Susceptible Moments
Spotlight on Hispanic Americans

ENVIRONMENT

Stressful Life Events May Increase Our Susceptibility to Fraud

Both positive and negative stressful life events (e.g., birth of a child, buying a house, losing a job, loneliness) can increase our susceptibility to fraud by hindering our ability to spot and resist fraud attempts.

- More victims report being worried about the coronavirus than non-victims.
  - Victims: 36%
  - Non-victims: 27%

- On average, victims reported experiencing twice as many stressful life events in the past 12 months as non-victims.
  - Victims: 5
  - Non-victims: 2

- More victims report that their financial situation has gotten worse since the coronavirus pandemic started in January 2020 than non-victims.
  - Victims: 46%
  - Non-victims: 36%