Ohio’s IC3 2004 Internet Fraud – Crime Report

Complaint Characteristics

In 2004 IC3 referred a total of 2115 complaints from the state of Ohio.

Top 4 Complaint Categories from Ohio

- Auction Fraud: 70.7%
- Non Delivery of Merchandise /Payment: 15.3%
- Credit Card Fraud: 5.7%
- Check Fraud: 1.9%

Percent of Referrals by Monetary Loss

- $.01 - $99.99: 31.8%
- $100.00 - $999.99: 45.6%
- $1000.00 - $4999.99: 18.1%
- $5000.00 - $9999.99: 4.5%

The top dollar loss complaint involved a lottery scam and totaled $196000.00.

Amount Lost by Fraud Type for Individuals Reporting Monetary Loss

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<th>Complaint Type</th>
<th>% who reported a loss</th>
<th>Median loss per complaint</th>
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<td>Auction Fraud</td>
<td>96.4%</td>
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<td>96.1%</td>
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<td>Credit Card Fraud</td>
<td>93.8%</td>
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The total median dollar loss for all complaints reporting a dollar loss was $227.96.

Ohio Perpetrator Characteristics

Gender

- Male: 71.8%
- Female: 28.2%

Perpetrator Statistics within the United States

Per 100,000 population Ohio ranks 16th highest at 15.03 while ranking 6th on total number of perpetrators identified as residing in Ohio. This total accounts for 3.8% of all complaints where the perpetrator was identified.
Ohio Complainant Characteristics

Gender
Male  66.0%
Female  34.0%

Age Demographics
Overall Average age   38.4
Male    38.1
Female   38.9

Complaint demographics
Under 20      3.6%
20-29        25.8%
30-39        25.8%
40-49        24.5%
50-59        15.0%
Over 60      5.3%

Amount Lost Per Referred Complaint By Selected Complainant Demographics
Under 20      $295.11
20-29        $250.00
30-39        $232.00
40-49        $274.95
50-59        $215.50
60 and older $200.00

Complainant Statistics within the United States
Per 100,000 population Ohio ranks 40th at 25.32 while also ranking 7th on total number of complainants identified as residing in Ohio. This total accounts for 3.4% of all complaints in the United States.

Complainant-Perpetrator Dynamics

From Same State as Complainant and the other top three locations
Ohio 6.6%  1. California  14.3%  2. New York 9.1%  3. Florida 8.6%

Contact Method
E-mail       61.6%
Webpage     25.2%
Phone       7.5%
Physical Mail 2.8%
Chatrooms  1.0%
Printed Material 1.1%
In Person     0.6%
Fax         0.2%