



OPERATION BOILING POINT THREAT ASSESSMENT

ILLINOIS



Operation Boiling Point is Homeland Security Investigations' (HSI) response to Organized Theft Groups (OTGs) profiting from Organized Retail Crime (ORC), cargo theft and other theft-related crimes that threaten the economy and security of the United States.



Organized Theft Groups are sophisticated criminal organizations who profit from illegally obtaining goods that are later sold for economic gain.



ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME (ORC)



\$2.1B

STOLEN GOODS¹
(2021)



ECONOMIC IMPACT²
(2021)

20,252
lost jobs

\$1.2B
lost wages

TOP 10
CITIES AFFECTED
BY ORC INCLUDE³
#6 Chicago

ILLINOIS HOUSE BILL 1091 SIGNED⁴ effective May 13, 2022

- Illinois Integrity, Notification, and Fairness in Online Retail Marketplaces for Consumers (INFORM Consumers) Act
- Online marketplace requirements on high-volume third-party sellers
- Created the felony organized retail crime offense



EIGHT SUBJECTS ARRESTED

- October 2022 Wilmette PD
- 276,000 stolen retail products recovered worth \$7.5 million



FOUR SUBJECTS ARRESTED

- April 2023 Chicago Police Organized Retail Crime Task Force
- \$1.3 million worth of stolen goods found
- Stolen pharmaceuticals and other stolen items worth an estimated \$ 2 million a month were being sold and shipped out of state



CARGO THEFT



#6 STATE
FOR CARGO THEFT⁵
2021



#3 STATE
FOR CARGO THEFT⁶
2nd Quarter 2023

TOP STOLEN CARGO ITEMS STATEWIDE⁷



ELECTRONICS
Televisions



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
Kitchen items



FOOD AND BEVERAGE
Snacks

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OTHER THEFT



CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT



- MAY 27, 2022 ILLINOIS HOUSE BILL 107 WAS SIGNED⁸** Recyclable metal dealer recordkeeping requirements for catalytic converter purchases.



- MORE THAN 600 STOLEN** catalytic converters found in a backyard. One subject arrested.
May 2023 Cook County Sheriff's Office

#4

- ILLINOIS #4 STATE** for catalytic converter theft⁹ (2020 to 2022)



AUTO THEFT

↑ 35%

Increase in vehicle theft¹⁰
(2021 - 28,677, 2022 - 38,649)

#1

STATE AND CITY (CHICAGO)
for largest increase in vehicle theft¹¹
(2021 to 2022)



TOP STOLEN VEHICLES¹²

- Hyundai Elantra and Sonata
 - Kia Optima and Sportage
 - Jeep Grand Cherokee
- (2022)

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ACAMS

R RETAIL INDUSTRY LEADERS ASSOCIATION

NICB NATIONAL INSURANCE CRIME BUREAU

TAPA TRANSPORTED ASSET PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

