

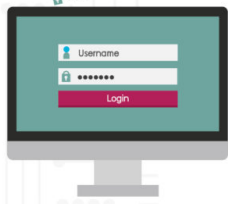
Infographic: The Top 10 States for Identity Theft



When it comes to identity theft, hackers don't discriminate. Whether you're male or female, young or old, an intern or executive, you could be at risk. But, what about where you live? Could that play a role?

According to CyberScout®, the premier provider of identity protection solutions, certain states (both big and small) do see more cases of identity theft. From California to Connecticut and Michigan to Maryland, identity theft is a popular crime—and it's only on the rise.

Where does your state stand? Find out.



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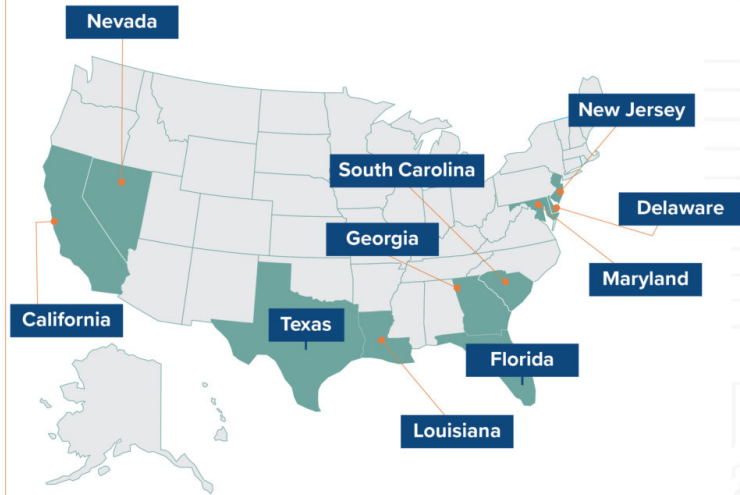
STATES FOR

IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft continues to plague American consumers. Even as technology advances, the thieves are staying one step ahead.

STATES WHERE IDENTITY THEFT RUNS RAMPANT

1. Georgia, 427*
2. Florida, 304
3. California, 257
4. Nevada, 256
5. Texas, 256
6. Louisiana, 227
7. Delaware, 226
8. South Carolina, 213
9. Maryland, 210
10. New Jersey, 205



IDENTITY THEFT

BY THE NUMBERS



3.2 million fraud reports in 2019



\$320 average fraud loss per victim



271,000 reports of credit card fraud



33% more loss among those ages 20-29



1 in 10 imposter scam victims lost money

COMMON WAYS THIEVES STEAL IDENTITIES



Phishing

Phony emails or websites that are designed to pilfer personal information and passwords.

Tax scams

Fraudsters email or call taxpayers to "confirm" identifying information, such as a Social Security number.

Malware

Clicking on unfamiliar links installs malicious software on devices and steals personal data or drains bank accounts.

Dumpster-diving or mail theft

Using old utility bills or statements, fraudsters can create new credit card accounts in your name.

A trusted family member, friend or coworker rips you off

This kind of fraud can take months or years to detect, as the damage mounts.

PROTECTION TIPS



Shred everything with your name and address on it.



Use credit cards with chip or EMV technology whenever possible.



Secure sensitive paper documents.



Install antivirus and antispymware programs on devices.



Periodically check online bank and credit card statements.

*Reports per 100k population

Sources:
1 https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/documents/reports/consumer-sentinel-network-data-book-2019/consumer_sentinel_network_data_book_2019.pdf

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