



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
Data Clearinghouse



# Identity Theft Victim Complaint Data

*Illinois*

*January 1 - December 31, 2006*



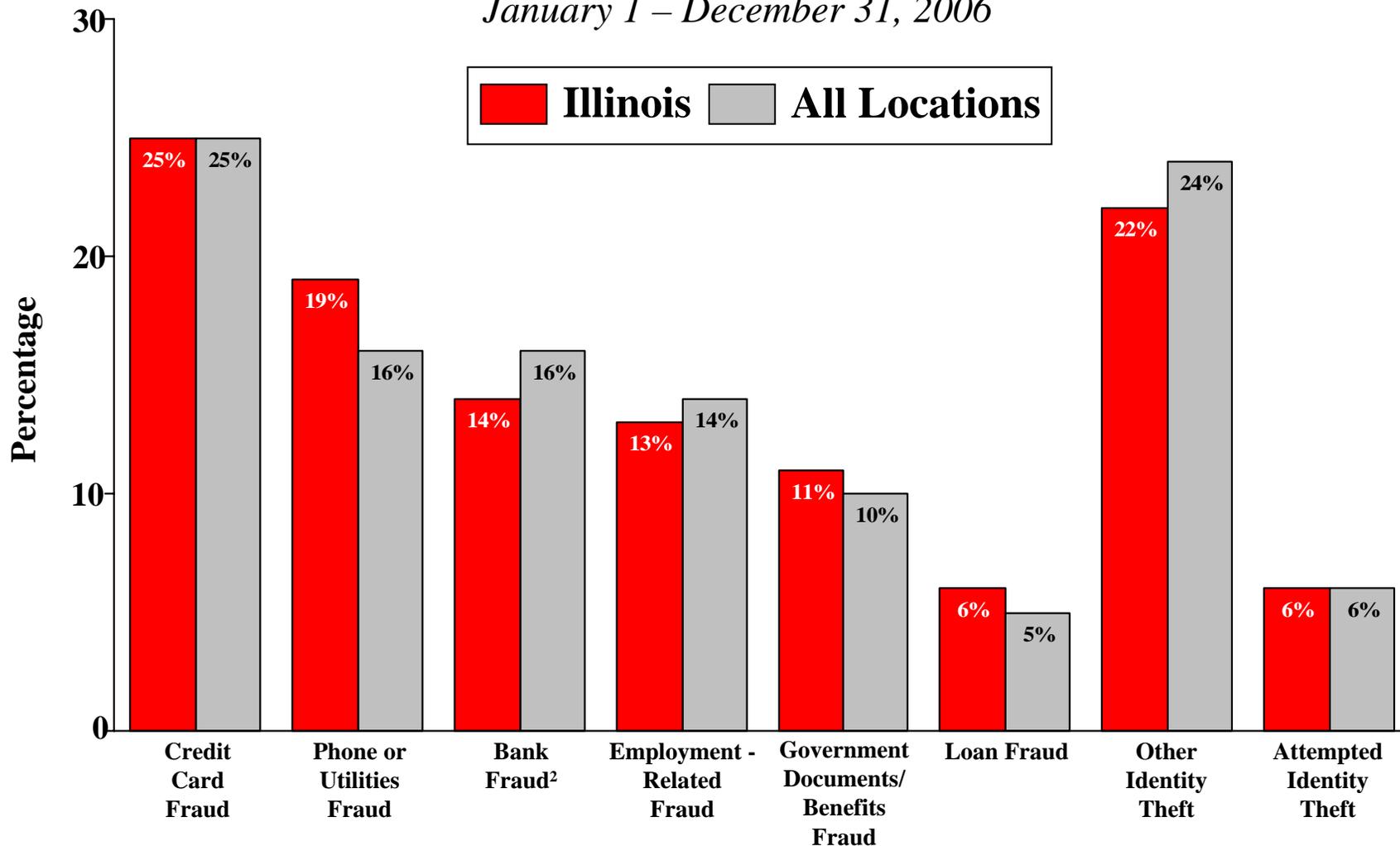
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# Figure 1

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

January 1 – December 31, 2006



<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of complaints in the Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse: 10,080 from Illinois victims and 246,035 from victims in all locations. Note that 17% of identity theft complaints from Illinois victims and 18% from victims in all locations include more than one type of identity theft.

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

# Figure 2



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

January 1 – December 31, 2006

### Credit Card Fraud

Theft Subtype	Illinois Percentages	All Locations Percentages
New Accounts	14.3%	15.2%
Existing Account	11.5%	10.7%
Unspecified	0.1%	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</b>

### Government Documents or Benefits Fraud

Theft Subtype	Illinois Percentages	All Locations Percentages
Fraudulent Tax Return Filed	7.4%	6.2%
Driver's License Issued / Forged	1.4%	1.4%
Government Benefits Applied For / Received	1.2%	1.3%
Other Government Documents Issued / Forged <sup>3</sup>	1.0%	0.9%
Unspecified	<0.1%	<0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>10%</b>

### Phone or Utilities Fraud

Theft Subtype	Illinois Percentages	All Locations Percentages
Wireless - New Accounts	7.0%	7.2%
Utilities - New Accounts	8.1%	5.8%
Telephone - New Accounts	4.7%	4.4%
Unauthorized Charges to Existing Accounts	0.6%	0.7%
Unspecified	0.6%	0.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>16%</b>

### Loan Fraud

Theft Subtype	Illinois Percentages	All Locations Percentages
Business / Personal / Student Loan	2.8%	2.5%
Auto Loan / Lease	1.9%	1.7%
Real Estate Loan	1.6%	1.3%
Unspecified	0.2%	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5%</b>

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

Theft Subtype	Illinois Percentages	All Locations Percentages
Electronic Fund Transfer	7.9%	8.0%
Existing Accounts	4.1%	5.8%
New Accounts	2.9%	3.1%
Unspecified	<0.1%	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>16%</b>

### Other Identity Theft

Theft Subtype	Illinois Percentages	All Locations Percentages
Uncertain <sup>4</sup>	10.8%	12.0%
Miscellaneous <sup>4</sup>	3.9%	4.6%
Internet / Email	1.9%	2.2%
Evading the Law	1.9%	2.1%
Medical	1.8%	1.9%
Apartment or House Rented	0.7%	0.9%
Insurance	0.4%	0.4%
Property Rental Fraud	0.2%	0.3%
Securities / Other Investments	0.3%	0.2%
Child Support	0.2%	0.2%
Bankruptcy	0.2%	0.2%
Magazines	0.1%	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>24%</b>

### Employment-Related Fraud

Theft Subtype	Illinois Percentages	All Locations Percentages
Employment-Related Fraud	13%	14%

### Attempted Identity Theft

Theft Subtype	Illinois Percentages	All Locations Percentages
Attempted Identity Theft	6%	6%

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<sup>3</sup>Theft subtype "Social Security Card Issued/Forged" was combined with theft subtype "Other Government Documents Issued/Forged" in CY-2006.

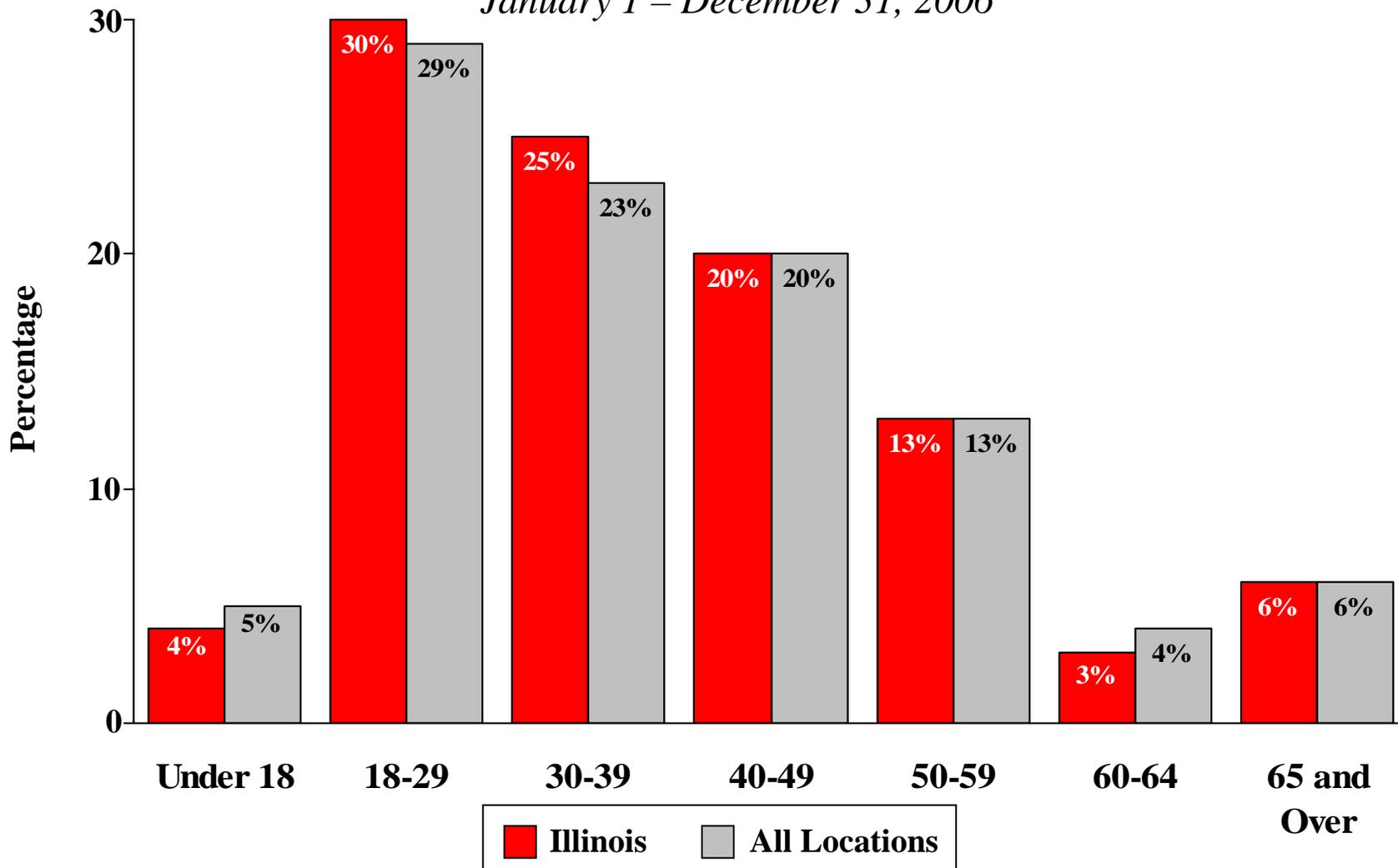
<sup>4</sup>Theft subtype "Other" was replaced by theft subtypes "Miscellaneous" and "Uncertain" in CY-2006.



# Figure 3

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

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<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the number of identity theft complaints where victims reported their age: 9,412 from Illinois victims and 225,532 from victims in all locations. 96% of victims from Illinois and 94% of victims from all locations who contacted the Federal Trade Commission directly reported their age.

# Figure 4a



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

January 1 – December 31, 2006

Rank	Victim State	Victims Per 100,000 Population	Number of Victims	Rank	Victim State	Victims Per 100,000 Population	Number of Victims
1	Arizona	147.8	9,113	26	Tennessee	61.3	3,700
2	Nevada	120.0	2,994	27	Alabama	60.3	2,774
3	California	113.5	41,396	28	Ohio	59.9	6,878
4	Texas	110.6	26,006	29	Kansas	58.8	1,626
5	Florida	98.3	17,780	30	Rhode Island	57.6	615
6	Colorado	92.5	4,395	31	Alaska	57.3	384
7	Georgia	86.3	8,084	32	South Carolina	55.7	2,408
8	New York	85.2	16,452	33	Minnesota	55.6	2,872
9	Washington	83.4	5,336	34	Arkansas	54.7	1,537
10	New Mexico	82.9	1,621	35	Louisiana	52.6	2,256
11	Maryland	82.9	4,656	36	Mississippi	51.3	1,494
12	Illinois	78.6	10,080	37	Nebraska	49.1	868
13	Oregon	76.1	2,815	38	Idaho	49.0	718
14	New Jersey	73.3	6,394	39	Hawaii	47.8	615
15	Virginia	67.2	5,137	40	New Hampshire	46.1	606
16	Michigan	67.2	6,784	41	Montana	45.9	434
17	Delaware	66.7	569	42	Wisconsin	45.6	2,536
18	Connecticut	65.8	2,305	43	Wyoming	42.3	218
19	Pennsylvania	64.9	8,080	44	Kentucky	42.0	1,766
20	North Carolina	64.9	5,748	45	Maine	39.7	525
21	Missouri	64.2	3,753	46	West Virginia	39.3	715
22	Massachusetts	63.7	4,102	47	Iowa	34.9	1,041
23	Oklahoma	63.0	2,254	48	South Dakota	30.2	236
24	Indiana	62.2	3,928	49	North Dakota	29.7	189
25	Utah	61.8	1,577	50	Vermont	28.5	178

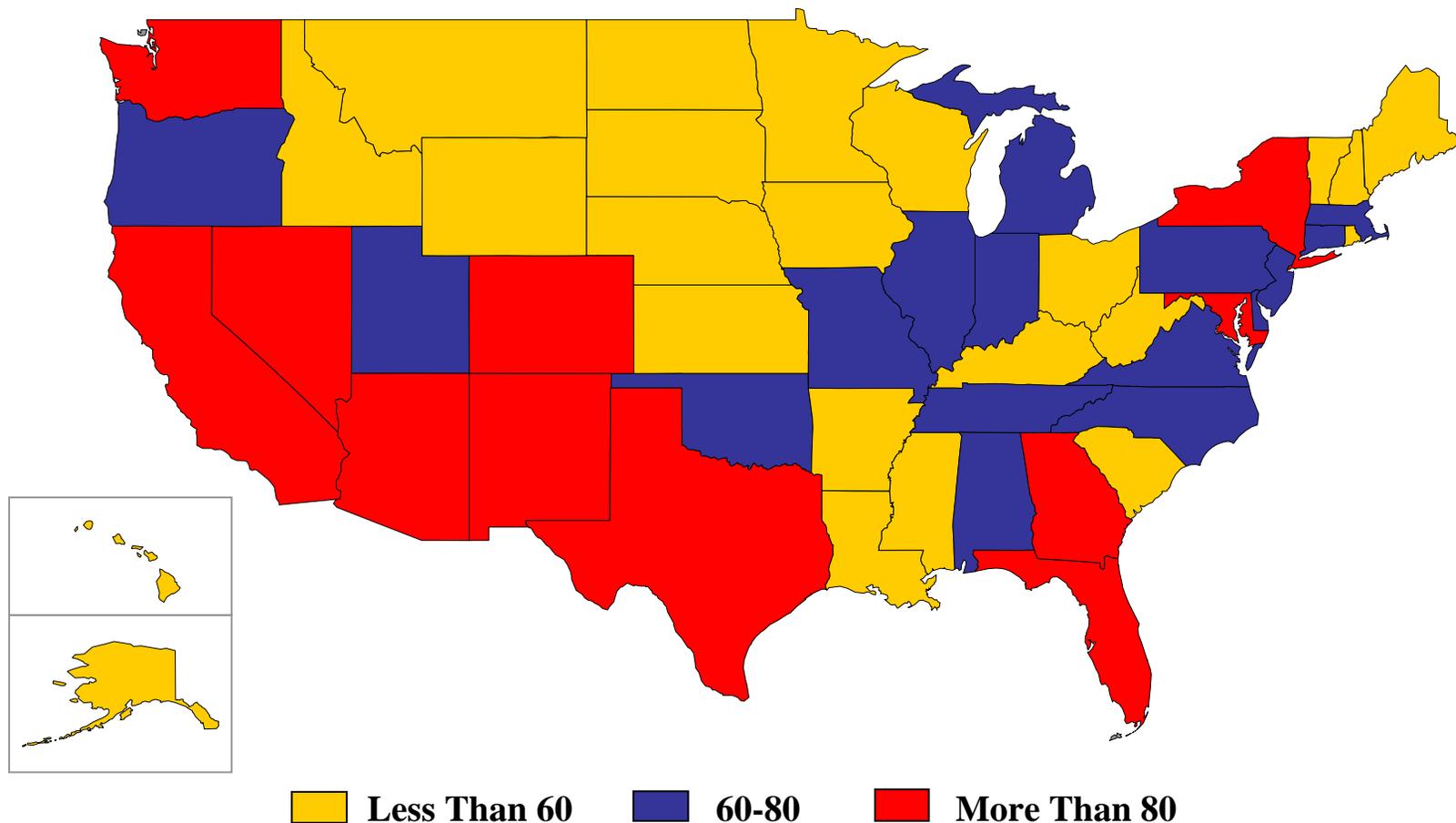
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# Figure 4b

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