

Identity Theft and SSN Randomization

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SSN Randomization is a project by the SSA in an effort to curb Identity theft victims in the USA. The Social Security Administration (SSA) changed the way Social Security Numbers are issued starting on June 25, 2011.

Since 1973 SSN's have been issued based on the Zip Code of the mailing address of the SSN application. The first three digits of the SSN were tied to a particular state. After June 25, 2011 this will no longer be the case making it a little more difficult for Identity thieves to guess or obtain the SSN of their victims.

Starting on June 25, 2011, the SSA will eliminate the geographical significance of the first three digits of the SSN, currently referred to as the area number, by no longer allocating the area numbers for assignment to individuals in specific states.

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The chart below shows the first 3 digits of the social security numbers assigned throughout the United States and its possessions. See "Note" at bottom of page.

001-003	New Hampshire	261-267	Florida	449-467	Texas	531-539	Washington
004-007	Maine	589-595		627-645		540-544	Oregon
008-009	Vermont	766-772		468-477	Minnesota	545-573	California
010-034	Massachusetts	268-302	Ohio	478-485	Iowa	602-626	
035-039	Rhode Island	303-317	Indiana	486-500	Missouri	574	Alaska
040-049	Connecticut	318-361	Illinois	501-502	North Dakota	575-576	Hawaii
050-134	New York	362-386	Michigan	503-504	South Dakota	750-751	
135-158	New Jersey	387-399	Wisconsin	505-508	Nebraska	577-579	District of Columbia
159-211	Pennsylvania	400-407	Kentucky	509-515	Kansas	580	Virgin Islands
212-220	Maryland	408-415	Tennessee	516-517	Montana	580-584	Puerto Rico
221-222	Delaware	756-763		518-519	Idaho	596-599	
223-231	Virginia	416-424	Alabama	520	Wyoming	585	Guam
691-699		425-428	Mississippi	521-524	Colorado	586	American Samoa
232-236	West Virginia	587-588		650-653		586	Philippine Islands
232	North Carolina	752-755		525,585	New Mexico	700-728	Railroad Board**
237-246		429-432	Arkansas	648-649		729-733	Enumeration at Entry
681-690		676-679		526-527	Arizona		
247-251	South Carolina	433-439	Louisiana	600-601			
654-658		659-665		764-766			
252-260	Georgia	440-448	Oklahoma	528-529	Utah		
667-675		530,680	Nevada	646-647			

NOTE: The same area, when shown more than once, means that certain numbers have been transferred from one State to another, or that an area has been divided for use among certain geographic locations.

Any number beginning with 000 will NEVER be a valid SSN.

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** 700-728 Issuance of these numbers to railroad employees was discontinued July 1, 1963.

The project is an effort to help protect the integrity of the SSN by establishing a new randomized assignment methodology. SSN Randomization will also extend the longevity of the nine-digit SSN nationwide.

The downside to this randomization is that employers, collection agents, financial institutions and many other industries that rely on being able to conduct [SSN verification](#) using various third party services may find themselves paying up to 10x more for similar services.

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