

Fraud Stats

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Introduction

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) has received FOI request FOI2020/00876 for information relating to Fraud Stats:

We would like to know for each individual fraud type as per the Home Office Counting Rules For Fraud (e.g. Rental Fraud, Online Shopping Fraud, etc.) for each month from January 2016 to June 2020: - number of fraud reports for individual victims - losses for individual victims - number of fraud reports for organization victims - losses for organization victims.

Methodology

The data used is based on Crime Reports submitted to Action Fraud which contain a valid postcode pertaining to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The data was extracted from the information provided to all forces on a monthly/weekly basis, which is collated from the national fraud database.

The data is for the period between April 2017 and June 2020. The data stored prior to April 2017 did not contain information of whether the report was made from an organisation or an individual, therefore it has not been provided.

There are a number of reports where the victim has not stated if they are an individual or a business, therefore there is a section for 'Unknown'.

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Statistics

Fraud Type Data for Individuals & Organisations - April 2017 - June 2020								
Fraud Type	No. of Reports : Unknown	Reported Loss Amount: Unknown	No. of Reports: Individual	Reported Loss Amount: Individual	No. of Reports: Organisation	Reported Loss Amount: Organisation	No. of Reports : Grand Total	Reported Loss Amount: Grand Total
NFIB10 - False Accounting	14	£663,566.00	168	£2,062,470.06	301	£16,503,506.57	483	£19,229,542.63
NFIB11 - Bankruptcy and Insolvency	3	£263,000.00	14	£2,674,518.85	7	£1,675,029.00	24	£4,612,547.85
NFIB12 - Passport Application Fraud	27	£0.00	11	£22,576.85	975	£0.00	1,013	£22,576.85
NFIB13 - Department of Works and Pensions (DWP) Fraud	7	£444.00	118	£165,988.89	37	£138,796.00	162	£305,228.89
NFIB14 - Fraudulent Applications for Grants from Government Funded Organisations	2	£4,500.00	72	£164,272.00	154	£17,036,190.91	228	£17,204,962.91
NFIB15 - HM Revenue & Customs Fraud (HMRC)	19	£14,468.00	433	£337,025.89	7	£3,655.00	459	£355,148.89
NFIB16A - Pension Fraud by Pensioner (or their estates)	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	4	£23,112.44	4	£23,112.44
NFIB16B - Pension Fraud committed on Pensions	21	£135,594.91	447	£24,015,717.80	28	£805,767.20	496	£24,957,079.91
NFIB16C - Pension Liberation Fraud	63	£1,696,907.10	802	£9,363,959.60	4	£231,088.20	869	£11,291,954.90
NFIB17 - Other Regulatory Fraud	54	£261,315.29	1,021	£100,830,561,768.68	197	£61,488,884.93	1,272	£100,892,311,968.90
NFIB18 - Fraud by Failing to Disclose Information	31	£395,826.85	926	£216,461,996.18	375	£28,205,595.04	1,332	£245,063,418.07
NFIB19 - Fraud by Abuse of Position of Trust	449	£26,002,994.24	7,452	£1,225,113,680.90	704	£673,733,511.01	8,605	£1,924,850,186.15
NFIB1A - "419" Advance Fee Fraud	632	£945,121.53	2,644	£24,156,564.86	132	£345,454.12	3,408	£25,447,140.51
NFIB1B - Lottery Scams	222	£501,624.14	3,411	£1,013,338,227.29	10	£6,283.00	3,643	£1,013,846,134.43
NFIB1C - Counterfeit Cashiers Cheques	89	£109,917.50	1,958	£742,045.00	826	£2,248,953.26	2,873	£3,100,915.76
NFIB1D - Dating Scam	961	£187,810,678,155.37	12,969	£210,772,147,640.09	20	£727,170.65	13,950	£398,583,552,966.11
NFIB1E - Fraud Recovery	235	£2,236,749.43	3,591	£61,880,683.71	29	£169,490.96	3,855	£64,286,924.10
NFIB1F - Inheritance Fraud	55	£38,259.67	931	£12,524,195.30	12	£4,156.00	998	£12,566,610.97
NFIB1G - Rental Fraud	727	£904,960.11	9,472	£4,014,613,297.33	141	£1,009,746.24	10,340	£4,016,528,003.68
NFIB1H - Other Advance Fee Frauds	8,880	£13,159,600.14	99,255	£199,163,277.54	2,115	£26,919,513.41	110,250	£239,242,391.09

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NFIB1J - Lender Loan Fraud	581	£357,377.92	10,960	£11,274,117.52	43	£2,231,848.95	11,584	£13,863,344.39
NFIB20A - DVLA Driving Licence Application Fraud	5	£0.00	74	£1,045.00	90	£0.00	169	£1,045.00
NFIB2A - Share sales or Boiler Room Fraud	470	£9,017,121.80	4,665	£160,664,180.16	16	£50,303,926.89	5,151	£219,985,228.85
NFIB2B - Pyramid or Ponzi Schemes	119	£50,000,732,829.98	1,738	£45,144,797.78	2	£1,238.00	1,859	£50,045,878,865.76
NFIB2C - Prime Bank Guarantees	3	£475,240.00	41	£653,345.00	10	£9,058,346.00	54	£10,186,931.00
NFIB2D - Time Shares and Holiday Club Fraud	21	£262,700.00	897	£3,069,609.00	1	£1,965.00	919	£3,334,274.00
NFIB2E - Other Financial Investment	1,075	£41,131,721.50	17,034	£836,833,875.64	559	£283,888,220.07	18,668	£1,161,853,817.21
NFIB3A - Online Shopping and Auctions	10,522	£6,963,671.58	154,557	£1,325,396,495.03	5,782	£19,130,984.74	170,861	£1,351,491,151.35
NFIB3B - Consumer Phone Fraud	588	£974,471.49	5,474	£333,340,572,563.49	498	£3,333,217.67	6,560	£333,344,880,252.65
NFIB3C - Door to Door Sales and Bogus Tradesmen	907	£4,597,202.72	15,763	£1,098,810,840.93	457	£3,369,335.90	17,127	£1,106,777,379.55
NFIB3D - Other Consumer Non Investment Fraud	2,604	£17,509,618.91	29,801	£192,567,254.64	10,606	£107,481,824.05	43,011	£317,558,697.60
NFIB3E - Computer Software Service Fraud	4,327	£4,909,549.74	55,608	£75,336,489.56	315	£1,406,288.22	60,250	£81,652,327.52
NFIB3F - Ticket Fraud	1,269	£664,958.80	20,567	£15,667,898.13	135	£755,342.00	21,971	£17,088,198.93
NFIB3G - Retail Fraud	456	£107,842.82	1,477	£4,358,962.27	24,582	£38,715,651.25	26,515	£43,182,456.34
NFIB4A - Charity Fraud	111	£42,580.25	1,478	£805,810,380.02	119	£130,387.07	1,708	£805,983,347.34
NFIB4B - Fraudulent Applications for Grants from Charities	4	£46,673.00	7	£13,399.00	147	£2,408,991.80	158	£2,469,063.80
NFIB5A - Cheque, Plastic Card and Online Bank Accounts (not PSP)	4,362	£12,157,395.28	50,055	£30,539,970,214.75	15,245	£251,994,039.75	69,662	£30,804,121,649.78
NFIB5B - Application Fraud (excluding Mortgages)	685	£2,278,813.53	6,658	£28,505,987.34	2,367	£26,807,315.47	9,710	£57,592,116.34
NFIB5C - Mortgage Related Fraud	10	£6,301,180.00	127	£3,982,282.01	136	£36,958,705.00	273	£47,242,167.01
NFIB5D - Mandate Fraud	806	£1,609,671,511.77	10,219	£1,171,185,061.79	8,013	£570,994,667.85	19,038	£3,351,851,241.41
NFIB5E - Dishonestly retaining a wrongful credit	11	£22,862.01	148	£6,824,095.41	265	£4,370,274.89	424	£11,217,232.31
NFIB6A - Insurance Related Fraud	25	£582,750.00	167	£235,937.98	834	£45,316,566.41	1,026	£46,135,254.39
NFIB6B - Insurance Broker Fraud	102	£40,528.81	1,294	£12,405,061.25	84	£2,689,729.79	1,480	£15,135,319.85
NFIB7 - Telecom Industry Fraud	142	£57,319.34	1,038	£397,645.41	1,724	£694,237.98	2,904	£1,149,202.73

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(Misuse of Contracts)								
NFIB8A - Corporate Employee Fraud	100	£2,057,882.00	171	£12,063,527.30	3,452	£1,411,826,643.55	3,723	£1,425,948,052.85
NFIB8B - Corporate Procurement Fraud	9	£37,500.00	10	£1,095,342.66	358	£684,275,091.78	377	£685,407,934.44
NFIB9 - Business Trading Fraud	12	£169,521.00	160	£4,532,733.27	317	£500,225,266.26	489	£504,927,520.53
NFIB90 - None of the Above	10,827	£101,499,687,913.55	171,098	£2,035,712,425,997.61	26,041	£792,065,804.30	207,966	£2,138,004,179,715.46
Grand Total	52,644	£341,078,871,742.08	706,981	£2,723,819,309,046.77	108,276	£5,681,711,814.58	867,901	£3,070,579,892,603.43

Caveats

- Action Fraud reporting is a self-reporting tool; information provided within Action Fraud reports may not have been verified by law enforcement or interrogated for authenticity or accuracy and may be subject to discrepancies.
- There is no formal agreement with Scotland to report to Action Fraud and Action Fraud data is not a full representation of the level of fraud in Scotland. Police Scotland remain responsible for the gathering and enforcement of fraudulent activity affecting Scottish victims.
- Underreporting to Action Fraud and omissions of data when reporting to Action Fraud may affect the extent and quality of reporting and may not be a true reflection of the fraud that is occurring nationally.
- The data used is based on Crime Reports submitted to Action Fraud which contain a valid postcode pertaining to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The loss amount is as reported by the victim at the time of reporting and has not been validated.
- The data is for the period between April 2017 and June 2020. The data stored prior to April 2017 did not contain information of whether the report was made from an organisation or an individual, therefore it has not been provided.
- The data has not been broken down into months as that would have taken longer than the 18 hours allocated for the FOI to be collated.