



# Identity Theft Victim Complaint Data

*Figures and Trends  
In California*

*January 1- December 31, 2005*



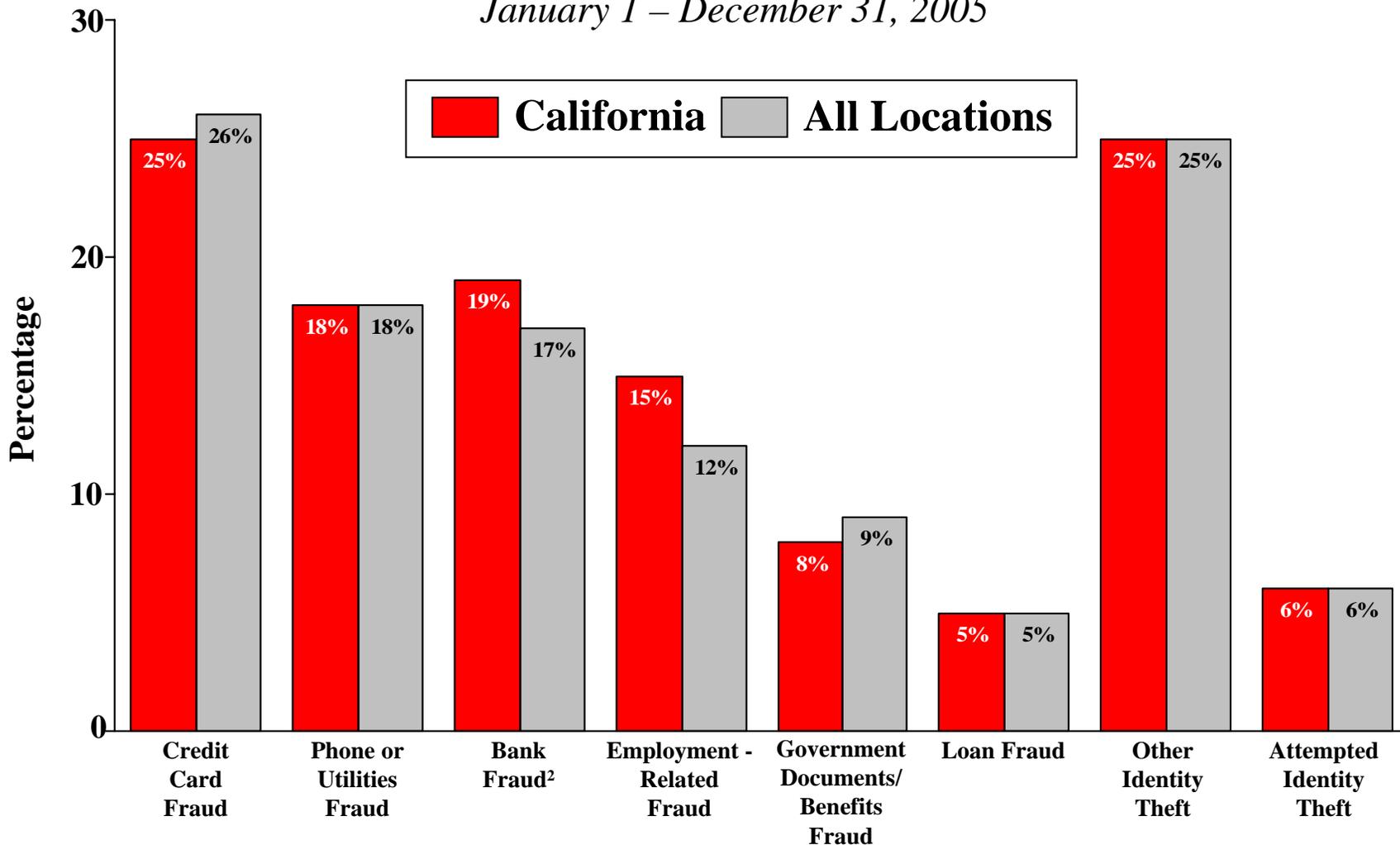
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# Figure 1

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

January 1 – December 31, 2005



<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of victims reporting: 45,175 from California and 255,565 from all locations. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 21% of victims from California and 20% of victims from all locations reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft. All victims reported experiencing at least one type of identity theft.

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

# Figure 2



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

January 1 – December 31, 2005

### Total Number of Identity Theft Victims:

**California = 45,175**  
**All Locations = 255,565**

#### Credit Card Fraud

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>All Locations</i>
New Accounts	15.7%	15.6%
Existing Accounts	10.7	11.3
Unspecified	0.2	0.2
Total	<b>25%</b>	<b>26%</b>

#### Phone or Utilities Fraud

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>All Locations</i>
Wireless - New	8.9%	9.0%
Telephone - New	6.6	5.5
Utilities - New	3.5	5.2
Unauthorized Charges to Existing Accounts	0.6	0.7
Unspecified	0.4	0.4
Total	<b>18%</b>	<b>18%</b>

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

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>All Locations</i>
Electronic Fund Transfer	7.8%	7.9%
Existing Accounts	8.2	7.4
New Accounts	3.9	3.3
Unspecified	0.1	0.1
Total	<b>19%</b>	<b>17%</b>

#### Employment-Related Fraud

<i>Theft Subtype</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>All Locations</i>
Employment-Related Fraud	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>12.1%</b>

#### Government Documents or Benefits Fraud

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>All Locations</i>
Fraudulent Tax Return	3.7%	4.7%
Driver's License Issued / Forged	1.9	1.8
Gov't Benefits Applied For / Received	2.1	1.5
Other Gov't Documents Issued / Forged	0.5	0.6
Social Security Card Issued / Forged	0.3	0.3
Unspecified	<0.1	<0.1
Total	<b>8%</b>	<b>9%</b>

#### Loan Fraud

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>All Locations</i>
Business / Personal / Student Loan	2.3%	2.6%
Auto Loan / Lease	1.7	1.8
Real Estate Loan	1.3	1.2
Unspecified	0.2	0.2
Total	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>

#### Other Identity Theft

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>All Locations</i>
Evasion of Legal Sanctions	1.5%	2.2%
Internet / E-Mail	1.5	1.9
Medical	1.7	1.8
Apartment / House Rented	1.0	0.9
Insurance	0.3	0.4
Property Rental Fraud	0.4	0.3
Bankruptcy	0.3	0.3
Child Support	0.4	0.2
Magazines	0.2	0.2
Securities / Other Investments	0.2	0.2
Other	18.7	17.6
Total	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</b>

#### Attempted Identity Theft

<i>Theft Subtype</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>All Locations</i>
Attempted Identity Theft	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>

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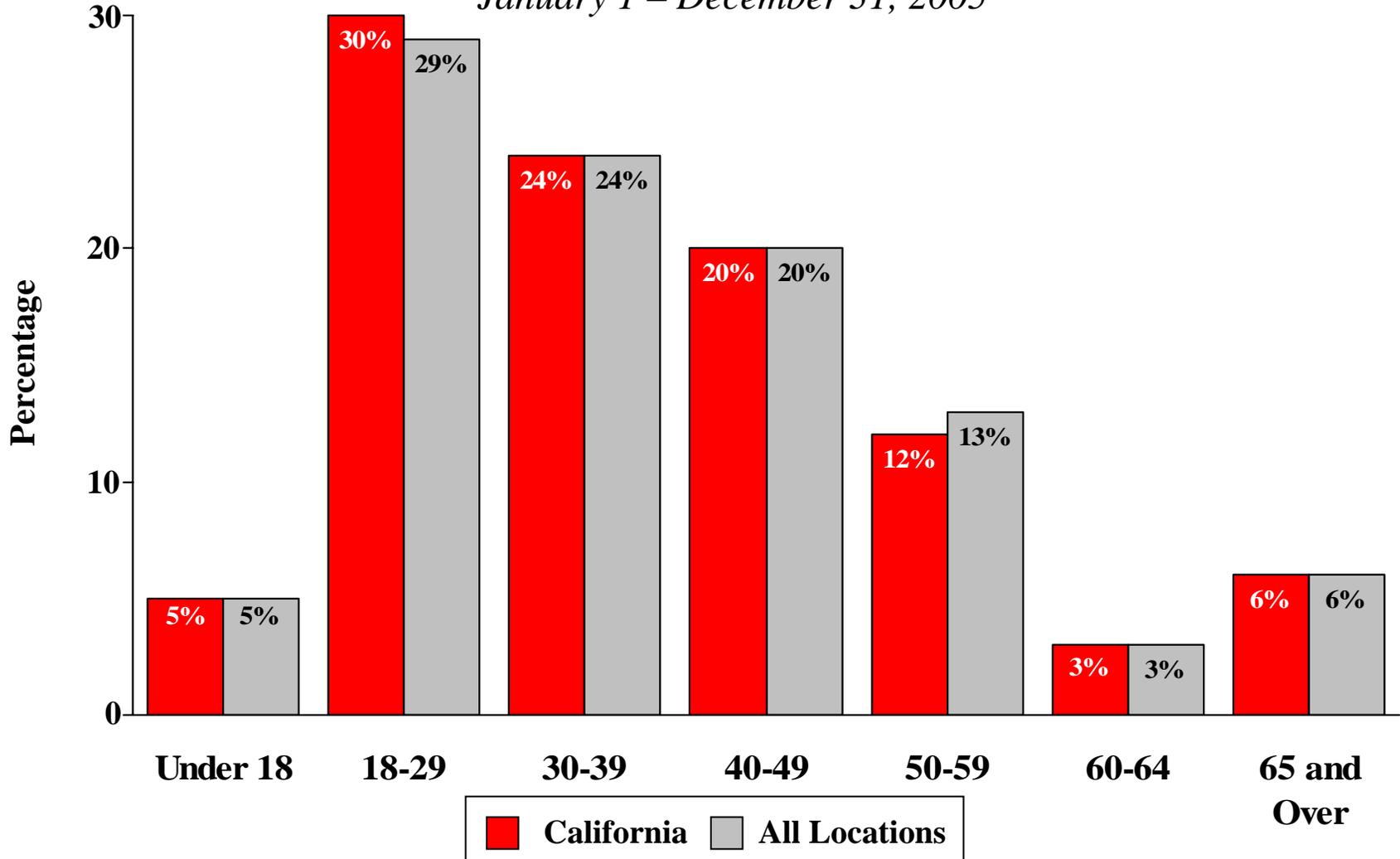
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# Figure 3

## Complaints by Victim Age<sup>1</sup>

January 1 – December 31, 2005



<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the number of victims who provided their age: 42,709 from California and 239,277 from all locations. This chart represents 96% of victims reporting from California and 95% of victims reporting from all locations who contacted the Federal Trade Commission directly.

# Figure 4a



## Identity Theft Victims by State (Per 100,000 Population)<sup>1</sup>

January 1 – December 31, 2005

Rank	Victim State	Victims Per 100,000 Population	Number of Victims	Rank	Victim State	Victims Per 100,000 Population	Number of Victims
1	Arizona	156.9	9,320	26	Alaska	63.4	421
2	Nevada	130.2	3,144	27	Louisiana	62.6	2,831
3	California	125.0	45,175	28	Massachusetts	62.5	3,999
4	Texas	116.5	26,624	29	Ohio	62.4	7,155
5	Colorado	97.2	4,535	30	Minnesota	58.7	3,015
6	Florida	95.8	17,048	31	Alabama	58.7	2,675
7	Washington	92.4	5,810	32	Kansas	58.5	1,606
8	New York	90.3	17,387	33	Arkansas	58.2	1,617
9	Georgia	87.3	7,918	34	Rhode Island	58.2	626
10	Illinois	87.3	11,137	35	Tennessee	57.2	3,412
11	Maryland	86.6	4,848	36	South Carolina	56.8	2,416
12	New Mexico	84.7	1,634	37	Nebraska	52.3	919
13	Oregon	81.7	2,973	38	Idaho	52.1	745
14	New Jersey	75.5	6,582	39	Wisconsin	50.3	2,782
15	Michigan	70.5	7,139	40	Mississippi	49.9	1,458
16	Delaware	69.1	583	41	New Hampshire	49.2	645
17	Virginia	68.2	5,163	42	Wyoming	44.0	224
18	Oklahoma	67.7	2,403	43	Kentucky	43.5	1,815
19	Missouri	67.6	3,920	44	Montana	42.5	398
20	Utah	67.5	1,668	45	West Virginia	37.3	677
21	North Carolina	67.1	5,830	46	Maine	37.2	491
22	Indiana	67.0	4,201	47	Iowa	36.7	1,090
23	Connecticut	65.9	2,313	48	Vermont	32.3	201
24	Pennsylvania	63.6	7,908	49	South Dakota	30.0	233
25	Hawaii	63.5	810	50	North Dakota	24.8	158

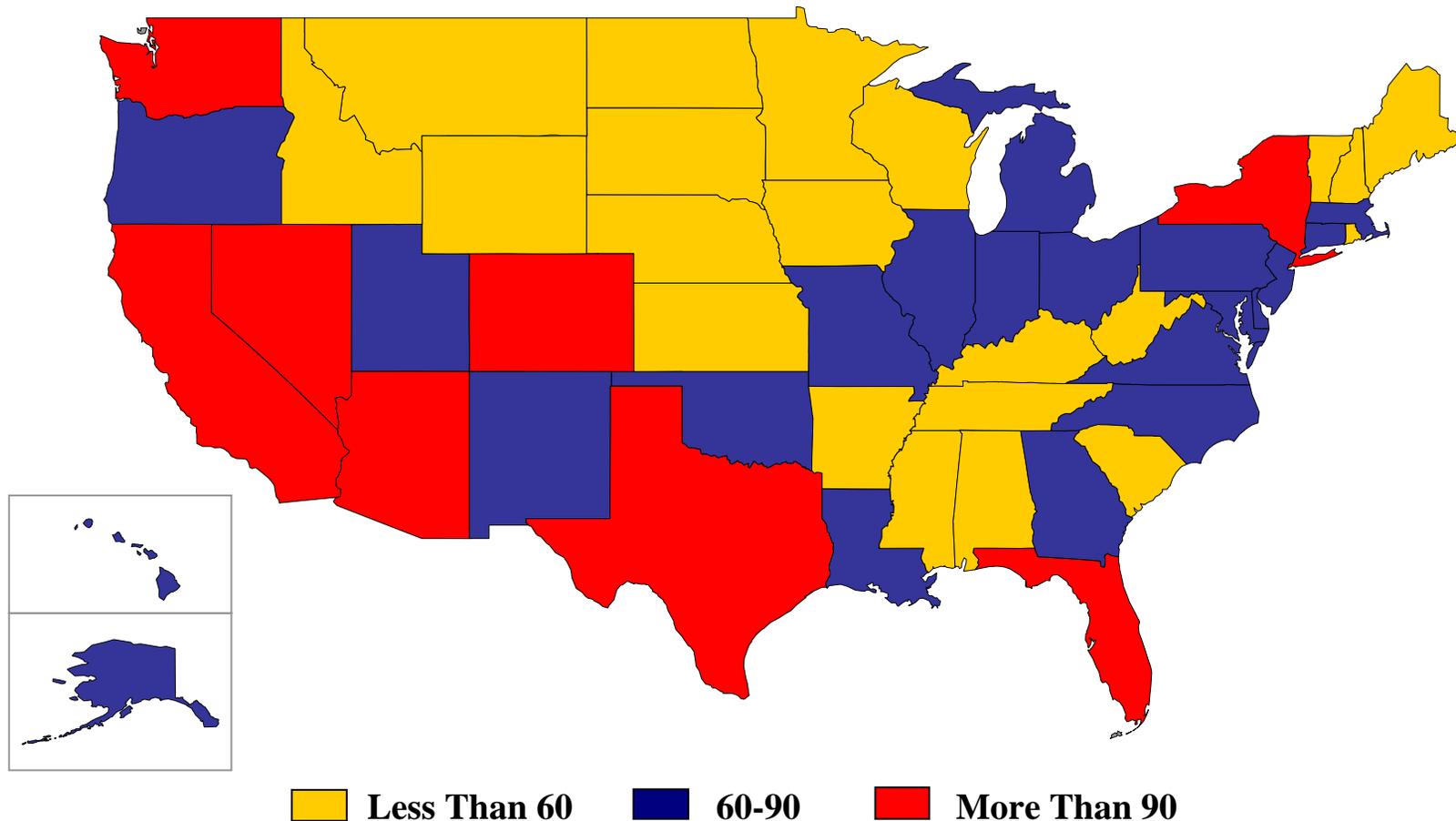
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# Figure 4b

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# Figure 5

## Top Cities in California<sup>1</sup>

January 1 – December 31, 2005



<sup>1</sup>99.8% of the 45,175 victims reporting from California indicated their city of residence.