

SCSO FRAUD FACTS



Florida has ranked in the **top 4** in the United States for fraud-related reports for the last five years.

Fraud is the intentional use of false or misleading information in an attempt to illegally deprive another person or entity of money, property, or legal rights.

By the Numbers:

2023

- A total of **545** fraud-related incidents were assigned to SCSO Investigations in Sarasota County from January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023
- **\$6.7 million** in currency was listed as stolen
- Over **1/2** of the reported loss in Sarasota County is currency

2022

- North Port/Sarasota/Bradenton area was ranked **#3** in the country for fraud-related reports in 2022
- **\$8.8 billion** in fraud loss in 2022 according to the Federal Trade Commission. Increasing over 30% from the previous year
- Losses **doubled** in investment scams from 2021 (\$1.8 billion) to 2022 (\$3.8 billion) according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

References:

- [Explore data](#)
- [ID theft by state](#) Click each link
- [Fraud by state](#)
- [Age and fraud infographic](#)

Age Range:



20-39 YEAR OLDS

reported the #1 contact method of scammers was through social media



40-69 YEAR OLDS

reported the #1 contact method of scammers was through websites or applications



70+ YEAR OLDS

reported the #1 contact method of scammers was through phone calls



\$556.8 MILLION

in reported loss to Florida victims in 2022



No government entity will request or demand gift cards as payment.