Texas’s IC3 2004 Internet Fraud – Crime Report

**Complaint Characteristics**

In 2004 IC3 referred a total of 4027 complaints from the state of Texas.

**Top 5 Complaint Categories from Texas**

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Auction Fraud</td>
<td>69.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Non Delivery of Merchandise /Payment</td>
<td>14.7%</td>
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<td>Credit Card Fraud</td>
<td>7.2%</td>
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<td>Check Fraud</td>
<td>1.2%</td>
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<td>Computer Fraud</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
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**Percent of Referrals by Monetary Loss**

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<th>Monetary Loss Range</th>
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<td>$0.01 - $99.99</td>
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<td>$100.00 - $999.99</td>
<td>47.4%</td>
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<td>$1000.00 - $4999.99</td>
<td>18.7%</td>
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<td>$5000.00 - $9999.99</td>
<td>4.8%</td>
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The top dollar loss complaint involved Auction fraud and totaled $270,000.00.

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

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<th>Fraud Type</th>
<th>% who reported a loss</th>
<th>Median loss per complaint</th>
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<tr>
<td>Auction Fraud</td>
<td>96.6%</td>
<td>$375.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Non-delivery</td>
<td>96.1%</td>
<td>$216.98</td>
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<td>Credit Card Fraud</td>
<td>89.8%</td>
<td>$398.18</td>
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<td>Check Fraud</td>
<td>86.2%</td>
<td>$5000.00</td>
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<td>Computer Fraud</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
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The total median dollar loss for all complaints reporting a dollar loss was $260.00.

**Texas Perpetrator Characteristics**

**Gender**

- Male: 73.2%
- Female: 27.8%

**Perpetrator Statistics within the United States**

Per 100,000 population, Texas ranks 20\(^{th}\) highest at 14.15 while ranking 4\(^{th}\) on total number of perpetrators identified as residing in Texas. This total accounts for 7.0% of all complaints where the perpetrator was identified.
Texas Complainant Characteristics

Gender
Male 65.0%
Female 35.0%

Age Demographics
Overall Average age 38.5
Male 38.4
Female 38.8

Complaint demographics
Under 20 3.3%
20-29 25.0%
30-39 27.1%
40-49 23.2%
50-59 15.5%
Over 60 5.8%

Amount Lost Per Referred Complaint By Selected Complainant Demographics
Under 20 $270.00
20-29 $290.00
30-39 $276.56
40-49 $225.00
50-59 $207.00
60 and older $357.00

Complainant Statistics within the United States
Per 100,000 population Texas ranks 46th highest at 24.20 while also ranking 3rd on total number of complainants identified as residing in Texas. This total accounts for 6.4% of all complaints within the United States.

Complainant-Perpetrator Dynamics

From Same State as Complainant and the other top three locations
Texas 11.7% 1. California 13.4% 2. Florida 9.2% 3. New York 8.7%

Contact Method
E-mail 59.9%
Webpage 24.7%
Phone 8.3%
Physical Mail 3.5%
Printed Material 1.6%
Chatrooms 1.3%
In Person 0.8%