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Almost two-thirds of CPA tax practitioners (63 percent) said they had one or more clients victimized by identity theft in the 2015 filing season, according to an [annual tax software survey](#) conducted by the [American Institute of CPAs](#).

The survey — which appears in the August edition of *The Tax Adviser*, a monthly magazine of tax news and information from the AICPA — polled almost 5,000 CPA tax preparers, largely from small firms, about their experience in encountering

identity theft. This is the first time the survey has included questions on that topic.

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An [overview](#) of the survey findings can be found in *The Tax Adviser*.

## Methodology

The 2015 Tax Software Survey was conducted from May 4-25, 2015, and received qualified responses from 4,991 CPAs who prepared tax year 2014 returns for a fee. Some 72 percent of respondents were from firms with five or fewer tax preparers.

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