

Major Metropolitan Areas Ranking for Fraud – Related Complaints *January 1 – December 31, 2003*

Rank	Metropolitan Area	No. of Complaints	Complaints Per 100,000 Population
1	Washington, DC--MD--VA--WV (PMSA)	7,552	153.4
2	Seattle--Bellevue--Everett, WA (PMSA)	3,254	134.8
3	San Diego, CA (MSA)	3,674	130.6
4	Phoenix--Mesa, AZ (MSA)	4,150	127.6
5	Tampa--St. Petersburg--Clearwater, FL (MSA)	3,052	127.4
6	Oakland, CA (PMSA)	3,028	126.6
7	Denver, CO (PMSA)	2,467	117.0
8	Orange County, CA (PMSA)	3,275	115.1
9	Dallas, TX (PMSA)	3,718	105.6
10	Baltimore, MD (PMSA)	2,615	102.4
11	Atlanta, GA (MSA)	4,050	98.5
12	Nassau--Suffolk, NY (PMSA)	2,663	96.7
13	Minneapolis--St. Paul, MN--WI (MSA)	2,833	95.4
14	Los Angeles--Long Beach, CA (PMSA)	9,080	95.4
15	Boston, MA--NH (PMSA)	3,238	95.0
16	St. Louis, MO--IL (MSA)	2,474	95.0
17	Philadelphia, PA--NJ (PMSA)	4,838	94.8
18	Pittsburgh, PA (MSA)	2,229	94.5
19	Newark, NJ (PMSA)	1,881	92.5
20	Chicago, IL (PMSA)	7,345	88.8
21	Cleveland--Lorain--Elyria, OH (PMSA)	1,985	88.2
22	Riverside--San Bernardino, CA (PMSA)	2,849	87.5
23	Detroit, MI (PMSA)	3,594	80.9
24	Miami, FL (PMSA)	1,787	79.3
25	New York, NY (PMSA)	7,238	77.7
26	Houston, TX (PMSA)	3,185	76.2

Note: Ranking is based on the number of fraud complaints per 100,000 inhabitants for each metropolitan area. These charts only illustrate Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas (PMSA) and Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) with a population of two million or more. Metropolitan areas presented here are those defined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as of 1999 (see <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg/msa99.pdf>). Per 100,000 unit of population counts are based on the 2000 U.S. Census population count (Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, April 1, 2000).