

# South Carolina's IC3 2004 Internet Fraud – Crime Report

## Complaint Characteristics

In 2004 IC3 referred at total of 893 complaints from the state of South Carolina.

### **Top 4 Complaint Categories from South Carolina**

Auction Fraud	70.9%
Non Delivery of Merchandise /Payment	13.8%
Credit Card Fraud	5.8%
Check Fraud	1.5%

### **Percent of Referrals by Monetary Loss**

\$.01 - \$99.99	27.0%
\$100.00 - \$999.99	46.5%
\$1000.00 - \$4999.99	21.7%
\$5000.00 - \$9999.99	4.8%

The top dollar loss complaint involved investment fraud and totaled \$65000.00

### **Amount Lost by Fraud Type for Individuals Reporting Monetary Loss**

<u>Complaint Type</u>	<u>% who reported a loss</u>	<u>Median loss per complaint</u>
Auction Fraud	94.7%	\$299.40
Non-delivery	98.2%	\$290.00
Credit Card Fraud	100%	\$264.99
Check Fraud	66.7%	\$189.00

The total median dollar loss for all complaints reporting a dollar loss was \$323.00.

## South Carolina Perpetrator Characteristics

### **Gender**

Male	70.6%
Female	29.4%

### **Perpetrator Statistics within the United States**

Per 100,000 population South Carolina ranks 34<sup>th</sup> highest at 11.20 while ranking 27<sup>th</sup> on total number of perpetrators identified as residing in South Carolina. This total accounts for 1.0% of all complaints where the perpetrator was identified.

## **South Carolina Complainant Characteristics**

### **Gender**

Male	72.9%
Female	27.1%

### **Age Demographics**

Overall Average age	41.6
Male	42.7
Female	38.9

### **Complaint demographics**

Under 20	1.8%
20-29	19.3%
30-39	20.2%
40-49	17.8%
50-59	35.3%
Over 60	5.7%

### **Amount Lost Per Referred Complaint By Selected Complainant Demographics**

Under 20	\$86.00
20-29	\$450.00
30-39	\$350.00
40-49	\$348.00
50-59	\$323.00
60 and older	\$170.00

### **Complainant Statistics within the United States**

Per 100,000 population South Carolina ranks 27<sup>th</sup> highest at 28.30 while also ranking 25<sup>th</sup> on total number of complainants identified as residing in South Carolina. This total accounts for 1.4% of all complaints in the United States.

## **Complainant-Perpetrator Dynamics**

### **From Same State as Complainant and the other top three locations**

South Carolina 4.2%   **1.** Florida 10.8%   **2.** California 10.1%   **3.** New York 8.7%

### **Contact Method**

E-mail	57.3%
Webpage	27.8%
Phone	7.9%
Physical Mail	2.2%
Chatrooms	1.6%
Printed Material	1.8%
In Person	1.2%
Fax	0.2%

