

## COST OF CRIME

- ◆ In a 2008 report (*most recent year this data was collected*), for crimes both reported and not reported to the police, the total economic loss to victims was \$1.19 billion for violent crime and \$16.21 billion for property crime<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ In 2010, an estimated \$456 million in losses were attributed to robberies reported to the police. The average dollar value of property stolen per robbery offense was \$1,239.<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ In 2010, there were an estimated 6,185,867 larceny-thefts reported to the police nationwide. The average value of property taken during larceny-thefts was \$988 per offense. Nationally the loss to victims was over \$6.1 billion.<sup>3</sup>
- ◆ In 2010, the average dollar loss due to arson was \$17,612.<sup>4</sup>
- ◆ In 2010, households in the lowest income category (less than \$7,500 per year) had a higher overall property victimization rate (168.7 per 1,000 households), compared to households earning \$75,000 or more (119.3 per 1,000).<sup>5</sup>
- ◆ An estimated 27,500 fires were intentionally set to structures in 2010, an increase of 3.8 percent from 2009. These fires resulted in 200 civilian deaths and \$585 million in property loss (a decrease of 14.5 percent from 2009).<sup>6</sup>
- ◆ Approximately 14,000 fires were intentionally set to vehicles in 2010, resulting in \$89 million in property damage, a 17.6 percent decrease from 2009.<sup>7</sup>
- ◆ In 2010, the average dollar loss per burglary offense was \$2,119. The total amount lost to burglaries was an estimated \$4.6 billion.<sup>8</sup>
- ◆ Victim compensation programs distributed \$499.9 million in 2010.<sup>9</sup>
- ◆ In 2009, the total amount of money lost from all cases of Internet fraud referred to law enforcement for investigation was \$559.7 million. This was more than double the amount of \$264.6 million reported in 2008. The median dollar loss in 2009 was \$575 per complaint.<sup>10</sup>
- ◆ In 2009, consumers reporting fraud to the Federal Trade Commission lost a total of more than \$1.7 billion dollars.<sup>11</sup>

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3 Federal Bureau of Investigation, "Crime in the United States 2010: Larceny-Theft" (Washington, DC: GPO, 2011), <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2010/crime-in-the-u.s.-2010/property-crime/larcenythftmain> (accessed September 29, 2011).

4 Federal Bureau of Investigation, "Crime in the United States 2010: Arson," (Washington, DC: GPO, 2011), <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2010/crime-in-the-u.s.-2010/property-crime/arsonmain> (accessed September 29, 2011).

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6 Michael J. Karter, Jr., "Fire Loss in the United States during 2010," (Quincy, MA: National Fire Protection Association, 2011), iii, <http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/pdf/os.fireloss.pdf> (accessed September 29, 2011).

7 Ibid.

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10 National White Collar Crime Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Bureau of Justice Assistance, "IC3 2009 Internet Crime Report: January 1, 2009–December 31, 2009," (Washington, DC: GPO, 2010), 2, [http://www.ic3.gov/media/annualreport/2009\\_IC3Report.pdf](http://www.ic3.gov/media/annualreport/2009_IC3Report.pdf) (accessed September 29, 2011).

11 Federal Trade Commission, "Consumer Sentinel Network Data Book for January–December 2009," (Washington, DC: FTC, 2010), 3, <http://www.ftc.gov/sentinel/reports/sentinel-annual-reports/sentinel-cy2009.pdf> (accessed September 29, 2011).