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# Mexico: Annual Cargo Theft Report 2024



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## Executive Summary

Overhaul's Mexico: Annual Cargo Theft Report 2024 describes the spatial and temporal patterns of cargo crime at the national level. 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), 84% 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.

At the same time, Overhaul participates in statistical panels with federal authorities, including the National Public Security System (SNSP) and the most representative chambers and associations at the national level, to monitor the incidence of cargo theft.

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.





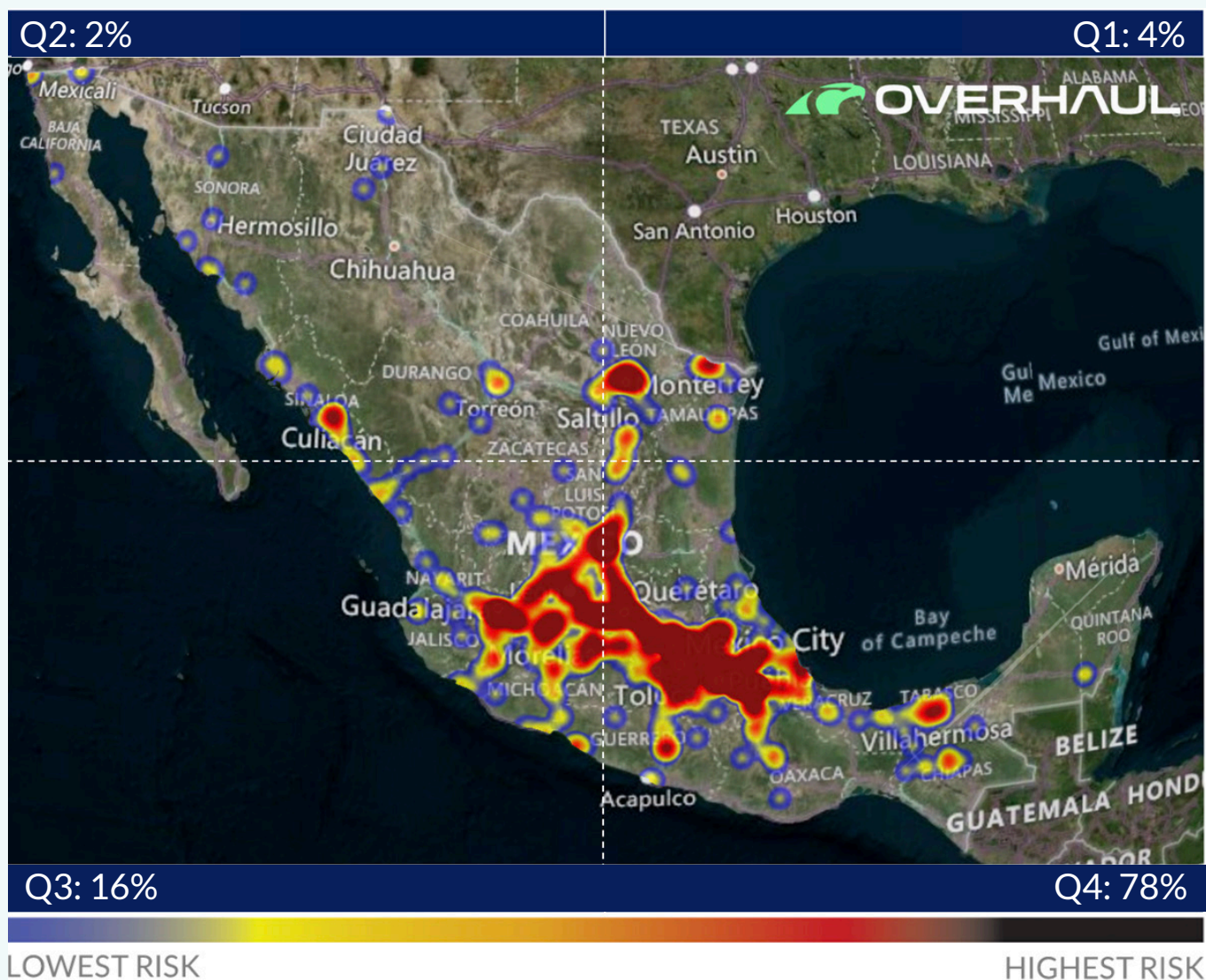
## Mexico: Annual Cargo Theft Report

### Spatial Analysis of Cargo Theft

The quadratic analysis of the national territory maintained the same distribution of crimes by quadrant as during the first half of 2024. The fourth quadrant, which includes the Central and Southeast regions, accounted for 78% of the cargo thefts recorded during 2024.

A comparative analysis by quadrant with respect to 2023 showed an increase of five percentage points in the third quadrant, a decrease of two percentage points in the second quadrant, and a decrease of three percentage points in the fourth quadrant.

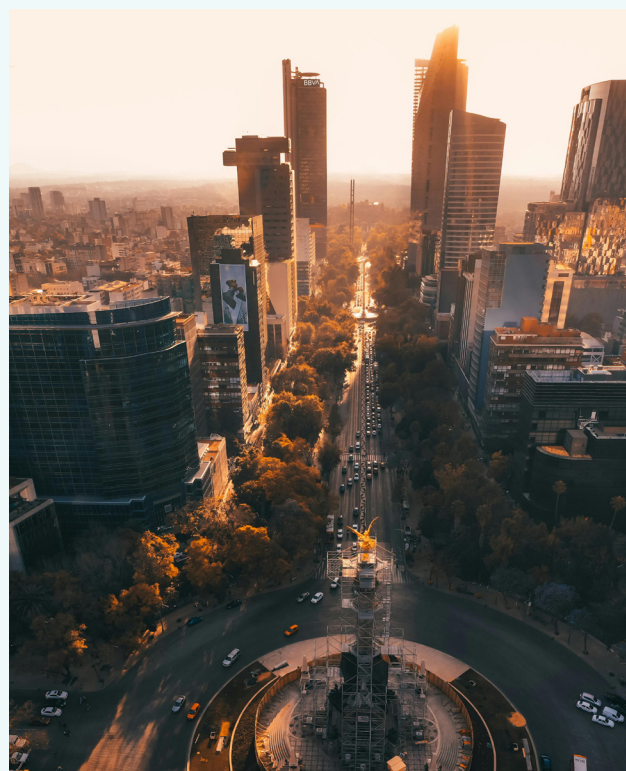
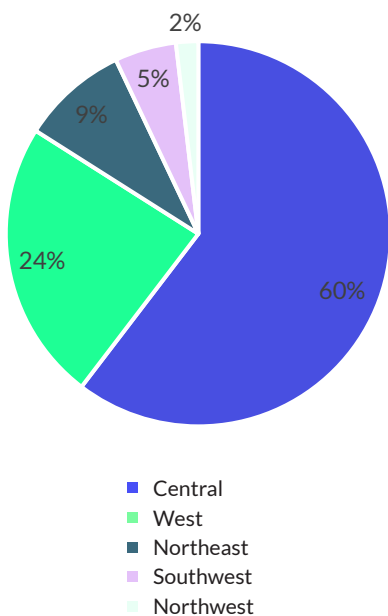
The third quadrant, which mainly covers the West region, accounted for 16% of criminal activity.



84% of cargo theft events at the national level were concentrated in the Central (60%) and West (24%) regions, where the 10 entities that experienced the highest number of cargo theft events during 2024 are located.



Chart 1: Cargo Theft by Region 2024

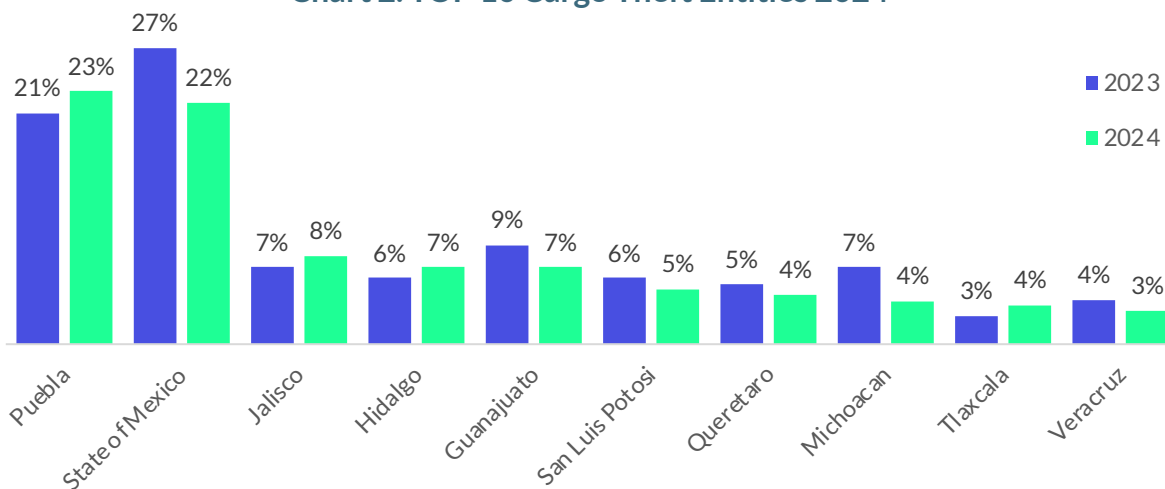


## Analysis of the 10 Entities with the Highest Number of Cargo Thefts

In 2024, 87% of the cargo thefts registered nationwide were concentrated in ten states. 45% of the incidence occurred in the States of Puebla (23%) and Mexico (22%).

The States of Puebla, Jalisco, Hidalgo, and Tlaxcala showed increases compared to 2023. Puebla increased by two percentage points, while Jalisco, Hidalgo, and Tlaxcala increased by one percentage point each. Thefts in the State of Mexico decreased by five percentage points, making it the entity with the second highest number of cargo thefts after the State of Puebla.

Chart 2. TOP 10 Cargo Theft Entities 2024



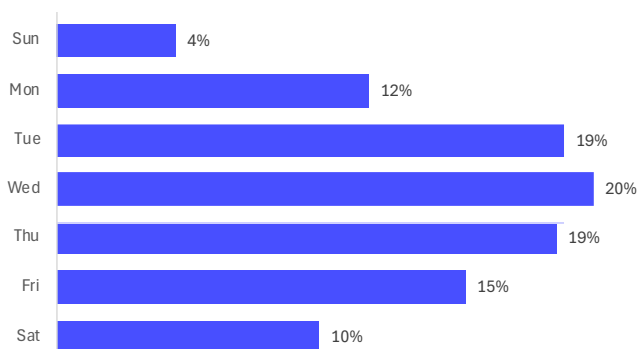


## Temporal Analysis of Cargo Theft

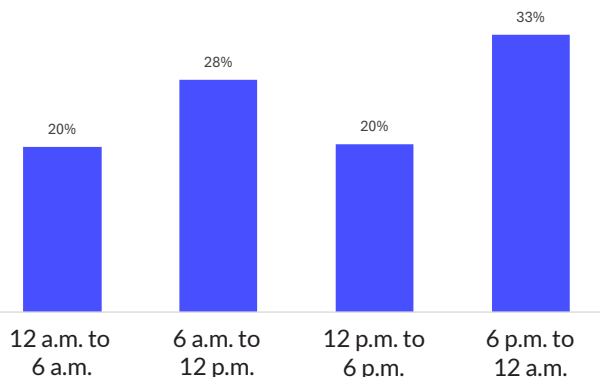
In 2024, 86% of cargo thefts occurred between Monday and Friday. The peak of criminal activity was recorded from Tuesday to Friday at 74%.

The hours with the highest risk for cargo transportation during 2024 were at night between 6 p.m. and 12 a.m. with 33% of the incidents. Another time with high criminal activity was the morning between 6 a.m. and 12 p.m. with 28% of the crimes.

**Chart 3: Cargo Theft by Day of the Week 2024**



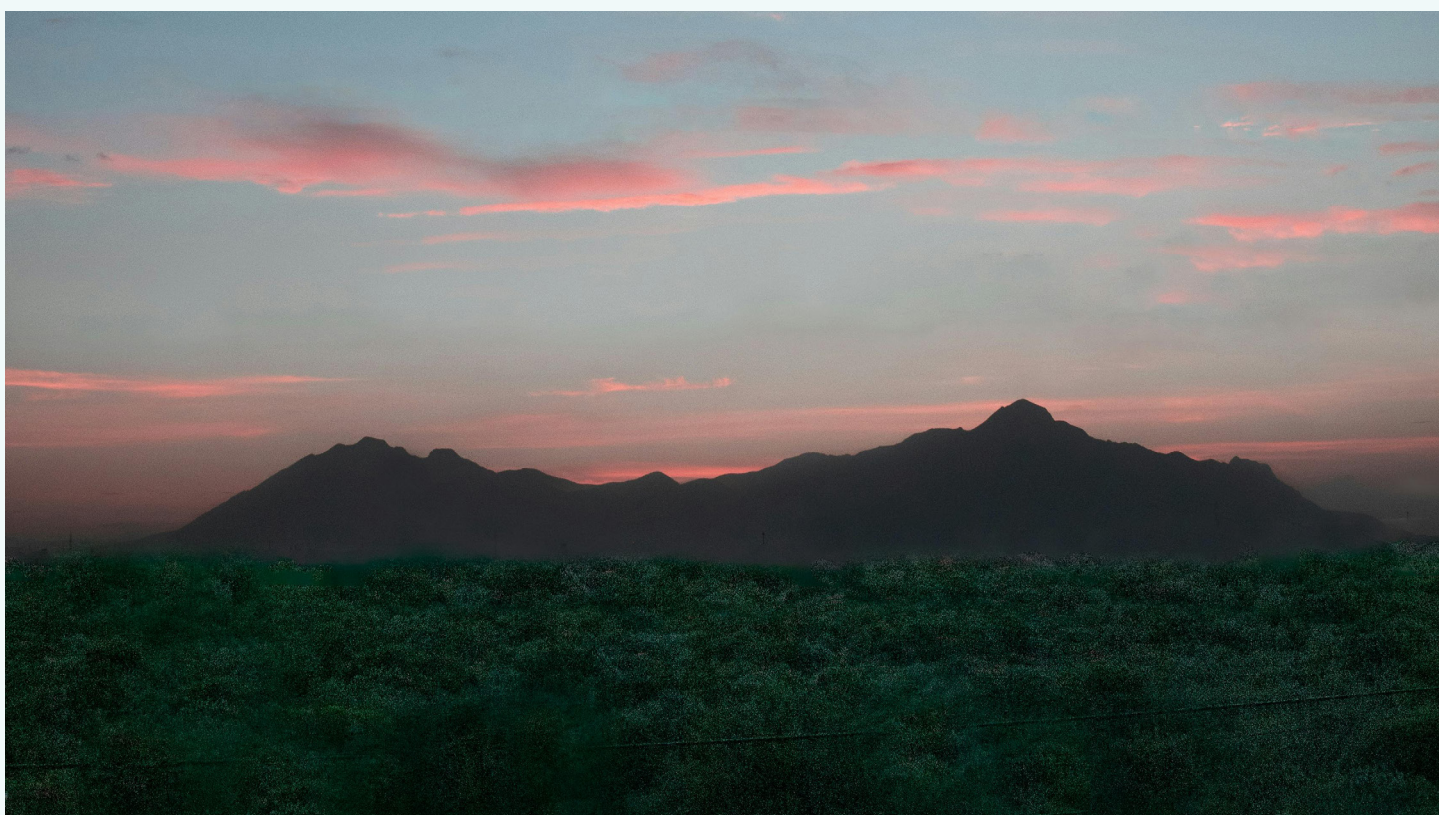
**Chart 4: Cargo Theft by Schedule 2024**



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32% of the cargo thefts occurred in the early hours of the day between 5 a.m. and 11 a.m., which is related to the departure times of the cargo units.





## Cargo Theft by Product Type

The three most stolen product types during 2024 were *Food & Drinks* (32%), *Building & Industrial* (14%), and *Miscellaneous* (9%).

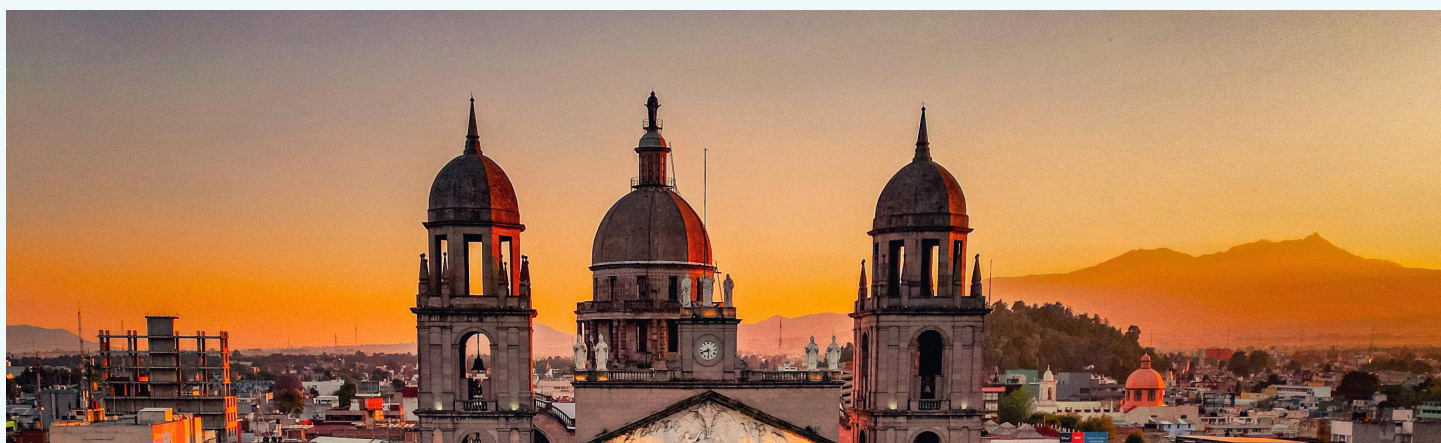
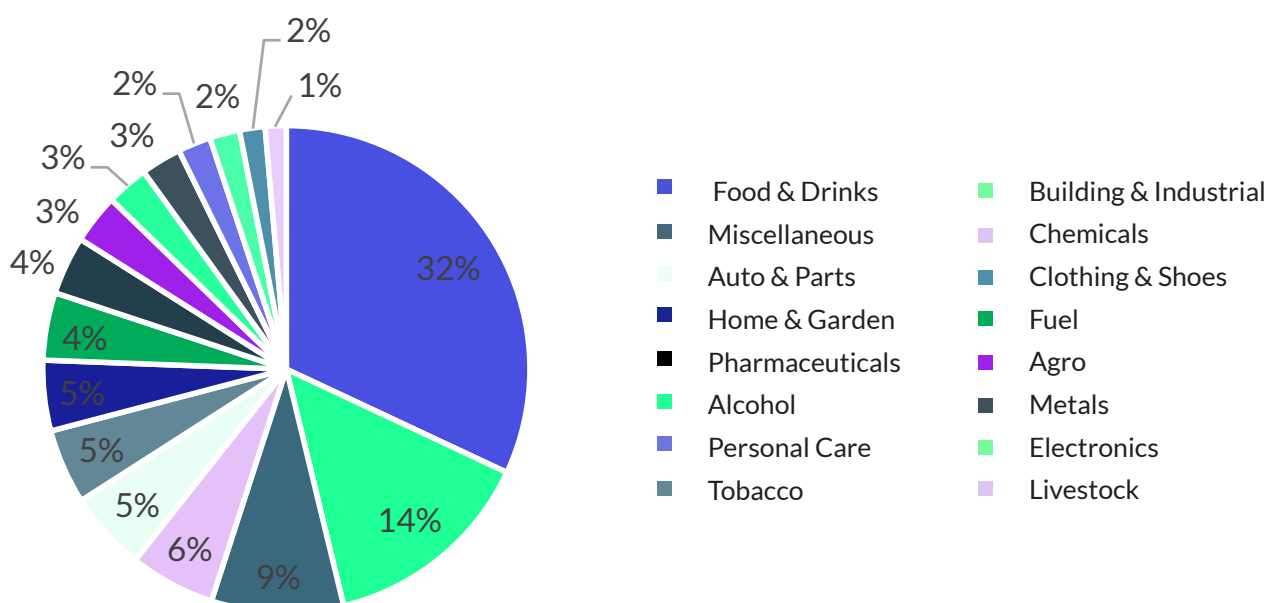
Compared to 2023, the most significant increases in product type thefts were detected in the *Food & Drinks*, *Chemicals*, *Clothing & Shoes*, and *Agro* categories.

The theft of *Chemicals* increased by three percentage points, with polyethylene, plastics, and detergents being the main targets of offenders.

The *Clothing & Shoes* category increased by one percentage point, with textiles, sportswear, and casual wear being among the most stolen products.

The *Agro* category also experienced an increase of one percentage point, with fertilizers being the most stolen products.

Chart 5: Cargo Theft by Type of Product 2024



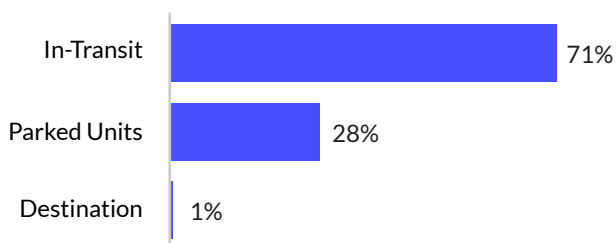


## Cargo Theft by Location

The main mode of operation used by criminals in Mexico was the interception of cargo units while they were in motion, which occurred in 71% of the cases.

The theft of parked units was the second most common mode of operation with 28% of the incidence. Most of these events occurred in high-risk areas for cargo theft such as cachimbas or huachicoleras.

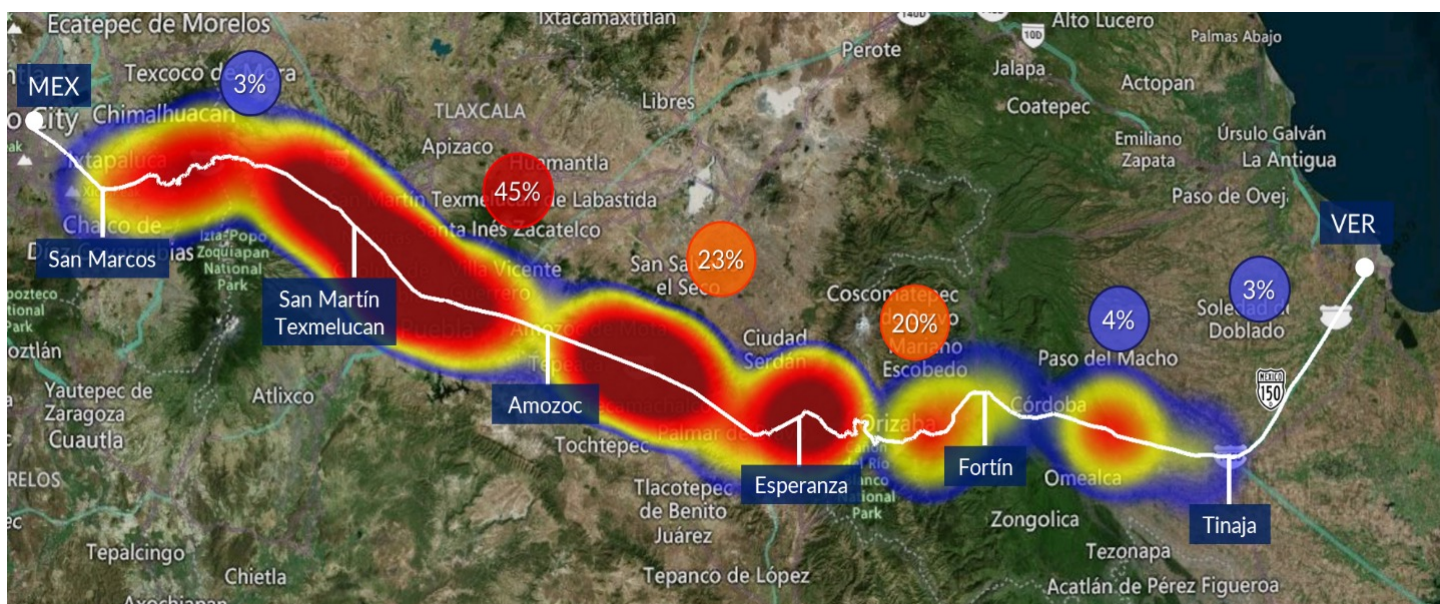
Chart 6: Cargo Theft by Type of Location 2024



## Spotlight 2024: Highway Mexico-Veracruz (MEX-150D)

The Mexico-Veracruz highway (MEX-150D) is the main road connecting Mexico City to the Port of Veracruz. This highway crosses the State of Puebla, which ranked first in the nation in cargo theft in 2024, with 23% of all events.

In 2024, this highway accounted for 11% of cargo thefts in Mexico. The stretches with the highest risk were San Martín Texmelucan-Amozoc (47%) and Amozoc-Esperanza (25%). The highest criminal activity occurred in the early hours of the day between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. (27%), and at night between 8 p.m. and 12 a.m. (31%).



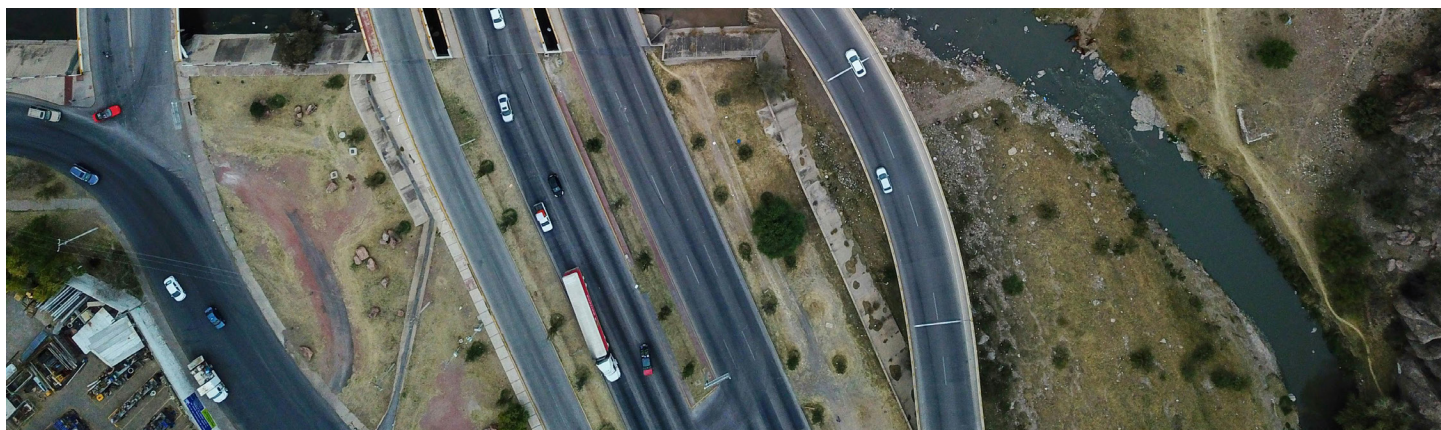
41% of the crimes occurred between Wednesday and Thursday. The most stolen unit types on this highway were Tractor Trucks (45%), Torton/Rabon (28%), and Cargo Vans (12%). The main products targeted by criminals on this highway were Food & Beverages (29%), Construction & Industrial (12%), Miscellaneous (10%), and Chemicals (9%).



## Success Story Q4-2024

### Recovery: Clothing & Shoes

In November 2024, thanks to the joint work between MSOC and Línea Transportista, a cargo unit that was boarded at the San Martín Texmelucan toll booth on the Mexico-Veracruz highway (MEX-150D) was recovered. The driver pressed the panic button and the Línea Transportista identified that a person other than the driver was driving the unit. The engine stop was activated and authorities in the area were contacted and promptly responded.



## General Recommendations

Some general recommendations for cargo units transiting through the country are to use a combination of physical and electronic security measures, as well as to transit during daylight.

Overhaul is committed to helping our customers mitigate the risks associated with cargo theft violence in Mexico. Through advanced technology and data analytics, we provide control and security from origin to destination.

One of the key ways Overhaul helps customers secure their goods in Mexico is through its advanced tracking and monitoring capabilities, which provide real-time visibility into the location and status of cargo. Overhaul's platform also provides alerts and notifications in case of any unusual activity or route deviations. In this way, companies can take immediate action to address potential security threats.

Another way we help customers protect their products in Mexico is through our advanced analytics capabilities. By leveraging data from a variety of sources, such as GPS tracking, weather data, and historical crime data, our platform provides insight into potential security threats and enables companies to proactively identify and address them. This can include identifying high-risk areas and routes, as well as providing recommendations for additional security measures.

Finally, the Overhaul platform offers a number of tools and resources to help companies manage their supply chain security more effectively. This includes access to a range of security experts and consultants, training and educational resources, and reporting and analysis tools that enable our customers to track and measure the effectiveness of their security.