

Identity Theft Statistics

CIFAS (the UK's Fraud Prevention Service)

Comparing the first three quarters of 2006 with the first three quarters of 2005 in the table above there has been a 21% rise in the number of victims of identity fraud.

By the end of 2006 the number of victims for 2006 is likely to be over 68,000.

It is estimated that identity theft in the UK costs the British economy £1.7 billion annually (Taken from 'Updated estimate of the cost of identity fraud to the UK economy: 2nd February 2006,' the Home Office Identity Theft website: www.identitytheft.org.uk)

Assessing all of the 55,548 victims of impersonation recorded on the CIFAS database as at the end of July 2005, 67 per cent were male and 32 per cent female. The most common age categories were from 31 to 40 years of age (28 per cent) and 41 to 50 (23 per cent); thirteen per cent were over 64 years of age.

Although most victims lived in London the rate of offence per 1,000 population was more common in Manchester and Nottingham. Victims' details were most likely to be used to obtain credit cards (50 per cent); however it is worth noting that the database incorporates information from CIFAS Members and may not be representative of all types of organisations.

Year	Quarter	ID Fraud Victims	Year Total
2000			22,520
2001	Q1	6,839	26,266
	Q2	6,304	
	Q3	6,094	
	Q4	7,029	
2002	Q1	8,190	32,737
	Q2	7,631	
	Q3	8,168	
	Q4	8,748	
2003	Q1	11,902	43,094
	Q2	9,519	
	Q3	10,105	
	Q4	11,568	
2004	Q1	13,210	50,455
	Q2	12,361	
	Q3	13,019	
	Q4	11,865	
2005	Q1	13,174	56,200
	Q2	14,218	
	Q3	14,739	
	Q4	14,069	
2006	Q1	16,077	51,025
	Q2	18,016	
	Q3	16,932	
		Total ID Fraud Victims	282,297