

# California's IC3 2004 Internet Fraud – Crime Report

## Complaint Characteristics

In 2004 IC3 referred at total of 9091 complaints from the state of California.

### **Top 4 Complaint Categories from California**

Auction Fraud	69.5%
Non Delivery of Merchandise /Payment	16.2%
Credit Card Fraud	5.6%
Check Fraud	1.9%

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

\$.01 - \$99.99	25.7%
\$100.00 - \$999.99	47.5%
\$1000.00 - \$4999.99	20.9%
\$5000.00 - \$9999.99	5.9%

The top dollar loss complaint totaled \$560000.00

### **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	95.1%	\$265.00
Non-delivery	94.2%	\$398.95
Credit Card Fraud	89.6%	\$525.25
Check Fraud	69.6%	\$3528.00

The total median dollar loss for all complaints reporting a dollar loss was \$310.00.

## California Perpetrator Characteristics

### **Gender**

Male	74.1%
Female	25.9%

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

Per 100,000 population California ranks 5<sup>th</sup> highest at 18.92 while ranking 1<sup>st</sup> on total number of perpetrators identified as residing in California. This total accounts for 14.9% of all complaints where the perpetrator was identified.

## **California Complainant Characteristics**

### **Gender**

Male	67.4%
Female	32.6%

### **Age Demographics**

Overall Average age	38.7
Male	38.8
Female	38.5

### **Complaint demographics**

Under 20	3.7%
20-29	25.2%
30-39	26.0%
40-49	22.9%
50-59	15.8%
Over 60	6.4%

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

Under 20	\$245.00
20-29	\$325.00
30-39	\$300.00
40-49	\$290.36
50-59	\$335.00
60 and older	\$445.50

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

Per 100,000 population California ranks 10<sup>th</sup> highest at 34.33 while also ranking 1<sup>st</sup> on total number of complainants identified as residing in California. This total accounts for only 14.4% of all complainants in the United States.

## **Complainant-Perpetrator Dynamics**

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

California 21.5%   **1.** New York 9.7%      **2.** Florida 8.3%      **3.** Texas 7.2%

### **Contact Method**

E-mail	62.8%
Webpage	23.2%
Phone	7.7%
Physical Mail	3.3%
Printed Material	1.3%
In Person	0.9%
Chatrooms	0.6%

Fax

0.1%