# Fraud: Managing the Epidemic

Identification, Detection, Prevention & More



## Today's Speaker



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## Fraud Defined

"The wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain which targets the bank, consumer, health care, securities and investment, and tax sectors."



## **Fraud Categories**

#### Imposter Scams

Someone pretends to be a trusted person to get consumers to send money or give personal information. Examples include the following: scammers posing as government agency, a friend or relative with an emergency need for money, a romantic interest, a computer technician offering technical support, or a charity or company. This category also includes grant, property tracer, or refunds scams where the scammer is allegedly a government employee.

### Online Shopping and Negative Reviews

Undisclosed costs, failure to deliver on time, non-delivery, and refusal to honor a guarantee on purchases made online, internet auctions.

#### **Business and job Opportunities**

Business opportunities (e.g., offers to start a new business); work-at-home plans (e.g., stuffing envelopes or processing medical claims); multi-level marketing schemes; job scams, job listings, or employee services; inventions or idea promotions.

#### **Investment Related**

Investment opportunities in day trading; gold and gems; art; rare coins; other investment products; reports about companies that offer advice on seminars on investments; etc.

### Telephone and Mobile Services

Advertising related to mobile or landline telephone plans, rates, or coverage areas; problems with mobile applications, downloads, or other problems; charges for calls to "toll-free" numbers; unauthorized charges, such as unauthorized charges for calls; unauthorized switching of consumer' phone service provider; misleading prepaid phone card offers; VoIP service problems; and unsolicited faxes and text messages.

#### Internet Services

Problems with website content, including websites that offer content for a fee or advertise products and services; difficulty canceling an ISP or online content; issues with online payment services, social networking services; undisclosed charges; and website design and promotion services.

#### Prizes, Sweepstakes and Lotteries

Promotions for "free" prizes for a fee; foreign lotteries and sweepstakes offered through the phone, fax, e-mail or mail; etc.

#### **Health Care**

Fraudulent, misleading, or deceptive claims for the following: disease and dependency treatments; dietary supplements; weight-loss products or services; impotency treatments; health spas and equipment; fertility services; sunscreens; HIV-test kits; medical discount plans; over=the-counter or prescription drugs; and other medical products, supplies or treatments such as alternative medicine, herbal supplements, and telemedicine.

#### Foreign Money Offers and Fake Check Scams

Letters or e-mails promising a percentage of millions of dollars from a foreign country in return for money, bank account numbers or other identifying information from the victim; fraudulent schemes involving foreign lotteries; mystery shoppers or internet purchases\classified ads in which someone is overpaid with a counterfeit check and asked to wire back the difference immediately after check deposit, leaving the victim responsible for the funds withdrawn; etc.

### **Travel, Vacations and Timeshare Plans**

Deceptive offers for "free" or low-cost vacations; cut-rate student travel packages; misleading timeshare offers; etc.

Federal Trade Commission data shows that consumers reported losing nearly \$8.8 billion to fraud in 2022, an increase of more than 30 percent over the previous year.

Consumers reported losing more money to investment scams—more than \$3.8 billion—than any other category in 2022. That amount more than doubles the amount reported lost in 2021. The second highest reported loss amount came from imposter scams, with losses of \$2.6 billion reported, up from \$2.4 billion in 2021.

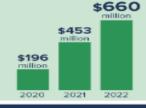
The FTC received fraud reports from 2.4 million consumers last year, with the most commonly reported being imposter scams, followed by online shopping scams. Prizes, sweepstakes, and lotteries; investment related reports; and business and job opportunities rounded out the top five fraud categories.











Scammers contacting people on social or by phone led to big losses

\$6.1 billion lost)







Report Types

Year: 2023, Quarter: 2



**Year** 2023

Quarter 2

## Report Type



## Top 10 Fraud Categ..

Rank	Category	# of Reports	% Reporting \$ Loss	Total \$ Loss	Median \$ Loss
1	Imposter Scams	182,704	21%	\$616.2M	\$899
2	Online Shopping and Negative Reviews	77,483	54%	\$110.7M	\$137
3	Business and Job Opportunities	23,790	31%	\$118.7M	\$2,000
4	Investment Related	22,845	76%	\$898.3M	\$6,166
5	Telephone and Mobile Services	18,351	11%	\$7.1M	\$219
6	Internet Services	18,308	7%	\$5.5M	\$218
7	Prizes, Sweepstakes and Lotteries	18,035	18%	\$49.5M	\$700
8	Health Care	13,811	7%	\$4.3M	\$260
9	Foreign Money Offers and Fake Check Scams	10,895	34%	\$53.8M	\$2,000
10	Travel, Vacations and Timeshare Plans	10,633	23%	\$27.1M	\$1,294

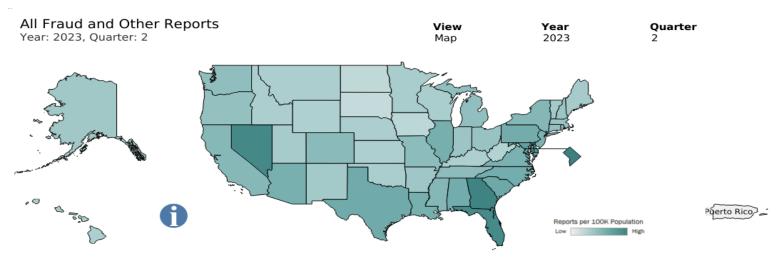
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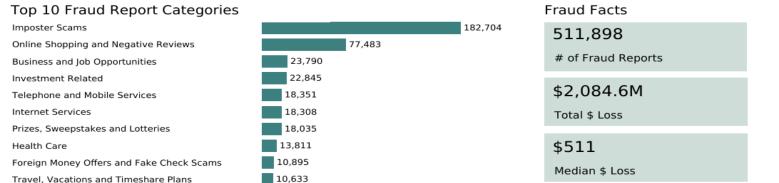
Top 10 Other Categories

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	Rank	Theft Type		# of Reports	Rank	Category	# of Reports
	1	Credit Card	Fraud	103,842	1	Credit Bureaus, Info. Furnishers and Report Users	282,232
	2	Other Identi	ity Theft	66,773	2	Banks and Lenders	46,041
	3	Loan or Lea	se Fraud	40,771	3	Auto Related	32,895
	4	Bank Fraud		38,261	4	Debt Collection	27,319
	5	Employmen	t or Tax-Related Fraud	29,069	5	Credit Cards and Loss Protection	19,002
	6	Governmen	t Documents or Benefits Fraud	29,031	6	Home Repair, Improvement and Products	13,577
	7 Phone or Utilities Fraud 20,272		20,272	7	Television and Electronic Media	7,822	
			8	Privacy, Data Security, and Cyber Threats	4,033		
		9	Education	3,896			
					10	Computer Equipment and Software	3,640

Certain categories are comprised of subcategories that fall in both Fraud and Other report types. The Fraud rankings exclude subcategories that are not fraud, and the Other rankings exclud..







State population estimates are based on U.S. Census population estimates for 2021. State level data excludes state-specific data contributor reports. Certain Fraud categories are comprised of subcategories that fall in both Fraud and Other report types. The Fraud rankings exclude subcategories that are not fraud.





Source: FTC's Consumer Sentinel Network

Select Age:

20 - 29



Select Year:

2023<sub>YTD</sub>

81.94

89.17

76.06



Fraud Loss Reports per 100K Population

## Fraud affects every generation differently.

Top Loss Reports for People Aged 20 - 29

- Online Shopping
- 2 Business Imposters
- Miscellaneous Investments & Investment Advice
- 4 Job Scams & Employment Agencies
- 5 Government Imposters





#### Contact Method

66.83

72.40

73.87



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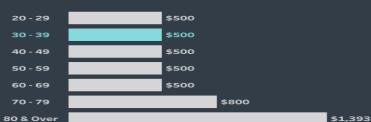
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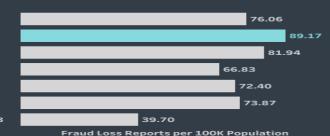
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Median \$ Loss



## Fraud affects every generation differently.

Top Loss Reports for People Aged 30 - 39

- Online Shopping
- 2 Business Imposters
- 3 Miscellaneous Investments & Investment Advice
- 4 Government Imposters
- 5 Job Scams & Employment Agencies





#### Contact Method



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Source: FTC's Consumer Sentinel Network















#### Select Year:









Fraud Loss Reports per 100K Population

## Fraud affects every generation differently.

**Top Loss Reports** for People Aged 40 - 49

- Online Shopping
- **Business Imposters**
- Miscellaneous Investments & Investment Advice
- Government Imposters
- Romance Scams





#### Contact Method



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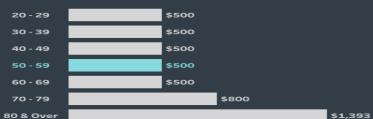
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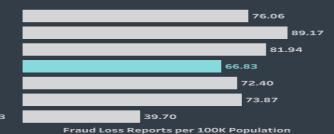


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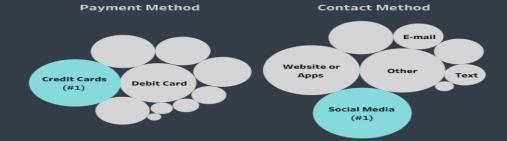
Median \$ Loss



## Fraud affects every generation differently.

Top Loss Reports for People Aged 50 - 59

- 1 Online Shopping
- 2 Business Imposters
- 3 Miscellaneous Investments & Investment Advice
- 4 Government Imposters
- 5 Romance Scams



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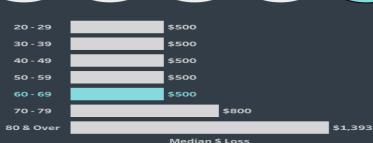
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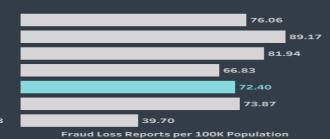




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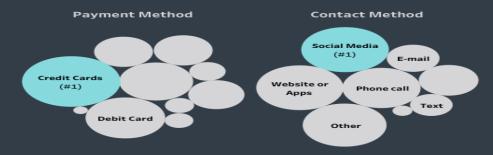




## Fraud affects every generation differently.

Top Loss Reports for People Aged 60 - 69

- L Online Shopping
- 2 Business Imposters
- 3 Miscellaneous Investments & Investment Advice
- 4 Government Imposters
- 5 Tech Support Scams



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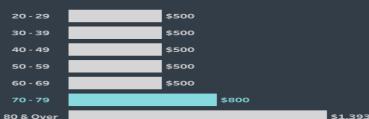






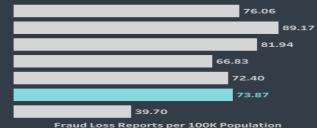
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Median \$ Loss





## Fraud affects every generation differently.

**Top Loss Reports** for People Aged 70 - 79

- Online Shopping
- **Business Imposters**
- **Tech Support Scams**
- Government Imposters
- Prizes, Sweepstakes & Lotteries

**Payment Method** 



Contact Method



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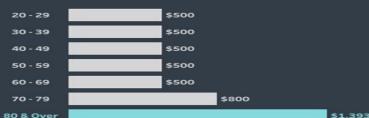




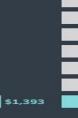


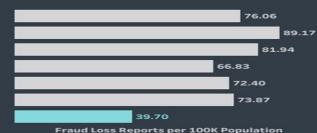
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Median \$ Loss





## Fraud Loss Reports per .

## Fraud affects every generation differently.

Top Loss Reports for People Aged 80 & Over

- Business Imposters
- 2 Online Shopping
- 3 Tech Support Scams
- 4 Government Imposters
- 5 Prizes, Sweepstakes & Lotteries

#### Payment Method



### Contact Method



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### Advance Payments for Credit Services Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

#### Fraud Category

Advance Payments for Credit Services

## Fraud Facts at a Glance

Top 15 States

Year 2023 Quarter

# of Fraud Reports: 7,288

% Reporting \$ Loss: 28%

Total Loss Reported: \$16.6M

Median Loss Reported: \$728

Top Payment Method: Wire Transfer

Top Contact Method: Other

(ranked by reports per million population)

Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	Florida	849	39.8
2	Nevada	118	38.6
3	Georgia	367	34.5
4	California	1,048	26.6
5	Texas	710	24.6
6	Louisiana	113	24.3
7	Alabama	115	23.0
8	Maryland	135	22.0
9	Tennessee	137	20.0
10	Delaware	19	19.4
11	Arkansas	52	17.3
12	New Jersey	157	17.0
13	North Carolina	173	16.7
14	Mississippi	49	16.5
15	Indiana	108	16.0



### **Business and Job Opportunities** Year: 2023. Quarter: 2

## Fraud Category

Business and Job Opportunities

Year 2023

Quarter

## Fraud Facts at a Glance

# of Fraud Reports: 23,790

% Reporting \$ Loss: 31%

Total Loss Reported: \$118.7M

Median Loss Reported: \$2,000

Top Payment Method: Payment App or Service

Top Contact Method: Website or Apps

Top 15 States	
(ranked by reports per million population)	

Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	Nevada	256	83.7
2	Georgia	739	69.5
3	Arizona	491	69.4
4	Florida	1,436	67.3
5	Utah	217	67.2
6	Maryland	398	64.7
7	Colorado	368	64.3
8	Texas	1,847	64.0
9	New Mexico	122	57.8
10	North Carolina	590	56.9
11	New Jersey	516	55.9
12	California	2,168	54.9
13	Tennessee	375	54.7
14	Washington	416	54.6
15	New York	1,087	54.0



## Charitable Solicitations

Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

#### Fraud Category Charitable Solicitations

Year Quarter 2023

## Fraud Facts at a Glance

# of Fraud Reports: 2,146

% Reporting \$ Loss: 25%

Total Loss Reported: \$7.0M

Median Loss Reported: \$500

Top Payment Method: Payment App or Service

Top Contact Method: Phone call

	by reports per million p	opulation)
Rank	State Name	#
1	Alaska	

Top 15 States

Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	Alaska	6	8.2
2	Delaware	7	7.1
3	South Dakota	6	6.8
4	Idaho	12	6.6
5	Nevada	20	6.5
6	Wisconsin	38	6.5
7	Colorado	37	6.5
8	Arizona	45	6.4
9	Oregon	26	6.2
10	New Mexico	13	6.2
11	Massachusetts	43	6.2
12	Washington	45	5.9
13	Nebraska	11	5.6
14	Virginia	48	5.6
15	Tennessee	36	5.2



Quarter

## Foreign Money Offers and Fake Check Scams

Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

#### Fraud Category

**Year** 2023

Foreign Money Offers and Fake Check Scams

Fraud Facts at a Glance

# of Fraud Reports: 10,895

% Reporting \$ Loss: 34%

Total Loss Reported: \$53.8M

Median Loss Reported: \$2,000

Top Payment Method: Payment App or Service

Top Contact Method: Email Top 15 States (ranked by reports per million population)

Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	Nevada	131	42.8
2	Arizona	285	40.3
3	Florida	801	37.5
4	Utah	120	37.1
5	Colorado	212	37.0
6	New Mexico	76	36.0
7	Maryland	220	35.8
8	Delaware	35	35.6
9	Oregon	148	35.2
10	Virginia	298	34.7
11	Washington	262	34.4
12	Georgia	364	34.3
13	California	1,328	33.7
14	Oklahoma	128	32.4
15	Rhode Island	35	32.1



Grants

Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

Fraud Category Grants

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**Year** 2023

Quarter 2

## Fraud Facts at a Glance

# of Fraud Reports: 450

% Reporting \$ Loss: 39%

Total Loss Reported: \$1.3M

Median Loss Reported: \$950

Top Payment Method: Gift Card or Reload Card

Top Contact Method: Social Media Top 15 States (ranked by reports per million population)

Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	West Virginia	8	4.4
2	Kansas	10	3.4
3	Montana	3	2.8
4	Alaska	2	2.7
5	New Hampshire	3	2.2
6	Delaware	2	2.0
7	Mississippi	6	2.0
8	Missouri	12	2.0
9	Maryland	12	2.0
10	Florida	40	1.9
11	Wisconsin	11	1.9
12	Rhode Island	2	1.8
13	Kentucky	8	1.8
14	New Jersey	16	1.7
15	Iowa	5	1.6



Health Care

Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

## Fraud Facts at a Glance

# of Fraud Reports: 13,811

% Reporting \$ Loss: 7%

Total Loss Reported: \$4.3M

Median Loss Reported: \$260

Top Payment Method: Credit Cards

Top Contact Method: Social Media

#### Fraud Category Health Care

Year Quarter 2023 2

Top 15 States (ranked by reports per million population)

Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	Nevada	176	57.5
2	Arizona	407	57.5
3	Florida	1,189	55.7
4	Maryland	329	53.5
5	Georgia	555	52.2
6	Colorado	287	50.1
7	Missouri	277	45.1
8	Virginia	378	44.0
9	Delaware	43	43.8
10	New Hampshire	60	43.7
11	South Carolina	221	43.5
12	Washington	329	43.2
13	North Carolina	447	43.1
14	Rhode Island	47	43.0
15	Illinois	522	40.7

State rankings are based on the number of reports per million population. Population estimates are based on U.S. Census population estimates for 2020. State level data and rankings exclude ...



Imposter Scams Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

#### Fraud Category Imposter Scams

Year 2023 Quarter

Fraud Facts at a Glance

# of Fraud Reports: 182,704

% Reporting \$ Loss: 21%

Total Loss Reported: \$616.2M

Median Loss Reported: \$899

Top Payment Method: Gift Card or Reload Card

Top Contact Method: Phone call

Top 15 States	
(ranked by reports pe	r million population)

Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	Washington	4,863	638.4
2	Oregon	2,594	616.6
3	Colorado	3,111	543.6
4	Nevada	1,655	541.0
5	Arizona	3,720	525.5
6	Maryland	3,105	505.0
7	Virginia	4,295	500.4
8	Alaska	365	496.0
9	New Hampshire	675	491.9
10	Massachusetts	3,412	488.0
11	Florida	10,344	484.7
12	Montana	494	458.3
13	Delaware	442	450.2
14	Utah	1,435	444.1
15	New Mexico	931	441.4



Internet Services Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

#### Fraud Category Internet Services

## Fraud Facts at a Glance Top 15 States

**Year** 2023 **Quarter** 2

# of Fraud Reports: 18,308

% Reporting \$ Loss: 7%

Total Loss Reported: \$5.5M

Median Loss Reported: \$218

Top Payment Method: Credit Cards

Top Contact Method: Website or Apps Top 15 States (ranked by reports per million population)

Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	Delaware	84	85.5
2	Nevada	198	64.7
3	Alaska	45	61.1
4	Wyoming	35	60.7
5	Florida	1,288	60.4
6	Virginia	509	59.3
7	Connecticut	211	58.5
8	Georgia	592	55.7
9	New York	1,109	55.1
10	Oregon	225	53.5
11	California	2,084	52.8
12	Maryland	320	52.0
13	Washington	384	50.4
14	New Jersey	463	50.1
15	Colorado	283	49.4

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## Investment Related

Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

#### Fraud Category Investment Related

Year 2023 Quarter

## Fraud Facts at a Glance

# of Fraud Reports: 22,845

% Reporting \$ Loss: 76%

Total Loss Reported: \$898.3M

Median Loss Reported: \$6,166

Top Payment Method: Cryptocurrency

Top Contact Method: Social Media

Top 15 States	
(ranked by reports	per million population)

Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	Nevada	180	58.8
2	Florida	1,196	56.0
3	Alaska	41	55.7
4	Hawaii	80	55.0
5	Maryland	336	54.6
6	Arizona	378	53.4
7	California	2,026	51.3
8	Colorado	290	50.7
9	Washington	375	49.2
10	Virginia	375	43.7
11	New Jersey	392	42.5
12	Utah	137	42.4
13	Wyoming	24	41.6
14	New York	812	40.4
15	Oregon	161	38.3



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### Magazines and Books Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

## Fraud Category Magazines and Books

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## Top 15 States (ranked by reports per million population)

Year Quarter 2023 2

Fraud Facts at a Glance

# of Fraud Reports: 1,049

% Reporting \$ Loss: 12%

Total Loss Reported: \$0.5M

Median Loss Reported: \$300

Top Payment Method: Credit Cards

Top Contact Method: Other

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Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	Wisconsin	32	5.4
2	Virginia	39	4.5
3	Minnesota	25	4.4
4	Pennsylvania	57	4.4
5	Alaska	3	4.1
6	Connecticut	14	3.9
7	Kentucky	17	3.8
8	Ohio	44	3.7
9	Colorado	21	3.7
10	Maryland	22	3.6
11	Michigan	36	3.6
12	Arizona	24	3.4

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Missouri

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## Mortgage Foreclosure Relief and Debt Management

Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

Fraud Category

Mortgage Foreclosure Relief and Debt Mana..

Fraud Facts at a Glance

# of Fraud Reports: 5,861

% Reporting \$ Loss: 19%

Total Loss Reported: \$8.2M

Median Loss Reported: \$1,100

Top Payment Method: Debit Card

Top Contact Method: Phone call

Top 15 States 2023 (ranked by reports per million population)

Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	Georgia	257	24.2
2	Mississippi	68	22.9
3	Nevada	69	22.6
4	Florida	433	20.3
5	Colorado	116	20.3
6	Maryland	119	19.4
7	Alabama	96	19.2
8	New Mexico	39	18.5
9	Nebraska	35	17.9
10	California	700	17.7
11	Illinois	222	17.3
12	Delaware	17	17.3
13	Arizona	122	17.2
14	Pennsylvania	219	16.9
15	South Carolina	85	16.7



## Office Supplies and Services Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

## **Fraud Category**Office Supplies and Services

## Fraud Facts at a Glance

	Year	Quarter
Top 15 States	2023	2
(ranked by reports per million populatio	n)	

# of Fraud Reports: 622
% Reporting \$ Loss: 7%
Total Loss Reported: \$0.2M
Median Loss Reported: \$499
Top Payment Method: Credit Cards
Top Contact Method:

Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	Alaska	3	4.1
2	Delaware	3	3.1
3	New Mexico	6	2.8
4	Montana	3	2.8
5	Washington	18	2.4
6	Missouri	14	2.3
7	Maryland	14	2.3
8	Colorado	13	2.3
9	Arizona	16	2.3
10	Connecticut	8	2.2
11	Wisconsin	13	2.2
12	Maine	3	2.2
13	Idaho	4	2.2
14	Utah	7	2.2
15	New York	42	2.1

State rankings are based on the number of reports per million population. Population estimates are based on U.S. Census population estimates for 2020. State level data and rankings exclude ...



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## Online Shopping and Negative Reviews Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

## Fraud Category

Online Shopping and Negative Reviews

	Year	Quarter
Top 15 States	2023	2
(ranked by reports per million popula	ation)	

## Fraud Facts at a Glance

# of Fraud Reports: 77,483
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% Reporting \$ Loss: 54%

Total Loss Reported: \$110.7M

Median Loss Reported: \$137

Top Payment Method: Credit Cards

Top Contact Method: Website or Apps

Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	Delaware	221	225.1
2	Colorado	1,278	223.3
3	New Hampshire	302	220.1
4	Wyoming	125	216.8
5	Washington	1,647	216.2
6	Arizona	1,488	210.2
7	Florida	4,407	206.5
8	Massachusetts	1,418	202.8
9	Virginia	1,740	202.7
10	Oregon	850	202.0
11	Alaska	148	201.1
12	Nevada	614	200.7
13	Maryland	1,230	200.0
14	New York	3,950	196.4
15	Maine	264	194.5

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### Prizes, Sweepstakes and Lotteries Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

Fraud Category

Prizes, Sweepstakes and Lotteries

Fraud Facts at a Glance

Top 15 States

Year 2023 Quarter

# of Fraud Reports: 18,035

% Reporting \$ Loss: 18%

Total Loss Reported: \$49.5M

Median Loss Reported: \$700

Top Payment Method: Gift Card or Reload Card

Top Contact Method: Phone call

(ranked by reports per million population)

Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	West Virginia	145	80.5
2	Oregon	321	76.3
3	Maine	89	65.6
4	Arizona	447	63.1
5	Missouri	385	62.7
6	Florida	1,325	62.1
7	North Dakota	48	62.1
8	Arkansas	184	61.2
9	Alabama	298	59.6
10	Delaware	58	59.1
11	Idaho	106	58.5
12	New Mexico	123	58.3
13	Washington	444	58.3
14	Kansas	170	58.0
15	Nevada	177	57.9

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Quarter

Tax Preparers Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

#### Fraud Category Tax Preparers

## Fraud Facts at a Glance

# of Fraud Reports: 1,372

% Reporting \$ Loss: 10%

Total Loss Reported: \$0.4M

Median Loss Reported: \$298

Top Payment Method: Credit Cards

Top Contact Method: Other

Top 15 States 2023 (ranked by reports per million population)

Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	North Dakota	6	7.8
2	Alaska	5	6.8
3	Georgia	71	6.7
4	Hawaii	9	6.2
5	Delaware	6	6.1
6	Colorado	34	5.9
7	Nevada	18	5.9
8	Maryland	36	5.9
9	Pennsylvania	75	5.8
10	New Hampshire	7	5.1
11	South Carolina	25	4.9
12	New Jersey	44	4.8
13	Indiana	32	4.7
14	Rhode Island	5	4.6
15	Louisiana	21	4.5

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## Telephone and Mobile Services

Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

Fraud Category
Telephone and Mobile Services

Year 2023

Quarter

## Fraud Facts at a Glance

# of Fraud Reports: 18,351

% Reporting \$ Loss: 11%

Total Loss Reported: \$7.1M

Median Loss Reported: \$219

Top Payment Method: Debit Card

Top Contact Method: Other

Top 15 States (ranked by reports per million population)

Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.
1	Florida	1,407	65.9
2	Nevada	198	64.7
3	Georgia	684	64.4
4	Missouri	386	62.9
5	Connecticut	216	59.9
6	Pennsylvania	761	58.7
7	North Carolina	599	57.8
8	Alabama	284	56.8
9	Arizona	401	56.6
10	Delaware	55	56.0
11	Illinois	718	56.0
12	Virginia	474	55.2
13	Maryland	339	55.1
14	Ohio	641	54.5
15	New Jersey	496	53.7



### Travel, Vacations and Timeshare Plans Year: 2023, Quarter: 2

#### Fraud Category

Travel, Vacations and Timeshare Plans

	Year	Quarter
Top 15 States	2023	2
(ranked by reports per million	population)	

Fraud Facts at a Glance

# of Fraud Reports: 10,633

% Reporting \$ Loss: 23%

Total Loss Reported: \$27.1M

Median Loss Reported: \$1,294

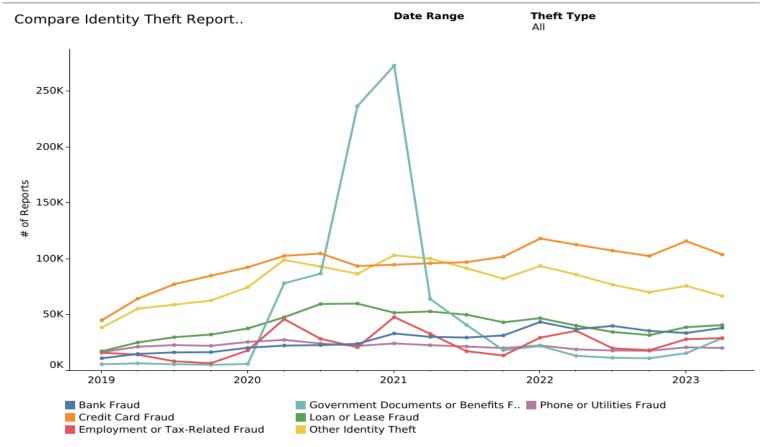
Top Payment Method: Credit Cards

Top Contact Method: Other

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Rank	State Name	# of Reports	Reports per Million Pop.		
1	Maryland	253	41.1		
2	Florida	873	40.9		
3	Nevada	112	36.6		
4	Utah	113	35.0		
5	New Hampshire	47	34.3		
6	Virginia	290	33.8		
7	Georgia	354	33.3		
8	New Jersey	304	32.9		
9	South Carolina	161	31.7		
10	Connecticut	113	31.3		
11	Oregon	127	30.2		
12	North Carolina	310	29.9		
13	New York	596	29.6		
14	Wyoming	17	29.5		
15	California	1,163	29.5		

State rankings are based on the number of reports per million population. Population estimates are based on U.S. Census population estimates for 2020. State level data and rankings exclude ...





Consumers can report multiple types of identity theft.

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## Regulatory Expectations

- Strong governance is vital to managing an institution's exposure to fraud and must include a strong corporate culture that discourages imprudent risk-taking.
- Fraud risk management should be commensurate with the bank's risk profile and stated Boardapproved risk appetite statement.
- Both banks and non-bank financial institutions must develop **preventative and detective controls**, including (i) developing anti-fraud policies and procedures, such as ethics policies, codes of conduct, and identity theft programs; (ii) creating anti-fraud awareness campaigns; (iii) establishing fraud risk management training programs for employees and contractors and educating customers on preventative measures; (iv) implementing a system of controls intended to prevent employees and third parties from conducting fraudulent transactions, such as opening or closing of bank accounts; (v) conducting background investigations for new employees and periodic checks for existing employees and third parties; (vi) providing sound training and information security programs; and (vii) establishing processes for customer identification, customer due diligence, and beneficial ownership identification and verification.

## Regulatory Expectations (Cont'd.)

- Senior management should understand the institution's exposure to fraud risk and associated losses.
- The Anti Money Laundering Act of 2020 (AMLA) requires banks to incorporate the national AML/Counter-Financing Terrorism (CFT) Priorities into their risk-based Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) compliance programs.
- Fraud is identified as one of eight national priorities.



## Products/Services Most Related to Fraud

- Domestic and international ACH (IAT)
- Wire
- e-Banking
- Credit cards
- Convertible virtual currencies (CVCs)
- Gift cards
- Pre-paid cards
- Real-estate lending
- ATM
- Mobile banking
- Cashier's checks



## Customer/Entity Types Most Related to Fraud

- Cash couriers
- Money mules
- Money services businesses (MSBs)
- Shell companies
- Shelf companies
- International business company/corporations (IBCs)
- Front companies
- Home healthcare
- Doctors
- Pharmacists
- Assisted living
- Chiropractors

- Radiologist
- Medical supply companies
- Rehabilitative services
- Lending/brokerage services (E-mail Account Compromise)
- Real estate services (E-mail Account Compromise)
- Legal services (E-mail Account Compromise)
- Manufacturing, construction, real estate, commercial customers, government entities non-profit organizations, schools and universities (Business E-Mail Compromise)



# Geographies/Jurisdictions Most Related to Fraud

- China
- Hong Kong
- Mexico
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- Nigeria



# Four Steps to Fighting Back

## 1. Determine your organization's fraud risk appetite

- Does your organization's leadership understand the risk environment? Have they agreed and articulated how much risk the organization is willing to take? For a typical enterprise, the goal should be
  - Low fraud losses comparable to or better than peers.
  - High level of customer service frictionless access, rare false alerts.
  - Optimal operational efficiency and effectiveness effective fraud processes.



## 2. Put the right people and policies in place

- People. Since fraud management is very much a technology issue today, teams will
  people who understand data and analytics but are also versed in investigative
  techniques and technologies. And it needs people who can scan the landscape to
  anticipate and understand emerging risks that accompany new initiatives.
- **Policy**. An airtight fraud policy sets forth minimum standards regarding the end-to-end fraud prevention process, including:
  - Customer authentication.
  - Wallet provisioning.
  - Real-time fraud protection.
  - Transaction monitoring.



- Identification and verification.
- Reporting and management information.
- Fraud case review.
- Root cause analysis.
- Investigations and recovery.
- Machine learning feedback loop where applicable.



## 3. Implement strong anti-fraud tools and technology

- Use analytics-driven tools and technologies that are:
  - Comprehensive. The fraud technology should span account opening, transaction monitoring and network analysis, with broad data sharing and supported by analyticsdriven rules and models.
  - Real-time. Ideally, a system will monitor all transactions, both monetary and nonmonetary.
  - Cross-channel. Now that customers have more choice in how they transact, it is more important to have a single and versatile fraud solution for all contact channels – internet, telephone, mobile, digital and in-person – to gain a holistic customer view.



- Cross-payment. Anti-fraud mechanisms should provide a consistent and unified view across checks, debit cards, credit cards, ACH, wire transfers, deposits, merchant transactions and digital/online payments.
- Enterprise wide. The 360-degree customer view created by an anti-fraud system can also add value for anti-money laundering (AML), credit risk management, marketing and sales efforts. Activities that look innocuous by themselves can appear suspicious when seen in broader context.
- o **Open for integration.** A key differentiator is the openness and flexibility of the technology architecture and a 'tool-kit' approach to risk analytics and reporting.



#### 4. Education

Education of both customer facing and operations staff and customers is critical in the
prevention of fraud particularly those involving schemes involving the elderly (Imposter scams;
Prizes, sweepstakes and lotteries scams; Healthcare scams; Foreign money offers and fake
checks scams; and Travel, vacations and timeshare plans).



# Best Practices for Partnering with Law Enforcement

#### 1. Make connections with local law enforcement

- Identify key contacts responsible for fraud investigations at local police departments, FBI, IRS-CI, HSI and Secret Service field offices and maintain regular contact to cultivate good working relationships that could prove invaluable when you need law enforcement assistance.
- This will also help establish a relationship that will foster two-way communications and information-sharing that will be beneficial to both your organization and law enforcement.
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  - https://www.irs.gov/compliance/criminal-investigation
  - https://www.ic3.gov/



# Best Practices for Partnering with Law Enforcement (cont'd.)

### 2. Identify a contact at your local SAR Review Team

- There are Suspicious Activity Report ("SAR") review teams located around the country, covering all 94 federal judicial districts.
- · At least one in each federal judicial district.
- Each team proactively reviews SARs for their geographic area.
- Led by a representative from the local Office of the United States Attorney
- Typically comprised of members from:
  - IRS-CI
  - o FBI
  - o HSI
  - Secret Service
  - State & local law enforcement



# Best Practices for Partnering with Law Enforcement (cont'd.)

## 3. Bolster your intelligence collection sources

- The FBI, DHS and Secret Service regularly share threat data with the private sector through established programs particularly around cyber threats.
- The data that these federal entities provide contains alerts and analysis that can help organizations detect, prevent, and mitigate fraud.

## 4. Engage with law enforcement before an incident.

After identifying local law enforcement contacts engage with them.



# Best Practices for Partnering with Law Enforcement (cont'd.)

## 5. Document all investigative steps

To avoid duplication of effort and retracing of steps, internal investigations and other response
activities should create a record of all investigative steps that can later be presented to law
enforcement.

#### 6. Preserve the evidence

- Evidence is critical to apprehending criminals, disrupting ongoing schemes, and taking down criminal infrastructure. Any physical, documentary, or digital evidence acquired during an internal investigation should be preserved for later use in legal proceedings.
- Make sure evidence and data is preserved with forensically sound methods that do not taint or
  destroy the evidence so it may be used in prosecutions and court proceedings
  initiated to take down criminal infrastructure and hold perpetrators accountable.

## QUESTIONS???

