



OPERATION BOILING POINT THREAT ASSESSMENT

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY



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)

New York



\$4B
STOLEN GOODS¹
(2021)



30,217 lost jobs
\$2.2B lost wages
ECONOMIC IMPACT² (2021)

TOP 10 CITIES AFFECTED
BY ORC INCLUDE⁵
#3 New York City

New Jersey



\$1.6B
STOLEN GOODS³
(2021)



15,033 lost jobs
\$9.7M lost wages
ECONOMIC IMPACT⁴ (2021)



**NEW YORK CITY
RETAIL THEFT⁶**

↑45%
(2021 to 2022)

↑77%
(2018 to 2022)



VIOLENCE ASSOCIATED TO ORC

Increase in retail theft also involves an increase in retail and security staff being threatened or assaulted.

**327 REPEAT
SHOPLIFTERS**
comprised of 30%
of 22,000 retail theft
arrests in New York City.
(2022)



CARGO THEFT



#8 NEW JERSEY EIGHTH OF THE
TOP 10 states for cargo theft⁷
(2021)

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OTHER THEFT



CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT



- **9 SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED** for their involvement in purchasing \$38 million worth of stolen catalytic converters through a New Jersey business and reselling the metals from the converters for over \$545 million. (November 2022 New Jersey)



- **TWO SUBJECTS CHARGED.** Metals from stolen catalytic converters were sold, including to one refinery paying \$170 million for the metals. (May 2023 Nassau County, NY)



AUTO THEFT

#9 NEW YORK NINTH OF THE TOP 10 states for vehicle theft totals⁸ (2022)

↑ 23% Increase in vehicle theft⁹
(2021 - 23,088, 2022 - 28,292)



NEW YORK TOP STOLEN VEHICLES¹⁰

- Honda CR-V, Accord and Civic
- Toyota Camry
- Jeep Grand Cherokee (2022)



NEW JERSEY TOP STOLEN VEHICLES¹¹

- Honda CR-V, Accord and Civic
- Ford pickup
- Jeep Grand Cherokee (2022)

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NRF National Retail Federation

ACAMS

R RETAIL INDUSTRY LEADERS ASSOCIATION

NICB NATIONAL INSURANCE CRIME BUREAU

TAPA TRANSPORTED ASSET PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

CLEAR CLEAR

BUY SAFE BUY SAFE

LPM LOSS PREVENTION MANAGEMENT

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