# <u>Infographic: The Top 10 States for Identity Theft</u>



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 <a href="CyberScout">CyberScout</a>®, 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.



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



















# **COMMON WAYS THIEVES STEAL IDENTITIES**



# Phishing

Phony emails or websites that are designed to pilfer personal information

## **Dumpster-diving** or mail theft

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

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

Clicking on unfamiliar links installs malicious software on devices and steals personal data

# 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.

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