

# The state of auto theft in Canada



## Auto theft in Canada is a national crisis:

**34,861** vehicles were stolen in the first half of 2023 in Canada

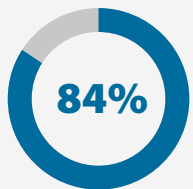


Ontario is seeing the greatest number of thefts **(+31%)**, followed by Quebec **(+17%)** year-over-year in the first half of 2023

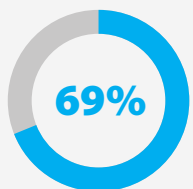


Organized crime rings are focusing their efforts on stealing new/luxury vehicles for maximum profit in overseas sales

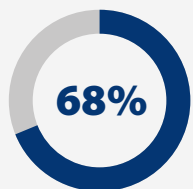
## Auto theft is a public safety issue:



of Canadians say the rise in auto theft makes them concerned about the potential overall increase in crime in their community



of Canadians say the rise in auto theft makes them concerned about their personal safety and/or the safety of their family



of Canadians say they are concerned they might be a victim of auto theft

## A whole of society approach:

**66%**

of Canadians say we need a whole of society approach – government, auto manufacturers, law enforcement – to fix the issue of rising auto theft

**63%**

of Canadians say auto manufacturers should be mandated to design their vehicles with anti-theft technology

**64%**

of Canadians say government should take more action to identify, disrupt and dismantle organized crime networks participating in vehicle theft



Auto Theft Data: Équité Association, compiled data from Canadian law enforcement agencies on thefts of private passenger vehicles (sedans, trucks, SUVs and vans).

Polling is based on an online survey commissioned by Équité Association and Insurance Bureau of Canada among members of the Angus Reid Forum, from September 12 to September 18, 2023, with a representative sample of 2,503 Canadian adults (aged 18+). The survey results were balanced and weighted on age, gender, region and education according to the latest census data. For comparison purposes only, a sample of this size would yield a margin of error of +/- 1.8 percentage points at a 95% confidence level.



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