

# TOP 3 PUBLIC SECTOR FRAUD TRENDS TO WATCH IN 2022

How the shifting fraud landscape will impact fraud in federal, state and local governments.



## 1 COVID-19 PANDEMIC DRIVEN FRAUD CONTINUES TO RUN RAMPANT.



**\$281 BILLION**

in improper payments, up \$75 billion over FY2020 and double the level reported in FY2017<sup>1</sup>



**\$5.9 BILLION**

total fraud losses in 2021<sup>3</sup>



**\$163 BILLION**

in pandemic unemployment benefits were misspent or stolen<sup>2</sup>



**2.8 MILLION**

identity fraud reports made in 2021<sup>4</sup>

## 2 FRAUDSTERS ARE MOVING TO OTHER LUCRATIVE OPPORTUNITIES IN ADDITION TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FRAUD.

### PREDICTIONS FOR TOP 10 FRAUD TRENDS

<b>1</b>  Tax Refund Fraud	<b>2</b>  ID Theft, DMV Fraud and Document Fraud	<b>3</b>  Business ID Theft and Fraud	<b>4</b>  Medicare/Medicaid Fraud	<b>5</b>  Social Security and Retirement Fraud
<b>6</b>  Student Loan Fraud	<b>7</b>  Unclaimed Property Fraud	<b>8</b>  Housing and Rental Assistance Fraud	<b>9</b>  Workers' Compensation Fraud	<b>10</b>  Vehicle Title Fraud

## 3 IDENTITY THEFT BECOMES THE MOST PREVALENT TYPE OF FRAUD.



**1,434,676 MILLION**

Identity Theft Reports filed<sup>5</sup>



**GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS OR BENEFITS FRAUD** tops the list for Identity Theft types. **395,948 Victims** of Government Document or Benefit Fraud<sup>6</sup>



**IDENTITY THEFT REPORTS FOR GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS OR BENEFITS FRAUD<sup>8</sup>**

Government Benefits Applied For/Received	385,264
Other Government Documents Issued/Forged	8,366
Driver's License Issued/Forged	5,506
Passport Issued/Forged	1,117



**VICTIM CONTACT METHOD:**

(in order of most popular)

- Phone Call
- Text
- Email
- Website or Apps
- Social Media
- Other  
(TV, radio, print, fax, in person, consumer-initiated contact)
- Mail
- Online Ad or Pop-up



### TOP TIPS FOR FRAUD PREVENTION



Leverage **physical, digital, device and behavioral biometric identity intelligence**



Utilize a **multi-layered anti-fraud strategy**



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<sup>1</sup> There's no final number yet for pandemic fraud, oversight leaders tell Congress - FCW  
<sup>2</sup> An estimated \$163 billion from pandemic unemployment benefits were misspent or stolen - The Washington Post  
<sup>3,4</sup> Consumer Sentinel Network Data Book 2021 | Federal Trade Commission (ftc.gov)  
<sup>5,6,7</sup> Consumer Sentinel Network Data Book 2021 | Federal Trade Commission (ftc.gov)

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