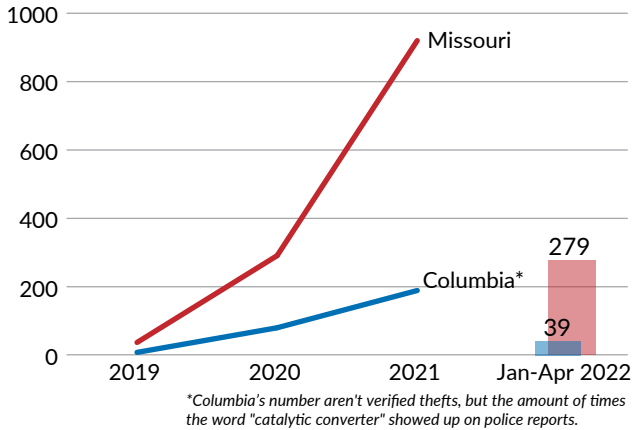


Catalytic converters thefts increased nearly 24 times in 2 years

In Columbia, police reports with the word "catalytic" occurred only eight times in 2019, but rose nearly 24 times to 189 in 2021. Catalytic converter thefts have also increased throughout Missouri: only 37 thefts in 2019, up to 920 in 2021.



Nationally, catalytic converter thefts jumped from 14,300 in 2020 to nearly 66,000 in 2021. Missouri was ranked 11 in thefts in 2021.

