# CARGO SECURITY INDEX

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The **Cargo Security Index (CSI)** leverages Verisk CargoNet's proprietary data and GearTrack's expert intelligence to analyze cargo theft risk and trends across the U.S. This monthly report gives supply chain professionals a data-backed view of current threats along with key recommendations to minimize loss.



## **GEARTRACK'S TAKE**

Memorial Day week patterns held true again in 2025, with increased targeting of beverages, appliances, and mixed consumer goods like TVs bound for major retailers. Sophisticated fraud schemes, including impersonating legitimate freight carriers and rerouting entire truckloads, are accelerating theft in high-volume states like **Georgia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania**.

Multi-modal ports and high-volume hubs like **Savannah, Chicago, and Dallas** remain high-risk, with some cargo stolen within hours of arrival. In response to the rise in cargo theft, federal and regional agencies are beginning to take action. In Georgia, a new \$44.5 million U.S. Customs inspection warehouse will open in July at Savannah's Garden City Terminal, addressing a key vulnerability by keeping containers onsite during inspection.

At the federal level, the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee advanced the bipartisan Household Goods Shipping Consumer Protection Act, aimed at restoring FMCSA's enforcement authority and equipping the agency to combat freight fraud. When combined with tech-driven solutions like real-time tracking, this bill strengthens our industry's ability to detect, deter, and respond to threats across the supply chain.

#### **GEARTRACK RECOMMENDS**

- Utilize real-time tracking beyond driver location, use geofencing and asset-level IoT.
- Avoid unsecured parking lots, especially over holiday weekends.
- **Educate drivers and staff on recent fraud tactics and threats.**
- Ensure tamper detection sensors and alarm systems are fully functional.
- **Schedule routes to minimize dwell time for loaded trailers.**
- **Watch for signs of surveillance or impersonation at pick-up points.**
- 🔞 Run security simulation exercises to find hidden operational gaps.

<u>The Bottom Line</u>: Cargo theft is no longer opportunistic, it's organized, data-driven, and rapidly adapting to market changes. To stay ahead of these evolving threats, shippers and carriers must strengthen security at every stage of the supply chain, not just with tools, but with training, planning, and proactive intelligence.

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