



Name:

### Students will be able to:

- Identify different types of identity theft, how they can occur, and the impact they can have on someone's life
- Take measures to protect their personal information
- Understand current trends about identity theft
- Outline what steps to take if they are a victim of identity theft



### **QUESTION OF THE DAY:** How many minors have had their identity stolen?

Answer the question on the first slide in the space below. Then, compare your answer to the answer on the second slide. Finally, follow your teacher's directions on how to answer the follow-up questions on the last slide.

- 1. How many minors (under 18 years of age) have had their identity stolen?**



### **VIDEO:** Can You Really Protect Your Identity Online?

Hundreds of thousands of peoples' personal information is compromised every year in the United States alone. So, what exactly is identity theft, and how can it impact you? Watch this video to find out. Then, answer the questions.

- 1. In a few sentences, explain how identity theft can impact a person's life.**

2. Provide one example that illustrates the non-monetary costs of ID theft.

3. What is one step you can take to protect your personal information?



**ACTIVITY:** [COMPARE: Types of Identity Theft](#)

In the last resource, you heard how a person could have their financial identity stolen. Unfortunately, that's not the only way identity theft can be used against you. In this activity, you'll learn about other types of identity theft that you should be on the lookout for. Follow the directions on the worksheet to complete this activity.



**ARTICLE:** [Trends in Identity Theft](#)

As we complete more of our transactions online, our personal information is increasingly subject to being stolen and used by identity thieves. Use this report to learn about the current trends on identity theft and answer the questions.

1. **The number one type of identity theft also showed a considerably higher increase in frequency starting in 2020. What is this type of identity theft? Why do you think there was such an extreme increase?**
  
2. **Credit card fraud comprises the second largest group of identity thefts. Looking on page 14, what type of credit card fraud is the most common?**

3. Take a look at the graph on page 15. How would you describe the trends for each of the top 3 types of ID theft?
4. What type of ID theft occurs MOST often for people age 19 and under? How does this compare to the most common type of ID theft for the 20-29 and 30-39 age groups?
5. Identify one key takeaway you have from looking at the latest identity theft trends.

---

**VIDEO:** [How to Recognize Identity Theft and What to Do About It](#)

**INFOGRAPHIC:** [10 Tips for Data Breach Victims](#)

As you've learned throughout this lesson, you can't guarantee that you will be safe from ID theft even if you take all of the preventative measures. Watch this video and investigate the infographic to find out what you should do if you find your personal information has been compromised. Then, answer the questions.

1. How can filing a report with the FTC assist you if you've been a victim of identity theft?
2. Besides filing a report with the FTC, write down the 3 steps you should take if you believe your identity has been compromised.

3. While some of these tips may not be applicable yet, what is one thing from the infographic list that a teen could consider doing today to help protect their personal information?



## EXIT TICKET

Follow your teacher's directions to complete the Exit Ticket.