California's IC3 2008 Internet Crime Report

Complaint Characteristics

In 2008 IC3 received at total of 34851 complaints from the state of California.

Top 10 Complaint Categories from California			
Non Delivery of Merchandise /Payment	30.7%		
Auction Fraud	24.5%		
Credit Card Fraud	10.1%		
Computer Fraud	8.8%		
Confidence Fraud	7.5%		
Check Fraud	6.0%		
Identity Theft	2.4%		
Threats	2.4%		
Nigerian Letter Fraud	2.2%		
Financial Institutions Fraud	1.7%		

Percent of Referrals by Monetary Loss

\$.01 - \$99.99	12.1%
\$100.00 - \$999.99	37.8%
\$1000.00 - \$4999.99	33.3%
\$5000.00 - \$9999.99	7.7%
Over \$10,000.00	9.0%

The top dollar loss complaint involved investment fraud and totaled \$10,000,000.00 while total reported losses for 2008 exceeded \$42.48 million.

Amount Lost by Fraud Type for Individuals Reporting Monetary Loss

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Complaint Type	% who reported a loss	Median loss per complaint
Non-delivery	97.3%	\$791.30
Auction Fraud	99.3%	\$660.00
Credit Card Fraud	97.0%	\$404.00
Check Fraud	98.0%	\$3100.00
Confidence Fraud	78.4%	\$2001.50
Nigerian Letter Fraud	98.2%	\$1885.00
Identity Theft	76.6%	\$945.00
Computer Fraud	31.0%	\$2700.00
Financial Institutions Fraud	98.5%	\$1500.00
Threats	17.8%	\$1550.00

The total median dollar loss for all complaints reporting a dollar loss was \$1000.00.

California Perpetrator CharacteristicsGenderMale77.0%Female23.0%

Perpetrator Statistics within the United States

Per 100,000 population California ranks 10th highest at 40.09 while ranking 1st on total number of perpetrators identified as residing in California. This total accounts for 15.8% of all complaints where the perpetrator was identified.

California Complainant Characteristics

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GenderMale56.1%Female43.9%

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Under 20	2.8%
20-29	19.2%
30-39	18.7%
40-49	20.2%
50-59	26.8%
Over 60	12.3%

Amount Lost Per Referred Complaint By Selected Complainant Demographics

Under 20	\$603.97
20-29	\$872.00
30-39	\$875.00
40-49	\$1150.00
50-59	\$1199.99
60 and older	\$1246.53

Complainant Statistics within the United States

Per 100,000 population California ranks 10th highest at 95.09 while also ranking 1st on total number of complainants identified as residing in California. This total accounts for only 14.6% of all complainants in the United States.

Complainant-Perpetrator Dynamics

From Same State as Complainant and the top three locations

California 30.7% 1. Florida 8.0% 2. New York 8.0% 3. Texas 5.1%