

Prevalence of Identity Theft in the United States

In 2021, **23.9 million persons (9% of all U.S. residents)** reported that they had been a victim of identity theft.



Among identity theft victims –



7% reported to police or another law enforcement agency



67% reported to a credit card company or bank



59% had financial losses, totaling **\$16.4 billion** with an average direct loss of \$880



10% were severely distressed as a result of the crime

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Victims of Identity Theft, 2021* (NCJ 306474, October 2023).

