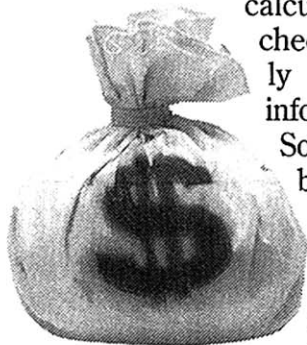


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Right on the money

Most employees are confident that their employers accurately calculate their paychecks and adequately protect personal information, such as Social Security numbers and checking accounts.



That's according to a recent survey by the San Antonio-based

American Payroll Association (APA).

The survey shows that 94 percent of all employees say that they are confident their employers are producing accurate paychecks every payday.

Another 92 percent of survey respondents say that they are confident their employers are taking steps to protect vital personal information. APA officials say this is a vote of confidence given that identity theft is on the rise.

These findings are important because employers are relying more heavily on technologies such as biometrics to record time and attendance and paperless payroll systems to generate paychecks.

"Rapidly evolving technology coupled with an economy that demands efficiency and cost-savings are changing many of the elements surrounding the way workers are paid," says APA Executive Director Dan Maddux.

"Delivering paychecks that are accurate and on-time is one of the most significant ways that employers gain the trust of employees," says Russ Fradin, president of ADP Employer Services, a third party payroll service provider.

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