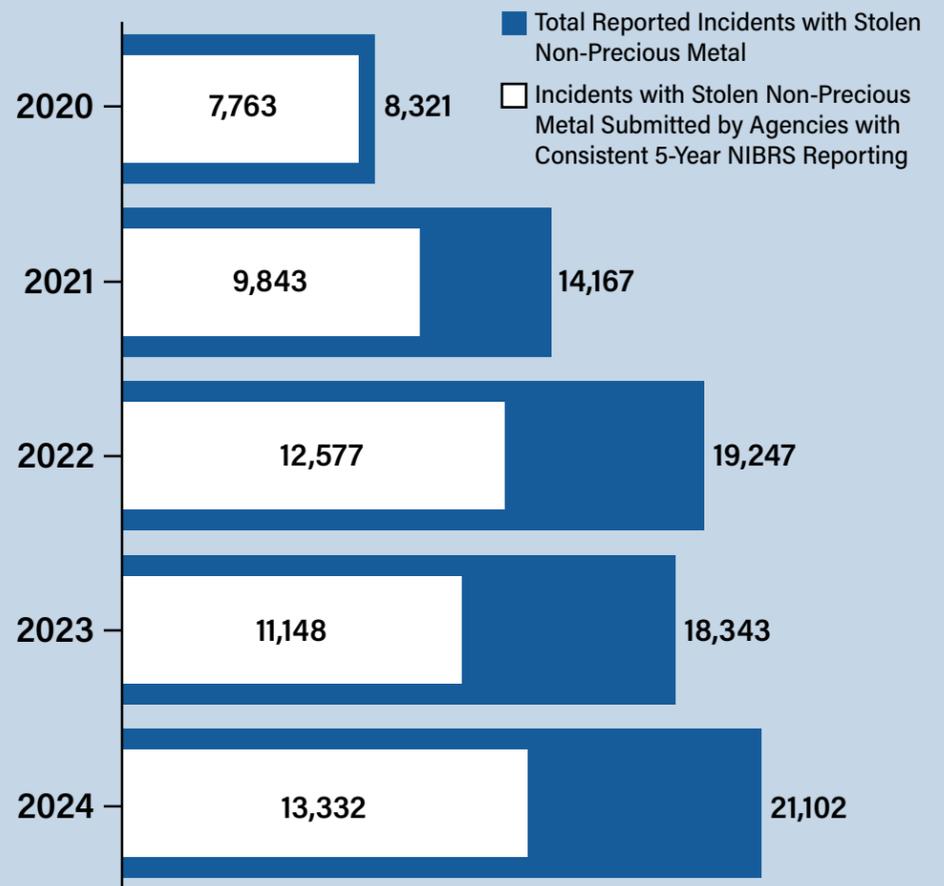# Reported Non-Precious Metal Theft 2020–2024

## Incidents

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program considers non-precious metals to include ferrous and non-ferrous metals such as iron, steel, tin, aluminum, copper, brass, copper wire, copper pipe, etc.

From 2020 through 2024, 6,522 agencies reported 81,180 incidents involving stolen non-precious metal via the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

To account for increases in NIBRS participation, this figure includes a year-to-year comparison in which only incidents reported by agencies consistently submitting NIBRS data throughout the entire 5-year span of 2020 through 2024 are displayed. With the exception of this depiction with year-to-year reported incident volumes, all other data shown on this page refer to the total dataset of 81,180 incidents.

■ Total Reported Incidents with Stolen Non-Precious Metal
□ Incidents with Stolen Non-Precious Metal Submitted by Agencies with Consistent 5-Year NIBRS Reporting

| Year | Consistent 5-Year | Total |
|------|-------------------|-------|
| 2020 | 7,763 | 8,321 |
| 2021 | 9,843 | 14,167 |
| 2022 | 12,577 | 19,247 |
| 2023 | 11,148 | 18,343 |
| 2024 | 13,332 | 21,102 |

## Offenses

### Most Frequently Reported Offense Types per Incident

| Offense Type | Count | % of Incidents |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| All Other Larceny | 46,263 | 57.0 |
| Burglary/Breaking & Entering* | 22,210 | 27.4 |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism | 11,552 | 14.2 |

### Most Frequently Reported Location Types per Incident

| Location Type | Count | % of Incidents |
|---------------|-------|----------------|
| Residence/Home | 20,232 | 24.9 |
| Commercial/Office Building | 10,716 | 13.2 |
| Construction Site | 9,488 | 11.7 |

**\*63.1% of burglaries in which non-precious metal was stolen involved forcible entry**

## Property Details

**Tools** were also stolen in 10.7% of incidents.

**$7,230**
average value of stolen non-precious metal per incident

**$1,000**
median value of stolen non-precious metal per incident

Drugs were seized in **559** incidents.

**Amphetamines/methamphetamines** were reported in **63.5%** of incidents involving seized drugs.

## Arrests

- **10,431** arrests were made in connection with 7,864 incidents.
- **32.7%** of persons arrested in connection with stolen non-precious metal incidents were between **30–39** years old.
- **48.9%** of arrests occurred on the **same day** as the incident.

**45.4%** arrested for All Other Larceny
**26.0%** arrested for Burglary/B&E
**8.3%** arrested for Shoplifting

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