# Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints Received by the Federal Trade Commission from Consumers Age 50 and Over



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### INTRODUCTION

Between January and December 2005, Consumer Sentinel, the complaint database developed and maintained by the FTC, received over **695,000** consumer fraud and identity theft complaints. Consumers reported losses from fraud of more than \$680 million. The reports in this booklet analyze those complaints received from consumers reporting age 50 and over (**155,719**).

Consumer Sentinel collects information about consumer fraud and identity theft from the FTC and over 150 other organizations and makes it available to law enforcement partners across the nation and throughout the world for use in their investigations. Launched in 1997, the Sentinel database now includes over three million complaints. Some data transfers from other organizations contain complaints from previous months and have not yet been received. Accordingly, the total number of complaints reflected in this report may increase over the course of the next few months. The addition of complaints from other data contributors is also reflected in the larger totals from previous years than were reported in earlier FTC reports.

For more information about Consumer Sentinel, as well as information about consumer fraud and identity theft, visit the Consumer Sentinel public website at www.consumer.gov/sentinel. If you represent a law enforcement organization, call (202) 326-3196 or e-mail sentinel@ftc.gov for membership information.

### Consumer Sentinel Leading Partners & Data Contributors



*The Consumer Sentinel Network (For detailed description and data contributors, see Appendix A, pp. 18-19)* 





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Data Clearinghouse

www.consumer.gov/military

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#### Executive Summary Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints Received by the FTC from Consumers Age 50 and Over

Of the 696,239 Consumer Sentinel complaints received during calendar year (CY) 2005, 81% (564,385) of consumers reported their age. Fraud and identity theft complaints from consumers age 50 and over represented 28% (155,719) of those CY-2005 Sentinel complaints where consumers reported their age.

#### Fraud

▶64% (99,135) of Consumer Sentinel complaints from consumers age 50 and over were fraudrelated.

#### ▶ CY-2005 Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Consumers Age 50 and Over:

Foreign Money Offers (10% of Sentinel complaints from consumers age 50 and over) Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries (9%) Internet Auctions (9%) Internet Services and Computer Complaints (6%) Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales (6%) Telephone Services (3%) Business Opportunities and Work-at-Home Plans (2%)

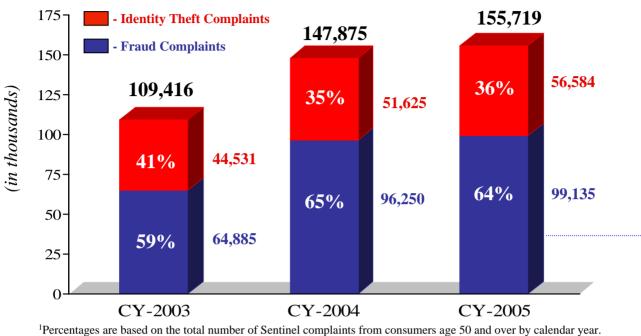
- Consumers age 50 and over reported fraud losses of over \$184 million; the median monetary loss was \$398.
- Internet-related complaints accounted for 37% of all reported fraud complaints from consumers age 50 and over, with monetary losses of over \$72 million and a median loss of \$300.
- Some 45% of fraud complaints from consumers age 50 and over where the company's method of initial contact was reported indicate Internet solicitations 28% by electronic mail and 17% through an Internet web site.

#### **Identity Theft**

- 36% (56,584) of the Consumer Sentinel complaints from consumers age 50 and over were identity theft-related.
- Credit card fraud (34%) was the most common form of reported identity theft followed by bank fraud (18%), and phone or utilities fraud (15%).

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# Sentinel Complaints from Consumers Age 50 and Over by Calendar Year<sup>1</sup>



These figures exclude "Do Not Call" registry complaints. Percentage of consumers reporting age in all Sentinel complaints: a) Fraud complaints: CY-2003 = 66%, CY-2004 = 78%, and CY-2005 = 73%

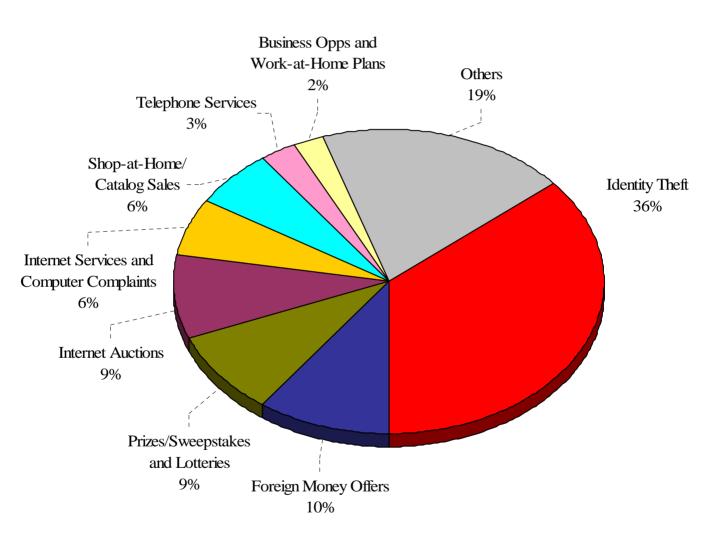
b) Identity theft complaints: CY-2003 = 92%, CY-2004 = 95%, and CY-2005 = 95%.

#### **Fraud Complaints** from Consumers Age 50 and Over by Calendar Year<sup>2</sup> (Excluding Identity Theft) 125 99,135 96,250 100-**Internet-Related** in thousands) 37% **Fraud Complaints** 41% 64,885 39,153 75 36,834 41% 26,657 50 **Other Fraud** 63% **Complaints** 59% 57,097 62,301 25 59% 38,228 0 CY-2003 CY-2005 CY-2004

<sup>2</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of Sentinel fraud complaints from consumers age 50 and over by calendar year.



# Sentinel Top Complaint Categories for Consumers Age 50 and Over<sup>1</sup> January 1 – December 31, 2005



<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of Sentinel complaints (**155,719**) received from consumers reporting age 50 and over between January 1 and December 31, 2005. For Sentinel category descriptions, see Appendix B.

# Total Number of Fraud Complaints & Amount Paid For Consumers Reporting Age 50 and Over

Calendar Years 2003 through 2005

СҮ	Total No. of Complaints	Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Amount Paid Reported	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>	Median Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
2003	64,885	47,766	74%	\$126,807,559	\$2,655	\$298
2004	96,250	70,268	73%	\$152,517,738	\$2,171	\$299
2005	99,135	62,466	63%	\$184,907,573	\$2,960	\$398

<sup>1</sup>Average is based on the total number of consumers age 50 and over who reported amount paid for each calendar year: CY-2003 = 47,766; CY-2004 = 70,268; and CY-2005 = 62,466. Fourteen consumers reported an amount paid of \$1 million or more during CY-2005; 12 and 9 consumers for CY-2003 and CY-2004, respectively.

 $^{2}$ Median is the middle number in a set of numbers so that half the numbers have values that are greater than the median and half have values that are less. Calculation of the median excludes complaints with amount paid reported as \$0.

# Distribution of Fraud Complaints by Reported Amount Paid For Consumers Reporting Age 50 and Over

Calendar Years 2003 through 2005

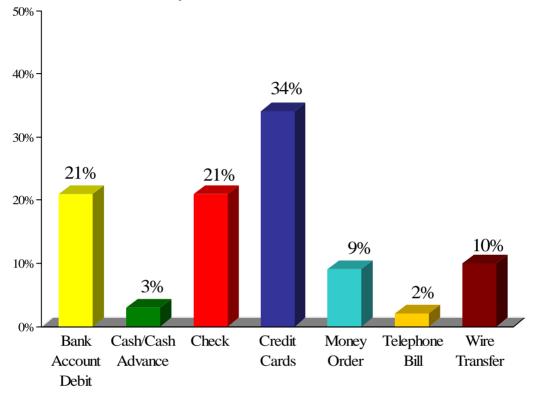
	СҮ - 2003		CY -	2004	<i>CY</i> - 2005		
Amount Paid	Complaints	Percentages <sup>3</sup>	Complaints	Percentages <sup>3</sup>	Complaints	Percentages <sup>3</sup>	
\$0	12,957	27%	24,397	35%	22,237	36%	
\$1 - 25	3,645	8%	4,844	7%	4,074	7%	
\$26 - 50	4,281	9%	4,718	7%	3,938	6%	
\$51 - 75	2,112	4%	2,797	4%	1,993	3%	
\$76 - 100	1,824	4%	2,445	3%	1,883	3%	
\$101 - 250	4,754	10%	6,790	10%	5,362	9%	
\$251 - 500	4,102	9%	5,874	8%	4,605	7%	
\$501 - 1,000	3,739	8%	4,795	7%	4,281	7%	
\$1,001 - 5,000	7,880	16%	10,338	15%	10,196	16%	
More than \$5,000	2,472	5%	3,270	5%	3,897	6%	

<sup>3</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of consumers age 50 and over who reported amount paid for each calendar year: CY-2003 = 47,766; CY-2004 = 70,268; and CY-2005 = 62,466.



# Methods of Payment Reported by Consumers Age 50 and Over<sup>1</sup>

January 1 - December 31, 2005



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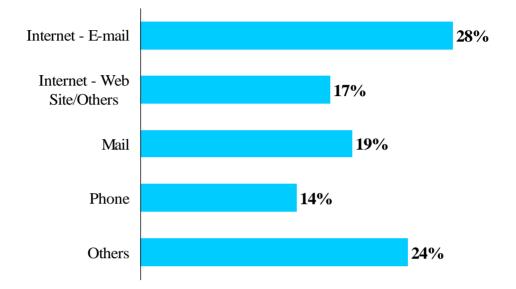
		CY - 2003			CY - 2004			CY - 2005	
Payment Method	Complaints	Percentages <sup>1</sup>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	Complaints	Percentages <sup>1</sup>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	Complaints	Percentages <sup>1</sup>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Bank Account Debit	2,377	17%	\$3,544,130	3,582	21%	\$7,333,478	3,184	21%	\$6,067,021
Cash/Cash Advance	358	3%	\$1,965,138	548	3%	\$3,161,322	440	3%	\$4,099,276
Check	3,536	26%	\$23,972,954	3,713	22%	\$26,361,307	3,105	21%	\$29,089,567
Credit Cards	5,024	36%	\$7,307,772	5,212	31%	\$7,724,889	5,068	34%	\$9,751,885
Money Order	1,321	10%	\$1,449,955	1,823	11%	\$3,991,170	1,317	9%	\$2,033,463
Telephone Bill	340	2%	\$56,528	517	3%	\$120,008	356	2%	\$265,472
Wire Transfer	807	6%	\$21,961,669	1,260	8%	\$17,259,969	1,499	10%	\$23,644,080
Total Reporting Payment Method	13,763			16,655			14,969		

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints for each calendar year where consumers age 50 and over reported the method of payment: CY-2003 = 13,763; CY-2004 = 16,655; and CY-2005 = 14,969. 15% of the consumers age 50 and over reported this information during CY-2005, 21% and 17% for CY-2003 and CY-2004, respectively.



# Company's Method of Contacting Consumers Age 50 and Over<sup>1</sup>

January 1 - December 31, 2005



# Company's Method of Contacting Consumers Age 50 and Over

Calendar Years 2003 through 2005

	СҮ	-2003	СҮ	-2004	CY-2005		
Contact Method	Complaints	Percentages <sup>1</sup>	Complaints	Percentages <sup>1</sup>	Complaints	Percentages <sup>1</sup>	
Internet - E-mail	12,016	22%	20,000	26%	20,356	28%	
Internet - Web Site/Other	11,046	20%	13,515	18%	12,170	17%	
Mail	8,203	15%	12,617	16%	13,583	19%	
Phone	8,553	15%	11,857	15%	9,984	14%	
Others	15,782	28%	19,134	25%	17,251	24%	
Total Reporting Contact Method	55,600		77,123		73,344		

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints for each calendar year where company's method of initial contact was reported by consumers age 50 and over: CY-2003 = 55,600; CY-2004 = 77,123; and CY-2005 = 73,344. 74% of consumers reported this information during CY-2005, 86% and 80% for CY-2003 and CY-2004, respectively.

**Definition of "Internet-related"**: A fraud complaint is "Internet-related" if: it concerns an Internet product or service, the company initially contacts the consumer via the Internet, or the consumer responds via the Internet.



# **Total Number of Internet-Related Fraud Complaints** & Amount Paid for Consumers Reporting Age 50 and Over Calendar Years 2003 through 2005

СҮ	Total No. of Complaints	Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Amount Paid Reported	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>	Median Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
2003	26,657	22,257	83%	\$27,543,172	\$1,238	\$200
2004	39,153	34,084	87%	\$43,626,544	\$1,280	\$200
2005	36,835	29,863	81%	\$72,277,596	\$2,420	\$300

<sup>1</sup>Average is based on the total number of consumers age 50 and over who reported amount paid for each calendar year: CY-2003 = 22,257; CY-2004 = 34,084; and CY-2005 = 29,863. Five consumers reported an amount paid of \$1 million or more during CY-2005; 1 and 2 consumers for CY-2003 and CY-2004, respectively.

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# Distribution of Internet-Related Fraud Complaints by Reported Amount Paid for Consumers Reporting Age 50 and Over

Calendar Years 2003 through 2005

	СҮ - 2003		<i>CY</i> - 2003 <i>CY</i> - 2004			СҮ - 2005		
Amount Paid	Complaints	Percentages <sup>3</sup>	Complaints	Percentages <sup>3</sup>	Complaints	Percentages <sup>3</sup>		
\$0	5,928	27%	9,961	29%	8,027	27%		
\$1 - 25	1,756	8%	2,611	8%	2,033	7%		
\$26 - 50	2,045	9%	2,745	8%	2,282	8%		
\$51 - 75	1,252	6%	1,809	5%	1,288	4%		
\$76 - 100	1,018	5%	1,506	4%	1,160	4%		
\$101 - 250	2,797	13%	4,443	13%	3,481	12%		
\$251 - 500	2,270	10%	3,384	10%	2,700	9%		
\$501 - 1,000	1,986	9%	2,787	8%	2,680	9%		
\$1,001 - 5,000	2,518	11%	3,761	11%	4,707	16%		
More than \$5,000	687	3%	1,077	3%	1,505	5%		

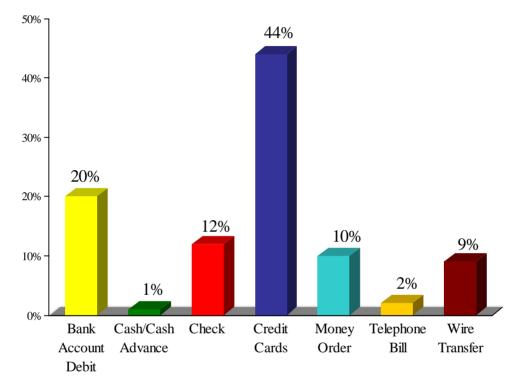
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# Methods of Payment for Internet-Related Fraud Complaints Reported by Consumers Age 50 and Over<sup>1</sup>

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Calendar Years 2003 through 2005

		CY-2003			CY-2004			CY-2005	
Payment Method	Complaints	<b>Percentages</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	Complaints	Percentages <sup>1</sup>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>Complaints</b>	Percentages <sup>1</sup>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Bank Accont Debit	902	17%	\$628,682	1,017	18%	\$1,180,300	1,137	20%	\$1,261,298
Cash/Cash Advance	70	1%	\$133,493	92	2%	\$259,856	77	1%	\$252,578
Check	746	14%	\$1,473,199	753	14%	\$4,044,866	702	12%	\$3,146,547
Credit Cards	2,410	47%	\$1,908,430	2,381	43%	\$2,414,010	2,461	44%	\$2,367,473
Money Order	640	12%	\$665,911	597	11%	\$483,723	583	10%	\$834,086
Telephone Bill	138	3%	\$24,550	309	6%	\$92,575	107	2%	\$25,896
Wire Transfer	261	5%	\$1,634,572	375	7%	\$1,919,152	509	9%	\$5,023,001
Total Reporting									
Payment Method	5,167			5,524			5,576		

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of internet-related fraud complaints for each calendar year where consumers age 50 and over reported the method of payment: CY-2003 = 5,167; CY-2004 = 5,524; and CY-2005 = 5,576. 15% of the consumers age 50 and over reported this information during CY-2005, 19% and 14% for CY-2003 and CY-2004, respectively.



#### Number of Fraud Complaints & Amount Paid from United States Consumers Age 50 and Over by Consumers' State

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<b>C</b>	Total		ing Complaints F	Reporting Amount Paid	Average	Median
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		256 16				\$300 \$297
						\$297 \$590
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4 Arkansas		513 32				\$434
5 California	12,					\$425
6 Colorado		903 1,01				\$440
7 Connecticu	··· /	072 73				\$324
8 Delaware		300 22				\$357
9 District of		292 19				\$300
10 Florida		241 4,57				\$329
11 Georgia		439 1,63				\$368
12 Hawaii		491 35				\$408
13 Idaho		440 30				\$400
14 Illinois	3,	064 2,10	2 69%	\$5,975,94	9 \$2,843	\$535
15 Indiana	2,	064 1,37	4 67%	\$2,634,97	<mark>4</mark> \$1,918	\$315
16 Iowa	:	566 37	3 66%	\$679,74	4 \$1,822	\$379
17 Kansas		737 47	9 65%	\$898,95	9 \$1,877	\$500
18 Kentucky		926 60	8 66%	\$1,541,24	6 \$2,535	\$400
19 Louisiana		911 61	7 68%	\$1,480,73	3 \$2,400	\$597
20 Maine		445 26	9 60%	\$660,25	8 \$2,454	\$397
21 Maryland	2,	188 1,35	4 62%	\$2,116,89	6 \$1,563	\$348
22 Massachus	etts 1,	520 1,06	1 65%	\$2,638,20	5 \$2,487	\$500
23 Michigan		)92 1,94				\$468
24 Minnesota		248 81				\$483
25 Mississipp	i	517 36				\$501
26 Missouri		531 1,13				\$548
27 Montana		345 24				\$488
28 Nebraska		441 32				\$398
29 Nevada		083 73				\$443
30 New Ham		509 33				\$298
31 New Jerse		325 1,61				\$270
32 New Mexi		500 39				\$545
33 New York		714 3,23				\$365
34 North Care		215 1,36				\$395
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						\$323 \$389
37 Oklahoma		004 68				\$500 \$280
38 Oregon		572 1,01				\$289
39 Pennsylvar		798 2,67				\$351
40 Rhode Isla		279 17				\$325
41 South Care		<sup>393</sup> 75				\$500
42 South Dak			9 68%			\$450
43 Tennessee		565 98				\$300
44 Texas		705 3,58				\$400
45 Utah		722 43				\$398
46 Vermont		181 12				\$221
47 Virginia		719 1,77				\$374
48 Washingto		936 1,83			<mark>6</mark> \$2,365	\$479
49 West Virg		466 33				\$400
50 Wisconsin	1,-	404 87	9 63%	\$2,879,29	7 \$3,276	\$300
51 Wyoming		142 9	6 68%	\$72,99	1 \$760	\$205

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<sup>1</sup>Average is based on the total number of consumers who reported amount paid for each state.

<sup>2</sup>Median is the middle number in a set of numbers so that half the numbers have values that are greater than the median and half have values that are less. Calculation of the median excludes complaints with amount paid reported as \$0.

Note: Thirteen U.S. consumers age 50 and over reported an amount paid of \$1 million or more. They were located in the following states: California (\$1.2, \$1, and \$1 million); Florida (\$1.2 million); New Hampshire (\$3 million); New York (two consumers each reporting \$1 million); Oregon (\$15.7 million); Tennessee (\$1 million); Texas (\$2.5, \$2, and \$1.6 million); and Wisconsin (\$1.3 million).



#### Number of Fraud Complaints & Amount Paid from Consumers Age 50 and Over by Sentinel Top Complaint Categories

January 1 - December 31, 2005

		Complaints	Percentage of			
	Total No. of	Reporting	<b>Complaints Reporting</b>		Average	Median
Sentinel Fraud Categories	Complaints	<b>Amount Paid</b>	Amount Paid	<b>Amount Paid</b>	Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>	Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
1 Foreign Money Offers	15,530	3,520	23%	\$37,107,005	\$10,542	\$2,337
2 Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	14,358	11,629	81%	\$40,902,676	\$3,517	\$2,229
3 Internet Auctions	14,339	12,640	88%	\$16,705,067	\$1,322	\$338
4 Internet Services and Computer Complaints	8,852	5,695	64%	\$2,541,067	\$446	\$95
5 Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	8,804	7,461	85%	\$11,855,979	\$1,589	\$3,740
6 Telephone Services	3,915	3,439	88%	\$271,548	\$79	\$49
7 Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	3,624	2,914	80%	\$34,363,481	\$11,793	\$2,000
8 Magazines and Buyers Clubs	2,059	1,593	77%	\$280,413	\$176	\$66
9 Health Care	1,873	1,556	83%	\$990,865	\$637	\$200
10 Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	1,859	1,665	90%	\$1,965,636	\$1,181	\$349
11 Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	1,395	1,129	81%	\$3,559,142	\$3,152	\$686
12 Office Supplies and Services	1,049	806	77%	\$270,114	\$335	\$200
13 Investments	916	741	81%	\$19,939,896	\$26,909	\$5,460
14 Debt Management/Credit Counseling	639	600	94%	\$3,093,283	\$5,155	\$1,500
15 Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	600	401	67%	\$1,296,064	\$3,232	\$500

<sup>1</sup> Average is based on the total number of consumers who reported amount paid for each complaint category.

<sup>2</sup> Median is the middle number in a set of numbers so that half the numbers have values that are greater than the median and half have values that are less Calculation of the median avalues complete with amount raid reported as \$0

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#### Number of Fraud Complaints & Amount Paid from Consumers Age 50 and Over by Age Range and Sentinel Top Complaint Categories

January 1 - December 31, 2005

#### **Consumers Reporting Age 50-59**

		Complaints	Percentage of			
	Total No. of	Reporting	<b>Complaints Reporting</b>		Average	Median
Sentinel Fraud Categories	Complaints	<b>Amount Paid</b>	Amount Paid	<b>Amount Paid</b>	Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>	Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
1 Internet Auctions	10,642	9,380	88%	\$12,662,909	\$1,350	\$328
2 Foreign Money Offers	10,171	2,315	23%	\$27,017,220	\$11,671	\$2,236
3 Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	5,638	4,838	86%	\$8,930,452	\$1,846	\$199
4 Internet Services and Computer Complaints	5,589	3,449	62%	\$1,646,482	\$477	\$100
5 Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	5,069	4,134	82%	\$9,762,774	\$2,362	\$2,000
6 Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	2,351	1,883	80%	\$26,142,335	\$13,883	\$3,000
7 Telephone Services	2,136	1,847	86%	\$174,565	\$95	\$51
8 Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	1,222	1,114	91%	\$1,157,095	\$1,039	\$350
9 Magazines and Buyers Clubs	1,030	806	78%	\$172,906	\$215	\$75
10 Health Care	911	711	78%	\$541,778	\$762	\$172
11 Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	738	595	81%	\$2,096,331	\$3,523	\$600
12 Office Supplies and Services	732	583	80%	\$41,736	\$72	\$200
13 Investments	413	331	80%	\$8,283,157	\$25,025	\$5,000
14 Debt Management/Credit Counseling	400	378	95%	\$2,119,321	\$5,607	\$1,716
15 Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	375	263	70%	\$1,076,960	\$4,095	\$520
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#### **Consumers Reporting Age 60-69**

		Complaints	Percentage of			
	Total No. of	Reporting	<b>Complaints Reporting</b>		Average	Median
Sentinel Fraud Categories	Complaints	<b>Amount Paid</b>	Amount Paid	<b>Amount Paid</b>	Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>	Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
1 Foreign Money Offers	4,160	857	21%	\$7,165,623	\$8,361	\$2,114
2 Internet Auctions	3,068	2,710	88%	\$3,297,159	\$1,217	\$354
3 Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	2,321	1,836	79%	\$2,976,197	\$1,621	\$1,750
4 Internet Services and Computer Complaints	2,275	1,524	67%	\$489,626	\$321	\$84
5 Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	2,085	1,776	85%	\$2,262,106	\$1,274	\$132
6 Telephone Services	1,076	952	88%	\$52,018	\$55	\$45
7 Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	873	691	79%	\$4,676,394	\$6,768	\$1,100
8 Magazines and Buyers Clubs	546	417	76%	\$74,306	\$178	\$65
9 Health Care	503	432	86%	\$237,573	\$550	\$187
10 Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	401	340	85%	\$671,609	\$1,975	\$739
11 Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	379	344	91%	\$316,948	\$921	\$299
12 Investments	261	219	84%	\$3,976,424	\$18,157	\$5,205
13 Office Supplies and Services	237	180	76%	\$219,833	\$1,221	\$200
14 Debt Management/Credit Counseling	174	163	94%	\$852,805	\$5,232	\$200
15 Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	162	97	60%	\$112,177	\$1,156	\$379

#### Consumers Reporting Age 70 and Over

		Complaints	Percentage of			
	Total No. of	Reporting	<b>Complaints Reporting</b>		Average	Median
Sentinel Fraud Categories	Complaints	<b>Amount Paid</b>	Amount Paid	<b>Amount Paid</b>	Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>	Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
1 Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	7,224	5,915	82%	\$28,163,704	\$4,761	\$2,475
2 Foreign Money Offers	1,210	363	30%	\$2,924,162	\$8,056	\$4,256
3 Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	1,092	858	79%	\$663,421	\$773	\$79
4 Internet Services and Computer Complaints	1,003	737	73%	\$404,959	\$549	\$90
5 Telephone Services	740	675	91%	\$44,965	\$67	\$40
6 Internet Auctions	629	552	88%	\$744,999	\$1,350	\$386
7 Health Care	505	460	91%	\$211,514	\$460	\$398
8 Magazines and Buyers Clubs	502	389	77%	\$33,201	\$85	\$61
9 Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	410	350	85%	\$3,544,752	\$10,128	\$477
10 Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	273	222	81%	\$491,592	\$2,214	\$400
11 Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	267	204	76%	\$791,202	\$3,878	\$700
12 Investments	257	206	80%	\$7,680,315	\$37,283	\$13,358
13 Office Supplies and Services	82	45	55%	\$8,545	\$190	\$247
14 Debt Management/Credit Counseling	72	66	92%	\$121,157	\$1,836	\$1,017
15 Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	64	42	66%	\$106,927	\$2,546	\$713

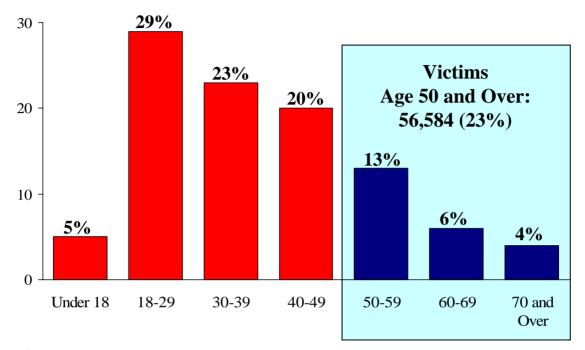
<sup>1</sup> Average is based on the total number of consumers who reported amount paid for each complaint category.

 $^{2}$  Median is the middle number in a set of numbers so that half the numbers have values that are greater than the median and half have

values that are less. Calculation of the median excludes complaints with amount paid reported as \$0.



Identity Theft Complaints by Victim Age<sup>1</sup> January 1 – December 31, 2005



<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of identity theft complaints where victims reported their age (246,755). 95% of the victims reported their age.

# Identity Theft Complaints by Victim Age Calendar Years 2003 through 2005

	CY-2003		CY	CY-2004		CY-2005	
Consumer Age Range	Complaints	Percentages <sup>2</sup>	Complaints	Percentages <sup>2</sup>	Complaints	Percentages <sup>2</sup>	
Under 18	6,514	3%	9,601	4%	11,641	5%	
18 - 29	54,943	28%	68,465	29%	71,210	29%	
30 - 39	50,582	26%	57,889	25%	57,965	23%	
40 - 49	41,438	21%	47,181	20%	49,355	20%	
50 - 59	25,224	13%	29,316	12%	31,975	13%	
60 - 69	11,537	6%	13,353	6%	14,772	6%	
70 and Over	7,770	4%	8,956	4%	9,837	4%	
Total Reporting Age	198,008		234,761		246,755		

<sup>2</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of identity theft complaints where victims reported their age: CY-2003 = 198,008; CY-2004 = 234,761; and CY-2005 = 246,755. 95% of the victims reported their age in CY-2005, 92% and 95% for CY-2003 and CY-2004, respectively.

#### **IDENTITY THEFT** Data Clearinghouse



# How Victims' Information is Misused for Consumers Age 50 and Over<sup>1</sup> Calendar Years 2003 through 2005

#### **Credit Card Fraud**

	Percentages	Percentages	Percentages
Theft Subtype	CY-2003	CY-2004	CY-2005
New Accounts	23.0%	19.5%	17.9%
Existing Account	18.1%	18.5%	17.1%
Unspecified	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
Total	40%	37%	34%

#### **Bank Fraud<sup>2</sup>**

	Percentages	Percentages	Percentages
Theft Subtype	CY-2003	CY-2004	CY-2005
Existing Accounts	8.9%	9.2%	8.4%
Electronic Fund Transfer	5.4%	7.0%	8.1%
New Accounts	2.7%	2.7%	2.3%
Unspecified	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Total	16%	18%	18%

#### **Phone or Utilities Fraud**

	Percentages	Percentages	Percentages
Theft Subtype	CY-2003	CY-2004	CY-2005
Wireless - New Accounts	10.7%	9.9%	7.9%
Telephone - New Accounts	4.6%	5.1%	4.5%
Utilities - New Accounts	2.3%	2.6%	3.4%
Unauthorized Charges			
to Existing Accounts	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%
Unspecified	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Total	17%	17%	15%

#### **Employment-Related Fraud**

	Percentages	Percentages	Percentages
Theft Subtype	CY-2003	CY-2004	CY-2005
Employment-Related Fraud	5%	5%	5%

#### **Loan Fraud**

	Percentages	Percentages	Percentages
Theft Subtype	CY-2003	CY-2004	CY-2005
Business / Personal /			
Student Loan	2.2%	2.8%	2.8%
Auto Loan / Lease	1.7%	1.6%	1.4%
Real Estate Loan	1.1%	1.2%	1.1%
Unspecified	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Total	5%	5%	5%

#### **Other Identity Theft**

	Percentages	Percentages	Percentages
Theft Subtype	CY-2003	CY-2004	CY-2005
Medical	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%
Internet / E-mail	1.6%	1.6%	1.7%
Evasion of Legal Sanctions	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%
Insurance	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%
Apartment / House Rented	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Bankruptcy	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%
Magazines	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Property Rental Fraud	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Securities / Other Investments	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Child Support	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Other	9.7%	12.2%	18.8%
Total	15%	18%	24%

#### **Attempted Identity Theft**

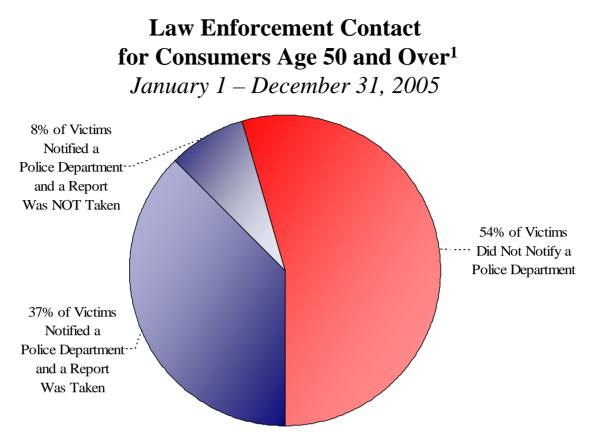
	Percentages	Percentages	Percentages
Theft Subtype	CY-2003	CY-2004	CY-2005
Attempted Identity Theft	13%	10%	9%

#### **Government Documents or Benefits Fraud**

	Percentages	Percentages	Percentages
Theft Subtype	CY-2003	CY-2004	CY-2005
Fraudulent Tax Return Filed	1.4%	1.7%	2.0%
Driver's License Issued / Forged	1.8%	1.8%	1.3%
Government Benefits Applied For / Received	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%
Other Government Documents Issued / Forged	0.4%	0.6%	0.5%
Social Security Card Issued / Forged	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Unspecified	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%
Total	5%	5%	5%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of complaints in the Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse received from consumers age 50 and over for each calendar year: CY-2003 = 44,531; CY-2004 = 51,625; and CY-2005 = 56,584. Note that 17% of identity theft complaints from consumers age 50 and over include more than one type of identity theft in CY-2005, as well as in CY-2003 and CY-2004.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.



<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of identity theft complaints from victims age 50 and over who indicated whether they had notified a police department (55,521). 98% of the identity theft victims age 50 and over who contacted the FTC reported law enforcement contact information. Less than one percent of victims who notified the FTC that they had contacted a police department did not indicate if a report was taken when the police department was notified.

# Law Enforcement Contact for Consumers Age 50 and Over Calendar Years 2003 through 2005

If the victim notified a police department,	CY	-2003	CY	-2004	CY	-2005
was a report taken?	Complaints	Percentages <sup>2</sup>	Complaints	Percentages <sup>2</sup>	Complaints	Percentages <sup>2</sup>
Yes	16,021	37%	18,621	37%	20,749	37%
No	3,320	8%	3,928	8%	4,560	8%
Not Reported	474	1%	312	<1%	300	<1%
Total Who Notified a Police Department	19,815	46%	22,861	45%	25,609	46%
Total Who Did Not Notify a Police Department	23,451	54%	27,677	55%	29,912	54%
Total Reporting Law Enforcement Contact Information	43,266		50,538		55,521	

<sup>2</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of identity theft complaints from victims age 50 and over who indicated whether they had notified a police department: CY-2003 = 43,266; CY-2004 = 50,538; and CY-2005 = 55,521. 98% of identity theft victims age 50 and over reported law enforcement contact information in CY-2005, 97% and 98% for CY-2003 and CY-2004, respectively.



# **Appendix A: The Sentinel Network**



www.consumer.gov/ idtheft

The Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse was launched in November 1999 and is the sole national repository of consumer complaints about identity theft. The Clearinghouse provides specific investigative material for law enforcement and larger, trend-based information providing insight to both private and public sector partners on ways to reduce the incidence of identity theft. Information in the Clearinghouse is available to law enforcement members via Consumer Sentinel, the secured, password-protected government Web site. This access enables law enforcement officers where the data reveals common schemes or perpetrators.



Econsumer.gov was created in April 2001 to gather and share cross-border e-commerce complaints in order to respond to the challenges of multinational Internet fraud, and enhance consumer confidence in e-commerce. The multilingual public Web site provides general information about consumer protection in all countries that belong to the International Consumer Protection and Enforcement Network (formerly called the International Marketing Supervision Network), contact information for consumer protection authorities in those countries, and an online complaint form. All information is available in English, French, German, Korean, and Spanish. Using the existing Consumer Sentinel network, the incoming complaints are shared through the government Web site with participating consumer protection law enforcers from 19 nations.

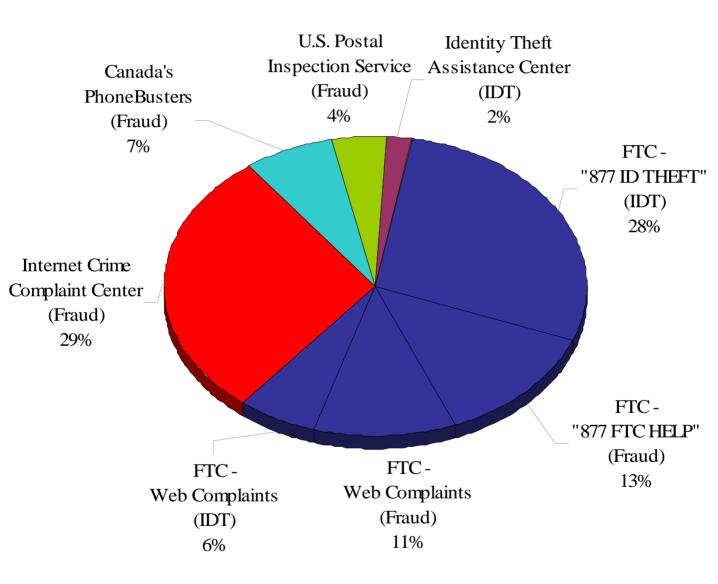


Military Sentinel, which was established in September 2002, is a project of the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Defense to identify and target consumer protection issues that affect members of the United States Armed Forces and their families. Military Sentinel also provides a gateway to consumer education materials covering a wide range of consumer protection issues, such as auto leasing, identity theft, and work-at-home scams. Members of the United States Armed Forces can enter complaints directly into Consumer Sentinel. Through Consumer Sentinel, the government password-protected Web site, this information is used by law enforcement agencies, members of the JAG staff, and others in the Department of Defense to help protect armed services members and their families from consumer protection-related problems.



# Appendix A: Sentinel Data Contributors for Consumers Age 50 and Over<sup>1</sup>

January 1 – December 31, 2005



<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of Sentinel complaints (**155,719**) received from consumers age 50 and over between January 1 and December 31, 2005. The type of complaints provided by the organization is indicated in parentheses. There were 0.02% (32) complaints provided by multiple law enforcement agencies not represented in this chart.



# **Appendix B: Sentinel Complaint Categories**

Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair Offers: The promise of a loan that requires you to pay a fee first; worthless credit card loss protection and insurance programs; the promise that accurate negative information can be removed from your credit file for a fee; etc.

**Business Opportunities and Work-at-Home Plans:** Medical billing scams; misleading franchise and Internet-based business opportunities; wealth building plans that don't make good on their promises; etc.

**Debt Management/Credit Counseling:** Unfulfilled promises by credit counseling organizations to provide free services, send payments to creditors in a timely manner, or reduce interest rates on credit card debt, eliminate late and over-the-limit fees; etc.

**Foreign Money Offers**: Letters or e-mails offering the "opportunity" to share in a percentage of millions of dollars that a self-proclaimed government official is trying to transfer illegally out of a foreign country in return for money, bank account numbers, or other identifying information from the victim.

**Health Care:** Fraudulent, misleading, or deceptive claims for vision correction procedures; dietary supplements; weight loss products or services; impotency treatments; health spas and equipments; infertility services; sunscreens; HIV test kits; etc.

**Identity Theft:** When someone appropriates your personal identifying information (like your Social Security number or credit card account number) to commit fraud or theft.

**Internet Auctions:** Non-delivery of goods; delivery of goods that are less valuable than advertised; lack of delivery in a timely way; failure to disclose all the relevant information about the product or terms of the sale; etc.

**Internet Services and Computers:** Trial offers from Internet Service Providers (ISPs); difficulty canceling an ISP account; undisclosed Web site charges; problems with computer software and equipment purchases; and spyware.

Investments: Promises of riches that don't pan out in day trading; oil and gas leases; gold and gems; FCC licenses; etc.

**Magazines and Buyers Clubs:** Pitches for "free," "pre-paid," or "special" magazine subscription deals and offers for club memberships that claim to help you save money when buying a particular product or service (CDs, books, etc.).

**Multi-Level Marketing/Pyramids/Chain Letters:** Network plans that offer commissions on the sale of goods by you and distributors you recruit.

**Office Supplies and Services:** Fraudulent or deceptive offers for toner, copier paper, maintenance supplies, equipment maintenance contracts; classified advertising and yellow page invoice scams; website cramming schemes; etc.

**Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries:** Promotions for "free" prizes for a fee; foreign lotteries and sweepstakes offered through the phone, fax, e-mail or mail; etc.

**Shop-At-Home/Catalog Sales:** Problems, such as undisclosed costs, failure to deliver on time, non-delivery, and refusal to honor a guarantee, with purchases made via the Internet (not including auction sales), telephone, or mail.

**Telephone Services:** Charges for calls to "toll-free" numbers; unauthorized charges such as charges for calls consumers didn't make; unauthorized switching of consumers' phone service provider; misleading pre-paid phone card offers; etc.

**Travel, Vacation and Timeshare Plans:** Deceptive offers for "free" or low-cost vacations; cut-rate student travel packages; misleading timeshare offers; etc.

**"Other" complaint categories** are: Employment agencies/job counseling, charitable solicitations, government services, real estate, scholarships/educational grants, modeling agencies/services, green card application services, dating services, property/inheritance tracers, water purifiers, living trusts, and viaticals.

# Appendix C: Number of Sentinel fraud complaints from United States consumers reporting age 50 and over by consumers' state, age range, and calendar year.

Notes: 1) This report includes fraud consumer complaints from all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and four U.S. territories - Guam (22), Minor Outlying Islands (8), Puerto Rico (507), and Virgin Islands (54). 2) Sentinel complaints may contain information from multiple consumers.

Alabama					
	Calendar Year				
	2003	2004	2005		
50 - 59	433	656	695		
60 - 69	197	348	413		
70 and Over	151	196	183		
No. of Complaints	779	1,194	1,284		

#### Alaska

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	
50 - 59	165	191	178	
60 - 69	57	59	54	
70 and Over	31	29	26	
No. of Complaints	253	277	256	

Arizona

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	
50 - 59	838	3,419	1,341	
60 - 69	444	647	714	
70 and Over	410	634	518	
No. of Complaints	1,692	4,692	2,564	

#### Arkansas

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	
50 - 59	251	297	338	
60 - 69	92	139	121	
70 and Over	47	53	56	
No. of Complaints	390	489	513	

California					
	Calendar Year				
	2003	2004	2005		
50 - 59	4,795	7,236	7,485		
60 - 69	1,898	2,905	3,023		
70 and Over	1,706	2,340	2,381		
No. of Complaints	8,396	12,439	12,825		

### Colorado

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	
50 - 59	706	1,081	1,042	
60 - 69	266	402	658	
70 and Over	152	289	208	
No. of Complaints	1,124	1,765	1,903	

### Connecticut

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	
50 - 59	455	595	668	
60 - 69	145	205	266	
70 and Over	87	87	147	
No. of Complaints	686	884	1,072	

#### Delaware

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	
50 - 59	109	171	169	
60 - 69	54	98	70	
70 and Over	26	88	63	
No. of Complaints	189	353	300	

### **District Of Columbia**

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	
50 - 59	165	208	171	
60 - 69	57	72	74	
70 and Over	33	45	47	
No. of Complaints	254	325	292	

Florida					
	Calendar Year				
	2003	2004	2005		
50 - 59	2,606	3,962	3,878		
60 - 69	1,195	1,761	1,954		
70 and Over	835	1,227	1,442		
No. of Complaints	4,635	6,927	7,241		

# Georgia

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	870	1,249	1,527
60 - 69	302	475	554
70 and Over	236	331	374
No. of Complaints	1,408	2,041	2,439

# Guam

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	5	4	6
60 - 69	3	1	1
70 and Over	1	1	
No. of Complaints	9	6	7

# Hawaii

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	200	299	298
60 - 69	92	91	114
70 and Over	79	83	84
No. of Complaints	371	472	491

### Idaho

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	169	285	277
60 - 69	63	103	92
70 and Over	56	91	75
No. of Complaints	288	478	440

Illinois			
	Са	alendar Year	
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	1,350	1,819	1,918
60 - 69	458	623	604
70 and Over	321	529	556
No. of Complaints	2,127	2,964	3,064

### Indiana

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	673	954	1,193
60 - 69	224	399	563
70 and Over	219	293	324
No. of Complaints	1,113	1,631	2,064

# Iowa

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	243	346	378
60 - 69	71	110	130
70 and Over	57	80	60
No. of Complaints	371	535	566

#### Kansas

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	321	434	506
60 - 69	110	143	165
70 and Over	75	88	72
No. of Complaints	506	665	737

# Kentucky

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	366	495	530
60 - 69	240	249	263
70 and Over	98	125	137
No. of Complaints	704	865	926

Louisiana			
	Cal	lendar Year	
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	382	578	526
60 - 69	145	205	210
70 and Over	78	147	180
No. of Complaints	605	928	911

#### Maine

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	142	238	287
60 - 69	63	81	114
70 and Over	36	62	45
No. of Complaints	240	381	445

# Maryland

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	804	1,157	1,289
60 - 69	325	476	541
70 and Over	184	275	378
No. of Complaints	1,313	1,901	2,188

### Massachusetts

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	643	989	1,012
60 - 69	226	336	346
70 and Over	221	281	268
No. of Complaints	1,089	1,601	1,620

# Michigan

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	1,053	1,668	1,654
60 - 69	431	645	928
70 and Over	412	541	527
No. of Complaints	1,896	2,847	3,092

Minnesota			
	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	462	691	761
60 - 69	190	227	318
70 and Over	107	170	174
No. of Complaints	759	1,083	1,248

# **Minor Outlying Islands**

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	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	2	2	2
70 and Over		1	1
No. of Complaints	2	3	3

#### Mississippi

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	198	271	291
60 - 69	73	131	125
70 and Over	61	75	105
No. of Complaints	331	477	517

#### Missouri

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	803	932	954
60 - 69	283	343	377
70 and Over	291	277	314
No. of Complaints	1,377	1,546	1,631

#### Montana

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	156	180	186
60 - 69	67	88	94
70 and Over	43	89	69
No. of Complaints	266	354	345

Nebraska			
	Ca	lendar Year	
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	165	262	269
60 - 69	60	84	87
70 and Over	73	76	88
No. of Complaints	297	420	441

### Nevada

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	381	557	607
60 - 69	193	333	277
70 and Over	153	191	199
No. of Complaints	727	1,081	1,083

# New Hampshire

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	170	264	320
60 - 69	78	113	107
70 and Over	76	71	87
No. of Complaints	324	447	509

# New Jersey

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	993	1,376	1,425
60 - 69	386	523	518
70 and Over	339	478	388
No. of Complaints	1,717	2,369	2,325

### New Mexico

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	229	343	345
60 - 69	120	154	149
70 and Over	85	122	108
No. of Complaints	434	615	600

New York			
		Calendar Year	
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	1,879	2,849	2,745
60 - 69	678	1,144	1,149
70 and Over	519	870	842
No. of Complaints	3,075	4,843	4,714

### North Carolina

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	881	1,256	1,383
60 - 69	294	463	531
70 and Over	235	288	313
No. of Complaints	1,410	1,999	2,215

#### North Dakota

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	43	79	74
60 - 69	20	32	24
70 and Over	18	24	16
No. of Complaints	81	135	114

### Ohio

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	1,312	1,878	2,024
60 - 69	443	747	743
70 and Over	477	615	541
No. of Complaints	2,231	3,222	3,289

#### Oklahoma

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	392	539	576
60 - 69	166	221	244
70 and Over	126	198	187
No. of Complaints	684	957	1,004

Oregon			
	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	569	852	1,074
60 - 69	235	293	389
70 and Over	115	173	214
No. of Complaints	919	1,316	1,672

# Pennsylvania

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	1,409	2,209	2,283
60 - 69	563	790	869
70 and Over	510	735	670
No. of Complaints	2,482	3,722	3,798

#### **Puerto Rico**

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	32	93	84
60 - 69	21	50	196
70 and Over	5	15	13
No. of Complaints	58	157	292

### **Rhode Island**

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	127	158	195
60 - 69	34	61	51
70 and Over	43	50	36
No. of Complaints	204	267	279

### South Carolina

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	391	1,246	2,413
60 - 69	167	307	288
70 and Over	128	171	200
No. of Complaints	686	1,717	2,893

South Dakota			
	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	67	80	78
60 - 69	30	33	34
70 and Over	37	29	34
No. of Complaints	134	142	145

#### Tennessee

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	589	867	1,030
60 - 69	208	330	366
70 and Over	168	218	175
No. of Complaints	965	1,408	1,565

# Texas

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	
50 - 59	2,161	3,229	3,476	
60 - 69	916	1,336	1,464	
70 and Over	629	813	780	
No. of Complaints	3,704	5,366	5,705	

### Utah

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	
50 - 59	260	346	420	
60 - 69	93	155	171	
70 and Over	102	144	134	
No. of Complaints	455	643	722	

### Vermont

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	
50 - 59	62	114	104	
60 - 69	37	29	38	
70 and Over	6	14	39	
No. of Complaints	105	156	181	

Virginia			
	Са	alendar Year	
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	1,138	1,542	1,641
60 - 69	406	573	682
70 and Over	282	384	416
No. of Complaints	1,825	2,492	2,719

# **Virgin Islands**

	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	6	13	19
60 - 69	2	5	6
70 and Over		1	2
No. of Complaints	8	19	27

# Washington

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	
50 - 59	1,023	1,495	1,608	
60 - 69	357	764	804	
70 and Over	342	554	537	
No. of Complaints	1,721	2,800	2,936	

# West Virginia

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	
50 - 59	195	285	281	
60 - 69	59	182	126	
70 and Over	48	35	59	
No. of Complaints	302	502	466	

### Wisconsin

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	
50 - 59	512	856	944	
60 - 69	196	301	298	
70 and Over	168	153	167	
No. of Complaints	875	1,305	1,404	

Wyoming			
		Calendar Year	
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	71	117	80
60 - 69	19	53	41
70 and Over	11	25	21
No. of Complaints	101	195	142

#### Appendix D: Top Sentinel fraud complaint categories for United States consumers reporting age 50 and over by calendar year

Notes: 1) This report includes fraud consumer complaints from all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and four U.S. territories - Guam (22), Minor Outlying Islands (8), Puerto Rico (507), and Virgin Islands (54). 2) Sentinel complaints may contain information from multiple consumers.

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	2,877	3,084	1,773	7,734
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	2,318	3,008	3,463	8,789
Debt Management/Credit Counseling	11	1,273	636	1,920
Foreign Money Offers	4,929	8,340	14,778	28,047
Health Care	1,501	2,079	1,844	5,424
Internet Auctions	8,542	15,783	13,303	37,628
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	7,903	9,315	8,440	25,658
Investments	633	874	824	2,331
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	1,253	1,676	2,017	4,946
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	441	555	544	1,540
Office Supplies and Services	555	1,170	1,031	2,756
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	8,118	11,862	13,236	33,216
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	8,125	8,737	8,142	25,004
Telephone Services	3,955	4,943	3,852	12,750
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	1,104	1,144	1,114	3,362

#### **Appendix D:** Top Sentinel fraud complaint categories for United States consumers reporting age 50 and over by consumer age range

Notes: 1) This report includes fraud consumer complaints from all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and four U.S. territories - Guam (22), Minor Outlying Islands (8), Puerto Rico (507), and Virgin Islands (54). 2) Sentinel complaints may contain information from multiple consumers.

Age Range 50 - 59				
		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	1,861	2,033	1,177	5,071
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	1,466	1,917	2,238	5,621
Debt Management/Credit Counseling	8	739	398	1,145
Foreign Money Offers	3,381	5,464	9,687	18,532
Health Care	727	1,082	897	2,706
Internet Auctions	6,497	11,812	9,829	28,138
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	5,271	5,919	5,297	16,487
Investments	321	392	360	1,073
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	648	829	1,012	2,489
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	297	363	338	998
Office Supplies and Services	375	803	720	1,898
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	1,469	2,702	4,676	8,847
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	5,013	5,380	5,199	15,592
Telephone Services	2,281	2,711	2,112	7,104
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	602	624	601	1,827

Age Range	60 - 69
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	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	657	717	369	1,743
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	550	689	834	2,073
Debt Management/Credit Counseling	2	351	174	527
Foreign Money Offers	1,222	2,233	3,952	7,407
Health Care	435	555	494	1,484
Internet Auctions	1,710	3,347	2,885	7,942
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	1,892	2,407	2,200	6,499
Investments	163	257	251	671
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	345	463	539	1,347
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	107	131	148	386
Office Supplies and Services	130	271	235	636
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	1,506	2,325	2,192	6,023
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	1,898	2,129	1,956	5,983
Telephone Services	1,027	1,378	1,066	3,471
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	331	319	340	990

Calendar Year

Age Range 70 and Over				
		Calendar Year	_	
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	362	351	241	954
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	303	406	401	1,110
Debt Management/Credit Counseling	1	188	71	260
Foreign Money Offers	327	651	1,154	2,132
Health Care	339	474	500	1,313
Internet Auctions	335	624	591	1,550
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	740	1,005	957	2,702
Investments	150	233	228	611
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	263	402	485	1,150
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	37	61	59	157
Office Supplies and Services	50	99	78	227
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	5,157	6,995	6,615	18,767
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	1,217	1,232	998	3,447
Telephone Services	652	895	711	2,258
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	171	210	184	565

#### Appendix D: Top Sentinel fraud complaint categories for United States consumers reporting age 50 and over by consumer state

Notes: 1) This report includes fraud consumer complaints from all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and four U.S. territories - Guam (22), Minor Outlying Islands (8), Puerto Rico (507), and Virgin Islands (54). 2) Sentinel complaints may contain information from multiple consumers.

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	58	43	29	130
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	23	43	40	106
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		28	19	47
Foreign Money Offers	50	137	177	364
Health Care	28	34	19	81
Internet Auctions	108	202	151	461
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	104	128	89	321
Investments	7	15	8	30
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	14	33	26	73
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	4	10	4	18
Office Supplies and Services	3	23	18	44
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	111	175	217	503
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	106	114	121	341
Telephone Services	69	67	49	185
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	20	11	15	46

#### Alabama

Alaska

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	22	16	1	39
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	3	6	8	17
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		1	3	4
Foreign Money Offers	21	38	45	104
Health Care	5	5	3	13
Internet Auctions	36	47	36	119
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	29	21	23	73
Investments	4	1	3	8
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	5	13	7	25
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	2	1	1	4
Office Supplies and Services	5	8	3	16
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	51	57	37	145
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	27	22	25	74
Telephone Services	12	6	5	23
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	4	4	3	11

#### Arizona

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	83	77	30	190
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	65	86	97	248
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		51	13	64
Foreign Money Offers	139	245	413	797
Health Care	33	52	45	130
Internet Auctions	212	430	329	971
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	204	253	244	701
Investments	18	31	25	74
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	28	42	56	126
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	13	15	14	42
Office Supplies and Services	13	22	16	51
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	285	463	387	1,135
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	185	219	226	630
Telephone Services	89	101	79	269
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	35	28	25	88

#### Arkansas

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	26	15	12	53
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	17	16	20	53
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		20	2	22
Foreign Money Offers	43	52	100	195
Health Care	8	4	9	21
Internet Auctions	70	129	117	316
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	61	59	42	162
Investments	4	4	3	11
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	4	6	7	17
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	5	6	4	15
Office Supplies and Services	3	6	5	14
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	12	31	50	93
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	61	61	41	163
Telephone Services	32	20	20	72
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	11	4	5	20

# California

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	340	484	243	1,067
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	324	429	487	1,240
Debt Management/Credit Counseling	1	79	63	143
Foreign Money Offers	740	1,335	2,140	4,215
Health Care	198	330	273	801
Internet Auctions	1,278	2,149	1,819	5,246
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	1,088	1,310	1,233	3,631
Investments	98	145	114	357
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	192	288	367	847
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	57	79	74	210
Office Supplies and Services	83	208	145	436
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	1,275	1,725	1,854	4,854
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	1,160	1,313	1,211	3,684
Telephone Services	509	569	539	1,617
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	147	172	156	475

# Colorado

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	39	53	29	121
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	55	82	91	228
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		9	15	24
Foreign Money Offers	129	268	289	686
Health Care	20	42	33	95
Internet Auctions	180	331	259	770
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	157	181	144	482
Investments	16	20	15	51
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	21	36	33	90
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	14	10	13	37
Office Supplies and Services	6	20	24	50
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	133	226	158	517
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	147	161	150	458
Telephone Services	58	70	38	166
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	15	21	21	57

# Connecticut

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	30	41	12	83
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	34	23	33	90
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		8	8	16
Foreign Money Offers	64	93	123	280
Health Care	8	21	26	55
Internet Auctions	126	232	194	552
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	115	89	115	319
Investments	8	8	7	23
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	18	8	29	55
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	6	7	3	16
Office Supplies and Services	9	7	8	24
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	40	60	162	262
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	111	102	104	317
Telephone Services	32	41	35	108
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	9	11	13	33

#### Delaware

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	18	8	8	34
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	5	12	6	23
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		5	3	8
Foreign Money Offers	12	15	39	66
Health Care	8	12	3	23
Internet Auctions	19	38	44	101
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	28	35	43	106
Investments	3	7	1	11
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	2	6	9	17
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters		4	1	5
Office Supplies and Services	1	6	2	9
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	27	87	50	164
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	24	35	33	92
Telephone Services	17	20	12	49
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	2	4	2	8

### **District Of Columbia**

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	24	11	9	44
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	14	8	11	33
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		3	3	6
Foreign Money Offers	15	19	35	69
Health Care	5	8	11	24
Internet Auctions	13	24	17	54
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	73	85	45	203
Investments	3	1	2	6
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	4	14	10	28
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters		1	2	3
Office Supplies and Services	4	5	4	13
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	29	43	54	126
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	17	29	15	61
Telephone Services	30	17	15	62
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	10	9	8	27

#### Florida

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	201	269	143	613
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	210	259	289	758
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		103	72	175
Foreign Money Offers	481	699	981	2,161
Health Care	170	205	165	540
Internet Auctions	683	1,178	1,060	2,921
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	731	832	773	2,336
Investments	59	102	64	225
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	106	117	132	355
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	35	46	46	127
Office Supplies and Services	39	76	64	179
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	310	638	855	1,803
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	647	673	624	1,944
Telephone Services	385	458	352	1,195
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	91	100	98	289

# Georgia

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	83	96	56	235
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	66	72	101	239
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		41	22	63
Foreign Money Offers	109	229	336	674
Health Care	34	50	55	139
Internet Auctions	180	324	324	828
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	187	222	251	660
Investments	20	23	21	64
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	34	53	49	136
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	2	14	11	27
Office Supplies and Services	8	31	24	63
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	178	270	409	857
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	195	190	207	592
Telephone Services	114	146	133	393
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	31	34	31	96

# Guam

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair		1		1
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans		1		1
Foreign Money Offers			2	2
Internet Auctions	3	2	2	7
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	1	1		2
Magazines and Buyers Clubs		1		1
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries			1	1
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	4			4
Telephone Services	1			1

#### Hawaii

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	18	17	9	44
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	14	9	19	42
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		8	4	12
Foreign Money Offers	23	32	54	109
Health Care	5	8	8	21
Internet Auctions	62	105	88	255
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	36	48	52	136
Investments	3	2	4	9
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	9	6	15	30
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	3	2	3	8
Office Supplies and Services	6	11	4	21
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	86	87	82	255
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	59	75	41	175
Telephone Services	9	21	18	48
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	1	5	9	15

#### Idaho

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	17	17	9	43
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	10	18	12	40
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		14	4	18
Foreign Money Offers	18	41	69	128
Health Care	4	11	14	29
Internet Auctions	60	122	63	245
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	28	44	43	115
Investments		3	8	11
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	5	8	8	21
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	3	1		4
Office Supplies and Services	1	5	4	10
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	55	77	70	202
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	38	40	45	123
Telephone Services	19	17	18	54
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	3	8	2	13

#### Illinois

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	106	107	71	284
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	79	114	129	322
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		49	22	71
Foreign Money Offers	113	221	399	733
Health Care	56	61	62	179
Internet Auctions	313	582	499	1,394
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	237	302	242	781
Investments	17	17	35	69
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	35	58	80	173
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	13	17	20	50
Office Supplies and Services	15	41	38	94
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	304	454	550	1,308
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	301	329	288	918
Telephone Services	164	197	118	479
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	47	43	27	117

### Indiana

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	61	74	43	178
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	36	49	81	166
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		12	13	25
Foreign Money Offers	83	196	372	651
Health Care	38	41	34	113
Internet Auctions	157	311	240	708
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	134	144	148	426
Investments	12	22	14	48
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	26	25	38	89
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	16	10	16	42
Office Supplies and Services	15	20	25	60
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	174	253	410	837
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	149	134	159	442
Telephone Services	86	106	80	272
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	14	18	21	53

#### Iowa

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	23	19	16	58
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	10	26	32	68
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		13	5	18
Foreign Money Offers	27	47	79	153
Health Care	8	17	12	37
Internet Auctions	83	145	125	353
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	52	55	41	148
Investments	6	3	6	15
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	7	13	11	31
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	4	4	4	12
Office Supplies and Services	1	5	13	19
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	28	38	23	89
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	59	74	60	193
Telephone Services	19	22	21	62
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	8	6	8	22

#### Kansas

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	17	31	16	64
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	17	28	40	85
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		15	9	24
Foreign Money Offers	111	75	130	316
Health Care	14	20	15	49
Internet Auctions	87	146	119	352
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	55	67	49	171
Investments	10	12	5	27
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	6	10	12	28
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	8	6	2	16
Office Supplies and Services	2	8	12	22
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	54	56	85	195
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	52	75	63	190
Telephone Services	26	38	30	94
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	8	8	8	24

# Kentucky

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	28	32	18	78
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	22	27	29	78
Debt Management/Credit Counseling	1	8	4	13
Foreign Money Offers	180	88	120	388
Health Care	18	16	15	49
Internet Auctions	91	194	151	436
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	65	83	66	214
Investments	3	9	11	23
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	11	16	28	55
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	4	5	5	14
Office Supplies and Services	8	10	11	29
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	93	113	147	353
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	82	117	89	288
Telephone Services	29	42	35	106
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	7	8	6	21

# Louisiana

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	36	48	19	103
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	21	44	21	86
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		15	9	24
Foreign Money Offers	35	89	110	234
Health Care	17	23	22	62
Internet Auctions	91	173	142	406
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	91	88	78	257
Investments	4	7	10	21
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	16	16	19	51
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	3	8	11	22
Office Supplies and Services	4	20	8	32
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	60	101	150	311
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	85	108	79	272
Telephone Services	40	50	43	133
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	11	14	11	36

#### Maine

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	5	7	7	19
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	12	8	13	33
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		10	4	14
Foreign Money Offers	19	38	65	122
Health Care	7	11	8	26
Internet Auctions	40	69	73	182
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	46	69	59	174
Investments	4	_	1	5
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	4	8	7	19
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	1	2	1	4
Office Supplies and Services	1	3	5	9
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	21	39	57	117
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	39	46	51	136
Telephone Services	18	24	5	47
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	4	3	6	13

# Maryland

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	73	91	43	207
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	45	53	76	174
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		17	7	24
Foreign Money Offers	127	164	278	569
Health Care	38	43	38	119
Internet Auctions	170	313	288	771
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	203	264	283	750
Investments	15	18	25	58
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	33	53	60	146
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	10	6	8	24
Office Supplies and Services	9	9	23	41
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	106	202	305	613
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	173	212	177	562
Telephone Services	95	127	104	326
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	42	34	38	114

#### Massachusetts

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	35	73	35	143
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	27	32	57	116
Debt Management/Credit Counseling	1	24	14	39
Foreign Money Offers	70	138	200	408
Health Care	28	32	28	88
Internet Auctions	182	303	258	743
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	148	182	228	558
Investments	13	9	13	35
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	24	27	26	77
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	8	8	13	29
Office Supplies and Services	15	17	15	47
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	186	229	249	664
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	177	168	138	483
Telephone Services	49	101	67	217
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	24	16	19	59

# Michigan

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	83	83	51	217
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	71	111	94	276
Debt Management/Credit Counseling	1	47	12	60
Foreign Money Offers	134	235	682	1,051
Health Care	46	74	56	176
Internet Auctions	254	539	423	1,216
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	187	225	219	631
Investments	28	23	19	70
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	39	65	58	162
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	16	24	16	56
Office Supplies and Services	22	35	33	90
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	428	569	616	1,613
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	258	268	235	761
Telephone Services	122	156	115	393
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	40	30	42	112

#### Minnesota

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	37	27	17	81
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	46	37	65	148
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		13	5	18
Foreign Money Offers	64	125	217	406
Health Care	14	14	31	59
Internet Auctions	110	223	179	512
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	79	105	82	266
Investments	4	15	17	36
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	9	9	23	41
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	6	7	3	16
Office Supplies and Services	1	11	24	36
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	132	157	201	490
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	94	111	102	307
Telephone Services	58	44	32	134
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	17	25	21	63

# Minor Outlying Islands

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	1			1
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries			1	1
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	1	2		3
Telephone Services		1	1	2

# Mississippi

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	22	27	21	70
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	11	16	23	50
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		10	8	18
Foreign Money Offers	26	36	46	108
Health Care	12	9	7	28
Internet Auctions	50	89	66	205
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	28	51	35	114
Investments		2	7	9
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	11	9	23	43
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	2	1	1	4
Office Supplies and Services	1	8	3	12
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	52	80	109	241
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	40	47	47	134
Telephone Services	39	31	31	101
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	5	6	3	14

### Missouri

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	48	51	42	141
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	50	67	60	177
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		20	4	24
Foreign Money Offers	108	150	216	474
Health Care	55	31	32	118
Internet Auctions	150	338	277	765
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	330	146	111	587
Investments	13	12	18	43
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	37	30	27	94
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	7	11	8	26
Office Supplies and Services	7	21	24	52
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	250	221	337	808
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	155	159	132	446
Telephone Services	49	90	58	197
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	29	17	18	64

#### Montana

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	9	5	2	16
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	11	14	18	43
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		7	4	11
Foreign Money Offers	23	30	36	89
Health Care	5	6	5	16
Internet Auctions	43	64	43	150
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	36	31	42	109
Investments	2	4	5	11
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	4	5	14	23
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	2	2	2	6
Office Supplies and Services	2	10	14	26
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	47	77	60	184
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	28	41	36	105
Telephone Services	20	13	15	48
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	7	1	1	9

# Nebraska

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	18	16	12	46
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	11	13	19	43
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		9	4	13
Foreign Money Offers	21	21	36	78
Health Care	6	11	12	29
Internet Auctions	47	83	73	203
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	30	37	32	99
Investments		2	1	3
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	4	13	10	27
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	1	1	3	5
Office Supplies and Services	2	3	6	11
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	66	74	84	224
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	39	53	49	141
Telephone Services	24	25	19	68
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	2	7	6	15

#### Nevada

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	37	32	33	102
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	54	87	61	202
Debt Management/Credit Counseling	1	17	6	24
Foreign Money Offers	38	90	150	278
Health Care	24	22	19	65
Internet Auctions	93	210	173	476
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	90	104	104	298
Investments	4	12	16	32
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	16	19	23	58
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	9	12	7	28
Office Supplies and Services	8	18	17	43
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	101	137	107	345
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	121	113	125	359
Telephone Services	47	55	45	147
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	16	16	20	52

# New Hampshire

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	20	9	9	38
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	7	15	15	37
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		15	2	17
Foreign Money Offers	34	34	82	150
Health Care	4	17	10	31
Internet Auctions	43	84	80	207
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	46	49	57	152
Investments	1	2	7	10
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	6	10	17	33
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters		3	3	6
Office Supplies and Services	7	3	4	14
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	66	72	56	194
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	43	53	51	147
Telephone Services	14	26	14	54
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	6	3	5	14

# New Jersey

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	75	82	35	192
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	60	71	95	226
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		36	17	53
Foreign Money Offers	107	195	280	582
Health Care	38	67	53	158
Internet Auctions	244	438	391	1,073
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	270	249	246	765
Investments	12	22	33	67
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	41	38	53	132
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	15	14	17	46
Office Supplies and Services	12	21	26	59
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	205	363	326	894
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	304	256	241	801
Telephone Services	100	177	138	415
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	42	25	24	91

# New Mexico

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	26	21	19	66
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	15	23	31	69
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		16	8	24
Foreign Money Offers	31	57	91	179
Health Care	11	17	12	40
Internet Auctions	67	109	70	246
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	62	76	48	186
Investments	4	8	5	17
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	8	18	11	37
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	7		4	11
Office Supplies and Services	6	13	7	26
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	76	99	81	256
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	42	60	60	162
Telephone Services	24	23	29	76
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	2		6	8

# New York

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	122	164	85	371
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	114	139	145	398
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		103	30	133
Foreign Money Offers	201	347	585	1,133
Health Care	76	112	85	273
Internet Auctions	520	919	804	2,243
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	379	499	434	1,312
Investments	33	53	36	122
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	71	81	112	264
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	16	26	26	68
Office Supplies and Services	25	55	52	132
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	404	721	666	1,791
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	486	510	460	1,456
Telephone Services	244	388	269	901
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	57	63	80	200

# North Carolina

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	76	72	34	182
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	55	71	85	211
Debt Management/Credit Counseling	1	18	14	33
Foreign Money Offers	84	161	274	519
Health Care	32	53	42	127
Internet Auctions	201	352	313	866
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	174	266	208	648
Investments	25	17	22	64
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	28	37	40	105
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	14	7	15	36
Office Supplies and Services	11	31	17	59
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	188	264	342	794
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	219	194	179	592
Telephone Services	135	133	92	360
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	30	22	27	79

#### North Dakota

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	10	4	5	19
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	1	3	7	11
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		3	2	5
Foreign Money Offers	5	17	10	32
Health Care	2	1	5	8
Internet Auctions	15	34	33	82
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	5	11	2	18
Investments		2		2
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	3	3	4	10
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters		1	2	3
Office Supplies and Services		3	2	5
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	20	25	13	58
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	11	10	7	28
Telephone Services	3	2	2	7
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare			2	2

#### Ohio

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	169	112	46	327
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	75	102	123	300
Debt Management/Credit Counseling	1	50	31	82
Foreign Money Offers	119	262	363	744
Health Care	57	85	95	237
Internet Auctions	292	557	454	1,303
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	234	351	272	857
Investments	22	35	37	94
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	33	69	65	167
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	10	22	18	50
Office Supplies and Services	22	40	56	118
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	393	578	530	1,501
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	326	325	301	952
Telephone Services	148	217	148	513
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	46	53	28	127

#### Oklahoma

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	35	22	21	78
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	39	29	49	117
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		12	8	20
Foreign Money Offers	79	105	139	323
Health Care	19	22	12	53
Internet Auctions	92	184	152	428
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	87	108	119	314
Investments	9	22	7	38
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	16	27	20	63
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	9	7	6	22
Office Supplies and Services	5	14	6	25
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	93	158	157	408
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	89	91	99	279
Telephone Services	36	42	42	120
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	9	5	9	23

# Oregon

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	28	34	26	88
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	40	63	67	170
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		8	13	21
Foreign Money Offers	86	169	348	603
Health Care	21	34	29	84
Internet Auctions	135	265	244	644
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	155	190	138	483
Investments	11	8	17	36
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	24	24	38	86
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	11	8	8	27
Office Supplies and Services	18	28	23	69
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	53	76	138	267
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	131	126	148	405
Telephone Services	68	66	66	200
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	10	21	13	44

# Pennsylvania

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	117	131	77	325
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	82	132	141	355
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		64	23	87
Foreign Money Offers	170	246	459	875
Health Care	53	98	98	249
Internet Auctions	358	708	603	1,669
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	320	411	333	1,064
Investments	15	28	22	65
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	43	74	77	194
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	15	25	20	60
Office Supplies and Services	23	45	47	115
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	455	632	672	1,759
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	405	401	406	1,212
Telephone Services	146	279	167	592
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	33	54	47	134

# **Puerto Rico**

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	4	20	9	33
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	2	8	6	16
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		2	3	5
Foreign Money Offers	2	8	160	170
Health Care	1	5	5	11
Internet Auctions	13	23	21	57
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	9	20	21	50
Investments		3	3	6
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	1	4	5	10
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	1			1
Office Supplies and Services	2			2
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries			3	3
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	16	21	18	55
Telephone Services	3	10	8	21
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare		21	11	32

#### **Rhode Island**

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	5	14	6	25
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	7	9	8	24
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		11		11
Foreign Money Offers	19	14	41	74
Health Care	4	3	3	10
Internet Auctions	32	59	49	140
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	21	29	40	90
Investments	1	1	5	7
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	5	5	7	17
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	2	1	2	5
Office Supplies and Services	2	3	1	6
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	29	39	38	106
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	45	28	14	87
Telephone Services	6	14	14	34
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	7	3	4	14

# South Carolina

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	50	34	36	120
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	26	29	42	97
Debt Management/Credit Counseling	1	26	7	34
Foreign Money Offers	50	184	1,714	1,948
Health Care	20	15	25	60
Internet Auctions	95	186	173	454
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	86	112	112	310
Investments	9	5	8	22
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	26	10	19	55
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	9	6	9	24
Office Supplies and Services	8	5	12	25
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	84	177	186	447
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	87	95	86	268
Telephone Services	52	56	38	146
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	16	6	11	33

#### South Dakota

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	3	3	4	10
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	3	5	6	14
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		4	2	6
Foreign Money Offers	13	9	13	35
Health Care	1	2	3	6
Internet Auctions	19	48	29	96
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	20	9	7	36
Investments	1	_	1	2
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	1	3	2	6
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	1	_		1
Office Supplies and Services	3	1	3	7
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	38	24	32	94
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	12	21	15	48
Telephone Services	3	3		6
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	2		2	4

#### Tennessee

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	56	51	29	136
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	36	46	52	134
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		16	5	21
Foreign Money Offers	73	129	286	488
Health Care	16	24	32	72
Internet Auctions	147	309	261	717
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	134	176	134	444
Investments	8	4	13	25
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	25	26	34	85
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	7	10	14	31
Office Supplies and Services	13	16	12	41
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	146	173	181	500
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	129	158	144	431
Telephone Services	62	74	74	210
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	13	15	21	49

#### Texas

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	215	207	139	561
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	194	224	256	674
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		122	53	175
Foreign Money Offers	342	612	809	1,763
Health Care	113	143	104	360
Internet Auctions	540	937	842	2,319
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	486	632	565	1,683
Investments	44	64	58	166
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	70	102	112	284
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	30	42	52	124
Office Supplies and Services	37	82	63	182
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	419	580	644	1,643
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	487	511	470	1,468
Telephone Services	231	292	253	776
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	44	73	80	197

#### Utah

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	19	17	14	50
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	16	20	22	58
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		11		11
Foreign Money Offers	40	66	116	222
Health Care	19	14	15	48
Internet Auctions	65	115	93	273
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	61	62	63	186
Investments	7	1	8	16
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	7	7	21	35
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	5	1	8	14
Office Supplies and Services	3	3	11	17
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	89	164	110	363
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	38	45	53	136
Telephone Services	31	28	24	83
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	11	9	13	33

#### Vermont

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	8	3	2	13
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	5	8	2	15
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		2	2	4
Foreign Money Offers	14	12	29	55
Health Care	2	4	3	9
Internet Auctions	16	41	36	93
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	12	27	14	53
Investments	1	3		4
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	4	3	1	8
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	2		1	3
Office Supplies and Services	1	2	5	8
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	2	20	31	53
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	22	11	21	54
Telephone Services	4	6	8	18
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	2	2	2	6

# Virginia

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	121	107	48	276
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	77	75	87	239
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		43	19	62
Foreign Money Offers	137	227	376	740
Health Care	37	54	51	142
Internet Auctions	207	391	314	912
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	306	314	270	890
Investments	23	22	33	78
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	63	57	87	207
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	14	24	15	53
Office Supplies and Services	24	41	27	92
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	186	293	481	960
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	224	247	250	721
Telephone Services	154	185	119	458
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	45	51	38	134

# **Virgin Islands**

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	1	1		2
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	1			1
Foreign Money Offers		2	2	4
Health Care		2		2
Internet Auctions	2	5	3	10
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	2		5	7
Magazines and Buyers Clubs			1	1
Office Supplies and Services		1		1
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	2	2	5	9
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales			2	2
Telephone Services			2	2

# Washington

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	56	55	38	149
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	64	80	86	230
Debt Management/Credit Counseling	2	24	19	45
Foreign Money Offers	197	276	418	891
Health Care	30	59	55	144
Internet Auctions	255	500	382	1,137
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	235	277	263	775
Investments	19	30	21	70
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	27	38	56	121
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	10	21	17	48
Office Supplies and Services	19	48	34	101
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	274	511	496	1,281
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	200	244	234	678
Telephone Services	140	138	133	411
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	26	32	30	88

# West Virginia

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	31	11	22	64
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	8	16	23	47
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		20	10	30
Foreign Money Offers	27	124	50	201
Health Care	8	10	13	31
Internet Auctions	39	87	91	217
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	31	45	30	106
Investments	2	2	2	6
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	9	9	6	24
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters		2	4	6
Office Supplies and Services	2	10	4	16
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	36	22	51	109
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	47	49	49	145
Telephone Services	21	29	21	71
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	9	5	1	15

# Wisconsin

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	26	34	31	91
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	21	40	72	133
Debt Management/Credit Counseling	1	8	7	16
Foreign Money Offers	71	125	179	375
Health Care	23	29	41	93
Internet Auctions	134	287	204	625
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	105	128	134	367
Investments	9	13	10	32
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	17	24	20	61
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	8	14	4	26
Office Supplies and Services	17	31	25	73
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	156	120	145	421
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	117	168	149	434
Telephone Services	65	72	63	200
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	28	18	15	61

# Wyoming

		Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	7	5	2	14
Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	8	11	14	33
Debt Management/Credit Counseling		3		3
Foreign Money Offers	6	14	18	38
Health Care	3	2	3	8
Internet Auctions	20	50	29	99
Internet Services and Computer Complaints	9	16	12	37
Investments		1	1	2
Magazines and Buyers Clubs	2	2	4	8
Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids/Chain Letters	1	1	3	5
Office Supplies and Services	1	7	2	10
Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	13	29	16	58
Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	13	22	13	48
Telephone Services	6	11	3	20
Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	6	4	2	12

# Appendix E: Number of Sentinel Identity Theft (IDT) complaints from United States consumers reporting age 50 and over by consumers' state, age range, and calendar year.

Notes: 1) This report includes IDT consumer complaints from all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and three U.S. territories - Guam (3), Puerto Rico (557), and Virgin Islands (47). 2) Sentinel complaints may contain information from multiple consumers.

Alabama			
		Calendar Year	
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	208	300	369
60 - 69	109	122	170
70 and Over	78	98	102
No. of Complaints	395	520	641

Alaska

	Calendar Year				
	2003	2004	2005		
50 - 59	28	60	69		
60 - 69	11	23	18		
70 and Over	5	12	11		
No. of Complaints	44	95	98		

Arizona

	Calendar Year				
	2003	2004	2005		
50 - 59	697	801	865		
60 - 69	364	399	445		
70 and Over	221	267	286		
No. of Complaints	1,282	1,467	1,596		

#### Arkansas

	Calendar Year				
	2003	2004	2005		
50 - 59	188	185	201		
60 - 69	91	94	94		
70 and Over	49	59	76		
No. of Complaints	328	338	371		

# California

	Calendar Year				
	2003	2004	2005		
50 - 59	4,635	5,077	5,480		
60 - 69	1,984	2,193	2,486		
70 and Over	1,263	1,454	1,530		
No. of Complaints	7,882	8,724	9,496		

# Colorado

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	446	532	625
60 - 69	192	205	236
70 and Over	100	116	137
No. of Complaints	738	853	998

#### Connecticut

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	217	277	325
60 - 69	110	120	140
70 and Over	81	59	87
No. of Complaints	408	456	552

#### Delaware

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	75	69	91
60 - 69	27	45	47
70 and Over	21	21	28
No. of Complaints	123	135	166

### **District of Columbia**

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	109	87	94
60 - 69	38	46	47
70 and Over	28	42	51
No. of Complaints	175	175	192

Florida			
		Calendar Year	
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	1,835	2,181	2,277
60 - 69	949	1,135	1,288
70 and Over	824	877	1,073
No. of Complaints	3,608	4,193	4,638

# Georgia

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	669	815	923
60 - 69	284	394	425
70 and Over	188	215	255
No. of Complaints	1,141	1,424	1,603

Guam

	Calendar Year		
	2003 2004		
50 - 59	1	2	
No. of Complaints	1	2	

Hawaii

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	93	106	132
60 - 69	41	42	65
70 and Over	26	23	29
No. of Complaints	160	171	226

Idaho

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	72	79	81
60 - 69	23	43	53
70 and Over	14	17	34
No. of Complaints	109	139	168

Illinois			
	Cal	endar Year	
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	1,096	1,208	1,296
60 - 69	476	561	600
70 and Over	332	364	401
No. of Complaints	1,904	2,133	2,297

# Indiana

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	410	510	492
60 - 69	179	209	243
70 and Over	137	135	132
No. of Complaints	726	854	867

Iowa

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	110	118	160
60 - 69	65	55	66
70 and Over	31	38	39
No. of Complaints	206	211	265

Kansas

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	165	202	193
60 - 69	65	104	70
70 and Over	48	55	52
No. of Complaints	278	361	315

# Kentucky

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	165	210	250
60 - 69	64	101	105
70 and Over	50	57	62
No. of Complaints	279	368	417

Louisiana			
	(	Calendar Year	
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	224	285	34
60 - 69	104	133	12
70 and Over	93	83	10
No. of Complaints	421	501	57

Maine

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	50	60	83
60 - 69	27	25	36
70 and Over	10	16	20
No. of Complaints	87	101	139

# Maryland

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	524	620	700
60 - 69	259	289	312
70 and Over	190	210	215
No. of Complaints	973	1,119	1,227

# Massachusetts

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	480	461	550
60 - 69	179	207	222
70 and Over	115	136	145
No. of Complaints	774	804	917

# Michigan

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	981	1,069	1,048
60 - 69	448	503	471
70 and Over	330	384	322
No. of Complaints	1,759	1,956	1,841

# Minnesota

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	305	336	410
60 - 69	129	150	160
70 and Over	104	87	101
No. of Complaints	538	573	671

# Mississippi

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	134	143	172
60 - 69	66	74	96
70 and Over	52	50	50
No. of Complaints	252	267	318

#### Missouri

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	400	487	488
60 - 69	188	240	218
70 and Over	124	169	133
No. of Complaints	712	896	839

#### Montana

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	32	55	71
60 - 69	12	22	40
70 and Over	11	9	14
No. of Complaints	55	86	125

#### Nebraska

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	72	97	96
60 - 69	38	47	41
70 and Over	22	24	34
No. of Complaints	132	168	171

Nevada			
		Calendar Year	
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	339	397	400
60 - 69	165	164	240
70 and Over	69	89	141
No. of Complaints	573	650	781

# New Hampshire

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	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	75	71	102
60 - 69	30	32	52
70 and Over	19	16	22
No. of Complaints	124	119	176

# **New Jersey**

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	739	820	887
60 - 69	347	385	400
70 and Over	207	280	260
No. of Complaints	1,293	1,485	1,547

# New Mexico

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	187	190	200
60 - 69	69	71	103
70 and Over	39	57	60
No. of Complaints	295	318	363

### New York

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	2,074	2,349	2,336
60 - 69	1,007	1,103	1,175
70 and Over	615	700	725
No. of Complaints	3,696	4,152	4,236

# North Carolina

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	634	676	742
60 - 69	292	276	309
70 and Over	208	196	169
No. of Complaints	1,134	1,148	1,220

# North Dakota

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	10	19	18
60 - 69	5	10	6
70 and Over	3	6	11
No. of Complaints	18	35	35

Ohio

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	692	834	966
60 - 69	356	377	379
70 and Over	195	275	303
No. of Complaints	1,243	1,486	1,648

# Oklahoma

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	198	257	277
60 - 69	114	114	155
70 and Over	65	74	82
No. of Complaints	377	445	514

# Oregon

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	398	464	459
60 - 69	178	194	191
70 and Over	111	104	114
No. of Complaints	687	762	764

## Pennsylvania

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	825	1,005	1,146
60 - 69	383	390	520
70 and Over	267	349	368
No. of Complaints	1,475	1,744	2,034

## **Puerto Rico**

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	85	109	133
60 - 69	31	53	73
70 and Over	23	19	31
No. of Complaints	139	181	237

#### **Rhode Island**

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	71	62	89
60 - 69	32	27	32
70 and Over	14	15	23
No. of Complaints	117	104	144

## South Carolina

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	210	289	360
60 - 69	145	153	157
70 and Over	78	64	125
No. of Complaints	433	506	642

### South Dakota

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	15	25	39
60 - 69	10	14	10
70 and Over	8	11	10
No. of Complaints	33	50	59

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	365	426	460
60 - 69	162	189	208
70 and Over	113	138	125
No. of Complaints	640	753	793

Texas

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	2,114	2,578	2,954
60 - 69	886	1,173	1,325
70 and Over	635	760	860
No. of Complaints	3,635	4,511	5,139

Utah

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	124	192	195
60 - 69	70	92	68
70 and Over	38	50	47
No. of Complaints	232	334	310

Vermont

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	21	35	32
60 - 69	8	12	20
70 and Over	6	6	7
No. of Complaints	35	53	59

Virginia

	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	541	630	667
60 - 69	234	256	286
70 and Over	149	143	171
No. of Complaints	924	1,029	1,124

irgin Islands			
	Calendar Year		
	2003	2004	2005
50 - 59	6	16	8
60 - 69	1	7	1
70 and Over	1	6	1
No. of Complaints	8	29	10

## Washington

	Calendar Year			
	2003	2004	2005	
50 - 59	646	809	847	
60 - 69	276	352	374	
70 and Over	156	173	218	
No. of Complaints	1,078	1,334	1,439	

## West Virginia

	Calendar Year					
	2003 2004					
50 - 59	64	85	84			
60 - 69	27	36	45			
70 and Over	11	25	21			
No. of Complaints	102	146	150			

#### Wisconsin

	Calendar Year						
	2003	2003 2004					
50 - 59	258	342	413				
60 - 69	95	129	142				
70 and Over	62	72	83				
No. of Complaints	415	543	638				

## Wyoming

	Calendar Year						
	2003 2004						
50 - 59	25	22	37				
60 - 69	15	15	22				
70 and Over	8	6	8				
No. of Complaints	48	43	67				

#### Appendix F: Number of Sentinel Identity Theft (IDT) complaints from United States consumers reporting age 50 and over by identity theft type and calendar year.

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		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	17,714	18,784	19,004	55,502
Phone or Utilities Fraud	7,658	8,804	8,649	25,111
Bank Fraud	7,199	9,166	9,892	26,257
Employment-Related Fraud	2,091	2,771	3,050	7,912
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	2,066	2,609	2,766	7,441
Loan Fraud	2,175	2,816	2,968	7,959
Other Identity Theft	6,524	8,975	13,512	29,011
Attempted Identity Theft	5,621	5,267	4,888	15,776

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50 - 59		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	9,593	10,283	10,323	30,199
Phone or Utilities Fraud	4,652	5,111	5,175	14,938
Bank Fraud	4,276	5,370	5,734	15,380
Employment-Related Fraud	1,389	1,902	2,010	5,301
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	1,340	1,633	1,731	4,704
Loan Fraud	1,266	1,662	1,746	4,674
Other Identity Theft	3,925	5,368	7,778	17,071
Attempted Identity Theft	2,910	2,816	2,619	8,345

60 - 69

60 - 69		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	4,753	4,993	5,130	14,876
Phone or Utilities Fraud	1,912	2,329	2,229	6,470
Bank Fraud	1,708	2,227	2,521	6,456
Employment-Related Fraud	480	615	734	1,829
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	492	616	652	1,760
Loan Fraud	557	714	756	2,027
Other Identity Theft	1,573	2,170	3,461	7,204
Attempted Identity Theft	1,610	1,468	1,355	4,433

#### 70 and Over

70 and Over		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	3,368	3,508	3,551	10,427
Phone or Utilities Fraud	1,094	1,364	1,245	3,703
Bank Fraud	1,215	1,569	1,637	4,421
Employment-Related Fraud	222	254	306	782
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	234	360	383	977
Loan Fraud	352	440	466	1,258
Other Identity Theft	1,026	1,437	2,273	4,736
Attempted Identity Theft	1,101	983	914	2,998

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#### Alabama

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	158	191	224	573
Phone or Utilities Fraud	63	73	92	228
Bank Fraud	60	94	104	258
Employment-Related Fraud	12	25	21	58
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	18	32	50	100
Loan Fraud	25	36	34	95
Other Identity Theft	67	91	154	312
Attempted Identity Theft	49	54	49	152

Alaska

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	24	43	30	97
Phone or Utilities Fraud	2	12	12	26
Bank Fraud	4	16	16	36
Employment-Related Fraud	1	3	5	9
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	2	2	4	8
Loan Fraud	1	2	4	7
Other Identity Theft	9	20	23	52
Attempted Identity Theft	6	9	13	28

Arizona

		Calendar Year	•	
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	509	514	514	1,537
Phone or Utilities Fraud	185	206	234	625
Bank Fraud	255	304	305	864
Employment-Related Fraud	83	104	156	343
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	59	87	65	211
Loan Fraud	52	86	84	222
Other Identity Theft	190	267	379	836
Attempted Identity Theft	151	146	124	421

Arkansas

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	142	116	127	385
Phone or Utilities Fraud	43	46	55	144
Bank Fraud	62	68	66	196
Employment-Related Fraud	15	27	16	58
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>	15	16	10	41
Loan Fraud	18	27	21	66
Other Identity Theft	49	65	88	202
Attempted Identity Theft	31	30	36	97

## California

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	2,965	2,980	2,990	8,935
Phone or Utilities Fraud	1,348	1,430	1,460	4,238
Bank Fraud	1,385	1,692	1,912	4,989
Employment-Related Fraud	540	646	690	1,876
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	443	585	581	1,609
Loan Fraud	359	505	492	1,356
Other Identity Theft	1,196	1,578	2,294	5,068
Attempted Identity Theft	978	813	745	2,536

#### Colorado

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	260	265	323	848
Phone or Utilities Fraud	107	122	130	359
Bank Fraud	159	203	196	558
Employment-Related Fraud	55	76	74	205
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	38	47	42	127
Loan Fraud	36	44	59	139
Other Identity Theft	138	171	240	549
Attempted Identity Theft	81	84	92	257

## Connecticut

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	175	187	203	565
Phone or Utilities Fraud	75	81	73	229
Bank Fraud	41	54	75	170
Employment-Related Fraud	21	18	18	57
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>	6	16	15	37
Loan Fraud	19	24	29	72
Other Identity Theft	65	87	159	311
Attempted Identity Theft	51	55	58	164

#### Delaware

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	57	64	60	181
Phone or Utilities Fraud	20	11	25	56
Bank Fraud	11	17	27	55
Employment-Related Fraud	5	3	7	15
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	8	б	5	19
Loan Fraud	4	15	8	27
Other Identity Theft	16	25	46	87
Attempted Identity Theft	16	12	13	41

### **District of Columbia**

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	83	69	76	228
Phone or Utilities Fraud	20	30	29	79
Bank Fraud	43	41	38	122
Employment-Related Fraud	5	9	5	19
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>	16	10	14	40
Loan Fraud	5	12	9	26
Other Identity Theft	17	29	51	97
Attempted Identity Theft	16	15	13	44

Florida

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	1,531	1,619	1,635	4,785
Phone or Utilities Fraud	593	673	645	1,911
Bank Fraud	555	736	705	1,996
Employment-Related Fraud	146	191	212	549
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	154	207	208	569
Loan Fraud	219	260	268	747
Other Identity Theft	528	728	1,203	2,459
Attempted Identity Theft	463	430	453	1,346

Georgia

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	434	499	524	1,457
Phone or Utilities Fraud	171	208	231	610
Bank Fraud	221	339	357	917
Employment-Related Fraud	36	61	72	169
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>	70	87	141	298
Loan Fraud	69	83	88	240
Other Identity Theft	161	258	367	786
Attempted Identity Theft	149	131	118	398

Guam

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	No. of Complaints	
Credit Card Fraud	1	1	2	
Bank Fraud		1	1	
Other Identity Theft		1	1	

Hawaii

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	81	77	91	249
Phone or Utilities Fraud	24	30	32	86
Bank Fraud	31	34	46	111
Employment-Related Fraud	5	5	1	11
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	8	5	2	15
Loan Fraud	6	5	9	20
Other Identity Theft	20	30	56	106
Attempted Identity Theft	17	17	17	51

Idaho

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	43	55	53	151
Phone or Utilities Fraud	15	27	22	64
Bank Fraud	17	18	30	65
Employment-Related Fraud	7	7	8	22
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>	7	8	7	22
Loan Fraud	б	4	13	23
Other Identity Theft	20	28	53	101
Attempted Identity Theft	18	14	11	43

Illinois

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	759	797	780	2,336
Phone or Utilities Fraud	373	411	423	1,207
Bank Fraud	246	339	314	899
Employment-Related Fraud	117	142	154	413
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	97	105	112	314
Loan Fraud	104	129	125	358
Other Identity Theft	277	359	558	1,194
Attempted Identity Theft	248	212	193	653

Indiana

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	265	274	292	831
Phone or Utilities Fraud	178	235	191	604
Bank Fraud	87	119	117	323
Employment-Related Fraud	24	43	43	110
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	30	39	45	114
Loan Fraud	34	36	48	118
Other Identity Theft	132	160	194	486
Attempted Identity Theft	85	76	75	236

Iowa

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	91	84	99	274
Phone or Utilities Fraud	32	20	39	91
Bank Fraud	37	51	52	140
Employment-Related Fraud	6	1	7	14
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>	11	6	9	26
Loan Fraud	7	10	18	35
Other Identity Theft	27	44	58	129
Attempted Identity Theft	19	24	28	71

Kansas

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	104	126	100	330
Phone or Utilities Fraud	41	40	52	133
Bank Fraud	72	85	57	214
Employment-Related Fraud	9	11	14	34
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	15	23	10	48
Loan Fraud	8	16	10	34
Other Identity Theft	49	77	87	213
Attempted Identity Theft	27	35	32	94

Kentucky

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	120	136	152	408
Phone or Utilities Fraud	42	61	63	166
Bank Fraud	38	69	65	172
Employment-Related Fraud	9	14	14	37
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>	12	22	25	59
Loan Fraud	16	17	19	52
Other Identity Theft	48	71	97	216
Attempted Identity Theft	35	42	42	119

Louisiana

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	166	216	181	563
Phone or Utilities Fraud	76	87	92	255
Bank Fraud	63	78	113	254
Employment-Related Fraud	17	13	23	53
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>	19	26	40	85
Loan Fraud	26	31	34	91
Other Identity Theft	64	85	136	285
Attempted Identity Theft	50	58	52	160

Maine

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	35	51	64	150
Phone or Utilities Fraud	7	13	19	39
Bank Fraud	15	10	27	52
Employment-Related Fraud	1	2	5	8
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>	6	5	6	17
Loan Fraud	3	9	5	17
Other Identity Theft	12	17	28	57
Attempted Identity Theft	16	12	10	38

Maryland

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	413	419	450	1,282
Phone or Utilities Fraud	199	228	190	617
Bank Fraud	142	185	204	531
Employment-Related Fraud	18	32	36	86
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	25	57	58	140
Loan Fraud	35	57	49	141
Other Identity Theft	126	180	309	615
Attempted Identity Theft	155	136	99	390

## Massachusetts

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	358	339	368	1,065
Phone or Utilities Fraud	113	125	101	339
Bank Fraud	88	111	108	307
Employment-Related Fraud	22	31	29	82
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	33	41	32	106
Loan Fraud	26	52	45	123
Other Identity Theft	125	125	235	485
Attempted Identity Theft	122	101	133	356

## Michigan

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	607	651	628	1,886
Phone or Utilities Fraud	552	554	472	1,578
Bank Fraud	222	240	270	732
Employment-Related Fraud	20	51	52	123
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	58	75	82	215
Loan Fraud	81	96	119	296
Other Identity Theft	205	269	369	843
Attempted Identity Theft	276	285	174	735

Minnesota

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	222	201	253	676
Phone or Utilities Fraud	67	79	84	230
Bank Fraud	124	149	166	439
Employment-Related Fraud	16	24	24	64
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	19	26	29	74
Loan Fraud	15	23	26	64
Other Identity Theft	69	95	138	302
Attempted Identity Theft	91	61	62	214

## Mississippi

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	110	106	110	326
Phone or Utilities Fraud	35	35	54	124
Bank Fraud	48	59	54	161
Employment-Related Fraud	11	12	17	40
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	19	9	15	43
Loan Fraud	11	15	27	53
Other Identity Theft	36	43	77	156
Attempted Identity Theft	32	27	28	87

#### Missouri

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	279	328	326	933
Phone or Utilities Fraud	153	174	138	465
Bank Fraud	101	138	127	366
Employment-Related Fraud	21	36	31	88
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>	24	30	35	89
Loan Fraud	35	52	39	126
Other Identity Theft	100	172	189	461
Attempted Identity Theft	86	107	81	274

Montana

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	19	33	43	95
Phone or Utilities Fraud	4	18	16	38
Bank Fraud	13	14	13	40
Employment-Related Fraud	3	1	6	10
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	1	4	11	16
Loan Fraud	3	5	2	10
Other Identity Theft	9	22	40	71
Attempted Identity Theft	10	9	7	26

## Nebraska

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	62	57	67	186
Phone or Utilities Fraud	16	31	27	74
Bank Fraud	19	34	44	97
Employment-Related Fraud	7	12	б	25
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	7	13	б	26
Loan Fraud	7	6	3	16
Other Identity Theft	22	26	36	84
Attempted Identity Theft	9	20	11	40

Nevada

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	187	222	234	643
Phone or Utilities Fraud	139	120	128	387
Bank Fraud	120	143	140	403
Employment-Related Fraud	22	29	66	117
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	32	25	31	88
Loan Fraud	31	36	50	117
Other Identity Theft	91	122	202	415
Attempted Identity Theft	57	70	59	186

## New Hampshire

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	64	54	72	190
Phone or Utilities Fraud	16	20	21	57
Bank Fraud	17	20	27	64
Employment-Related Fraud	4	1	4	9
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>	2	1	6	9
Loan Fraud	7	6	6	19
Other Identity Theft	20	28	47	95
Attempted Identity Theft	13	5	18	36

New Jersey

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	603	650	584	1,837
Phone or Utilities Fraud	201	200	170	571
Bank Fraud	147	165	212	524
Employment-Related Fraud	62	80	93	235
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	63	56	54	173
Loan Fraud	68	84	83	235
Other Identity Theft	182	263	429	874
Attempted Identity Theft	164	199	147	510

### New Mexico

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	91	103	125	319
Phone or Utilities Fraud	40	43	59	142
Bank Fraud	48	73	75	196
Employment-Related Fraud	27	27	31	85
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	26	18	12	56
Loan Fraud	18	26	22	66
Other Identity Theft	63	59	76	198
Attempted Identity Theft	24	28	29	81

New York

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	1,652	1,771	1,589	5,012
Phone or Utilities Fraud	689	822	687	2,198
Bank Fraud	392	479	485	1,356
Employment-Related Fraud	142	198	195	535
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	156	204	210	570
Loan Fraud	190	198	244	632
Other Identity Theft	478	634	1,021	2,133
Attempted Identity Theft	531	477	413	1,421

# North Carolina

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	427	418	406	1,251
Phone or Utilities Fraud	184	179	181	544
Bank Fraud	163	215	189	567
Employment-Related Fraud	48	57	54	159
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	53	64	70	187
Loan Fraud	64	75	61	200
Other Identity Theft	205	221	307	733
Attempted Identity Theft	137	109	110	356

## North Dakota

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	2	15	16	33
Phone or Utilities Fraud	4	2	4	10
Bank Fraud	4	4	5	13
Employment-Related Fraud		5	1	6
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>	2	1		3
Loan Fraud	1	2		3
Other Identity Theft	4	7	9	20
Attempted Identity Theft	3	4	2	9

Ohio

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	505	539	537	1,581
Phone or Utilities Fraud	259	341	351	951
Bank Fraud	166	225	241	632
Employment-Related Fraud	24	48	44	116
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	43	50	70	163
Loan Fraud	50	76	89	215
Other Identity Theft	196	277	423	896
Attempted Identity Theft	171	147	135	453

## Oklahoma

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	152	171	163	486
Phone or Utilities Fraud	62	67	87	216
Bank Fraud	81	104	123	308
Employment-Related Fraud	9	16	21	46
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	19	16	21	56
Loan Fraud	23	24	23	70
Other Identity Theft	56	77	122	255
Attempted Identity Theft	32	31	36	99

Oregon

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	277	238	238	753
Phone or Utilities Fraud	95	116	109	320
Bank Fraud	170	182	179	531
Employment-Related Fraud	21	30	38	89
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	22	36	35	93
Loan Fraud	28	40	32	100
Other Identity Theft	84	154	161	399
Attempted Identity Theft	89	77	88	254

## Pennsylvania

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	655	712	744	2,111
Phone or Utilities Fraud	245	267	272	784
Bank Fraud	203	250	345	798
Employment-Related Fraud	29	49	52	130
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	50	85	76	211
Loan Fraud	89	99	95	283
Other Identity Theft	219	343	534	1,096
Attempted Identity Theft	204	198	193	595

## Puerto Rico

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	58	56	75	189
Phone or Utilities Fraud	17	38	63	118
Bank Fraud	10	5	7	22
Employment-Related Fraud	25	37	39	101
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	10	14	26	50
Loan Fraud	22	18	29	69
Other Identity Theft	26	51	41	118
Attempted Identity Theft	2	4	3	9

## **Rhode Island**

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	63	43	62	168
Phone or Utilities Fraud	21	15	17	53
Bank Fraud	11	10	16	37
Employment-Related Fraud	4	4	10	18
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>	2	1	8	11
Loan Fraud	7	7	3	17
Other Identity Theft	16	22	51	89
Attempted Identity Theft	14	12	7	33

## South Carolina

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	151	171	203	525
Phone or Utilities Fraud	74	104	97	275
Bank Fraud	61	90	107	258
Employment-Related Fraud	23	17	29	69
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	18	18	36	72
Loan Fraud	24	37	41	102
Other Identity Theft	76	109	206	391
Attempted Identity Theft	61	55	54	170

## South Dakota

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	13	18	19	50
Phone or Utilities Fraud	5	3	11	19
Bank Fraud	3	10	2	15
Employment-Related Fraud	2	3	1	6
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud		4	1	5
Loan Fraud		3	2	5
Other Identity Theft	9	11	21	41
Attempted Identity Theft	2	6	9	17

### Tennessee

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	290	294	288	872
Phone or Utilities Fraud	90	100	121	311
Bank Fraud	123	154	136	413
Employment-Related Fraud	17	32	35	84
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	29	36	33	98
Loan Fraud	33	31	51	115
Other Identity Theft	91	134	198	423
Attempted Identity Theft	74	76	69	219

Texas

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	1,345	1,488	1,579	4,412
Phone or Utilities Fraud	495	710	739	1,944
Bank Fraud	770	1,058	1,278	3,106
Employment-Related Fraud	299	419	425	1,143
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	211	239	272	722
Loan Fraud	153	230	271	654
Other Identity Theft	499	726	1,083	2,308
Attempted Identity Theft	395	357	366	1,118

Utah

		Calendar Year		
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	77	111	93	281
Phone or Utilities Fraud	40	48	49	137
Bank Fraud	65	86	62	213
Employment-Related Fraud	12	20	23	55
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	8	14	24	46
Loan Fraud	10	21	21	52
Other Identity Theft	29	55	70	154
Attempted Identity Theft	20	36	26	82

#### Vermont

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Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	17	24	31	72
Phone or Utilities Fraud	3	8	1	12
Bank Fraud	5	10	10	25
Employment-Related Fraud	1	2	2	5
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>		2		2
Loan Fraud		4	2	6
Other Identity Theft	6	11	13	30
Attempted Identity Theft	4	4	4	12

Virginia

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	392	399	404	1,195
Phone or Utilities Fraud	146	186	155	487
Bank Fraud	153	168	159	480
Employment-Related Fraud	27	29	44	100
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	33	43	26	102
Loan Fraud	39	53	59	151
Other Identity Theft	133	174	300	607
Attempted Identity Theft	135	130	110	375

# Virgin Islands

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	4	7	5	16
Phone or Utilities Fraud		13	1	14
Bank Fraud	1	6		7
Employment-Related Fraud			1	1
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>		2		2
Loan Fraud		3		3
Other Identity Theft	2	6	3	11
Attempted Identity Theft	1	1		2

## Washington

Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	398	497	494	1,389
Phone or Utilities Fraud	174	198	173	545
Bank Fraud	252	314	353	919
Employment-Related Fraud	39	42	64	145
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	47	59	61	167
Loan Fraud	50	50	53	153
Other Identity Theft	168	220	307	695
Attempted Identity Theft	135	147	153	435

## West Virginia

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	40	50	49	139
Phone or Utilities Fraud	19	25	31	75
Bank Fraud	15	25	31	71
Employment-Related Fraud	3	9	3	15
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	3	2	6	11
Loan Fraud	12	9	11	32
Other Identity Theft	15	33	38	86
Attempted Identity Theft	10	16	12	38

## Wisconsin

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	156	218	214	588
Phone or Utilities Fraud	77	109	113	299
Bank Fraud	51	68	91	210
Employment-Related Fraud	19	16	26	61
Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	15	29	24	68
Loan Fraud	26	25	31	82
Other Identity Theft	70	103	167	340
Attempted Identity Theft	53	58	71	182

# Wyoming

	Calendar Year			
Theft Type	2003	2004	2005	No. of Complaints
Credit Card Fraud	22	17	17	56
Phone or Utilities Fraud	9	10	8	27
Bank Fraud	9	4	11	24
Employment-Related Fraud		1	3	4
<b>Government Documents or Benefits Fraud</b>	2	1	5	8
Loan Fraud		2	2	4
Other Identity Theft	9	12	19	40
Attempted Identity Theft	3	5	5	13