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VEHICLE THEFT

The rise in vehicle theft in Canada is concerning and automotive manufacturers take the issue very seriously. The cause for the increase in thefts is multi-faceted and one of the most effective ways to deter vehicle theft is to eliminate the stolen vehicle market and movement of these vehicles through ports.

Additional resources for the Canada Border Services Agency to detect and deter stolen vehicle exports is the most effective and immediate way to address vehicle theft in Canada.

The industry continues to work with stakeholders including federal, provincial, and municipal governments, insurance, and law enforcement to find solutions to deter vehicle theft.

What Auto Manufacturers are doing to protect vehicles from theft:

CVMA member companies have designed their vehicles with systems to deter theft and continually work to improve security features of new vehicles. The integrated engine immobilizer feature, which has been mandatory since 2007 in Canada, is an important deterrent that protects customers and reduces theft. Engine immobilizers prevent a vehicle's engine from starting if an unauthorized ignition key fob is used.

Vehicle theft in Canada compared to the United States:

Vehicle theft rates in Canada have grown faster than in the United States since 2021. The growth in theft in Canada has occurred despite stronger theft deterrent regulatory requirements for Canadian vehicles and fitment of the same technologies in new vehicles in both countries.

The main driver of higher rates of vehicle theft is weaker vehicle export control measures in Canada compared to the United States. This allows criminals to take advantage of the Canadian export market to sell stolen vehicles because of the potential for high profits accompanied by a minimal risk of detection.¹

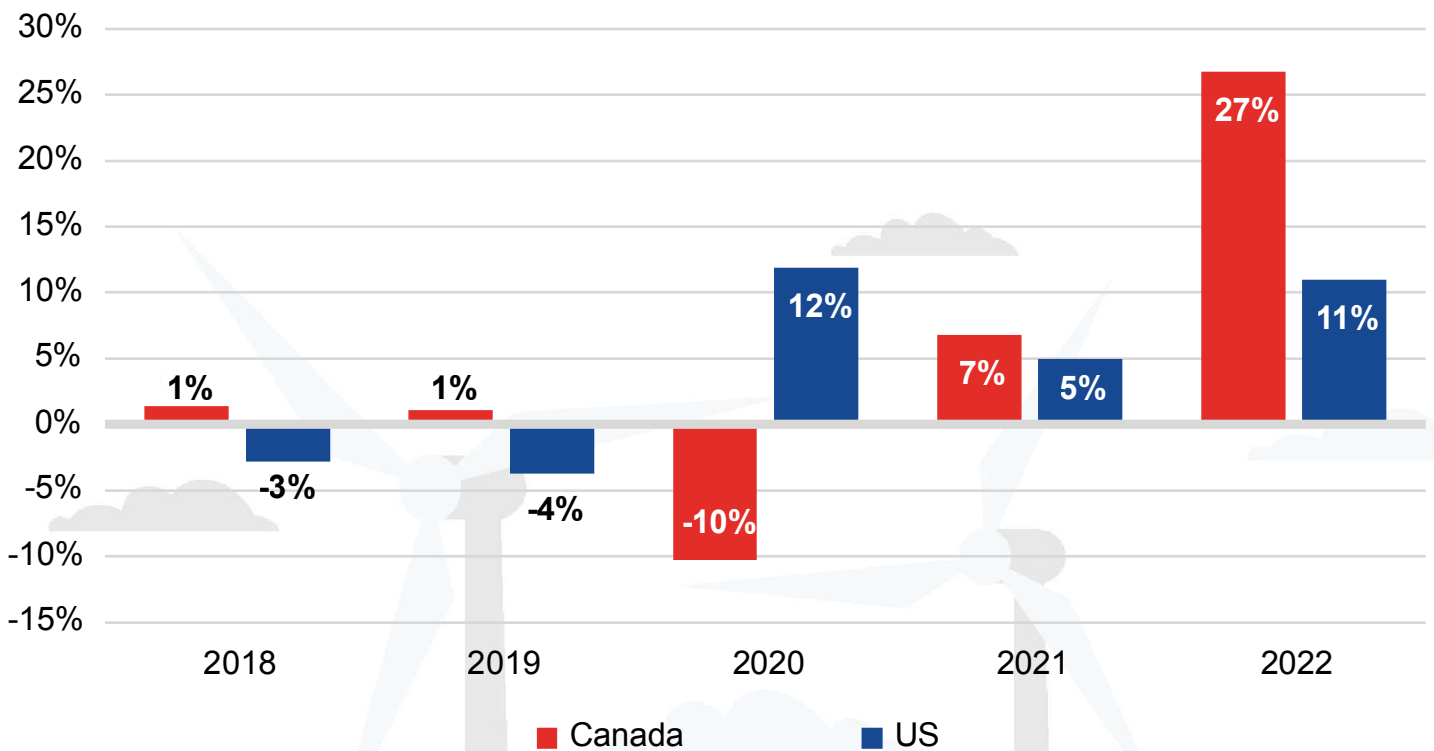
¹ CFLA, Addressing the Problem of Exported Stolen Vehicles, <https://cfla-acfl.ca/blog.html?id=136>



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Motor Vehicle Theft in Canada vs the U.S. (% growth)



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Statistics Canada. Table 35-10-0177-01 Incident-based crime statistics, by detailed violations, Canada, provinces, territories, Census Metropolitan Areas and Canadian Forces Military Police

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