

# Investigator's Office, Laboratory, & Forensic Certification

**Nelson Chapter 2 plus additional material**

*(continued from lecture 3)*

# Assignments Posted

## Assign02b\_s

*Complete the Forensic Imaging Lab*

*Follow the instructions attached to the assignment*

*Due: Sunday 18 September @ 11:59pm (US Central)*

## Assign03a\_s

*Repair files based on their (file signatures)*

Will use skills we demonstrated in Clownfish lab

Cleaned file will be next assignment (Assign03b\_rds)

*Two attachments*

Instructions for the Assign03a\_s

The file you are to repair/clean (Assign03b\_rds)

*Due: Monday, 26 September @ 11:59pm (US Central)*

## Assign03b\_rds

*Follow instructions in repaired file*

*Due: Sunday, 2 October @ 11:59pm (US Central)*

# ***Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)***

# UCR Overview

U.S. crime statistics are reported and categorized in a standard way

Started in 1930

*Recommended by International Association of Chiefs of Police*

FBI receives the data from many local law enforcement agencies

FBI generates a semiannual UCR based upon this info

Today the UCR is based upon data provided by about 18,000 law enforcement agencies

All crime; not just high tech

# UCR Overview

Data is reported in a specific way

*By location, specific crime classifications*

*Specific ways to characterize each crime category in terms of the nature of the crime*

FBI provides a handbook telling agencies how and what to report

I have found it difficult to search for specific data in UCR reports

The FBI now offers a tool called [Crime Data Explorer](#)

*Similar interface as census data*

# UCR Overview

One aspect of the UCR is information on computer crimes

The following is a sample from UCR data used in creating the UCR reports

# Excerpt from Older UCR Data

			Intel PC Platform				Apple Platform						
	IDE Drive	SCSI Drive	Win9x	WinNT / 2k / XP	MS Other O/S	Linux	OS 9.x & older	OS X	UNIX H/W	Other H/W	Total Systems Examined	Total HDD Examined	
Arson	5	3	3	1		1					5	8	
Assault—Aggravated	78	5	31		1	14			1		47	83	
Assault—Simple	180	3	77	6	1	32	44	2		1	163	183	
Bribery	153		153								153	153	
Burglary	1746		1487	259							1746	1746	
Counterfeiting & Forgery	1390	4	543	331		309	21	186			1390	1394	
Destruction, Damage, & Vandalism	976	48	142	45	29	127	325	90	217	1	976	1024	
Drug, Narcotic	1939	24	1345	213		158	213	10			1939	1963	
Embezzlement	1023		320	549		23	87	41		3	1023	1023	
Extortion & Blackmail	77		2	61		10	3	1			77	77	
Fraud	2002		638	932	9	173	55	190		5	2002	2002	
Gambling	4910	5	1509	2634		136	138	498			4915	4915	
Homicide	36		5	11	9	1	3	7			36	36	
Kidnapping & Abduction	2		1	1							2	2	
Larceny Theft	7342	56	2134	3093	5	935	127	982	1	21	7298	7398	
Motor Vehicle Theft	1747		231	1508		5	1	2			1747	1747	



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# Excerpt from Older UCR Data\*

*(continued)*

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	IDE Drive	SCSI Drive	Win9x	WinNT / 2k / XP	MS Other O/S	Linux	OS 9.x & older	OS X	UNIX H/W	Other H/W	Total Systems Examined	Total HDD Examined
Child Porn	593	2	98	162		68	105	160	2		595	595
Robbery	33		23	7			2	1			33	33
Sex Offense—Forcible	80		21	45		1	5	8			80	80
Sex Offense—Non-Forcible	900		324	437		6	90	43			900	900
Stolen Property Offenses	2711	10	800	1634	3	169	53	37	1	9	2706	2721
Weapons Violations	203	1	43	89	2	11	28	31			204	204
Totals Per System	28126	161	9930	12018	59	2179	1300	2289	222	40	28037	28287

21948

HDD FAT/NTFS

22007

27775

HDD Mac O/S X/Linux/ UNIX

2511



# Thoughts About Older UCR Data

Windows vs. all other attacks

*# of crimes using Windows = 21948*

*# of crimes on all OSs = 27775*

*21948 / 27775 = ~79% of attacks were on Windows systems*

*What was the % of OSs that run Windows in the U.S?*

What types of crimes are most prevalent?

*Larceny & theft: 26%*

*Gambling: 17%*

What about sex & child porn crimes that get attention?

*Sex & Child Porn: 5.7%*

# Table from 2016 UCR

## *p 67 of Nelson*

Crime Statistics For 2016	HDD	Windows OS	Linux	OS X & 9	Other H/W	Mobile Devices	Total Systems Examined
Arson	5	3	1	1	0	0	5
Bribery	6	3	0	1	0	0	4
Burglary	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Porn	29	14	2	7	0	23	46
Counterfeit & Forgery	6	6	0	0	0	1	7
Drug Narcotic	20	7	0	3	0	54	64
Embezzlement	9	9	0	1	1	0	11
Extortion & Blackmail	5	3	2	0	0	1	6
Fraud	13	4	0	7	0	41	52
Gambling	10	7	2	0	0	5	14
Homicide	13	5	0	0	0	3	8
Kidnapping & Abduction	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Larceny Theft	2	1	0	2	0	0	3
Robbery	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Sex Offense Forcible	6	4	0	0	0	0	4
Sex Offense Non-Forcible	8	8	0	0	0	8	16
Stalking	15	9	0	5	0	28	42
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Weapons Violations	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>287</b>



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# Thoughts About 2016 UCR Data

Windows vs. all other attacks

*# of crimes using Windows = 86*

*# of crimes on all OSs = 122*

*$86 / 122 = \sim 70\%$  of attacks were on Windows systems*

*What is the % of OSs that run Windows in the U.S?*

What types of crimes are most prevalent?

*Child Porn: 18%*

*Drug Narcotic: 13%*

*Fraud+Gambling: 23%*

What about larceny & theft crimes?

*Larceny Theft: 1.3%*

# So What's Changed

% Child Porn ↑      # Child Porn ↓  
% Larceny Theft ↓

But what's the big elephant in the room?

**Cell phones!**

# Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC<sup>3</sup>)

# FBI's IC<sup>3</sup> Overview

Originally a joint activity by FBI and NW3C

Now is an FBI operation

Mission Statement

*To serve as a vehicle to receive, develop and refer criminal complaints regarding the rapidly expanding arena of cybercrime.*

Issues Cybercrime reports

<https://www.ic3.gov>

# IC<sup>3</sup> 2021 Report

## Overall Statistics

*Total complaints received: 847, 376*

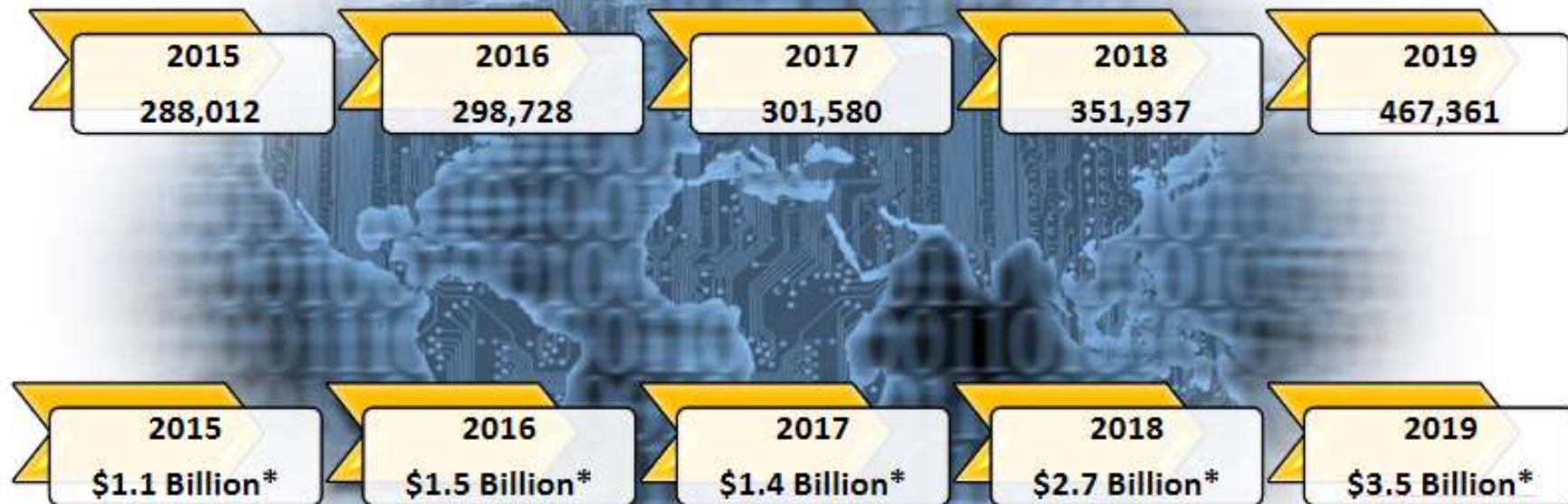
*Average complaints per day: > 2,300*

*Total Loss: \$6.9 Billion*

# IC<sup>3</sup> 2015 - 2019 Reports

## *Complaints Statistics*

***1,707,618 TOTAL COMPLAINTS***



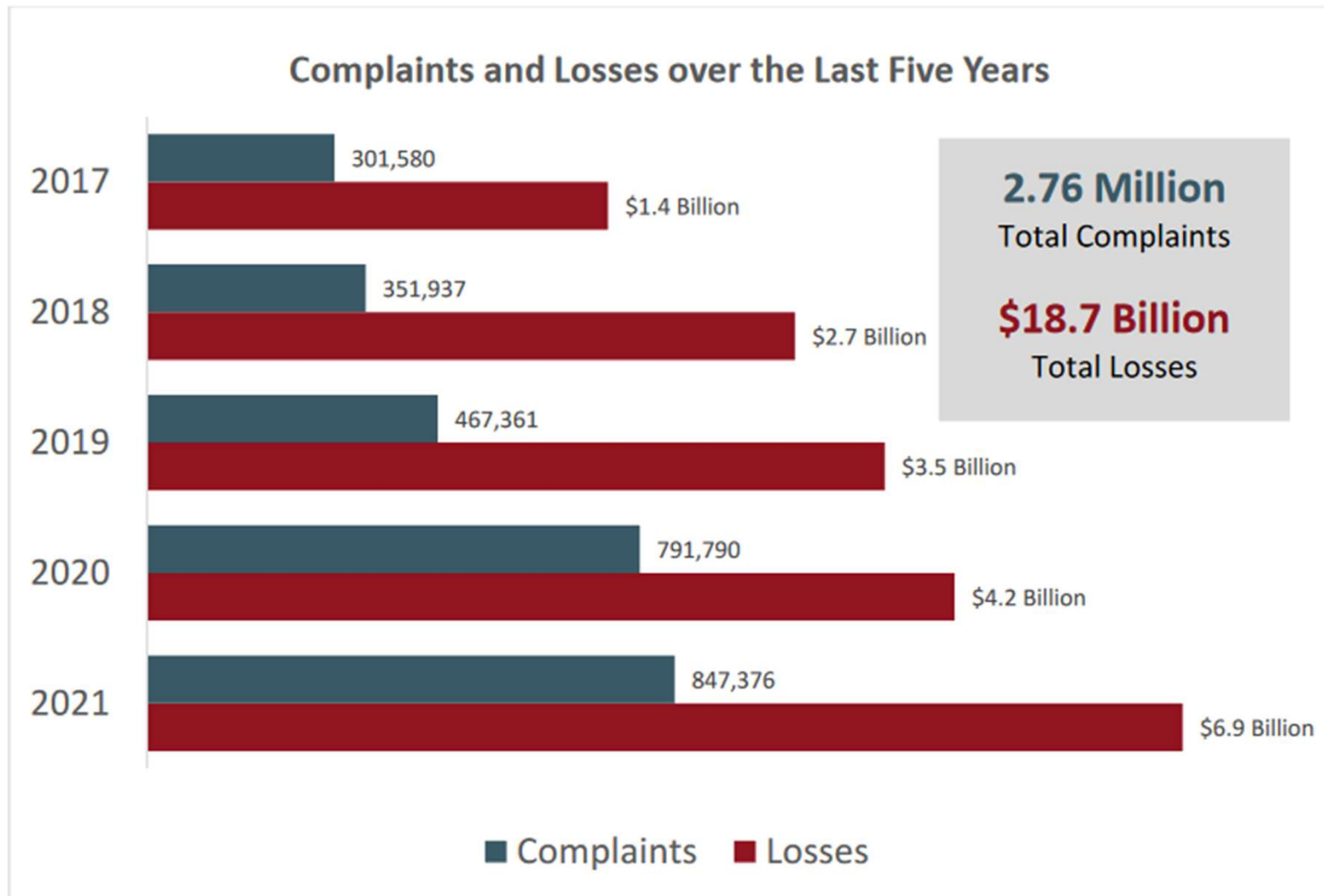
***\$10.2 Billion TOTAL LOSSES\****

*(Rounded to the nearest million)*



# IC<sup>3</sup> 2017 - 2021 Reports

## *Complaints Statistics*



# IC<sup>3</sup> 2021 Reports

## *Types of Complaints*

### Auto

*Selling vehicles that criminal doesn't own over Internet*

### Government Agency Impersonation

*Usually via email to start*

### Intimidation/Extortion

*Email or pop-ups allegedly from well know software firm claiming that software is infected with viruses and must be fixed immediately*

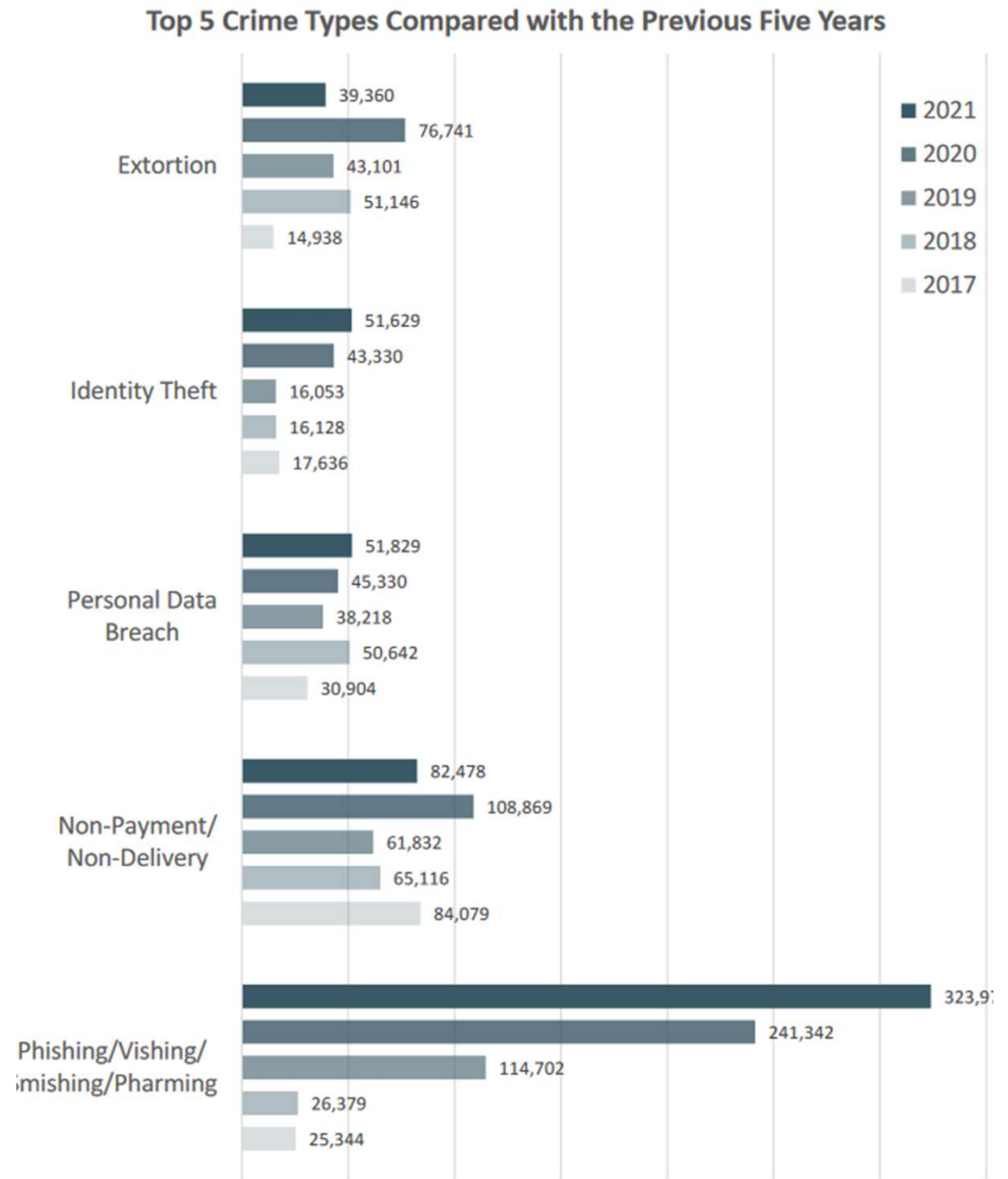
### Real Estate

*Scams: Rental, Timeshare, Loan Modification*

# IC<sup>3</sup> 2021 Reports

## *Types of Crimes Reported*

*Top 5 crime types compared over  
the last 5 years*



# IC<sup>3</sup> 2021 Reports

## *Types of Complaints*

### Hit Man

*You get an email saying that sender has been hired to kill you unless you do something such as send money or convert to some specific religion*

### Ransomware (e.g., Citadel)

*Virus that freezes your computer and states that you Violated a law*

Your IP address visited a child porno site

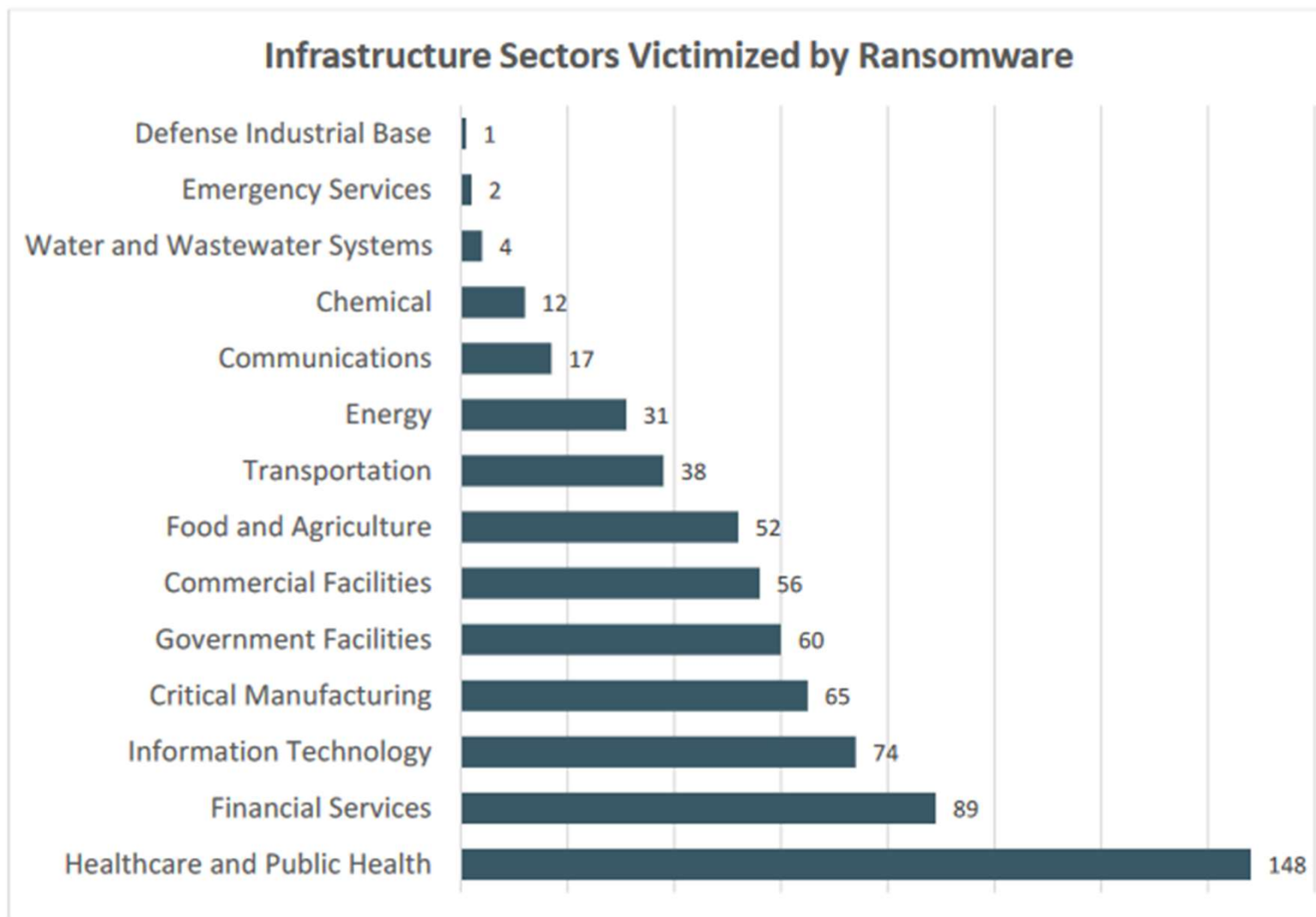
Go to DoJ web site it gives you and pay a fine

Only after you pay the fine will your computer be unfrozen

*After you pay fine, virus Citadel continues to be a trojan doing online banking and credit card fraud*

# IC<sup>3</sup> 2021 Reports

## *Ransomware*



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# IC<sup>3</sup> 2021 Reports

## *Types of Complaints*

### Confidence Fraud/Romance

*Love and romance promised*

*Perp scans and uses chat rooms, dating sites and social media sites*

*To build trust, victim initially gets small gifts, poetry, claims of common interest or the promise of companionship*

*Then the perp*

Suddenly has an emergency and needs money OR

Asks victim to receive packages and reship them out of country OR

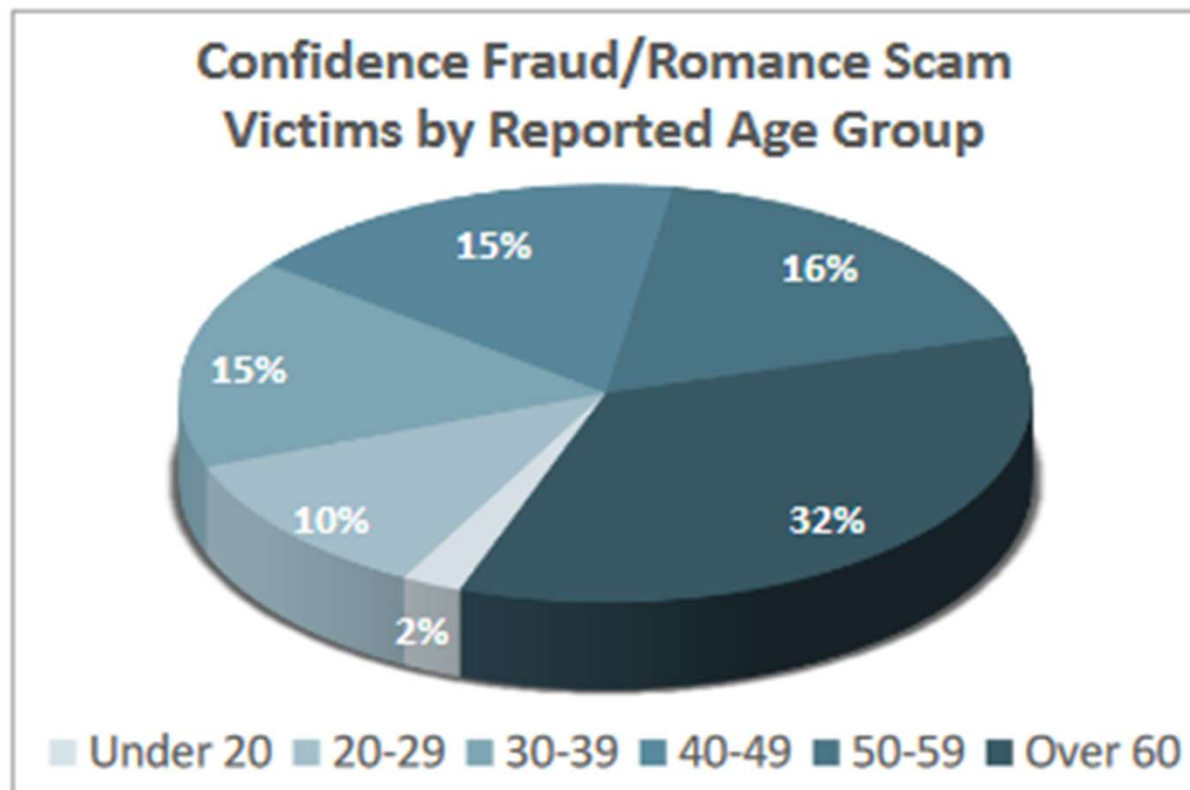
Other activity that is likely to be nefarious

# IC<sup>3</sup> 2021 Reports

## *Confidence Fraud/Romance Scam*

2021 Statistics with respect to Confidence Fraud/Romance Scams:

- 24, 299 victims
- \$956 million in losses
- 3<sup>rd</sup> highest losses reported by victims



# IC<sup>3</sup> 2021 Reports

## *Types of Complaints*

Web sites with

*Fake Designer Merchandise*

*Low Cost versions of expensive software*

*Ponzi schemes*



# IC<sup>3</sup> 2021 Reports

## *Types of Complaints*

### Tech Support Fraud in 2021:

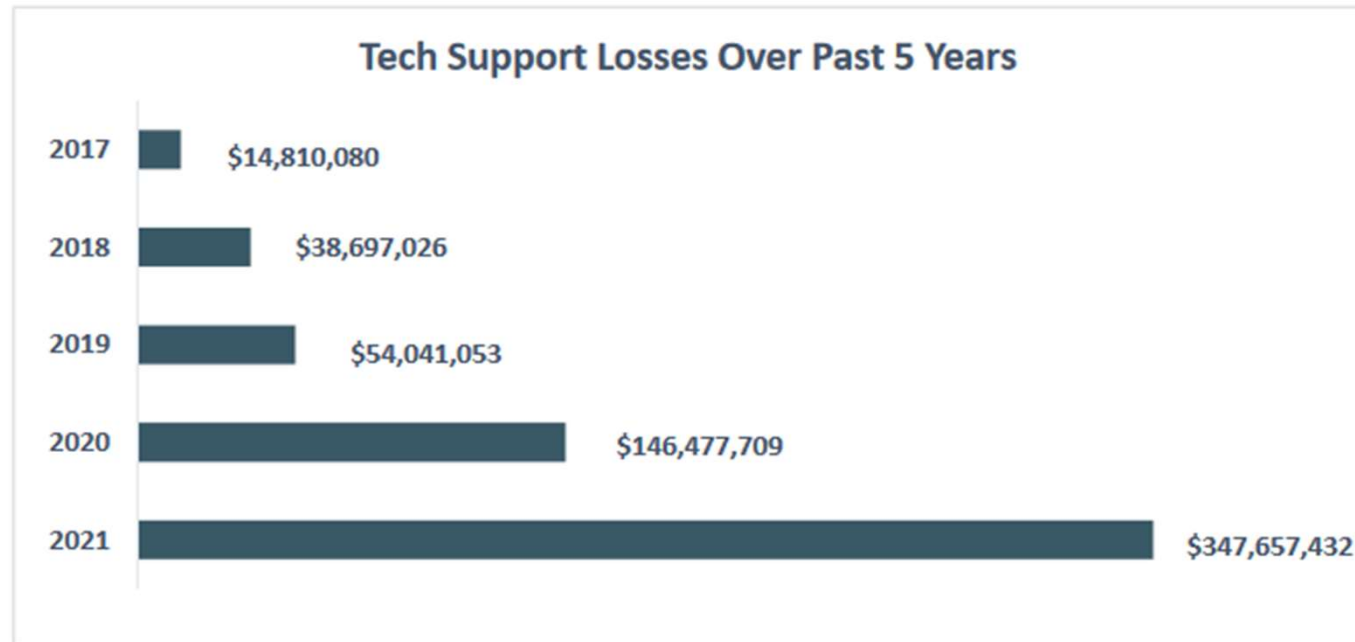
*23, 903 complaints*

*70 countries*

*Losses: \$347 million (37% increase over 2020)*

*Most victims are > 60 years old*

- > 60 % of victims
- > 68% of losses



# IC<sup>3</sup> 2021 Reports

## *Types of Complaints*

### Cryptocurrency

*Number of victims decreased by more than 35,000*

*Loss amount increased 7x (now \$1.6 billion)*

Value of cryptocurrencies increased dramatically

Cryptocurrency is now being used for all types of scams

Especially pervasive in investment scams

*Losses can reach hundreds of thousands of dollars per victim*

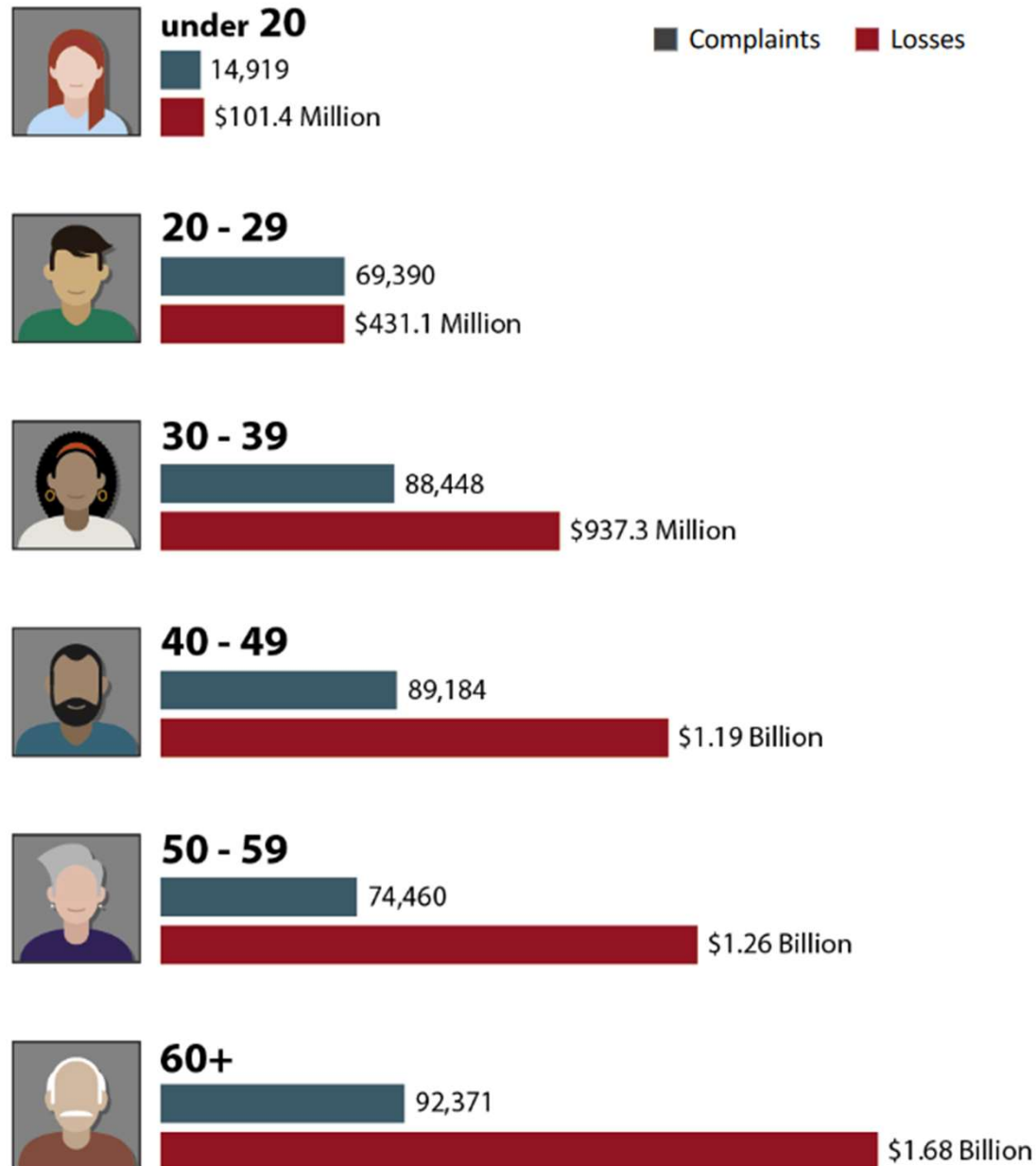
### *Scams of note*

Cryptocurrency ATMs

Cryptocurrency support impersonators

Romance scams

## 2021 Victims by Age Group<sup>17</sup>



# 2021 IC<sup>3</sup> Crime Types

## *By Victim Count*

By Victim Count			
Crime Type	Victims	Crime Type	Victims
Phishing/Vishing/Smishing/Pharming	323,972	Government Impersonation	11,335
Non-Payment/Non-Delivery	82,478	Advanced Fee	11,034
Personal Data Breach	51,829	Overpayment	6,108
Identity Theft	51,629	Lottery/Sweepstakes/Inheritance	5,991
Extortion	39,360	IPR/Copyright and Counterfeit	4,270
Confidence Fraud/Romance	24,299	Ransomware	3,729
Tech Support	23,903	Crimes Against Children	2,167
Investment	20,561	Corporate Data Breach	1,287
BEC/EAC	19,954	Civil Matter	1,118
Spoofing	18,522	Denial of Service/TDoS	1,104
Credit Card Fraud	16,750	Computer Intrusion	979
Employment	15,253	Malware/Scareware/Virus	810
Other	12,346	Health Care Related	578
Terrorism/Threats of Violence	12,346	Re-shipping	516
Real Estate/Rental	11,578	Gambling	395
Descriptors*			
Social Media	36,034	Virtual Currency	34,202

# 2021 IC<sup>3</sup> Crime Types

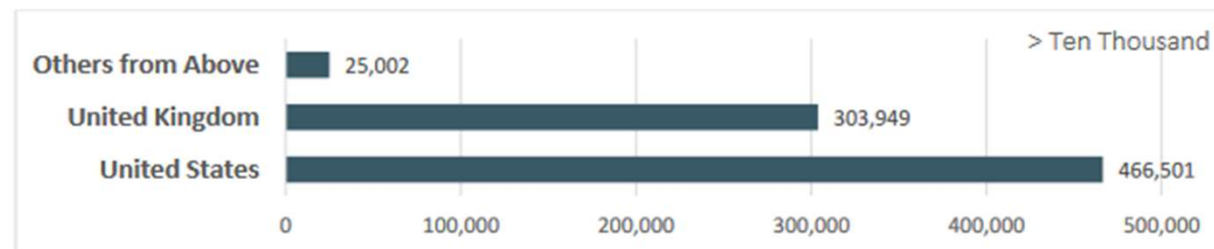
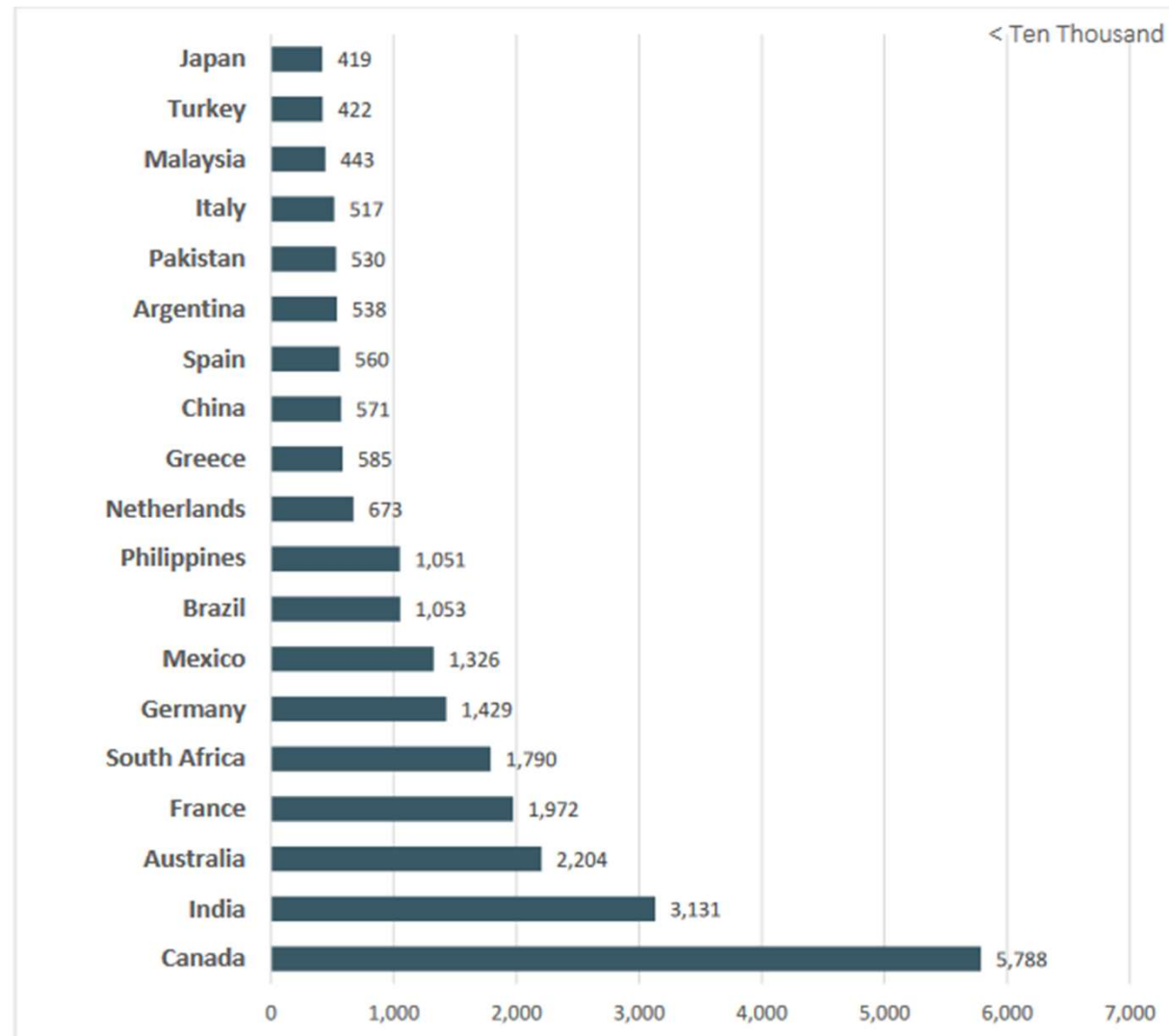
## *By Victim Loss*

By Victim Loss			
Crime Type	Loss	Crime Type	Loss
BEC/EAC	\$2,395,953,296	Lottery/Sweepstakes/Inheritance	\$71,289,089
Investment	\$1,455,943,193	Extortion	\$60,577,741
Confidence Fraud/Romance	\$956,039,740	Ransomware	*\$49,207,908
Personal Data Breach	\$517,021,289	Employment	\$47,231,023
Real Estate/Rental	\$350,328,166	Phishing/Vishing/Smishing/Pharming	\$44,213,707
Tech Support	\$347,657,432	Overpayment	\$33,407,671
Non-Payment/Non-Delivery	\$337,493,071	Computer Intrusion	\$19,603,037
Identity Theft	\$278,267,918	IPR/Copyright/Counterfeit	\$16,365,011
Credit Card Fraud	\$172,998,385	Health Care Related	\$7,042,942
Corporate Data Breach	\$151,568,225	Malware/Scareware/Virus	\$5,596,889
Government Impersonation	\$142,643,253	Terrorism/Threats of Violence	\$4,390,720
Advanced Fee	\$98,694,137	Gambling	\$1,940,237
Civil Matter	\$85,049,939	Re-shipping	\$631,466
Spoofing	\$82,169,806	Denial of Service/TDoS	\$217,981
Other	\$75,837,524	Crimes Against Children	\$198,950
Descriptors**			
Social Media	\$235,279,057	Virtual Currency	\$1,602,647,341

# IC<sup>3</sup> 2021 Reports *Top 20 International Victim Countries*

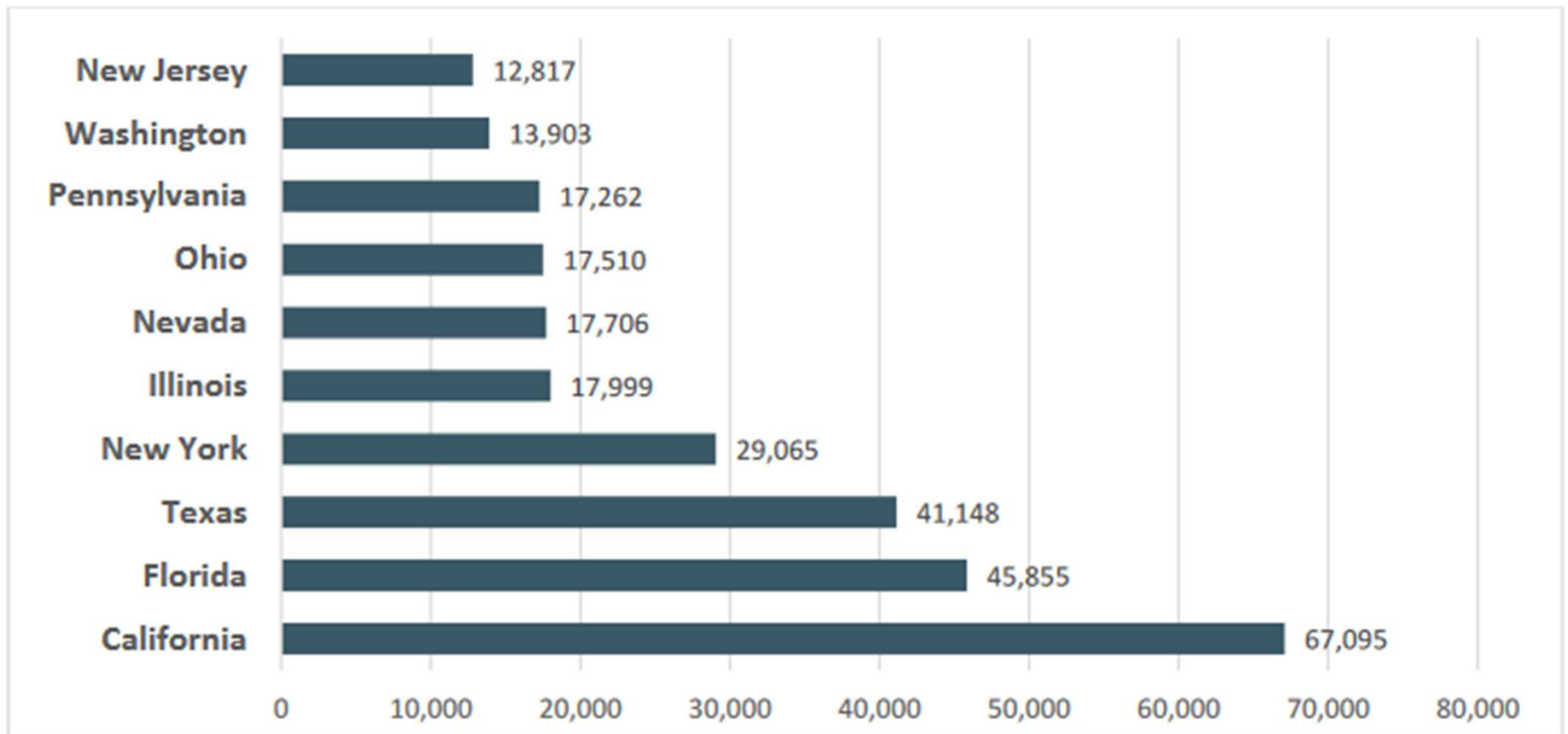
Compared to the United States

How does the US compare to the rest of the world?



# IC<sup>3</sup> 2021 Reports

## *Top 10 States by # of Victims*





# IC<sup>3</sup> 2021 Reports

## *Top 10 States by Victim Loss*

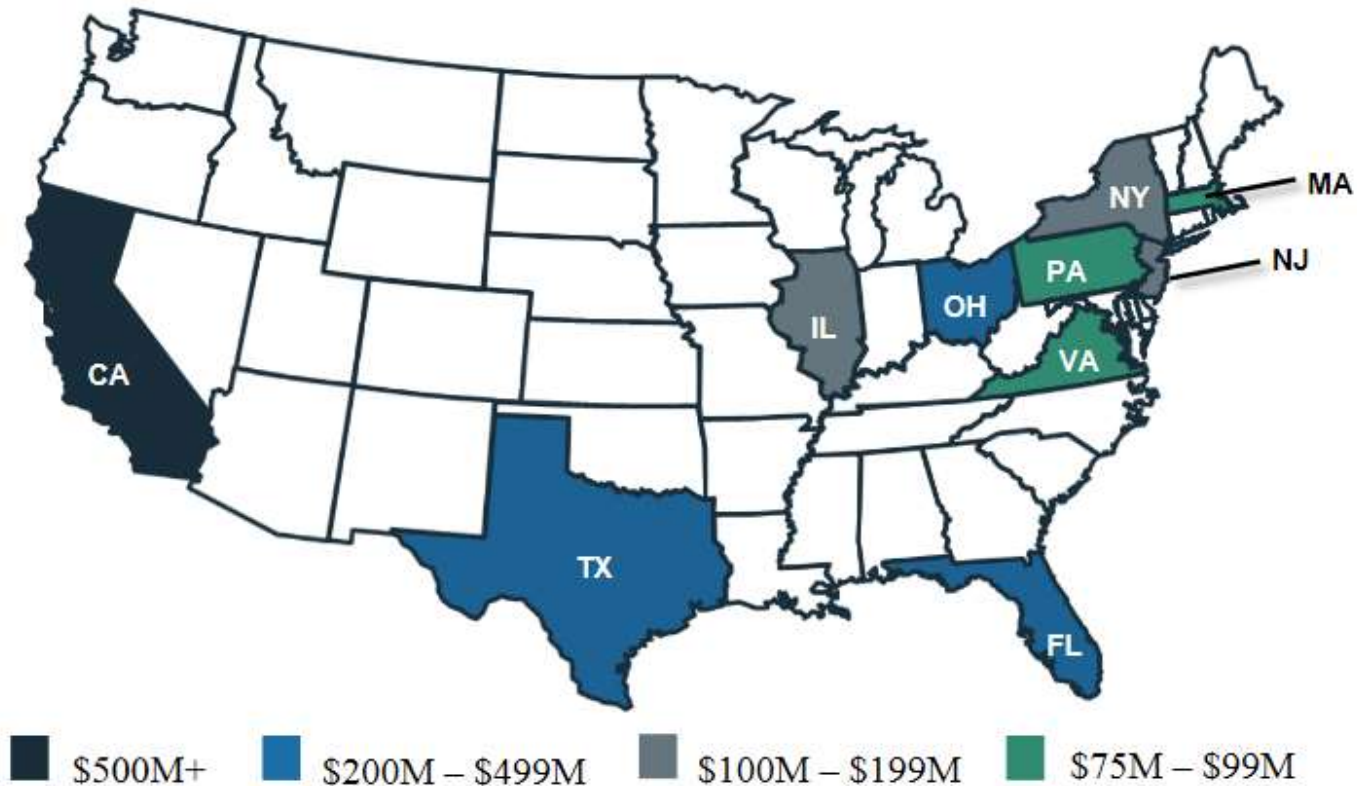




# IC<sup>3</sup> 2019 Reports

## *Top 10 States – by victim loss*

2019 - TOP 10 STATES BY VICTIM LOSS<sup>9</sup>



# ***Investigator Certification***

This topic discusses a number of organizations that certify computer forensic investigators

# Investigator Certification

## *IACIS*

### **International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS)**

Early professional computing-forensics organization

Created by law enforcement organizations

Members who pass IACIS certification are called

***Certified Forensic Computer Examiners (CFCEs)***

Goal: Formalize credentials in computing investigations

[www.iacis.com](http://www.iacis.com)

# Investigator Certification

## *IACIS*

Three types of membership

*Regular*

*Associate*

*Fulltime Student*

# Investigator Certification

## *IACIS Regular Membership*

Regular Membership open to

*Present or past law enforcement personnel*

*Government employee*

*Current full-time forensic contractor for a gov't agency*

Cannot be a Regular Member otherwise

Full benefits

*Training*

*Access to experts*

*Free annual re-certification & one-on-one peer review*

*Can vote and hold IACIS organization offices*

# Investigator Certification

## *IACIS Associate Membership*

Associate membership open to

*Computer Forensic Practitioners*

*Open to anyone who can pass a background check*

*Same as Regular members, but can't vote or hold  
organizational offices*

Benefits

*Similar to Regular membership*

# Investigator Certification

## *IACIS Student Membership*

Student membership open to

*Full-time Students enrolled in accredited school*

Benefits

*Similar to Associate membership*

# Investigator Certification

## *IACIS Training*

### Basic Computer Forensic Examiner (BCFE) Course

*Covers many of the things that you will get in this course*

*Two-consecutive-week in-person course*

*No prerequisite knowledge*

*Costly, but you get a computer, write blocker, external hard drive and other stuff.*



# Investigator Certification

## *IACIS Training*

Certified Incident Forensics Response (CFIR)

*Peer review*

*Prerequisite: The BCFE Course*

*Exam (includes both practicum and written)*

Re-certification

*Must re-certify every three years*

*Keep up with technology changes*

# Investigator Certification

## *Other IACIS Training*

ACF: Applied Computer Forensics  
BCFE: Basic Computer Forensic Examiner  
CIFR: Cyber Incident Forensic Response  
Digital Forensics Using Open Source Tools  
Mac I: Best Practices in Mac Forensics  
Mac II: Advanced Practices in Mac Forensics  
Managing a Digital Forensics Lab  
MDF: Mobile Device Forensics  
PLA: Preparing for Lab Accreditation  
RAM Capture and Analysis  
SVR: Surveillance Video Recovery  
WFE: Windows Forensic Examiner

# Investigator Certification

## *HTCN Training & Certification*

High Tech Crime Network (HTCN)

Provides certification for computer crime investigators  
and computing-forensics technicians

Has four different certifications

*Crime Investigator basic    Crime Investigator advanced*

*Forensic Technician basic    Forensic Technician advanced*

Membership not restricted

*Low cost student memberships available*

[www.htcn.org](http://www.htcn.org)

# Investigator Certification

## *HTCN Training & Certification*

### Certified Computer Crime Investigator, Basic

*3 years of law-enforcement or corporate investigative experience*

*40 hours of training from approved agency, organization or training company*

*10 or more documented cases in which candidate participated*

### Certified Computer Crime Investigator, Advanced

*5 years of investigative experience in any area*

*80 hours of related training from an approved source*

*Must have served as lead investigator in at least 20 cases and were involved with at least 40 cases as a lead investigator, supervisor, or in a supportive capacity.*

*Total case involvement must be 60 or more*

# Investigator Certification

## *HTCN Training & Certification*

### Certified Computer Forensic Technician Basic

*Same requirements for Certified Computer Crime Investigator Basic, but all experience must be related to computer forensics*

### Certified Computer Forensic Technician Advanced

*Same requirements for Certified Computer Crime Investigator Advanced, but all experience must be related to computer forensics*

Some approved sources of training are on their web site

# Investigator Certification

## *Some Other Training & Certification*

### Access Data Certified Examiner

*Trains on use of **Access Data** products*

*Do not need to take Access Data training, but must demonstrate that you can use it in order to be certified*

### EnCase Certified Examiner

*EnCE: EnCase Certified Examiner*

*Trains on use of **EnCase** software*

*Do not need to take EnCase training, but must demonstrate that you can use it in order to be certified*

# Investigator Certification

## *Some Other Training & Certification*

EC-Council

[www.eccouncil.org](http://www.eccouncil.org)

SysAdmin, Audit, Network, Security Institute (SANS)

[digital-forensics.sans.org/certification](http://digital-forensics.sans.org/certification)

Computer Technology Investigators Network (CTIN)

[www.ctin.org](http://www.ctin.org)

High Technology Crime Investigations Assoc. (HTCIA)

[www.htcia.org](http://www.htcia.org)

International Society of Forensic Computer Examiners (ISFCE)

[www.isfce.com](http://www.isfce.com)

Digital Forensics Certification Board (DFCB)

[www.dfcb.org/certification.html](http://www.dfcb.org/certification.html)

Certified Cyber Forensics Professional

[www.isc2.org/ccfp/default.aspx](http://www.isc2.org/ccfp/default.aspx)

# Investigator Certification

## *Some Other Training & Certification*

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)

[www.fletc.gov](http://www.fletc.gov)

*Now part of Homeland Security*

National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C)

[www.nw3c.org](http://www.nw3c.org)