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# Uptick in fraud leads to increased whistleblower complaints in US

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The United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) reported a 35% increase in complaints from mid-March to mid-May compared with last year. The increase is due to two distinct factors<sup>[1]</sup>: the widespread fraud due to COVID-19 and the willingness of now-unemployed workers to come forward with complaints.

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