

LIFE STAGES

Protecting Your ID as Financial Needs Shift

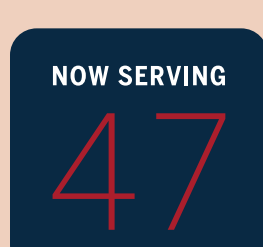


PRIME EARNING YEARS

Getting married, raising a family, buying a house -- this phase presents some major life events. It also creates fresh opportunities for identity theft with the variety of legal documents required to navigate ever-complex financial decisions.

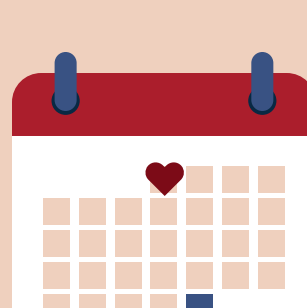
MARRIAGE:

Identity thieves may target women changing and not changing their name, considering either one a "new" identity.



Change name in person at Social Security office, instead of faxing or emailing

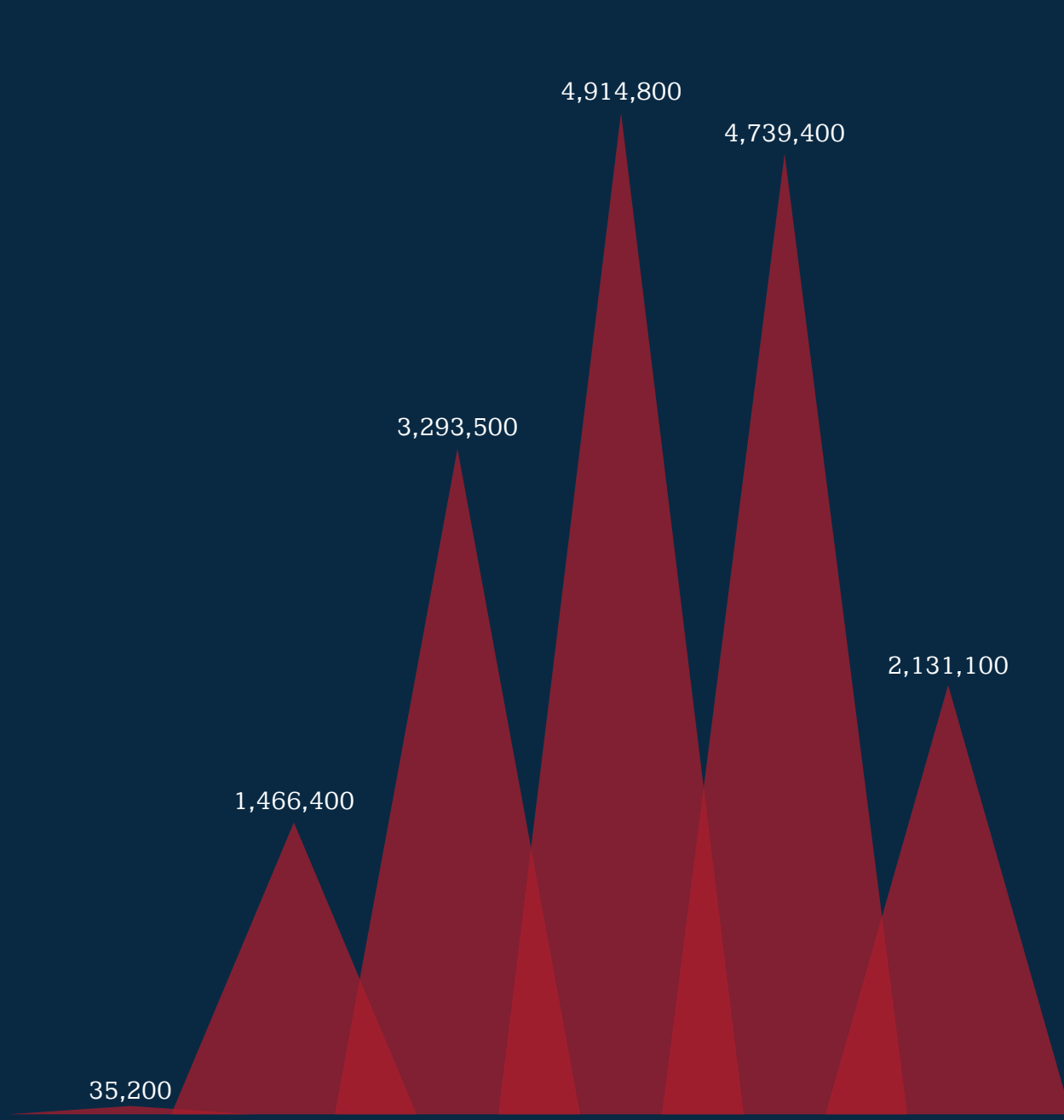
Check credit within 30 days of marriage.



Contact all credit issuers, banks and other financial institutions to inform them of married-name change.

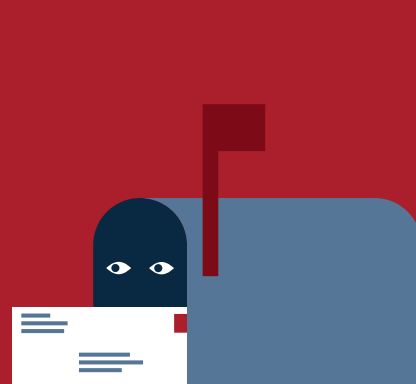
IDENTITY THEFT VICTIMS BY AGE, 2012:

Total: **16,580,500**



HOME-BUYING:

Contact creditors to change address before you move, so that bank statements, bills and medical information don't get mailed to old address and potentially stolen by thieves.



Shred or safely store documents from old home.

Be aware of mortgage scams and review all documents before signing.



Source: Protect my ID/Experian

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SOURCES

Bureau of Justice Statistics • Federal Trade Commission • Identity Theft Assistance Center
Javelin Child Identity Fraud Survey • Kaplan Test Prep • Protect My ID • Social Security Administration