



FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

A Scammy Snapshot of 2022

(based on reports to Consumer Sentinel)

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Top Frauds



1 Imposters



2 Online shopping



3 Prizes, sweepstakes, lotteries



4 Investments



5 Business and job opportunities



2.4 million fraud reports

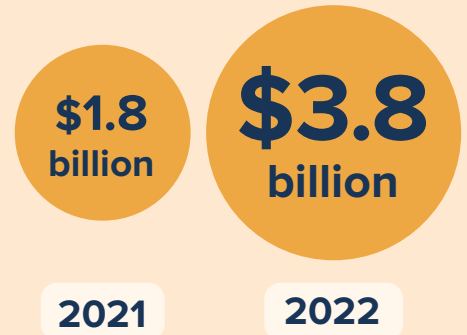
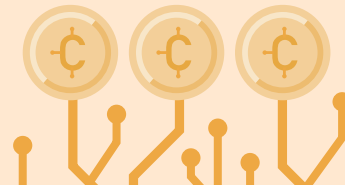


\$8.8 billion reported lost

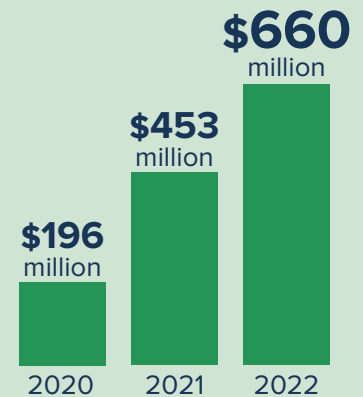
The number of reports is down.
The amount lost is up.

(2021: 2.9 million fraud reports, \$6.1 billion lost)

Losses to investment scams more than doubled.



Losses to business imposters soared.



Scammers contacting people on social or by phone led to big losses



\$1.2 billion total lost

Social media:
Highest overall reported losses



\$1,400 median loss

Phone calls:
Highest per person reported losses