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)

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

References:
- Explore data
- ID theft by state
- Fraud by state
- Age and fraud infographic

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