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### **BJS RELEASES VICTIMS OF IDENTITY THEFT, 2016**

WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Statistics today released *Victims of Identity Theft, 2016*, which details the number, percentage and demographic characteristics of victims who experienced one or more incidents of identity theft during a 12-month period. It focuses on the most recent incident and describes—

- how victims discovered the crime
- financial losses and other consequences of identity theft, including the amount of time victims spent resolving associated problems
- reporting of the incident to credit card companies, credit bureaus and law enforcement agencies
- level of distress experienced by victims of identity theft.

The report uses data from the 2016 Identity Theft Supplement (ITS) to the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). From January to June 2016, the ITS collected data from persons about their experience with identity theft during the 12 months preceding the interview.

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The Bureau of Justice Statistics of the U.S. Department of Justice is the principal federal agency responsible for collecting, analyzing and disseminating reliable statistics on crime and criminal justice in the United States. Jeffrey H. Anderson is the director.

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