



INVESTMENT FRAUD IN MONTANA

Scams and fraud are on the rise in Montana, with devastating financial and emotional impacts on victims. Here's a closer look at the trends and losses reported to the CSI over the past several years.



THE COST OF SCAMS

TOTAL LOSSES (2019-PRESENT)
\$9.8MLN

ANNUAL BREAKDOWN

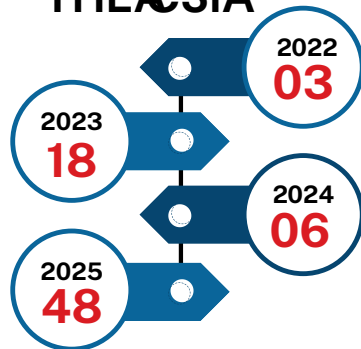
- 2019 \$1,674,000
- 2020 (no data)
- 2021 \$178,000
- 2022 \$407,200
- 2023 \$1,157,009
- 2024 \$836,900
- 2025 \$5,594,631




KEY STATISTICS

LOSS RANGE
\$300 to \$1.5MLN
AVERAGE LOSS
\$129,856

REPORTS TO THE CSI



AVERAGE LOSSES OVER TIME	
2022	\$135,733
2023	\$119,884
2024	\$139,483
2025	\$124,325



MONTANA'S BIGGEST THREATS

ROMANCE & PIG BUTCHERING SCAMS
 These scams combine emotional manipulation with fraudulent investment schemes, often involving cryptocurrency.

Research shows that financial exploitation is severely underreported. **If you suspect investment fraud, contact the CSI immediately.**



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