

Quick Facts: ACFE Report to the Nations

- ✓ **How is fraud detected?** Most common via **whistleblower tip** (40%) – employees know what is going on.
- ✓ **Department where fraud is found often?** Accounting. That's where the money is.
- ✓ **Most common type of fraud?** Asset Misappropriation. Employees of all levels can abuse their position to steal.
- ✓ **Size of organization:** Smaller organizations suffer disproportionately large losses due to occupational fraud.
- ✓ **Industry with greatest number of fraud cases:** Government, public administration, manufacturing, banking and finance.
- ✓ **Fraud compared to level of authority:** The higher level of authority, the greater the fraud loss tends to be.
- ✓ **Median duration:** Amount of time from start of fraud until detection is 18 months.
- ✓ **Median loss:** Median loss was \$145,000. Twenty Two percent of cases involved losses of at least \$1 million.
- ✓ **Percentage of fraud lost each year:** Survey participants estimated that number to be 5% of revenues.
- ✓ **Implementation of hotlines:** Organizations with hotlines were much more likely to catch fraud by a tip.

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