HOW OCCUPATIONAL FRAUD IS COMMITTED IN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

CATEGORIES OF FRAUD

Asset misappropriation schemes are the most common; financial statement fraud schemes are the most costly.*

Loss per case:

- Asset misappropriation: 25th Percentile $17,000, 50th Percentile $586,000, 75th Percentile $1,875,000
- Corruption: 25th Percentile $122,000, 50th Percentile $191,000, 75th Percentile $1,875,000
- Financial statement fraud: 25th Percentile $175,000, 50th Percentile $680,000, 75th Percentile $6,500,000

TOP 5 SCHEMES

- Corruption: 57%
- Billing: 23%
- Noncash: 16%
- Payroll: 15%
- Expense reimbursements: 10%

83% of all government fraud cases involved at least one of the top 5 schemes.

*All loss amounts are expressed in terms of U.S. dollars, which is how respondents reported this information in the Global Fraud Survey.
OVER THE LAST DECADE, THE PERCENTAGE OF CORRUPTION CASES HAS CONTINUED TO RISE.

These five schemes each accounted for at least 10% of all government fraud cases over the past 10 years.

Financial statement fraud, corruption, billing, and cash larceny schemes caused the highest losses per month.

7% of all fraud schemes in government organizations involved the use of cryptocurrency.

Financial statement fraud, register disbursement, and skimming schemes had the longest median duration — 24 months before detection.