

## Identity Theft – Fascinating Statistics

Statistics were gleaned from “*Identity Theft: Findings and Public Policy Recommendations from the Saint Xavier University Study of Identity Theft Incidents Reported to the Chicago Police Department, 2000 – 2006*”

### **Victims’ Discovery of Identity Theft:**

1. Being Notified by Credit Card Company (25.1%);
2. Receiving a Bill for Goods or Services (23.2%);
3. Receiving Some Other Notice (19.8%);
4. Receiving a Collection Notice (15.9%);
5. Receiving a Credit Report (9.9%);
6. Served With Legal Papers (3.8%);
7. Being Denied Credit (2.4%).

### **Manner and Means In Which Identities Were Stolen:**

1. Victim’s Identity was stolen by a Relative or Friend (60.5%);
2. Victim’s Identity was stolen by Various Other Means (13.6%);
3. Victim’s Identity was stolen as a Result of a Stolen Wallet or Purse (10.5%);
4. Victim’s Identity was stolen as a Result of a Burglary or Robbery (6.2%);
5. Victim’s Identity was stolen as a Result of Stolen Mail (4.7%);
6. Victim’s Identity was stolen through Use of Computer or Internet (4.7%).

### **In Cases Where the Identity Theft Perpetrator was known to be a Friend:**

1. Perpetrator was a member of the victim’s family (33.5%);
2. Perpetrator had a current or past “boy-friend” or “girl-friend” romantic relationship with the victim (29.7%);
3. Perpetrator was a friend of the victim other than a “boy-friend” or “girl-friend” (22.2%);
4. Perpetrator was otherwise known to the victim (12.7%);
5. Perpetrator was a caregiver for the victim (1.9%).

### **Uses of Stolen Identity:**

1. Stolen Identity used to acquire a Credit Card (26.5%);
2. Stolen Identity used to acquire a Mobil Phone (19.03%);
3. Stolen Identity used to commit Bank Account Fraud (13.97%);
4. Stolen Identity used to acquire Utility Services, other than Mobil Phone (12.62%);
5. Stolen Identity used to acquire Magazines or Magazine Subscriptions (7.98%);
6. Stolen Identity used to perpetrate Loan Fraud (4.56%);
7. Stolen Identity used for Some Other Use (4.06%);
8. Stolen Identity used to acquire Government Documents, knowingly Identity Documents (3.78%);
9. Stolen Identity used to perpetrate Employment Fraud 1.78%).