

These Stats Can Make You Sick...

We're taught to trust people, be benevolent to our employees and think the best of everyone until proven otherwise. These stats may change your mind about the goodness of humanity and those in your employment. And, while we don't want to malign all individuals, we do say: Employer, beware!

Employee Theft Statistics	Data
Amount stolen annually from U.S. businesses by employees	\$50,000,000,000
Percent of annual revenues lost to theft or fraud	7 %
Percent of employees who have stolen at least once from their employer	75 %
Percent of employees who have stolen at least twice from their employer	37.5 %
Percent of all business bankruptcies caused by employee theft	33 %
Amounts Stolen	Percent
\$1,000,000 and up	25.3 %
\$500,000 - \$999,999	9.6 %
\$100,000 - \$499,999	28.2 %
\$10,000 - \$49,999	16.8 %
\$1,000 - \$9,999	7 %
\$1,000 or less	1.9 %
Median Amount Stolen	\$175,000
Demographics	
Men	59.1 %
Women	40.9 %
High School Degree	34 %
Some College	21 %
Bachelor's Degree	34 %
Postgraduate Degree	11 %

Statistic Verification

Source: Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Easy Small Business HR, Institute for Corporate Productivity, Jack L. Hayes International, Inc.

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The most obvious form of employee theft is stealing cash from customer transactions like the cash register or from the company account. Other forms include time card fraud and office supply theft.

