

Montana's IC3 2004 Internet Fraud – Crime Report

Complaint Characteristics

In 2004 IC3 referred at total of 182 complaints from the state of Montana.

Top 5 Complaint Categories from Montana

Auction Fraud	69.7%
Non Delivery of Merchandise /Payment	14.2%
Credit Card Fraud	5.8%
Investment Fraud	1.3%
Computer Fraud	1.3%

Percent of Referrals by Monetary Loss

\$.01 - \$99.99	23.2%
\$100.00 - \$999.99	45.1%
\$1000.00 - \$4999.99	23.9%
\$5000.00 - \$9999.99	7.7%

The top dollar loss complaint involved Auction fraud and totaled \$28500.00

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	95.4%	\$455.00
Non-delivery	90.5%	\$275.00
Credit Card Fraud	77.8%	\$300.00
Investment Fraud	100%	\$2500.00
Computer Fraud	0.00%	\$0.00

The total median dollar loss for all complaints reporting a dollar loss was \$400.00.

Montana Perpetrator Characteristics

Gender

Male	75.9%
Female	24.1%

Perpetrator Statistics within the United States

Per 100,000 population Montana ranks 42nd highest at 9.49 while ranking 46th on total number of perpetrators identified as residing in Montana. This total accounts for 0.2% of all complaints where the perpetrator was identified.

Montana Complainant Characteristics

Gender

Male	66.3%
Female	33.7%

Age Demographics

Overall Average age	41.2
Male	41.5
Female	40.6

Complaint demographics

Under 20	2.0%
20-29	21.6%
30-39	22.8%
40-49	24.8%
50-59	19.2%
Over 60	9.6%

Amount Lost Per Referred Complaint By Selected Complainant Demographics

Under 20	\$580.00
20-29	\$943.00
30-39	\$325.00
40-49	\$2119.00
50-59	\$500.00
60 and older	\$308.34

Complainant Statistics within the United States

Per 100,000 population Montana ranks 34th highest at 27.19 while also ranking 45th on total number of complainants identified as residing in Montana. This total accounts for 0.3% of all complainants in the United States.

Complainant-Perpetrator Dynamics

From Same State as Complainant and the top three locations

Montana 0.0% **1.** California 16.9% **2.** Florida 11.7% **3.** New York 9.1%

Contact Method

E-mail	62.8%
Webpage	21.4%
Phone	9.7%
Physical Mail	4.8%
Chatrooms	.7%
Printed Material	.7%