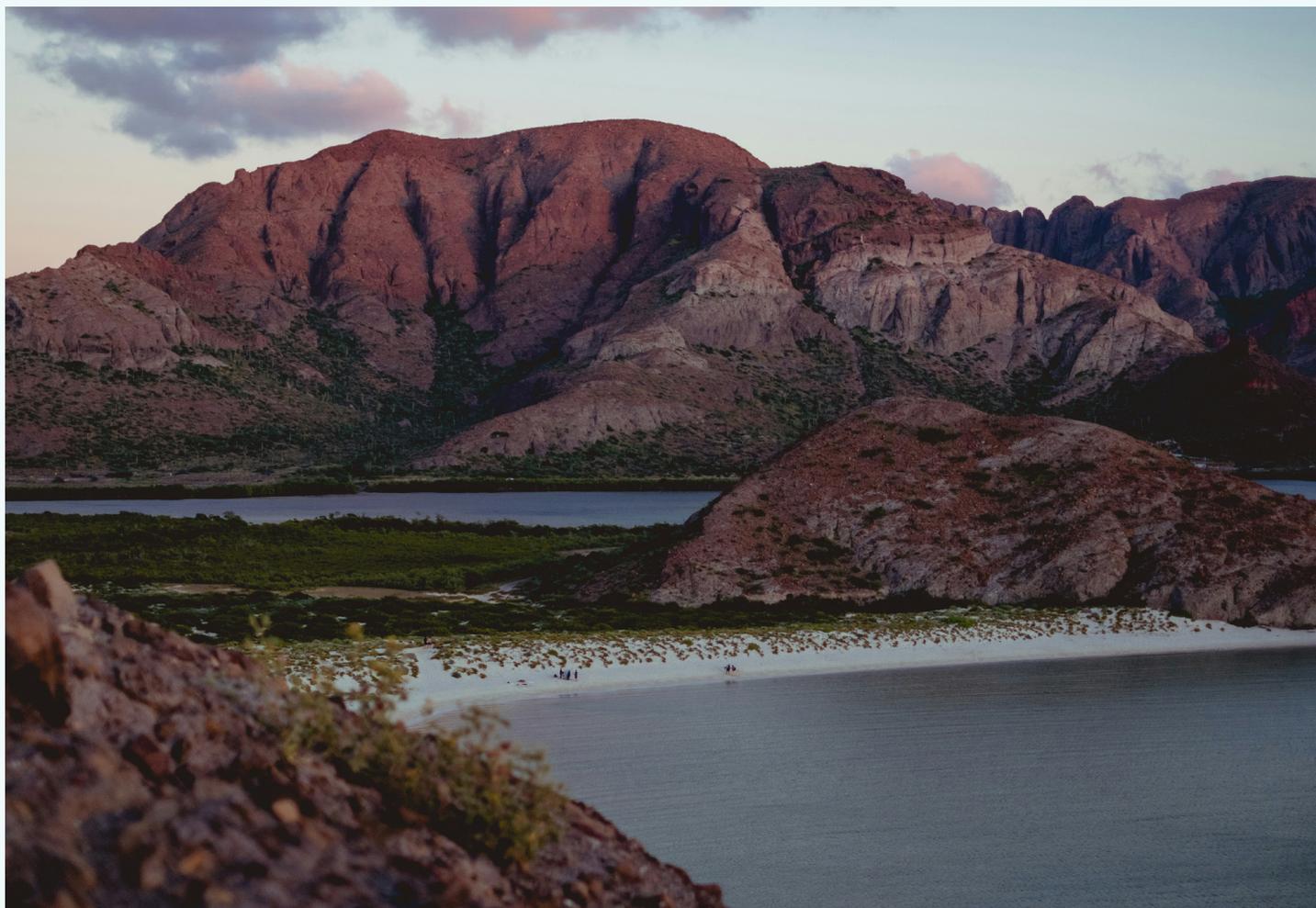
Overhaul's Q3-2025 Cargo Theft report breaks down the spatial and temporal patterns of cargo crime within Mexico. The report is intended to help decision-makers establish prevention strategies to reduce risk in their operations.

The operational modes of various criminal groups across the country may vary, with hotspots identifiable at regional, state, and road levels. We recommend applying Actionable Intelligence to establish targeted strategies by sector or industry. For more information, please contact us.

Cargo theft continues to be one of the main problems affecting logistics chains in the country. According to the National Public Security System (SNSP), in Q3-2025, 82% of thefts from carriers involved some type of violence.

Overhaul has established collaborative ties with federal, state, and municipal authorities, as well as strategic alliances with associations such as ANERP, ASIS, and national industry chambers. In addition, Overhaul has formed connections with concessionaires of the main roads in the country, such as Aleatica, which is present in the State of Mexico and Puebla.

Overhaul shares Actionable Intelligence with these security partners to jointly establish strategies to prevent and mitigate cargo theft in the country. These strategic alliances are designed to improve intelligence and security on the roads, with the goal of ensuring safer cargo transportation throughout Mexico.





Spatial Analysis of Cargo Theft

The fourth quadrant, which includes the Central and Southeast regions, accounted for 79.3% of the cargo thefts recorded during Q3-2025.

A comparative analysis by quadrant with respect to Q3-2024 showed a spatial displacement of criminal activity. The fourth quadrant experienced a decrease of 6.2 percentage points (from 85.5% to 79.3%), while the first, second, and third quadrants registered increases of 1.6, 1.1, and 3.5 percentage points, respectively.

80% of cargo theft at the national level was concentrated in the Central (48%) and West (32%) regions, where the entities with the highest cargo theft during Q3-2025 are located.

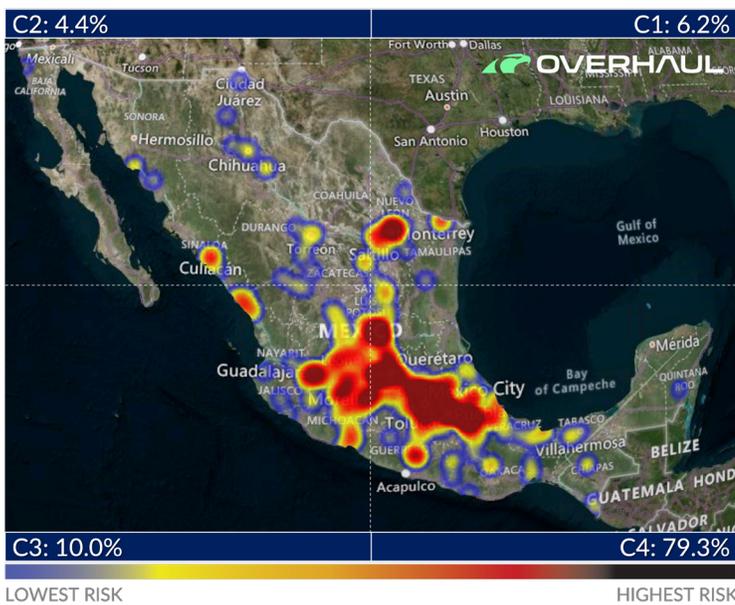
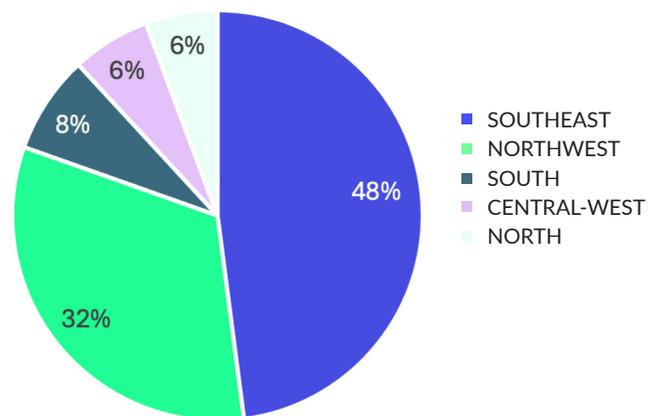


Chart 1: Cargo Theft by Region Q3-2025



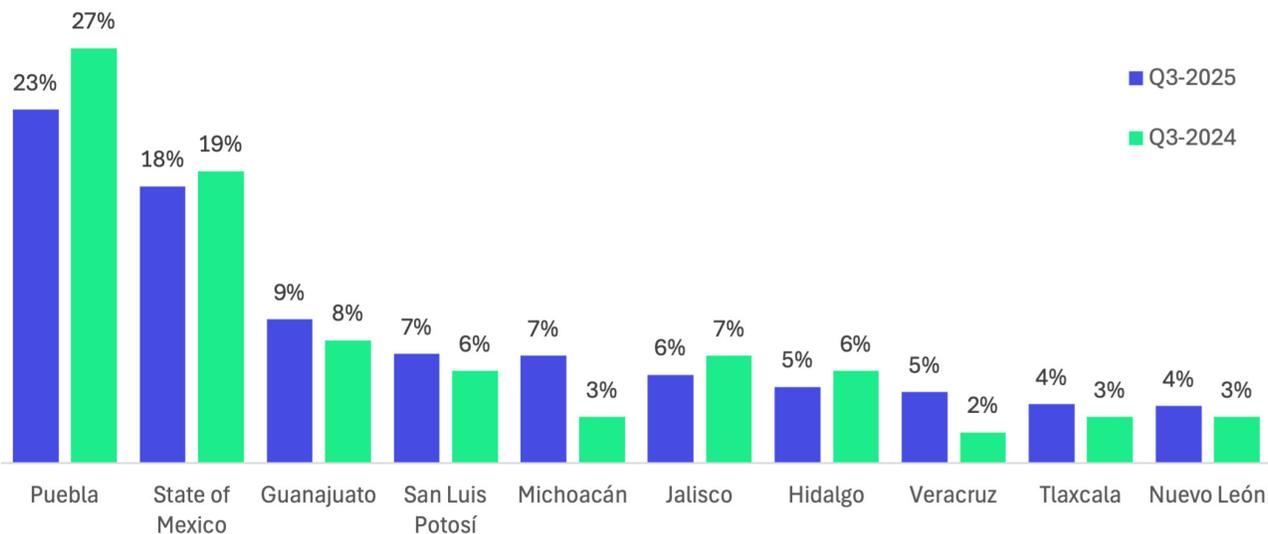
Ten States with the Highest Number of Cargo Thefts

In Q3-2025, 82% of the cargo theft events registered at the national level were concentrated in ten entities. 41% of the incidence occurred in Puebla (23%) and the State of Mexico (18%). Puebla decreased four percentage points while the State of Mexico decreased by one percentage point compared to Q3-2024.

The states of Guanajuato, San Luis Potosí, Michoacán, Veracruz, Tlaxcala, and Nuevo León showed increases relative to Q3-2024. Michoacán increased by four percentage points, Veracruz by three percentage points, and Guanajuato, San Luis Potosí, Tlaxcala, and Nuevo León each increased by one percentage point.



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



Temporal Analysis of Cargo Theft

In the third quarter of 2025, 86% of cargo thefts occurred between Monday and Friday. The peak of criminal activity was recorded from Tuesday to Friday with 72%.

The hours with the highest risk for cargo transportation during Q3-2025 were at night between 6PM and 6AM with 52% of incidents. Another time with high criminal activity was the morning hours between 6AM and 12PM with 28% of the crimes.

Two peaks in the incidence of cargo theft were observed. The first (32% of the thefts) occurred between 4AM and 10AM, and the second (25% of the thefts) was registered between 8PM and 11PM.

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

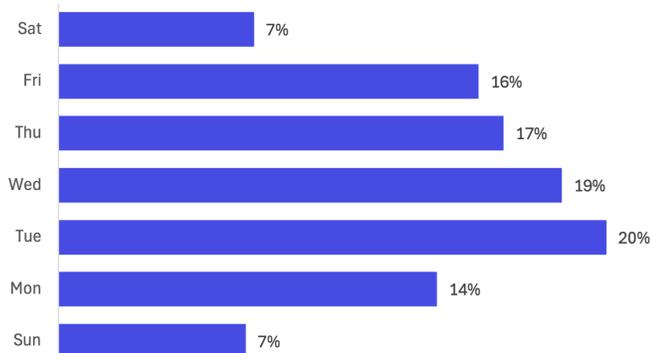
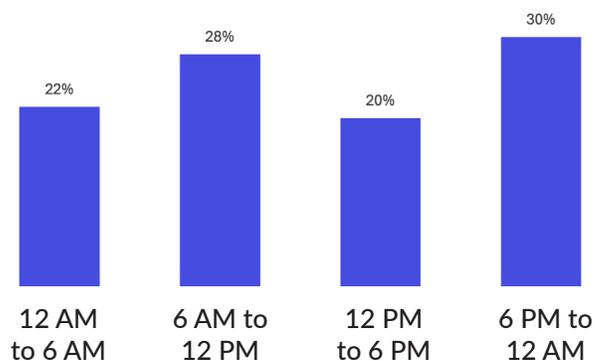


Chart 4: Cargo Theft By Time of Day Q3-2025





Cargo Theft by Product Type

The three most stolen product types in the third quarter of 2025 were **Food & Drinks** (25%), **Auto & Parts** (12%), and **Miscellaneous** (10%).

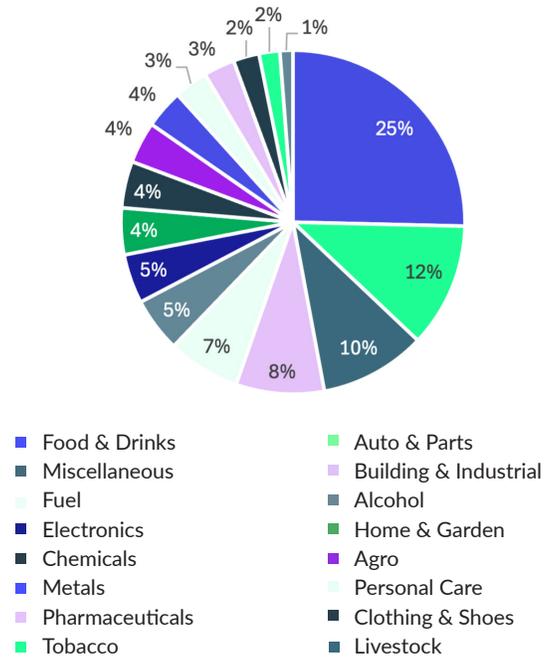
When comparing the percentage changes in the distribution of thefts by product type in relation to the third quarter of 2024, it was found that the most significant increases corresponded to the **Miscellaneous**, **Electronics**, and **Metals** categories.

The **Miscellaneous** category increased by four percentage points, with mixed loads such as parcels or online merchandise being the main target of criminals.

Electronics increased by two percentage points, with computer equipment, televisions, cell phones, and game consoles being the most stolen items.

The **Metals** category increased by two percentage points, with steel, aluminum, and copper being the most stolen products.

Chart 5: Cargo Theft by Product Type Q3-2025



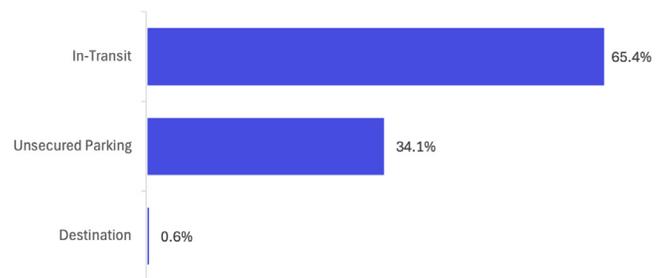
Cargo Theft by Type of Event

The main mode of operation used by criminals in Mexico was the interception of cargo units while they were in motion, which occurred in 65.4% of the cases.

This mode of operation has shown an upward trend as of the second half of 2024. The theft of parked units was the second most common mode of operation with 34.1% of the incidence. Most of these events occurred in high-risk areas for cargo theft such as cachimbas or huachicoleras.

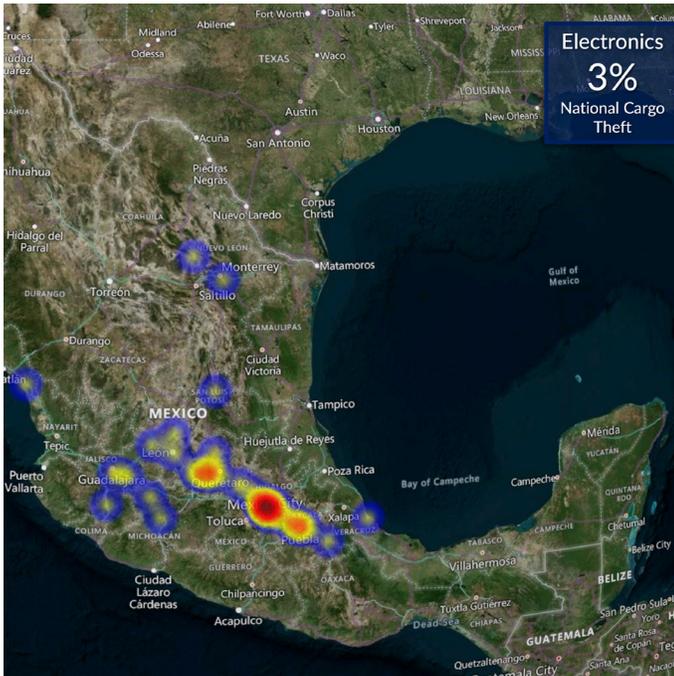
In 0.6% of cases, the theft occurred when the unit was waiting to enter the unloading area.

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





Spotlight Q3-2025: Electronics Cargo Theft

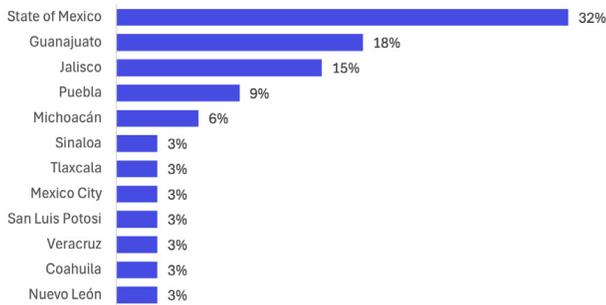


During the last quarter of the year, thefts of electronics products are expected to increase as a result of higher demand for these products during El Buen Fin and the end-of-year holidays. From January to September 2025, thefts of electronic products accounted for 3% of cargo thefts nationwide.

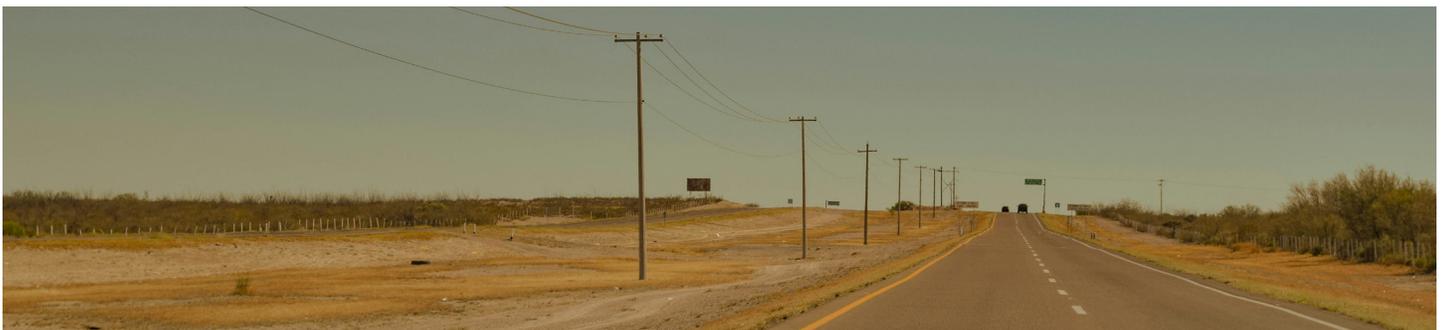
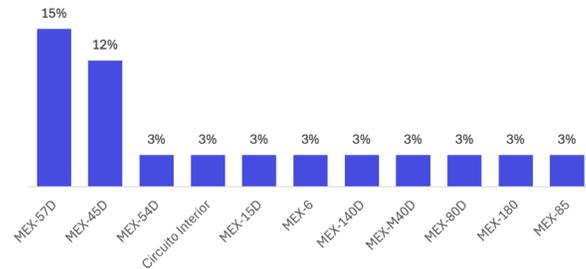
79% of electronic device thefts occurred in the states of Mexico (32%), Guanajuato (18%), Jalisco (15%), Puebla (9%), and Michoacán (6%). 50% of electronics theft cases occurred while in transit and 46% while making a stop. The roads with the highest risk of electronics theft were MEX-57D with 15% and MEX-45D with 12%.

In terms of time patterns, 54% of electronics thefts occurred between midnight and 9AM. The days with the highest criminal activity were Wednesdays (21%) and Thursdays (26%).

Electronics Cargo Theft Riskiest States Jan-Sep 2025



Electronics Cargo Theft Riskiest Highways Jan-Sep 2025





Success Story Q3-2025: Clothing & Shoes Recovery

In August 2025, a cargo unit traveling through an area with low cellular coverage, specifically on the Las Cañas section of the Lázaro Cárdenas-Pátzcuaro Highway (MEX-37D), was intercepted by an armed group.

Upon notification from the escort, the MSOC immediately activated the emergency protocol with federal and state authorities. The carrier line confirmed that the engine stop could not be applied due to the low coverage. The MSOC lost visibility of the electronic devices; however, it remained alert for any updates.

One hour after the interception, the MSOC received a new signal and provided the updated location to the authorities. The security perimeter established by the MSOC around the last known enabled the authorities to locate and secure the stolen container, which had already been hitched to the thieves' tractor.

General Recommendations

Overhaul is dedicated to helping our customers combat cargo theft risks in Mexico. 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.

