



# How Victims' Information Is Misused<sup>1</sup>

**Total Number of Identity Theft Victims = 214,905**

*January 1 – December 31, 2003*

## Credit Card Fraud: 33%

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>Percent of All Victims</i>
New Accounts	19.2%
Existing Accounts	12.0
Unspecified	1.4

## Phone or Utilities Fraud: 21%

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>Percent of All Victims</i>
Wireless - New	10.4%
Telephone - New	5.6
Utilities - New	3.8
Unauthorized Charges to Existing Accounts	0.6
Unspecified	0.8

## Bank Fraud: 17%

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>Percent of All Victims</i>
Existing Accounts	8.2%
Electronic Fund Transfer	4.8
New Accounts	3.8
Unspecified	0.5

## Employment-Related Fraud: 11%

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>Percent of All Victims</i>
Employment-Related Fraud	11.1%

## Government Documents or Benefits Fraud: 8%

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>Percent of All Victims</i>
Fraudulent Tax Return	3.7%
Driver's License Issued / Forged	2.3
Government Benefits Applied / Received	1.3
Social Security Card Issued / Forged	0.4
Other Government Docs Issued / Forged	0.4
Unspecified	<0.1

## Loan Fraud: 6%

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>Percent of All Victims</i>
Business / Personal / Student Loan	2.3%
Auto Loan / Lease	2.0
Real Estate Loan	1.0
Unspecified	0.3

## Other Identity Theft Fraud: 19%

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>Percent of All Victims</i>
Other	11.6%
Illegal / Criminal	2.1
Medical	1.8
Internet / E-mail	1.7
Apartment / House Rented	0.9
Bankruptcy	0.3
Insurance	0.3
Property Rental Fraud	0.2
Child Support	0.2
Securities / Other Investments	0.2
Magazines	0.1

## Attempted Identity Theft: 8%

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>Percent of All Victims</i>
Attempted Identity Theft	8.0%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 214,905 total victims reporting. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 19% of victims reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft. All victims reported experiencing at least one type of identity theft. For three-year trends, see Appendix E.