

West Virginia's IC3 2004 Internet Fraud – Crime Report

Complaint Characteristics

In 2004 IC3 referred at total of 353 complaints from the state of West Virginia.

Top 5 Complaint Categories from West Virginia

Auction Fraud	62.9%
Non Delivery of Merchandise /Payment	16.8%
Credit Card Fraud	9.0%
Check Fraud	2.7%
Computer Fraud	2.0%

Percent of Referrals by Monetary Loss

\$.01 - \$99.99	30.4%
\$100.00 - \$999.99	38.8%
\$1000.00 - \$4999.99	21.9%
\$5000.00 - \$9999.99	8.9%

The top dollar loss complaint involved a counterfeit check and totaled \$31500.00

Amount Lost by Fraud Type for Individuals Reporting Monetary Loss

<u>Complaint Type</u>	<u>% who reported a loss</u>	<u>Median loss per complaint</u>
Auction Fraud	96.3%	\$251.00
Non-delivery	97.7%	\$200.00
Credit Card Fraud	87.0%	\$290.00
Check Fraud	85.7%	\$9000.00
Computer Fraud	0.00%	\$0.00

The total median dollar loss for all complaints reporting a dollar loss was \$267.00.

West Virginia Perpetrator Characteristics

Gender

Male	72.2%
Female	27.8%

Perpetrator Statistics within the United States

Per 100,000 population West Virginia ranks 32nd highest at 11.29 while ranking 37th on total number of perpetrators identified as residing in West Virginia. This total accounts for 0.5% of all complaints where the perpetrator was identified.

West Virginia Complainant Characteristics

Gender

Male	62.8%
Female	37.2%

Age Demographics

Overall Average age	39.4
Male	40.5
Female	37.4

Complaint demographics

Under 20	2.6%
20-29	23.0%
30-39	25.0%
40-49	22.7%
50-59	15.2%
Over 60	11.5%

Amount Lost Per Referred Complaint By Selected Complainant Demographics

Under 20	\$233.00
20-29	\$200.00
30-39	\$348.99
40-49	\$244.99
50-59	\$874.00
60 and older	\$244.00

Complainant Statistics within the United States

Per 100,000 population West Virginia ranks 38th highest at 25.89 while also ranking 37th on total number of complainants identified as residing in West Virginia at 0.5%.

Complainant-Perpetrator Dynamics

From Same State as Complainant and the other top three locations

West Virginia 3.4% **1.** California 10.9% **2.** New York 9.5% **3.** Ohio 8.2%

Contact Method

E-mail	59.3%
Webpage	21.5%
Phone	9.3%
Chatrooms	4.1%
Physical Mail	3.3%
In Person	1.6%
Fax	0.4%
Printed Material	0.4% %