

## **419 Advance Fee Fraud Statistics 2009**

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## 419 AFF crooks have been having a feast for a decade

Never before have 419 criminals felt so untouchable, even routinely impersonating government authorities and major multinational corporations in order to defraud the public. Globally, the efforts of the authorities and the counter-419 efforts of major multinational corporations have had minimal effect on the operations of 419 fraudsters. The 419 criminal syndicates seem to regard such efforts as more of a joke than anything else, and 419 operations worldwide continue to expand largely unimpeded.

Fraudsters feel free to keep playing the joke on you: Mr. Ban Ki Moon secretary general of the UN, The Obama foundation, The World Bank and IMF, The White house, The Red Cross and all disaster relief NGO's. Mrs. Sarah Hall Ingram of the IRS, Tax departments, Mr. Mueller director of the FBI, The U.S. Government Accountability Office, Mrs. Farida Waziri Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Nigeria, The presidency's of West Africa, International Court of Justice the Hague, The US Army in Iraq and Afghanistan, The Asian Development Bank, The CBN and All commercial Nigerian Banks, All commercial banks in particular HSBC, Barclays, First National Bank of South Africa, ABN-Amro and SNS bank, The ECB European Central Bank, Western Union, MoneyGram, David Filo and Jerry Yang at Yahoo (lotteries and ISP services), Steve Ballmer and Bill Gates at Microsoft (lotteries and ISP services), Larry Page and Sergey Brin at Google (lotteries and ISP services), Coca Cola, Pepsi Cola, Nokia, Sony, LG, The MET police, Interpol, Europol, , All types of Federal Ministries and State Departments, El Gordo Lottery, mobile phone providers and so on ...

Here is the message that 419 Advance Fee Fraud scammers are sending to the authorities and to the major multinational corporations:

A. We will use and abuse your identities and services whenever it suits us - Thank You for helping to make us Fraud Billionaires over the last ten years!

B. The name of the game is that we will abuse you and you will amuse us with your regulations, filters, and empty threats!

## **419 Advance Fee Fraud**

- Money For Free Is Big Business
- The World's Most Successful Scam

## **Highest Losses**

- Over 41 billion US\$ to date, 9.3 billion in 2009

## **Highest Number of Organized Perpetrators**

- Over 300,000 globally. Growing 5% per annum, faster then ever!

## **Highest Number of Victims**

- Millions of people have incurred a loss to 419 AFF

## **Centralized counter-419 operations**

- Reporting must be kept as simple for the public as possible, to encourage maximum reports

## **419 Advance Fee Fraud moving to the east!**

- Asia falling prey to classic Advance Fee Frauds

## **Money transfer agents conduits to rip people off**

- A significant number of money transfer agencies are operated by criminal organizations

## **Cyber Crime Units or Cyber War Departments**

- The big gap in experience between criminal and straight "experts"

## **Rizomatic dynamics**

- The roots of E- Cyber Crime networks

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## **1. A fast growing multinational industry.**

The Nigerian 419 Advance Fee Fraud came to the attention of the public and regulators during the 1970s over letters generally aimed at small businesses purporting to come from figures in the Nigerian government (often the Central Bank or Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation) wanting help disposing of new oil wealth. Those letters were posted in Africa and Europe. In 2002 the US Department of Justice gained a court order to open every item of mail from Nigeria passing through JFK airport in New York, with around 70% involving scam offers. Russell Smith notes that between August and November 1998 Australia Post confiscated 4.5 tonnes of advance fee correspondence (1.8 million items) that had counterfeit postage. The 1980s and 1990s saw the scammers move from print to fax messaging followed by several explosions of email at the end of the millennium and in 2003, with the scammers spamming recipients in advanced economies (primarily those in English-speaking nations). The addressing of that email was indiscriminate, encompassing organisations and personal addresses. Today a mix of all the following approaches is used by the fast growing AFF scam rings based around the globe:

- Mail
- Fax
- Phone
- E-mail
- Chat rooms
- Dating web sites
- Matchmaking web sites
- Internet auction sites
- Social and business networking sites
- Mobile phone SMS
- Internet phone
- Internet gaming (new)
- Personal introduction
- Call centre / boiler-room

Door-to-door - in areas where an internet connection or sometimes phone or fax connections are not yet common circumstances.

### **There are No reliable statistics on 419 Advance Fraud.**

Centralized counter-419 operations are the only way that viable statistics on 419 can be maintained. Decentralized counter-419 operations mean fragmented information and data. Everyone has a piece of the picture, but no one has the full picture.

Cyber crime and other statistics posted on the internet by the authorities of various countries often use categories like auction fraud, non-delivery, credit-debit card fraud, check fraud, confidence fraud, lottery fraud, etc. to classify what are actually 419 Advance Fee Fraud crimes. All of these advance fee fraud crimes listed are in actuality, when they have a West African (primarily Nigerian) connection, 419 Advance Fee Fraud and should be classified as such. Failure to properly classify 419 crimes as 419 crimes distorts any attempt to maintain even moderately useful statistics on the incidence of 419 fraud, minimizing the magnitude and omnipresence of 419 crimes attempted and committed.

Additionally, assuming an advance fee fraud crime with a West African (primarily Nigerian) connection is properly recognized as 419 by the target, and reported as 419 to the authorities, when there is no centralized reporting place for such crimes any attempts at keeping statistics on 419 AFF are even further fragmented. For example, in the US, a 419 victim can choose to file his complaint with not less than three so-called centralized and/or specialized points of reception for such complaints, each of which keeps its own discrete set of statistics. The problem is the same with other countries.

Also, though in reality every single 419 solicitation received by a target is in fact an attempt to defraud that target (a crime), there is no country in the world today which treats such attempts to defraud as prosecutable, actionable crimes. Currently, there is no country which even actively encourages the reporting of these criminal attempts to defraud to the authorities. Reporting, when asked for by the authorities, is normally limited only to cases in which there has been a financial loss. These are of course only a very small percentage of the total criminal attempts to defraud by the 419ers (though the raw number of Loss cases is still huge both in numbers of victims and amounts lost). When only these loss cases are considered in statistics on 419, the true massive magnitude of 419 Advance Fee Fraud criminal activities is obscured - as only the tip of the iceberg of the actual numbers of 419 crimes is being included in the statistics.

### **1.1. Check fraud**

Of all check fraud reported, over 80% is Nigerian advance fee fraud related.

Of all counterfeit checks intercepted by law enforcement, 78% (global 2009) was found on, sent or received by a Nigerian 419 advance fee fraudster.

3 major production centres for counterfeit checks in Nigeria, India and Canada are either under control of AFF organizations or have their largest client base with AFF.

### **1.2. Lottery scams**

95% of all lottery scams are Nigerian 419 AFF based, the rest are usually less sophisticated. Lottery scam mailing - 4% of the recipients react of which 3% (2.5%-2007) pays one or more advance fees.

### **1.3. Non delivery fraud and auction fraud**

We have not analyzed enough raw data to state a percentage but we believe that the majority of those frauds are 419 AFF based. Two of our indicators are that 90% of fake sales and auction websites are 419 AFF based. 97% of the non-delivery/auction fraud that we reviewed was Nigerian 419 AFF based.

Last will, testament, inheritance scam

91% are perpetrated by Nigerian 419 AFF organisations. Many other fraud categories are perpetrated by Nigerian 419 AFF organisations, not just Nigerian letter fraud.

## **2. Centralized counter-419 operations**

Are the best way to assure an efficient, organized pool of contact data for the public in reporting 419 attempts and losses. Reporting must be kept as simple for the public as possible, to encourage maximum reports. Only by encouraging maximum reporting can the best statistics and information be generated on 419 activities.

Having the best information possible is essential for accurately estimating the size of the problem and analysing trends of 419 activities.

### **3. The AFF statistics by the 419unit@ultrascan-agi.com**

#### **3.1. What's different with our numbers?**

- We investigate what 419 AFF scammers do. We do not wait for victims to file a complaint. Many victims do not report the crime at all, as it is often the biggest mistake of their lives.
- The numbers are based on our investigations from 1996 till now, but mainly recent from March 2003 to December 31 2009.

The information that we collect and analyse:

- Scam proposals via internet, fax and phone through our robots for reception and response in 69 countries. (POR69)
- Complaints of victims that contact the 419 Unit for assistance.
- Communications from perpetrators with victims and perpetrators with perpetrators.  
A small number of Police reports and court decisions.
- More than 51,761 scammers, outside Nigeria and excluding “money mules”, have been identified since March 2003, of which 16,626 have been monitored and reported to the authorities in the countries where they were residing.

The 419 Unit of Ultrascan-AGI is not an official reporting centre however in 2009 we did review 8503 complaints (2007 - 17475) concerning Nigerian 419 advance fee fraud coming from 152 countries (2007-161):

- Our estimates are based on our records analysed and prepared by 419 AFF experts.
- We investigate and follow volatility and trends of AFF.
- Profile fraud victims - perpetrators and their Modus Operandi.

#### **3.2. What is not different with our numbers?**

- Our numbers do not show the complete AFF situation in the world, not even in one specific country.
- Our estimates are low, and for some countries probably extremely low. (We will not give estimates if we have no records of our own)
- We have substantial evidence that 95% of the lottery scams and 88% of check fraud are Nigerian AFF related. 78% of counterfeit checks that were found during transport were in possession of a Nigerian. Most counterfeit checks were produced in Nigeria, Canada and India of which a significant number under control of Nigerian AFF.

#### **3.3. Misunderstandings on 419 AFF**

Most check and lottery fraud are Nigerian 419 AFF.

1. Lottery fraud (95% Nigerian advance fee scammers)
2. Check fraud (88% Nigerian advance fee scammers)
3. 419 advance fee fraud (97% Nigerian advance fee scammers )

## **4. Developments, the decade and 2009**

### **4.1. What is the situation?**

- The majority of Nigerian Advance Fee Fraud is still organized by Nigerians, but no longer initially from Nigeria. A minimum of 51,761 perpetrate their crime from 69 other countries and at least 250,000 from Nigeria.
- In some countries the authorities are attempting to curb the menace with publicity about local 419 scams and examples to warn the public. It is a worthwhile attempt to educate people and prevent 419 cases.
- Other attempts targeting the communication methods/resources of the scammers have been done before and are successful for a couple of days or weeks.
- Its obvious that law enforcements feeble attempts to control this fraud have failed, as evidenced by 3 decades exponential 419 AFF growth.
- The high numbers of perpetrators has the advantage that some of them can easily be found and apprehended red handed, however time has passed and the cross border crime organisations have become to large, they are everywhere and comprehensive and can no longer be stopped only (temporarily) disrupted.
- The focus should be centralized data collecting and disruption; Keywords Collect and Disrupt

### **4.2. 419 Advance Fee Fraud moving to the east!**

While the 419 AFF scam industry in the west has developed in to an unstoppable high-end cash cow, the east is attacked and tested with the old fashioned classic 419 proposals.

Markets of India and China but also of countries like South Korea and Vietnam are falling prey to similar classic Advance Fee Frauds as North America and Europe was during previous decades. Where hundred of thousand of Indians are falling mainly for low-end job and (student) visa scams. Chinese are falling for simple lottery scams perpetrated from Europe and C.O.D. (cash on delivery) scams perpetrated from Africa. The strategy is also inspired by China's economic investment focus on Africa as well as India's ICT outsourcing projects toward African countries and regions. Africa's enormous natural resources (Oil & Minerals) as well as its growing population need to be recognized as a triggering factor for any (criminal or economic) Superpower also 419 AFF.

Classic variations on the Scam include "over invoiced" or "double invoiced" oil or other supply and service contracts where the scammers want to get the overage out of West Africa (Classic 419); crude oil and other commodity deals (a form of Goods and Services 419); a "bequest" left you in a will (Will Scam 419); "money cleaning" where your Bad Guy has a lot of currency that needs to be "chemically cleaned" before it can be used and he needs the cost of the chemicals (Black Currency 419) ; "spooft banks" where there is supposedly money in your name already on deposit; "paying" for a purchase with a check larger than the amount required and asking for change to be advanced

- What we have on record is the tip of the iceberg of a rapidly growing and insidious threat to the global economy, undermining trust and mercilessly exploiting humans for financial gain.
- Direct cooperation between law enforcement from the victim's home country and the scammer's working country is a decided advantage.
- Centralized 419 reporting and counter-419 operations in countries with a high AFF activity are essential!

#### **4.3. 419 AFF Scam Spam**

The geniuses at Security and Legal departments must feel pretty foolish at ISP's like Yahoo, Google and Microsoft about the fact that in 10 years they were not able to filter out a couple of lottery and inheritance messages and fraudulent web sites on their servers. 419 frauds SPAM is still dispersed at higher volume and the change to targeted e-mail messages has caused concern among law enforcement agencies. 419 AFF proposals through spam, in most cases this is arranged from within the organisation itself, the harvesting of email addresses and the sending of spam. Some organisations have specialized associates that only spam, but the most successful 419 organizations do the harvesting of email/fax/phone/messenger ID's themselves to be able to target specific groups and pay a professional spammer to distribute the scam proposals. 419 AFF is not per definition cyber crime. It is a mainly a confidence fraud using all communication resources available.

#### **4.4. Web Non-Latin script on the Internet will give a boost to cyber crime.**

Without Non-Latin IDNs there is every week a minimum of 15 thousand new web sites registered with criminal intent. ISP's have been unable and unwilling to perform the simple task of filtering/stopping criminal abuse of their services. In fact there is enough evidence for the authorities to prosecute ISP's for knowingly facilitating crime and being/providing conduits to rip of people.

The Web Non-Latin script on the Internet will give a boost to cyber crime. The game of internet related crimes is partly starting all over again; just adding Non-Latin characters to previous successful fraud web sites is enough to double for example Corporate ID theft. Let alone the possibility to target victims in their own language, also local criminal organizations will jump on the bandwagon and collect on the successful cyber crime formats and markets that until now were language limited.

#### **4.5. Money transfer agents conduits to rip people off**

Fact is that Money transfer agents from Western Union and Moneygram play a major role in laundering criminal profits. A significant number of money transfer agencies are operated by criminal organizations. Conservative estimates show that around 10% of money transfer agents profit knowingly from scams.

Still every day, there are 419 victims that send cash transfers to "staff" of so-called lawyers/attorneys around the world and in most cases the staff of the transfer agent is not protecting their client for a possible AFF in progress, not even if their client is sending money to "pay for collecting on an inheritance or lottery prize" which is a 98% sure signal of 419 Advance Fee Fraud!

Police investigations have shown the abuse of money transfer agencies around the globe, but none of the transfer companies show a self cleaning ability to prevent theft from there clients nor do they thoroughly check their agents for criminal intent or taking part in scams.

The conversations with money transfer companies about this subject are limited to marketing spokespersons denying responsibility, claiming due diligence and compliance with regulations. Security is a matter of marketing?

The Financial Regulators, Fraud authorities and Consumer authorities in most countries have a decade filled with evidence to punish or prosecute the money transfer companies and their agents for knowingly or

avoiding knowing, hurting consumers and supporting criminal organisations. Force them to implement a comprehensive anti-fraud and agent-monitoring program.

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MoneyGram to Pay \$18 Million to Settle FTC Charges It Allowed its Money Transfer System To Be Used for Fraud. The Money Transfer Company is also required to implement comprehensive Anti-Fraud Program and to monitor its Agents

MoneyGram International, Inc., the second-largest money transfer service in the United States, will pay \$18 million in consumer redress to settle FTC charges that the company allowed its money transfer system to be used by fraudulent telemarketers to bilk U.S. consumers out of tens of millions of dollars. MoneyGram also will be required to implement a comprehensive anti-fraud and agent-monitoring program.

<http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2009/10/moneygram.shtm>

#### **4.6. Caller ID theft/spoof**

Internet phones or cell phones hacked to show calls as coming from European and US numbers even though they originate from Nigeria.

#### **4.7. Mobile Service Providers – Up scaled Target of Corporate ID Theft by 419 fraudsters**

419 AFF Fraudsters are also calling Mobile Service subscribers and sending instant messages while posing as representatives of Mobile Service Providers out to offer prizes.

#### **4.8. Fraud web sites**

In 2007 the number of fake company and phishing websites almost doubled from 23000 to 44000 on record. At the end of 2007 there was an average of 1500 fake company websites registered per week, of which every week we registered 120 bogus financial services companies. In 2009 every week a minimum of 15 thousand new web sites is registered with criminal intent. ISP's have been unable and unwilling to perform the simple task of filtering/stopping criminal abuse of their services.

The majority of criminal websites are registered with false or stolen ID.

#### **4.9. Money mules**

A "Money mule" is someone who allows his or her bank account to be used for the transfer of illegal funds for a small commission.

419 AFF comes in many forms. In all cases, money needs to be funnelled back to the scammers in a way that will hide its origins. To this end, the scammers recruit often unsuspecting people.

The offer comes in the form of someone being an agent for a company or a freelance job, collecting payments and sending them.

The problem is that many people do not see this as a crime. After all, they think, I am just offering a service for which I am getting paid.

By using many of those money mules, the effect is distributed over many individuals making it hard for law enforcement to trace it.

Banks should be able to filter transactions of their customers in order to protect them from becoming a "money mule".

419 networks have been and still are the major global players in check fraud, at the same time they have the largest number of money mules at their disposal and therefore are top guns for any criminal cashing job.

#### **4.10. Money laundering**

The dollar is still the main scam currency, but there is a significant trend to Asian currencies and the Euro. Money laundering takes place on all levels of these cross border crime organizations.

- On the ground level the routine is noticeably through money mules and cash transfers.
- The second level mainly by investments in real estate markets in the fast growing economies. (Examples are Shanghai and Dubai)
- The third level still shows the use of airlines and tickets to launder and transfer ill-gotten profits.
- On the top-level of international crime syndicates, money laundering, transfers and tax evasion takes place through “the minute system” when minutes of Satellite, mobile and broadband phone are the international means to launder money to practically every country in the world.
- Ownership in banks is a way for crime to control normal businesses. We found significance in overcapitalised banks, in countries that join(-ed) the EU or (for example Nigeria) that returned to the international business and banking community when it was taken of the FATF list.

## 5. Cyber Crime Units or Cyber War Departments

Failing to curb cyber crime with specialised units has led to the necessity of cyber war departments in several countries. Some are planned or working but all are understaffed, not qualified, insufficiently funded, under equipped, not right positioned, hard-working staff is underpaid, with some of the units that the media tells us exist, it's a tiring hassle for a normal person to find them and at moments some e-crime units cannot be reached. (Phones are not answered and email bounces)

In the world of cyber-crime the officers and analysts we have dealt with, are more interested in the scientific aspect of the work and the compilation of a generic report in years to come as opposed to having any impact on the criminal activity.

In a nutshell there are few practitioners in the world of cyber-crime investigation/efforts and they still not have significant tactical or strategic input with local or federal law enforcement.

Over the last decade many national authorities have set up special units to counter cyber-crime, including 419. These units tend to be poorly funded and often poorly organized. Today, these units are being merged into sort of Cyber War Departments which are tasked with protecting national IT infrastructures as well as performing counter cyber-crime functions.

These Cyber War Departments actively recruit IT experts who have criminal hacking expertise, saying in essence "Join us, we need your expertise, fight the hackers and the criminals, help us "wargame" against cyber-threats, we pay well, and we will forget about your past if you come to work for us.

Unfortunately, this approach can allow criminals who remain criminals to infiltrate the system - as the intelligence community learned to its chagrin after 9/11 when many assets newly recruited for their expertise in Islamic extremism turned out be double agents.

## **6. The rizomatic roots of E- Cyber Crime networks.**

Of course all businesses, including cyber crime, are dynamic and it is necessary to adapt. But adapt to what?

Consider the roots of E- Cyber Crime networks have rizomatic dynamics: resisting, contaminating, and vitalizing what has been established, integrating unknown actors and open sourced adaptive. No linear growth or (common) organizational structure.

The only guarantee one gets when cutting a head of these “new” criminal networks, is that there are more new heads popping up in (until recent) unpredictable shapes and places.

Media campaign’s to warn and educate the public, procedures to protect and change infrastructure, new laws and regulations or arresting a hundred or a thousand obvious perpetrators is positive action, but does not stop the growth and effectiveness of those rizomatic criminal networks, they adapt faster, their decision cycles are significantly shorter and they get better.

## **7. Growing profits and expanding networks.**

Profits of fraud are sky rocketing for a continuously growing number of perpetrators of this endemic crime and after investing in to developing recruitment and new fraud markets profits are flowing in to other crimes.

### **7.1. Drugs**

West Africa has become the major transporter for cocaine from South America and ingredients for chemical drugs from Asia to Europe. The large Nigerian criminal networks with bases around the world support finance, transport, distribution and money laundering.

### **7.2. Card and internet banking check fraud**

Card fraud has always been a support industry to facilitate the cross border element of 419 scammers. Scammers travel, communicate and market their services for free by paying with stolen credit card details.

419 networks have been and still are the major global players in check fraud, at the same time they have the largest number of money mules at their disposal and therefore are top guns for any criminal cashing job.

Internet banking fraud is not a common crime for the 419 networks but this is currently changing because hackers in Eastern Europe have stolen access to bank accounts that can also produce bank cheques and because cashing checks is the speciality of the 419 organisations there is a growing cooperation. This particular cooperation was operational in 2009 and will expand in 2010.

### **7.3. Proliferation**

In 2009 profits from 419 AFF organizations financed arms deals and the cross border networks were used to support transports.

### **7.4. Terrorism**

Between 2003 and 2007 there was evidence of a terrorist connection in the slipstream of 419 fraud networks, supporting attacks. In 2008 and 2009 there was evidence directly linking 419 AFF networks to (attempted) attacks. So the AFF scams have been escalated to a matter of utmost concern.

## 8. 419 AFF Country trends

Greece became a European banking centre for Nigerian AFF. Almost all Greek banks have at least 290 bank accounts used to receive transfers of 419 AFF victims. 419 AFF perpetrators have key ownerships and key positions\*. The 419 AFF organizations have recruited more low cost locals, mainly in Romania. Among young people that want to work in another country, in Spain and Italy among African refugees and China and India to do their front store work like opening bank accounts, registering companies with the chamber of commerce and receiving money transfers. In 2009 more locals have been arrested for AFF, this will become mainstream when prosecuting AFF, while the 419 AFF organisations stay aloof. There is no centralized 419 reporting.

In the Netherlands we registered a decline in the use of Dutch company bank accounts by 419 scammers. But a steep rise in money mules and victims of Auction, Job and Love scams. 2009 was also a very successful year for the fake SNS bank operated by Nigerian fraudsters in the Netherlands; it looted millions of dollars from victims coming mainly from Asia, South Korea and India.

The federal police project Apollo that started on October 10 2006 ended October 10 2007. It investigated the possibilities for change in Dutch infrastructure, rules, regulations and law, to make the Netherlands less attractive for West African Fraud Crime Networks. During the effort 125 perpetrators were arrested.

2008 could have been a turning point for the Netherlands if project Apollo had been continued in to a new structure. However in 2009 it became clear that Dutch authorities and politicians let the ball drop, and with that the knowledge base collected by the Apollo project. There is still no centralized reporting.

The federal police project Apollo can be considered as an exemplary "best structural effort". Other countries with 419 fraud problems are suggested to copy this effort.

In the U.K. police action against 419 AFF came close to a halt. The only structured attempt was a small Fraud Alert unit in London. A new National Fraud Authority will be active from 2010. We initially expect the service to fraud victims in the UK to improve dramatically! However as it looks now the National Fraud Authority is making the crucial mistake of mixing fraud victims with tax fraud. This combination is typical for governments to make, a good subject for stand up comedians but a real bad combination for fraud victims!

Japan has almost no 419ers that work from there, compared to the high losses of Japanese AFF victims. And it has no longer the exclusive to a very successful extension of the 419 scam which has been specifically tuned to honourable victims in Japan, South Korea and China. The victims are blackmailed after they realise that they have been scammed. The scammers threaten the victims with telling there colleagues, friends and family that they have been scammed, if the victim doesn't keep paying fees. There is a surge in scam activity focussed on this "shame scam", it seems to work even if a victim is initially scammed for a small amount like \$50.

Remitting money to Japan is still easy because identification and other security procedures are less strict compared with the West. Therefore it is a place to be for money laundering.

In Canada there is a high number of Nigerian 419ers. Most of those are perpetrating the whole range of 419 crimes and service other scamrings around the globe. There is a high professionalism among the

leaders of the Canadian 419 scammers, they have built their business and extended it in to the normal business community, owning a Money Transfer agency or Money Change office is very common. There are links to other international organized crime groups and profits are in some cases laundered through foreign banks in which they have a key ownership. In Canada victims of Nigerian AFF can report with "Phone Busters" fraud prevention and reporting centre.

Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia has become a centre for 419 AFF; we noticed an increase in the number of scammers deployed there from Europe, Canada and West Africa. Reports from all over Asia, China, South Korea, New Zealand, Australia and Vietnam but also from the US, show an increase of victims whose defrauded moneys are laundered via banks in Malaysia.

In the U.S. the authorities still put their effort in prosecuting check fraud victims and unwary money mules, and a media campaign that obviously doesn't work. There was a minimal effort in international law enforcement cooperation in contrast with the large number of U.S. victims. There still is no centralized reporting with significant results.

Where you find the US army in problem areas like Iraq and Afghanistan you find Nigerian 419 AFF perpetrators that abuse the communication services to perpetrate love and abandoned or recovered treasure scams.

## **9. Nigeria says it wants to clean up its image**

Nigeria says it wants to clean up its image, 419 Advance Fee Fraud is in Nigeria not a matter of safety but of security. And the great concern of most Nigerians is the image of Nigeria, which was smeared by 419 AFF, internet fraud, and corruption. The EFCC Economic and Financial Crimes Commission is the instrument of the Nigerian Government to fight these crimes.

But before Nigerians start to clean their image they should decide which image they are going to clean, the bad image Nigerians have of (some) Nigerians or the bad image that foreigners have of Nigerians, you choose!

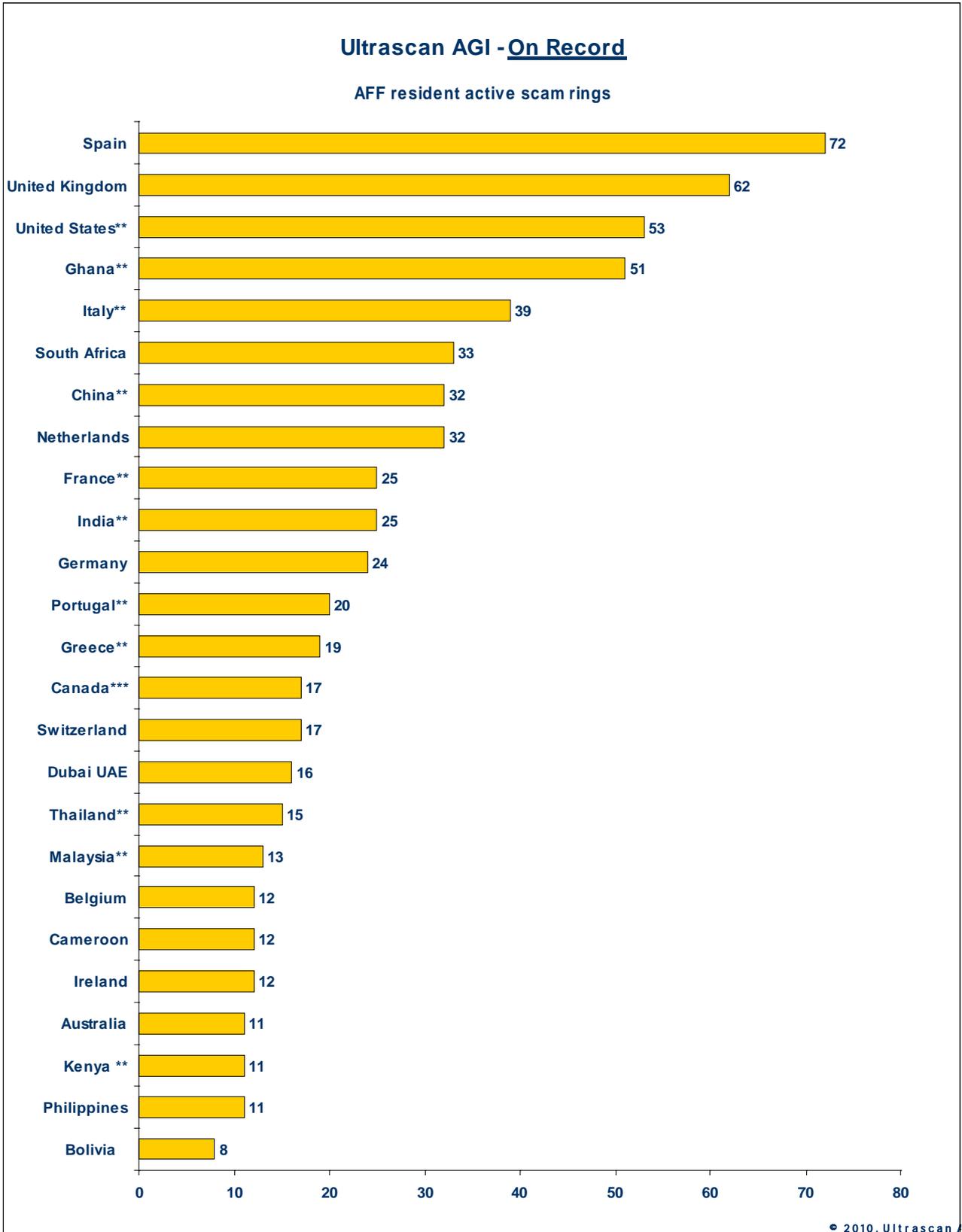
The EFCC is quite successful in their actions and results for Nigeria. Prosecution for stealing from the nation's coffers is going just well enough it should actually please its citizens and politicians to have such an honourable institution.

However, sadly it doesn't take away the bad image that proud Nigerians want to get rid of. Because the foreign victims of fraud, that send money to Nigeria and Nigerians every day, couldn't care less about Nigerians stealing from Nigeria as long as they don't get their money back, and their fraudsters are not arrested and prosecuted for crimes.

Nigerians can be proud of the EFCC but forget about changing the bad image when they don't arrest fraudsters and send stolen money back to victims. That would be the first signal of 150 million proud Nigerians that can win a small battle from a tiny group of criminals smearing their name. It's pretty easy but you have to really want it!

More country specific information available on valid request.

10. Top 25 On Record - AFF resident active scam rings



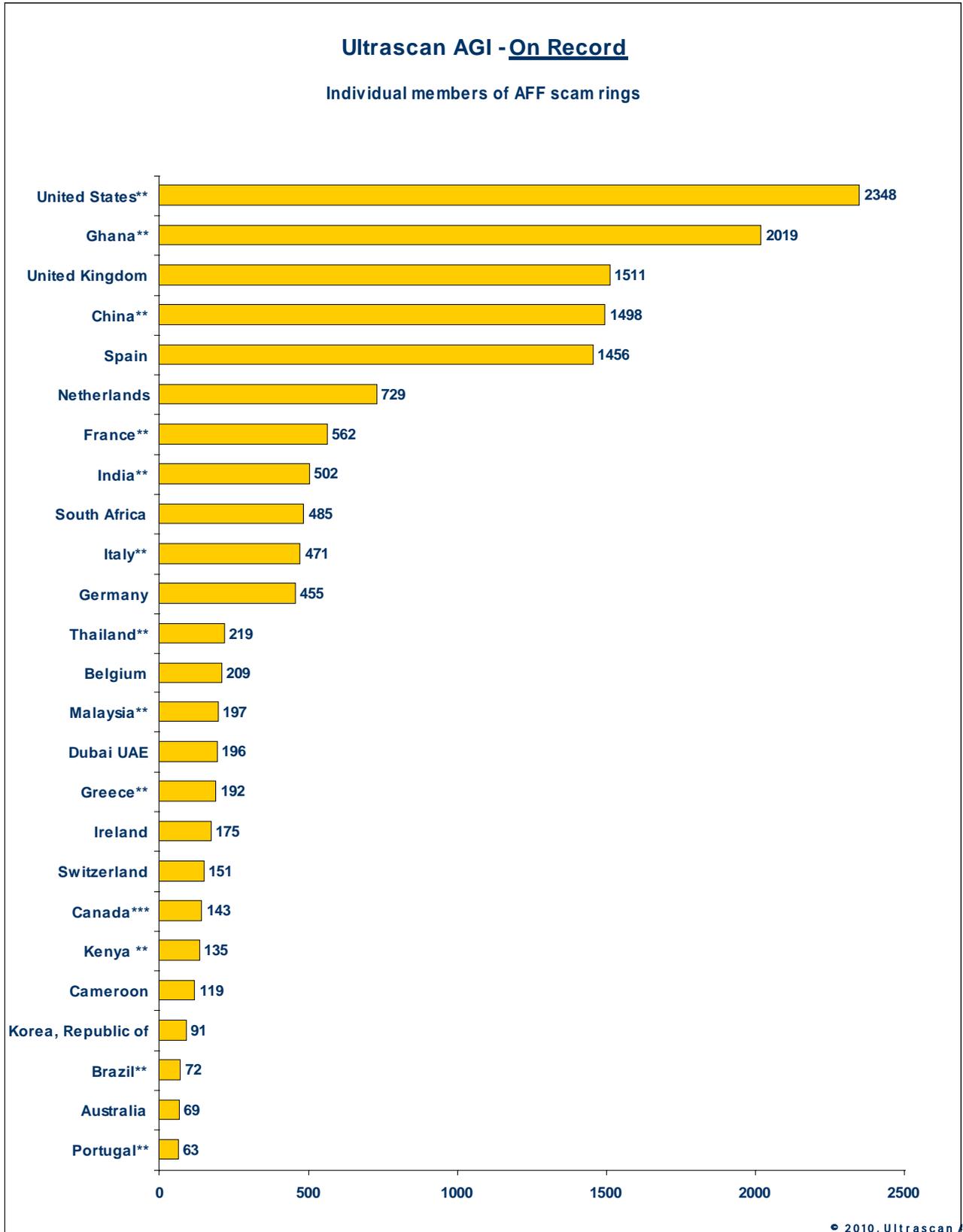
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11. Top 25 On Record - Individual members of AFF scam rings



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## 12. AFF resident active scam rings – Individual members of AFF scam rings

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	AFF resident active scam rings					Individual members of AFF scam rings				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Argentina	5	3	1			39	7	3	3	
Australia	11	9	8	5	2	69	53	39	23	12
Austria	3	3	2	2	2	42	45	50	51	62
Belgium	12	7	7	4	3	209	161	159	81	72
Bolivia	8	7	1			22	12	9		
Brazil**	7	5	4	3		72	53	33	24	
Bulgaria	4	2	2	1	1	33	24	33	21	32
Cameroon	12	8	3			119	71	34		
Canada***	17	10	6	5	5	143	97	118	62	79
Chile	3	3				14	3	2		
China**	32	21	20	12	2	1498	1176	521	178	73
Colombia	3	3	1	1		17	5	3	3	
Croatia	2	2				4	4	2	1	
Cyprus	4	2	2	2	1	9	8	5	5	2
Denmark	7	4	3	2	2	39	38	41	25	26
Dubai UAE	16	10	7	5	2	196	121	99	18	2
Egypt	7	5	4	4	2	39	35	26	19	15
Finland	4	3	2	1	1	15	11	11	6	5
France**	25	19	11	9	7	562	547	352	312	127
Gambia	2	1				47	45	5	4	
Germany	24	19	12	9	10	455	395	389	311	275
Ghana**	51	27	24	16	4	2019	1825	577	283	124
Greece**	19	13	10	12	4	192	199	152	192	155
Hong Kong **	6	4	3	2		33	33	17	12	
Hungary**	3	3	2	2	2	11	14	14	18	16
India**	25	15	8	7	3	502	395	324	107	79
Indonesia	4	3	2	1		29	20	15	6	
Iran	2	2	1			9	9	5	2	
Iraq	4	3	1	2		30	29	10	11	
Ireland	12	12	8	7	6	175	171	131	128	117
Israel	3	3	2	2		10	10	5	3	
Italy**	39	26	17	15	8	471	352	332	209	149
Japan	7	6	3	2	1	16	15	9	5	2
Kenya **	11	6	5	3		135	80	73	8	
Korea, Republic of	8	7	7	5		91	77	52	31	
Kuwait	2	2	1	1		13	10	8	6	

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	AFF resident active scam rings					Individual members of AFF scam rings				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Libya	1	2				2	1	1		
Lithuania	5	3	3	2	1	19	19	11	5	3
Luxembourg	2	2				5	5	2	1	1
Malaysia**	13	10	7	5	2	197	133	125	53	51
Malta	3	2	1	1	1	12	10	7	4	2
Mauritius	1	1				2	2	1	1	
Mexico	4	3	2	1		12	11	5	2	
Morocco	3	3				19	15	2	2	
Netherlands	32	26	14	17	24	729	588	611	777	802
Netherlands Antilles	3	2	1			18	11	6		
New Zealand	1	1	1	0		5	4	3	1	
Pakistan	6	3	1	1		21	16	5	4	
Palestinian Territory	0	0				2	1	1		
Philippines	11	6	4	4		31	28	12	13	
Poland	6	4	3	2	2	18	15	12	7	11
Portugal**	20	12	5	3	3	63	46	41	26	24
Romania**	7	7	5	5	2	37	39	22	26	19
Russia	6	4	2	1		51	37	22	12	
Saudi Arabia	1	0		1		6	6	4	4	
Senegal	8	6	1			47	36	2		
Singapore	5	4	5	3		23	26	26	6	
Slovenia	2	1				6	6			
South Africa	33	17	8	7	3	485	372	216	173	177
Spain	72	39	24	22	18	1456	1217	913	765	561
Sweden	6	5	3	2	3	32	26	16	9	11
Switzerland	17	9	7	5	3	151	81	83	12	7
Taiwan	4	4	3	3		22	17	16	12	
Thailand**	15	7	5	2	3	219	129	129	29	31
Czech Republic**	5	3	2	2	2	16	16	11	13	9
Turkey**	7	7	5	3	3	54	42	31	9	5
United Kingdom	62	44	23	19	20	1511	718	719	713	724
United States**	53	32	21	15	8	2348	411	302	233	271
Yugoslavia	4	3				17	18			
other countries**** excl. Nigeria	94	62	17	12	36	1611	1008	321	310	272
<b>Totals</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>16626</b>	<b>11260</b>	<b>7336</b>	<b>5390</b>	<b>4405</b>

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- Growing 419 AFF activity

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- After a decline renewed 419 AFF growth expected.

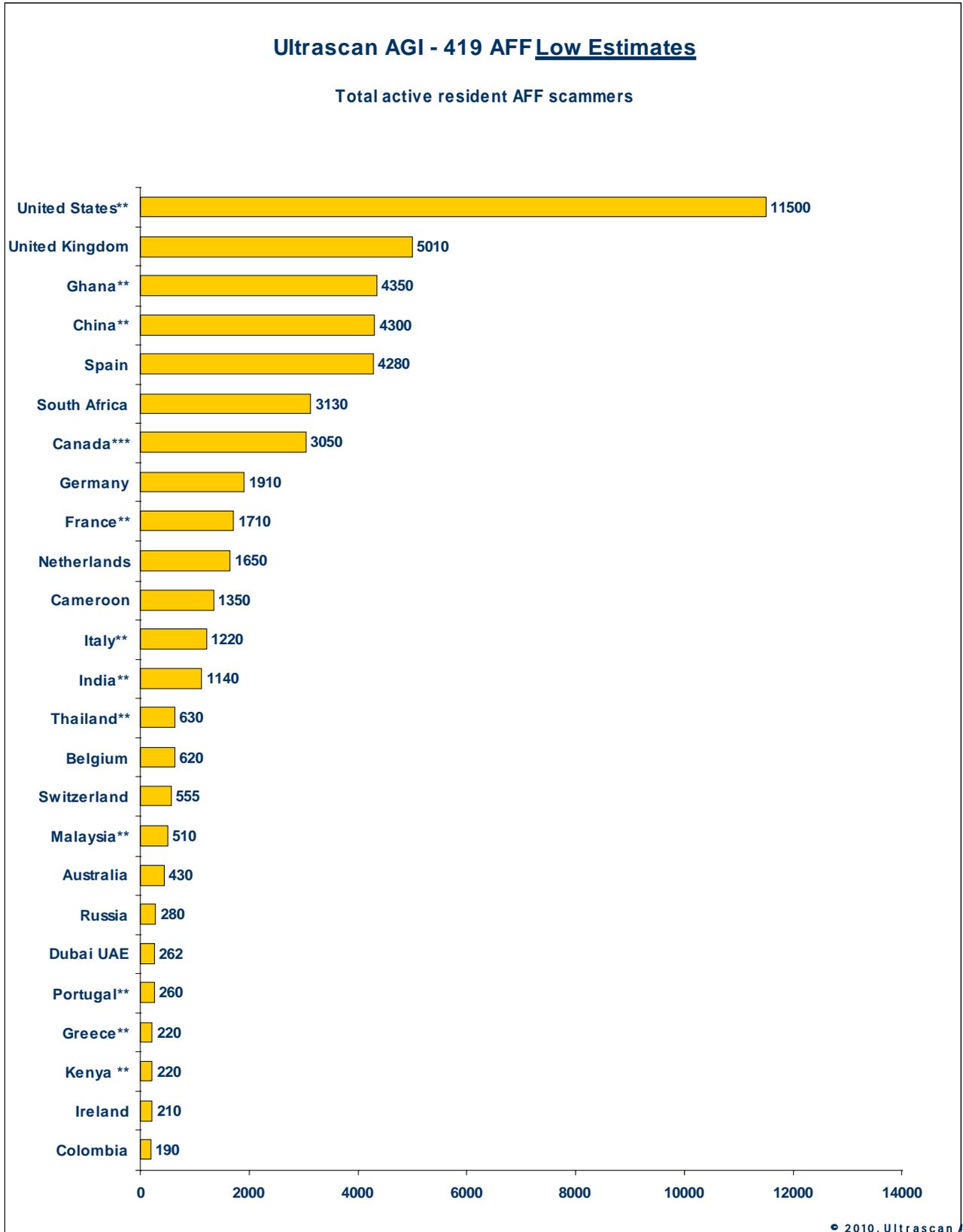
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- Other countries (excl. Nigeria) with a fast 419 AFF activity growth.

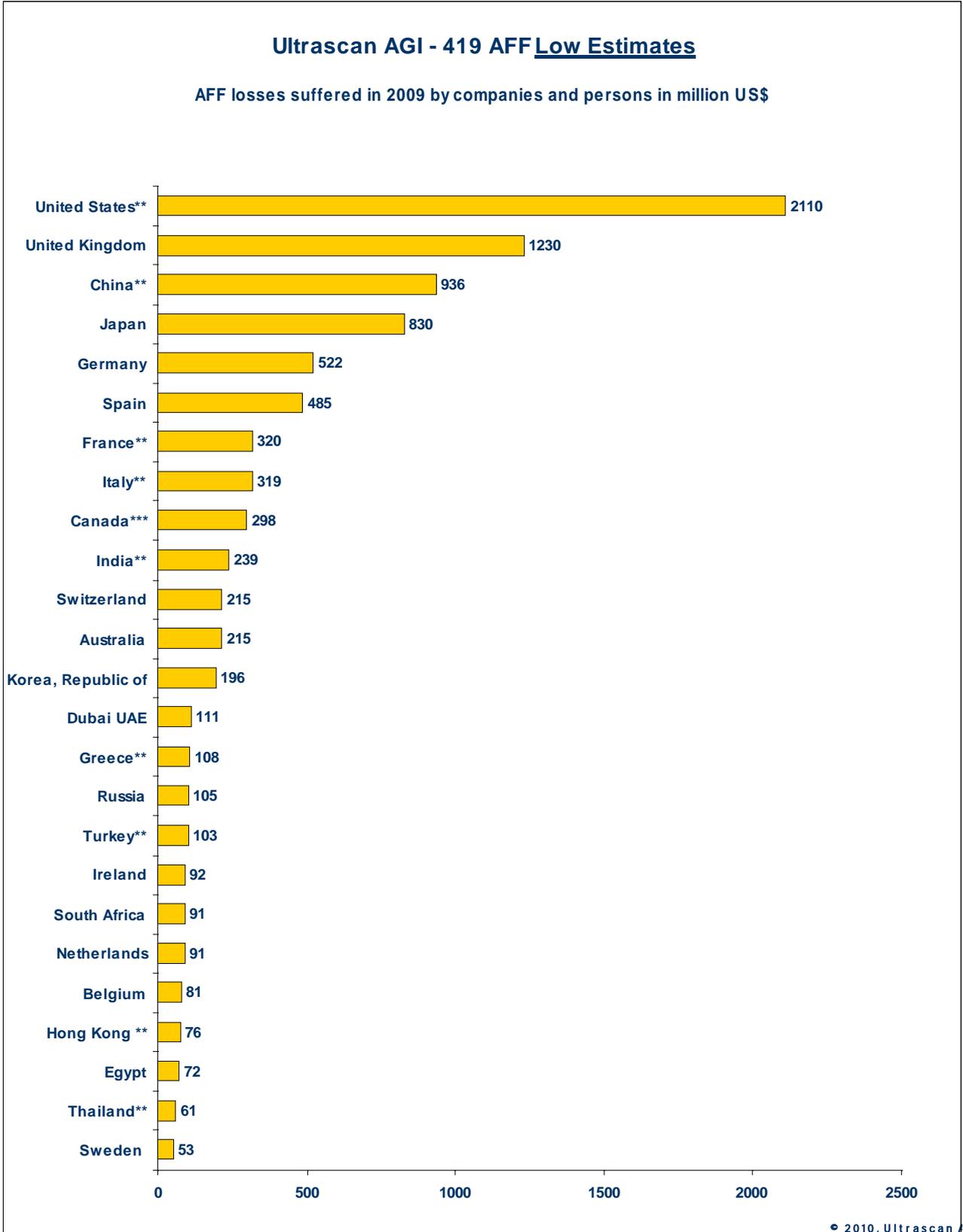
In Nigeria there are too many 419 rings and 419ers to enumerate and quantify losses to victims worldwide.

\*(our record) = numbers established through investigations by the 419 unit of Ultrascan-AGI and/or confirmed from open source. Our investigations are focused on countries with a high AFF victim/loss count excluding Nigeria itself and parts of South-America.

13. Top 25 Estimates - Total AFF active resident scammers



14. Top 25 Estimates - AFF Losses Suffered by companies and persons



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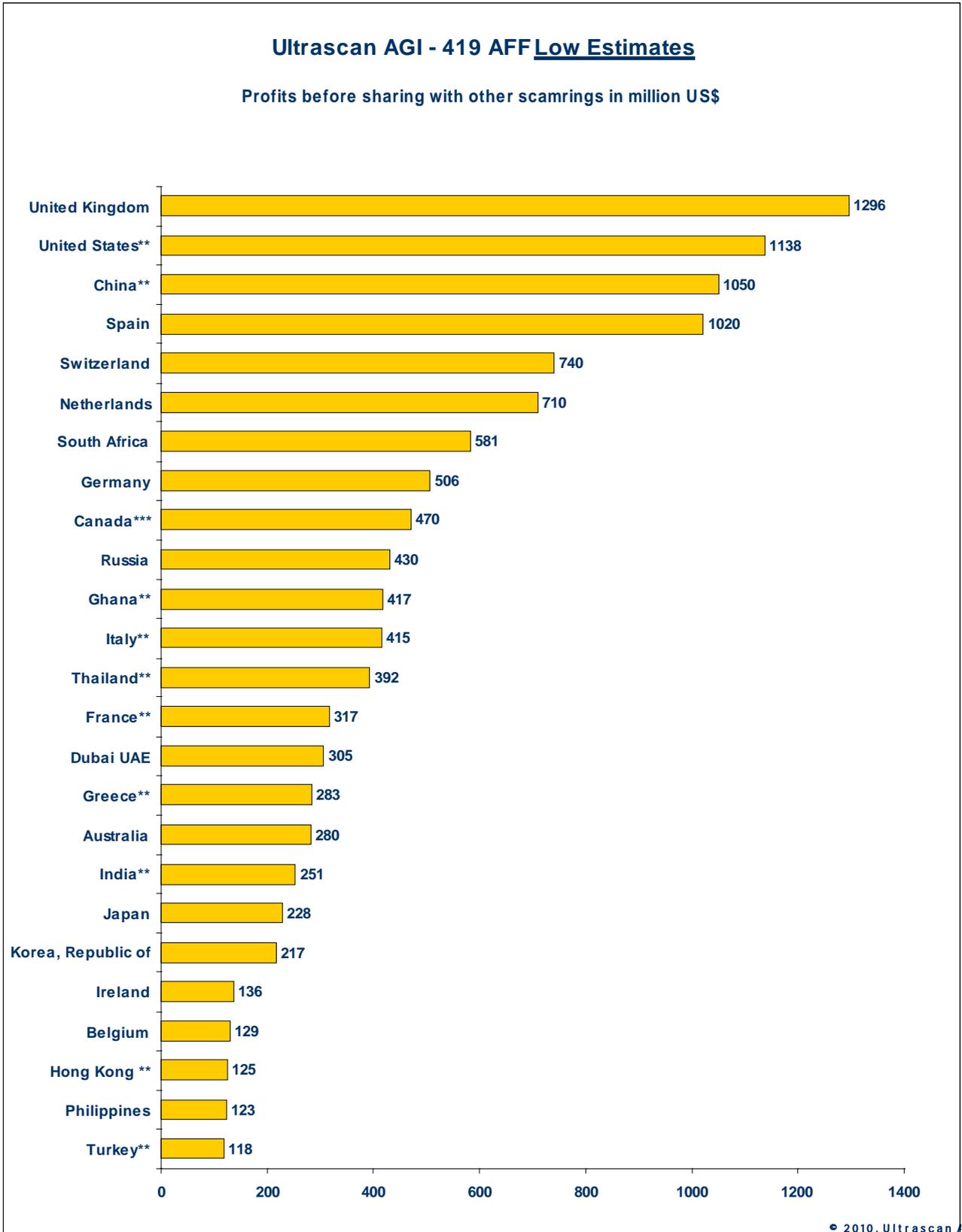
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## 15. Estimates - Total AFF active resident scammers – Losses suffered

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Nigerian Advance Fee Fraud on record* and low estimates for the countries listed below.	Total active resident AFF scammers				AFF losses suffered in 2009 by companies and persons in million US\$				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Argentina	130	75	25		7	5,6	2,7	2,5	
Australia	430	310	275	220	215	210	166	125	92
Austria	80	95	105	110	5,3	4,2	3	5	8
Belgium	620	490	390	300	81	65	79	51	70
Bolivia	50	37	19		4,8	3	0,1	1,1	
Brazil**	150	85	70	60	51	35	22	16	
Bulgaria	75	60	45	35	2,5	1,5	1,4	0,6	0,3
Cameroon	1350	550	130		0,3	0,1	0,1	0,15	
Canada***	3050	3200	3310	3120	298	163	158	150	172
Chile	60	30			4,2	2,5	0,21	0,12	
China**	4300	4000	3500	2900	936	655	205	115	20
Colombia	190	110	10	12	14,5	6,7	5,6	1,3	
Croatia	19	15	9		0,93	0,85	0,7	0,11	
Cyprus	20	12	9	7	3	1,1	1,1	0,7	0,6
Denmark	80	80	75	39	21,4	8,6	8,2	7	7
Dubai UAE	262	200	132	70	111	125	81	45	1,3
Egypt	120	95	75	52	72	30	27	32	28
Finland	42	30	21	17	6,35	3,2	4,1	2	3
France**	1710	1200	590	515	320	291	235	192	130
Gambia	70	60	30		2,4	1,7	1,2	3,2	
Germany	1910	1700	1455	1210	522	293	280	221	210
Ghana**	4350	3230	2410	1690	6,2	2,8	3,3	1,7	0,4
Greece**	220	210	190	210	108	52	12	53	11
Hong Kong **	82	55	38	17	76	63	35	32	
Hungary**	90	80	50	50	4,3	2,1	1,3	2,7	1,2
India**	1140	850	510	190	239	137	52	32	3,5
Indonesia	66	50	38	20	10,5	12	7	4,5	
Iran	30	30	15		6,3	4,5	2,5	1,7	
Iraq	150	110	30	28	1,9	2,1	0,25	2,1	
Ireland	210	195	170	145	92	66	57	35	45
Israel	30	25	15	10	19,3	12	2,4	11	
Italy**	1220	1020	830	610	319	179	159	115	120
Japan	85	60	35	8	830	390	270	350	320
Kenya **	220	200	170	30	9	7	5	3	
Korea, Republic of	137	120	104	45	196	131	72	63	
Kuwait	50	40	25		5,1	4,4	4,2	0,6	

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	Total active resident AFF scammers				AFF losses suffered in 2009 by companies and persons in million US\$				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Libya	12	10	5		0,38	0,24	0,3	0,04	
Lithuania	24	21	15	7	4,1	2,7	2,9	0,6	0,7
Luxembourg	27	10	3	3	3,7	2,1	0,6	6	3
Malaysia**	510	395	260	85	37	22	17	15	11
Malta	25	20	10	2	1,6	0,37	0,35	0,1	0,07
Mauritius	9	5	2		0,15	0,1		0,1	
Mexico	35	25	20	15	43	27	12	17	
Morocco	50	20			4,1	3,1	3	0,2	
Netherlands	1650	1250	1281	1552	91	89	83	79	72
Netherlands Antilles	37	30	17		1,4	1,2	0,8	0,35	
New Zealand	10	12	7	1	3,5	8,6	4,1	6,5	
Pakistan	75	40	15		7	5,8	1,5	0,3	
Palestinian Territory	3	2	1		0,85	1,9	0,1	2	
Philippines	105	50	35	35	7,1	3,9	1,3	3	
Poland	55	45	33	20	13,5	7,9	5,6	4	1,7
Portugal**	260	150	75	50	41	21	19	13	12
Romania**	85	65	61	62	14,7	11,5	6,8	3,5	0,8
Russia	280	90	35	25	105	91	46	3,7	
Saudi Arabia	10	10	10	10	15	17	11	17	
Senegal	151	90	31		0,95	0,15	0,06	0,09	
Singapore	70	55	60	20	14	11	7	3,5	
Slovenia	12	10			0,1	0,07	0,05	0,03	
South Africa	3130	2400	1550	1250	91	86	105	116	136
Spain	4280	3940	3140	2840	485	387	355	350	320
Sweden	75	44	36	29	53	31	11	26	26
Switzerland	555	410	285	115	215	201	130	160	102
Taiwan	65	60	50	37	7,2	5,3	2,9	2,2	
Thailand**	630	490	310	110	61	41	28	19	1,1
Czech Republic**	78	40	21	22	21	7,2	6	10,5	9
Turkey**	115	100	105	110	103	71	55	26	5
United Kingdom	5010	3790	2520	2120	1230	810	580	530	520
United States**	11500	9100	6200	3500	2110	1390	830	790	720
Yugoslavia	30	20			1,2	0,5		0,45	
other countries**** excl. Nigeria					0	0			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51761</b>	<b>41508</b>	<b>31098</b>	<b>23740</b>	<b>9387,81</b>	<b>6328,58</b>	<b>4289,72</b>	<b>3883,24</b>	<b>3183,67</b>

16. Top 25 Estimates – Profits before sharing with other scammings in million US \$



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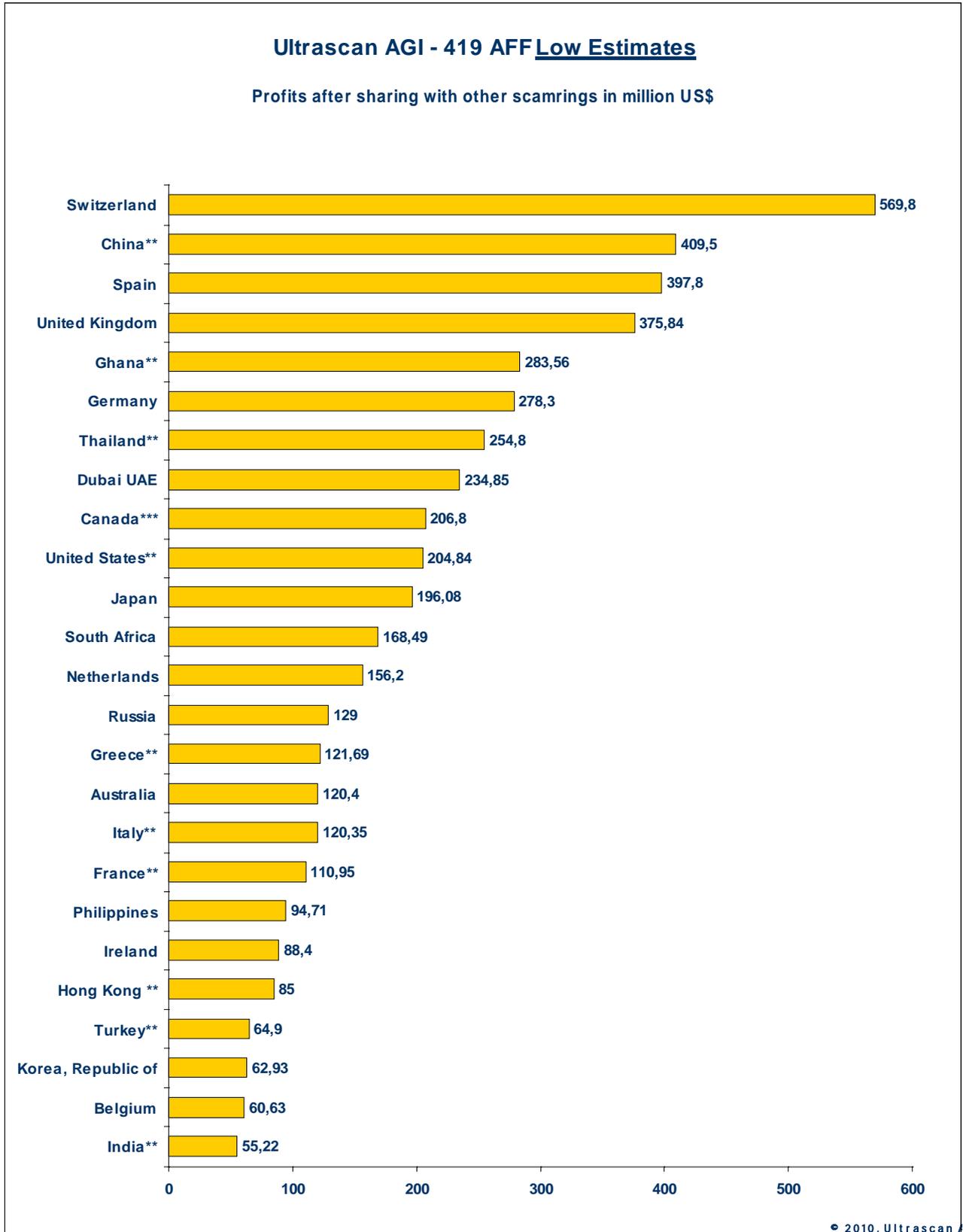
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17. Top 25 Estimates – Profits after sharing with other scammings in million US \$



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## 18. Estimates AFF profits before and after sharing with other scam rings

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	Profits before sharing with other scamrings in million US\$				Profits after sharing with other scamrings in million US\$			
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2009	2008	2007	2006
Argentina	10,7	5,5	0,25		3,531	2,145	0,095	0
Australia	280	129	52	34	120,4	87,72	34,84	23,12
Austria	24	21	19	22	19,68	17,64	16,15	18,92
Belgium	129	95	71	43	60,63	67,45	51,12	31,39
Bolivia	16,1	7,5	0,9		6,279	2,925	0,36	0
Brazil**	69,5	32	22,5	21	54,21	24,64	17,1	16,17
Bulgaria	3,6	2,7	1,7	1	2,448	1,782	1,173	0,69
Cameroon	45,5	23	0,45		15,015	8,74	0,162	0
Canada***	470	490	460	420	206,8	323,4	312,8	289,8
Chile	23,6	17	0,1		9,44	6,29	0,039	0
China**	1050	780	530	404	409,5	257,4	180,2	141,4
Colombia	6,1	3	0,3	0,6	2,135	1,05	0,093	0,18
Croatia	0,8	0,55	0,165		0,248	0,1485	0,03795	0
Cyprus	34,7	38,4	30,2	0,9	27,413	29,952	23,858	0,72
Denmark	17	23	22	16	6,63	16,79	15,84	11,68
Dubai UAE	305	207	156	161	234,85	163,53	124,8	130,41
Egypt	31,5	31	25	31	21,42	24,8	20,5	25,11
Finland	5,2	3,7	2,3	0,8	4,472	3,293	2,07	0,728
France**	317	241	155	166	110,95	98,81	69,75	73,04
Gambia	1,1	0,6	0,25		0,264	0,15	0,06	0
Germany	506	417	318	215	278,3	216,84	174,9	117,175
Ghana**	417	276	92	66	283,56	179,4	56,12	39,6
Greece**	283	289	344	389	121,69	182,07	216,72	241,18
Hong Kong **	125	106	81	66	85	71,02	55,08	45,54
Hungary**	6,9	7,1	4,8	5	3,795	5,822	4,128	4,35
India**	251	174	85	26	55,22	95,7	45,9	14,3
Indonesia	26,7	23	19	16	7,743	6,44	5,51	4,8
Iran	9,3	11,5	10,5		2,883	4,025	3,36	0
Iraq	42	41	16	60	6,3	7,79	3,52	12,6
Ireland	136	122	109	93	88,4	69,54	63,22	54,87
Israel	4,4	4,1	3,6	3	2,42	2,173	1,98	1,62
Italy**	415	358	276	204	120,35	143,2	129,72	97,92
Japan	228	185	102	17	196,08	162,8	90,78	14,96
Kenya **	65	12	7	3	27,3	5,4	3,36	1,47
Korea, Republic of	217	83	76	70	62,93	34,03	28,88	25,9
Kuwait	4,5	2,7	0,8	3,2	0,9	0,675	0,24	0,928

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	Profits before sharing with other scamrings in million US\$				Profits after sharing with other scamrings in million US\$			
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2009	2008	2007	2006
<b>Libya</b>	1,2	0,9	0,5		0,324	0,225	0,145	0
<b>Lithuania</b>	93	81	71	33	38,13	36,45	31,24	14,85
<b>Luxembourg</b>	33	8		23	26,4	6,24	0	18,4
<b>Malaysia**</b>	91	36	21	7	22,75	28,44	17,22	5,81
<b>Malta</b>	12	12	11	9	4,2	4,68	4,07	3,42
<b>Mauritius</b>	2,9	2,1	1,2	0	0,551	0,378	0,504	0
<b>Mexico</b>	43	35	28	40	12,9	12,25	9,52	14
<b>Morocco</b>	3,1	1,1	0,1		1,147	0,407	0,033	0
<b>Netherlands</b>	710	228	302	386	156,2	70,68	108,72	135,1
<b>Netherlands Antilles</b>	26,7	19	10,3		10,413	7,22	3,605	0
<b>New Zealand</b>	7,3	5,4	3,2	0	2,117	2,538	1,568	0
<b>Pakistan</b>	88	12	0,25	0	35,2	4,8	0,1025	0
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	0,5	0,3		0	0,275	0,159	0	0
<b>Philippines</b>	123	49	51	67	94,71	38,71	39,78	51,59
<b>Poland</b>	14,1	8	7	3	7,332	5,76	4,97	2,1
<b>Portugal**</b>	76	37	18,5	9,5	26,6	20,35	12,395	6,46
<b>Romania**</b>	26	21	24	18	13,78	13,23	15,12	11,52
<b>Russia</b>	430	270	103	72	129	94,5	32,96	23,76
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	3	14	3,5	12	0,96	0,48	1,505	5,04
<b>Senegal</b>	20,1	8,1	0,07		5,427	2,43	0,0217	0
<b>Singapore</b>	81	68	51	32	34,83	31,28	21,42	13,76
<b>Slovenia</b>	0,9	0,6			0,216	0,162	0	0
<b>South Africa</b>	581	353	117	115	168,49	137,67	47,97	48,3
<b>Spain</b>	1020	410	373	269	397,8	180,4	145,47	102,22
<b>Sweden</b>	24	21	17	7	6,48	8,19	6,46	2,59
<b>Switzerland</b>	740	510	279	88	569,8	382,5	220,41	68,64
<b>Taiwan</b>	51	31	17	62	11,22	7,75	4,59	16,12
<b>Thailand**</b>	392	225	79	33	254,8	137,25	50,56	21,45
<b>Czech Republic**</b>	10,1	7,7	5	7	7,171	6,083	4,1	5,81
<b>Turkey**</b>	118	117	72	17	64,9	98,28	61,92	14,79
<b>United Kingdom</b>	1296	930	486	377	375,84	362,7	199,26	158,34
<b>United States**</b>	1138	965	712	378	204,84	144,75	113,92	64,26
<b>Yugoslavia</b>	2,1	1,8			1,155	0,45	0	0
<b>other countries**** excl. Nigeria</b>					0	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12835,2</b>	<b>8750,35</b>	<b>5957,435</b>	<b>4622</b>	<b>5345,144</b>	<b>4172,9725</b>	<b>2914,02515</b>	<b>2248,901</b>

## 19. Explanations with the records\* and estimates

### AFF resident active scam rings

Advance Fee Fraud scam rings working from country A to scam victims in country B.

In general a 419 AFF scammer will not scam people in his home country. It's one of the basic rules for the AFF scam to create distance and jurisdictions between him/her and the victim (target).

### Individual members of AFF scam rings

Local AFF scam rings are groups of individual scammers with different tasks and training to perform the scam at hand, specifically adjusted to the victim's state of mind and type of AFF scam.

### Total active resident AFF scammers

Active resident scammers whom we have established the existence of at some point during an investigation, but we have not yet been able to identify the scam ring they work with. We add them to the known members of scam rings to come to an estimate of the total number of scammers in a country

### Profits before sharing with other scam rings in million US\$

These are the profits from scams performed by scam rings in one country. These profits are to be shared with scammers in other countries who provided victims or necessary services to expedite the scam. (Example: AFF scam rings based in The Netherlands built \$368,000,000 US with the assistance from scammers in other countries)

### Profits after sharing with other scam rings in million US\$

Profits from scams performed by scam rings in one country after sharing with scammers in other countries who supplied the victim or provided necessary services to perform the scam. The basic element of this scam is to share the profits as agreed upon. (Example- scam rings based in Belgium made a profit of more than \$31,400,000 US. This does not mean this loot is still in Belgium)

### AFF losses suffered in 2009 by companies and private citizens in million US\$

These are the losses including all the real expenses incurred by the victims in the country itself. The advance fees are paid to scammers in other countries (example: Belgian victims lost over \$51,000,000 US to foreign AFF scammers in 2006)

Victims very often sustain much more loss than the advance fees paid, such as emergency interest rates, fire sales of assets, lost friendships and even marriages.

(The psychological impact is more devastating to the victim than the financial impact, and the financial impact is catastrophic.)

### Bankruptcies caused by 419 AFF

In some cases victims and/or their companies get so deep in debt to pay all the different advance fees that they are forced to file for bankruptcy.

We do not specifically log bankruptcies that occur during or after the 419 scam. Only the ones brought to our attention.

### Loss of careers or jobs caused by 419 AFF

Many victims, whether professional or blue collar, lose their career and/or practice.

Many lose their job and are unaware that it is because of AFF. When companies fall victim to AFF, they must downsize or file for bankruptcy. Very often the victim still does believe the scammers or doesn't want to go on the record as an AFF victim.

One example is a factory with 271 staff that went bankrupt because, after production began, management of the factory was convinced to advance fees to release a first down payment of \$12,000,000 US. The complete contract value was for \$42,000,000 US. The victim was shown in person the following convincing but counterfeit or stolen instruments: diplomatic passport, completion plans for an existing project of national importance, business, banking and government references from several Middle Eastern, Asian and European countries. And last but not least a bank account with a payment in favour of the victim accessible through internet banking on an exact copy of the website of a large Canadian bank. The victim received the account number and codes to access the bank account via internet banking. Only one problem: making transfers from the account failed.

The victim also visited the project and was received with an impressive governmental VIP reception. During his visit the victim met other contractors who were pleased with the project, everything appeared in order. The financial loss, excluding subcontractors was \$9,000,000 US the company went bankrupt and the staff that lost their job think it's because of bad market conditions and orders that were cancelled. We don't know what happened to the subcontractors, we assume nothing good. We do know that the scammers involved only made a net profit of \$1,200,000 US. Who cares about the difference between AFF profits and the real total damages?

#### Loss of home caused by AFF

In almost all countries we investigated, we were confronted with AFF victims that were evicted from their home by their landlord or the bank for defaulting on their mortgage.

We have found evidence of scammers being proud of the number of victims that lost their homes because of the skill of the scammer responsible. A high number AFF victim foreclosures is seen as an accomplishment by a majority of AFF scammers and also mentioned during some of the AFF training for new recruits.

#### AFF victims Prosecuted for fraud!

During the AFF scam, victims are very often threatened with the possibility of a government or international institution investigating their part in "the deal". Example: tax evasion, money laundering or corrupting officials. This is to make sure that the victim will not involve his own government or other outsiders, whom he would normally trust and consult on "the deal". Generally, victims have nothing to fear from such threats, they should fear being prosecuted in their own country for bank fraud after they received and cashed counterfeit checks or bogus wire transfers to their bank account.

For example: With cashier's check AFF, local authorities are usually trying to charge the victim with attempting to defraud their bank, or Nigeria, or someone, when in fact it is the AFF victim who is defrauded. Much time and energy is wasted by local authorities on such cases, which are eventually dismissed as they learn more about AFF.

Key positions held by resident members of a scam ring that we have recorded are with: postal services, banks, credit card organizations, insurance, transport, oil companies, embassies, hotels, airports, police, immigrations, academic hospitals, intelligence related companies and state departments.

Key ownership connected to AFF scam rings we have recorded in: banks, Western Union and Moneygram agencies, Internet cafés, customs clearing agents, car dealerships, and hotels

## 20. 419 AFF in your country

The 419 Unit of Ultrascan is not an official reporting centre however in 2007 we did review 17475 complaints concerning Nigerian 419 advance fee fraud coming from 161 countries			
Albania	3	Kuwait	36
Algeria	15	Latvia	10
Andorra	1	Lebanon	20
Angola	3	Libya	6
Antigua and Barbuda	2	Lithuania	78
Argentina	61	Luxembourg	13
Armenia	3	Macao	1
Aruba	2	Macedonia	16
Australia	588	Madagascar	2
Austria	21	Malaysia	251
Azerbaijan	11	Maldives	1
Bahamas	6	Mali	2
Bahrain	12	Malta	6
Bangladesh	7	Mauritania	1
Barbados	2	Mauritius	77
Belarus	1	Mexico	144
Belgium	878	Micronesia	1
Benin	26	Moldova, Republic of	1
Bermuda	1	Monaco	9
Bhutan	1	Mongolia	3
Bolivia	52	Morocco	29
Bosnia and Herzegovina	119	Mozambique	5
Botswana	1	Namibia	3
Brazil	301	Netherlands	403
Brunei Darussalam	17	Netherlands Antilles	21
Bulgaria	169	New Zealand	91
Burkina Faso	2	Nicaragua	2
Cambodia	24	Nigeria	598
Cameroon	16	Norway	72
Canada	912	Oman	15
Cape Verde	1	Pakistan	43
Cayman Islands	1	Palestinian Territory	13
Chile	62	Panama	42
China	329	Papua New Guinea	1
Colombia	22	Paraguay	7
Costa Rica	1	Peru	25
Cote D'Ivoire	93	Philippines	81
Croatia	3	Poland	73
Cyprus	1	Portugal	29
Czech Republic	281	Puerto Rico	8
Denmark	31	Qatar	7
Dominican Republic	21	Romania	622
Ecuador	9	Russian Federation	637





## 21. Do you recognize these 419 Advance Fee Fraud scams

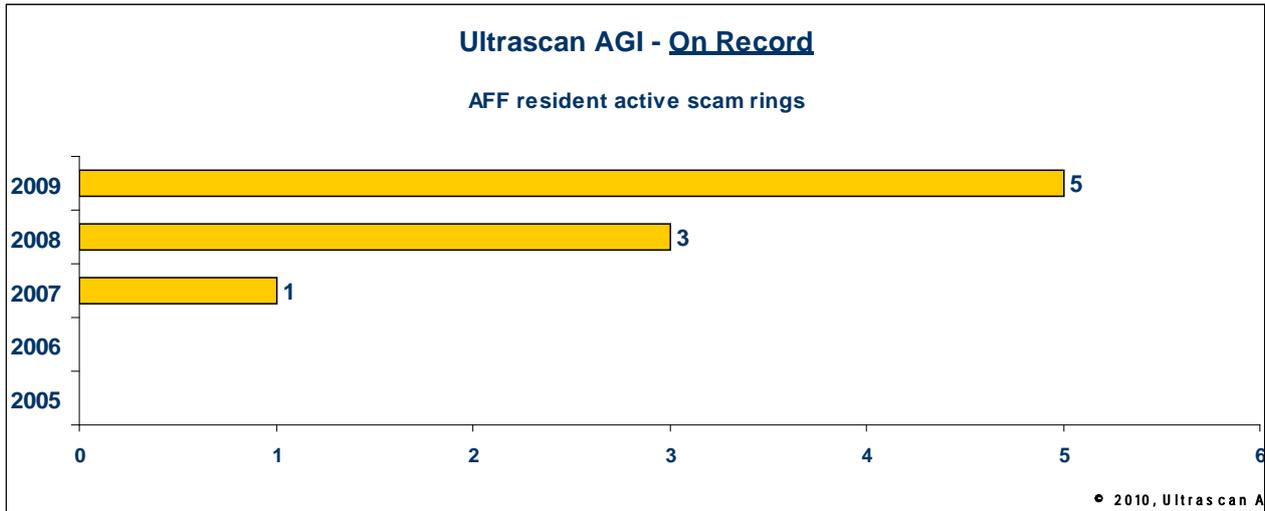
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- Counterfeit Postal draft scam
- Over invoiced contract scam
- eBay check (over) payment and refund scam
- Unclaimed inheritance scam
- Unclaimed bank account scam
- Counterfeit Check scam
- Dating-romance scam
- Black (defaced) currency scam
- Gold dust scam
- Diamond scam
- Fake bank scam
- Housing scam
- Anti-terrorist certificate scam
- Disaster relief fund scam
- Financial representative in your country scam
- Work permit scam
- Payment for art scam
- Deceased next of kin scam
- Construction sub contractor scam
- Lower priced crude oil scam
- SWIFT transfer scam
- Antique export payments scam
- University study place scam
- Money from former ruler scam
- Relative of holocaust victim scam
- Identity theft
- Jobs for professionals scam
- Dead millionaire funds for charities or disaster relief scam
- Very low interest loans for relatively small advance fees scam
- Hotel bookings and refund
- United Nations loan approval scam
- Death threat scam

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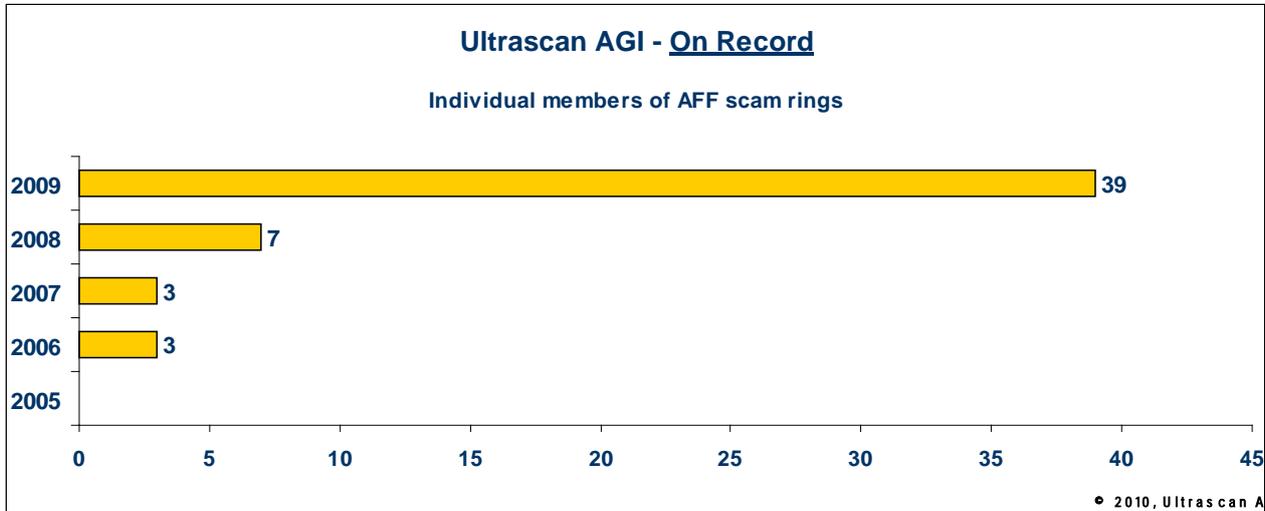
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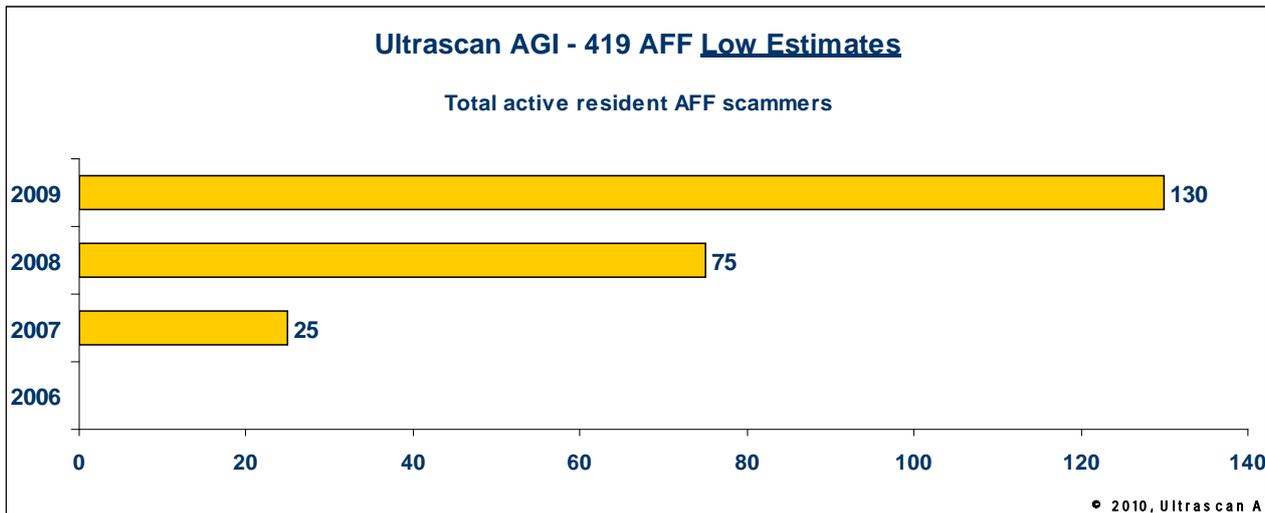
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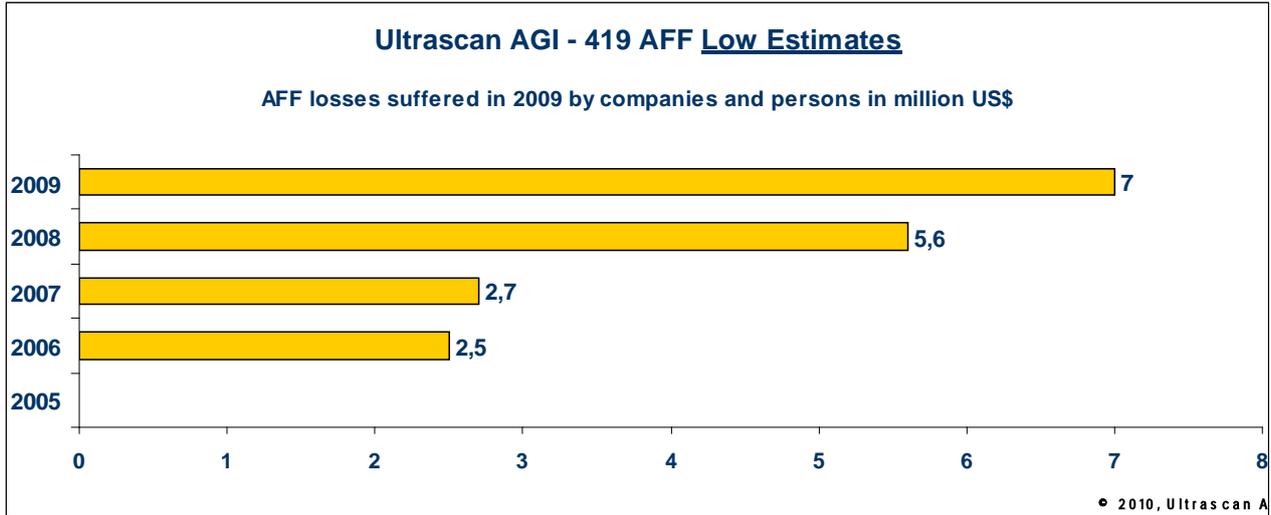
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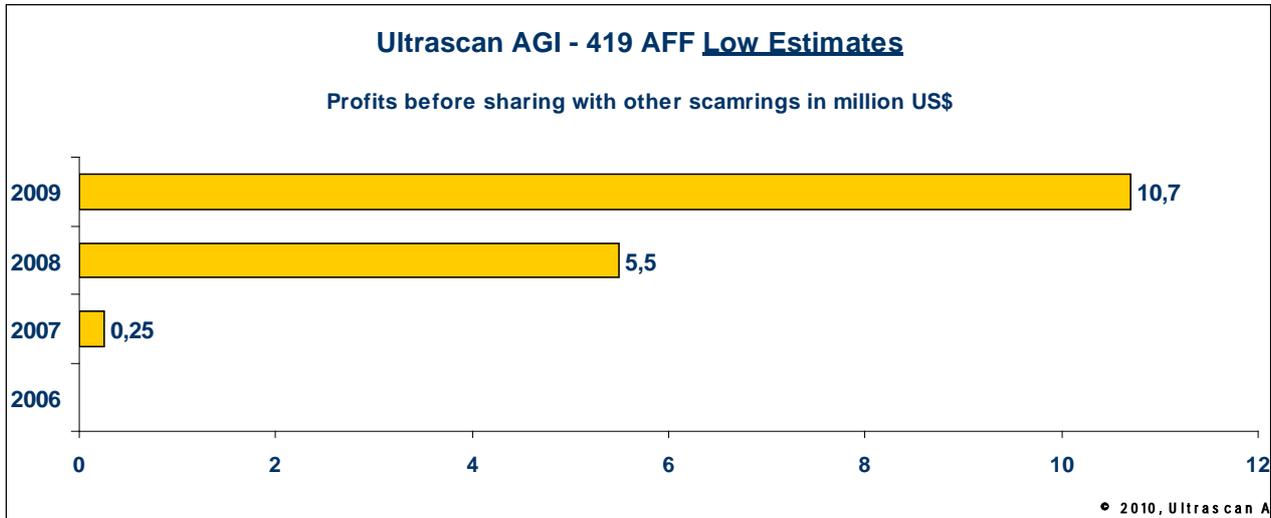
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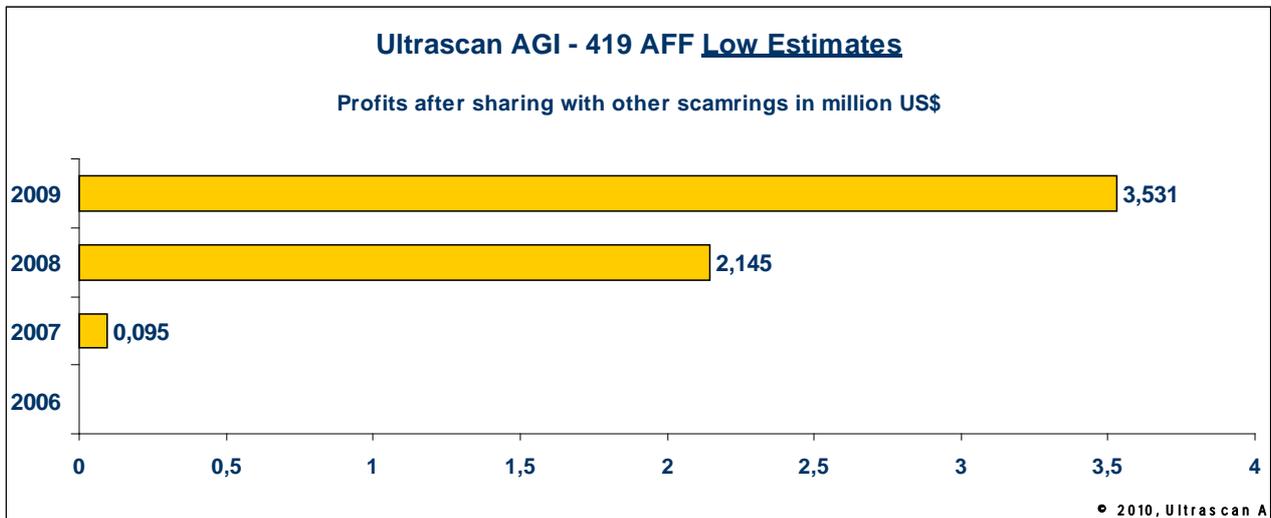
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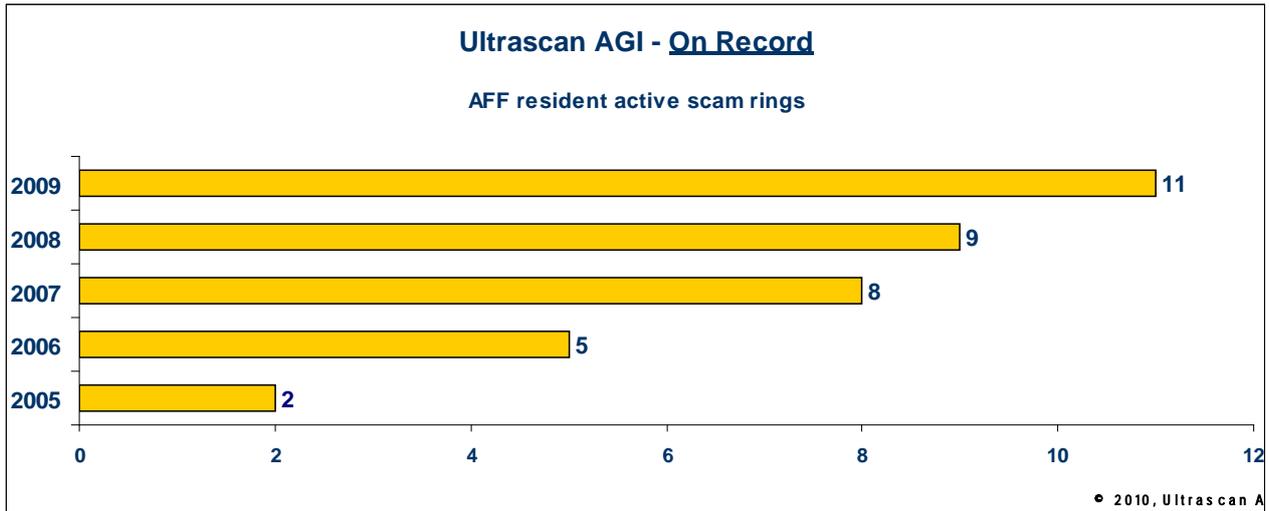


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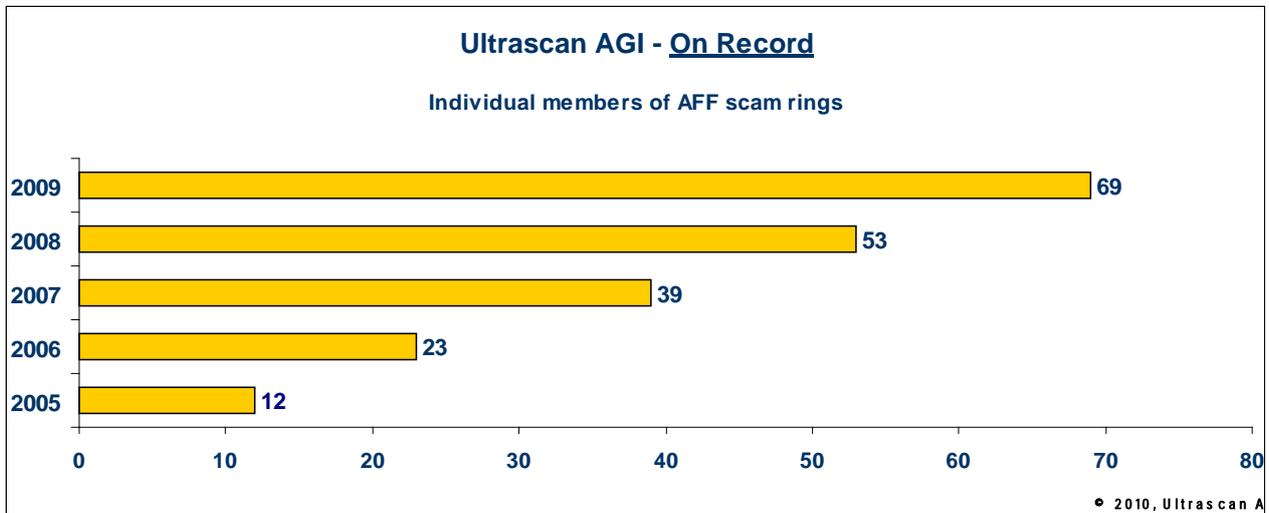


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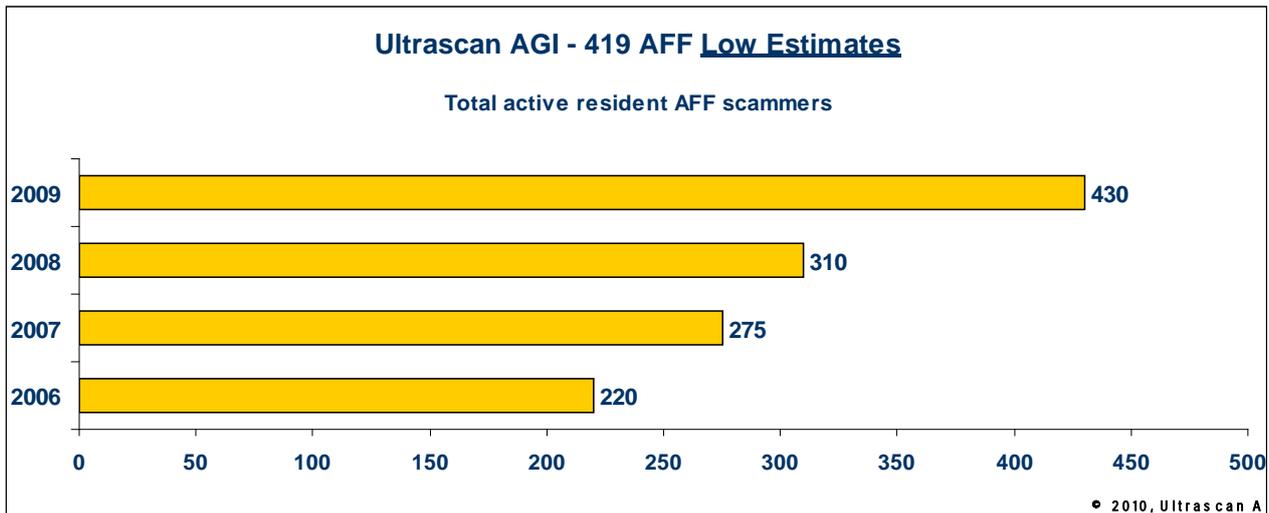
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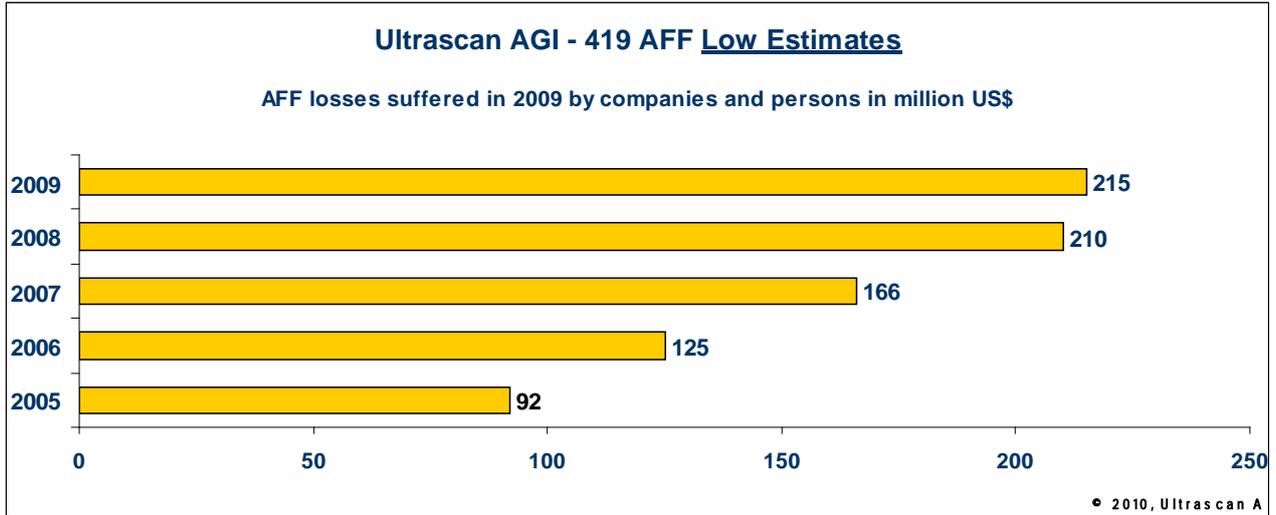
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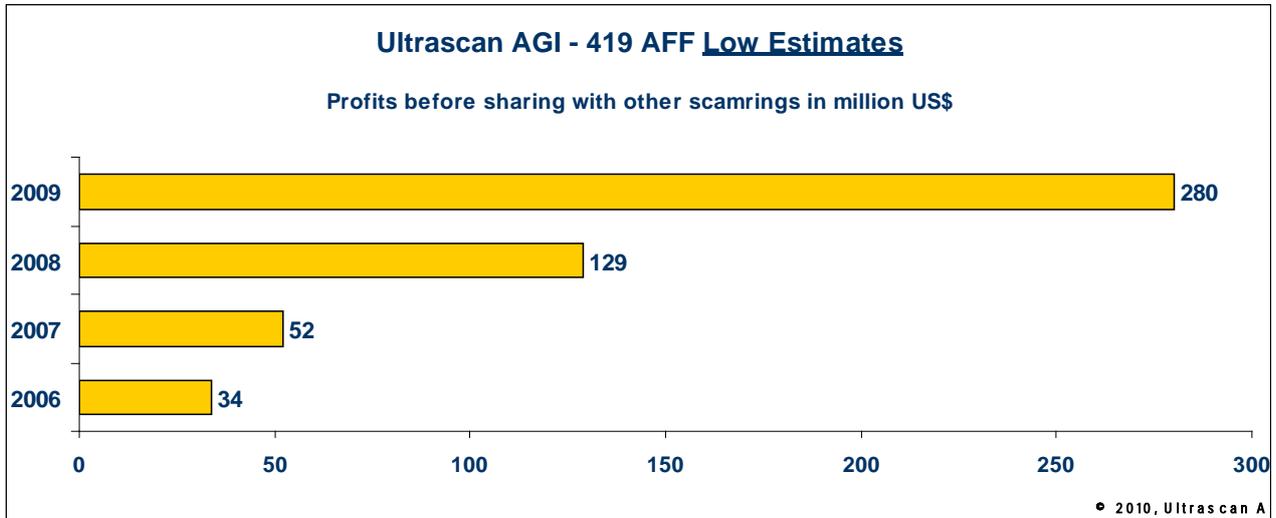
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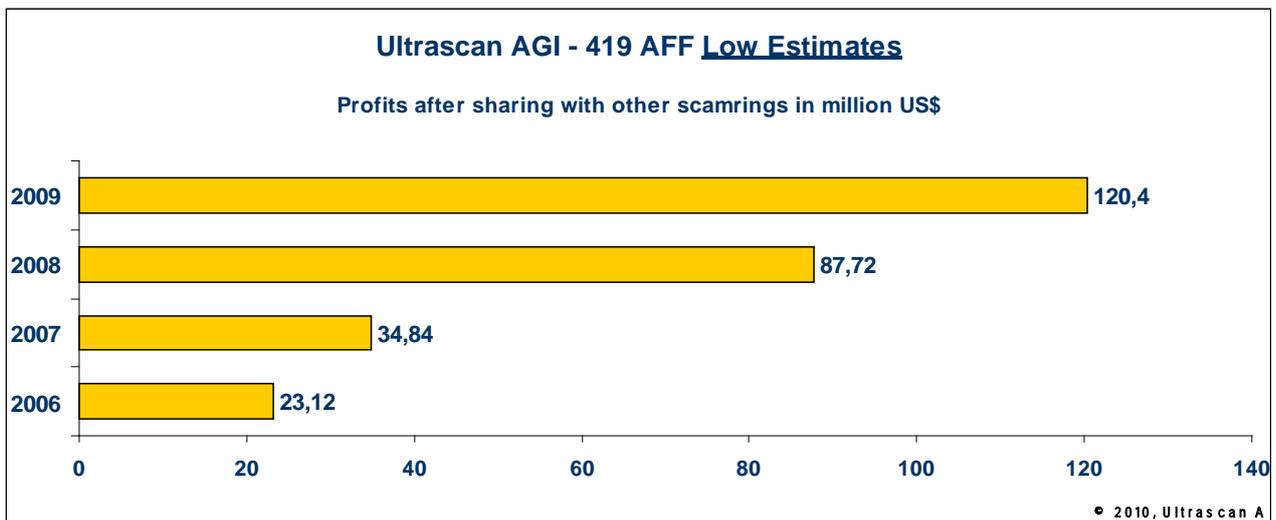
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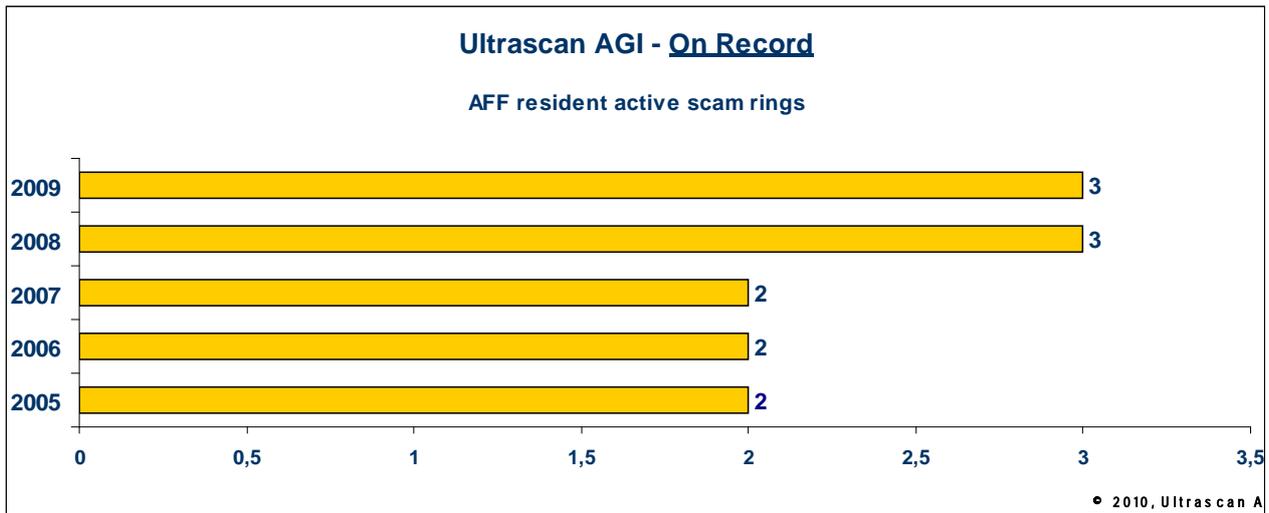
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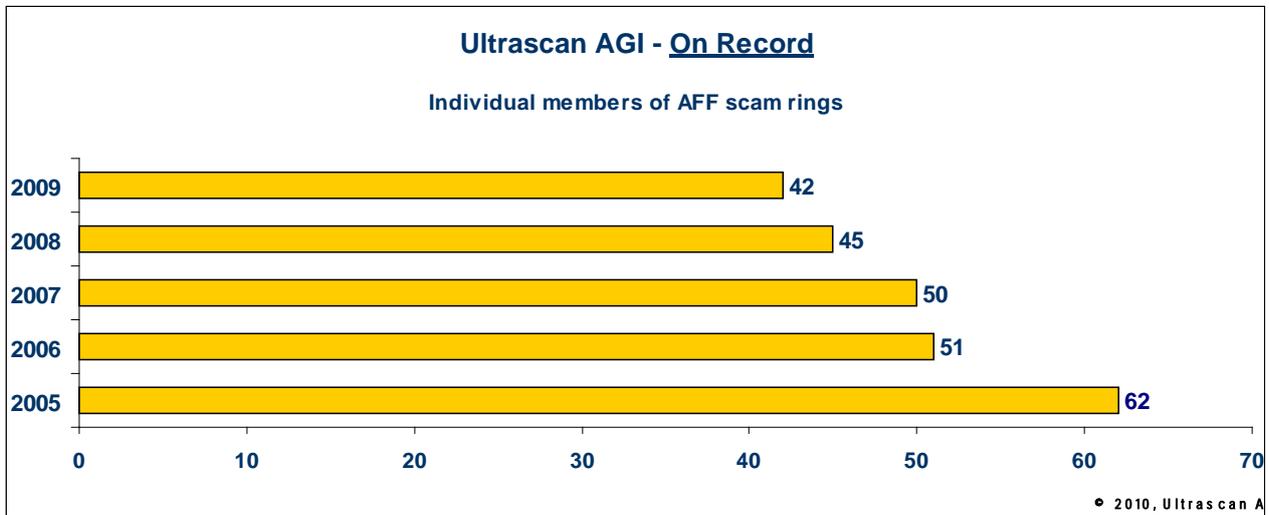


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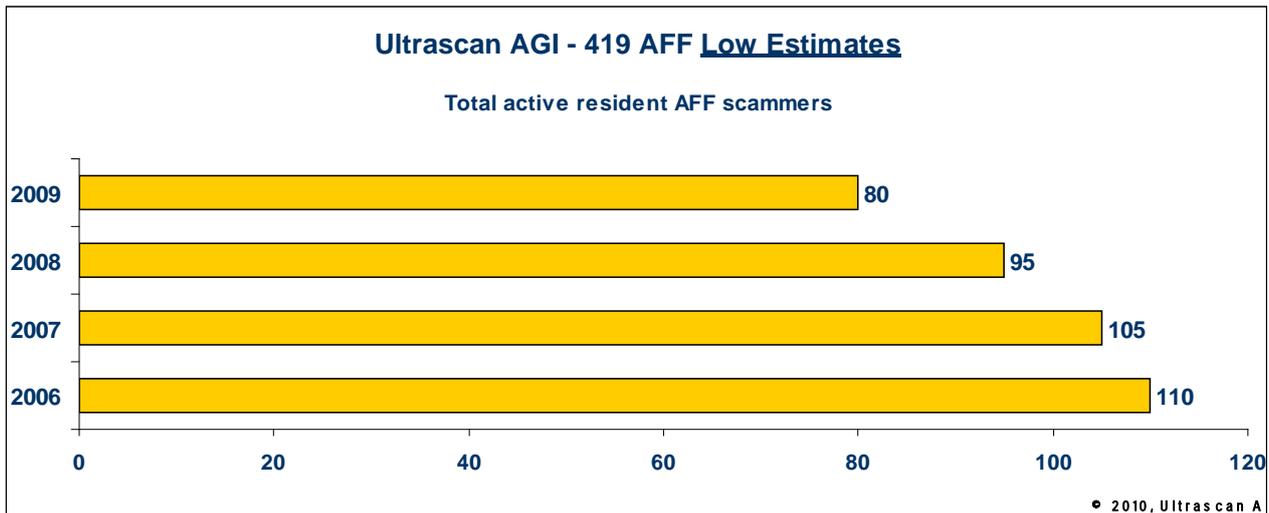
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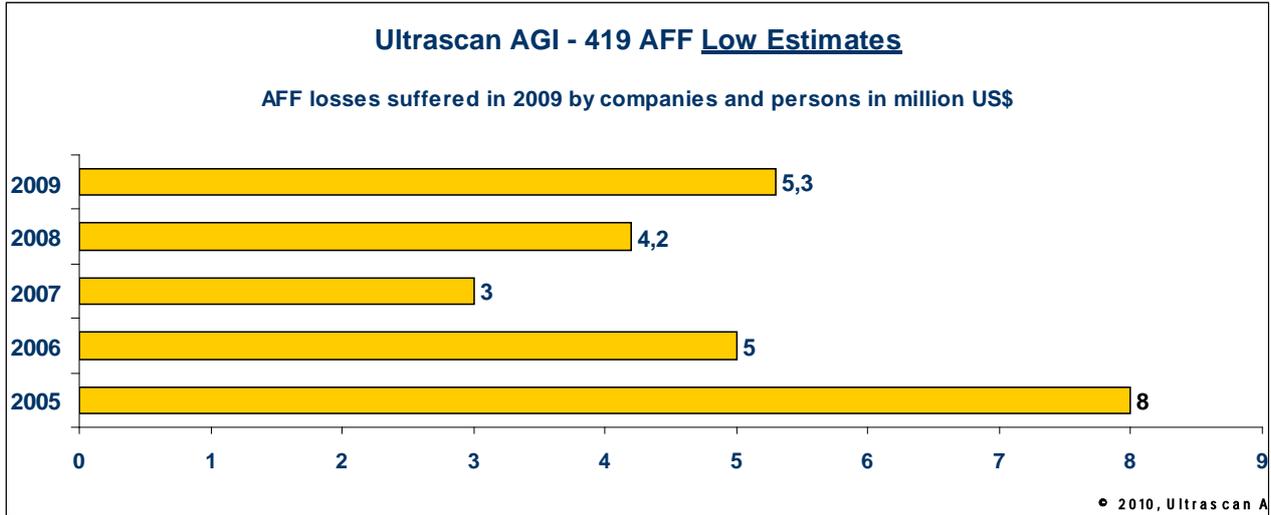
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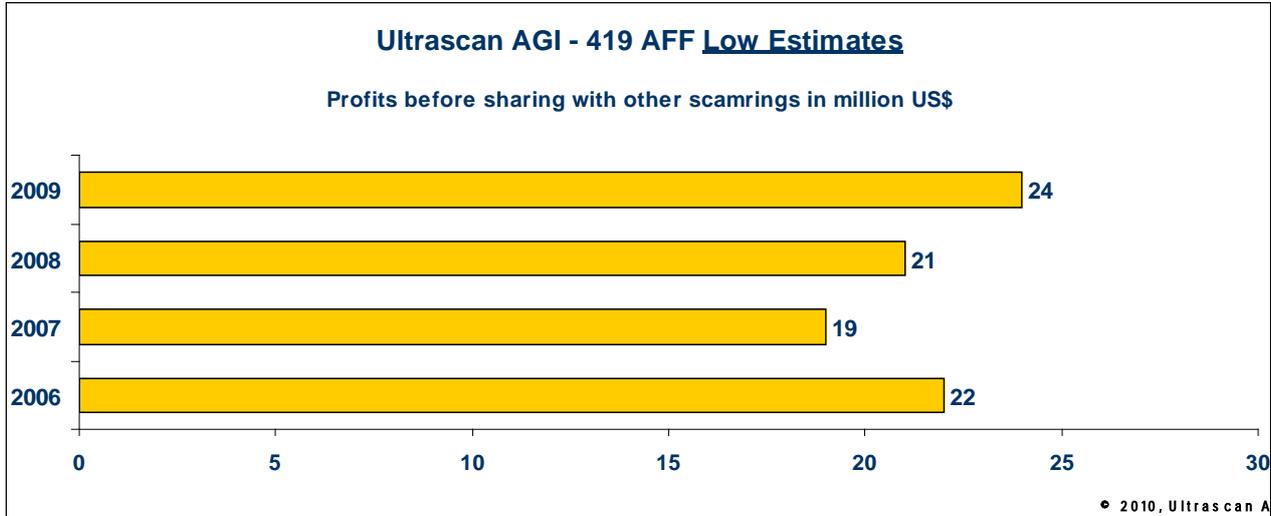
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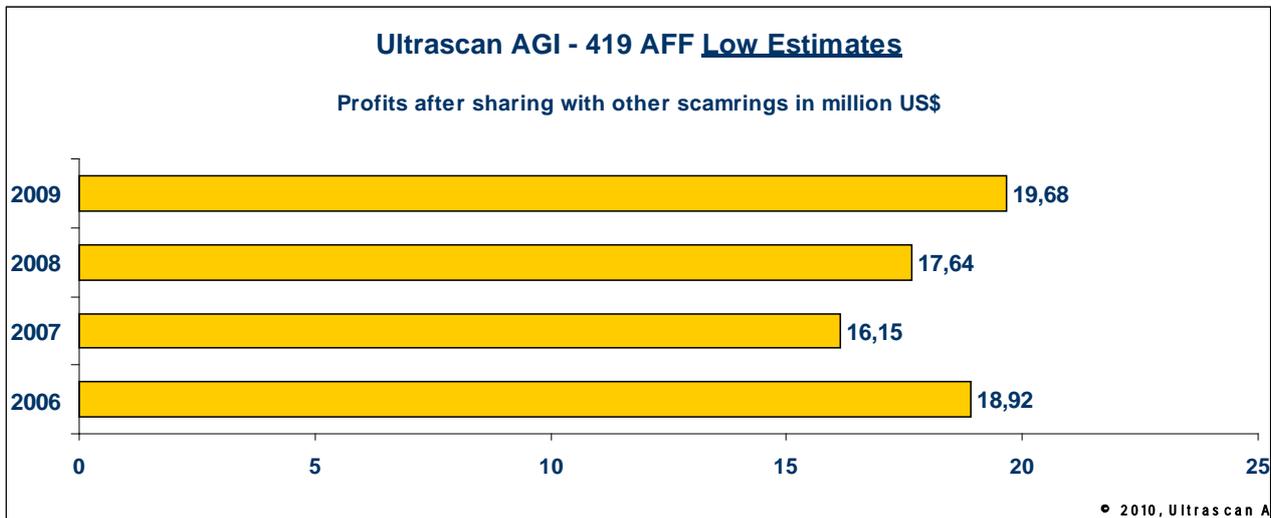
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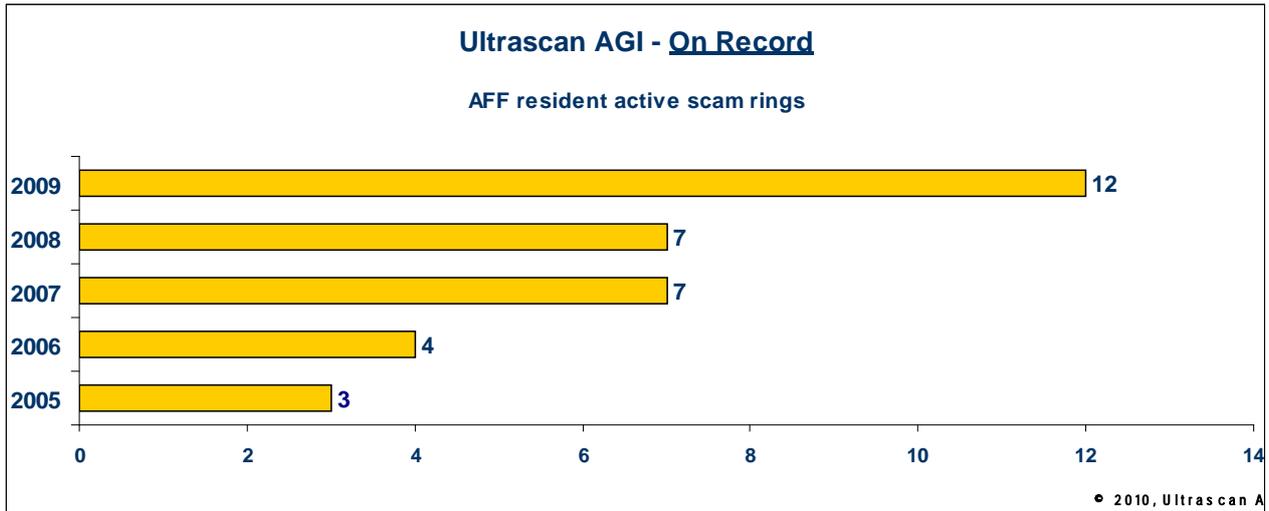


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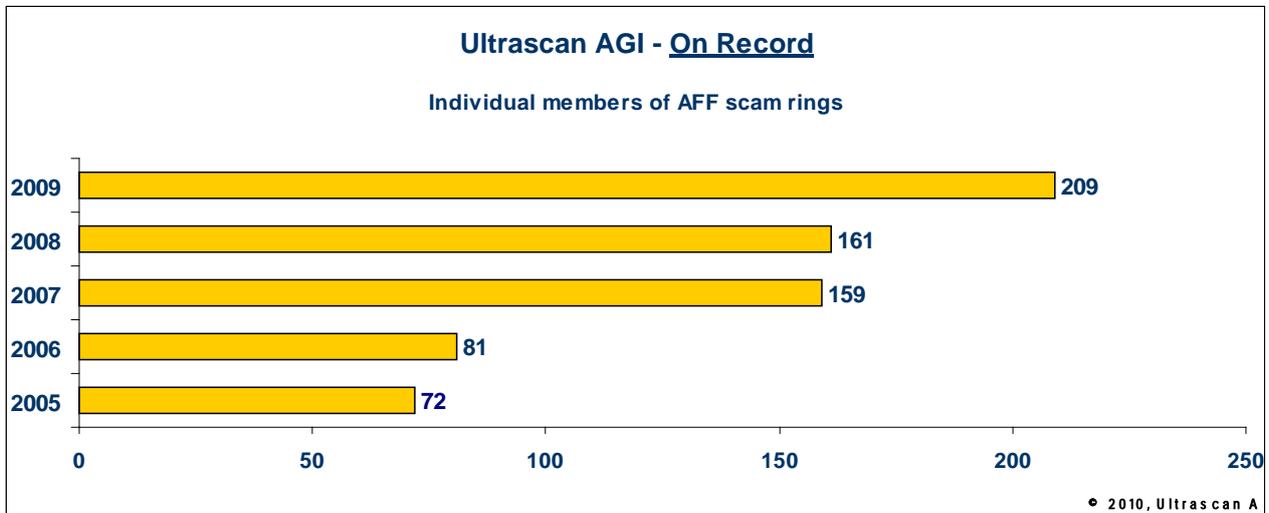


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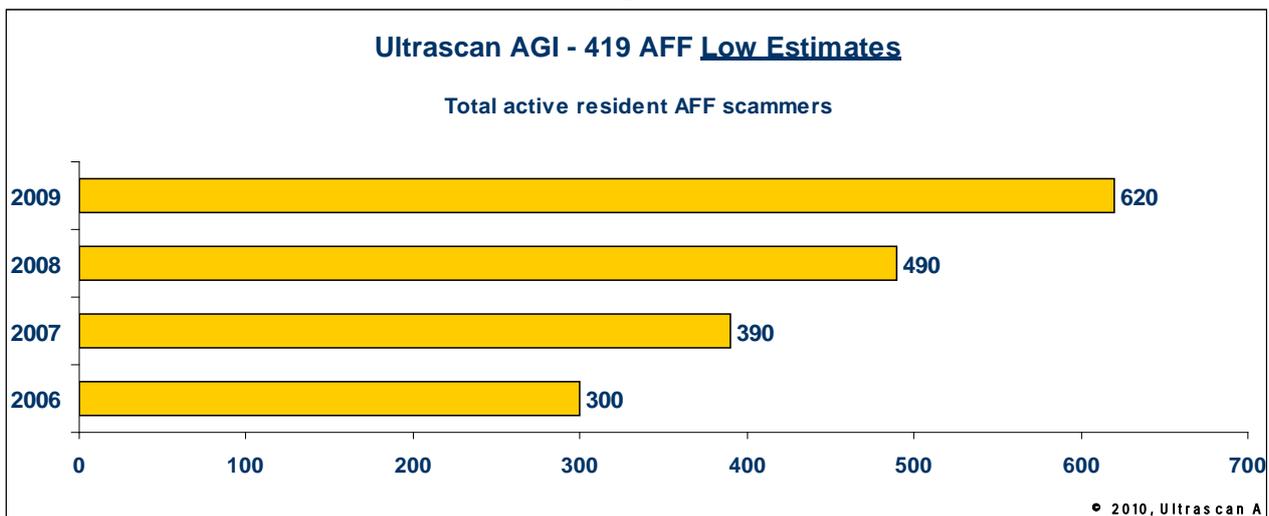
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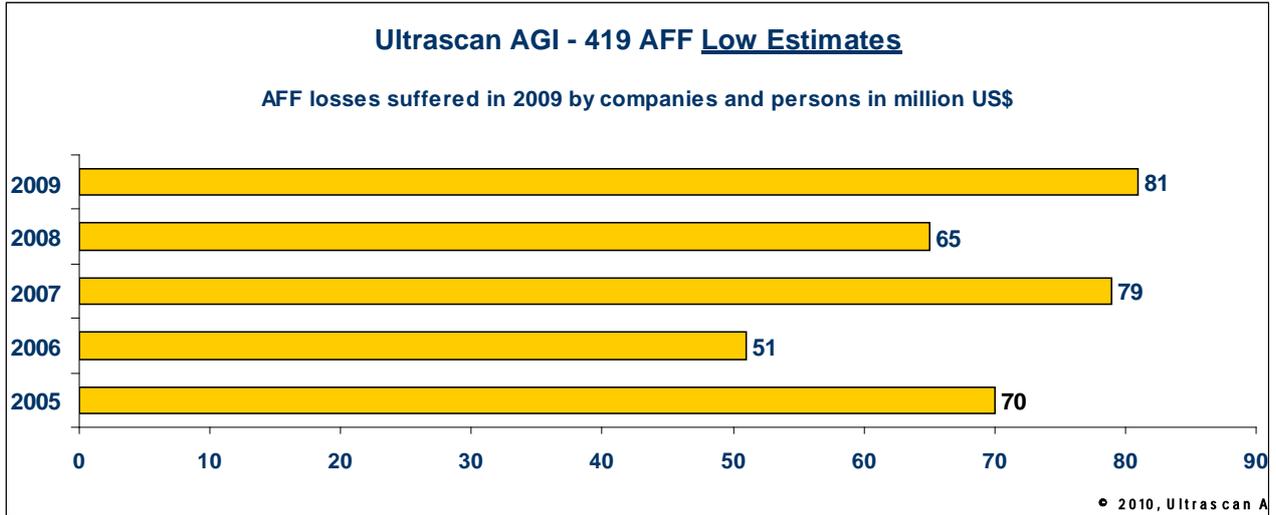
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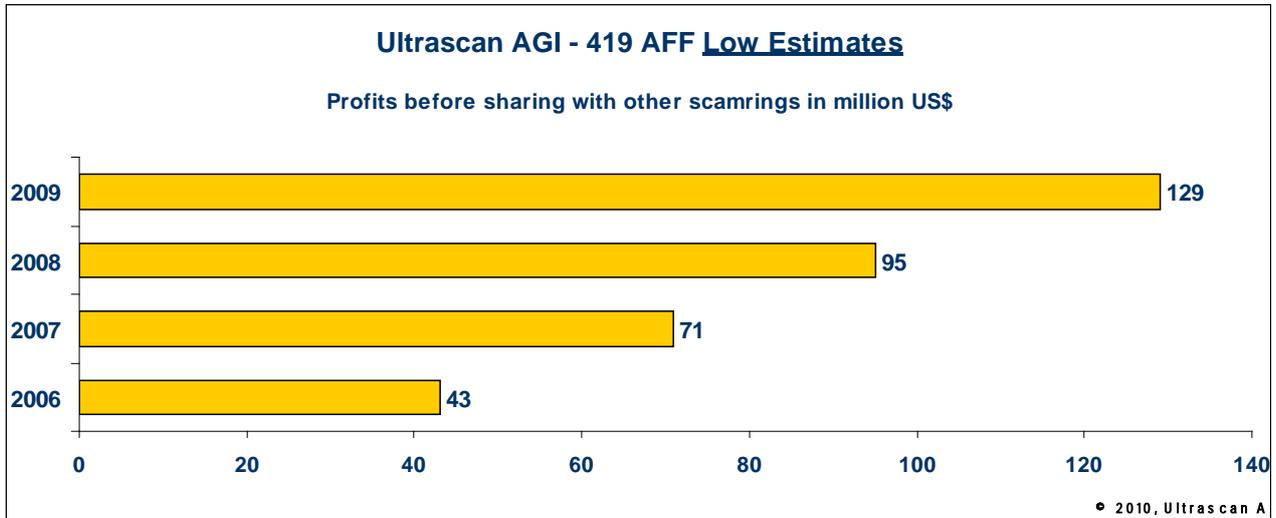
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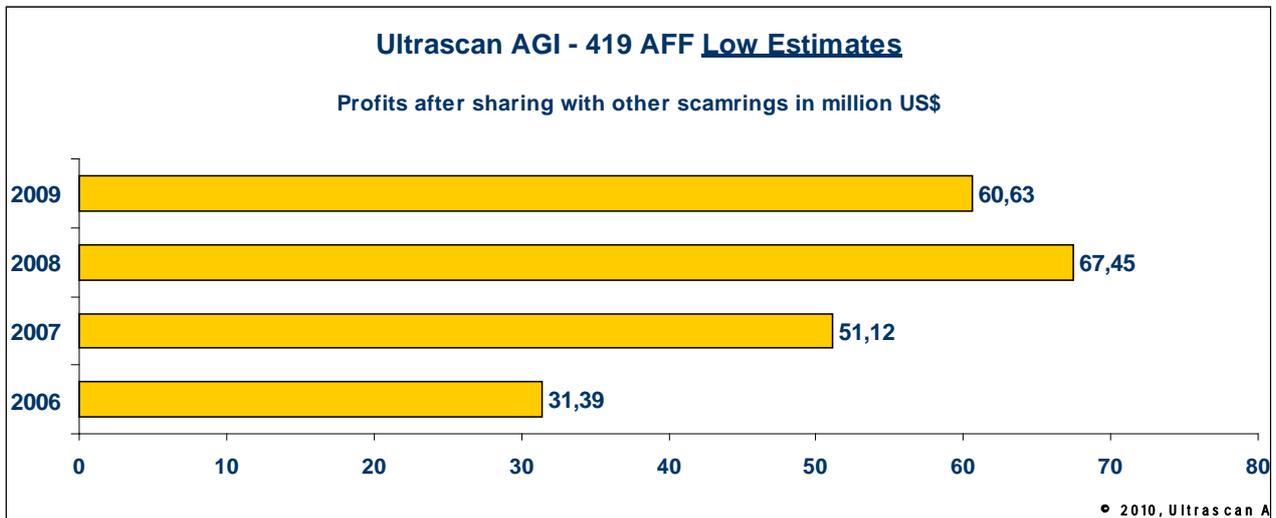
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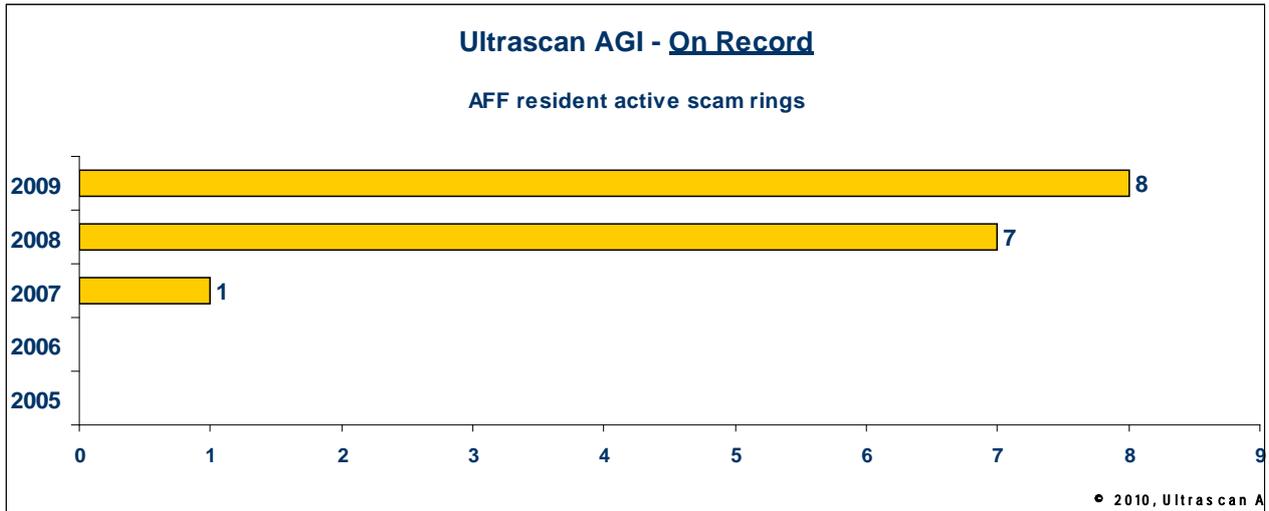


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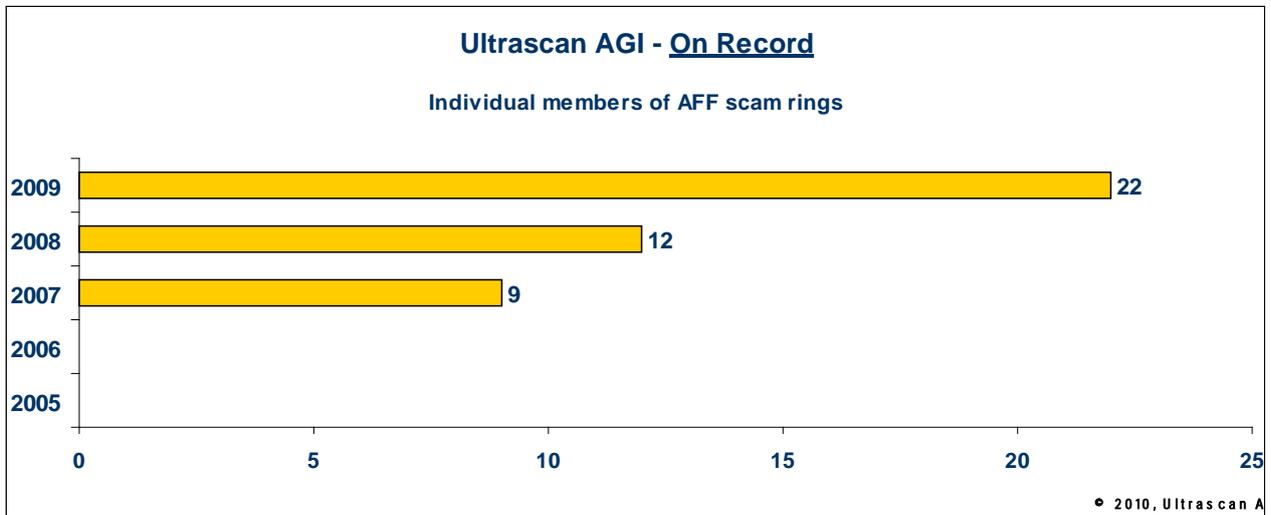


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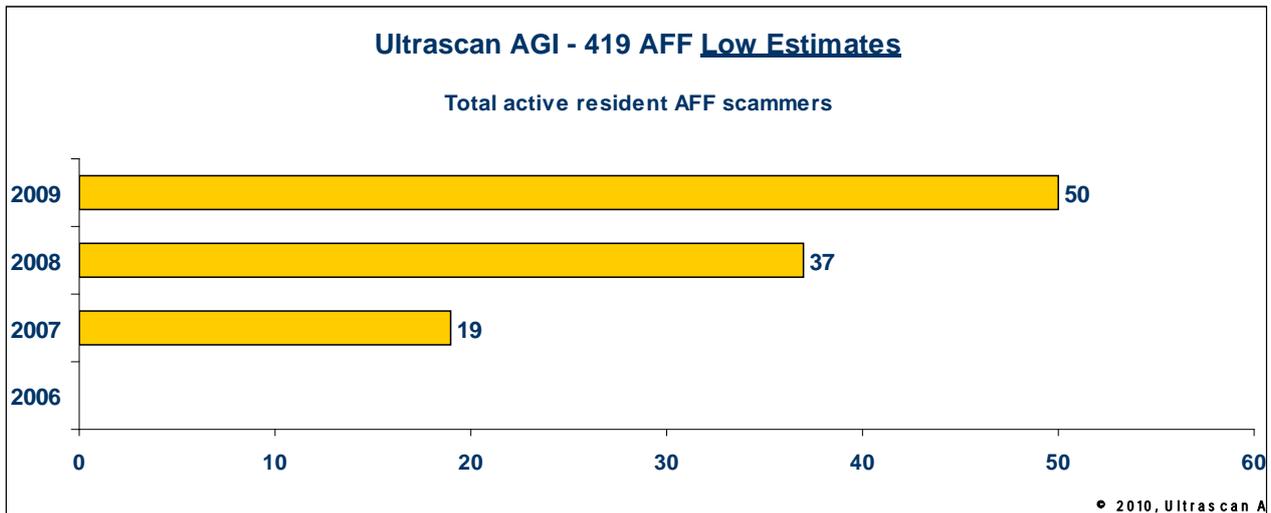
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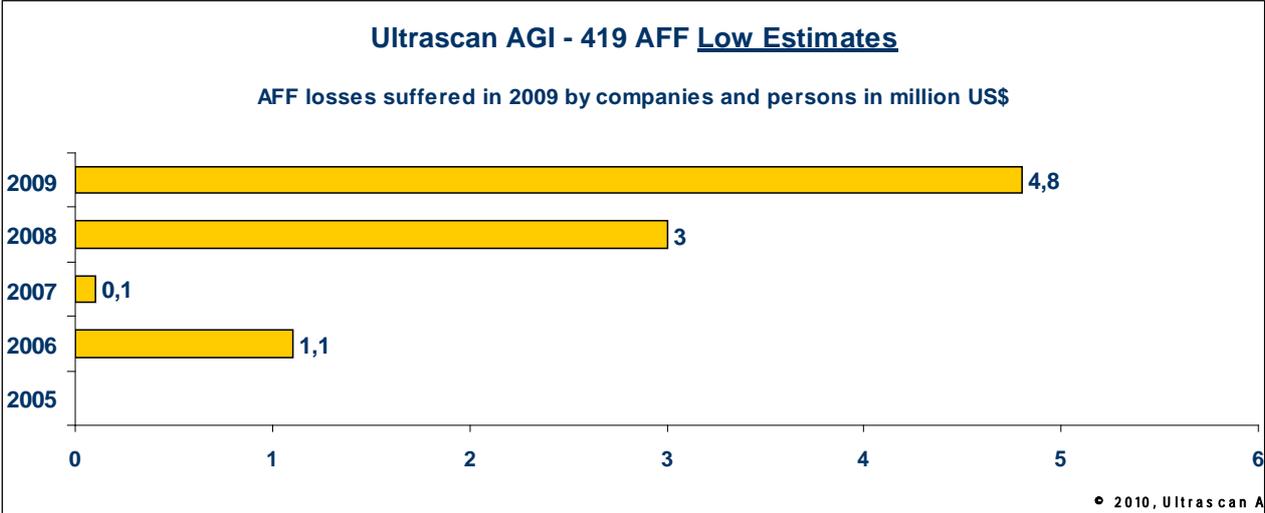
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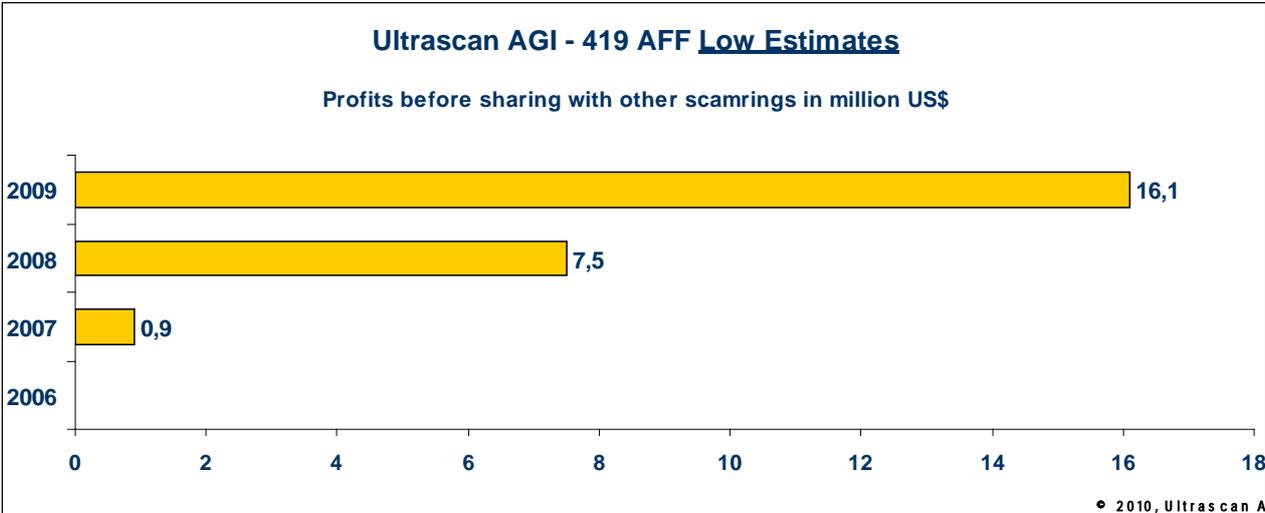
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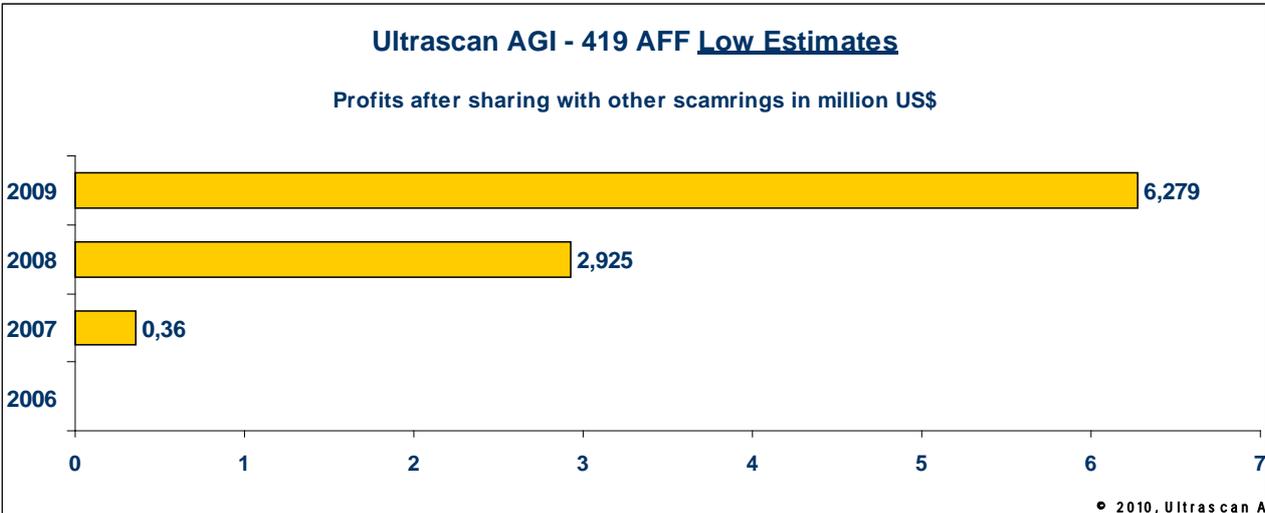
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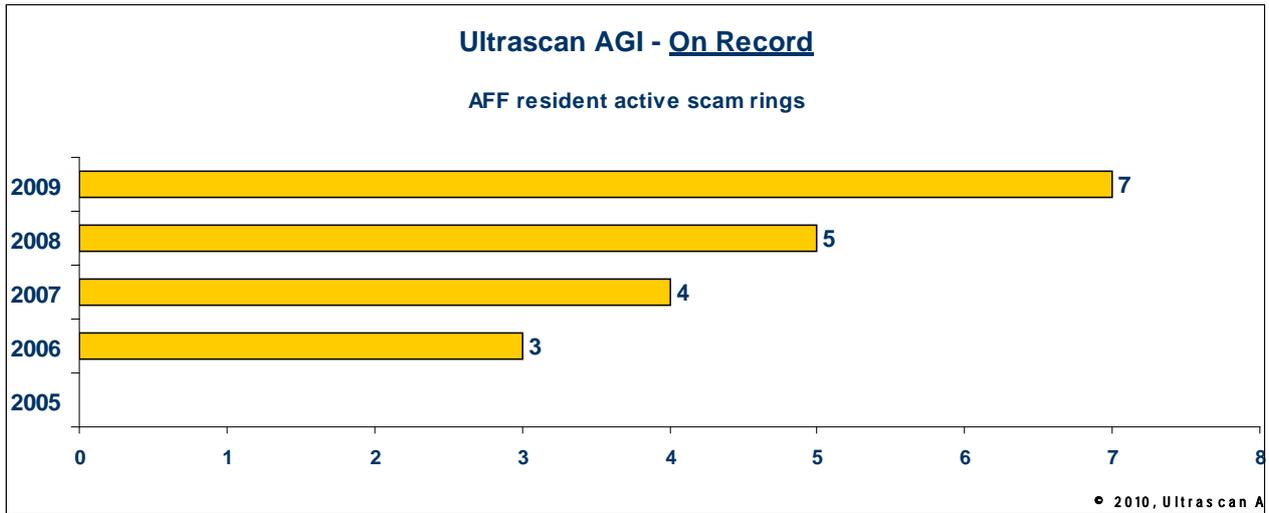


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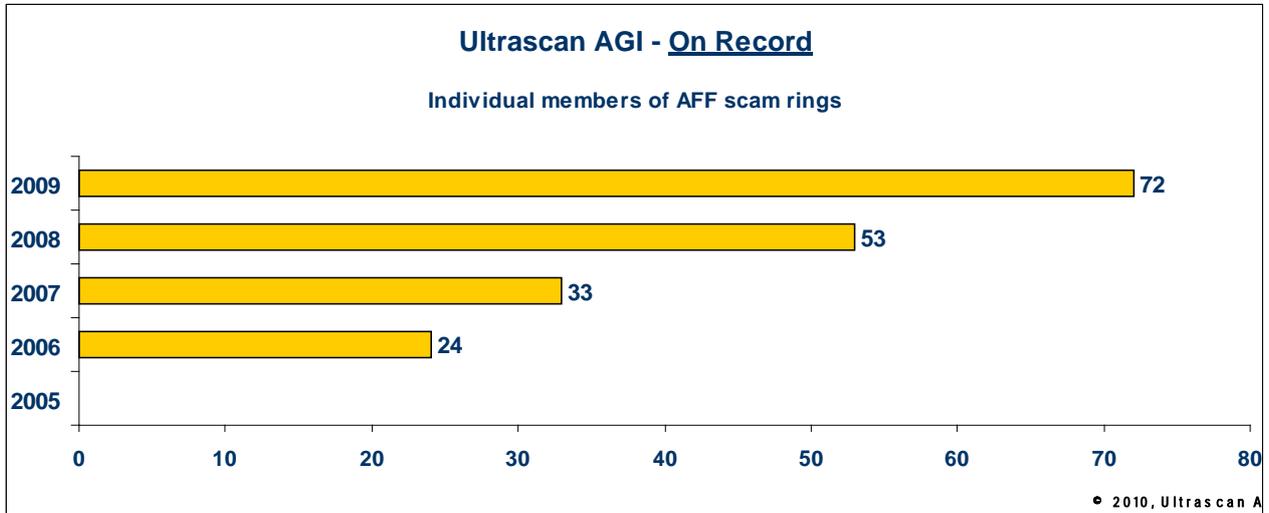


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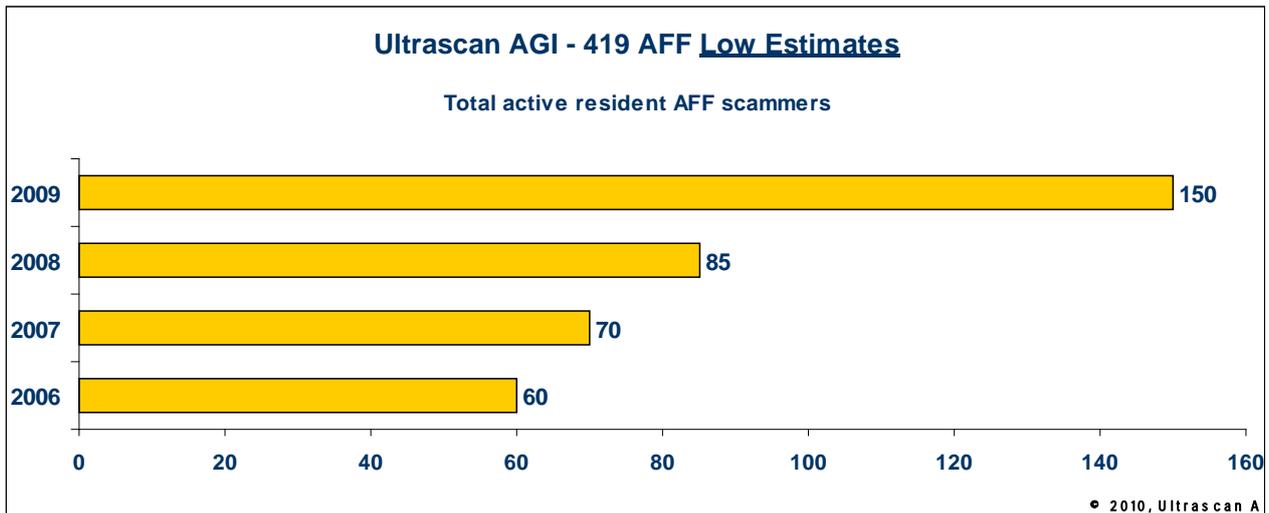
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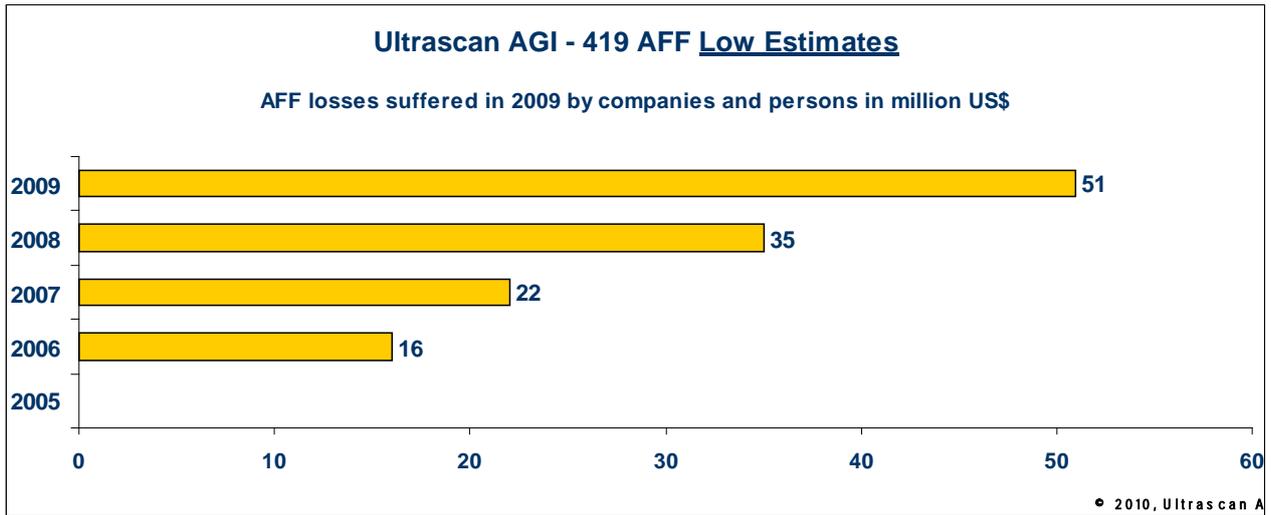
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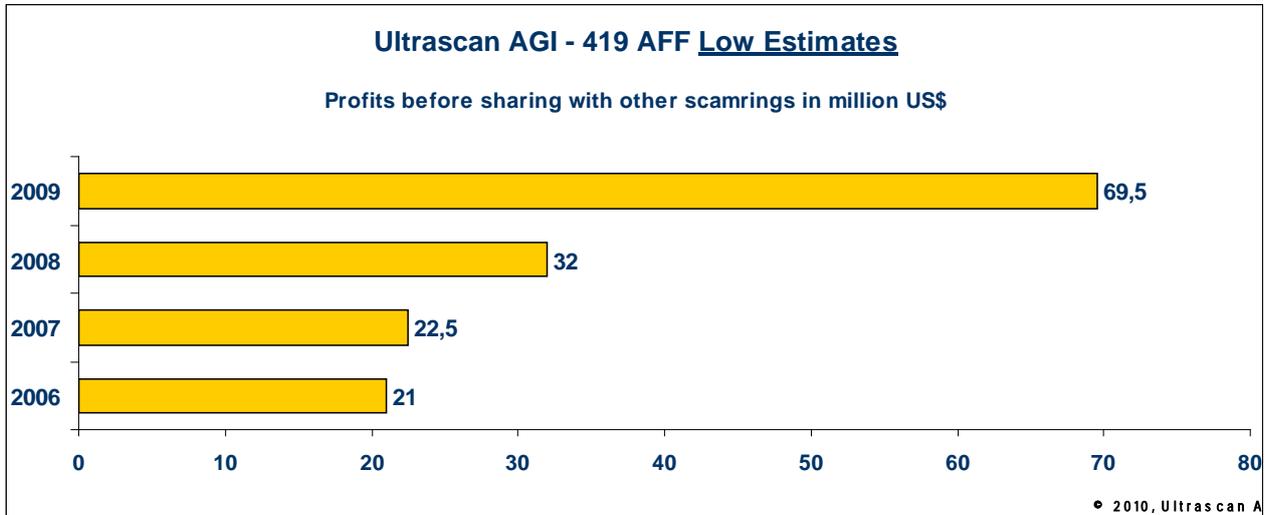
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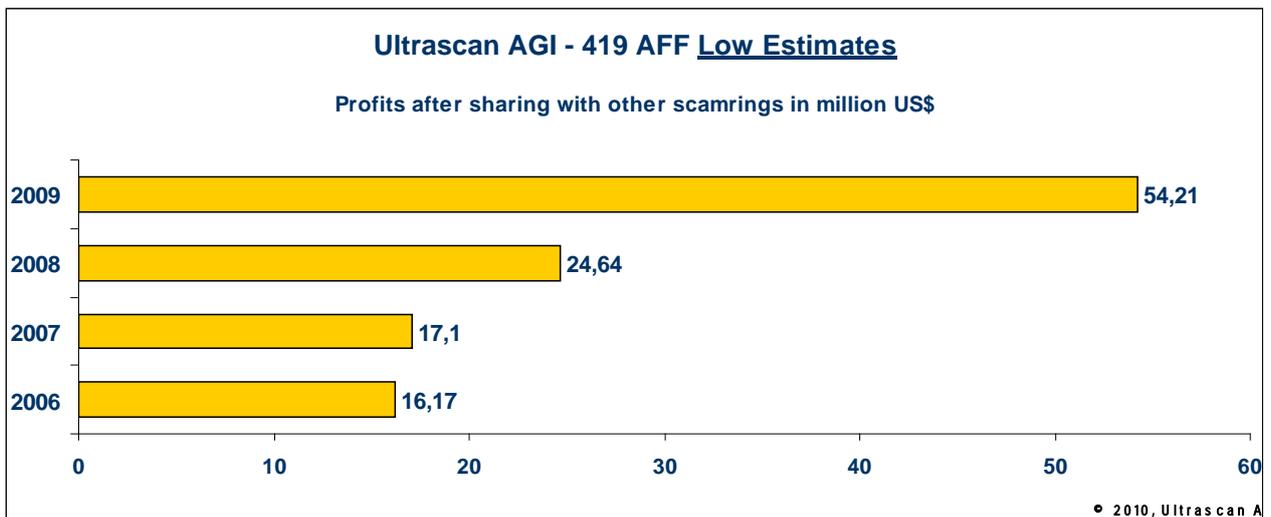
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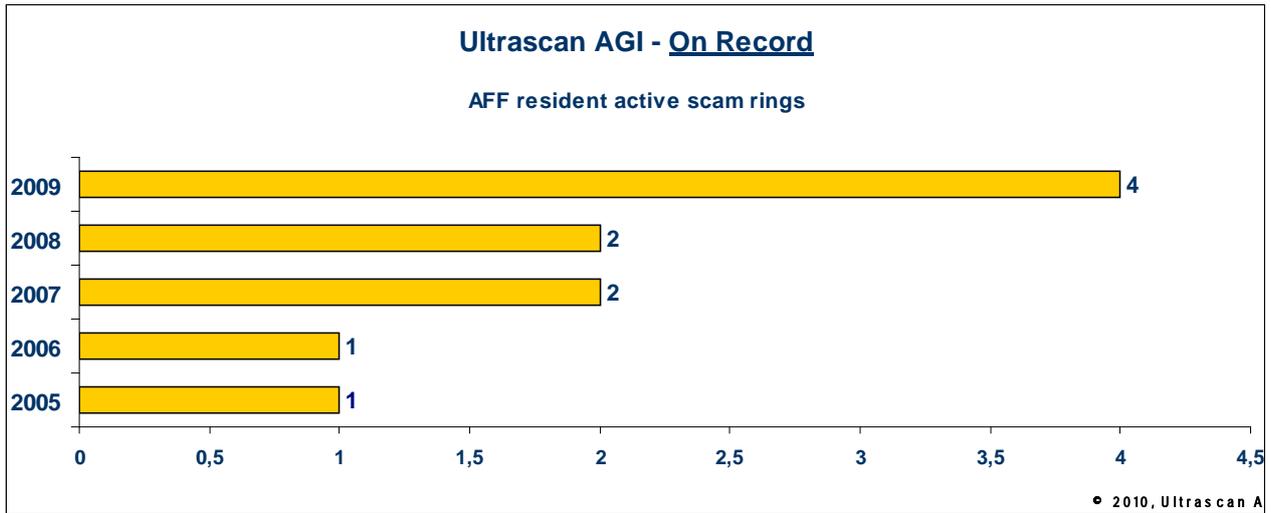


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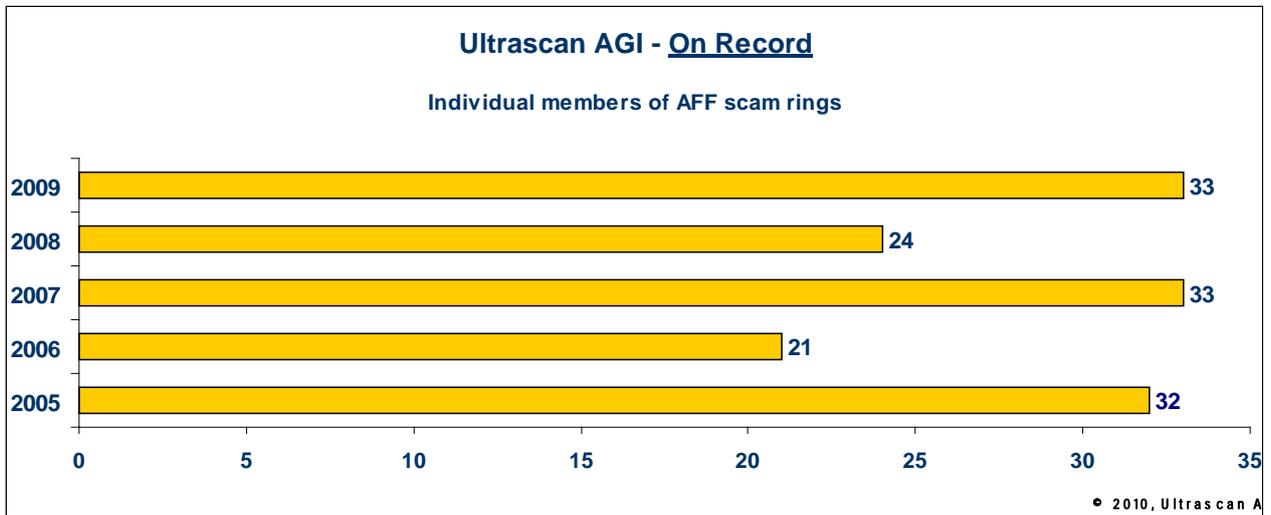


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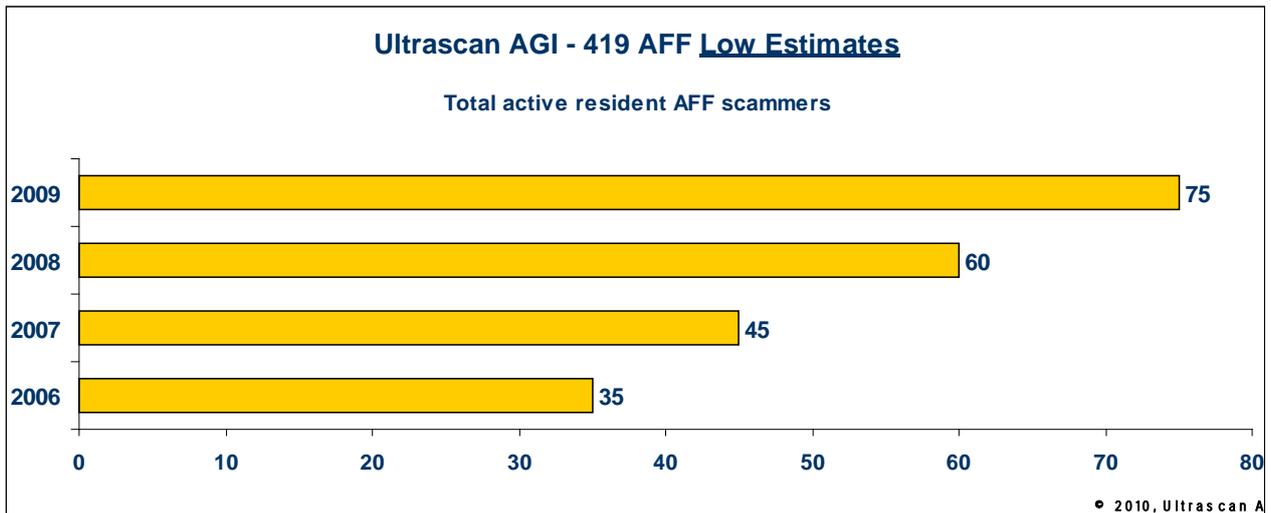
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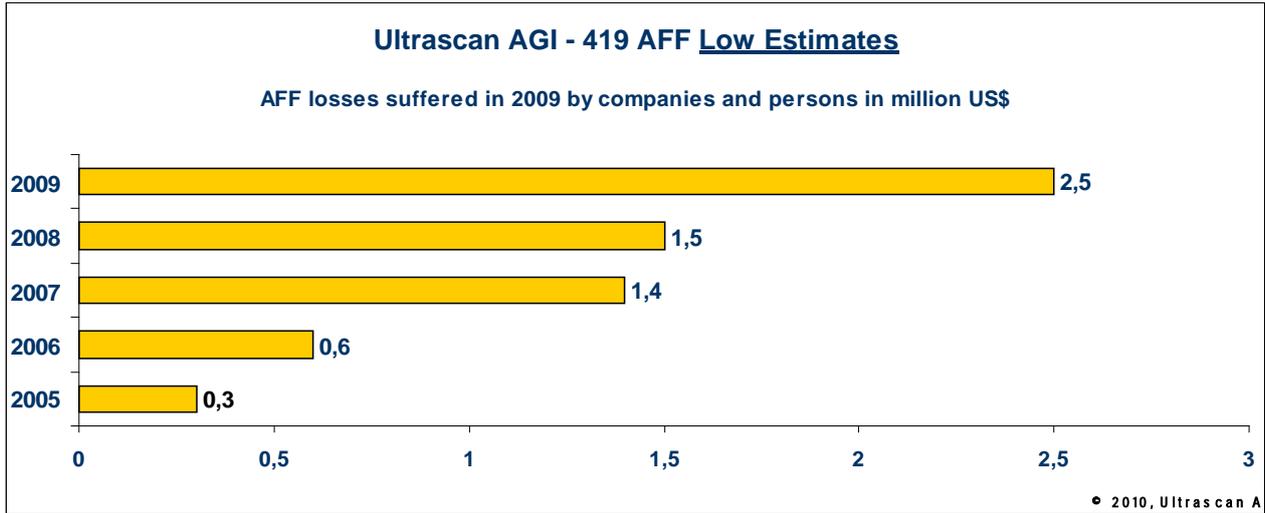
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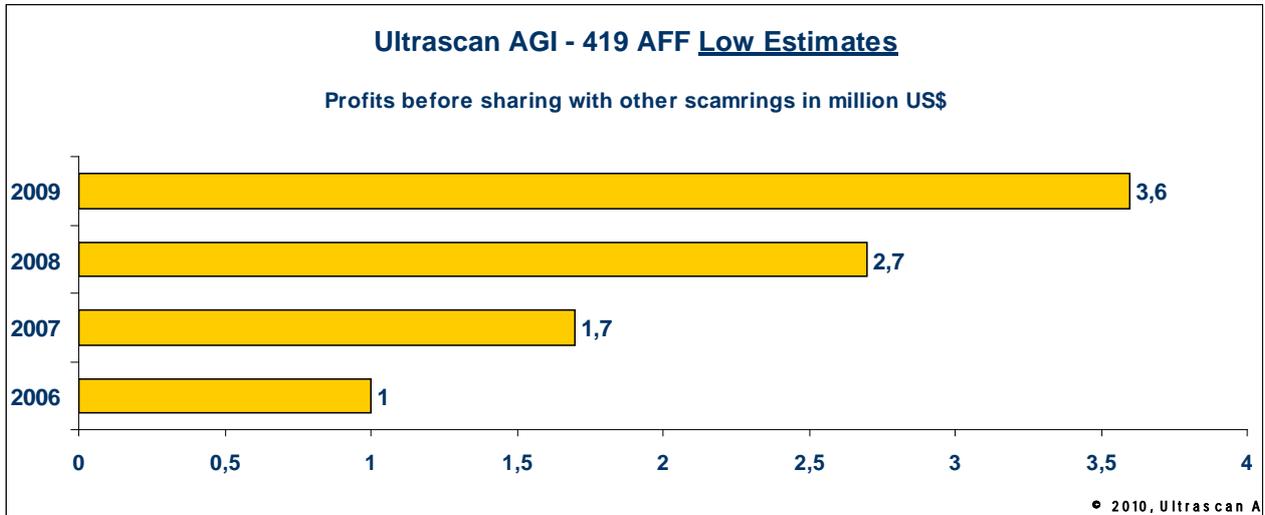
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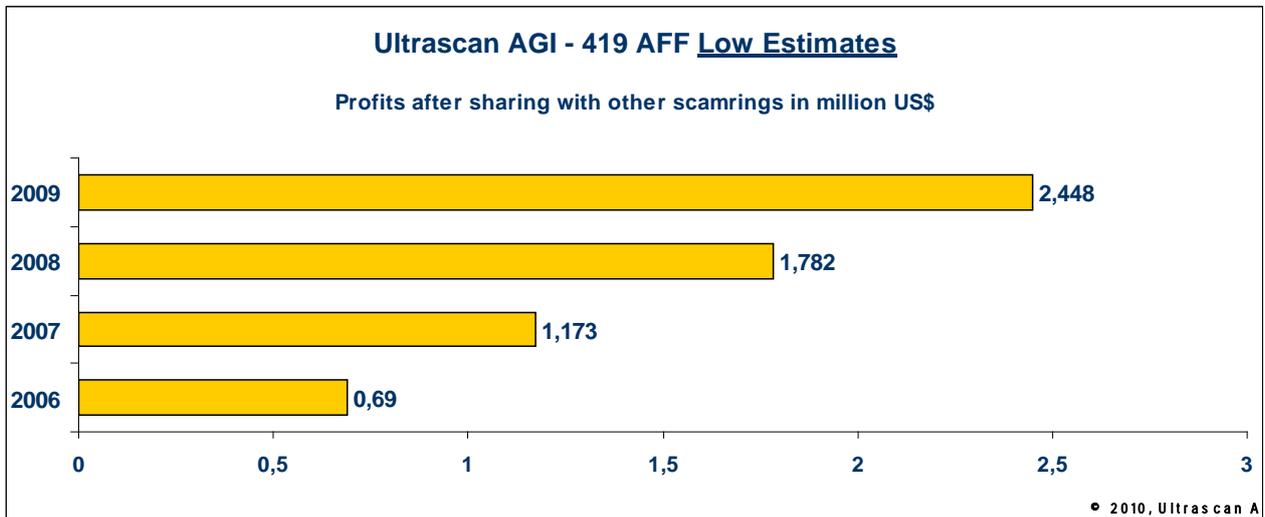
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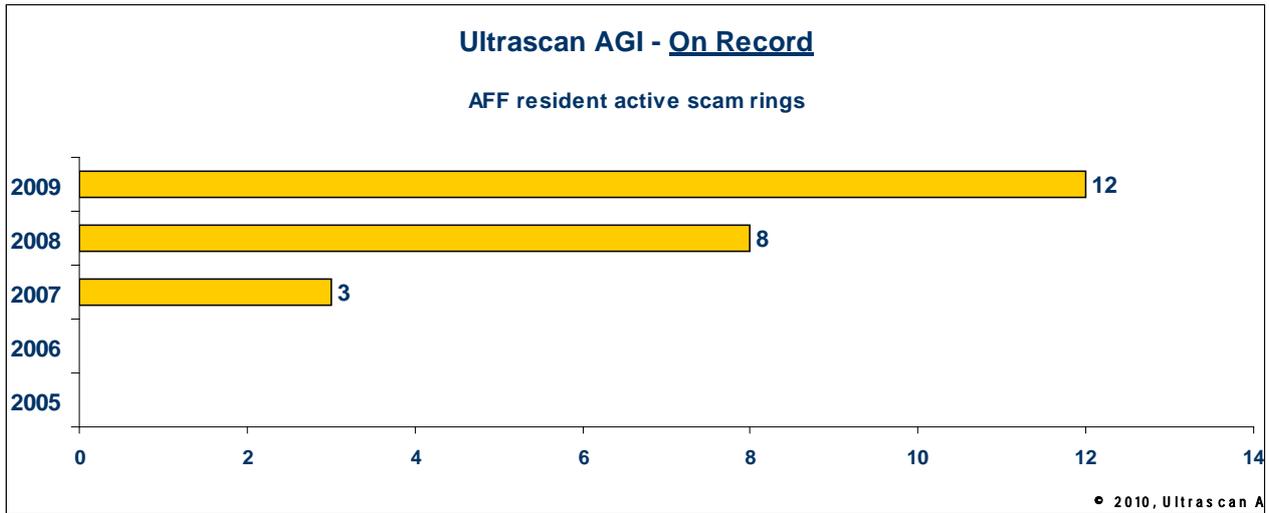


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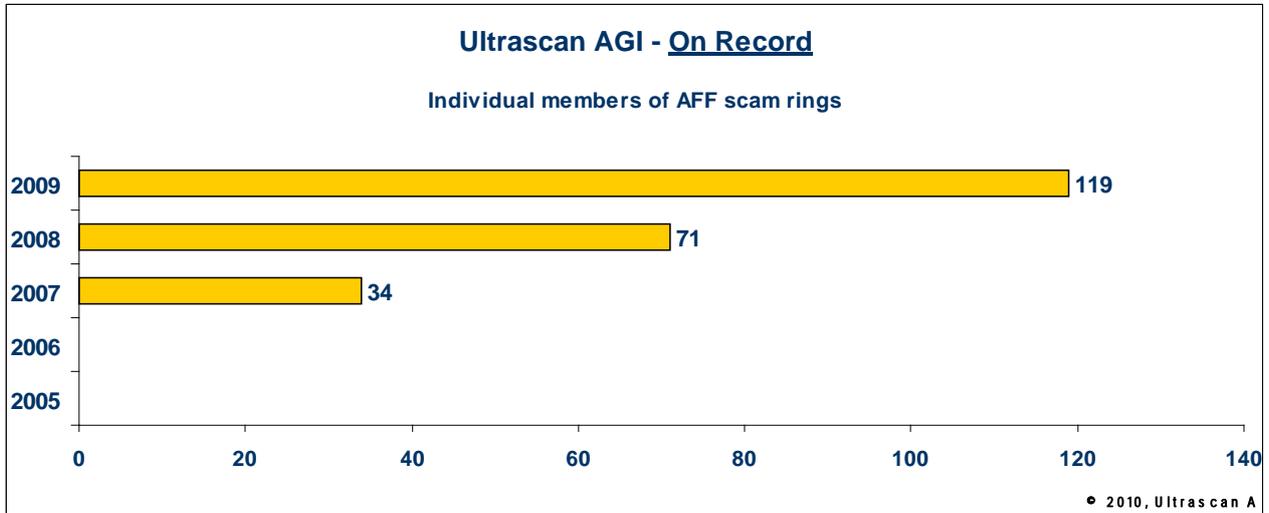


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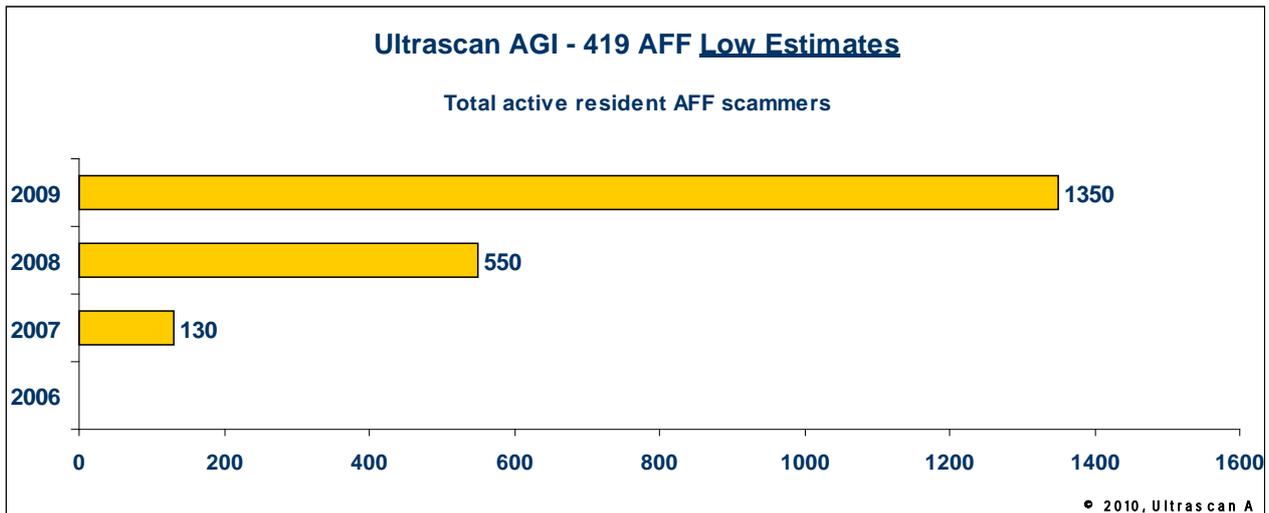
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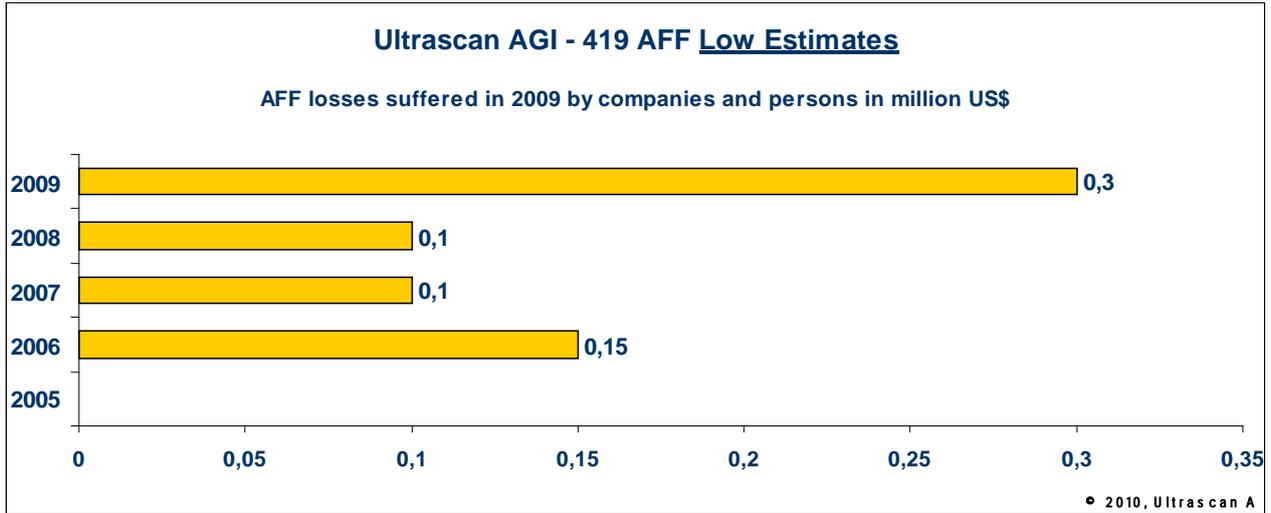
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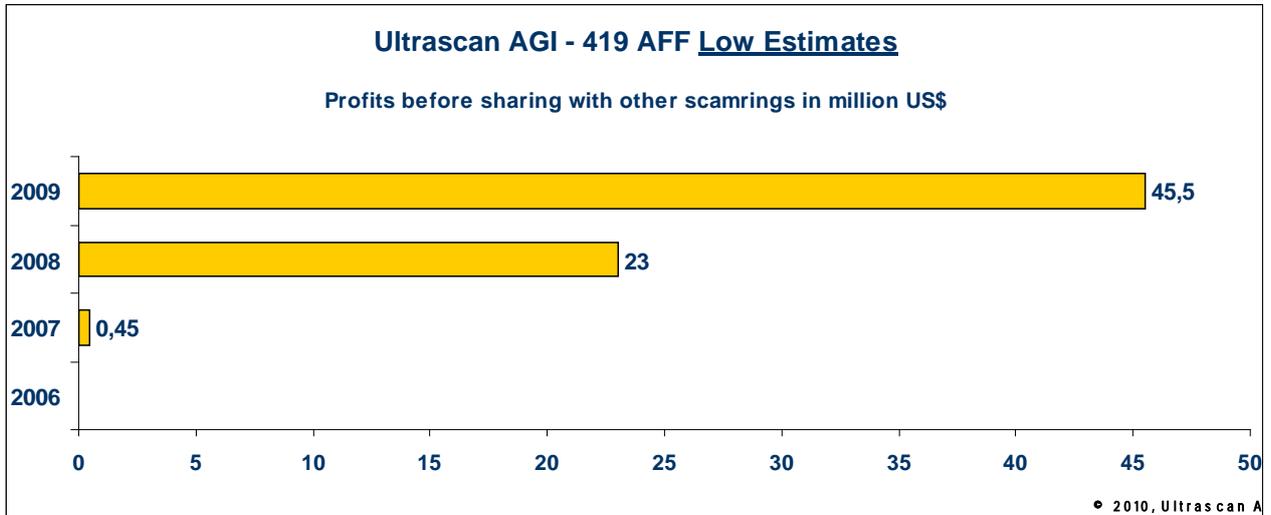
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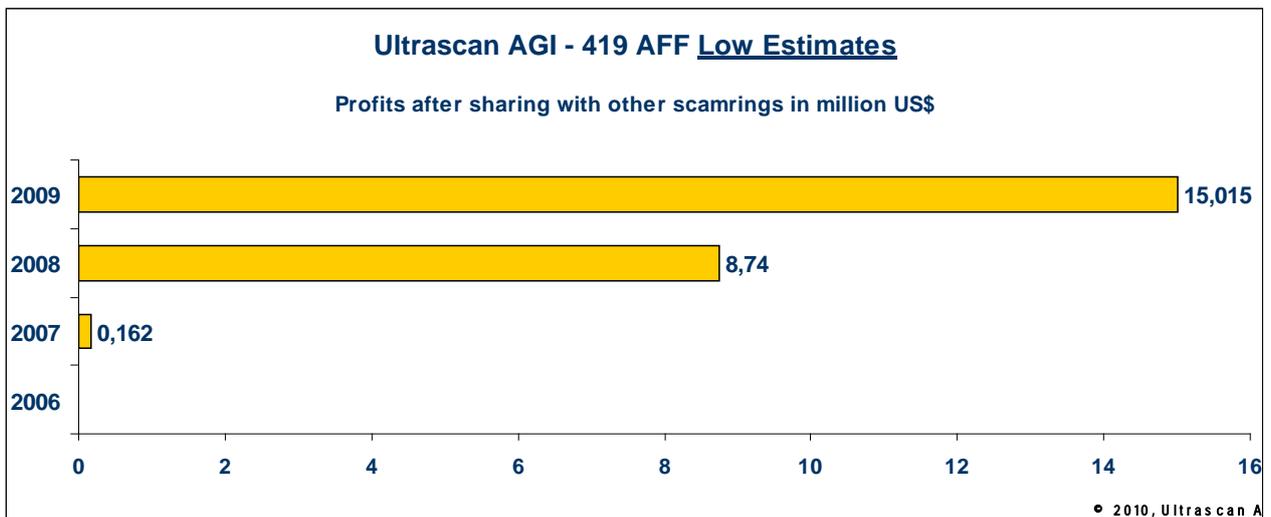
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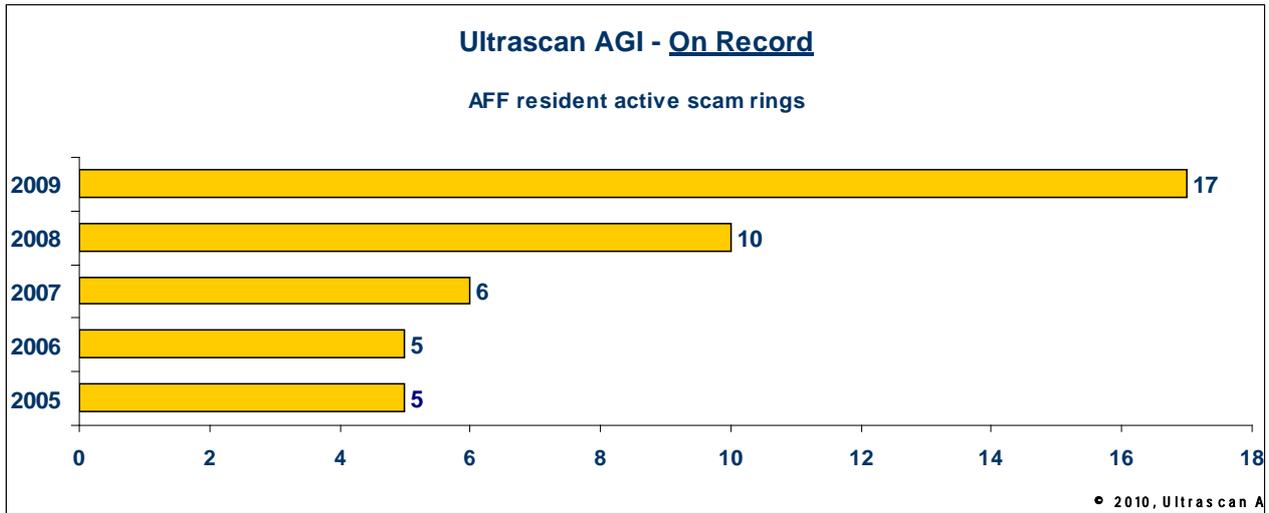


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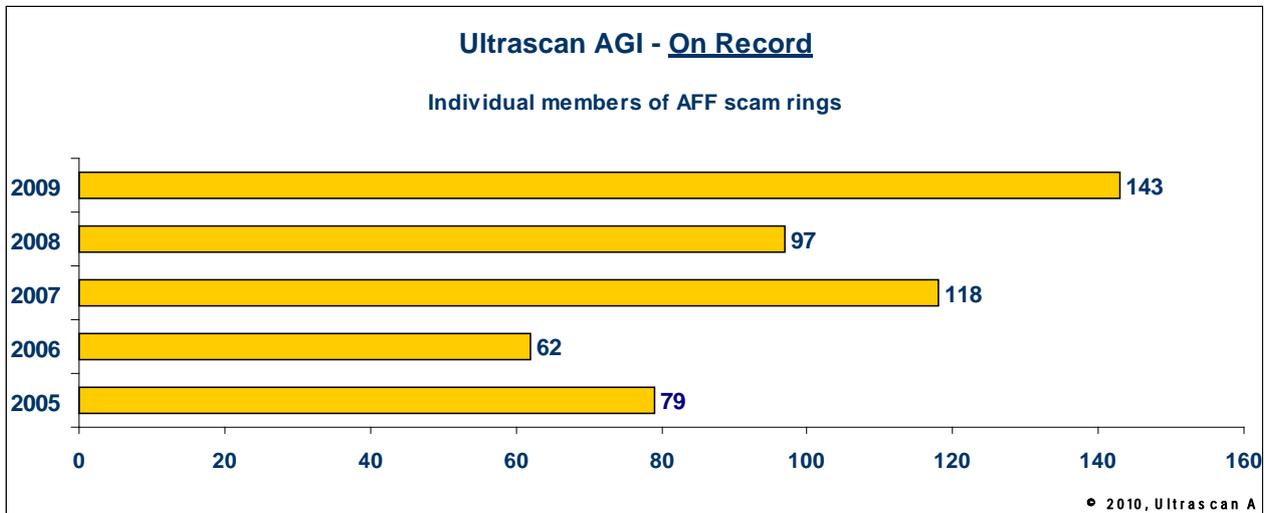


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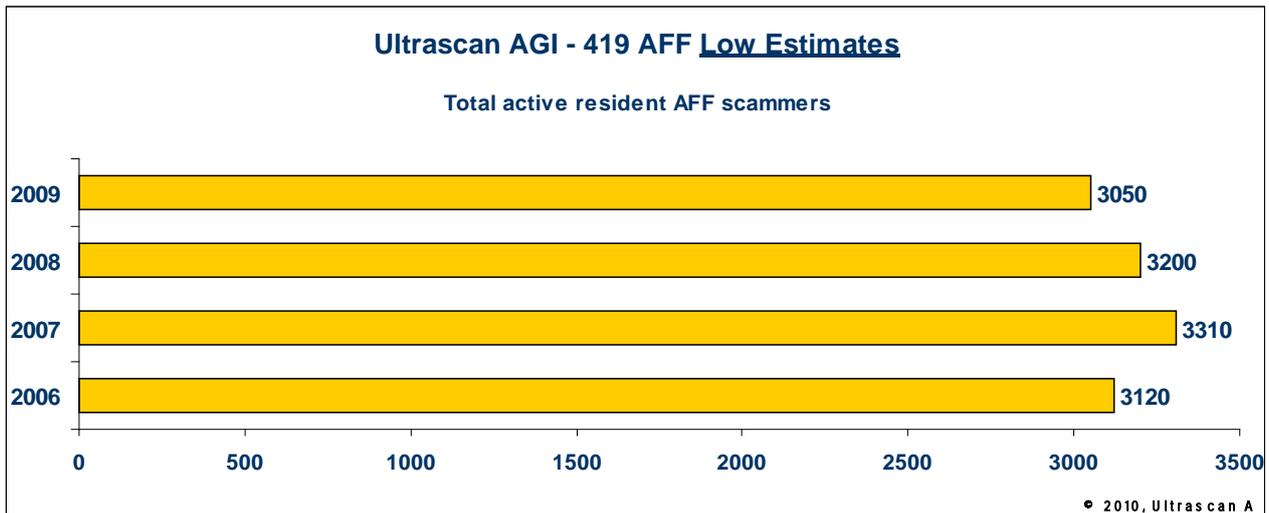
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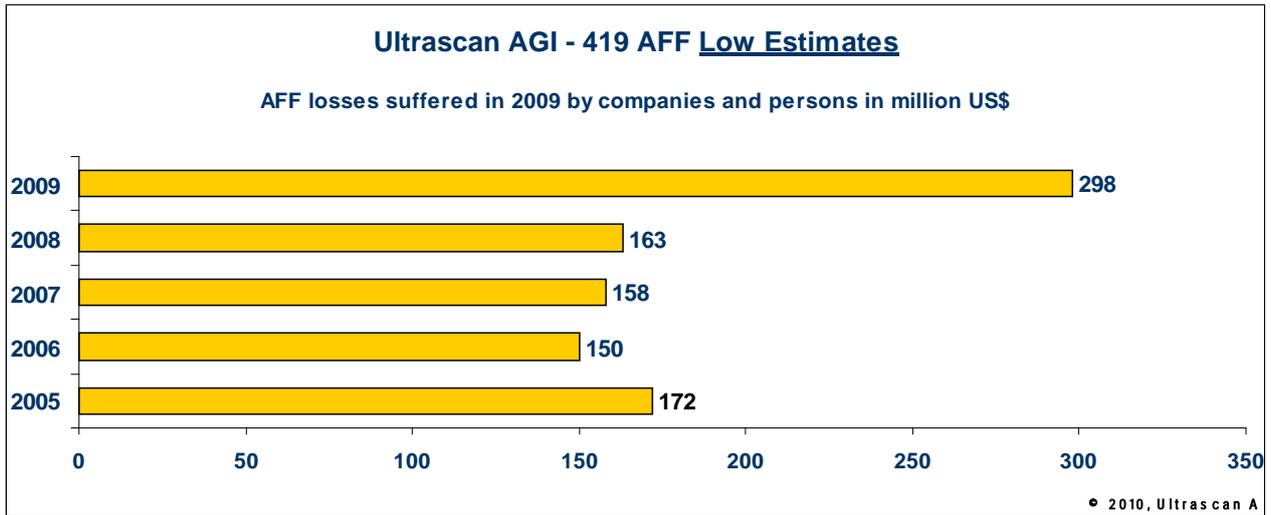
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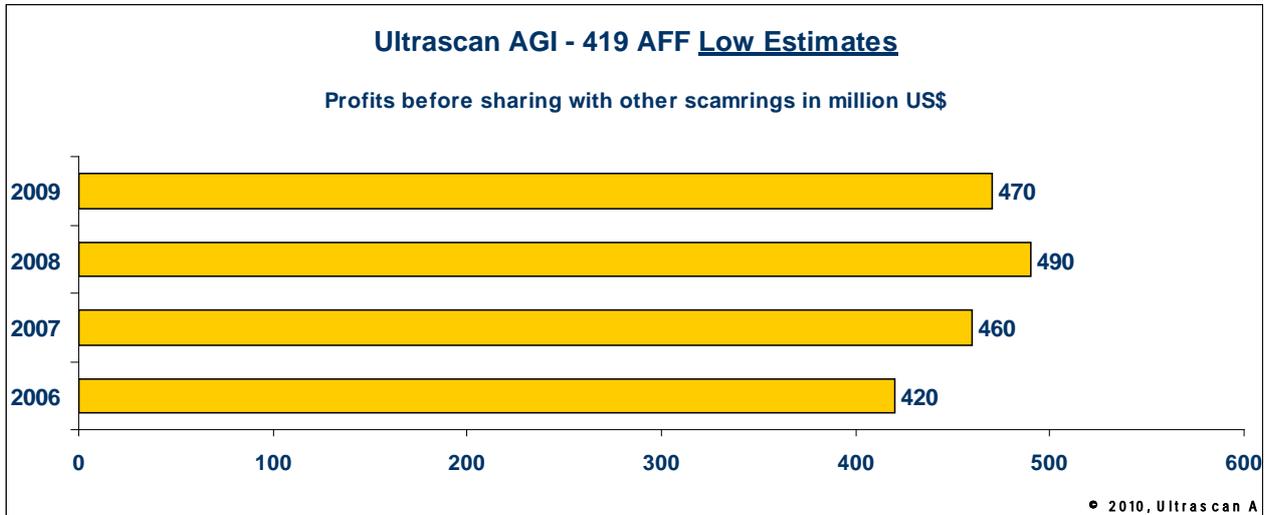
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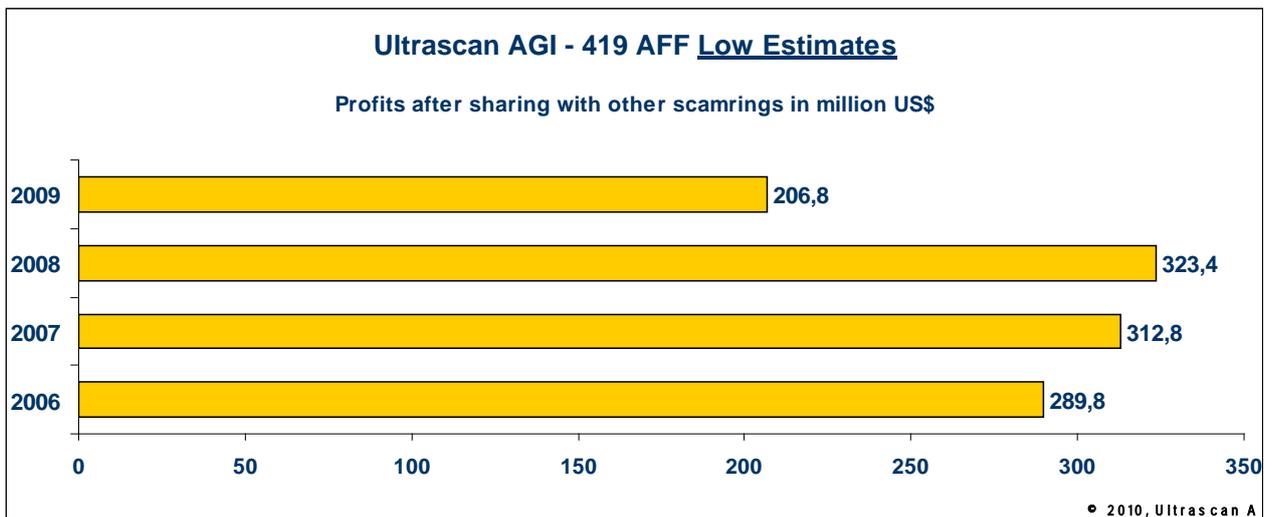
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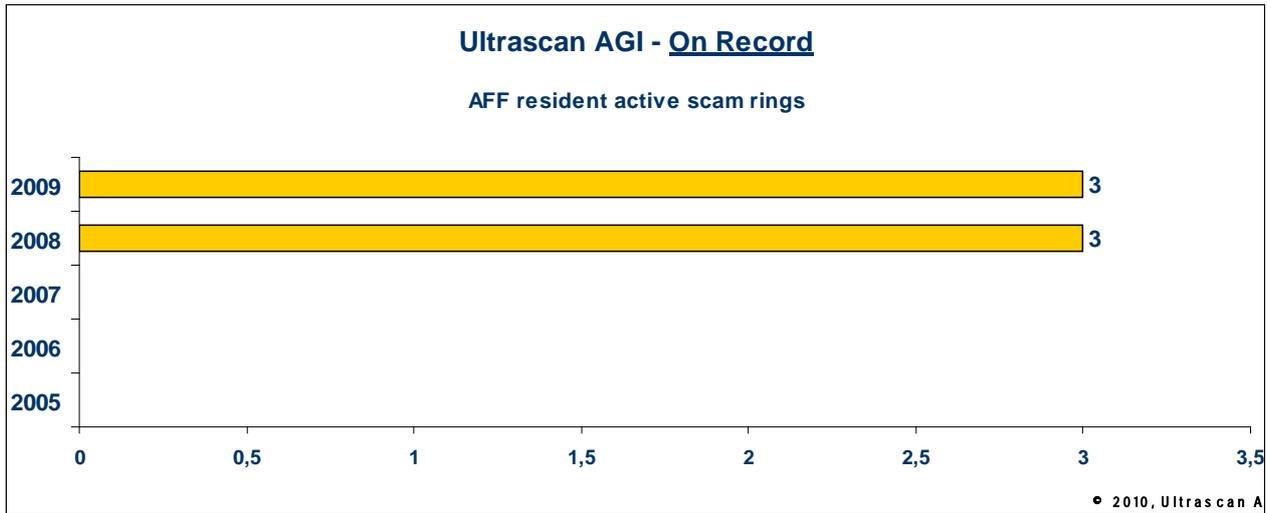


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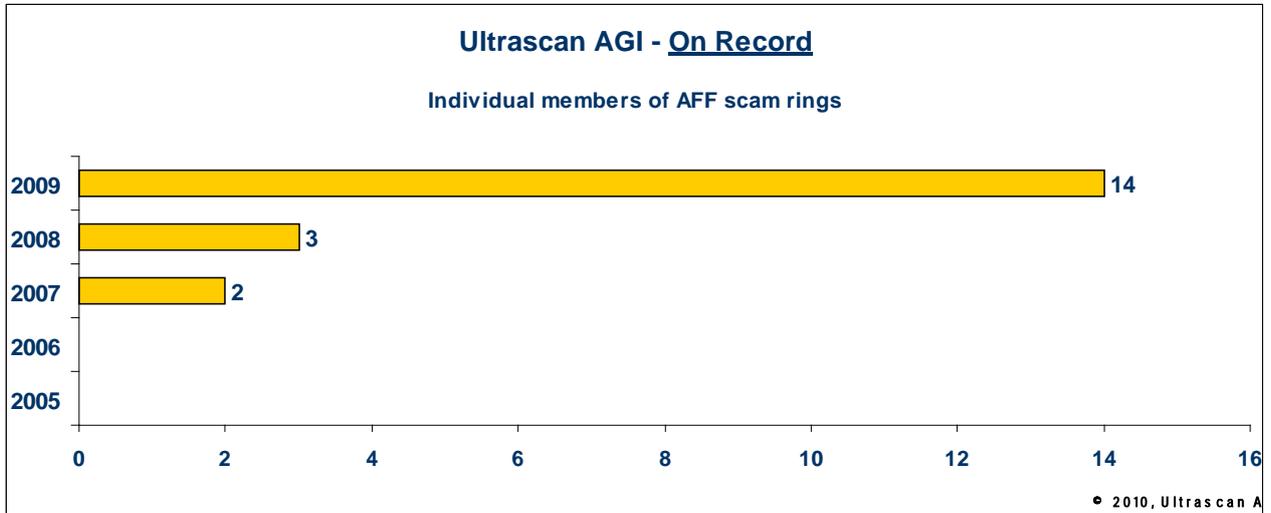


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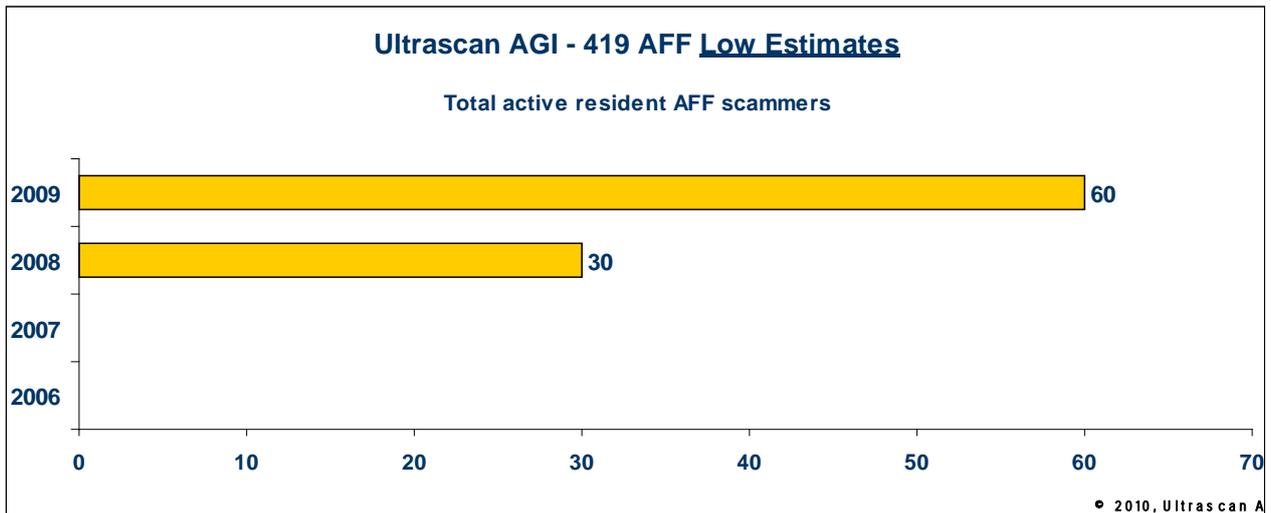
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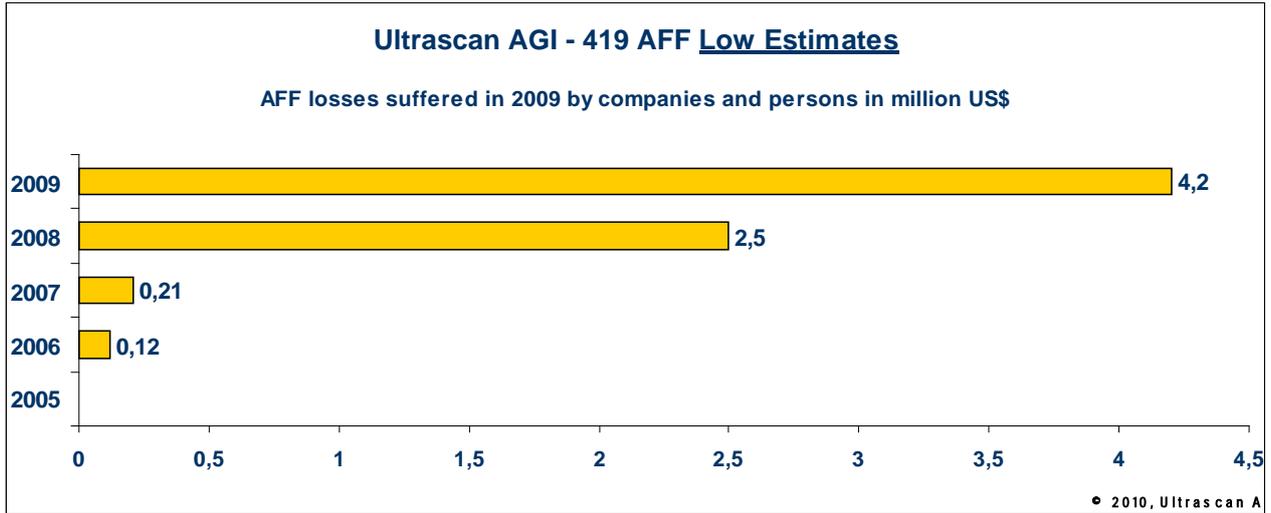
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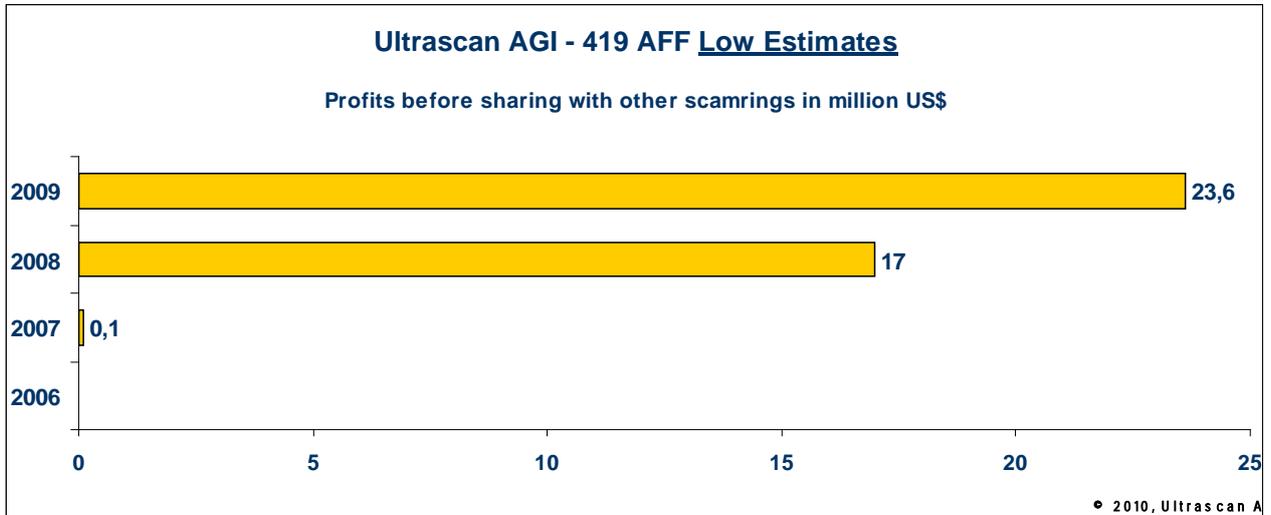
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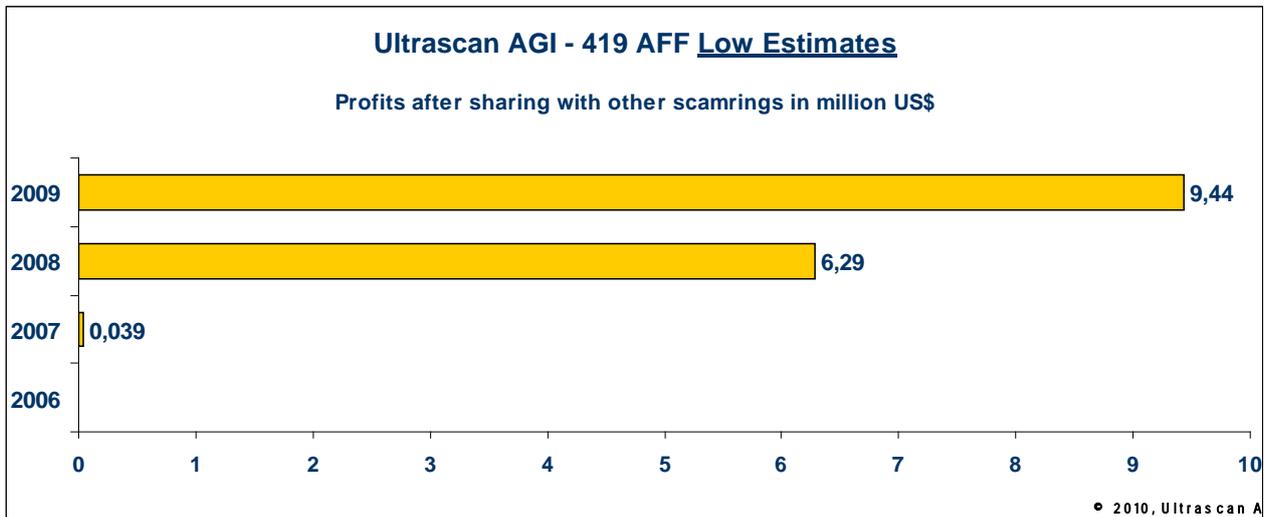
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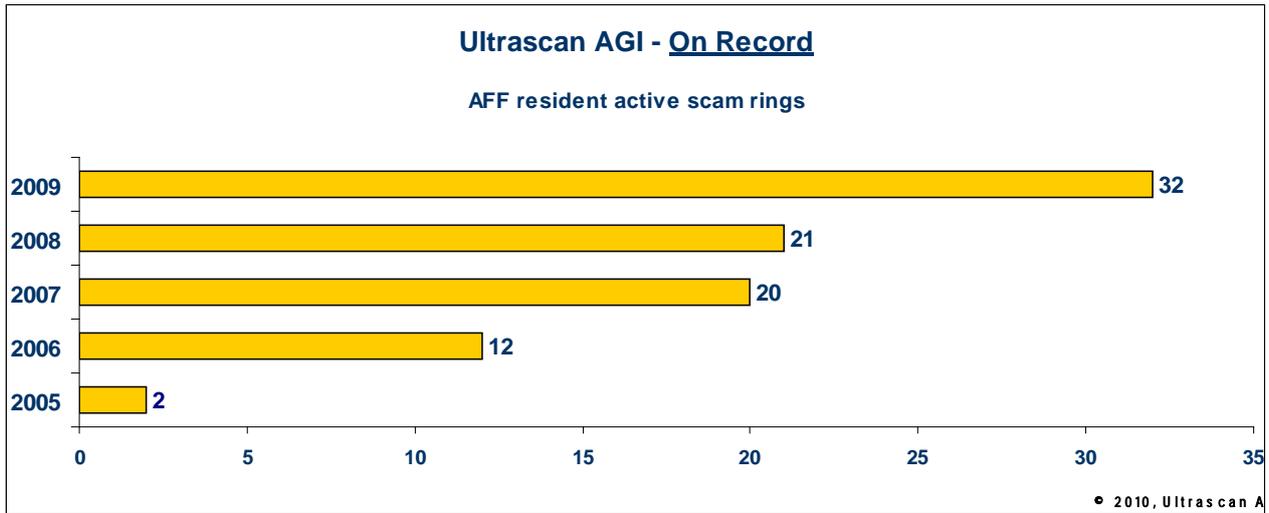


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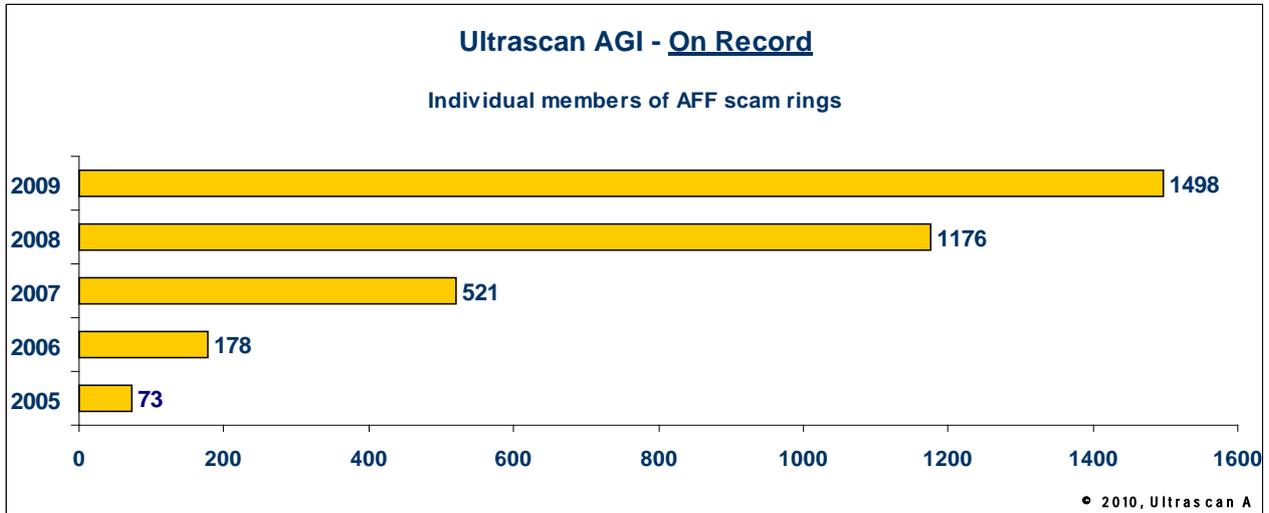


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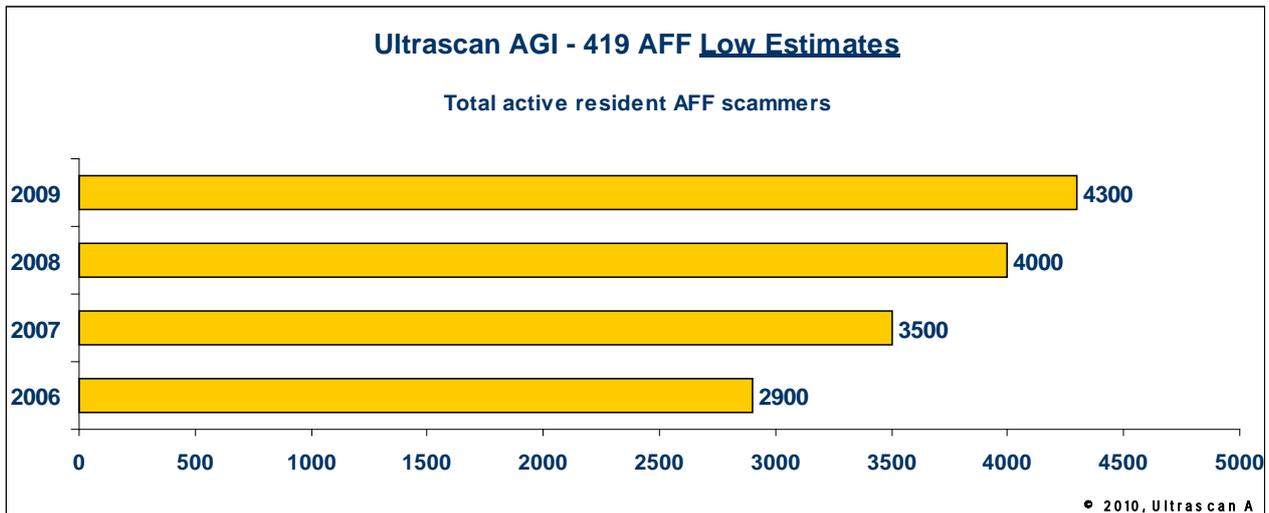
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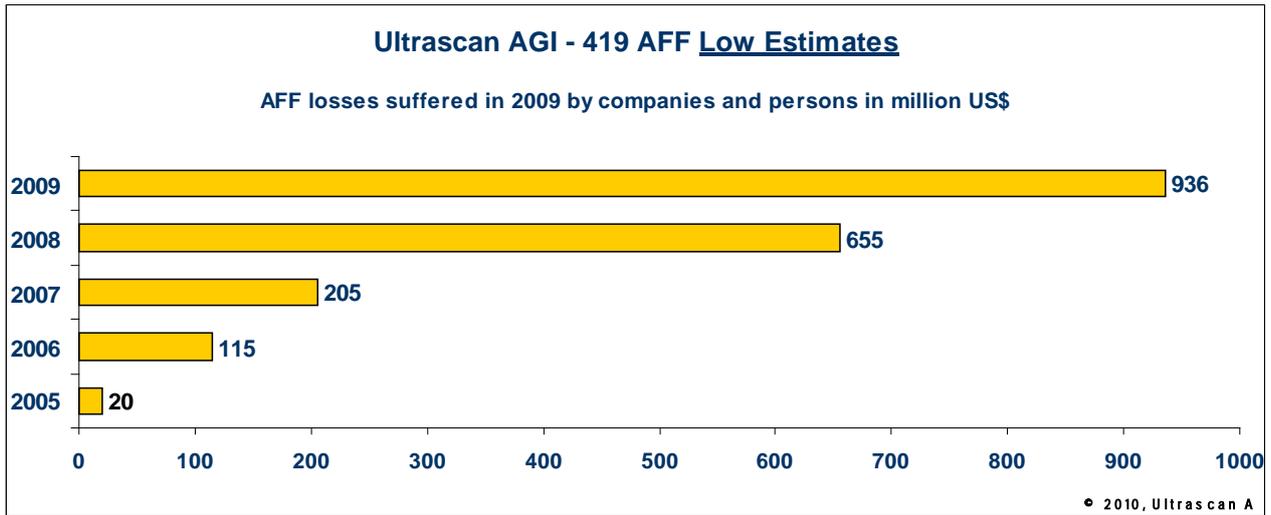
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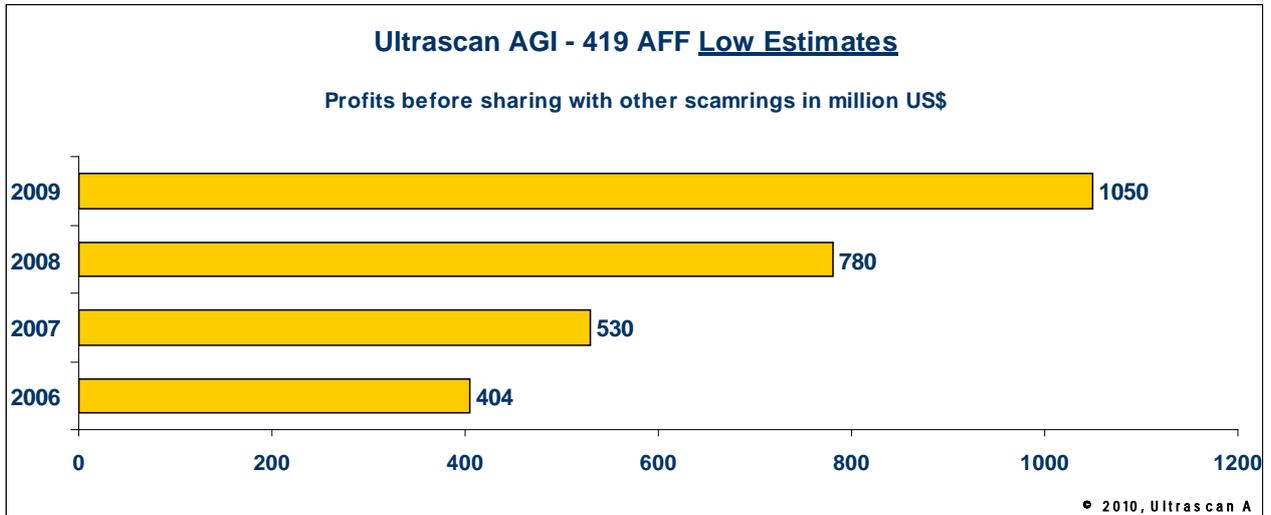
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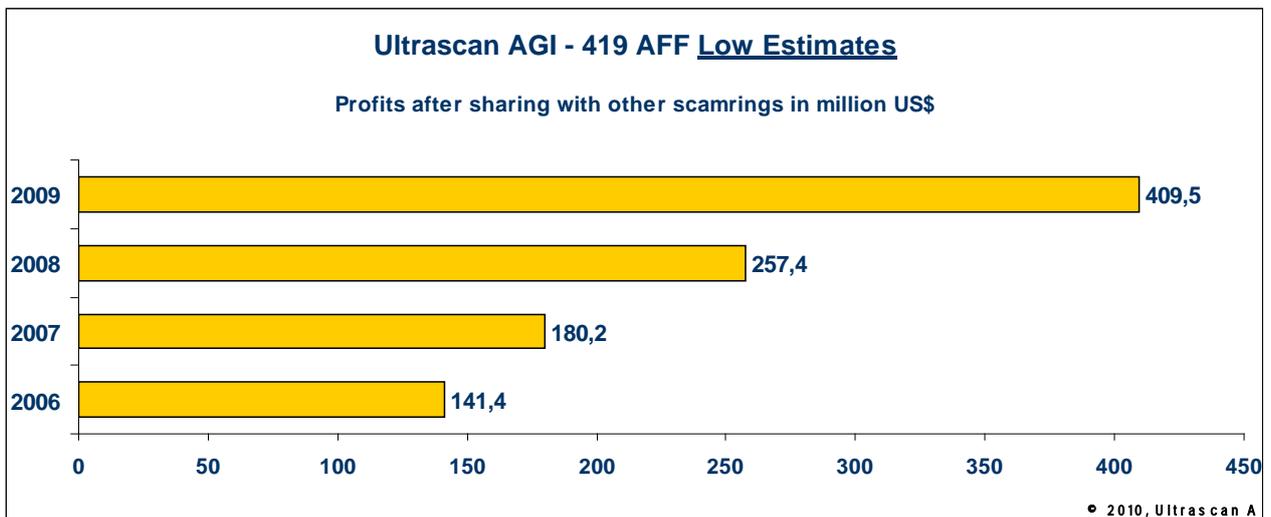
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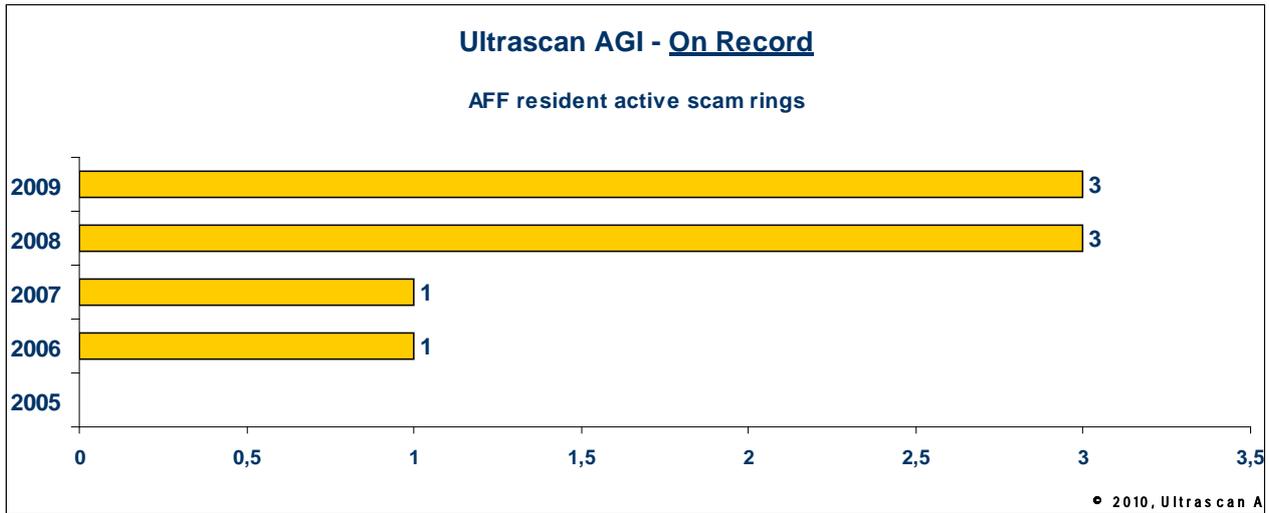


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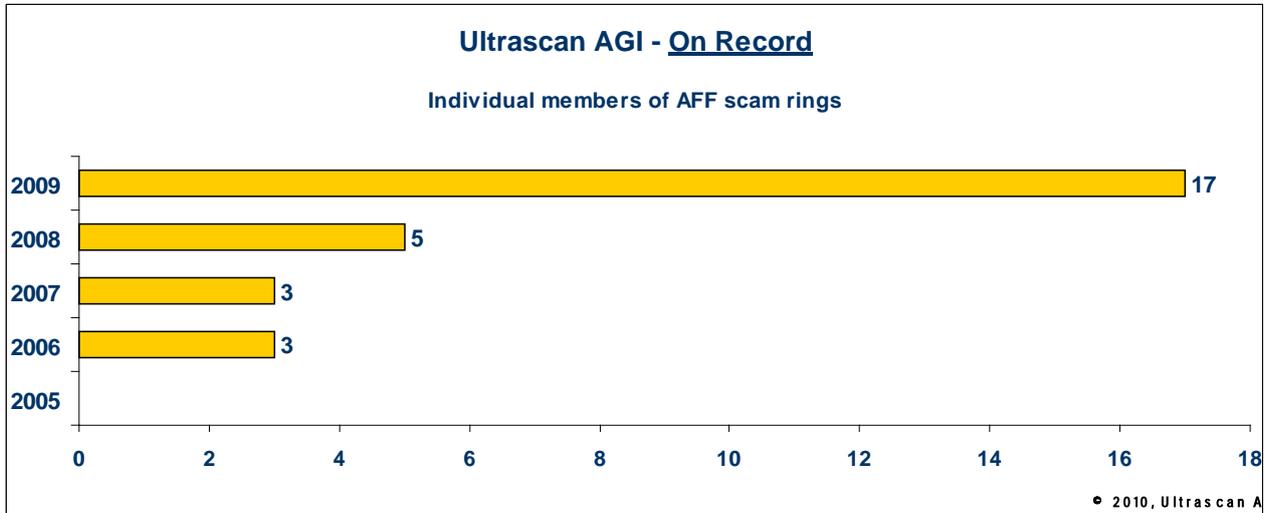


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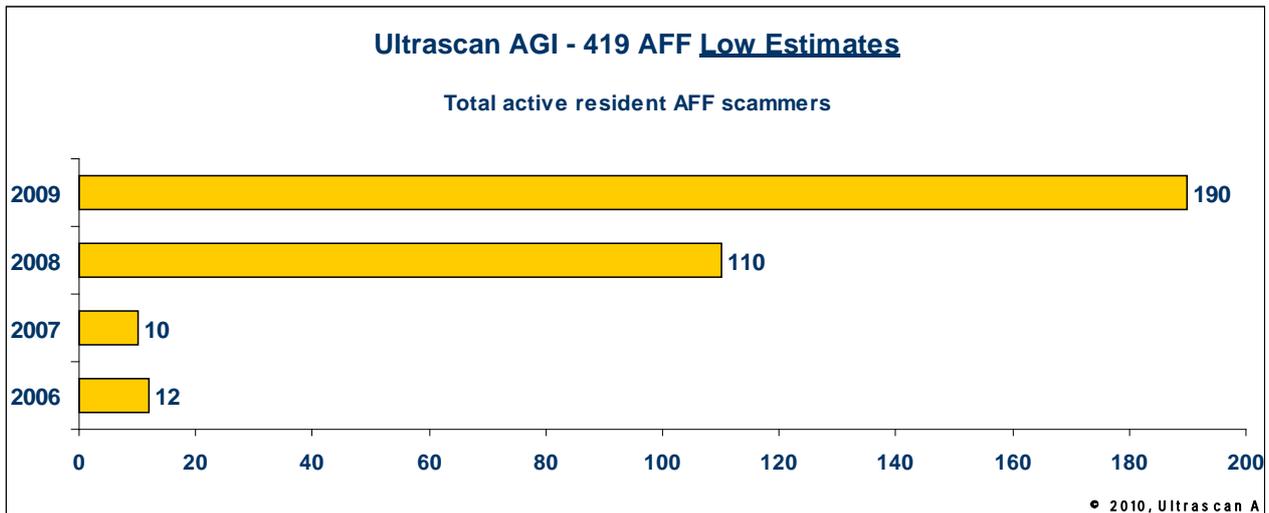
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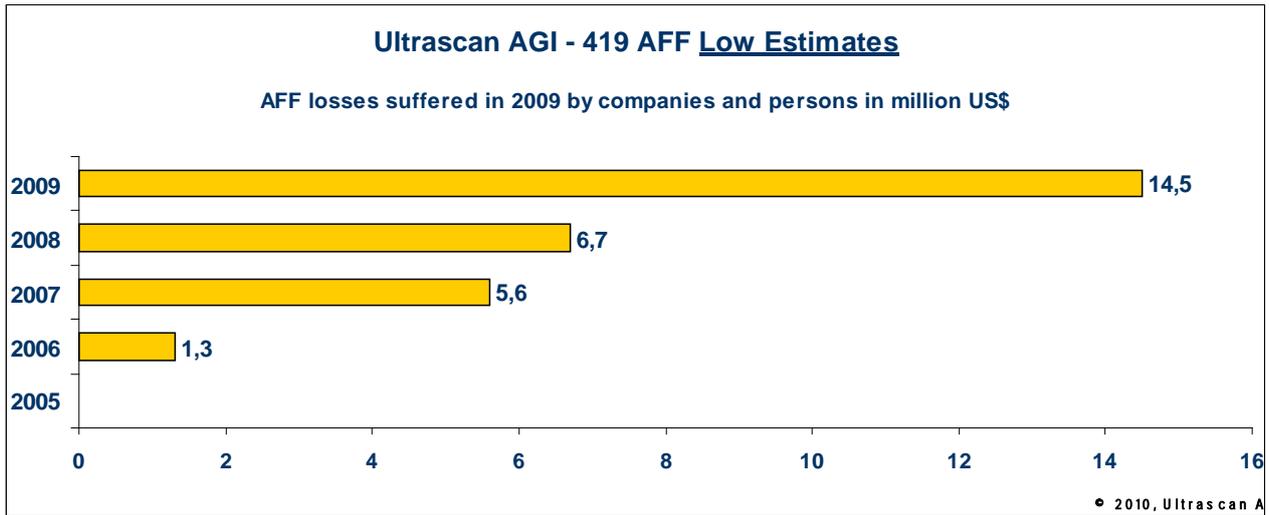
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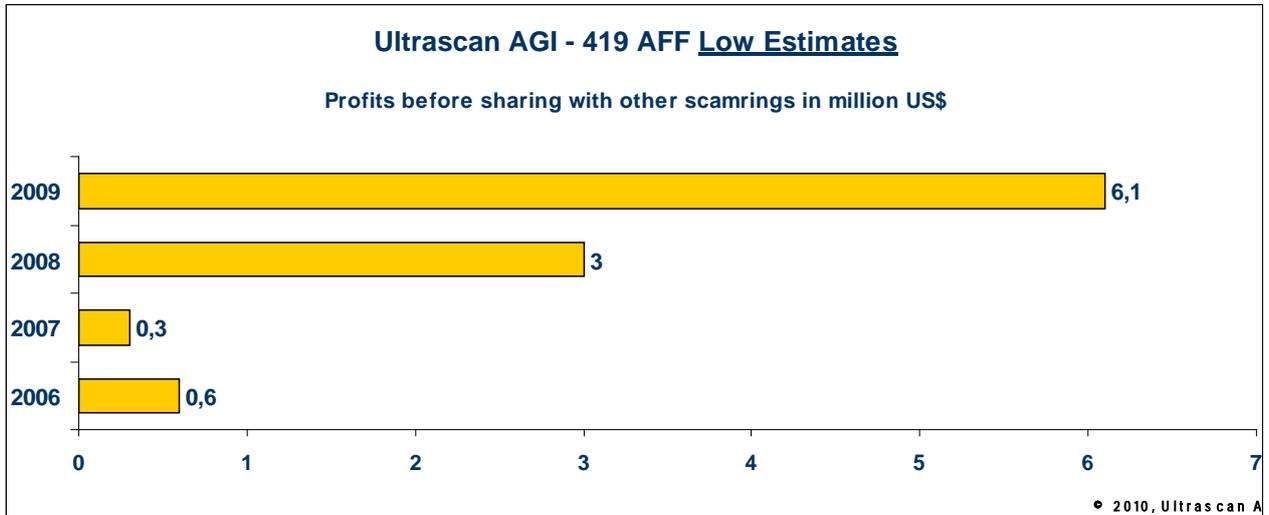
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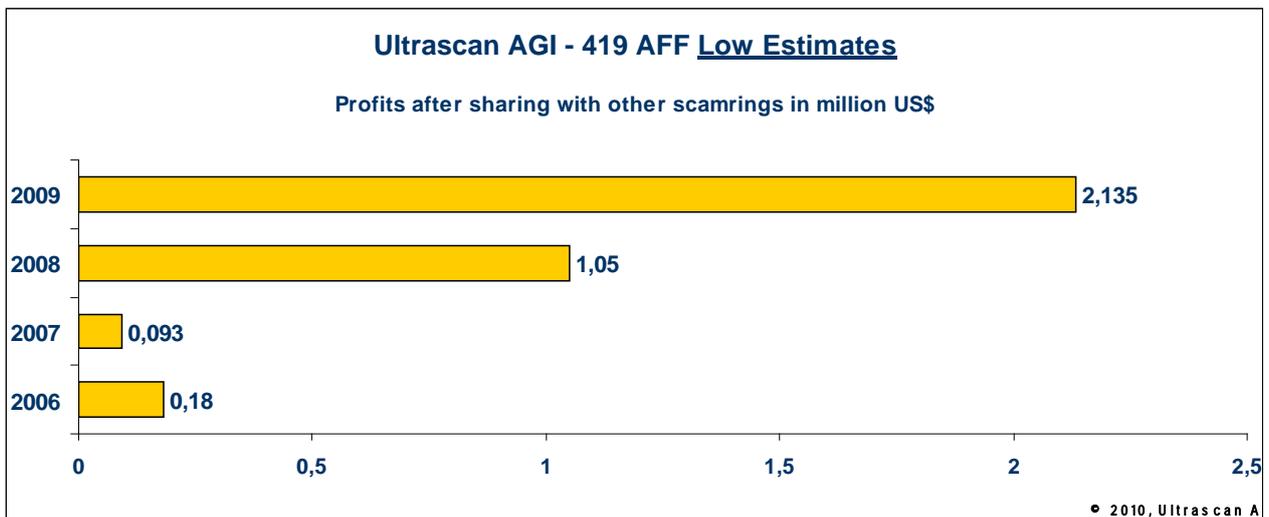
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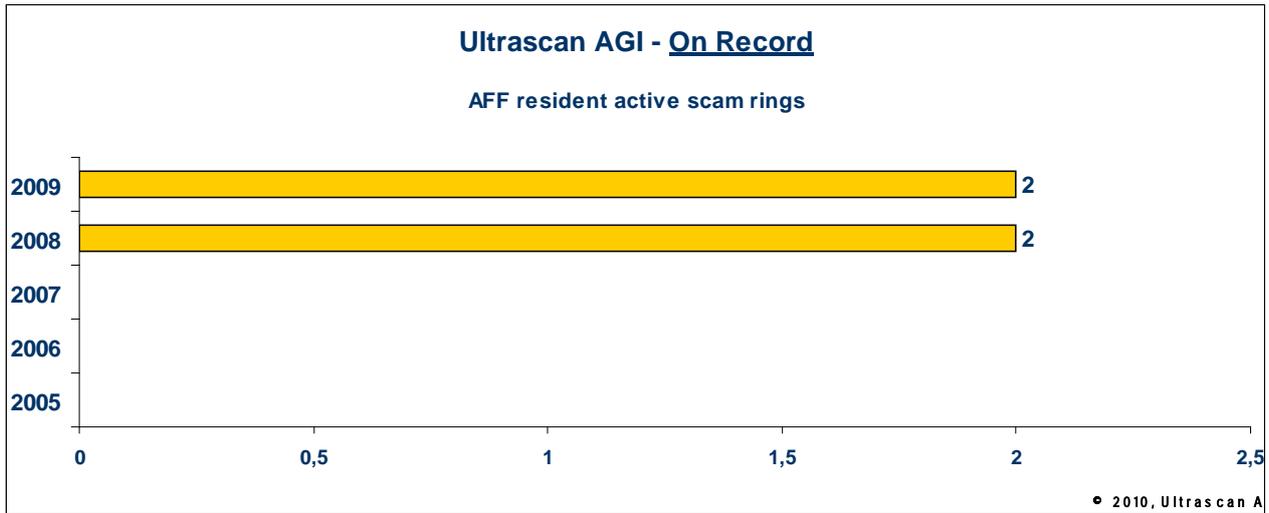


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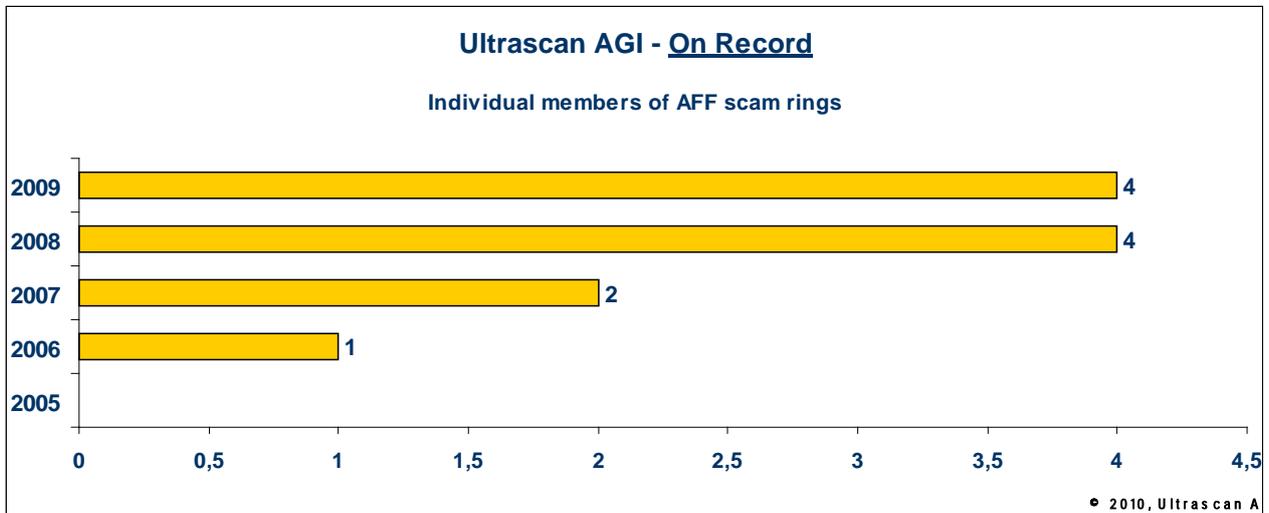


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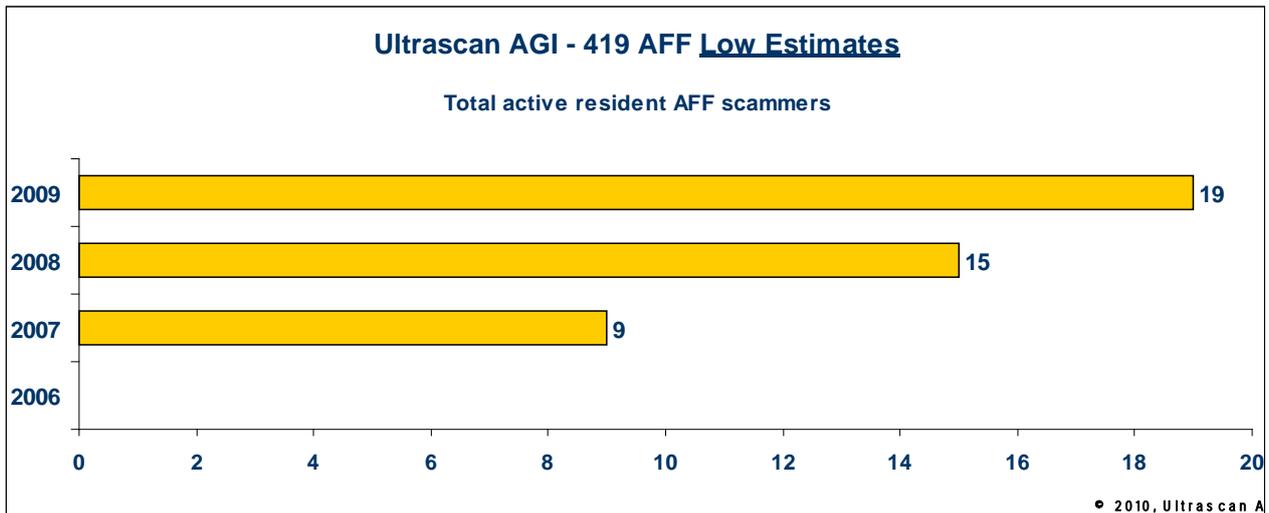
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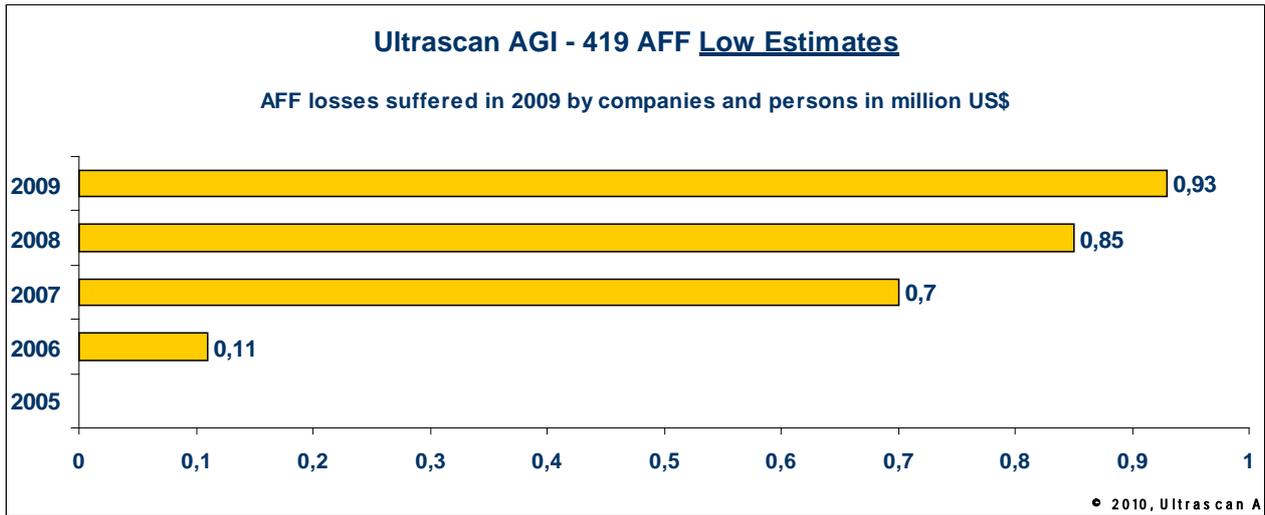
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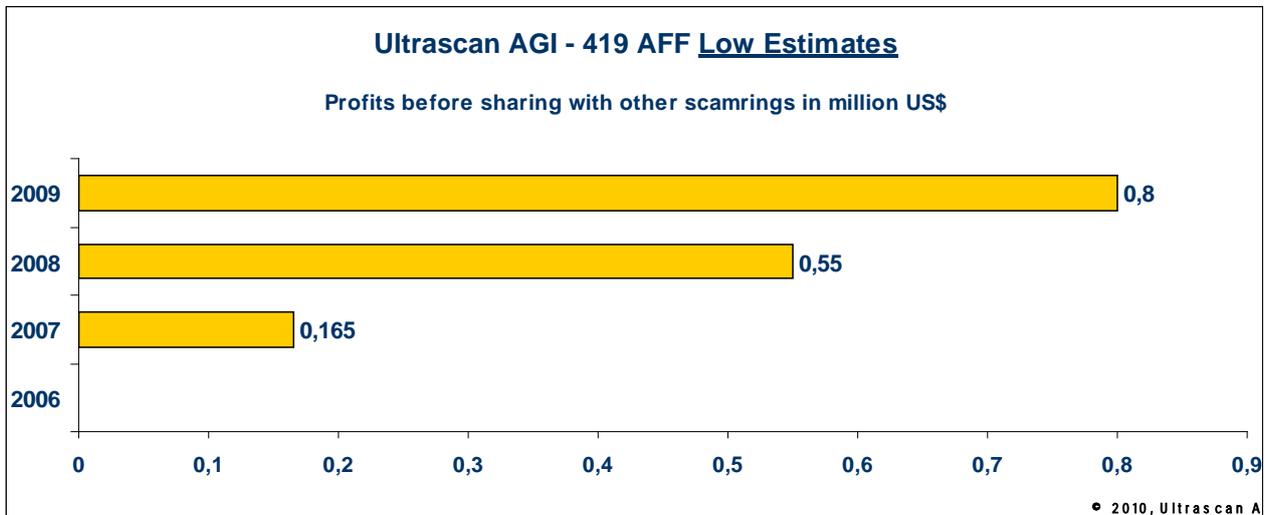
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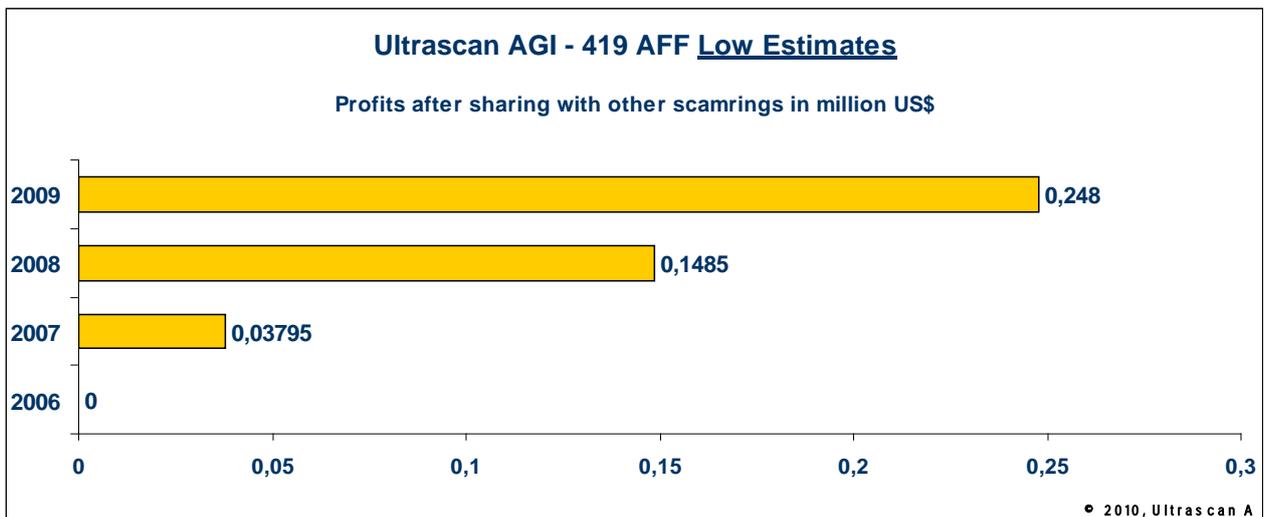
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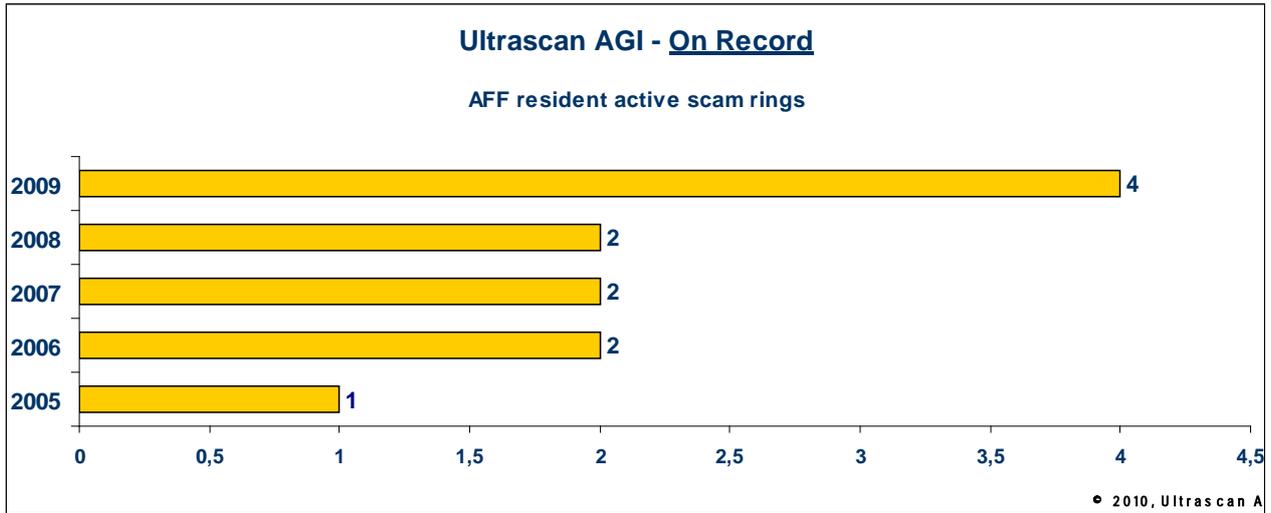


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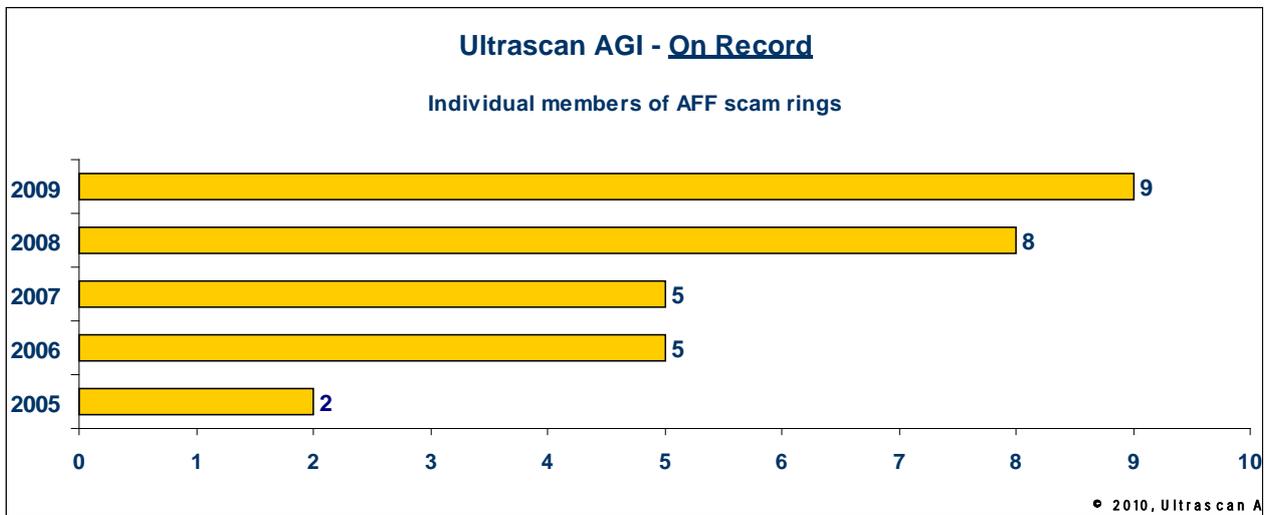


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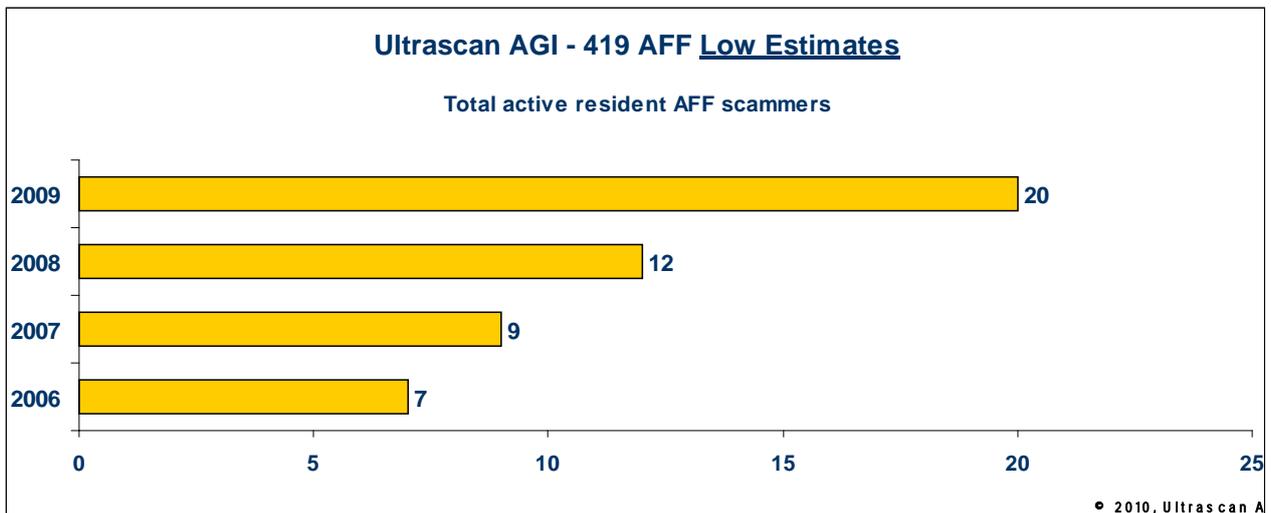
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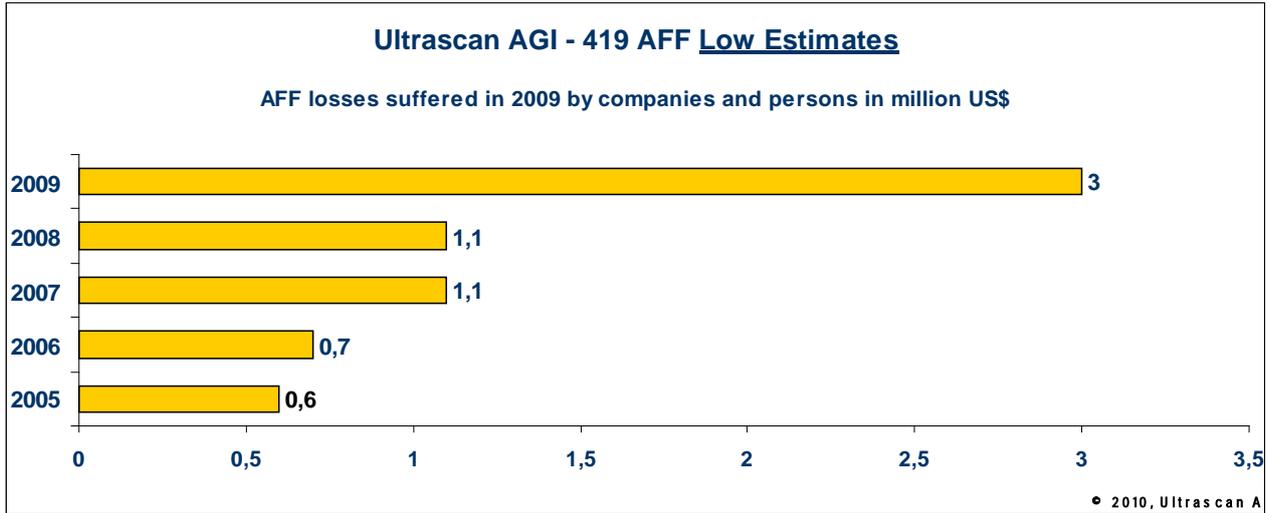
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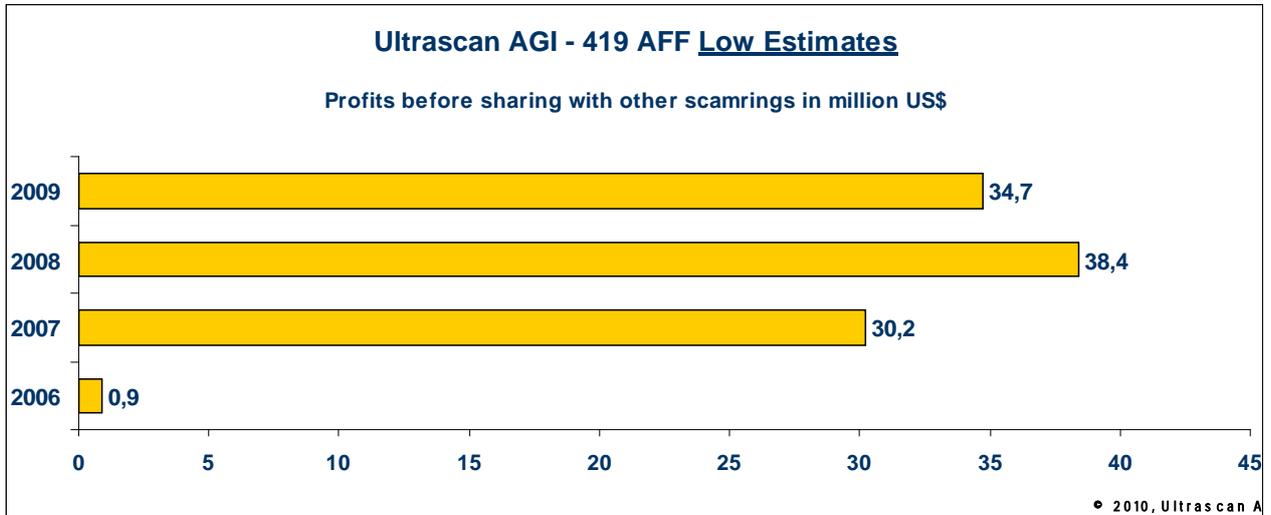
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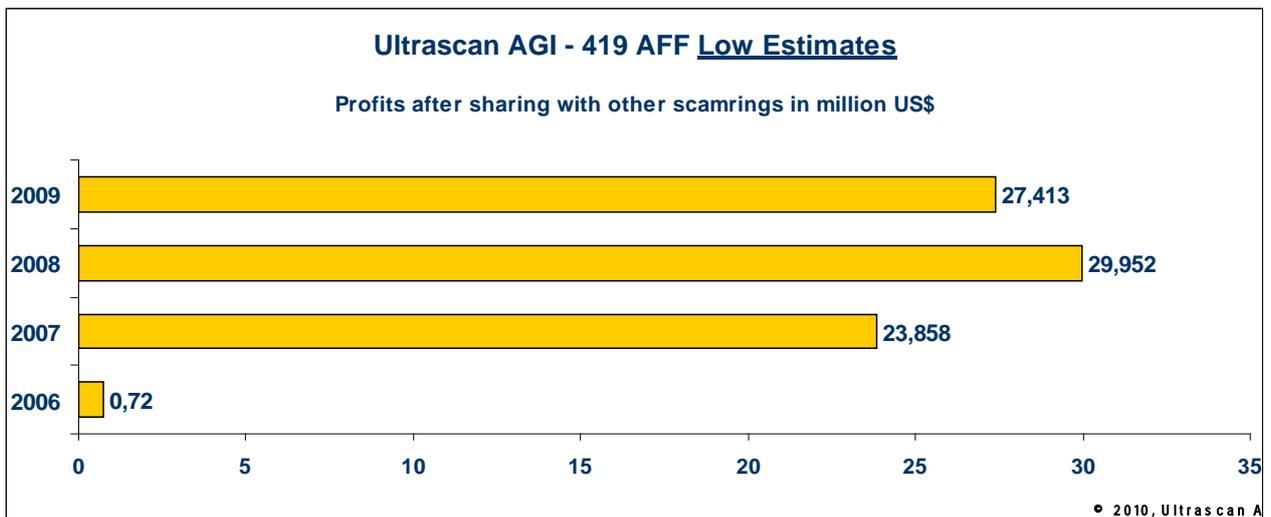
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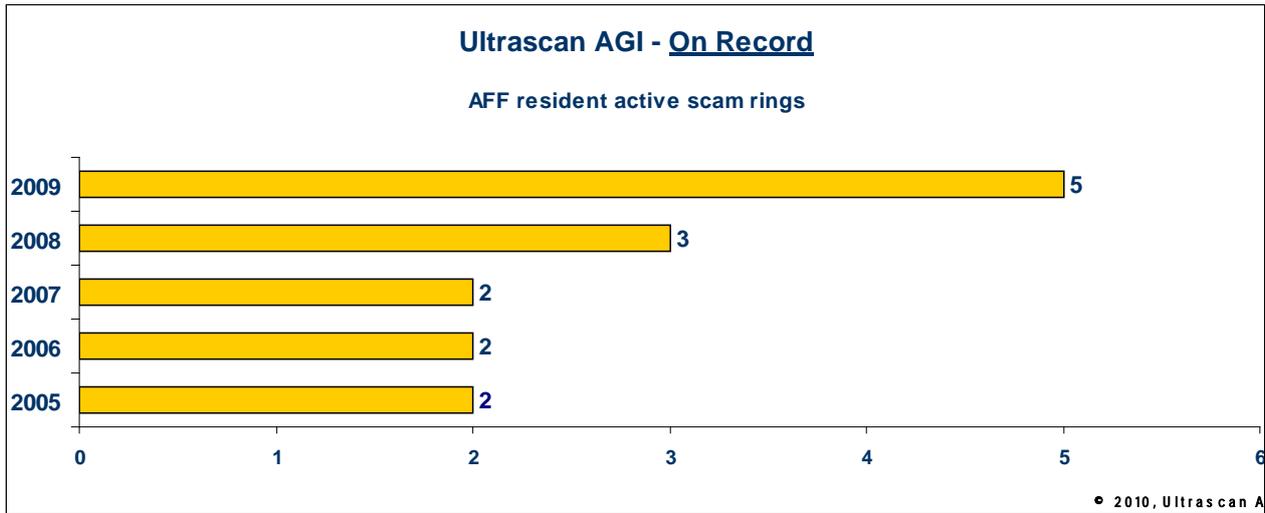


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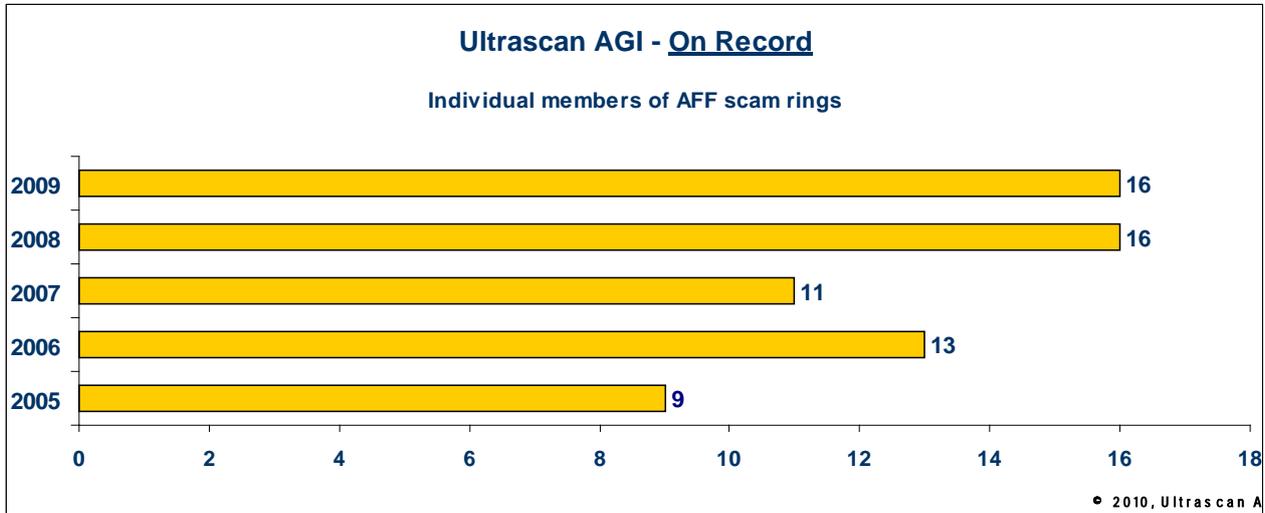


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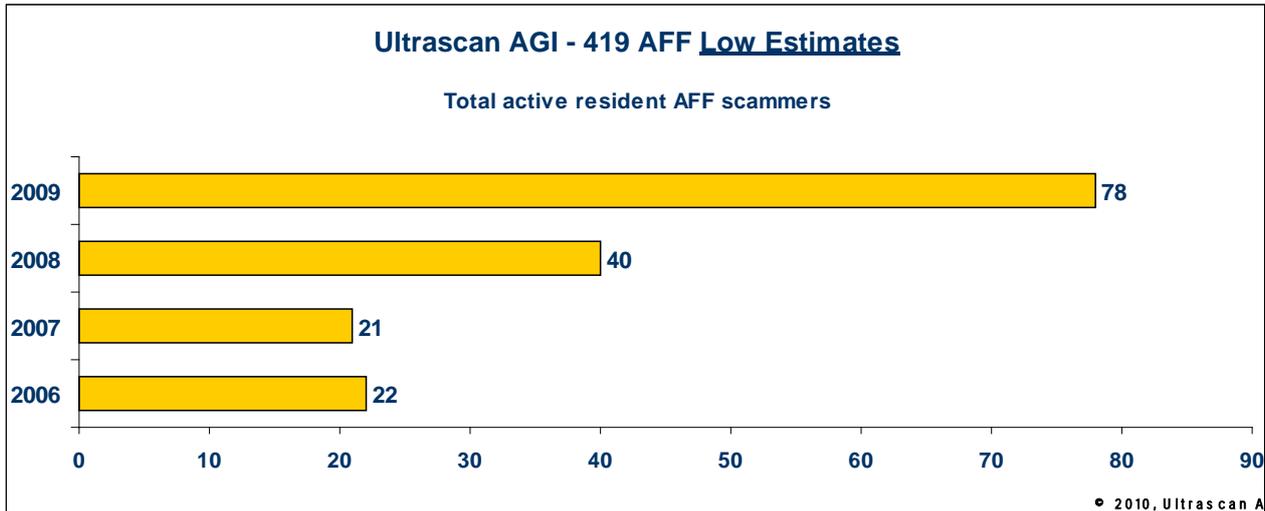
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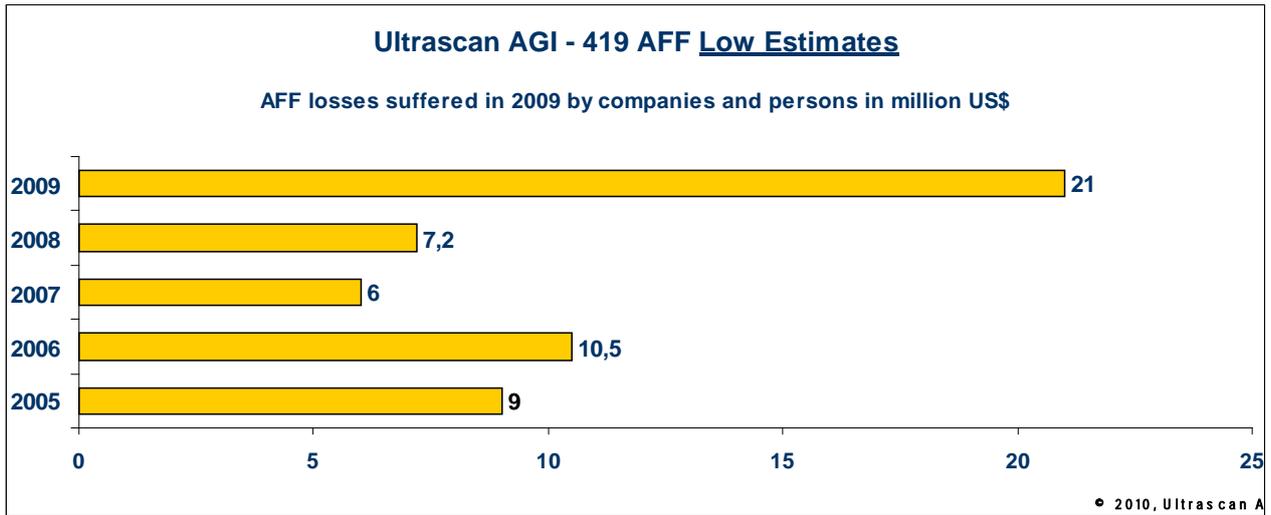
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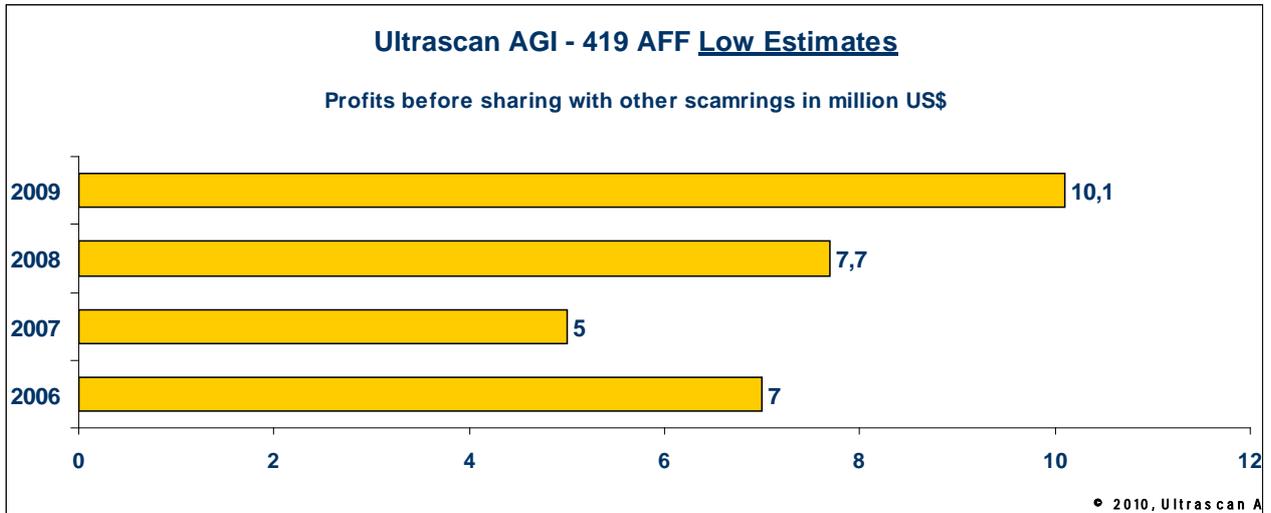
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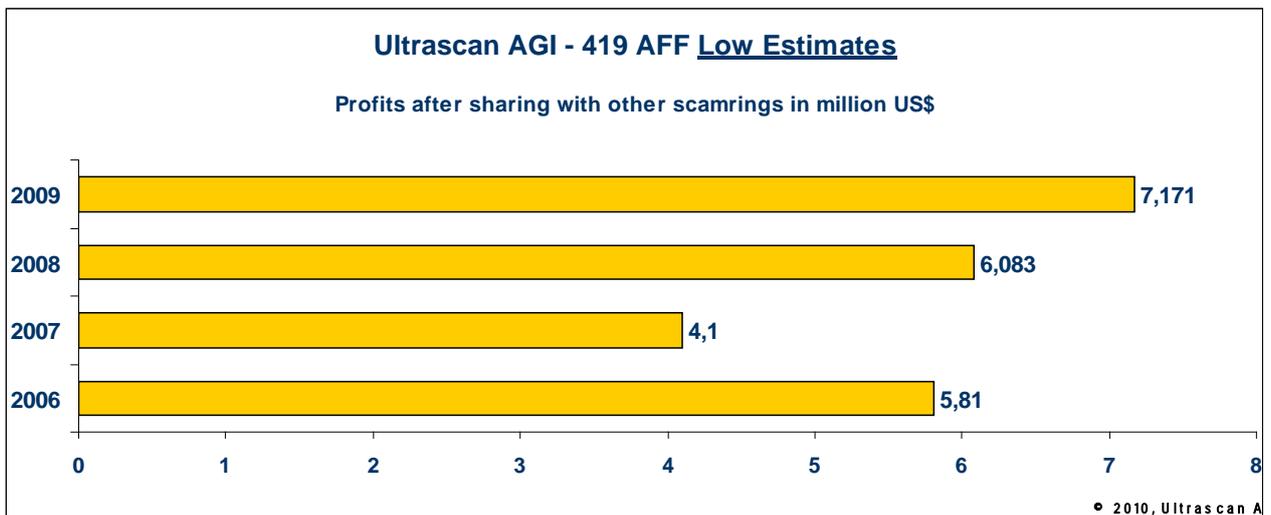
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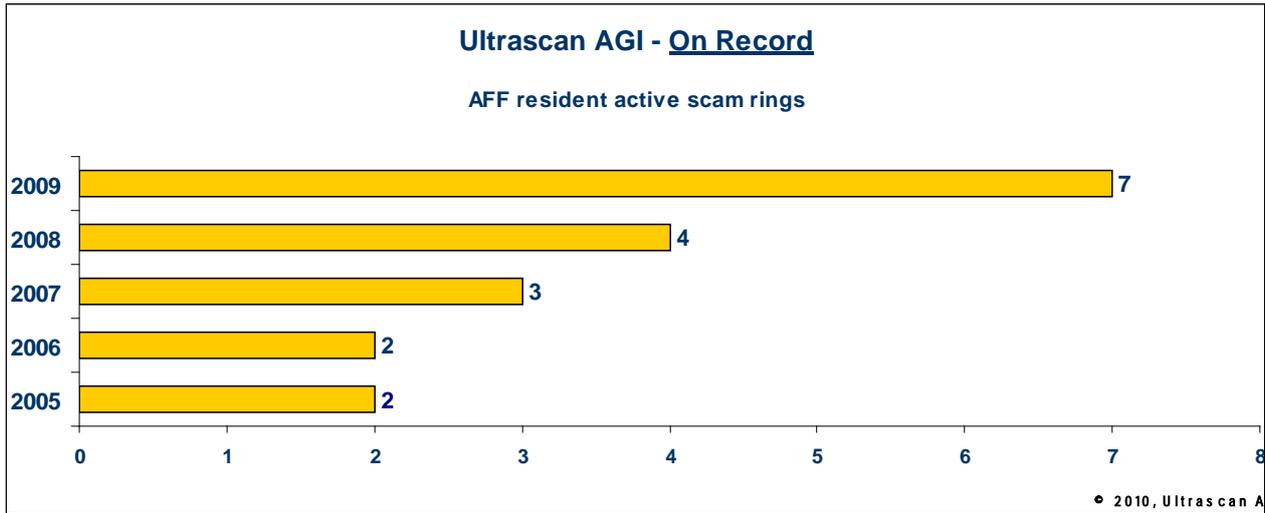


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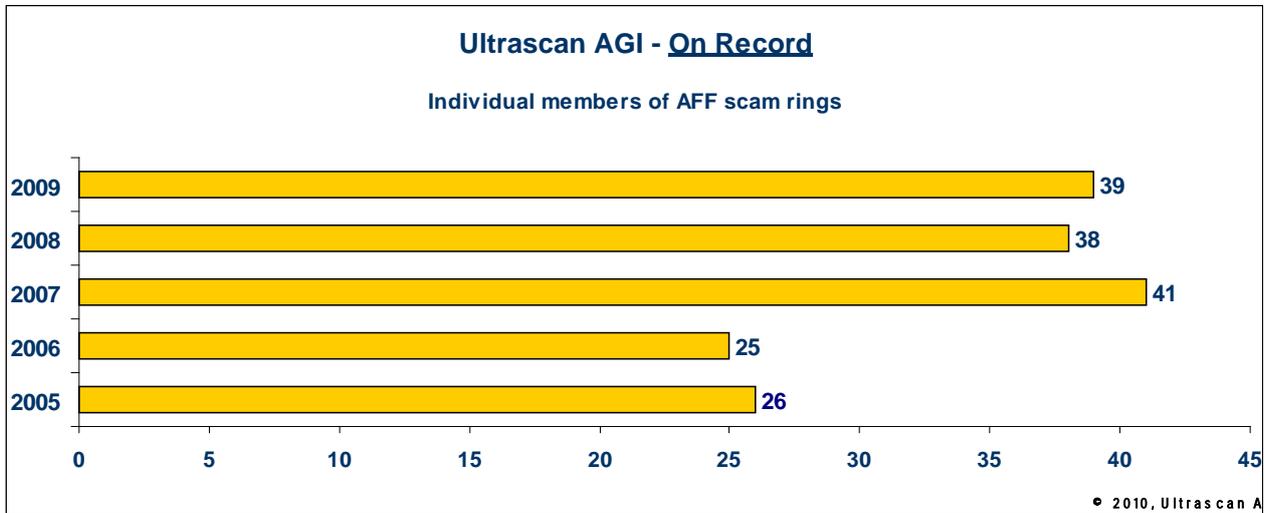


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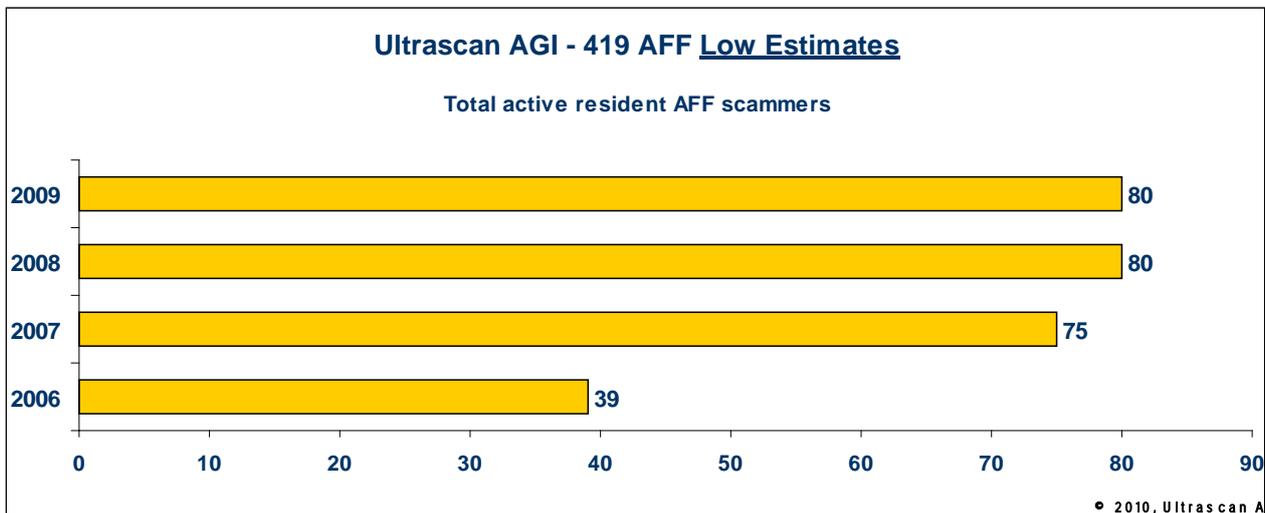
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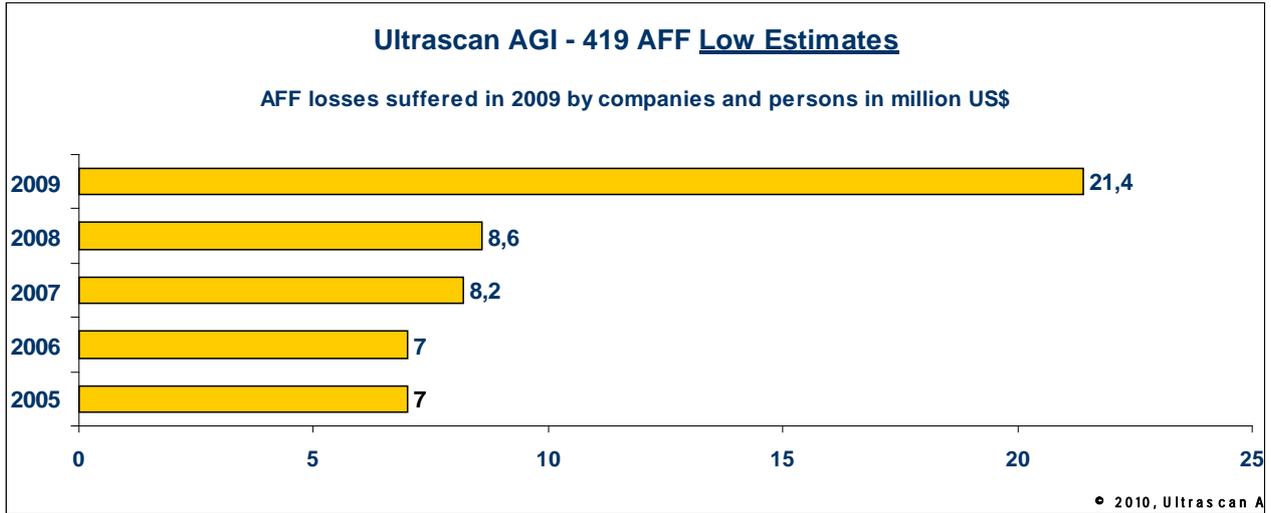
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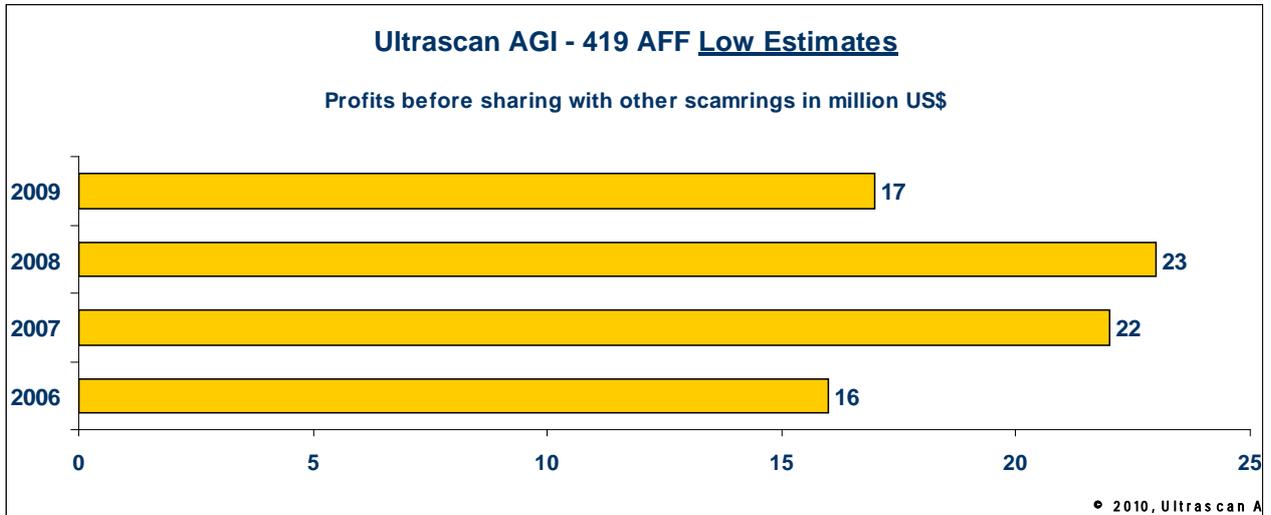
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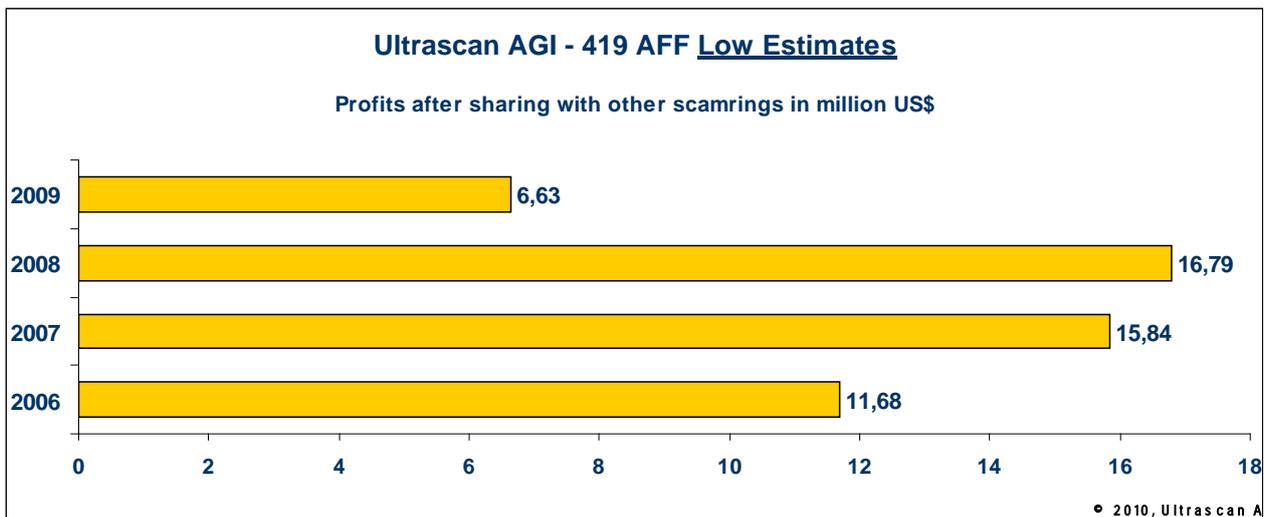
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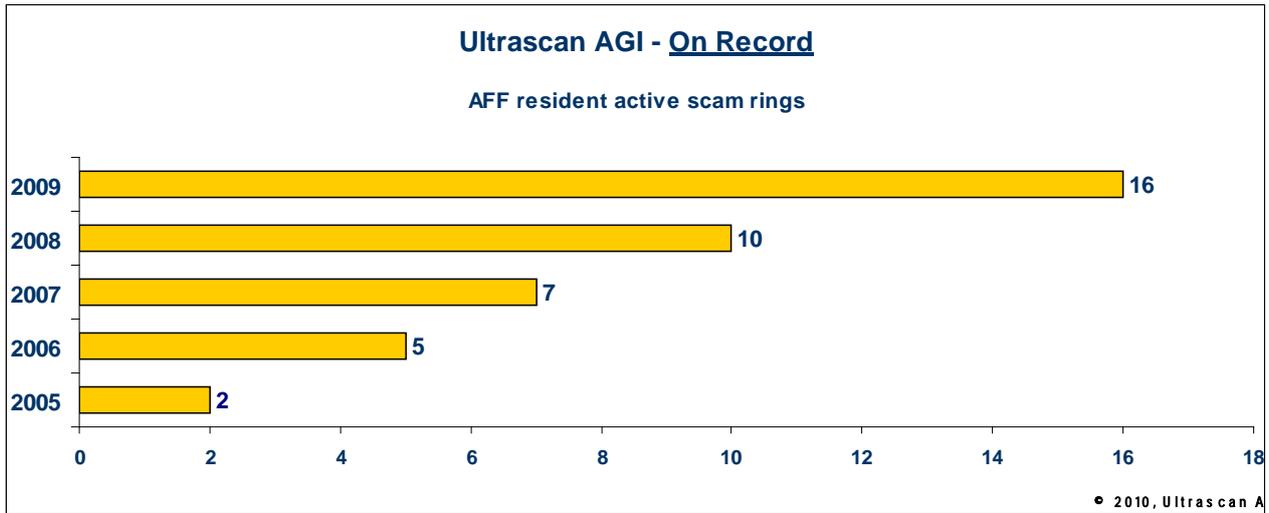


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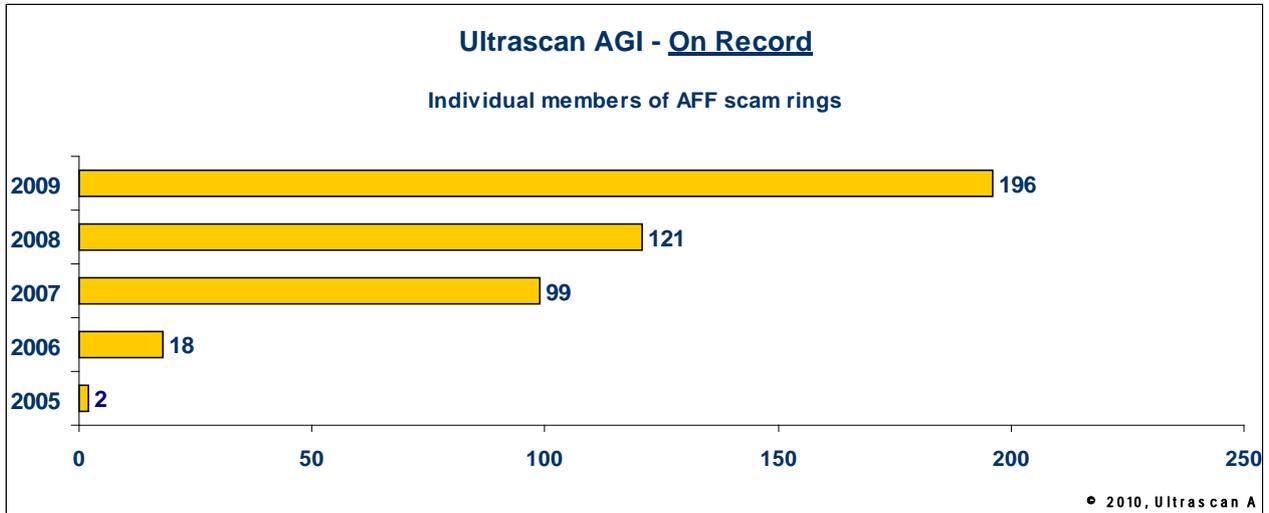


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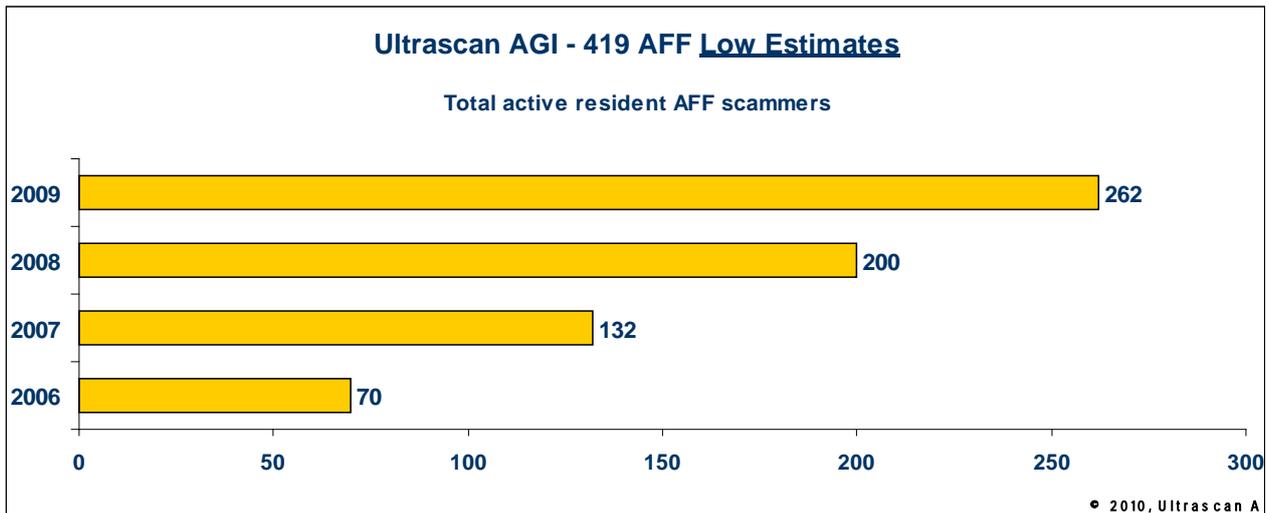
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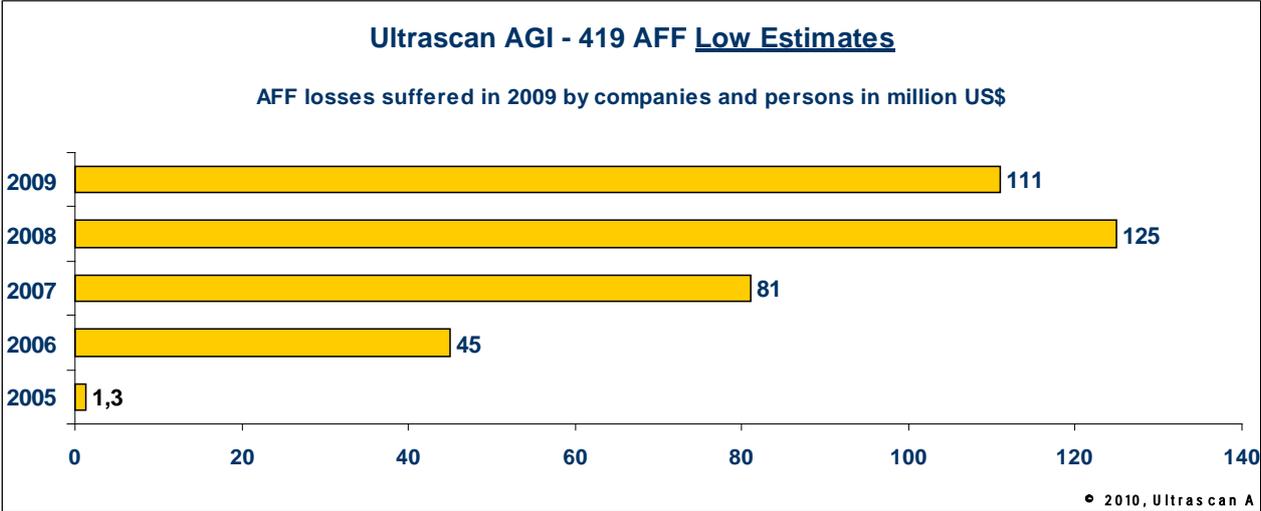
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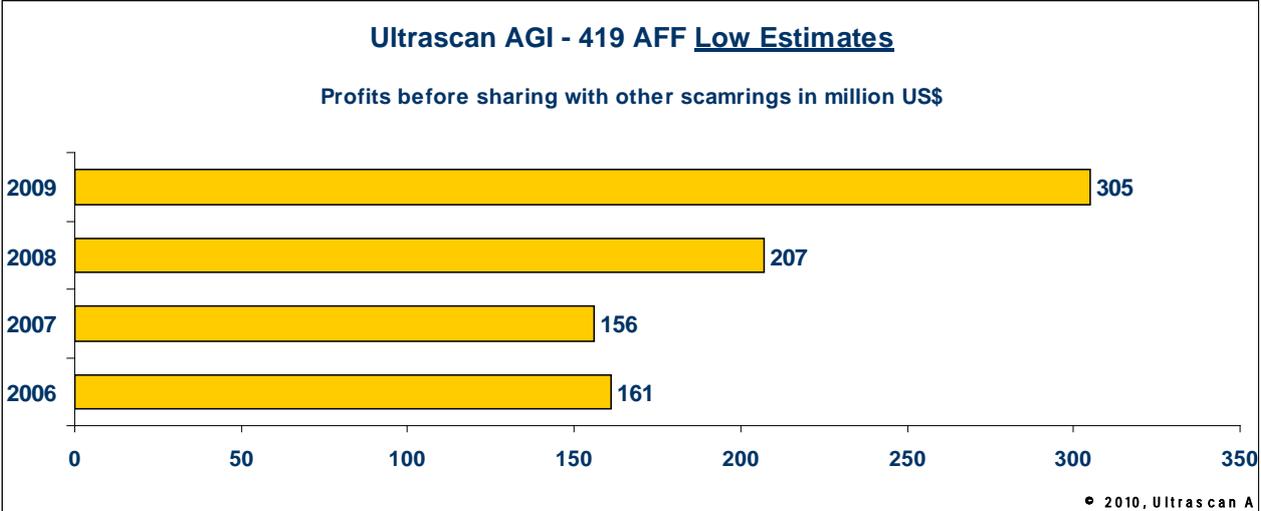
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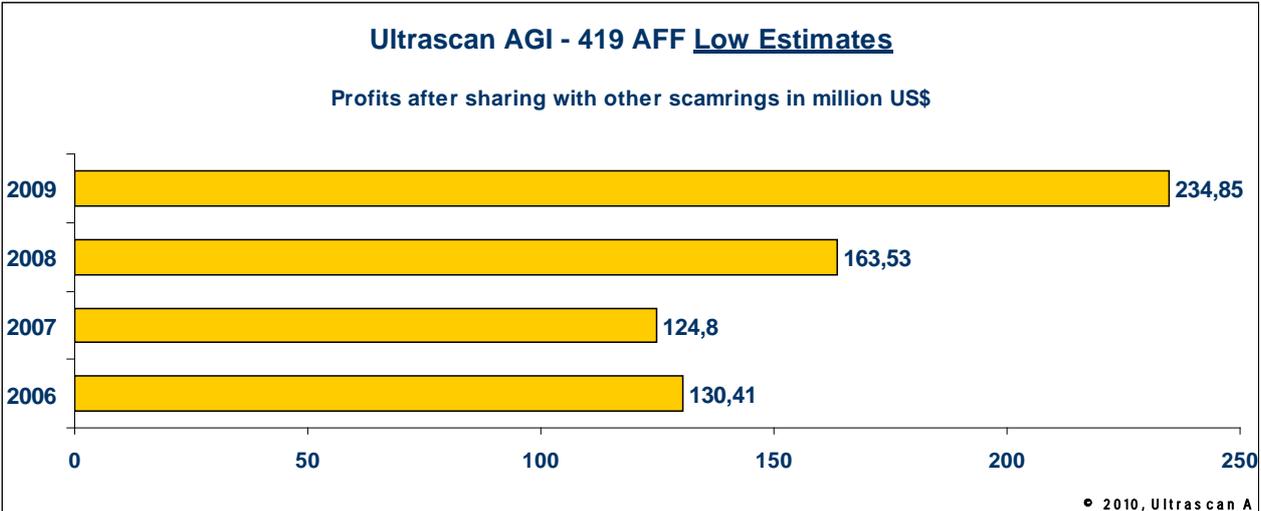
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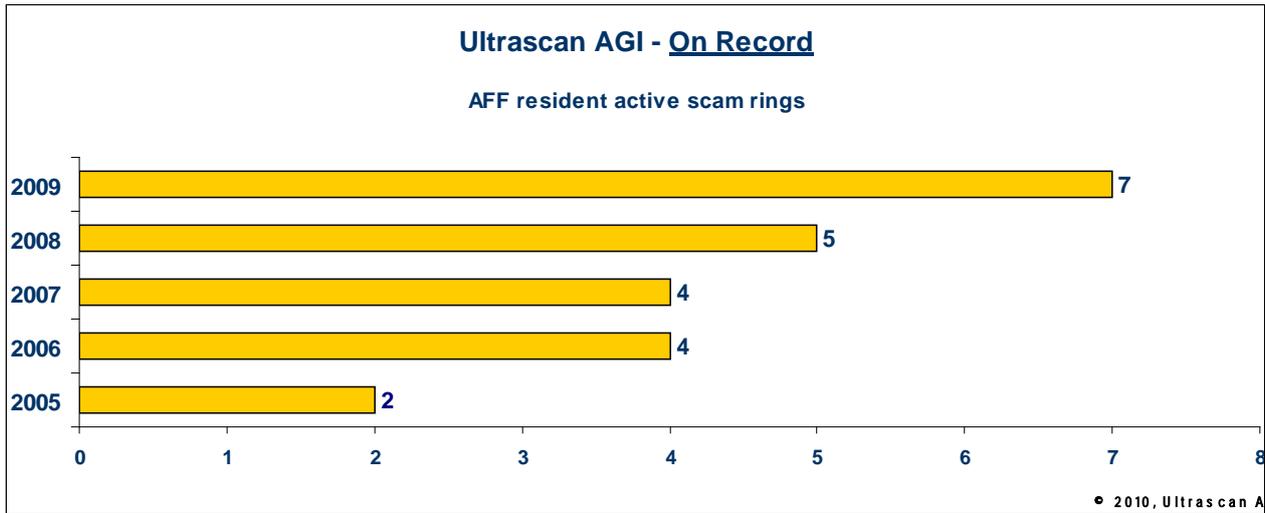


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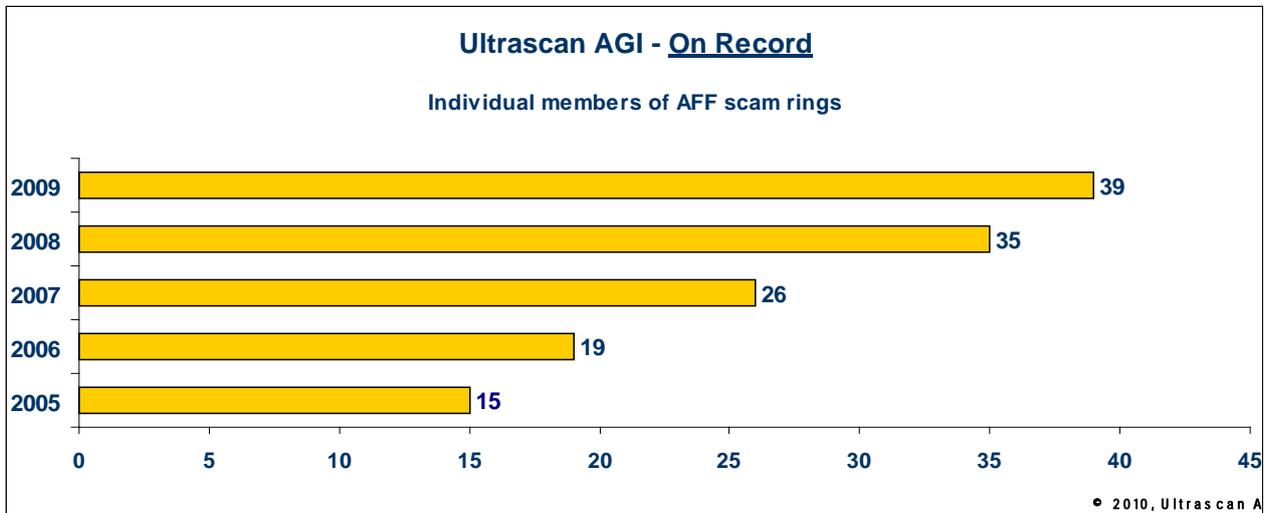


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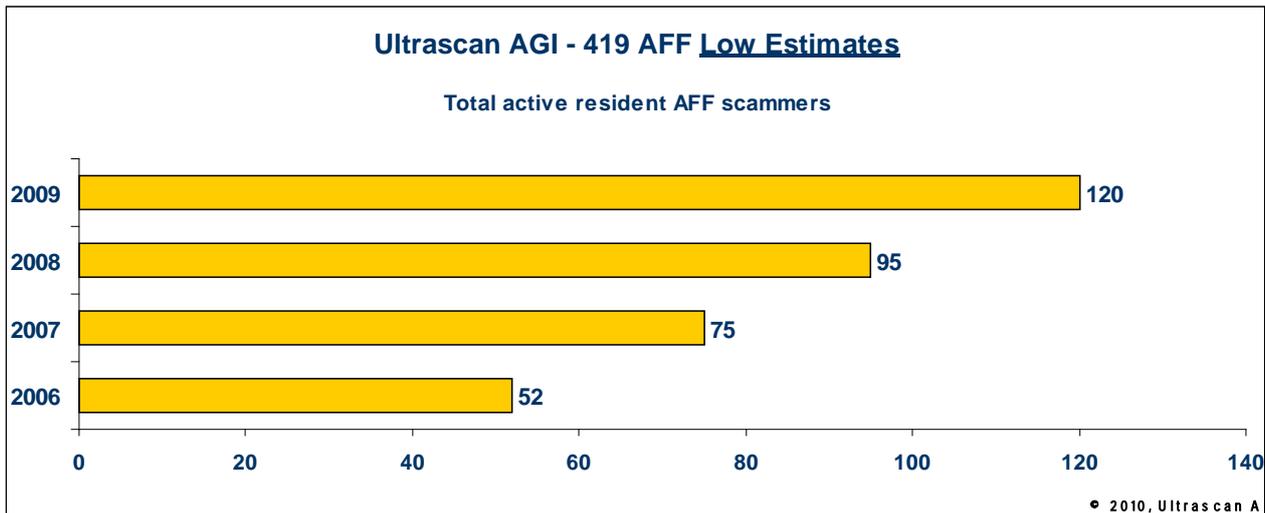
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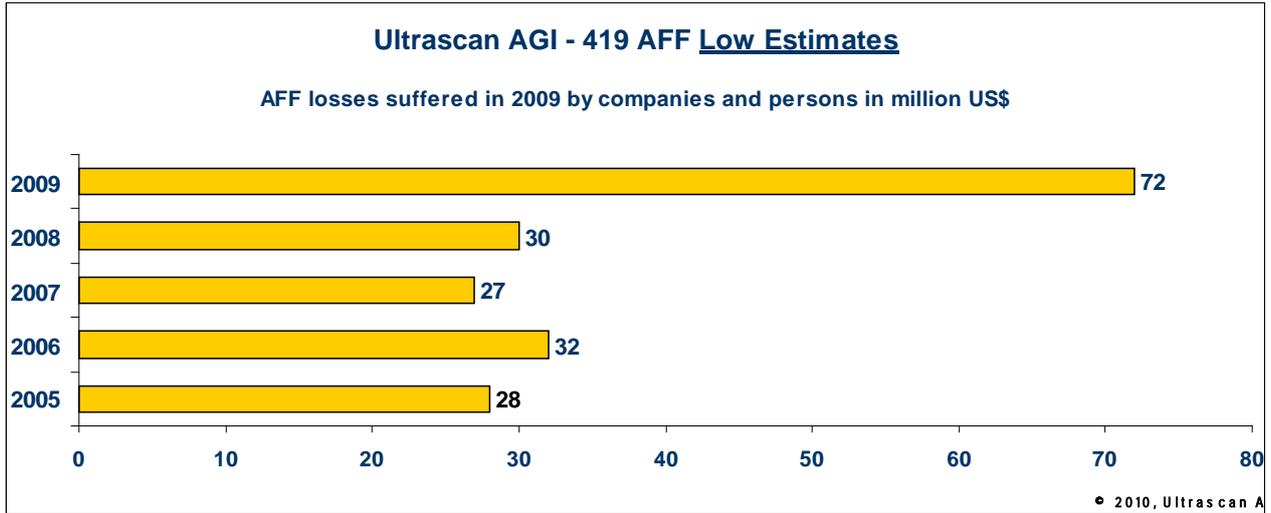
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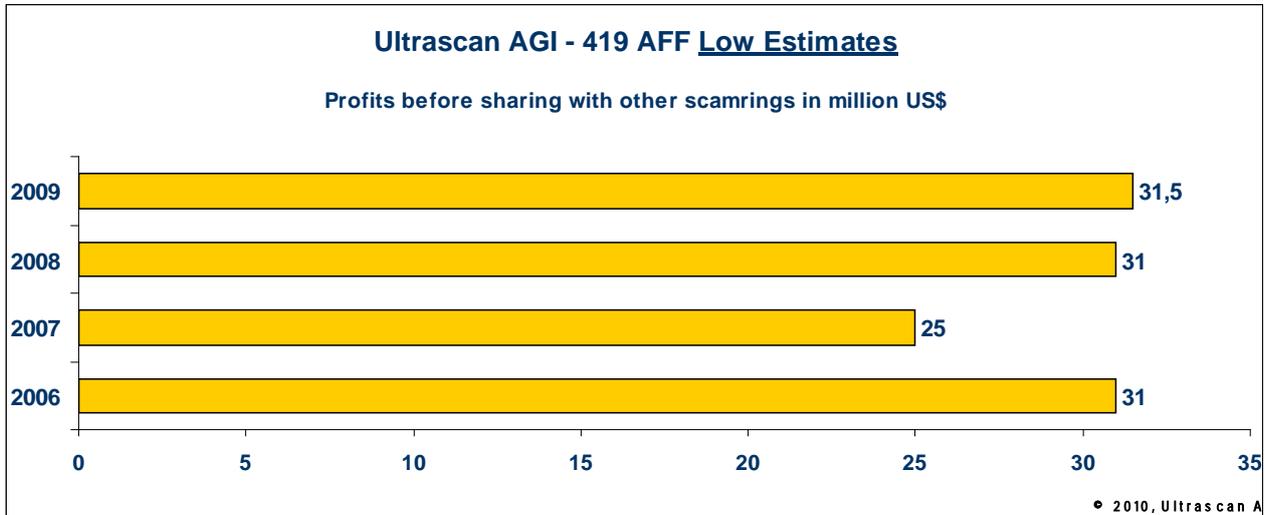
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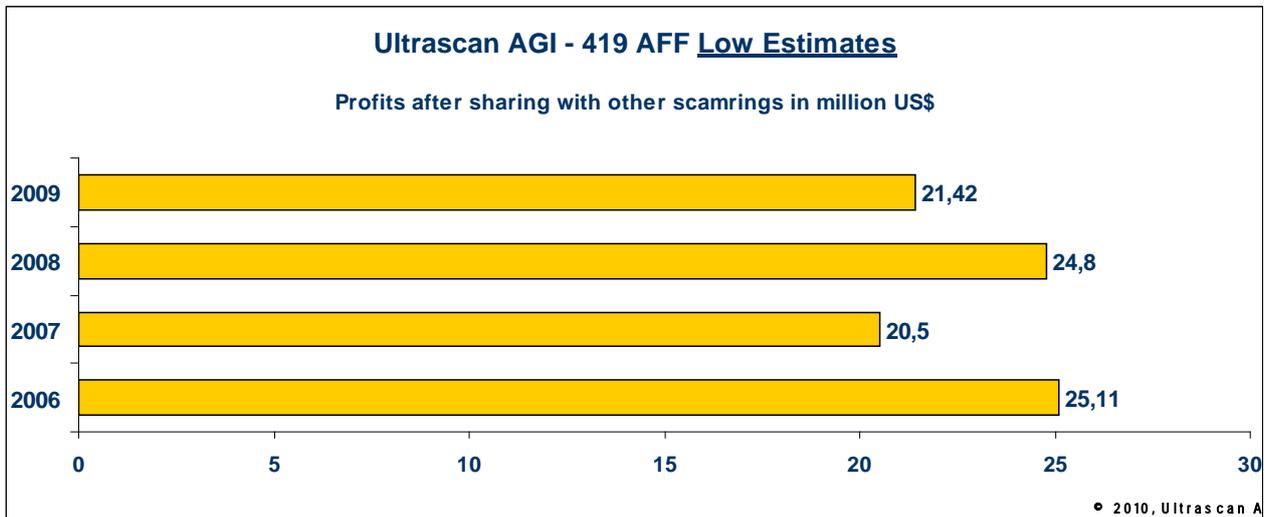
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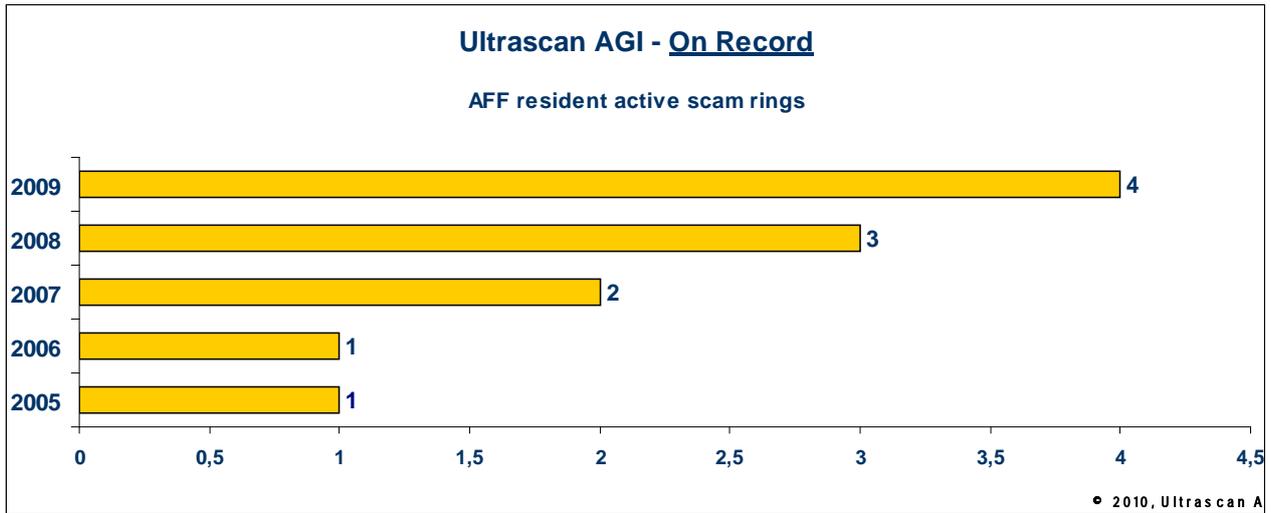


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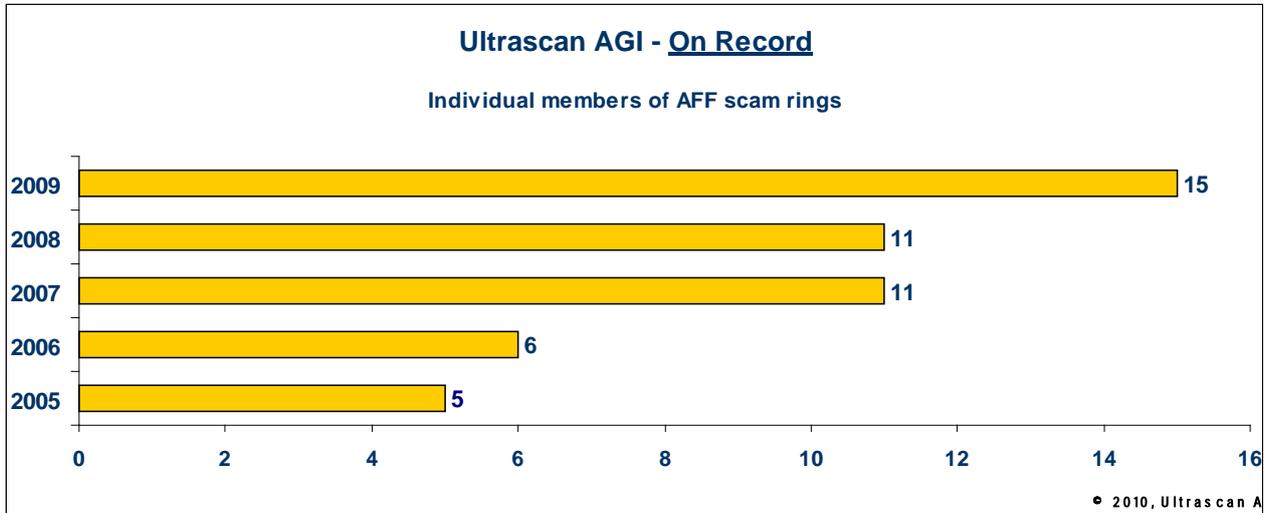


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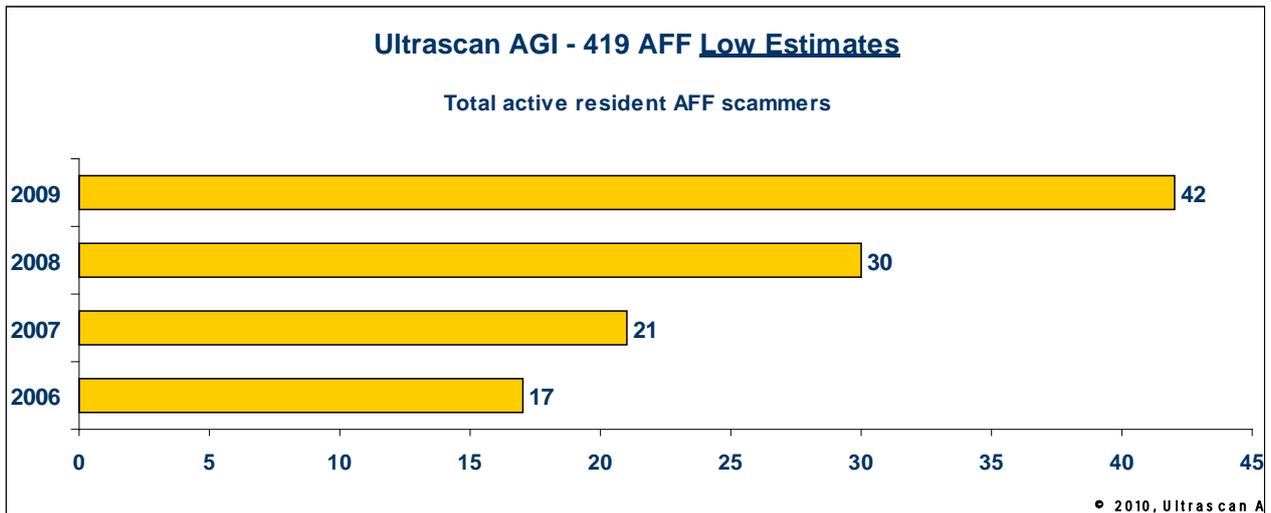
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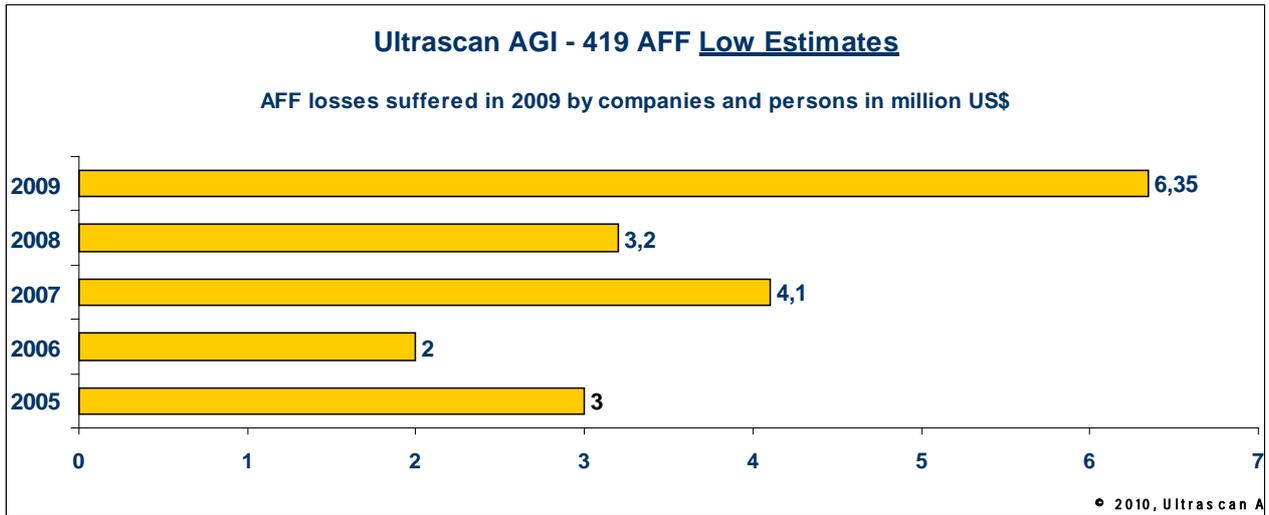
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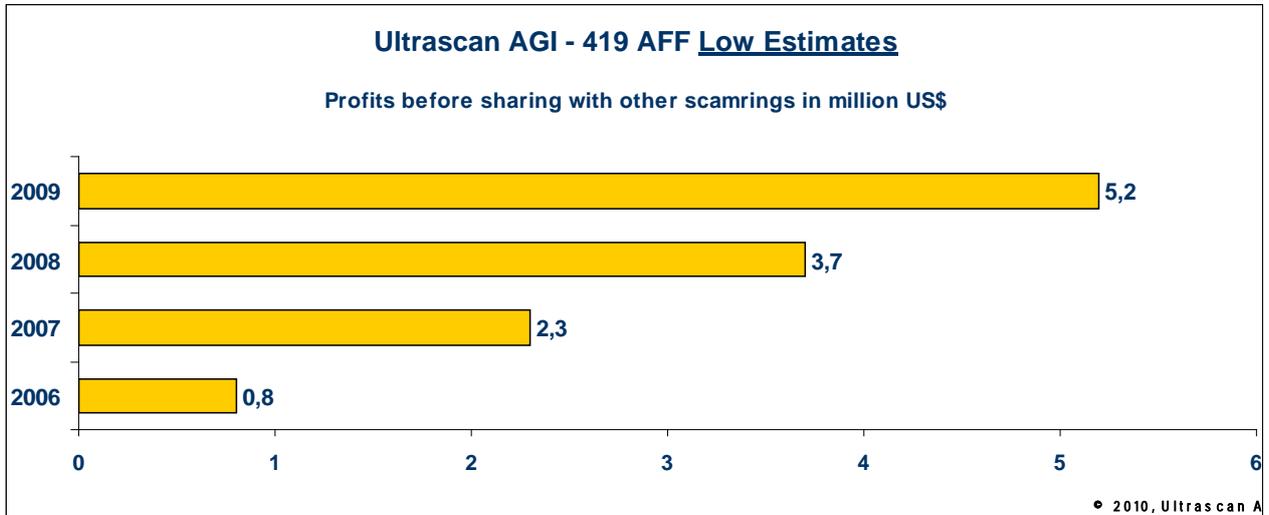
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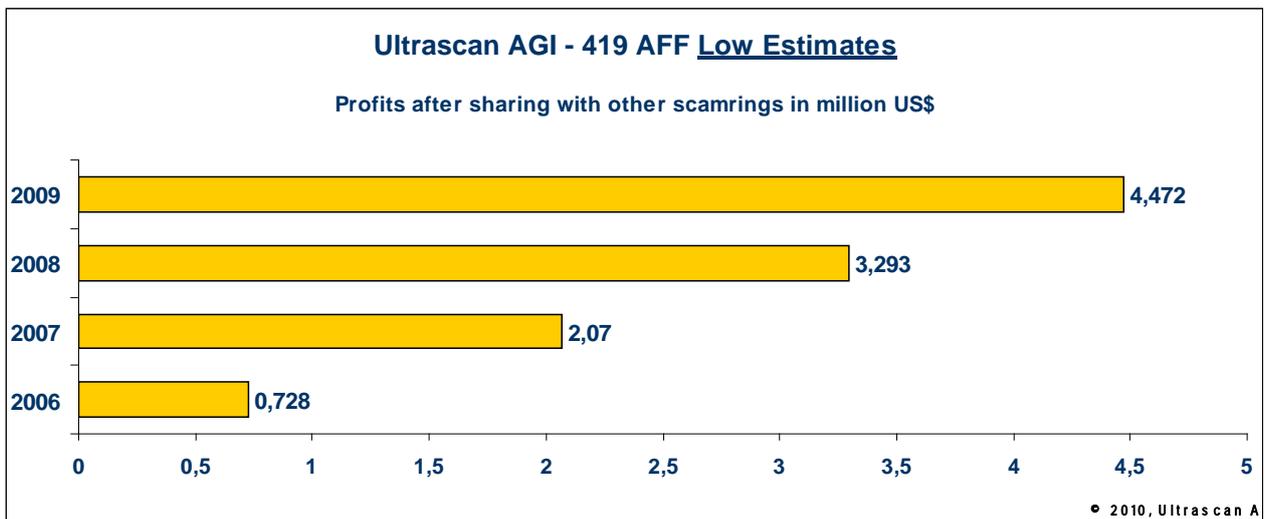
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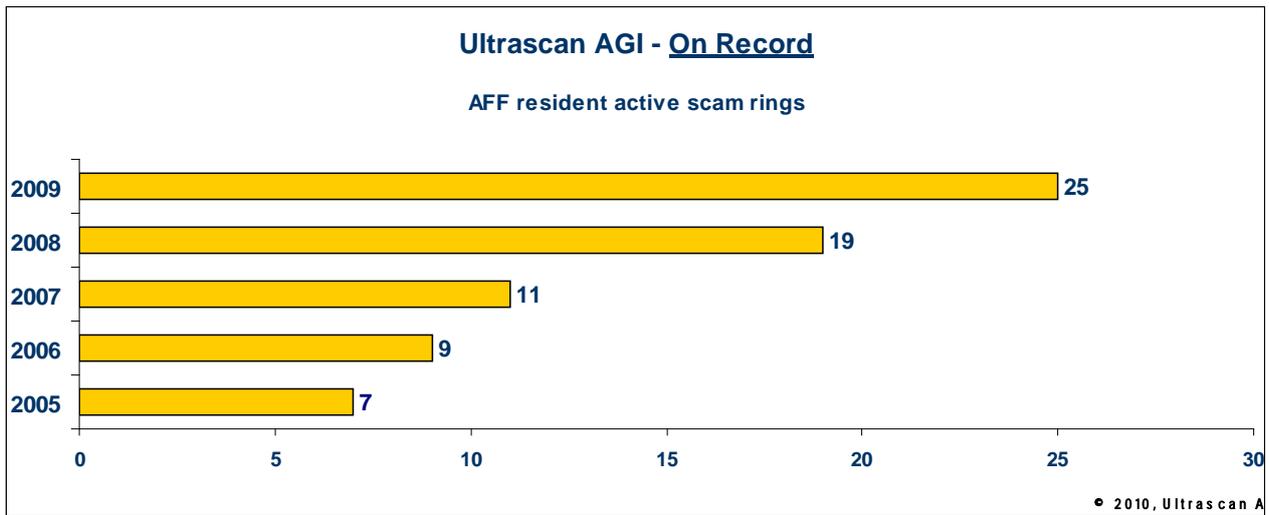


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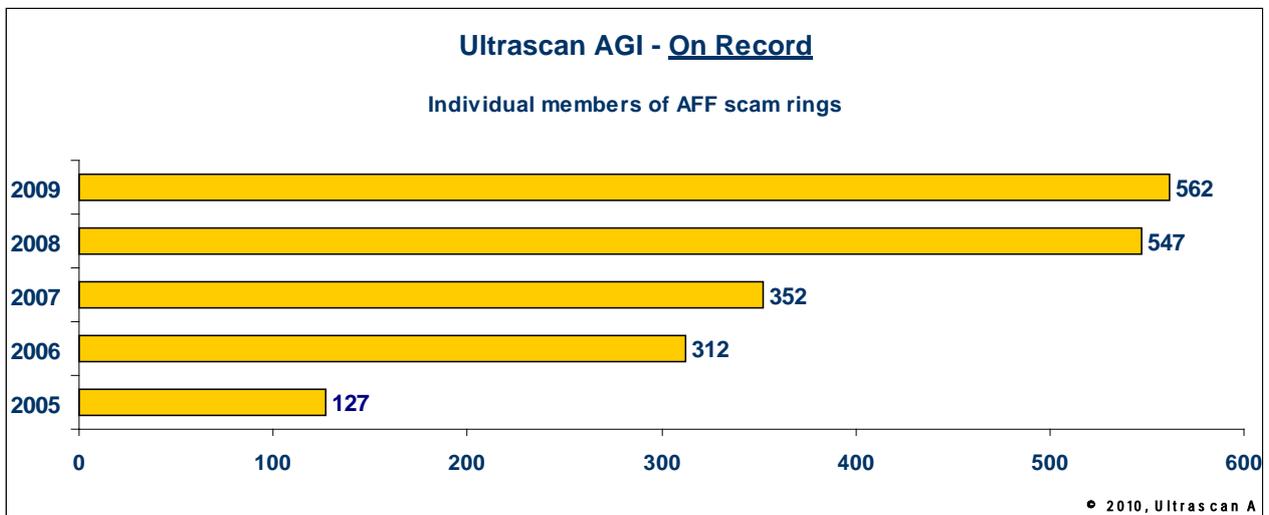


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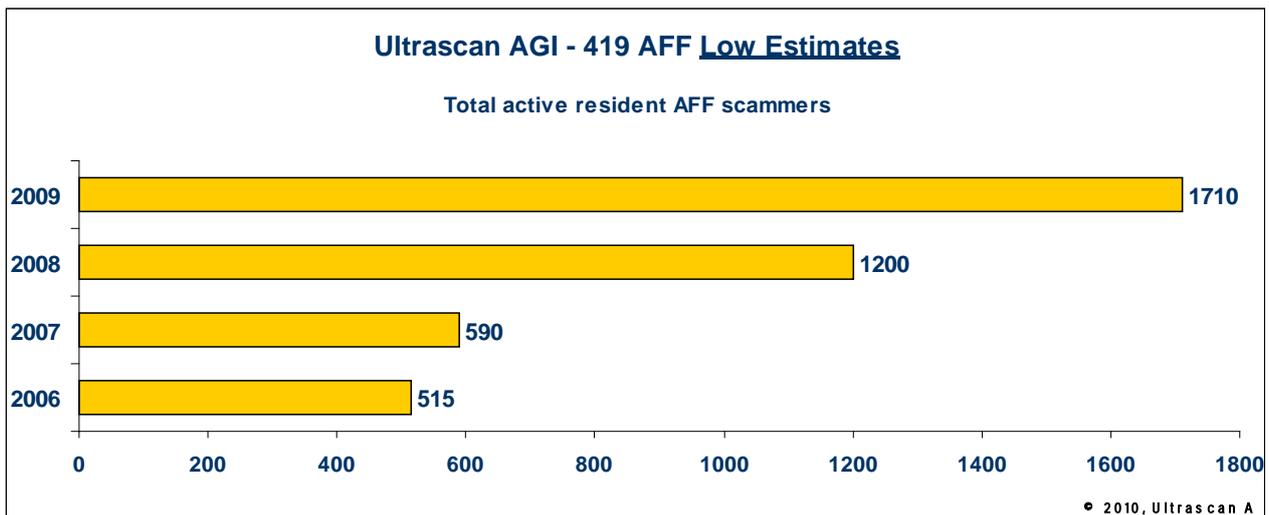
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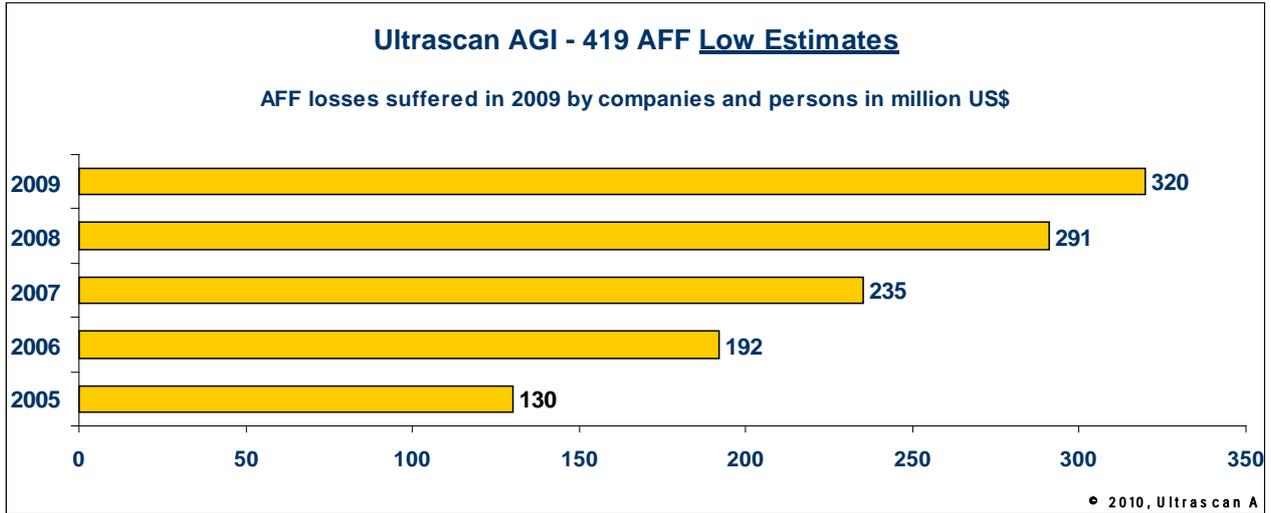
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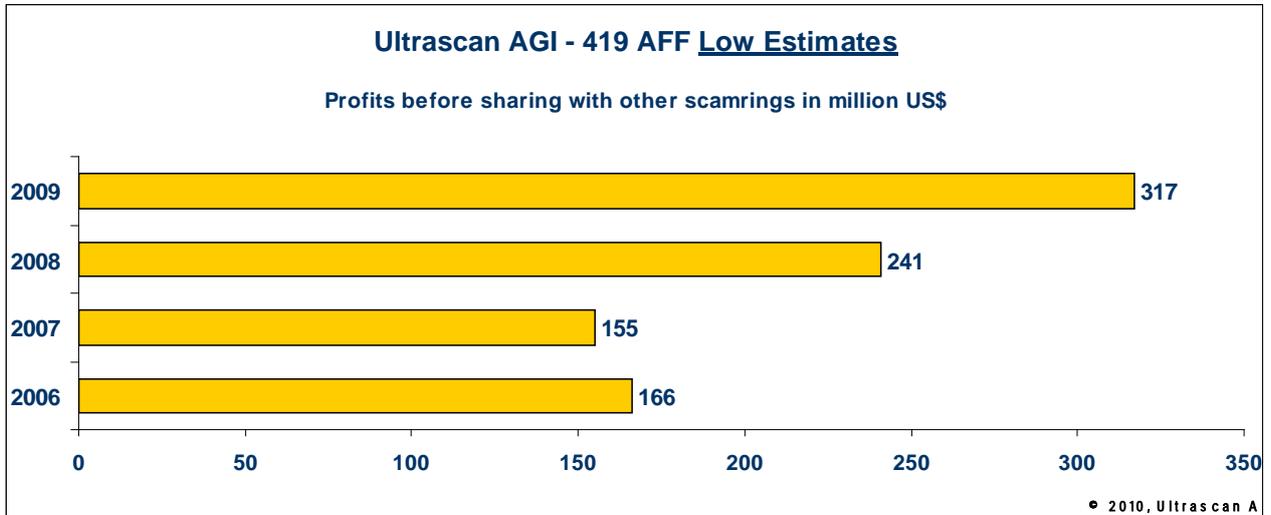
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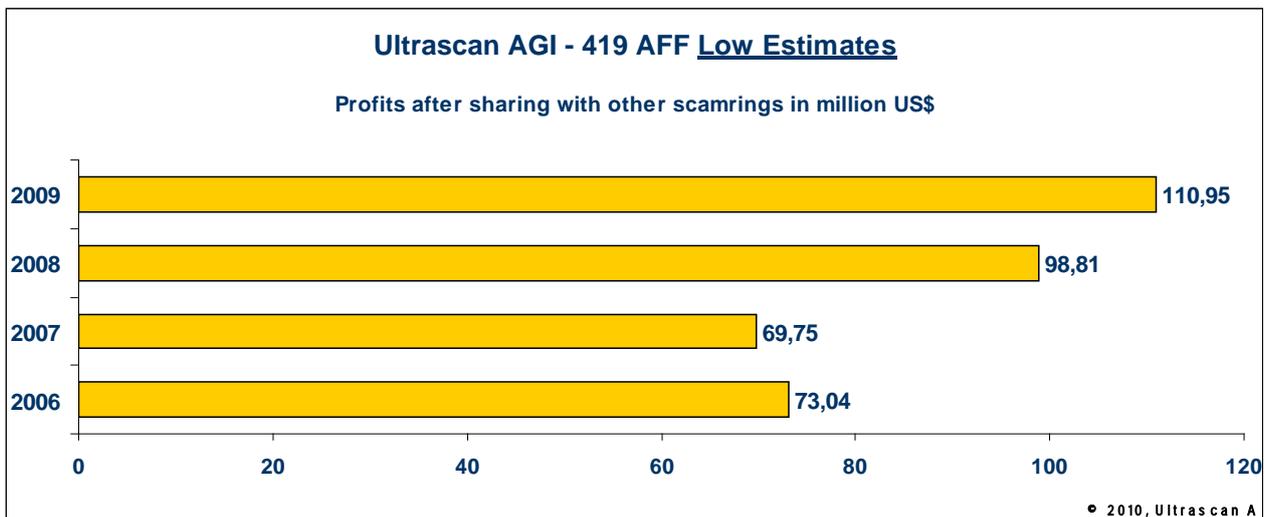
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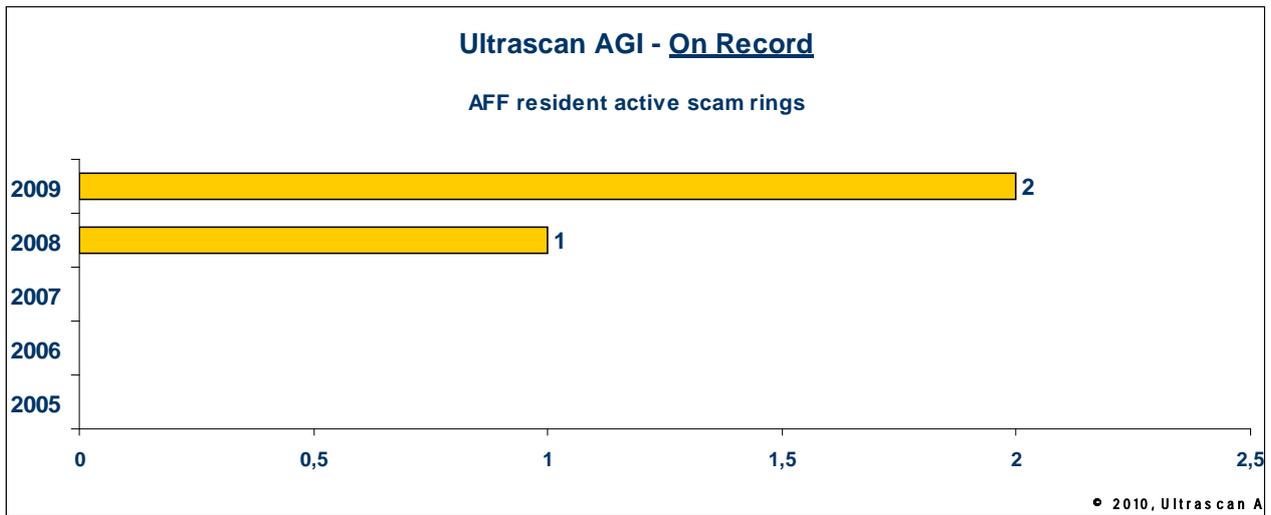


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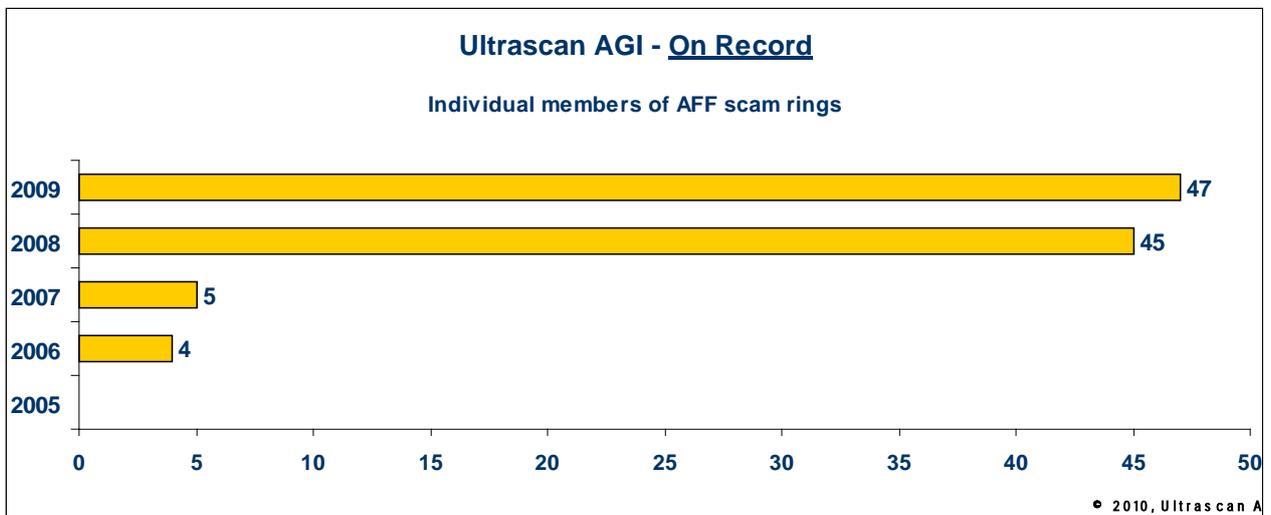


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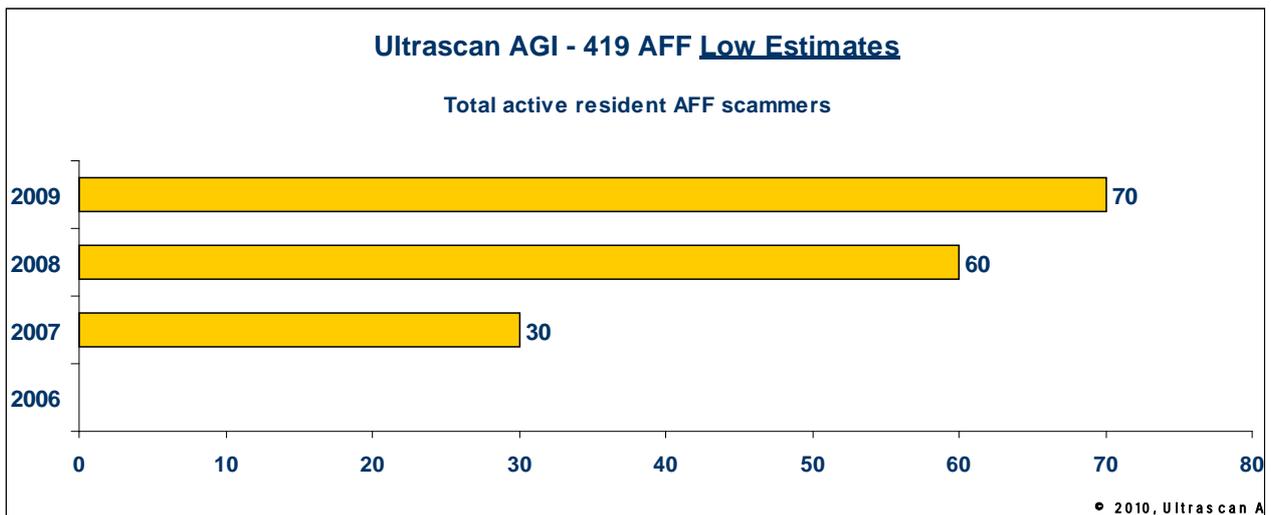
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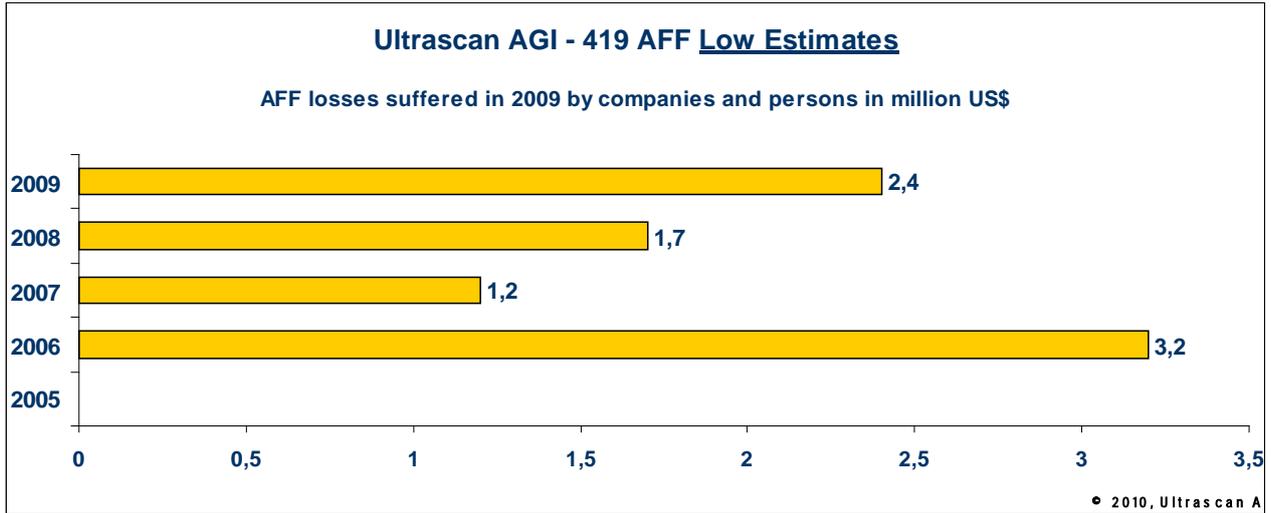
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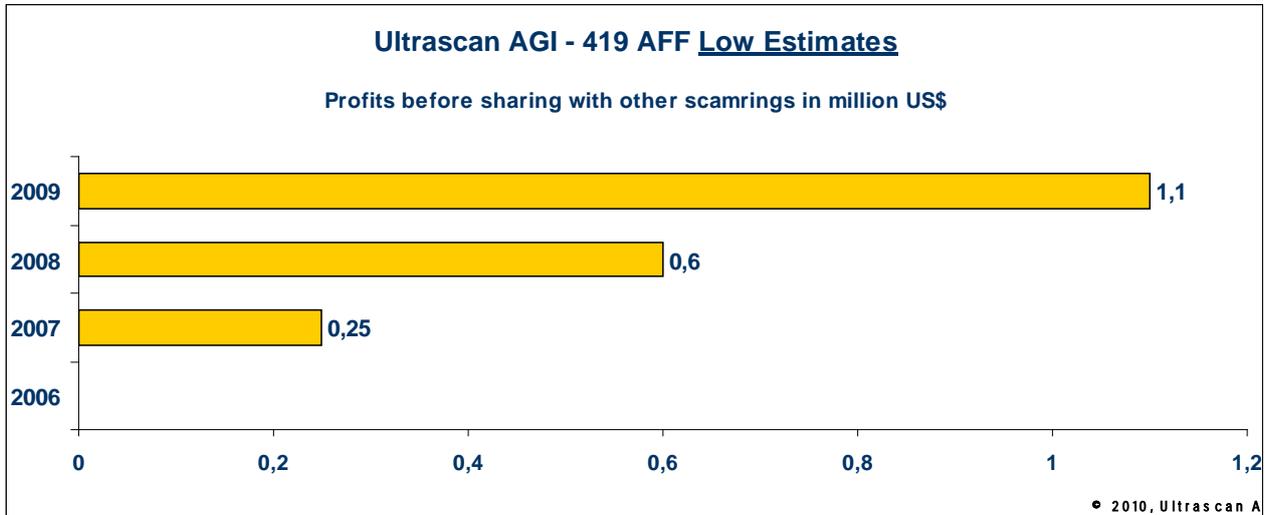
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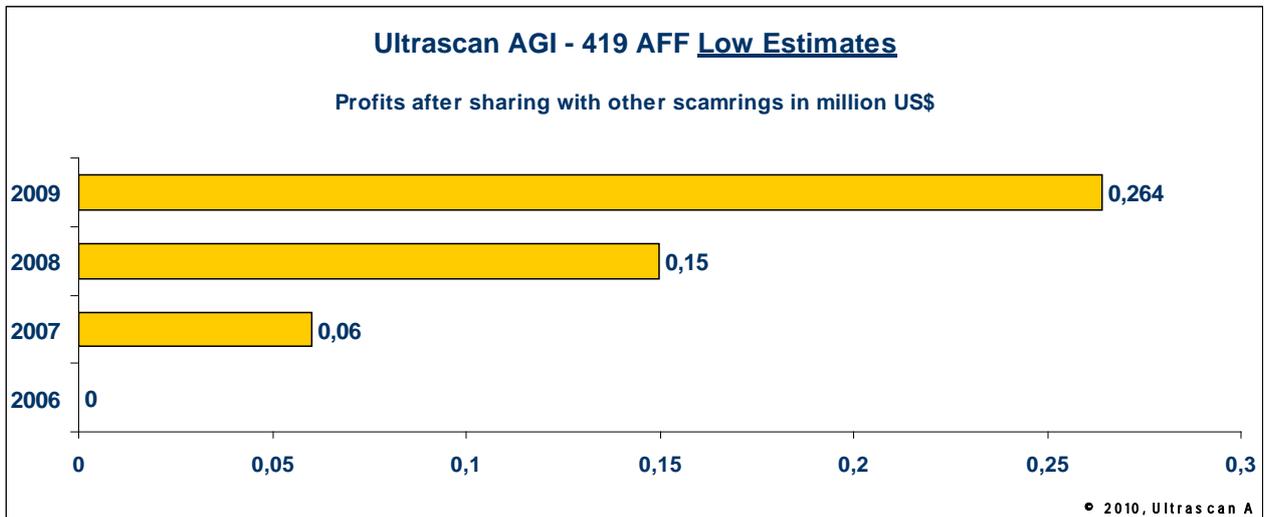
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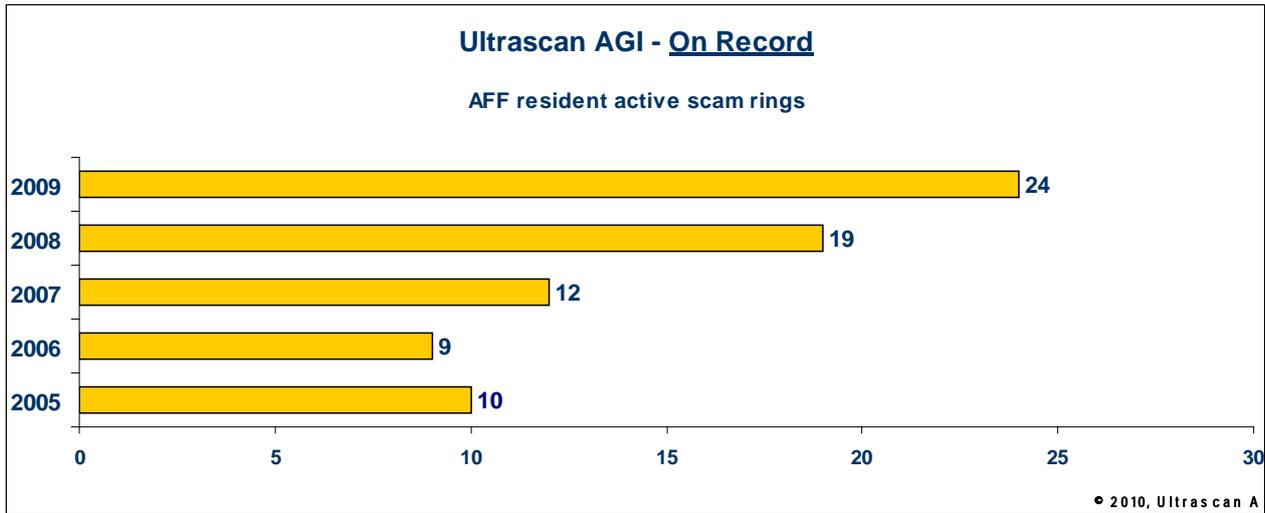


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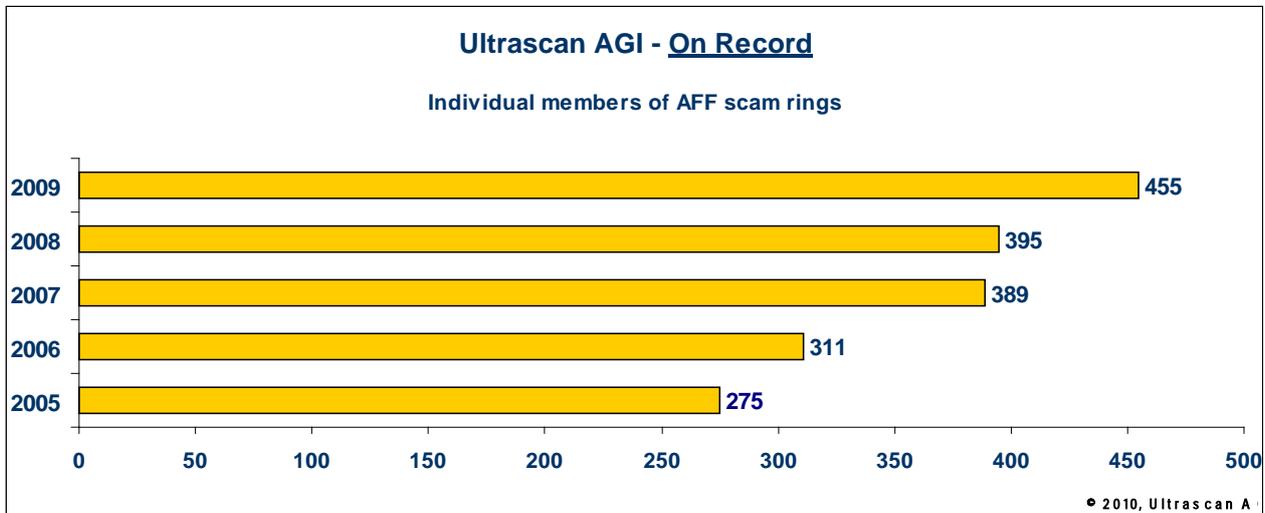


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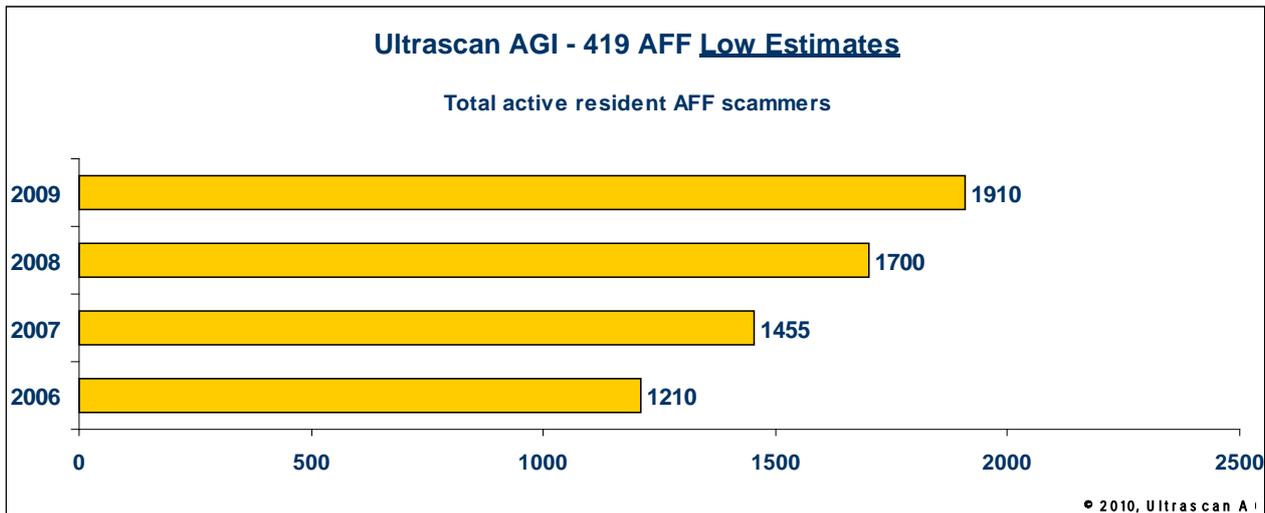
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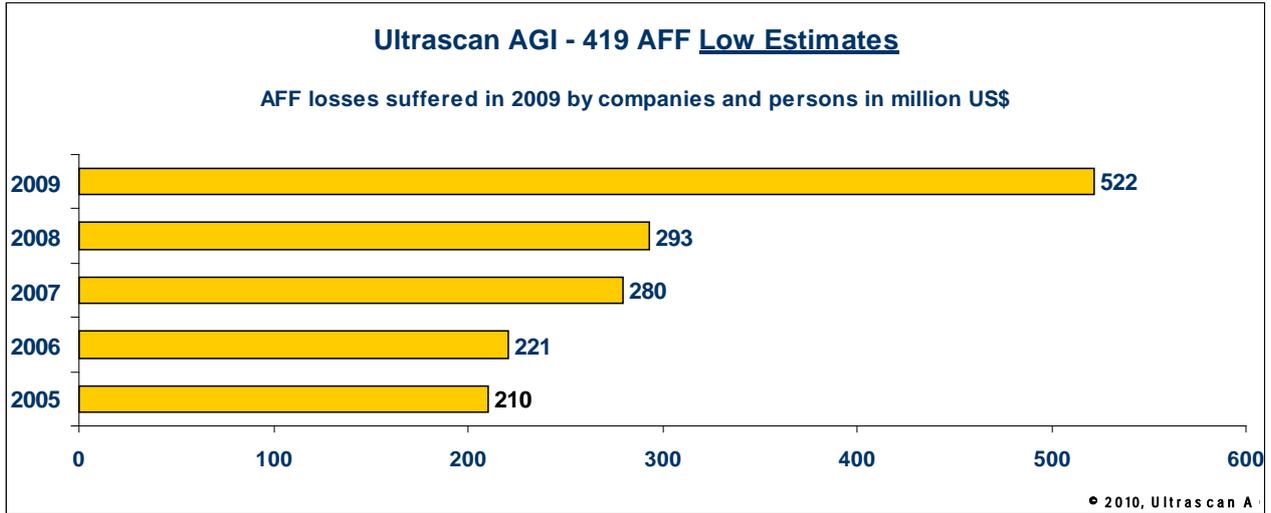
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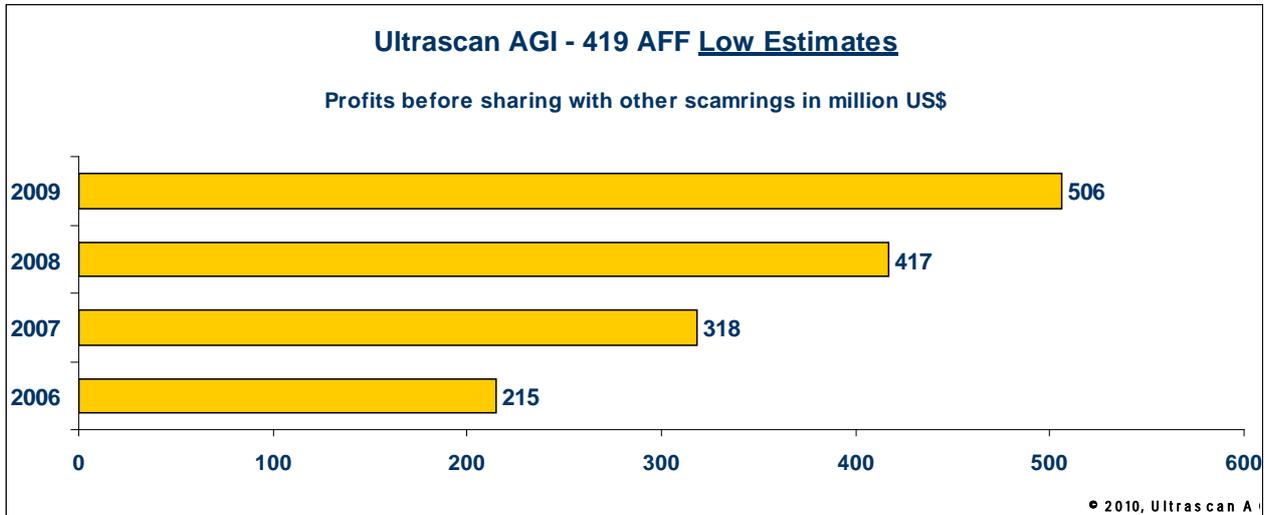
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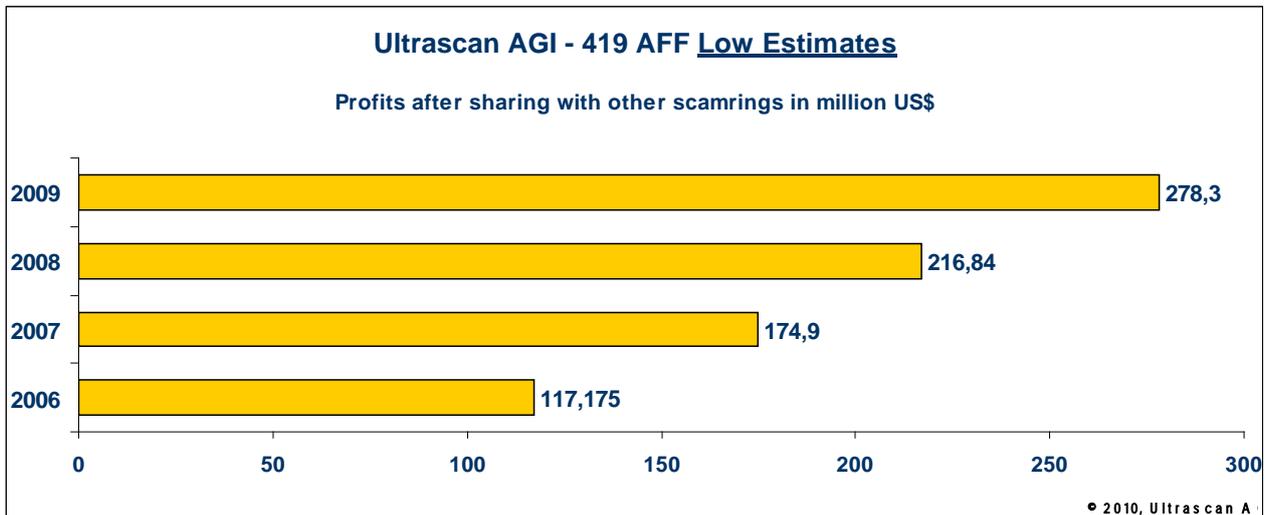
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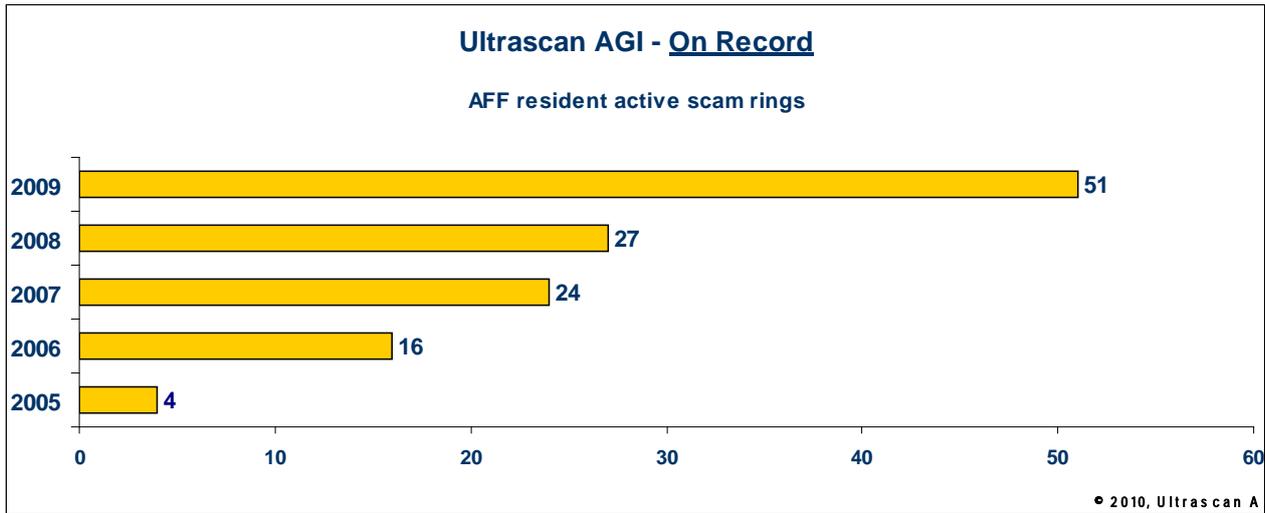


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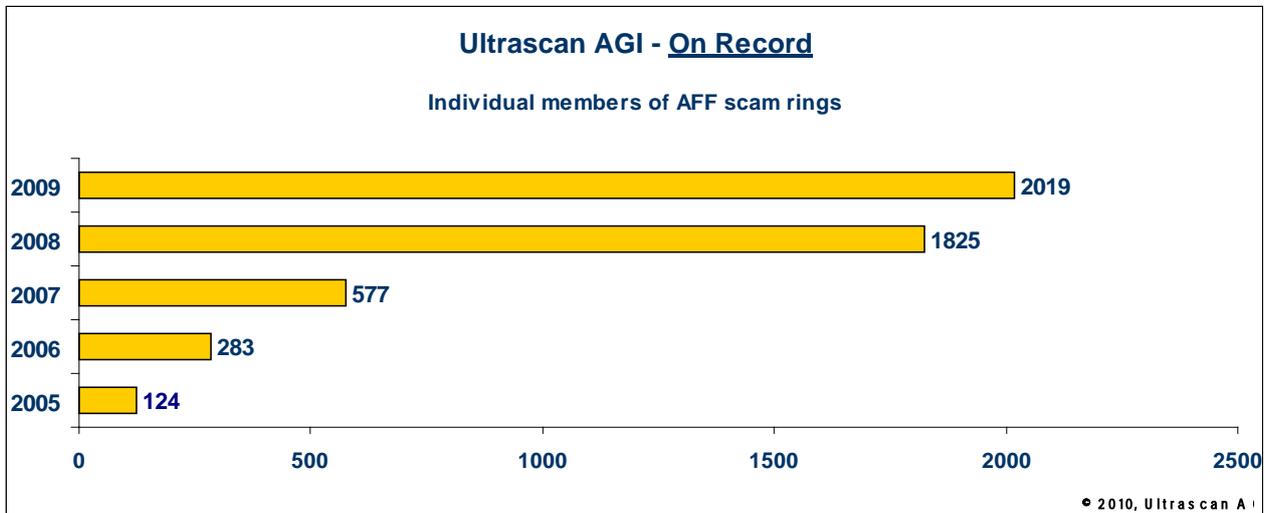


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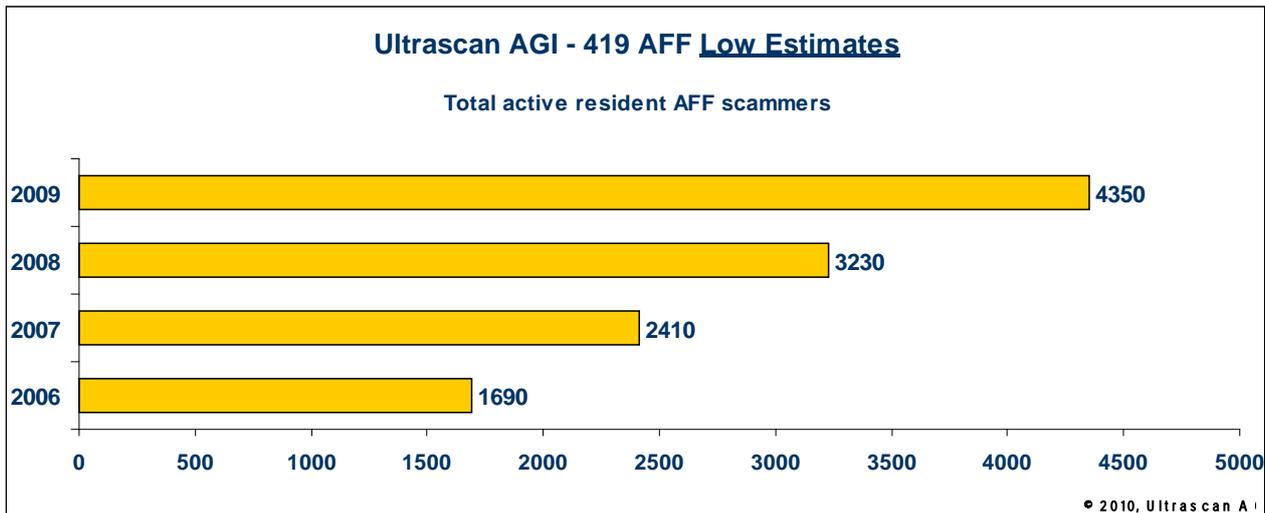
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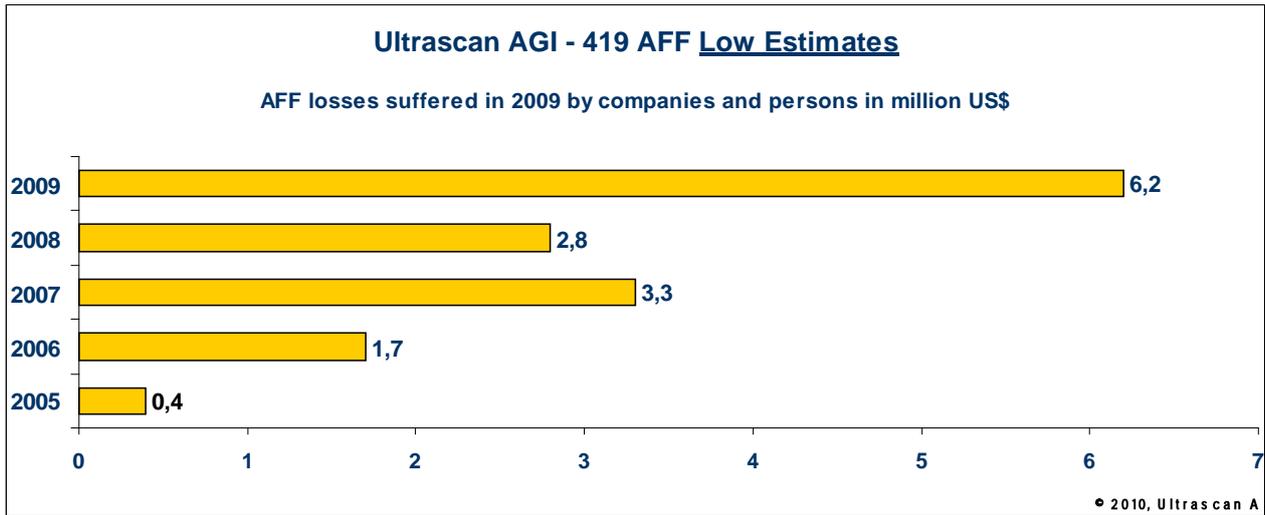
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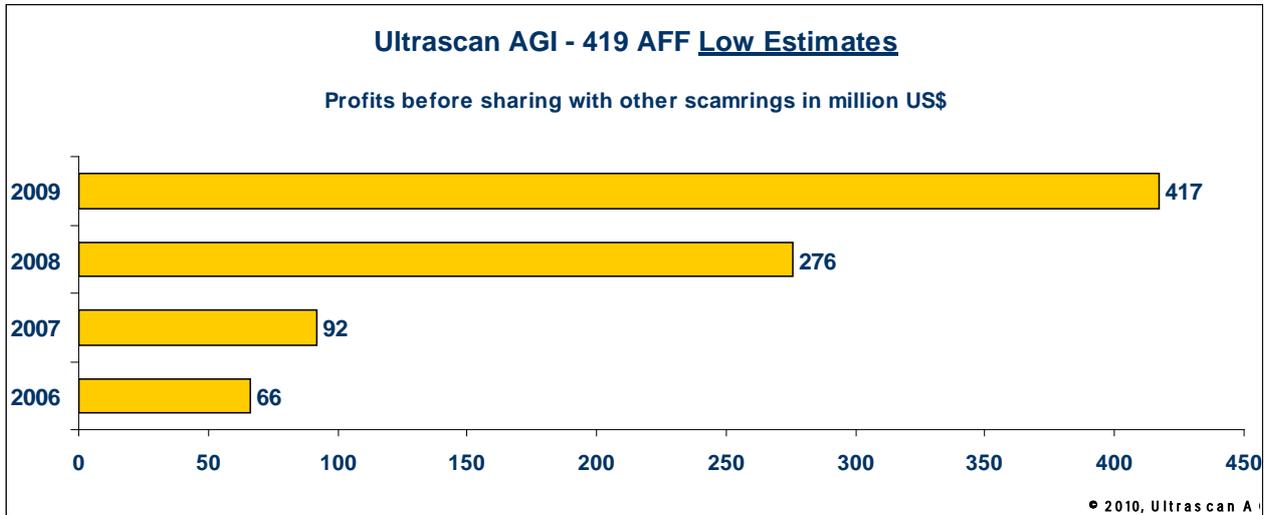
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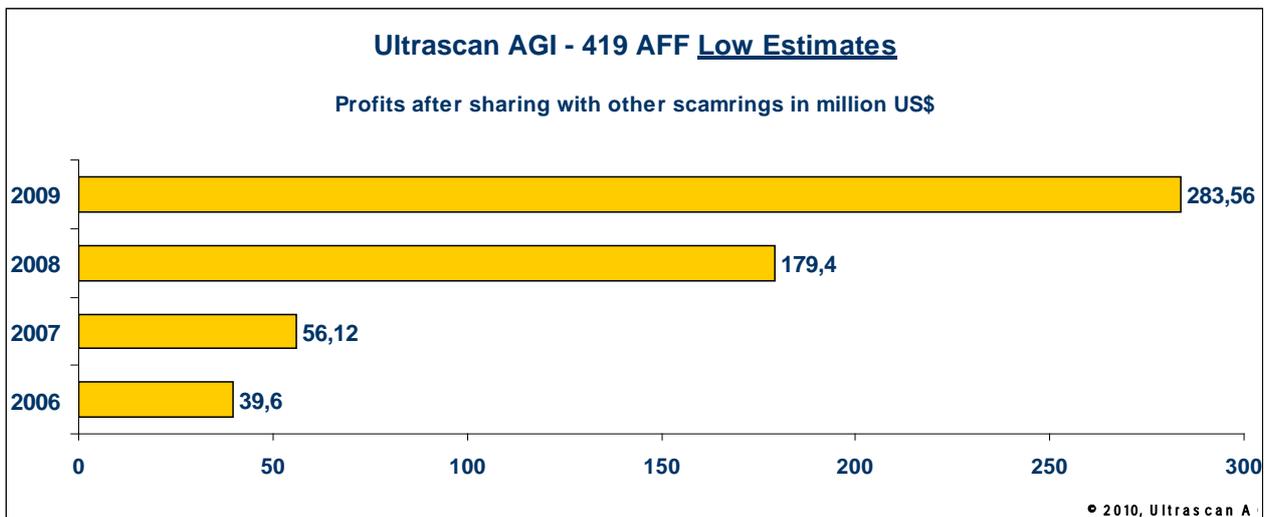
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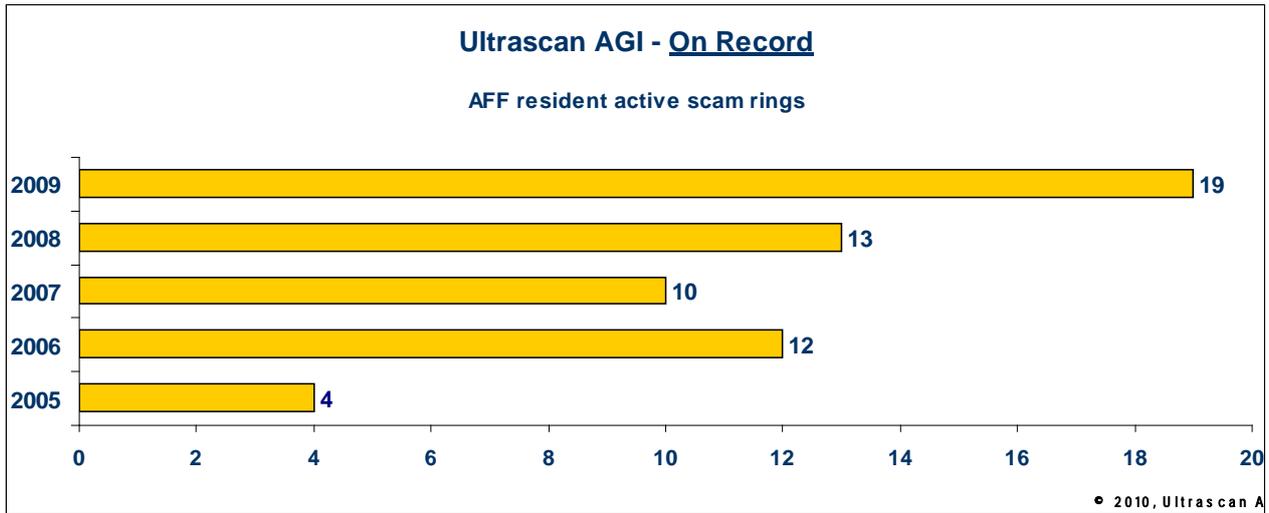


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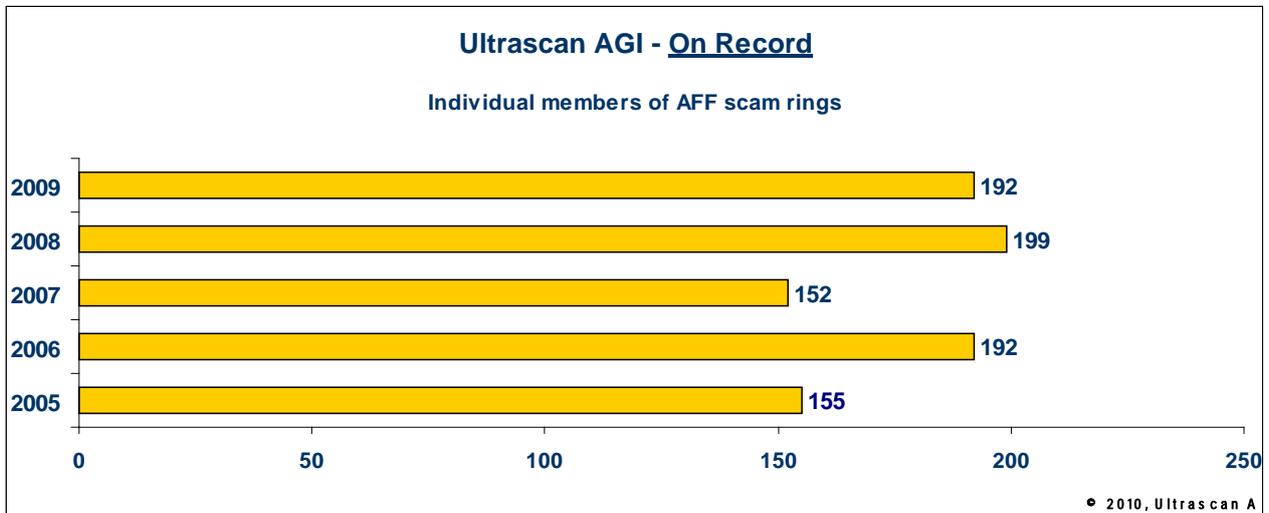


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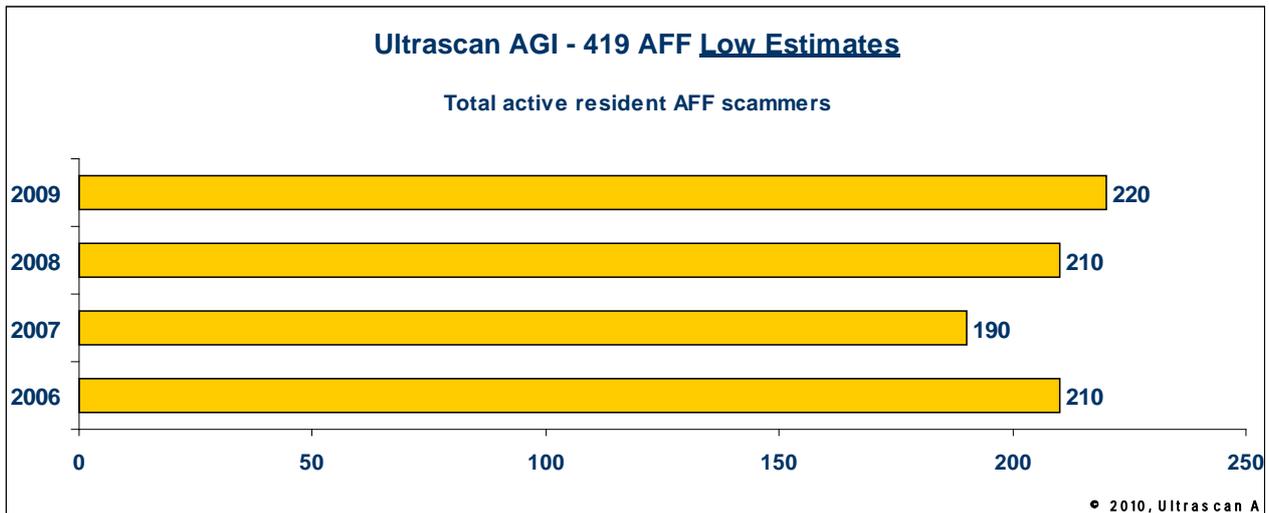
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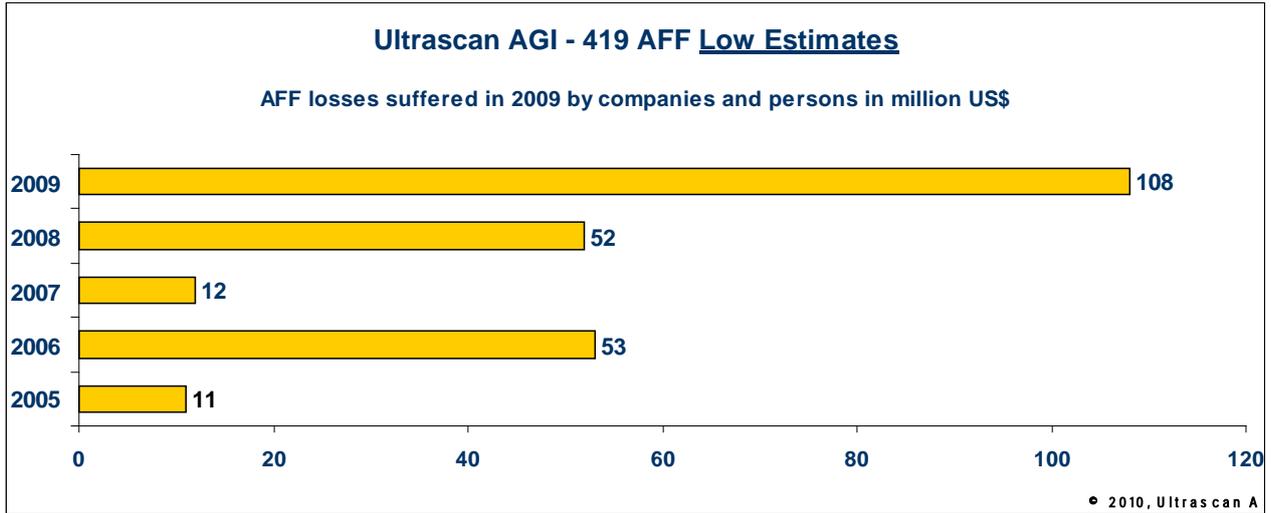
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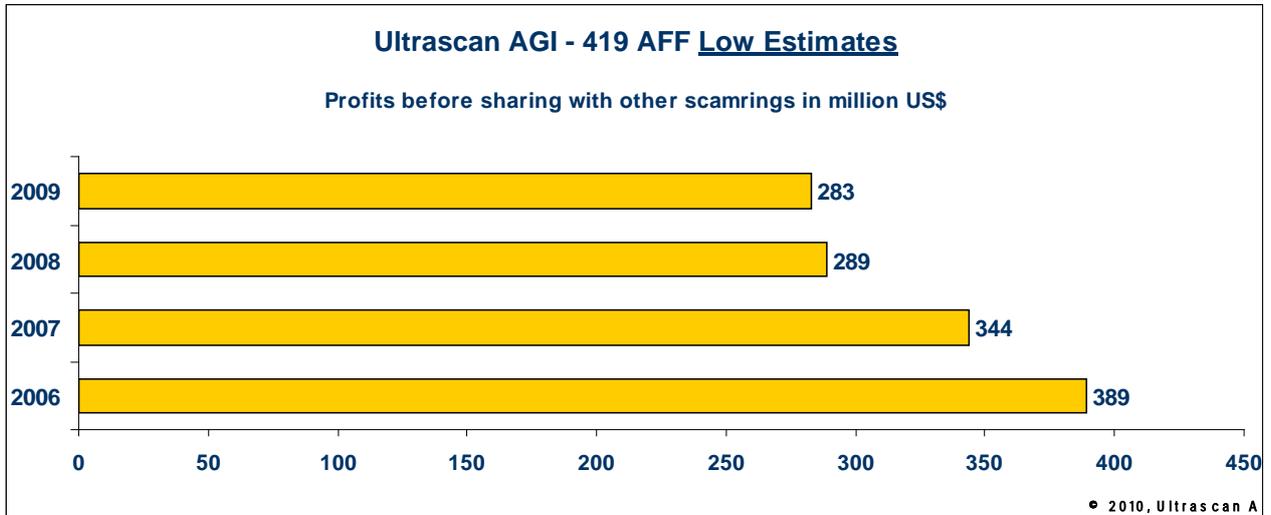
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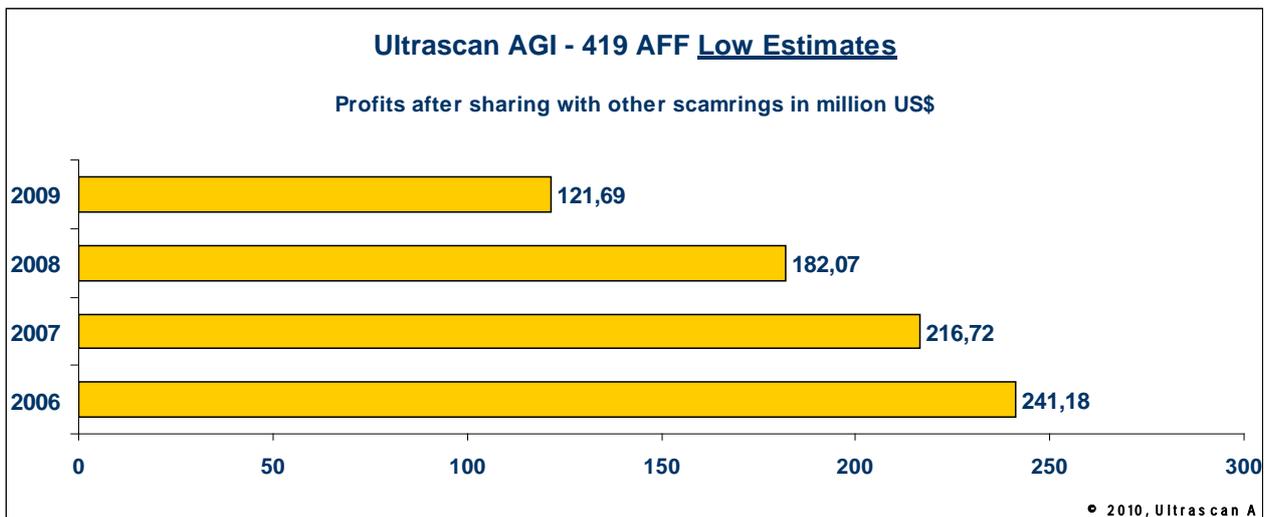
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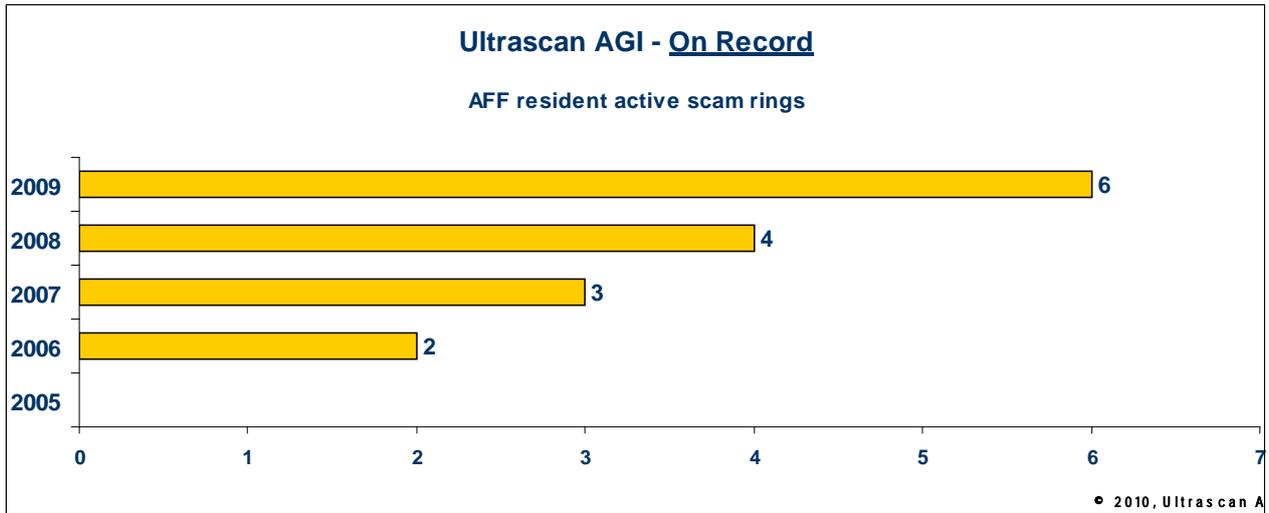


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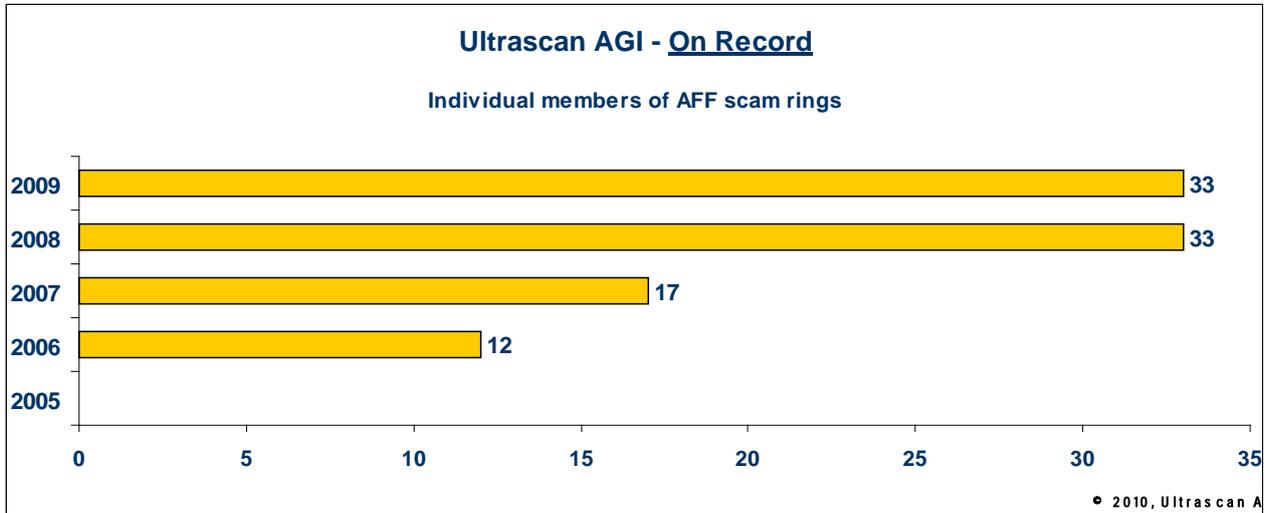


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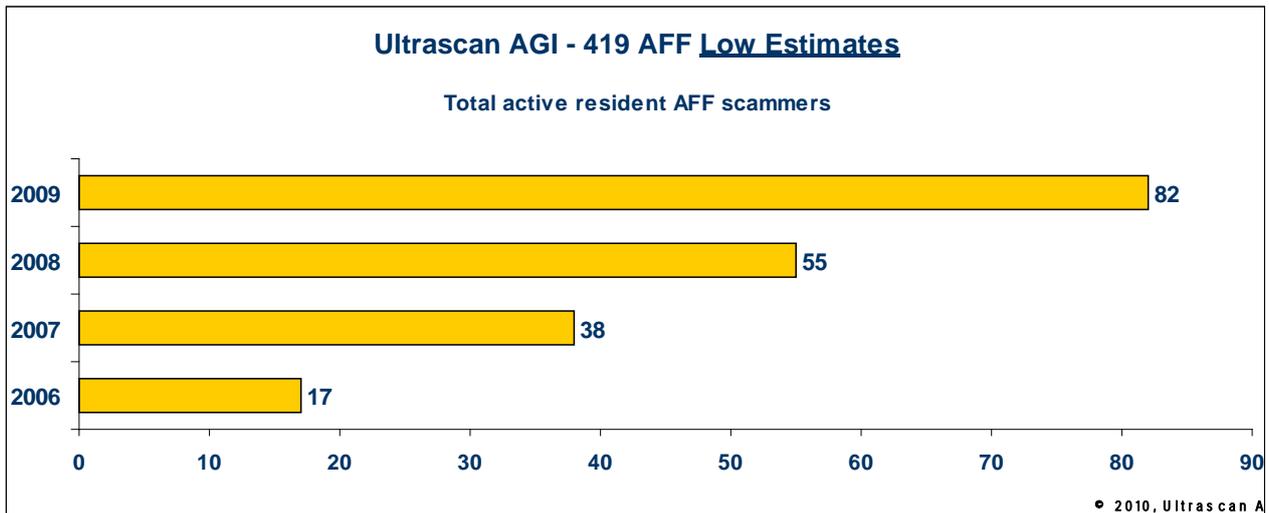
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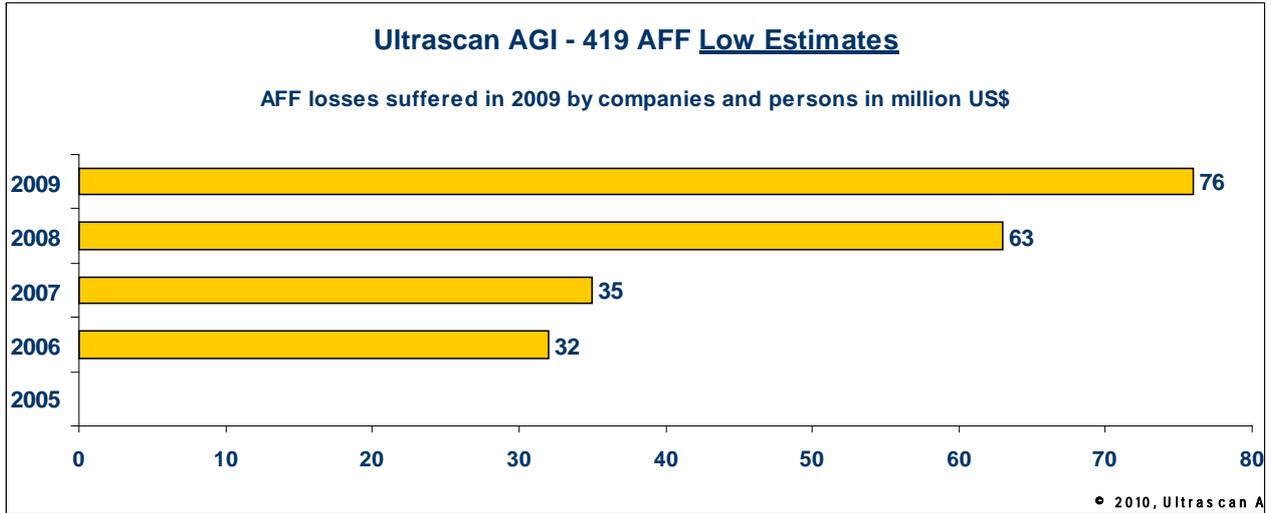
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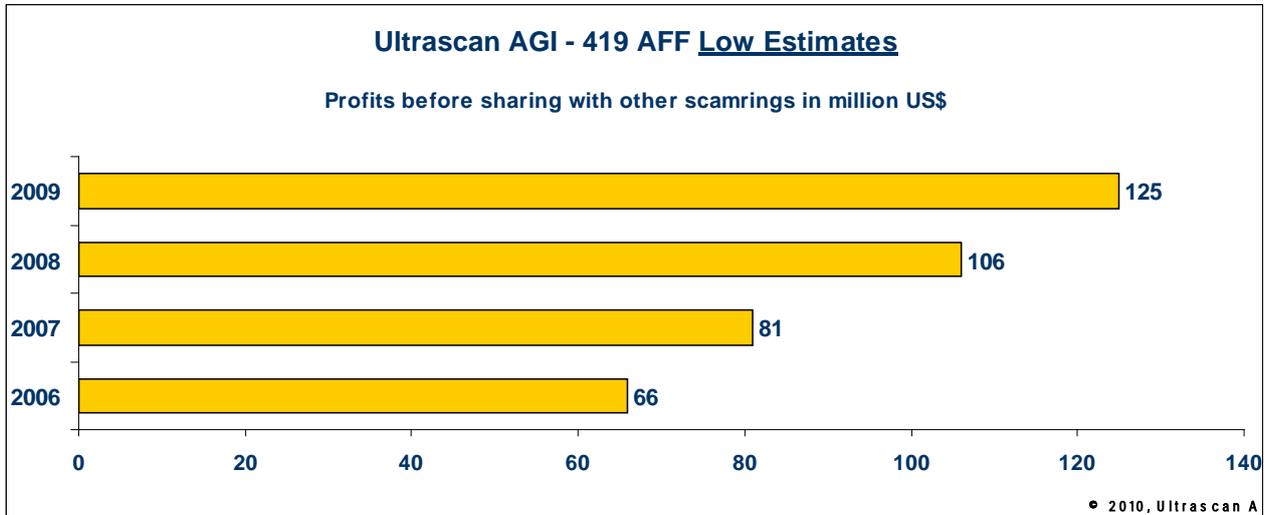
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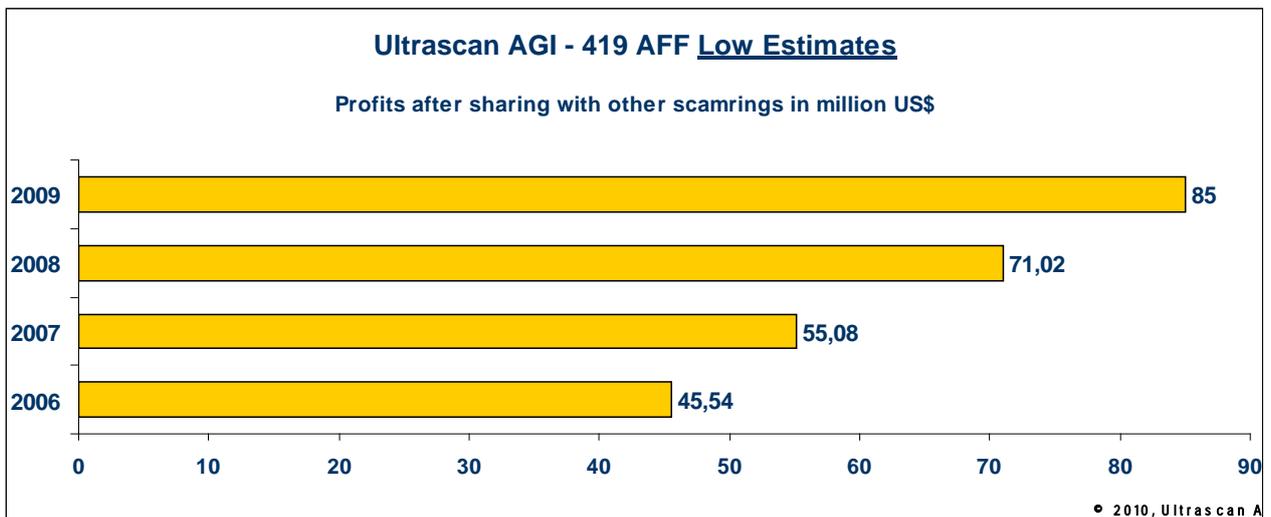
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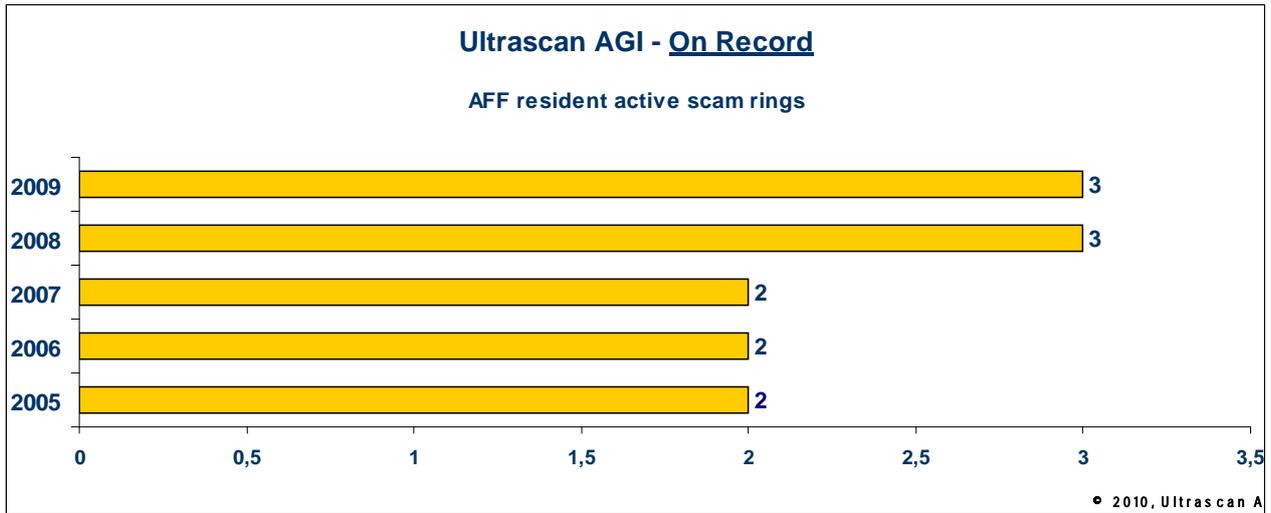


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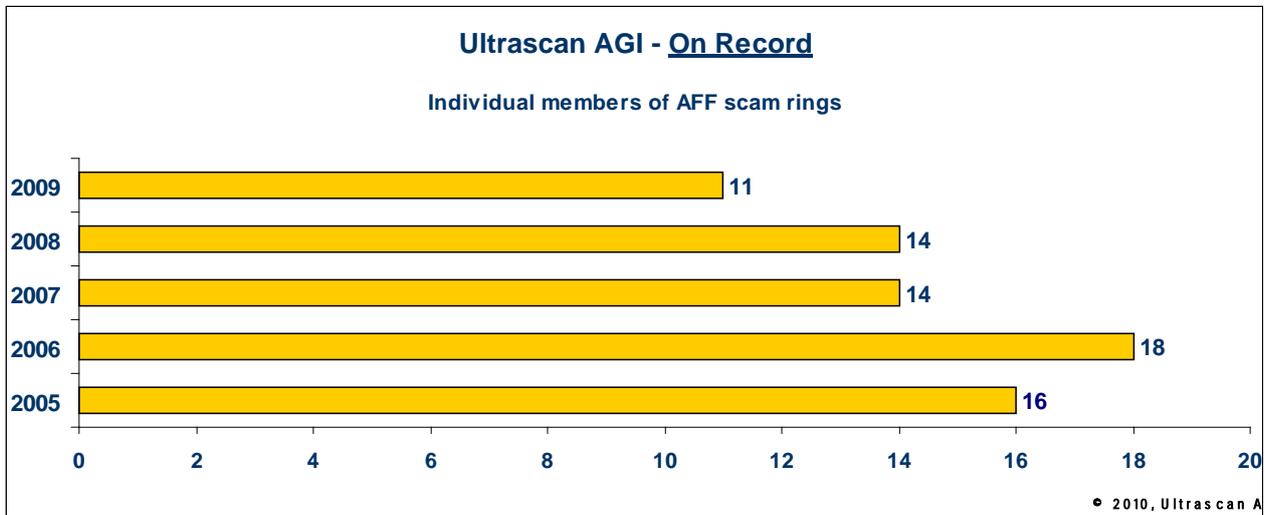


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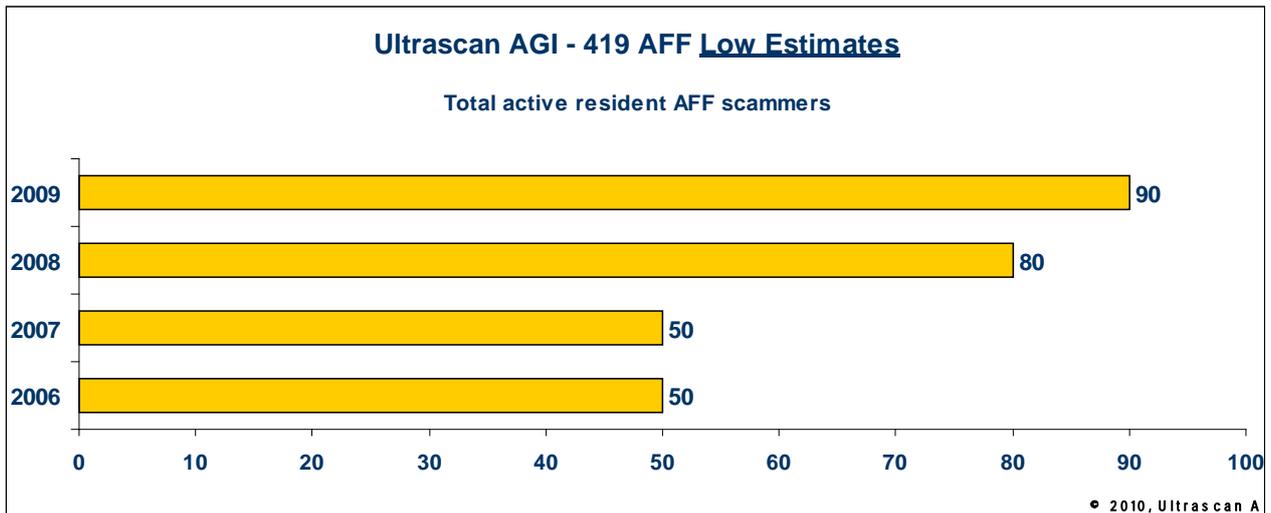
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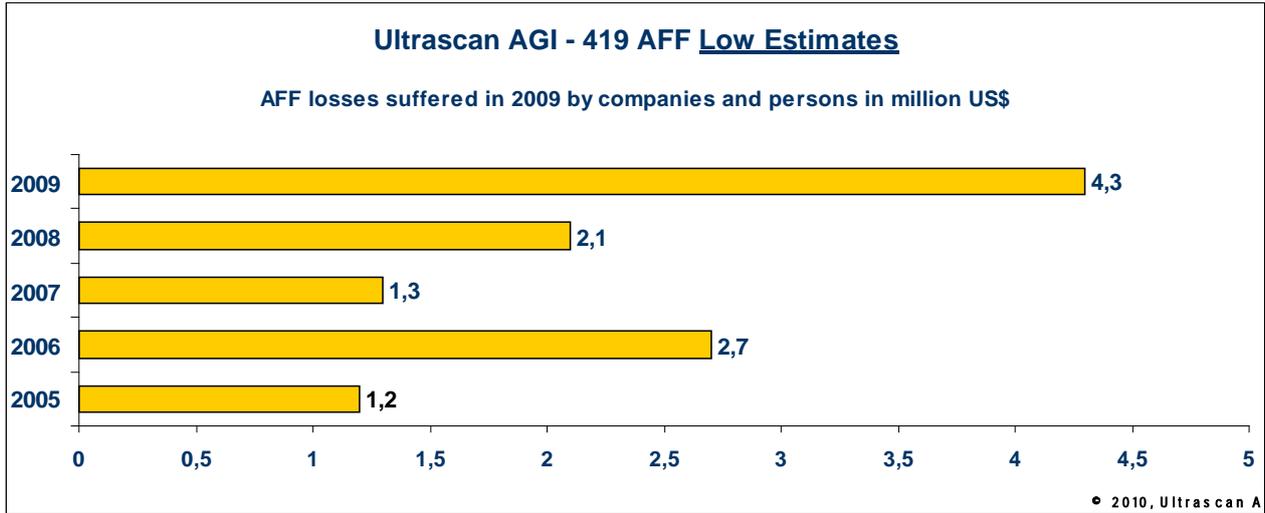
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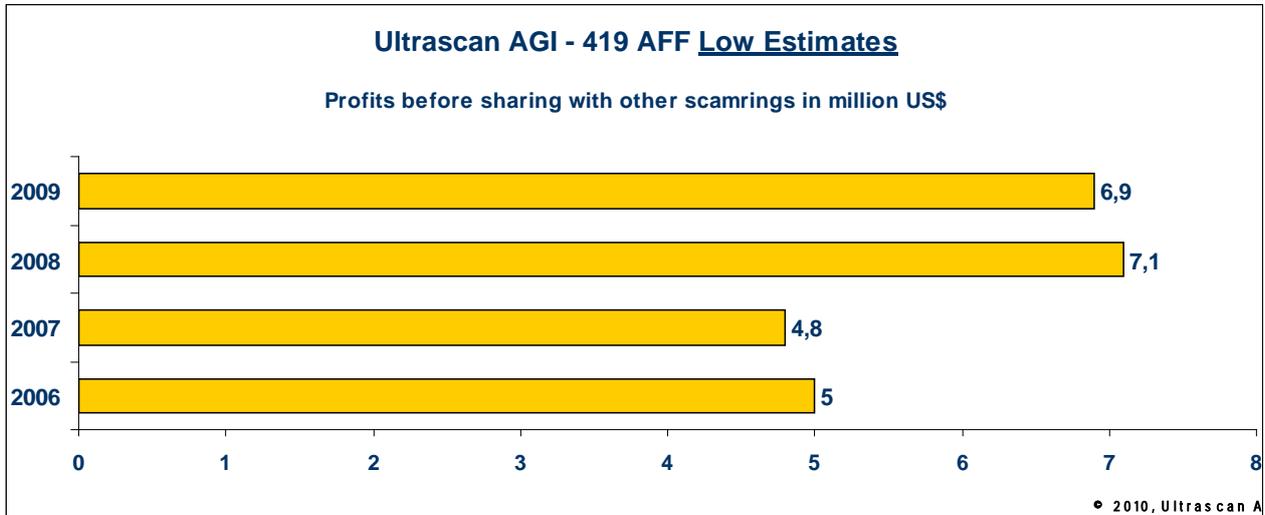
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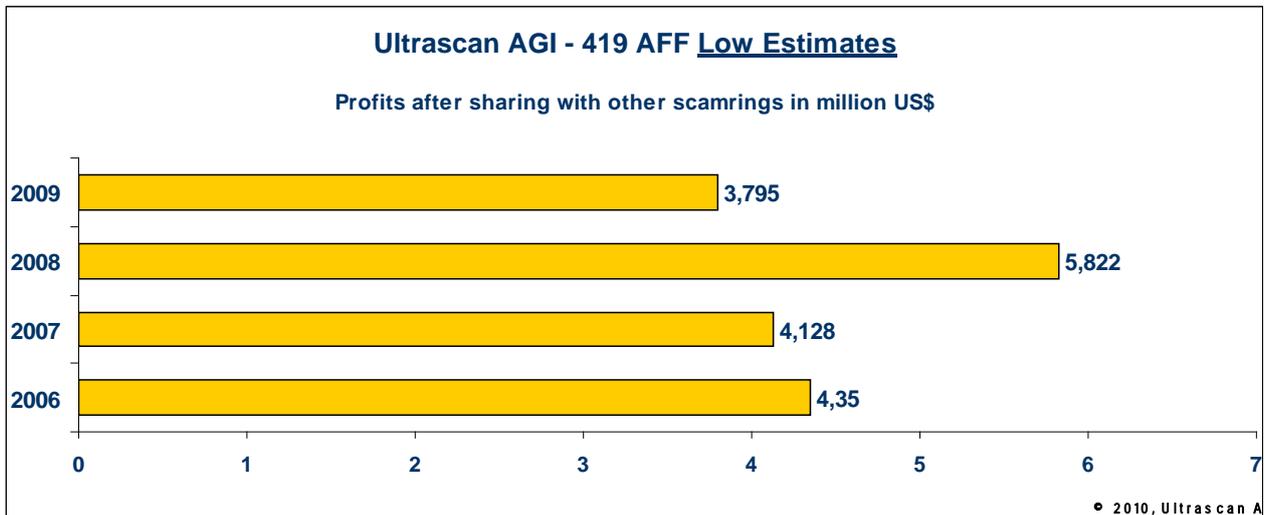
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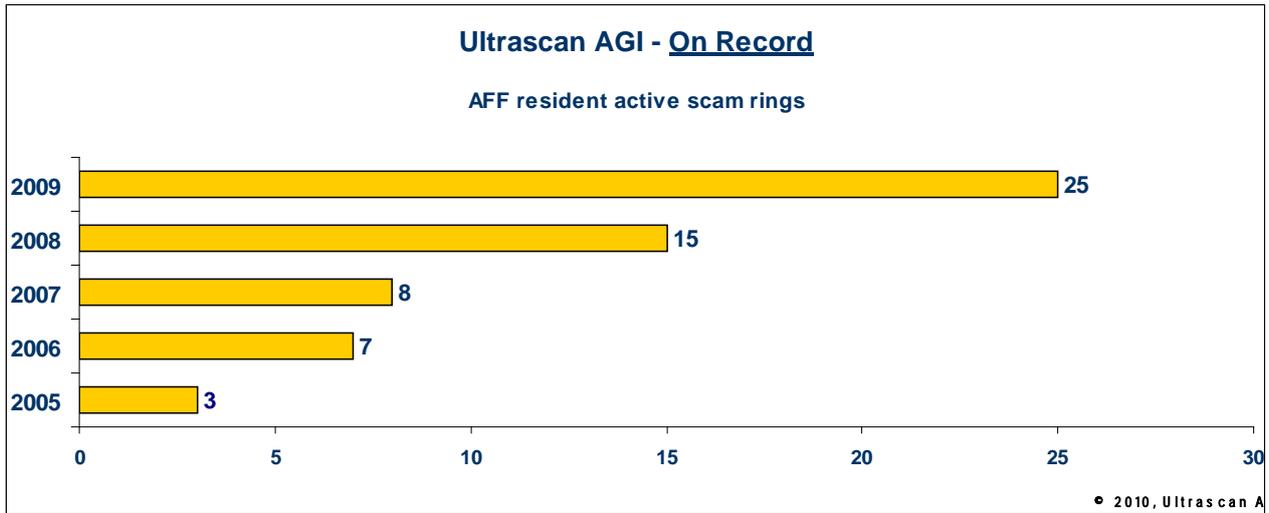


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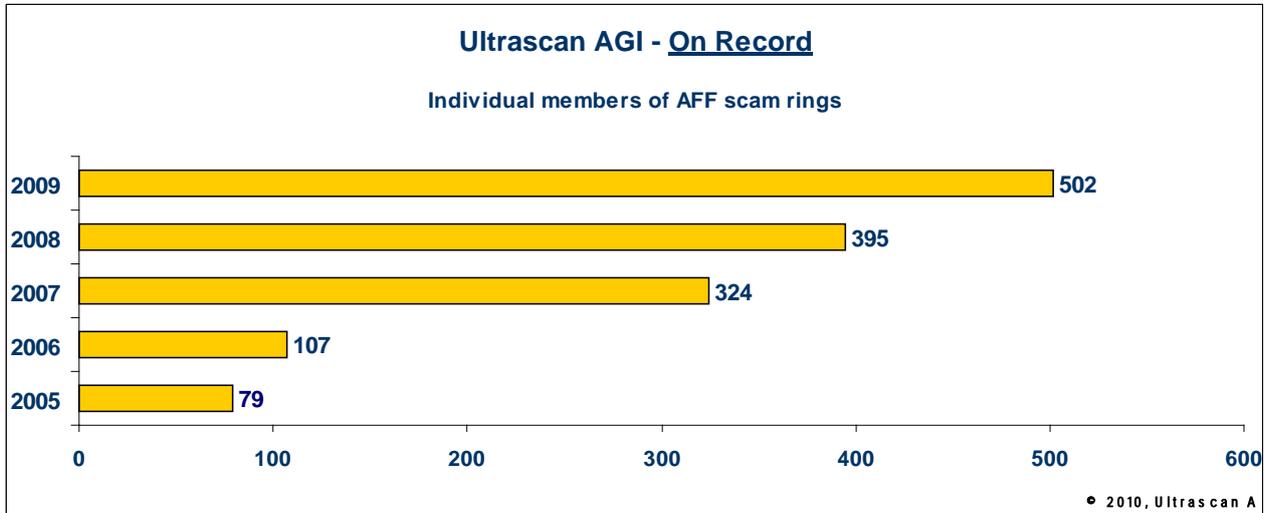


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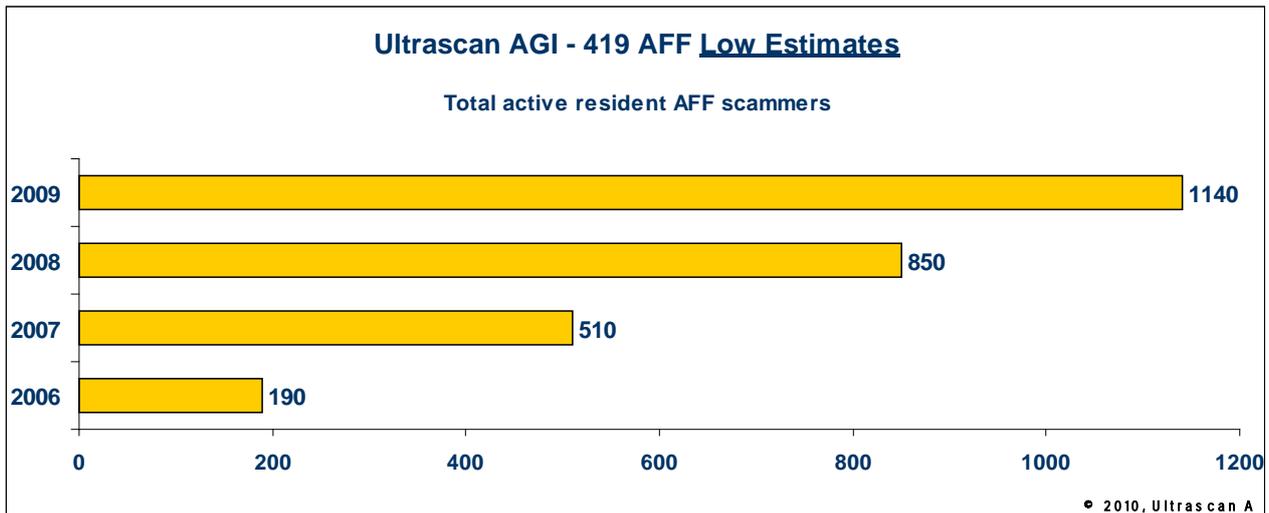
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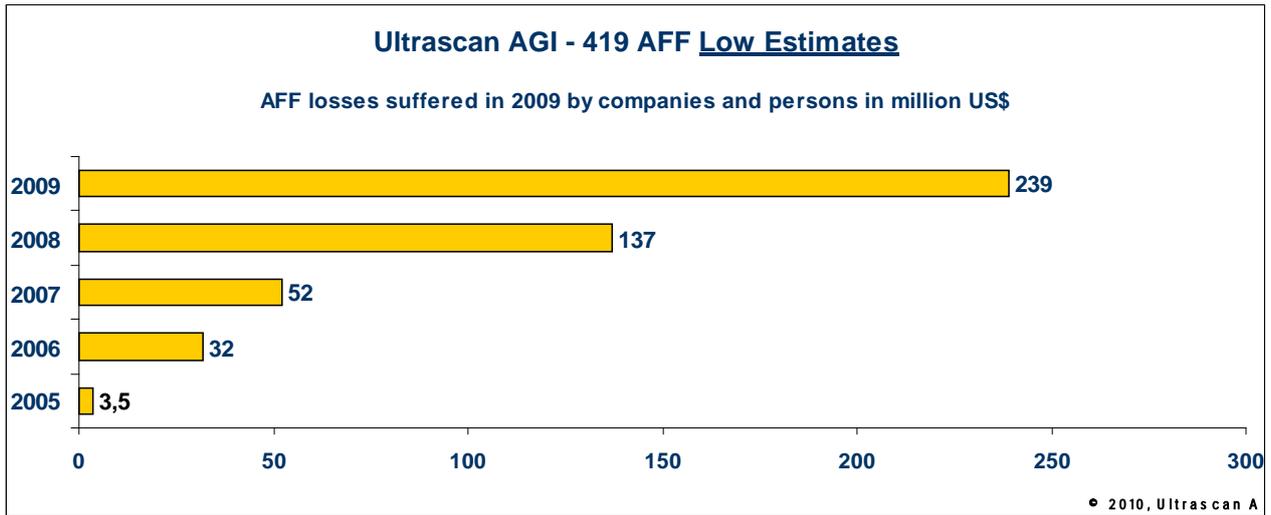
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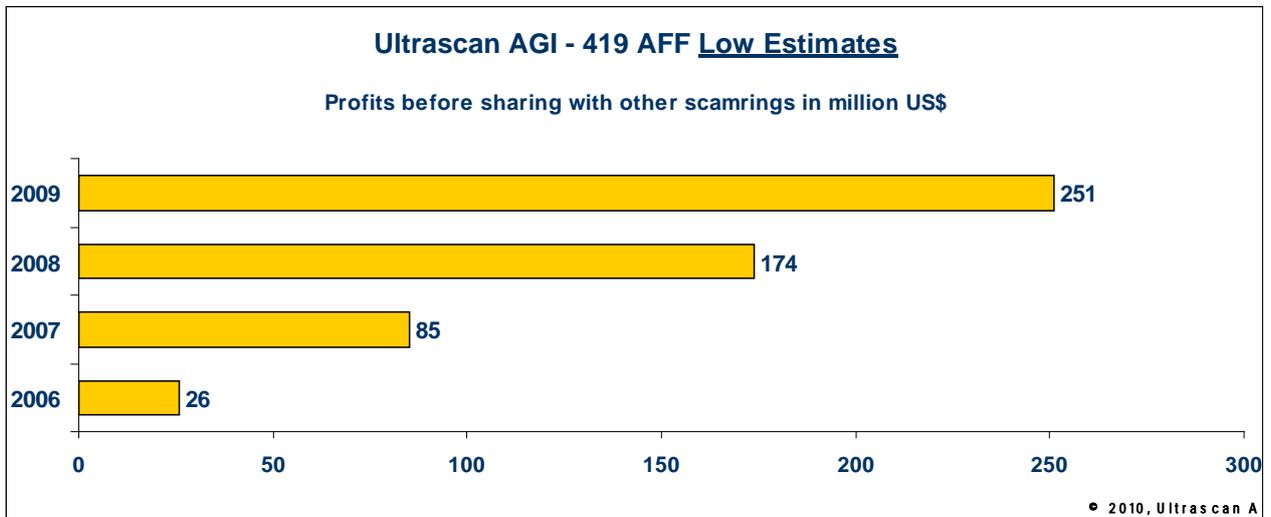
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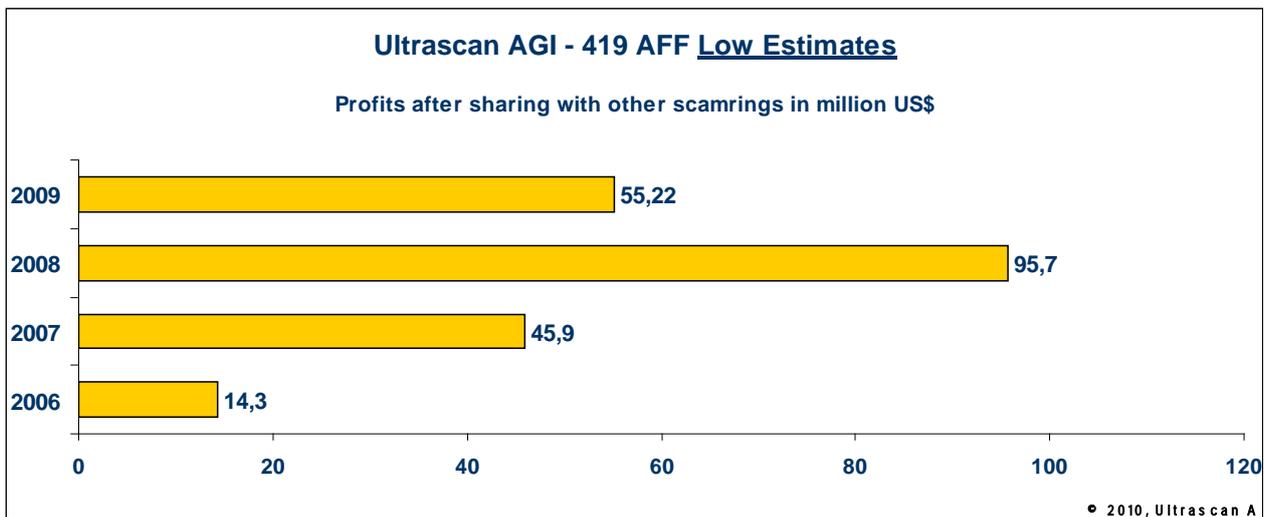
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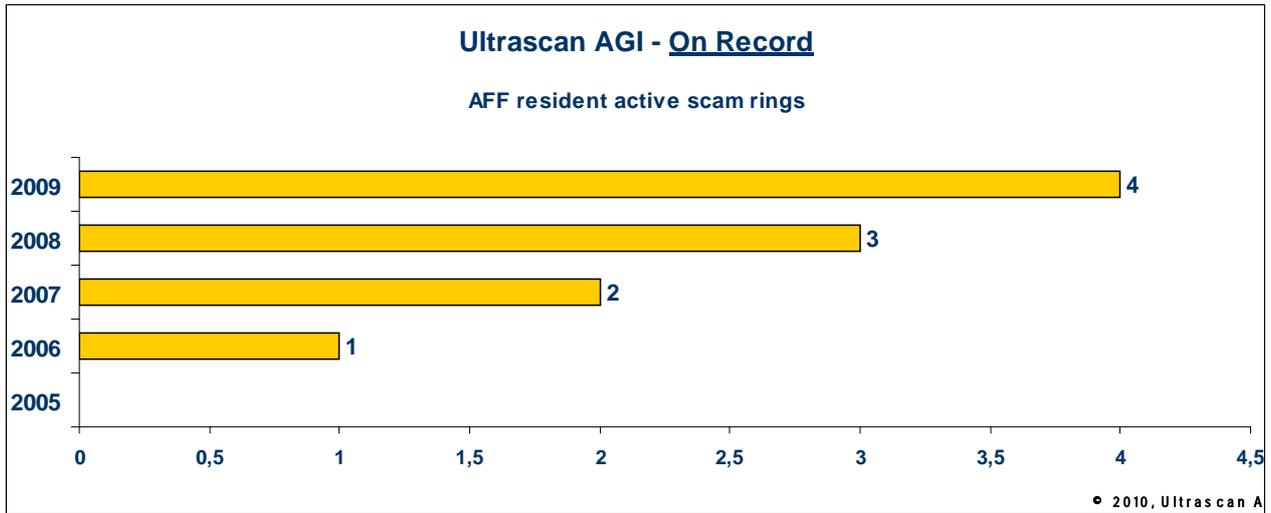


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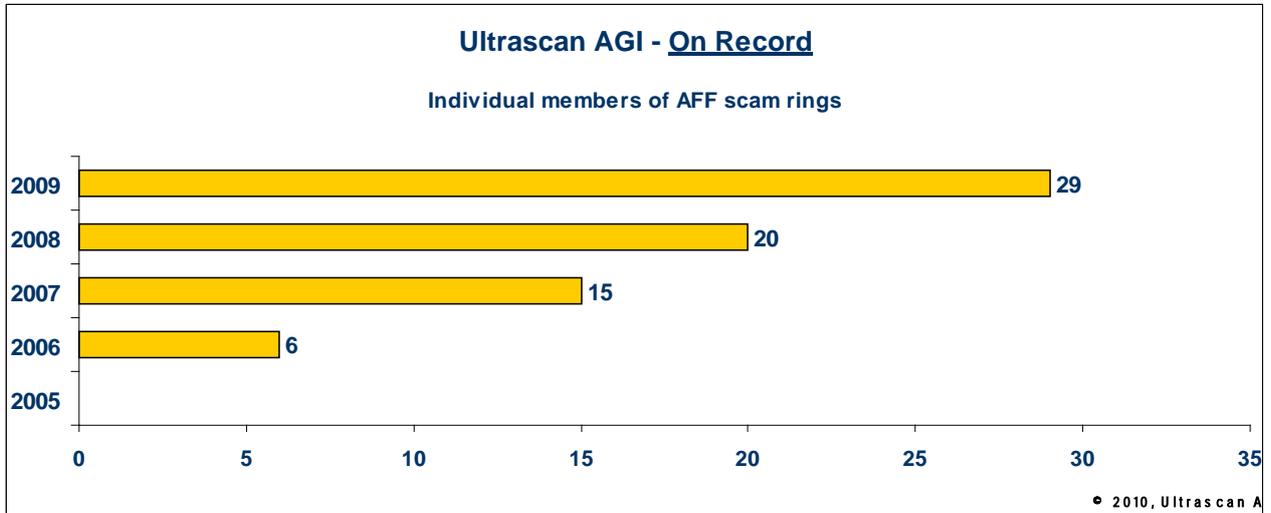


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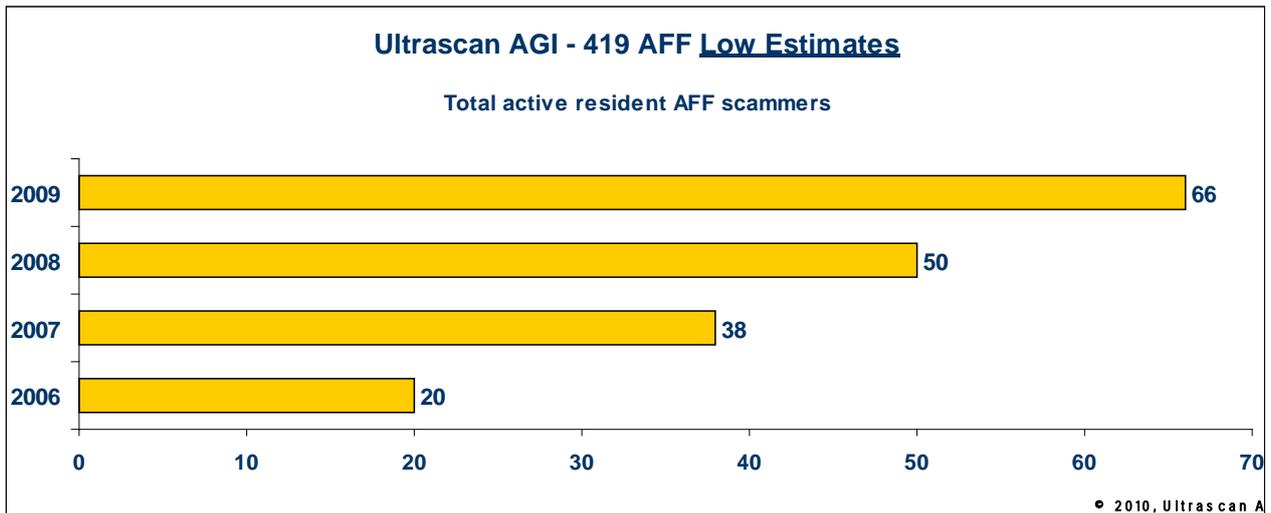
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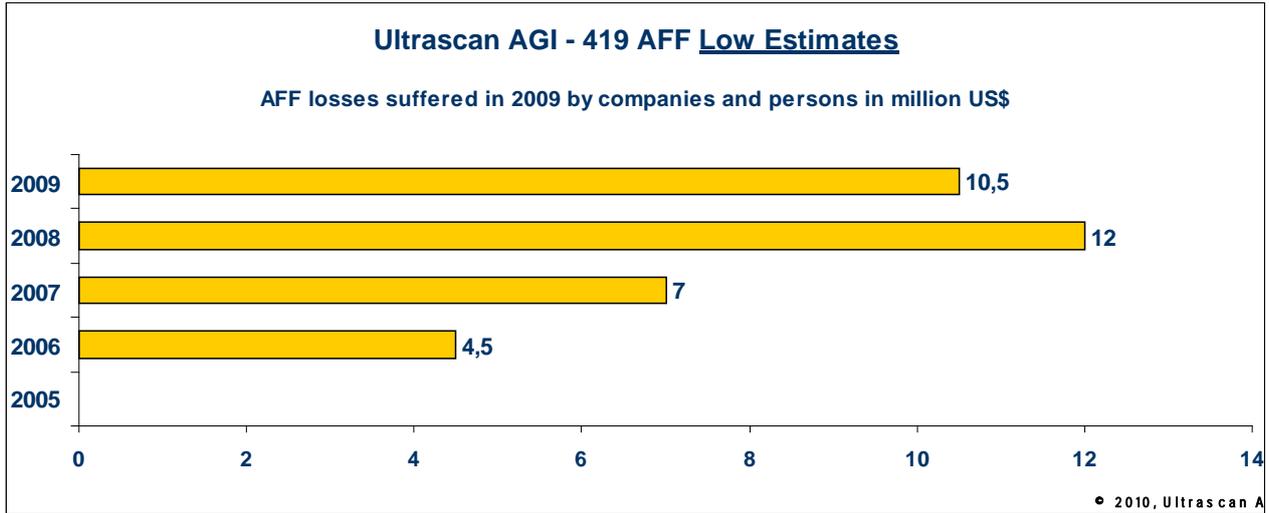
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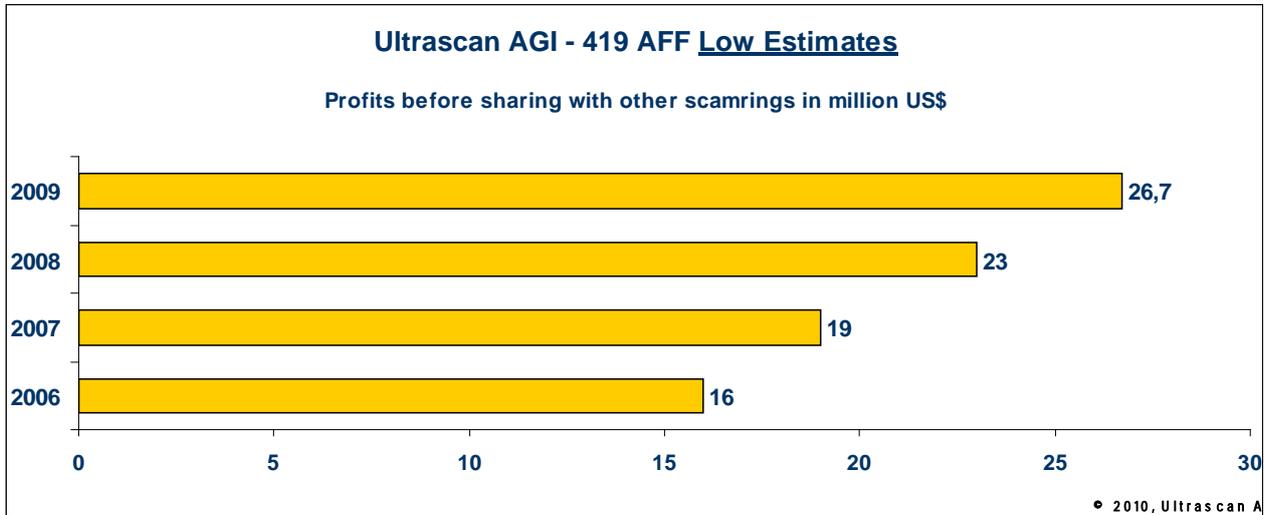
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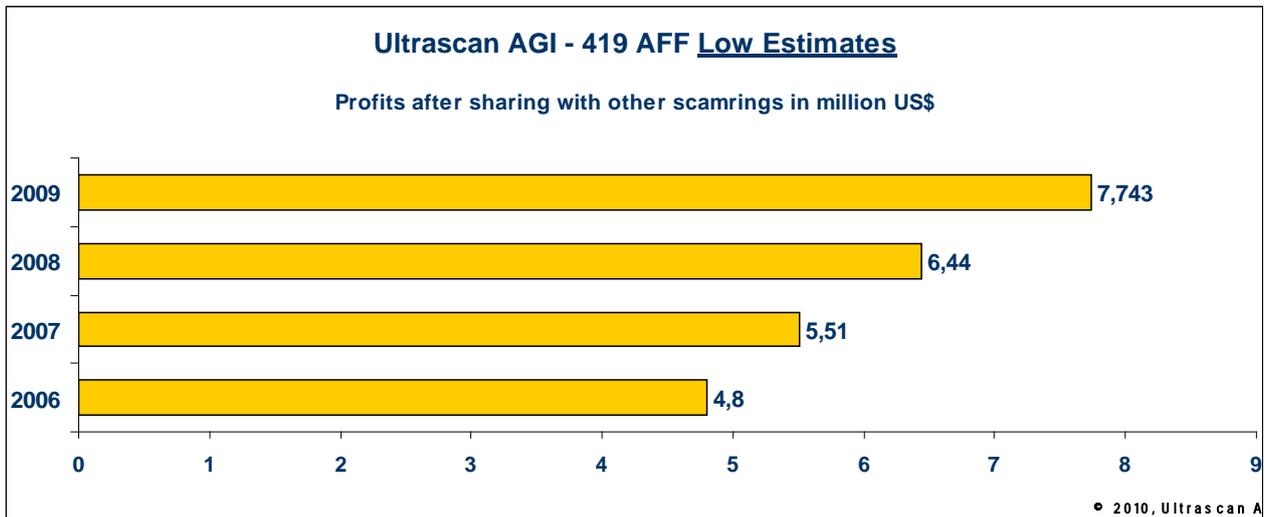
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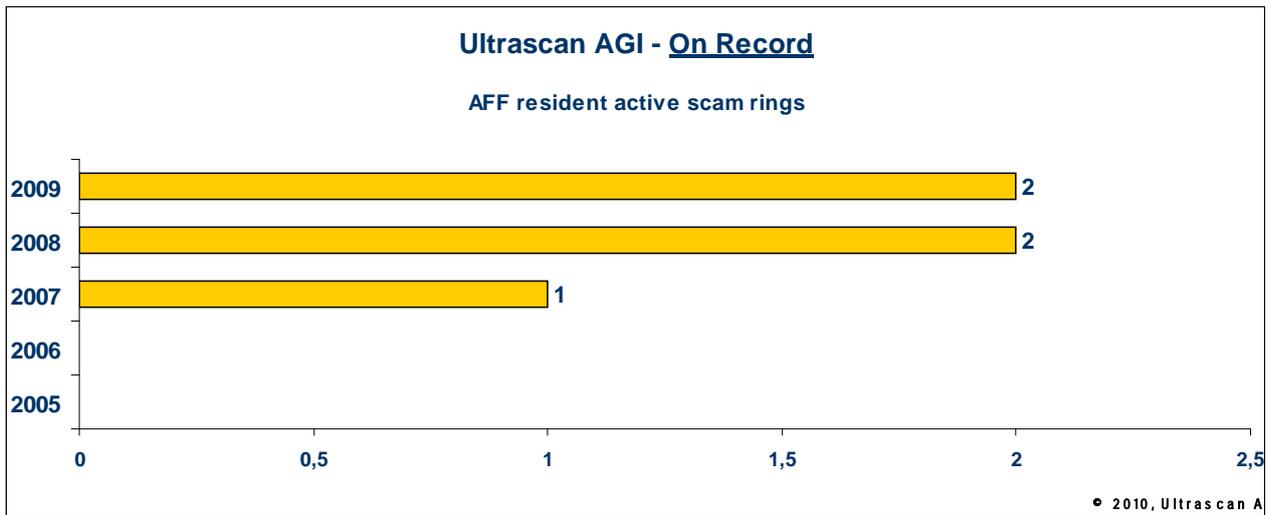


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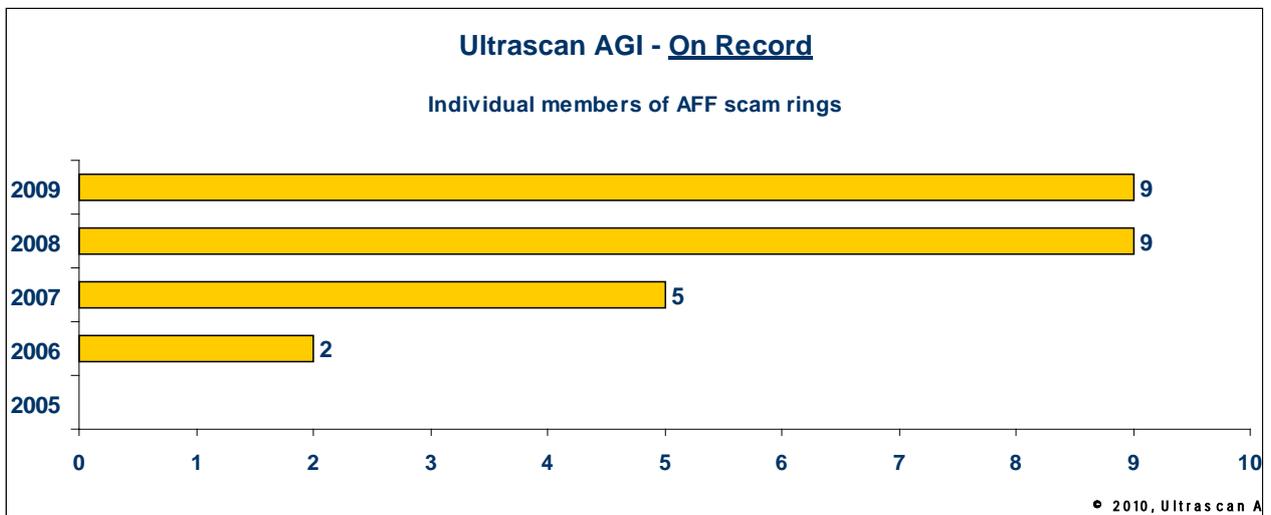


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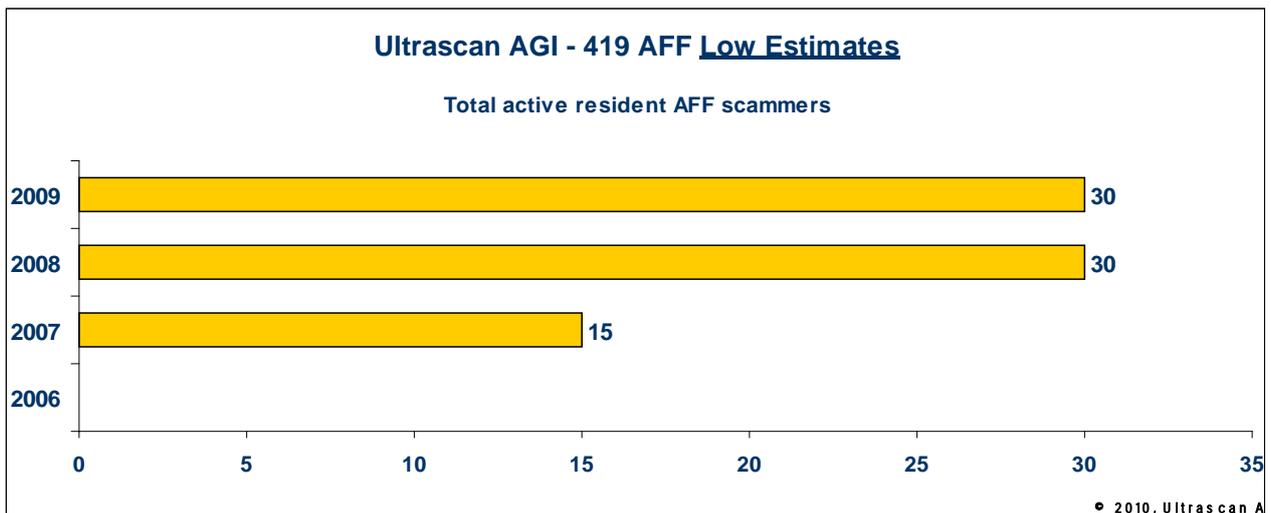
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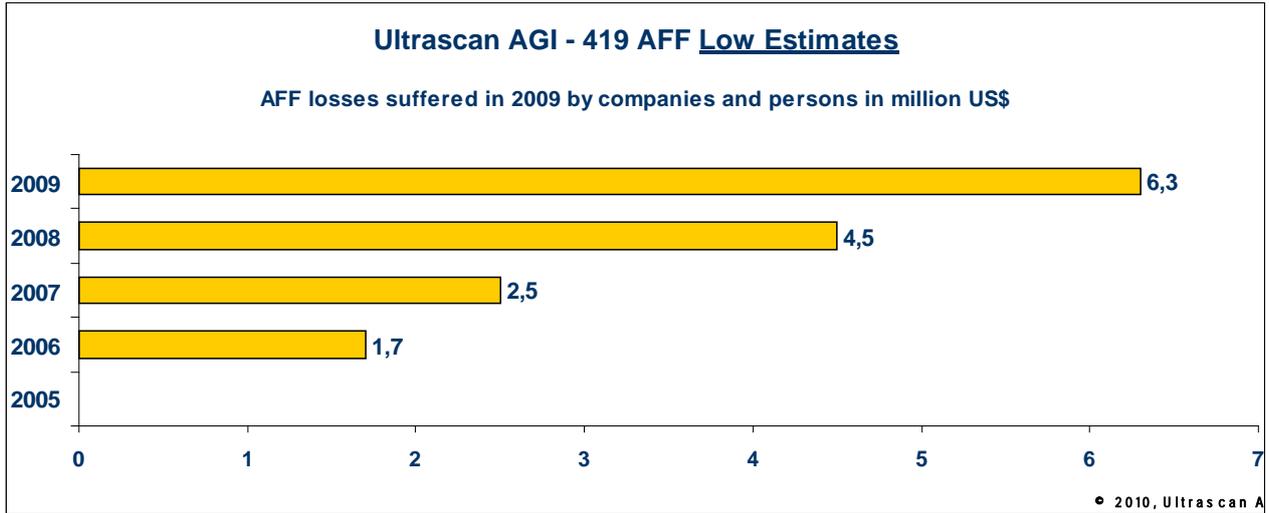
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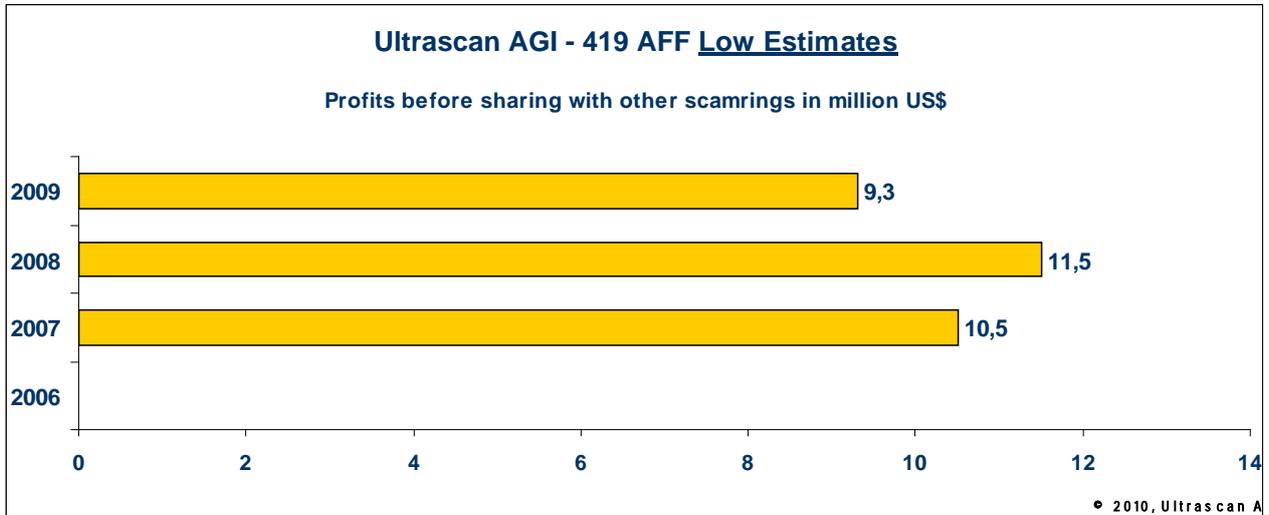
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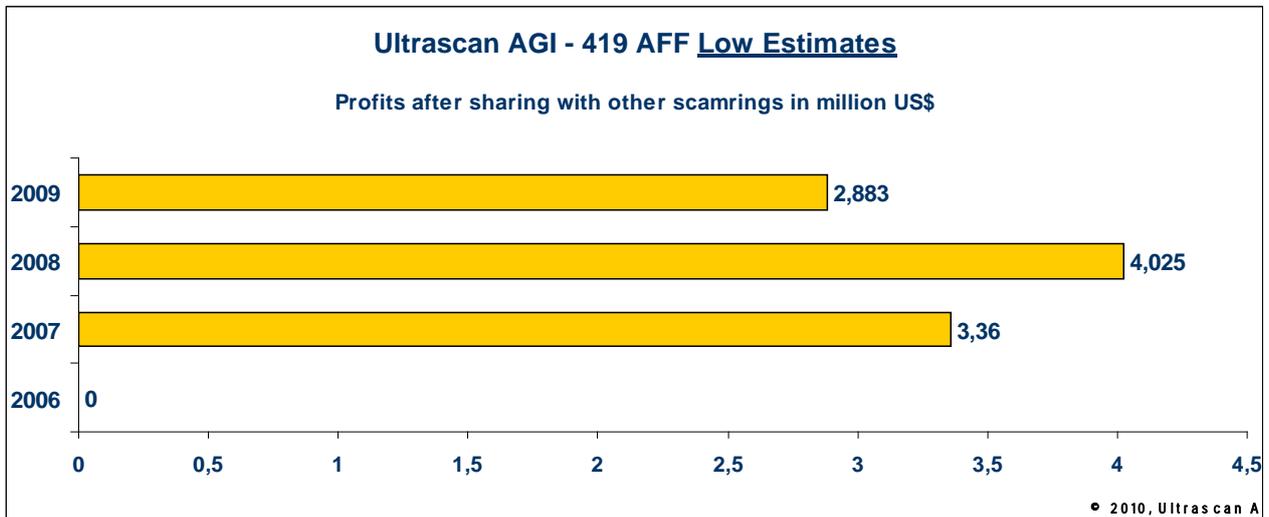
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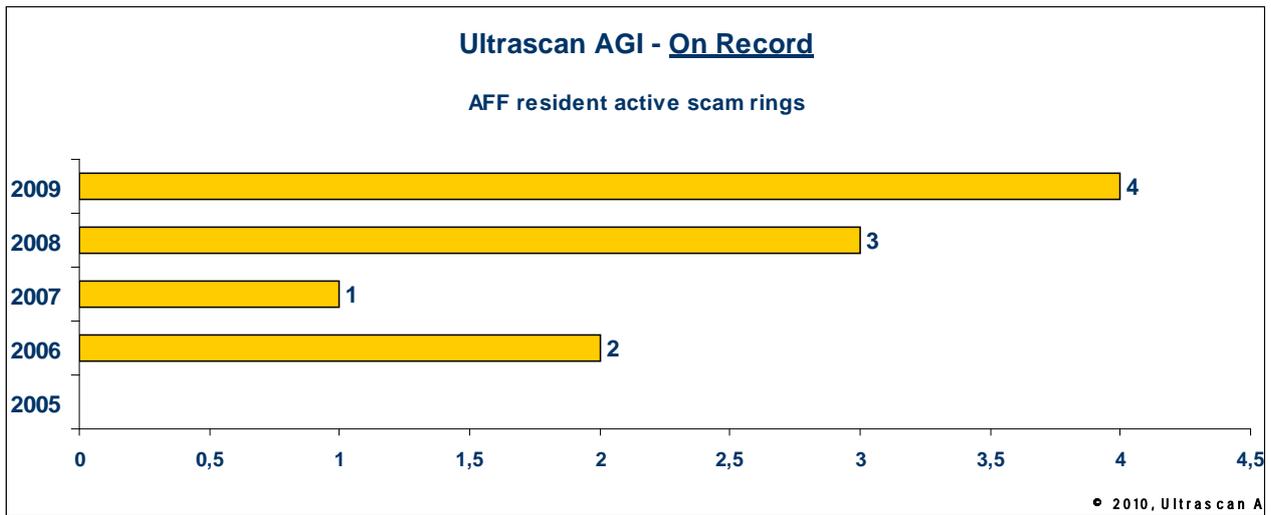


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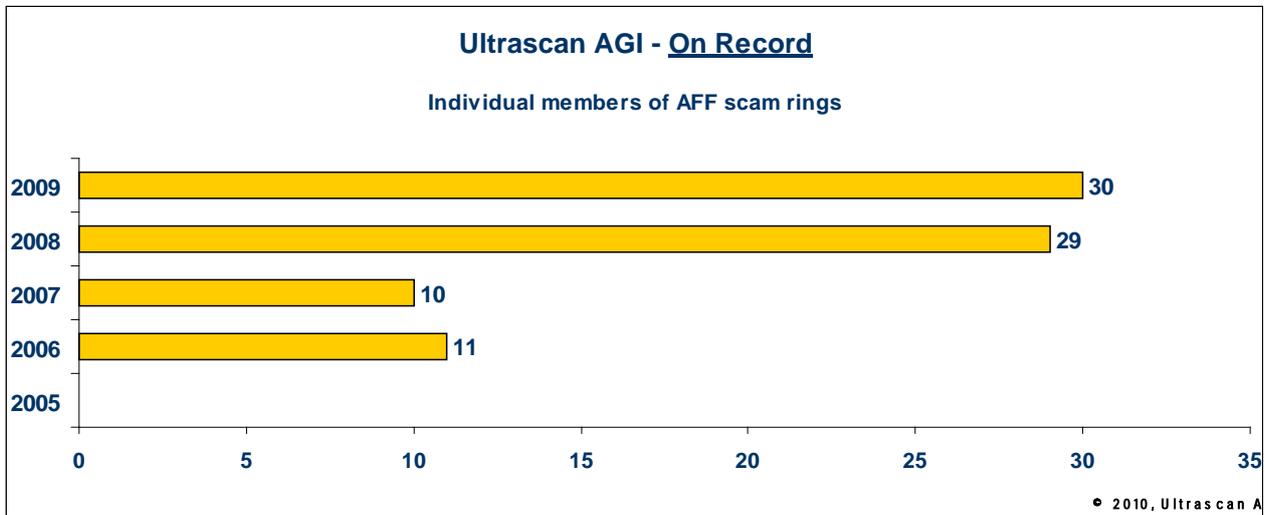


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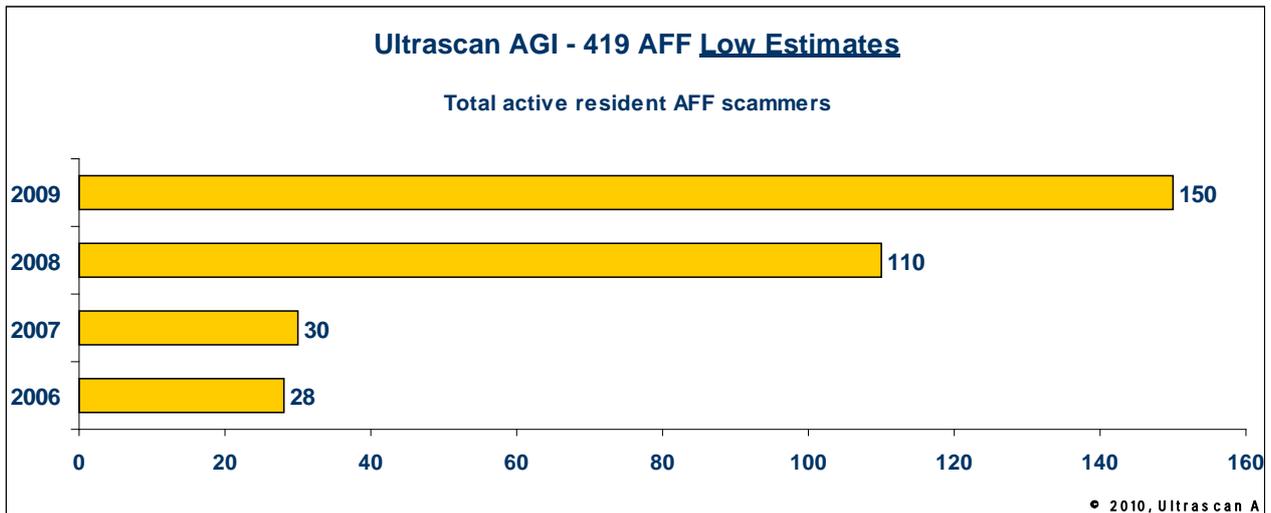
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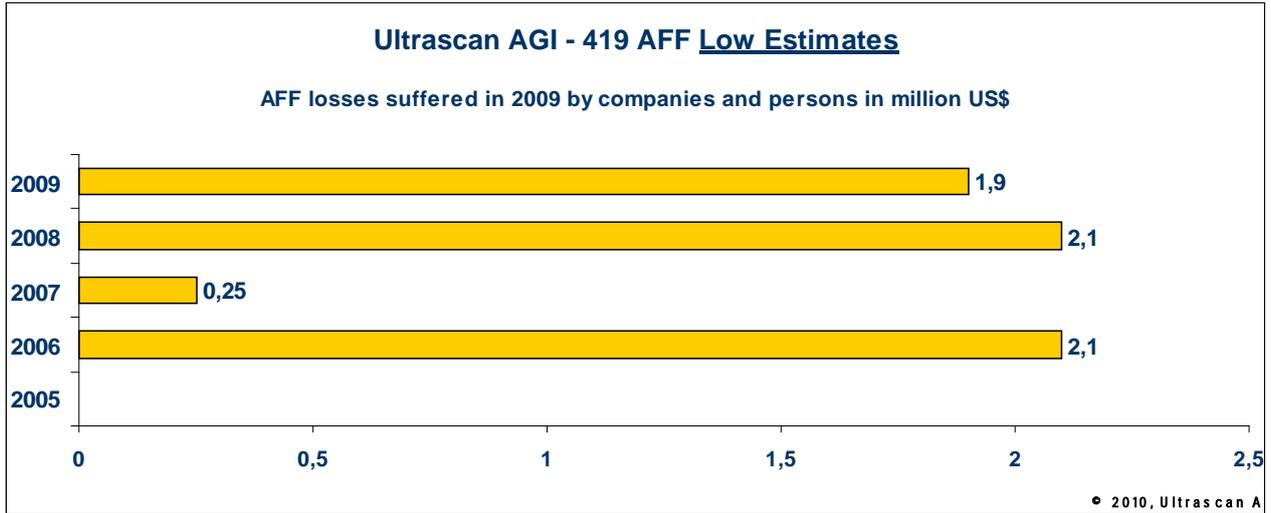
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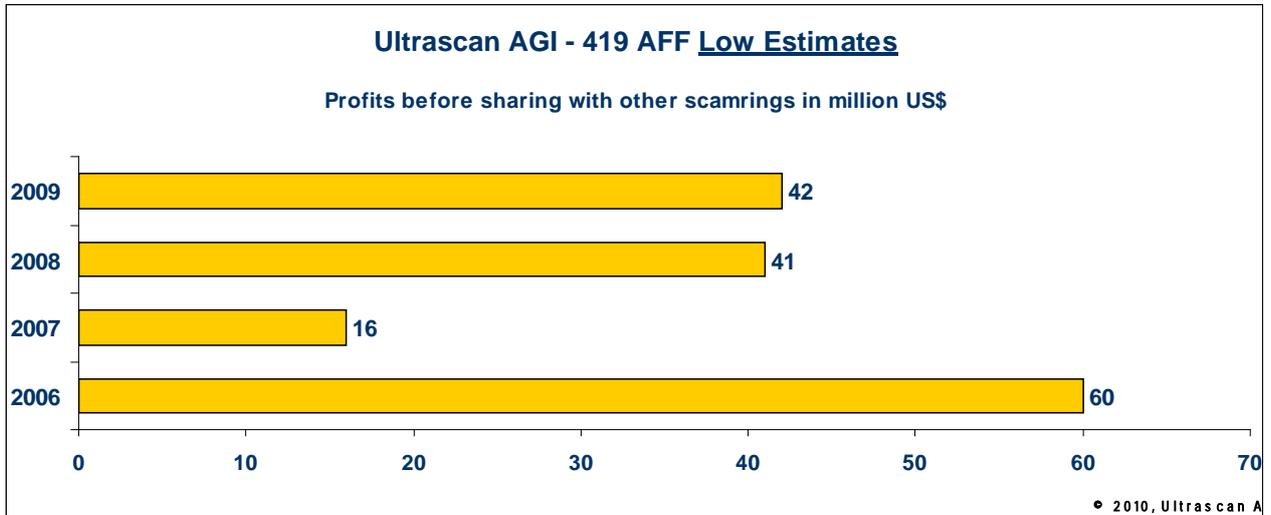
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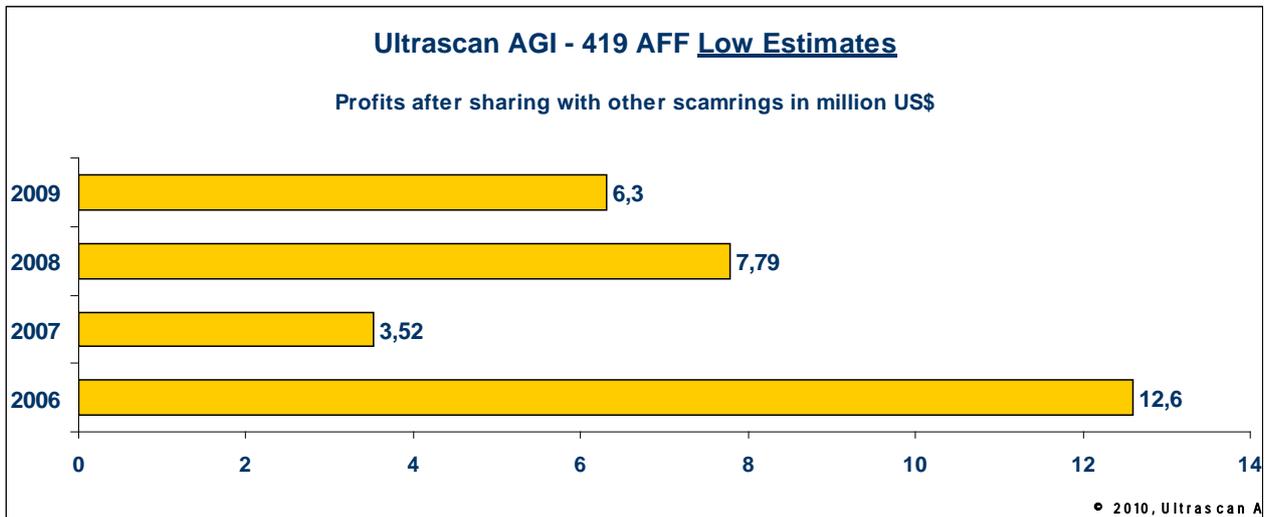
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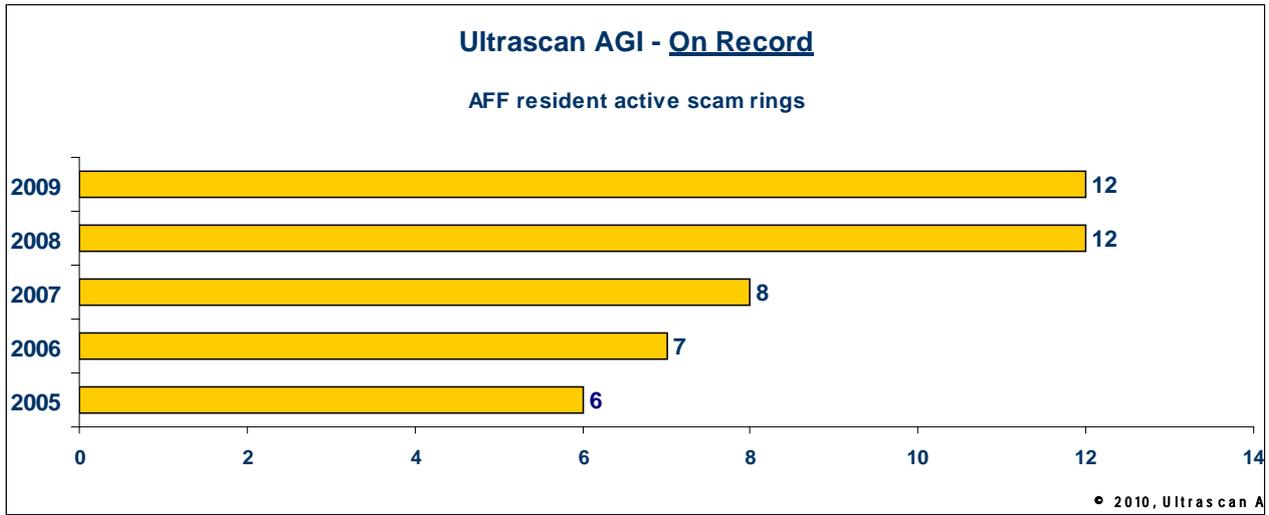


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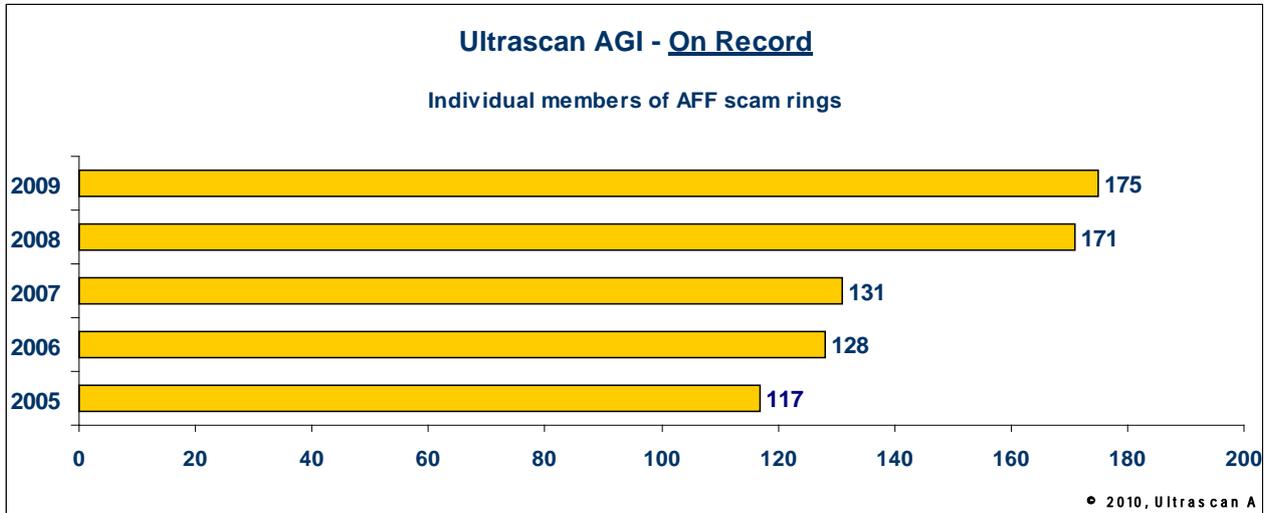


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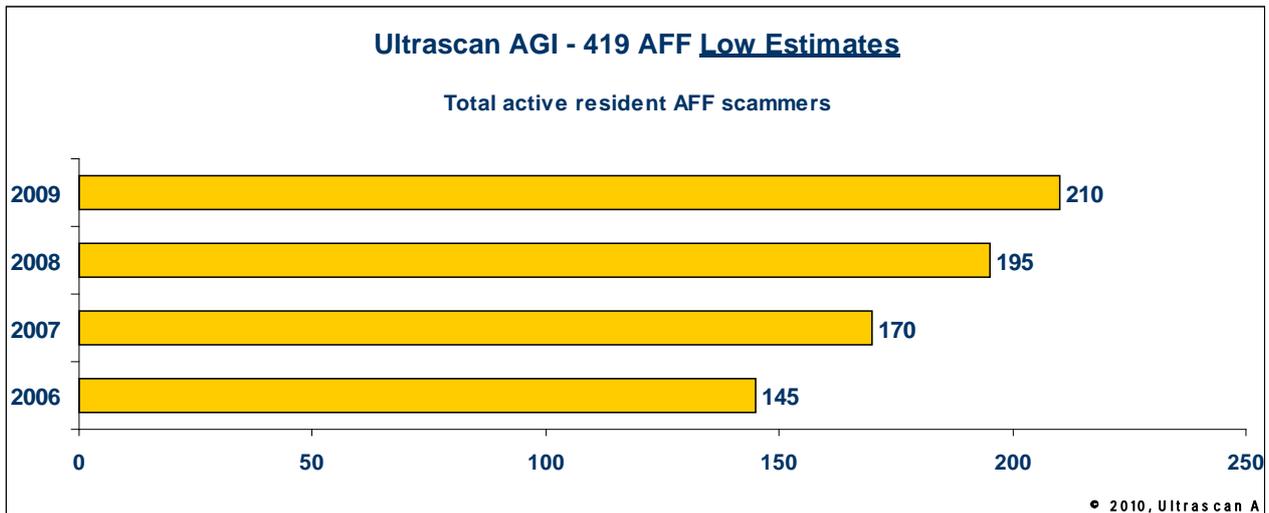
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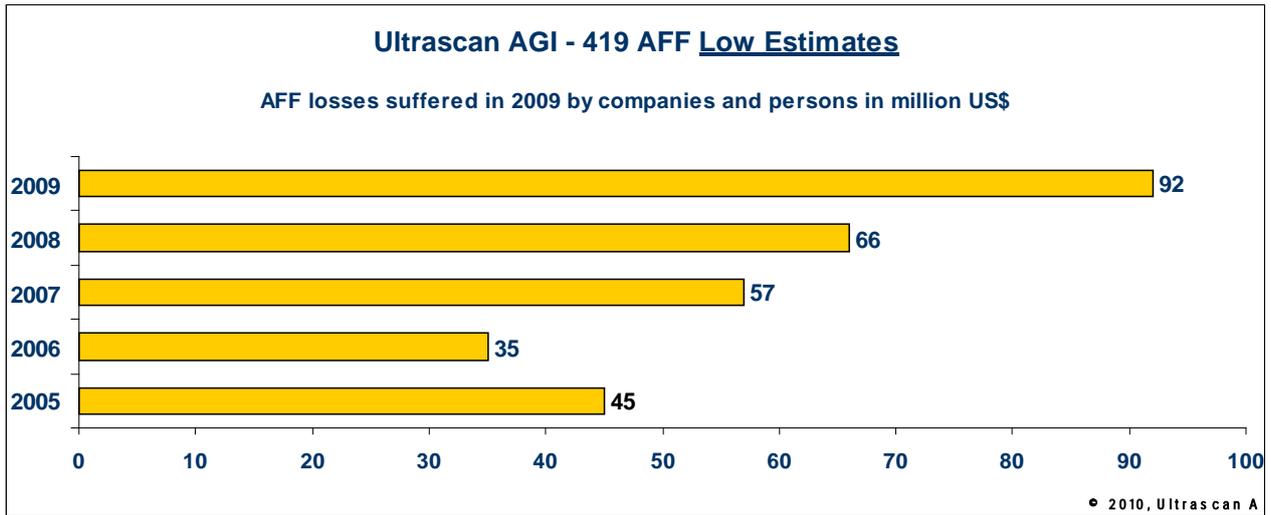
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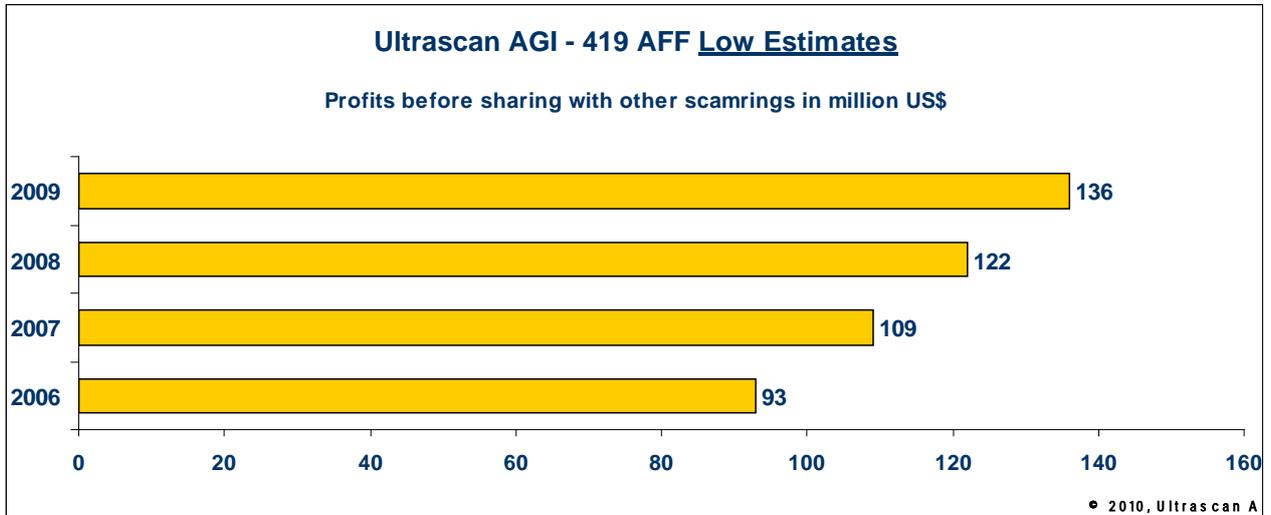
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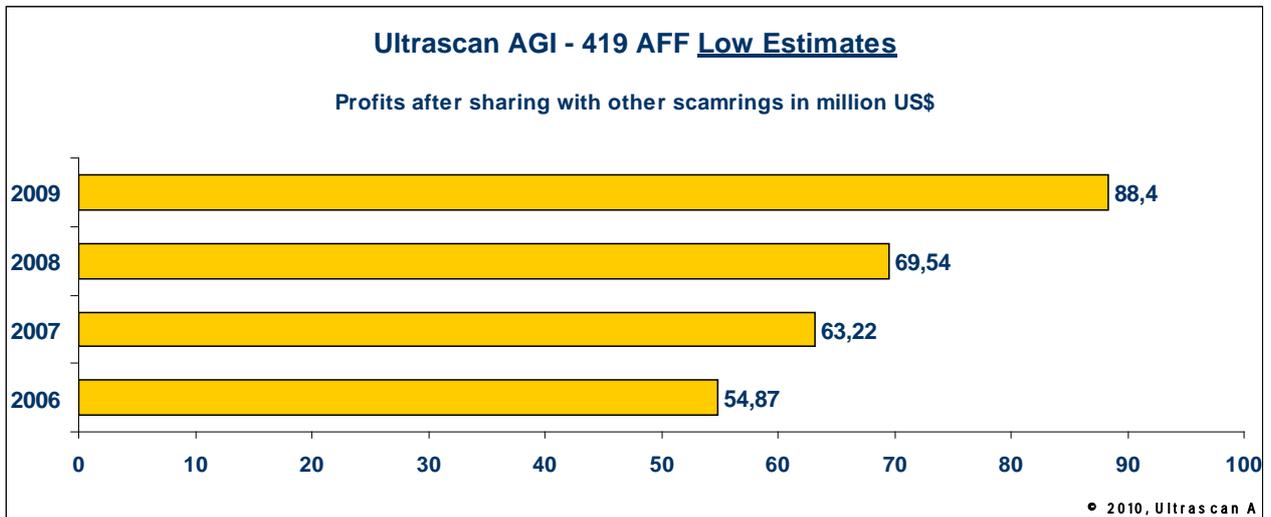
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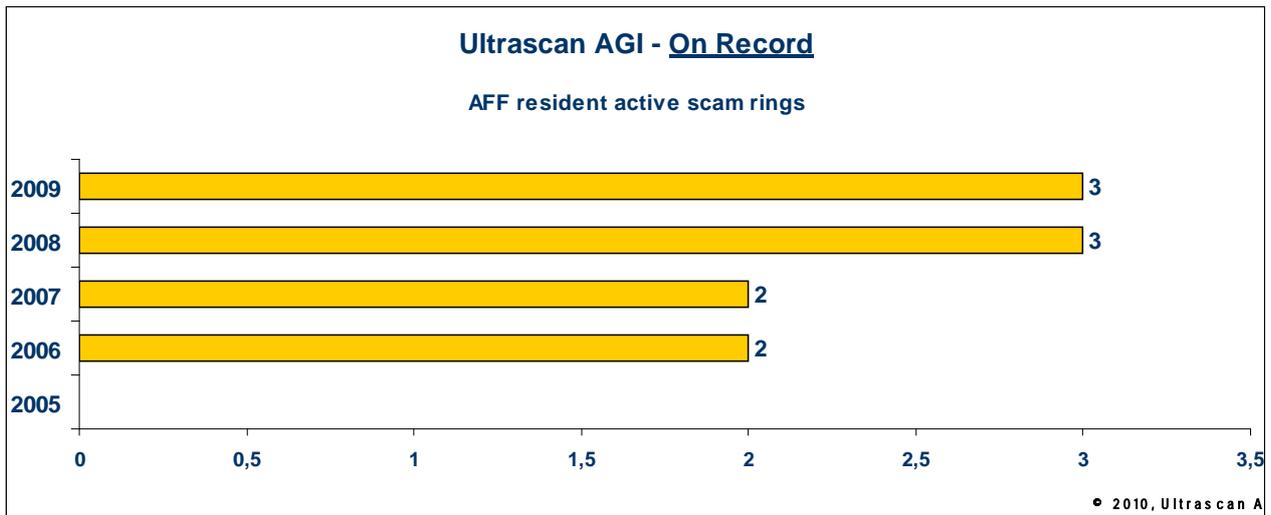


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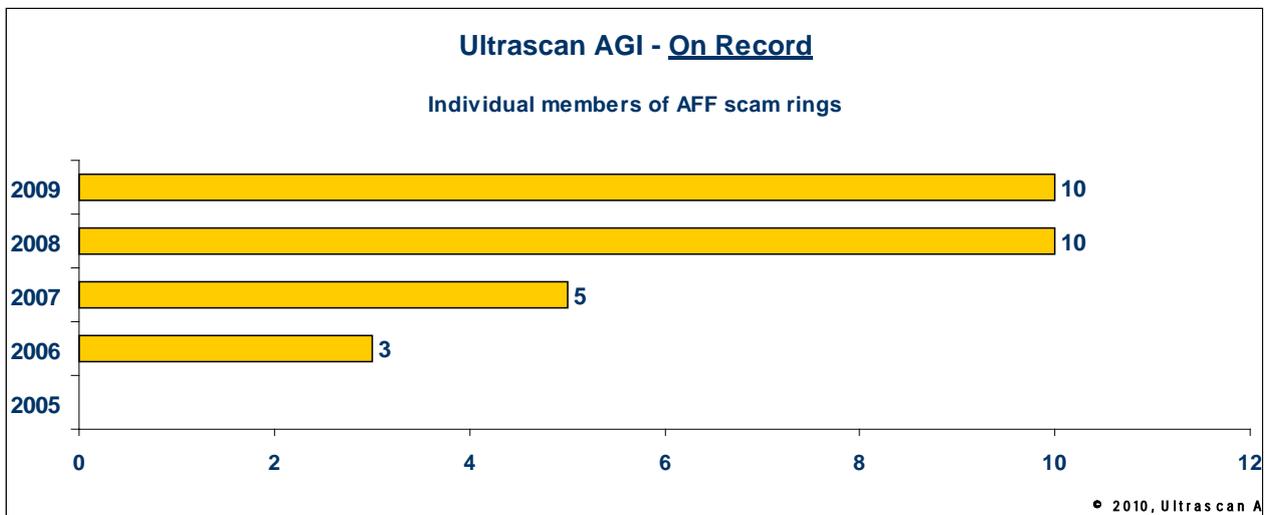


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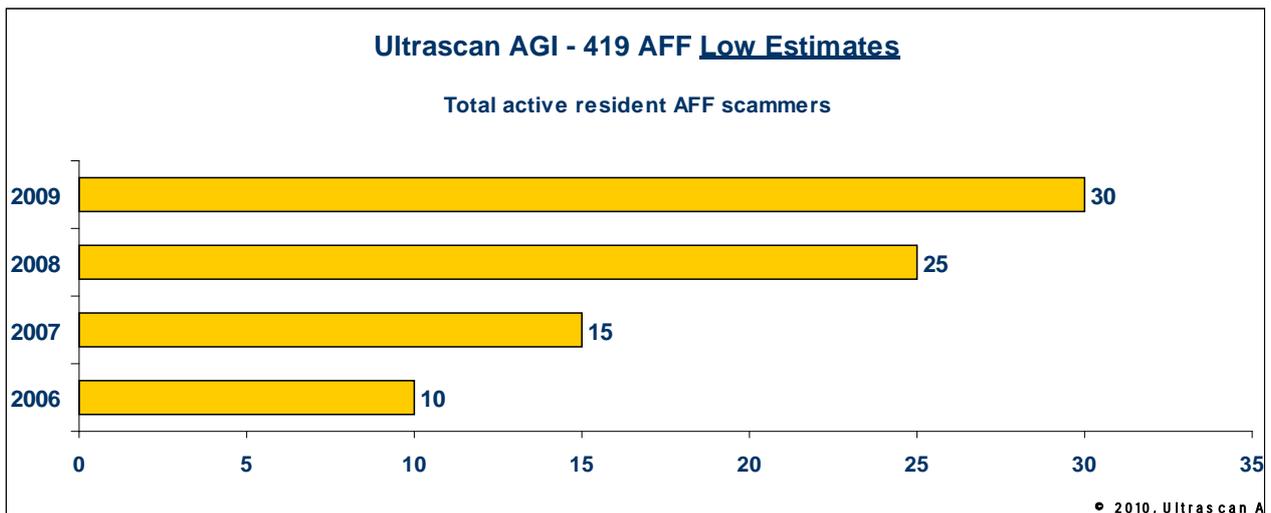
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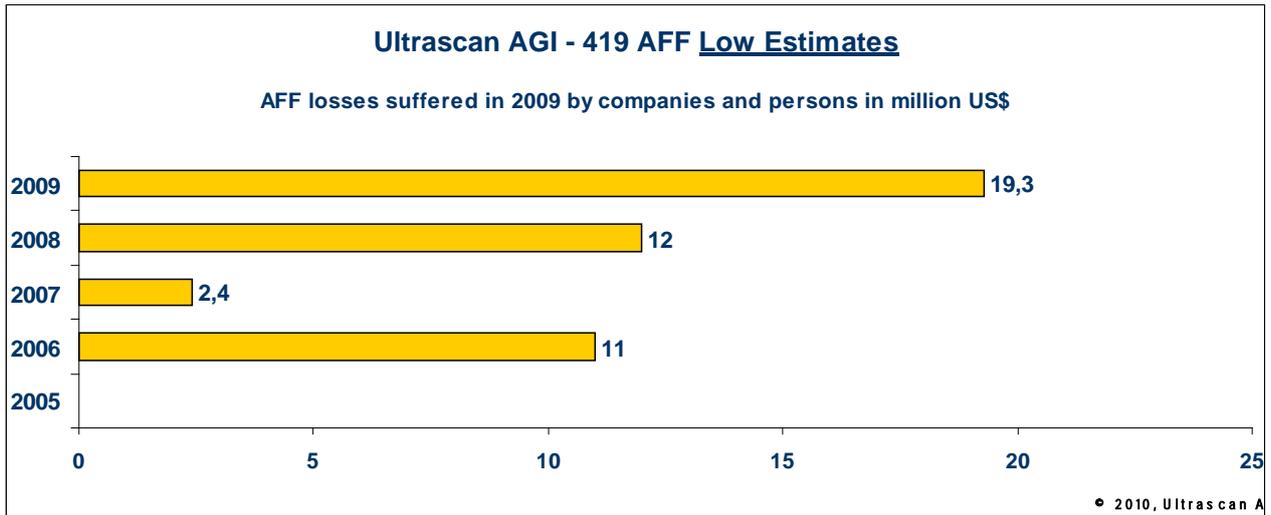
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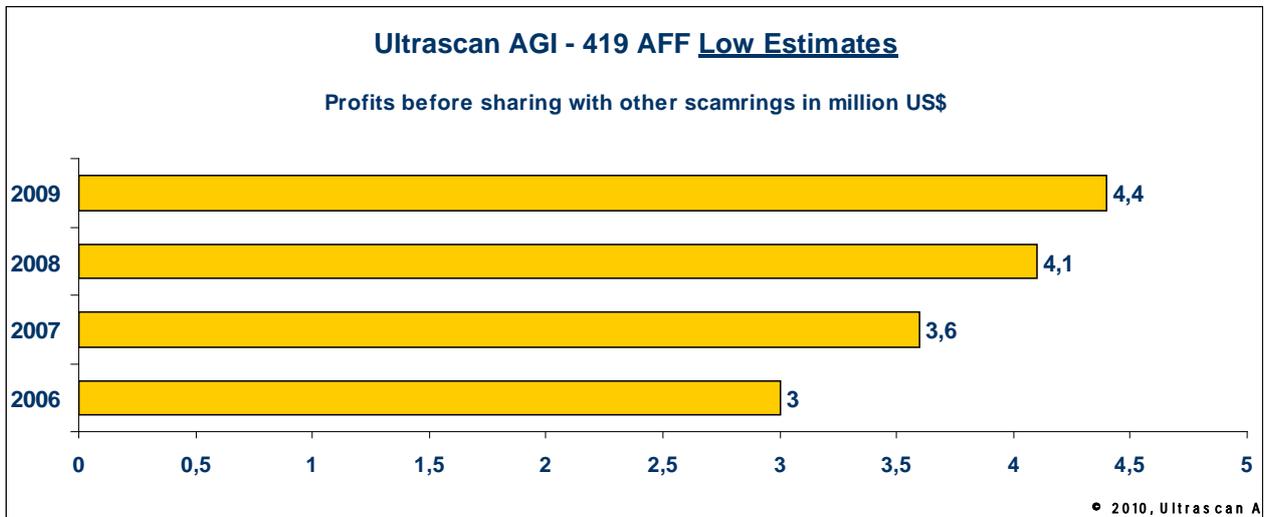
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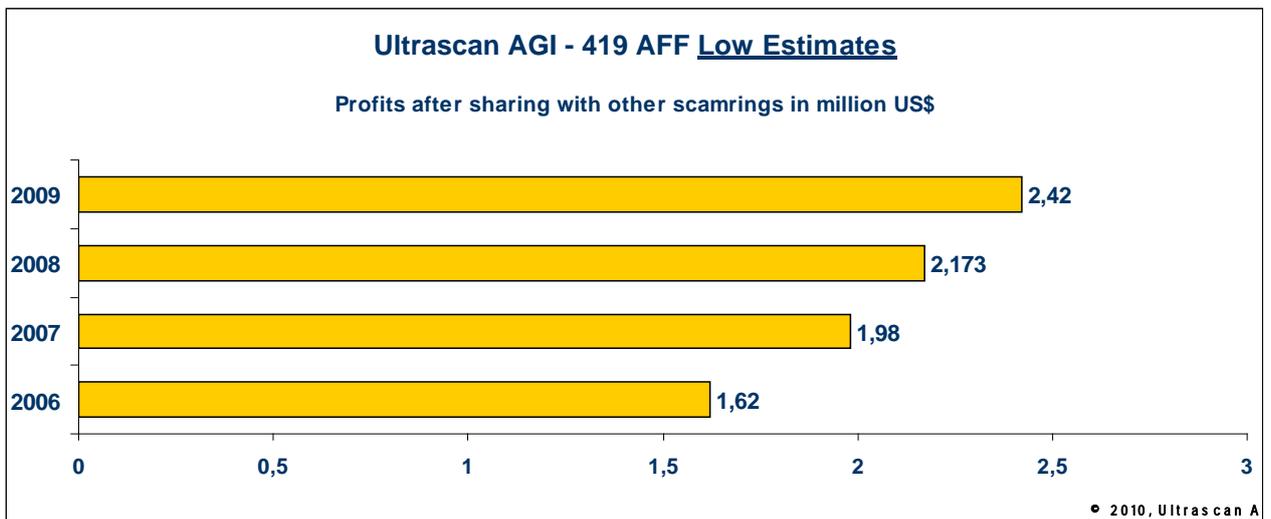
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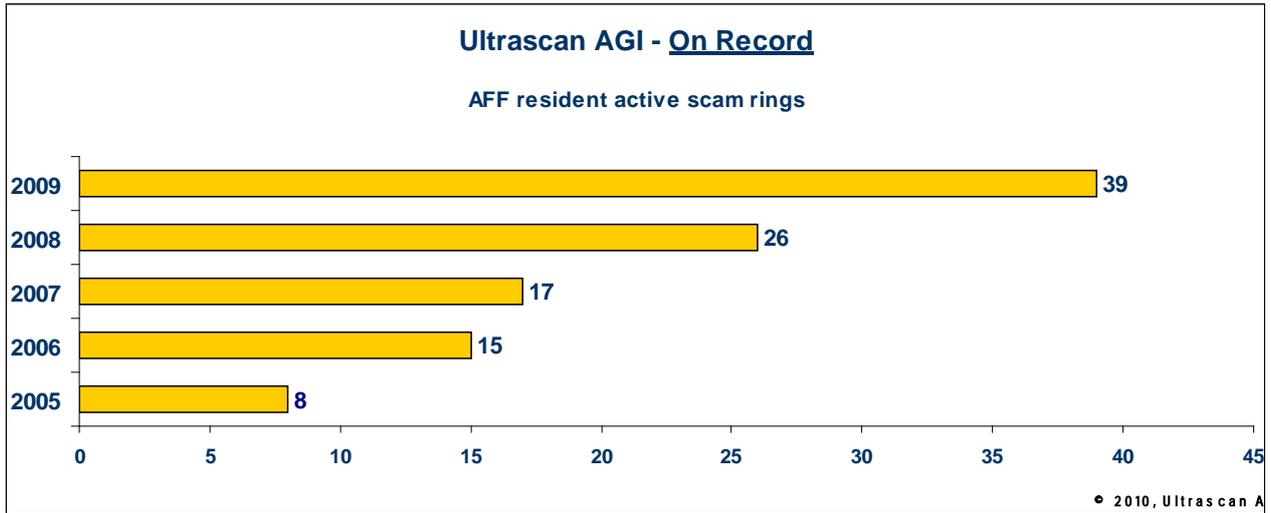


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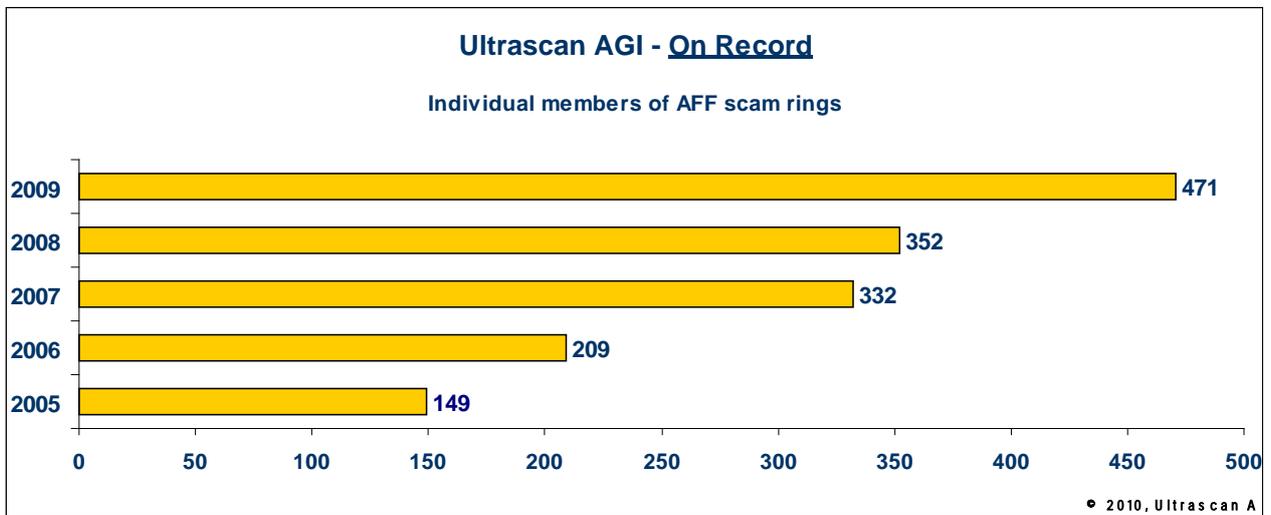


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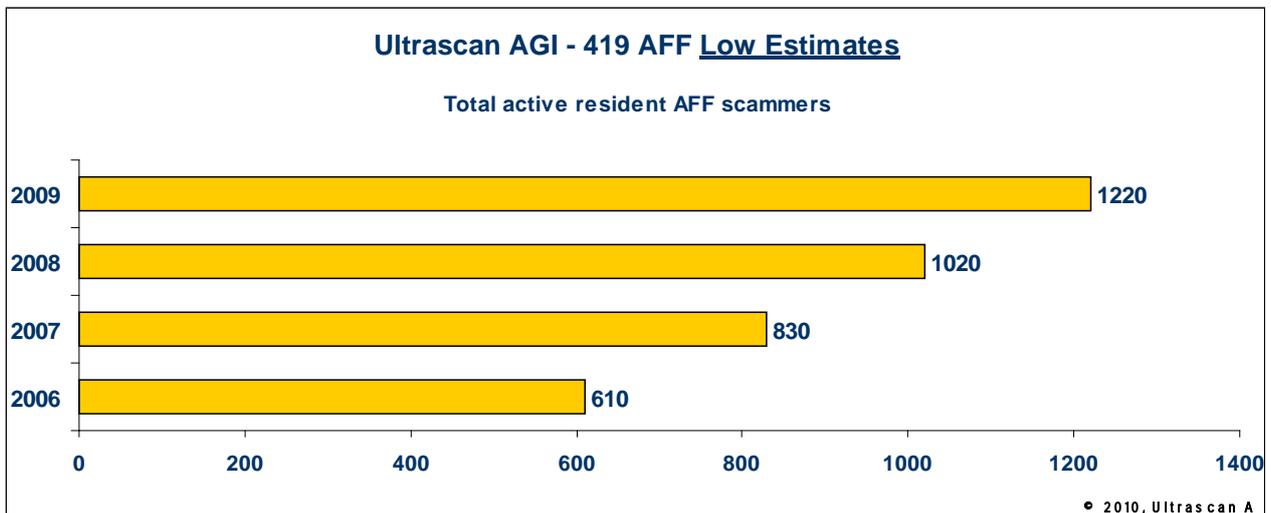
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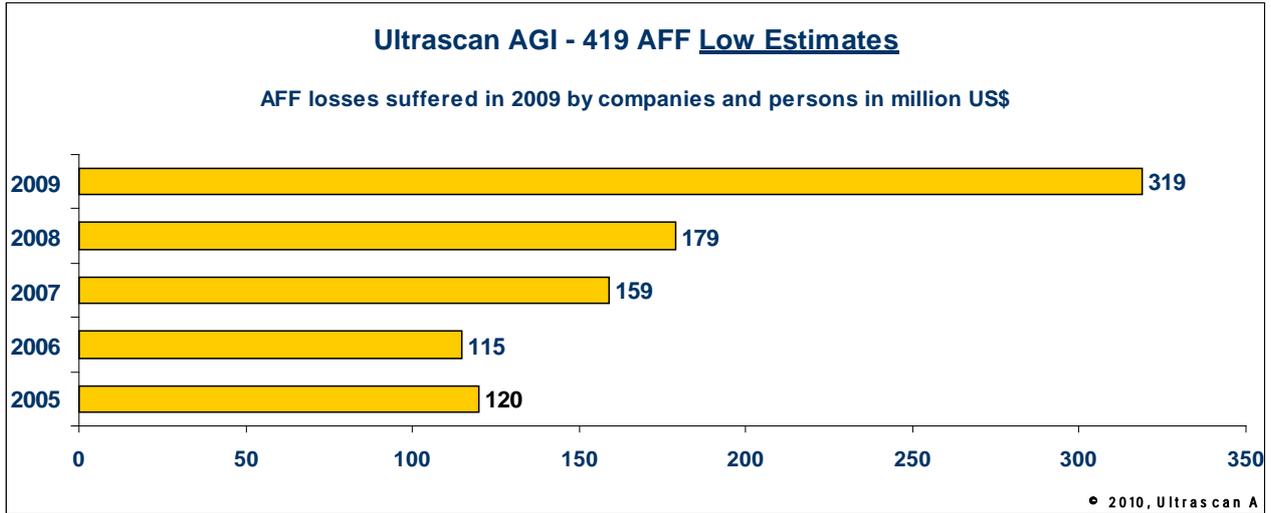
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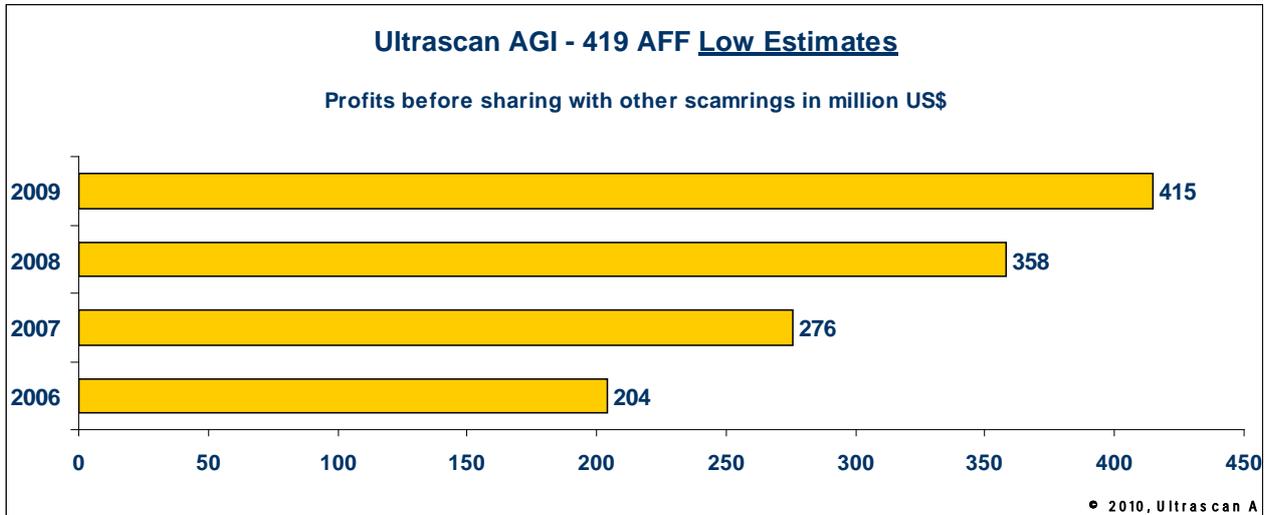
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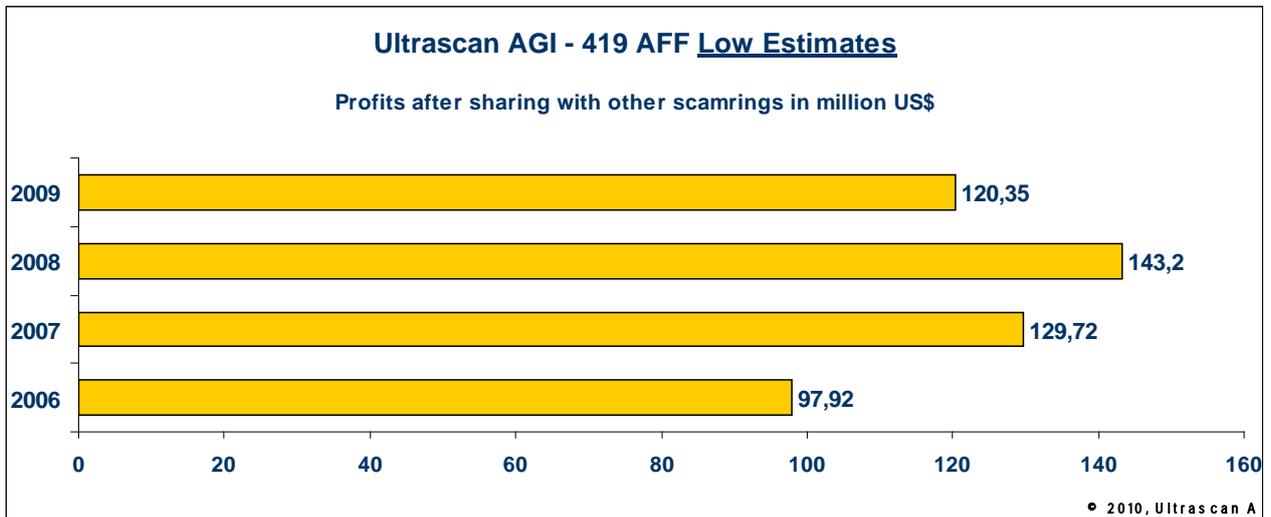
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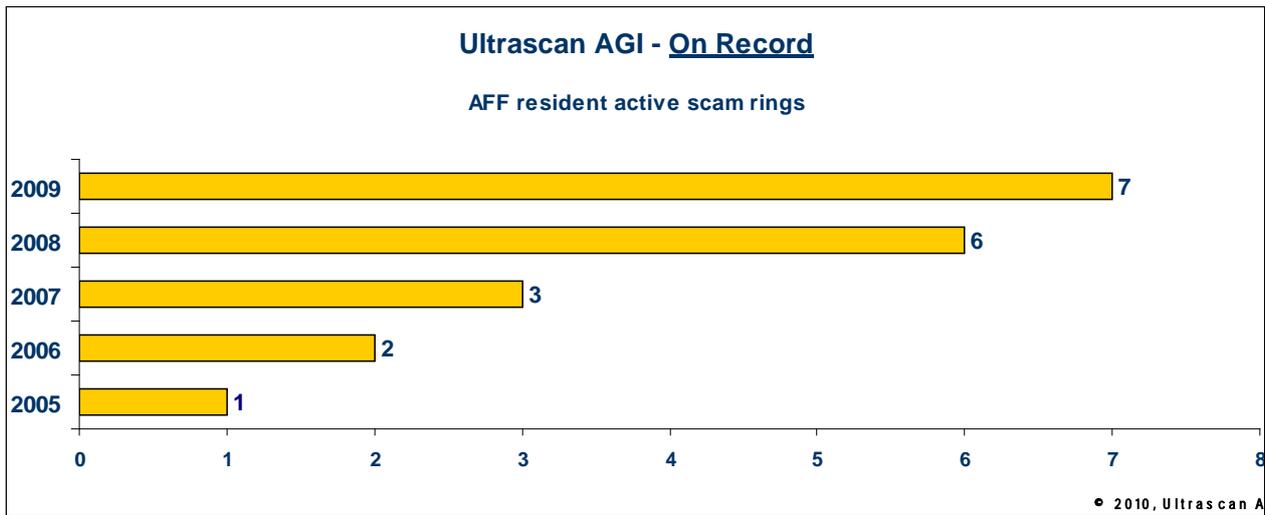


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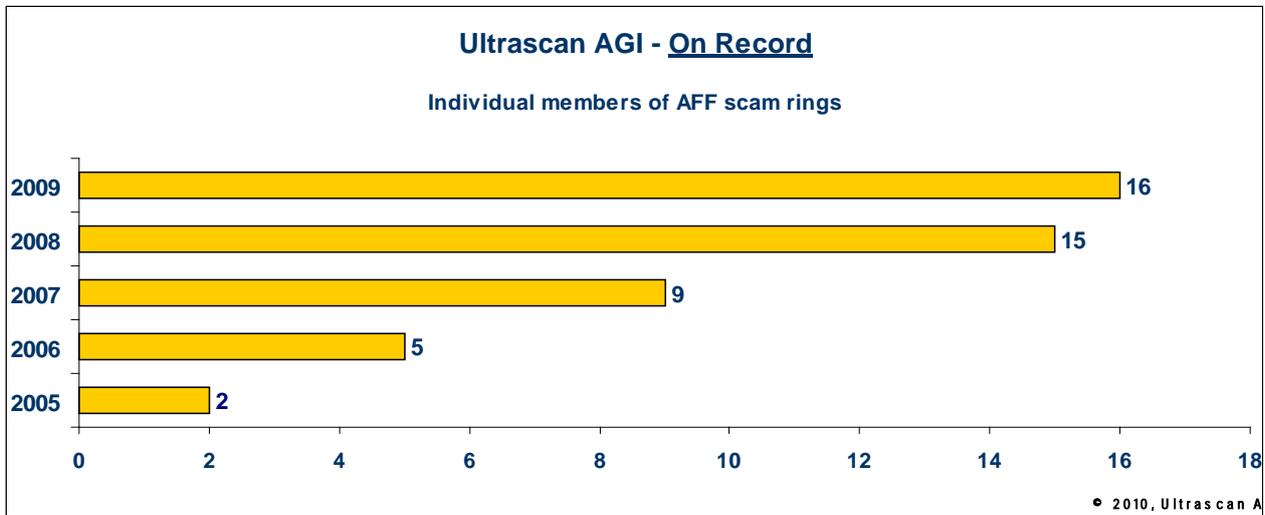


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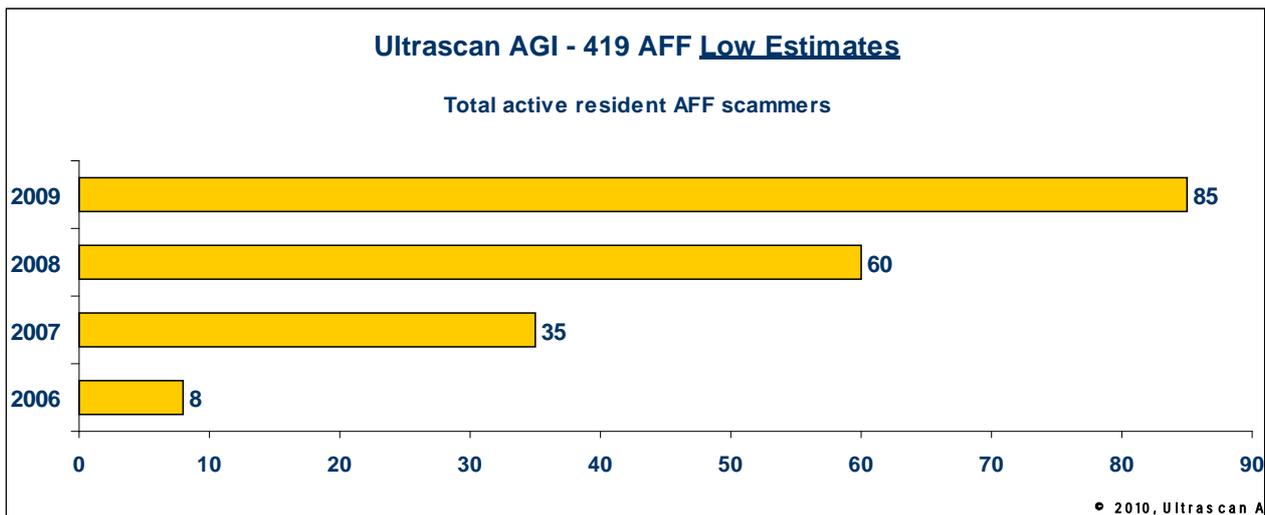
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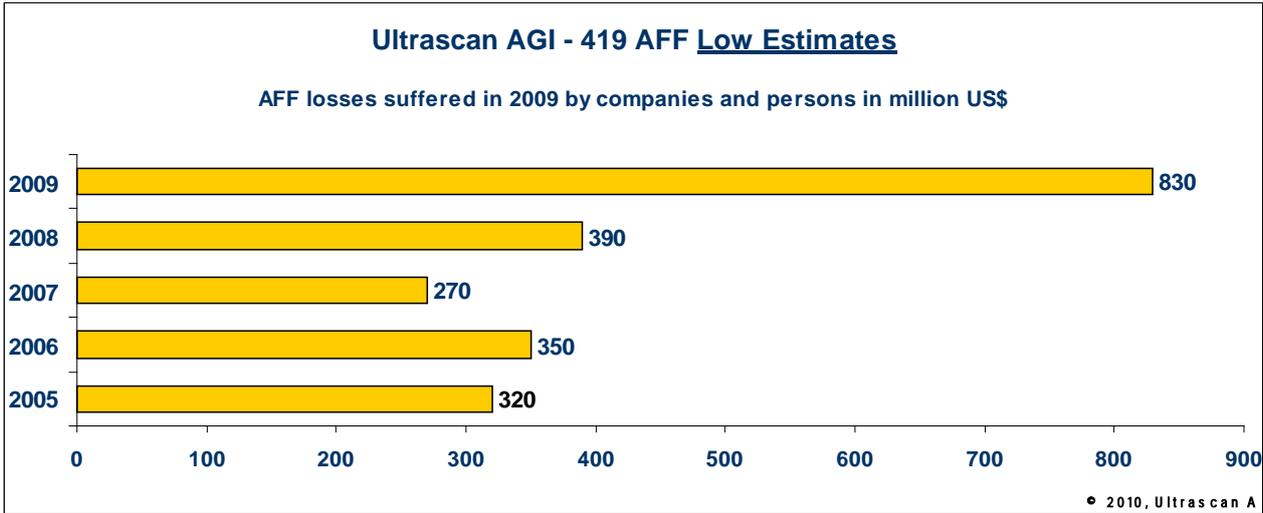
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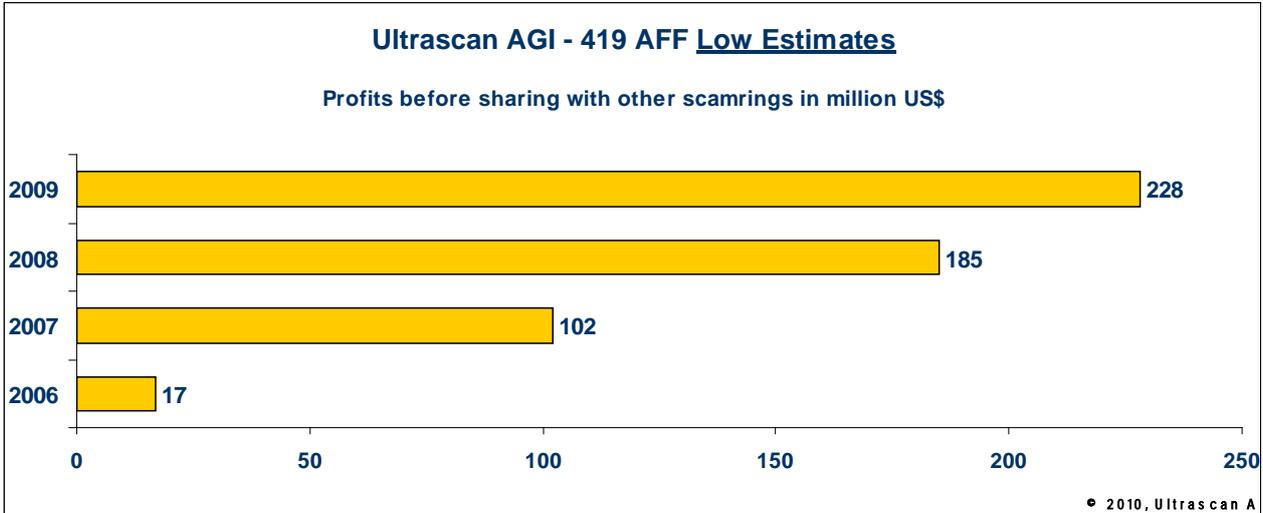
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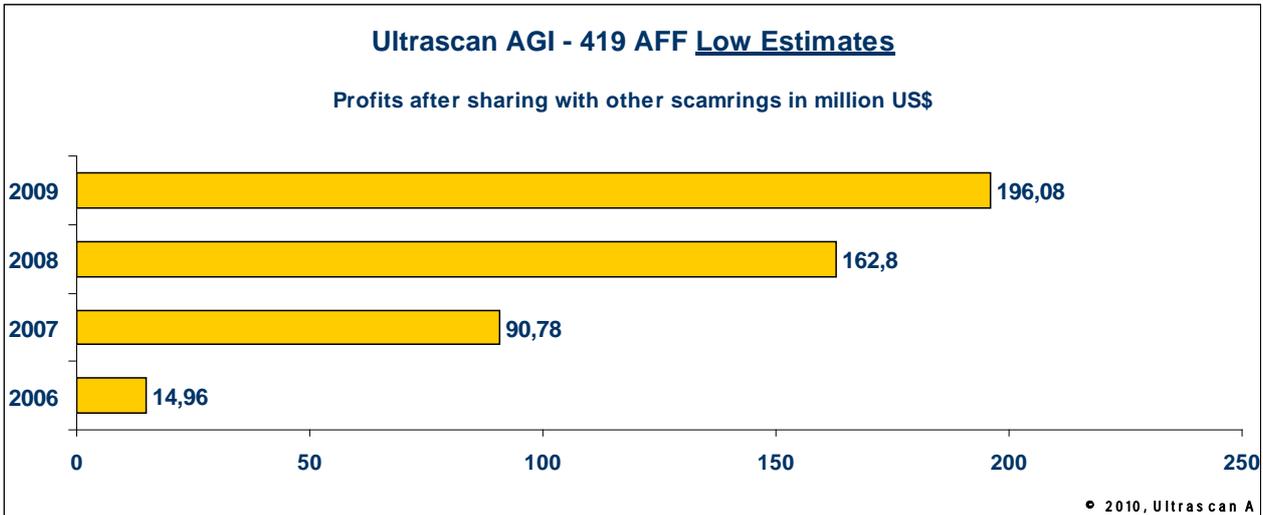
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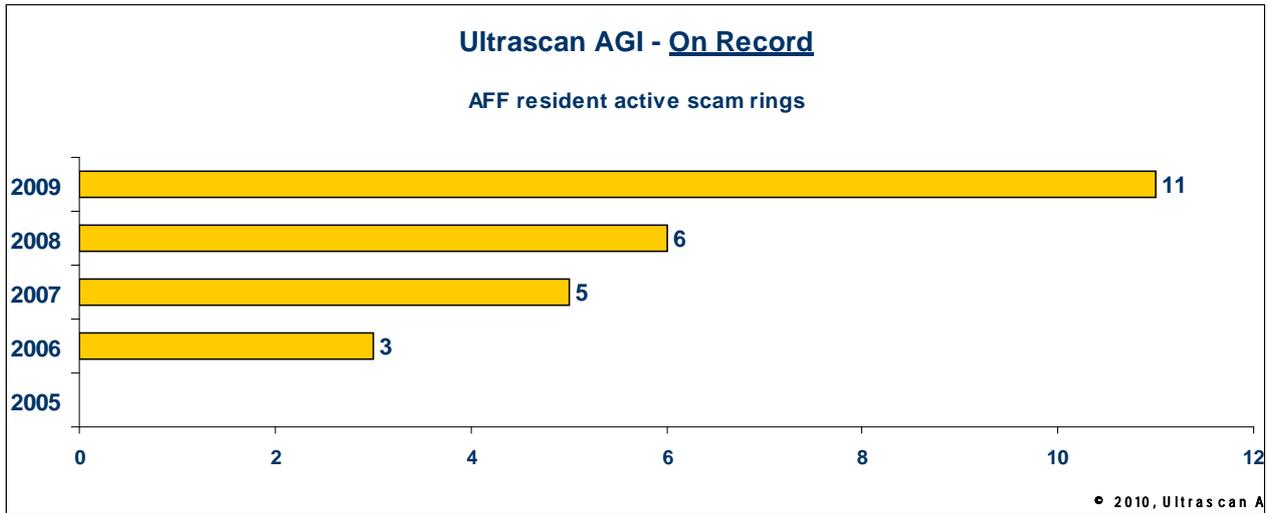


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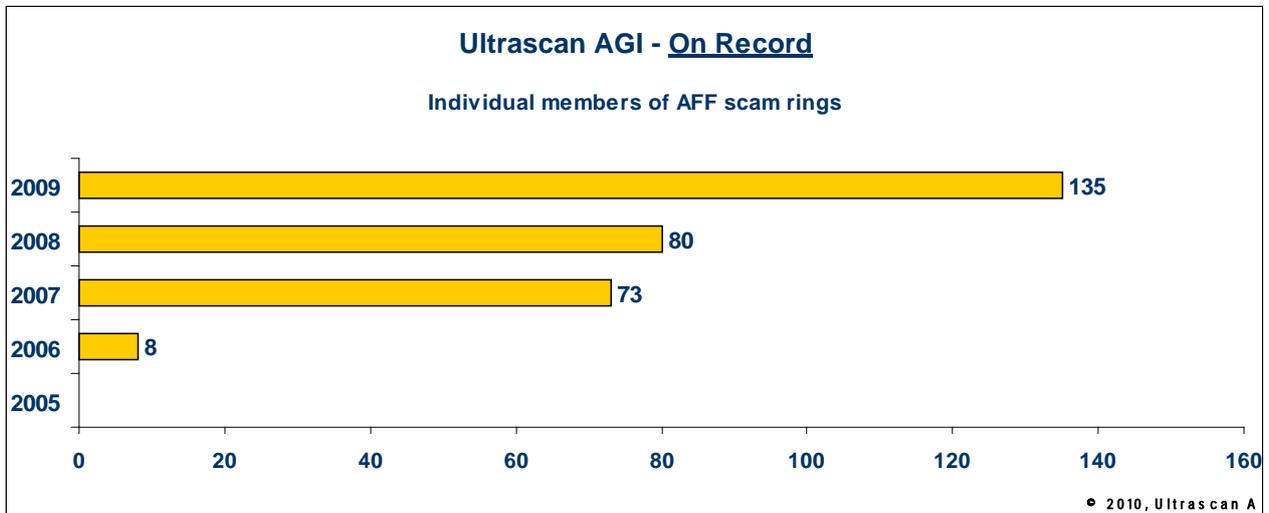


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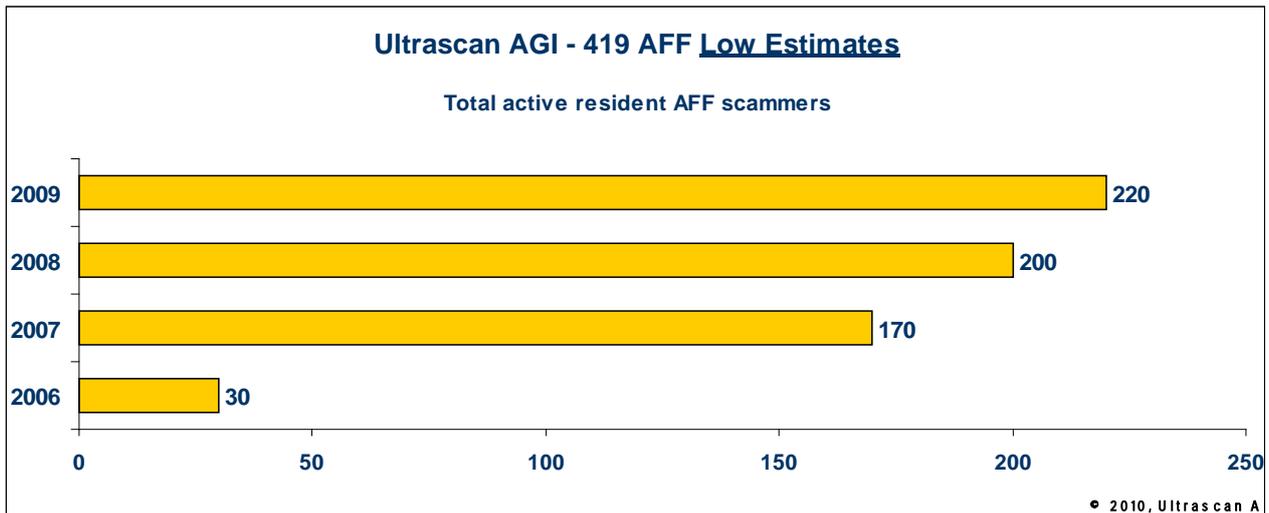
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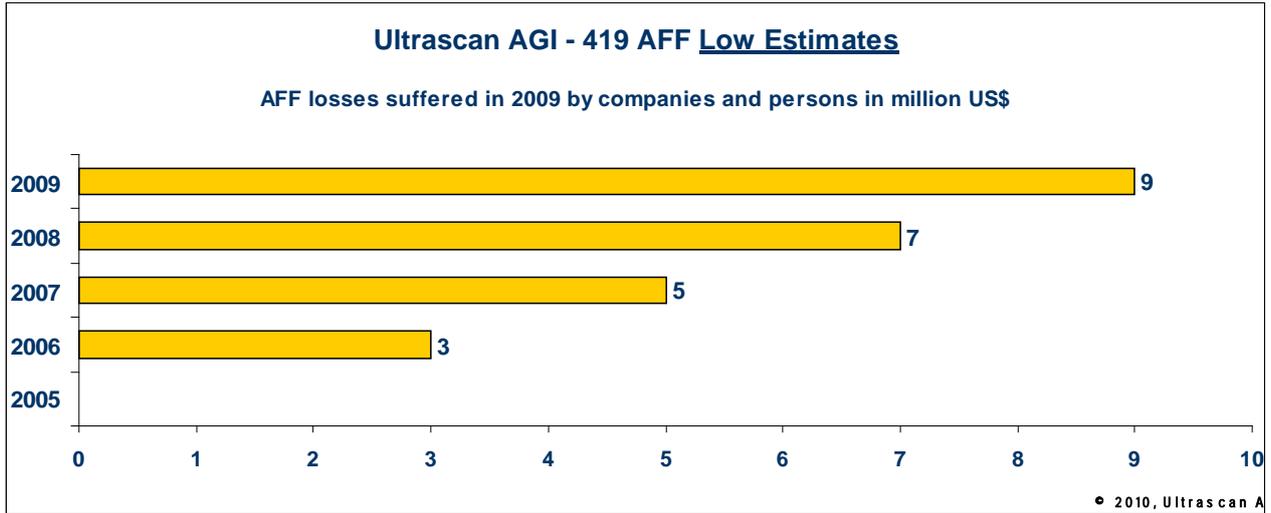
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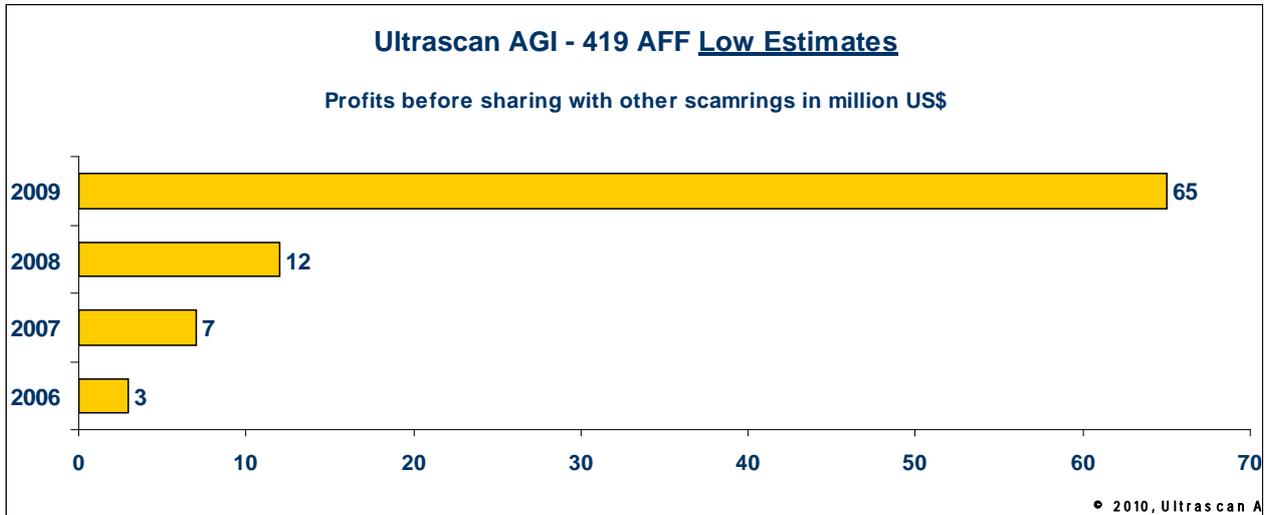
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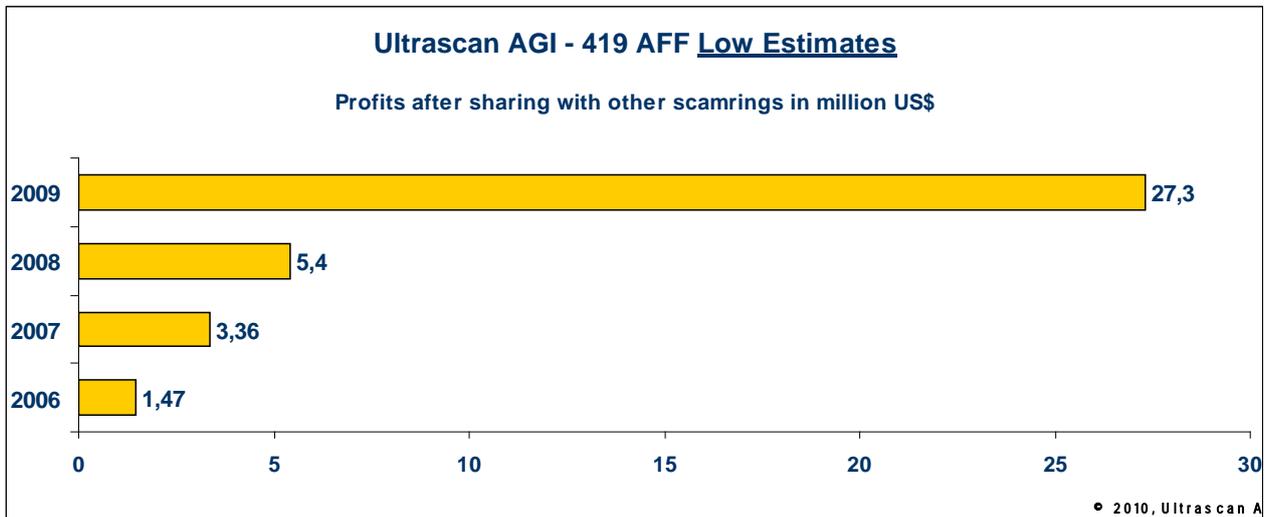
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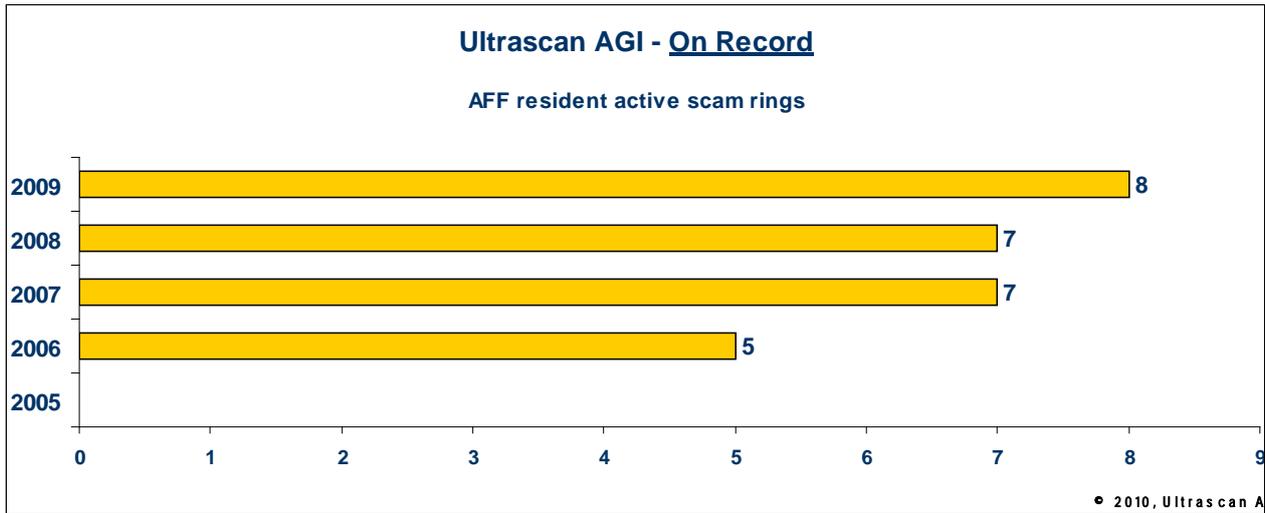


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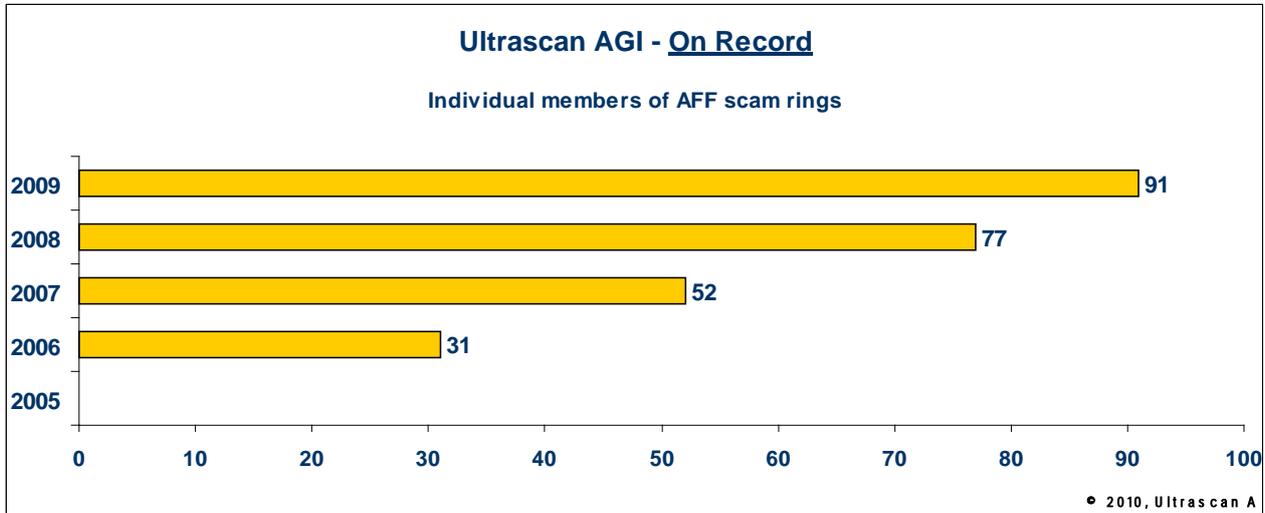


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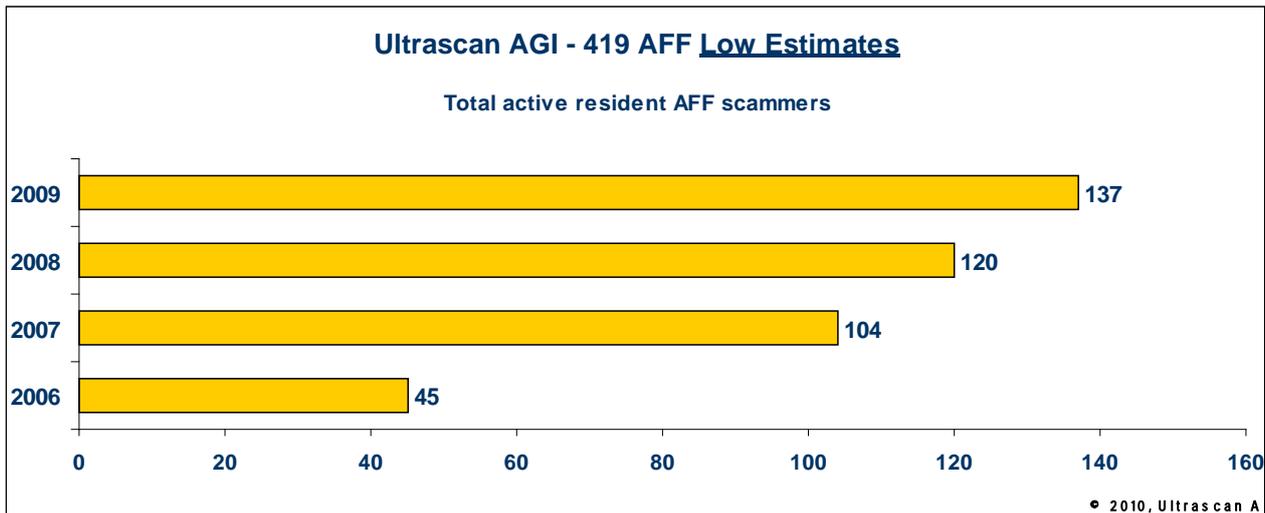
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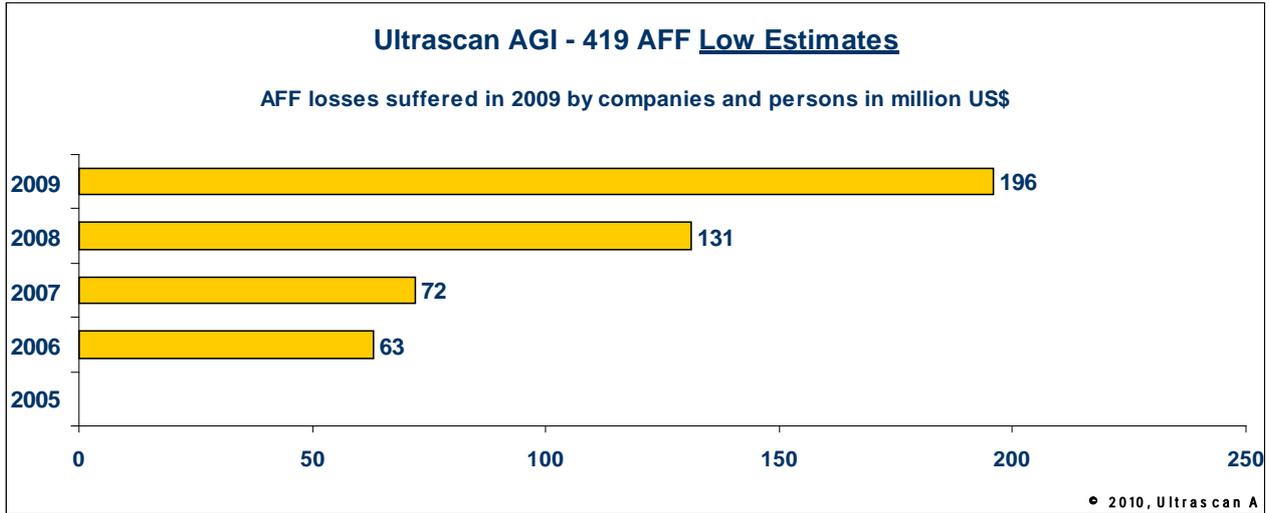
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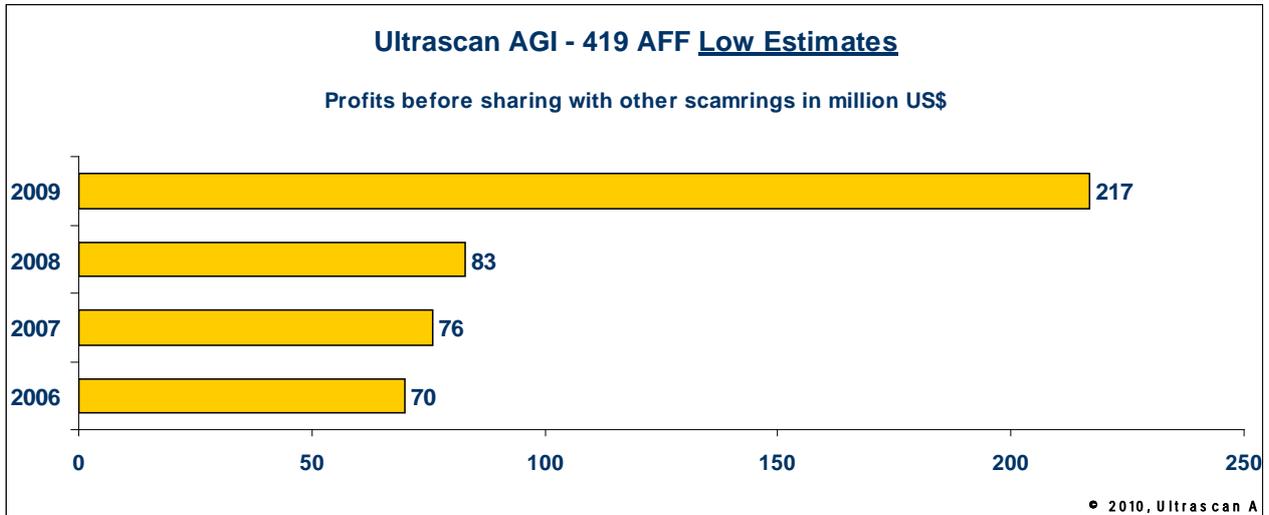
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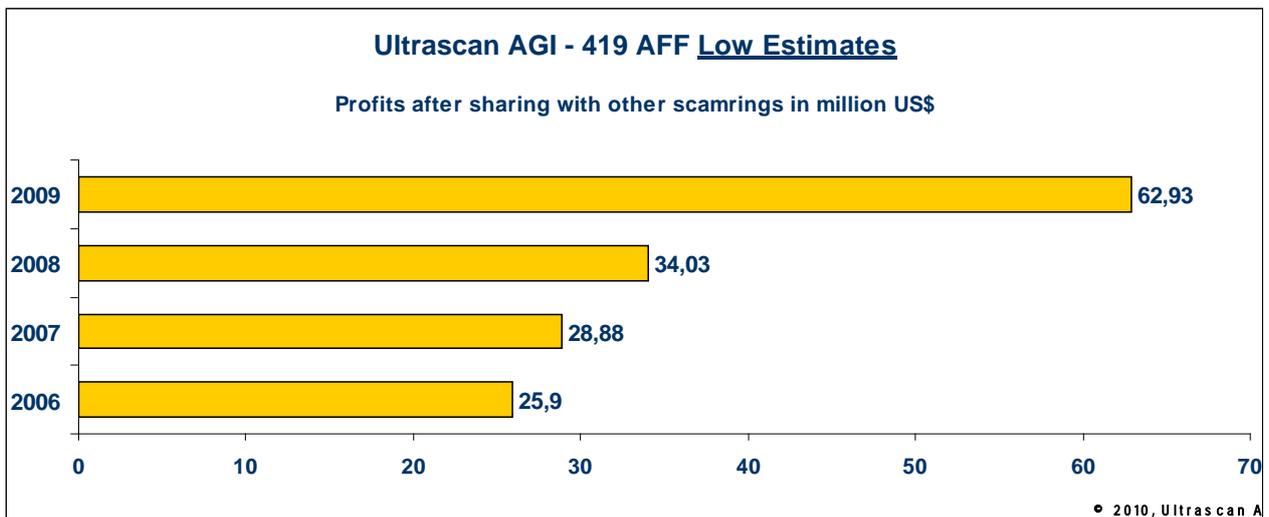
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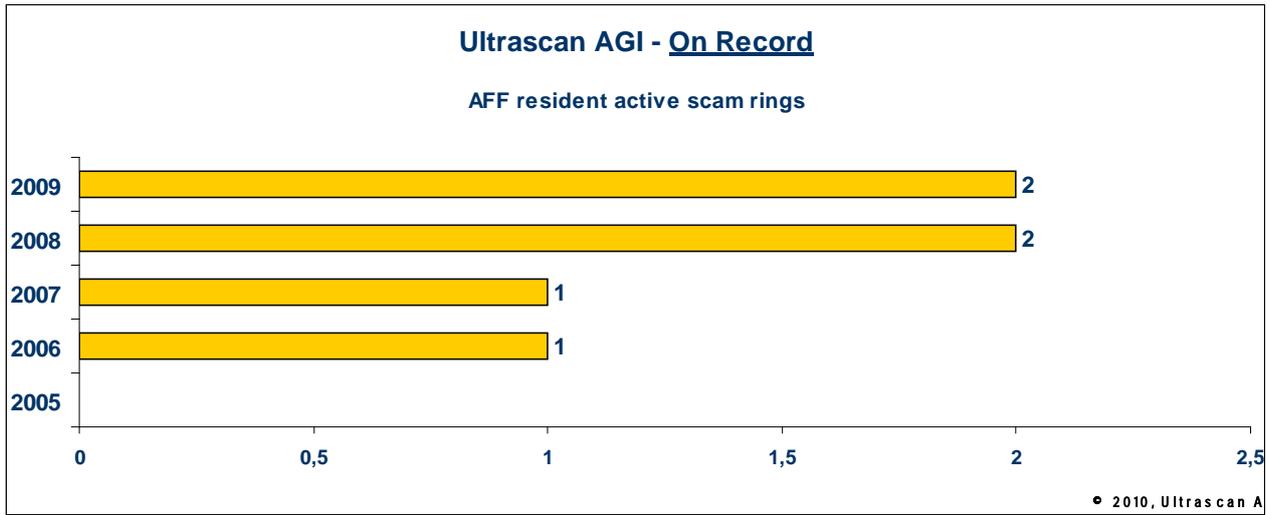


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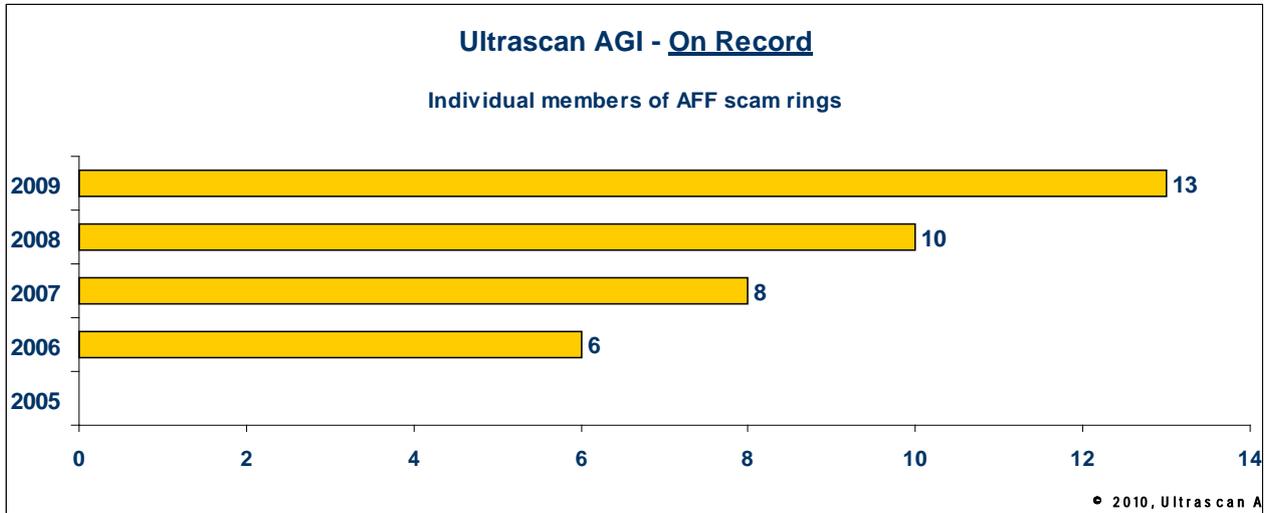


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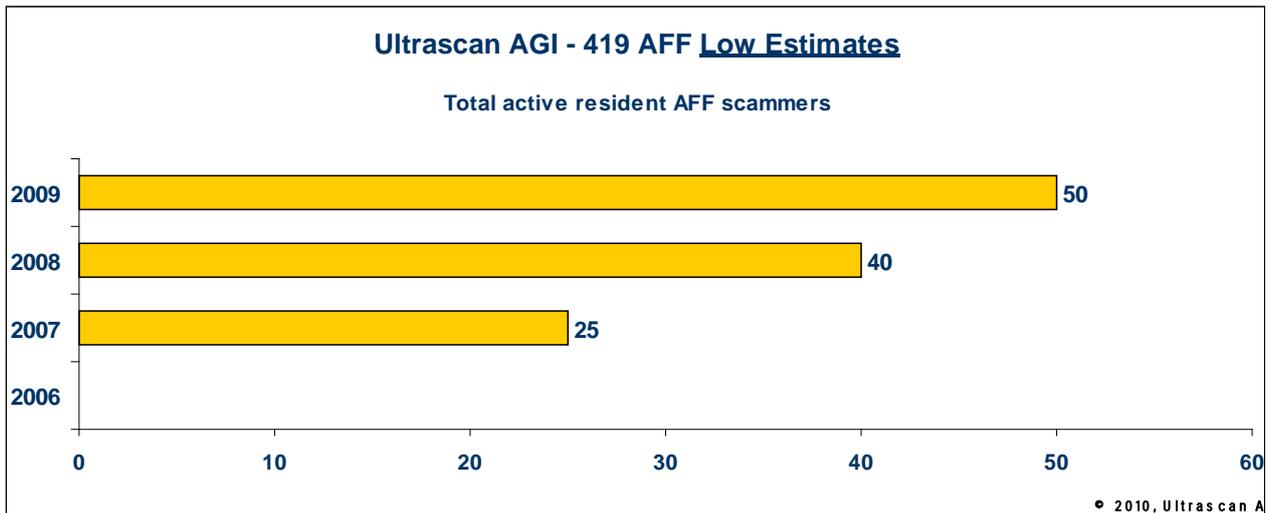
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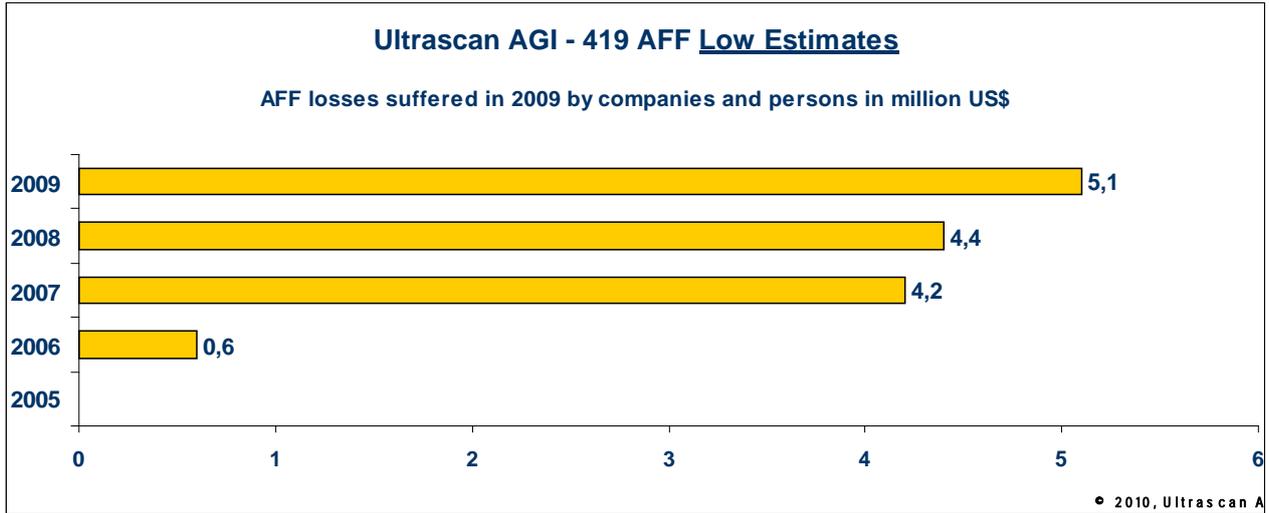
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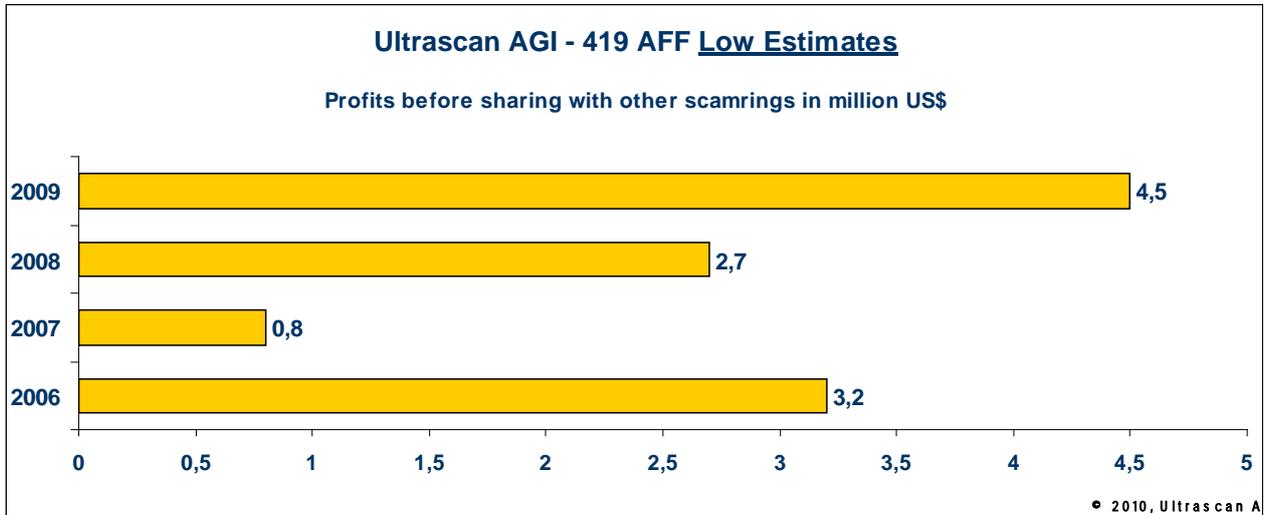
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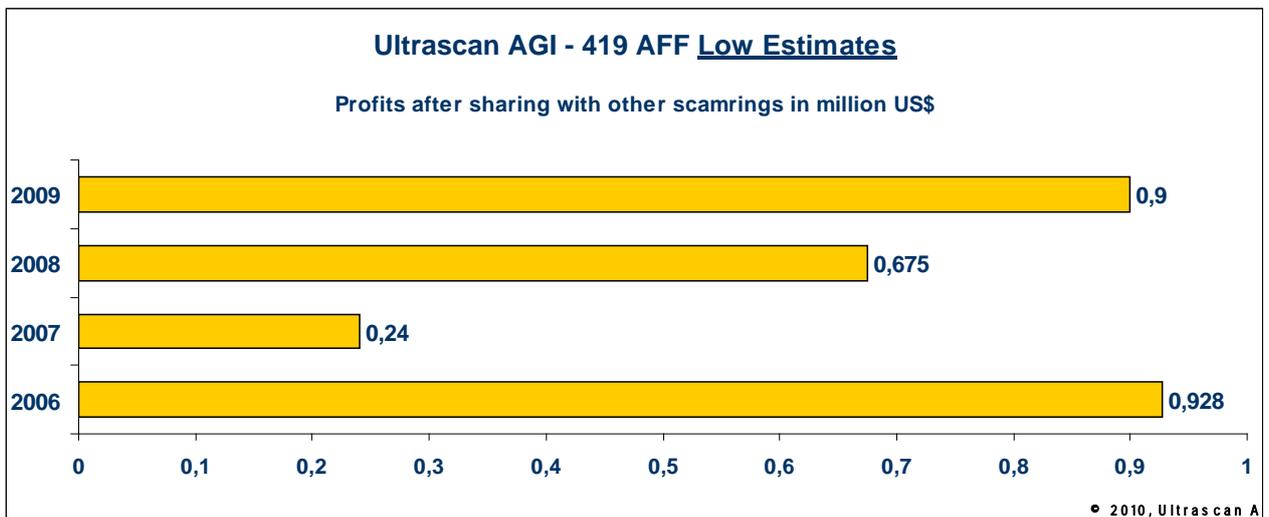
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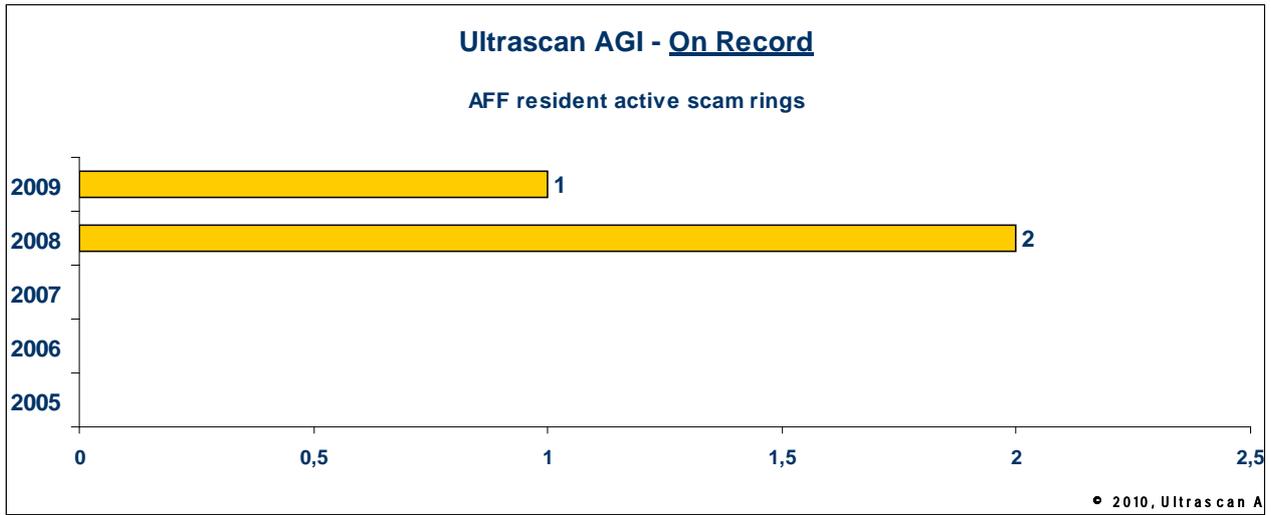


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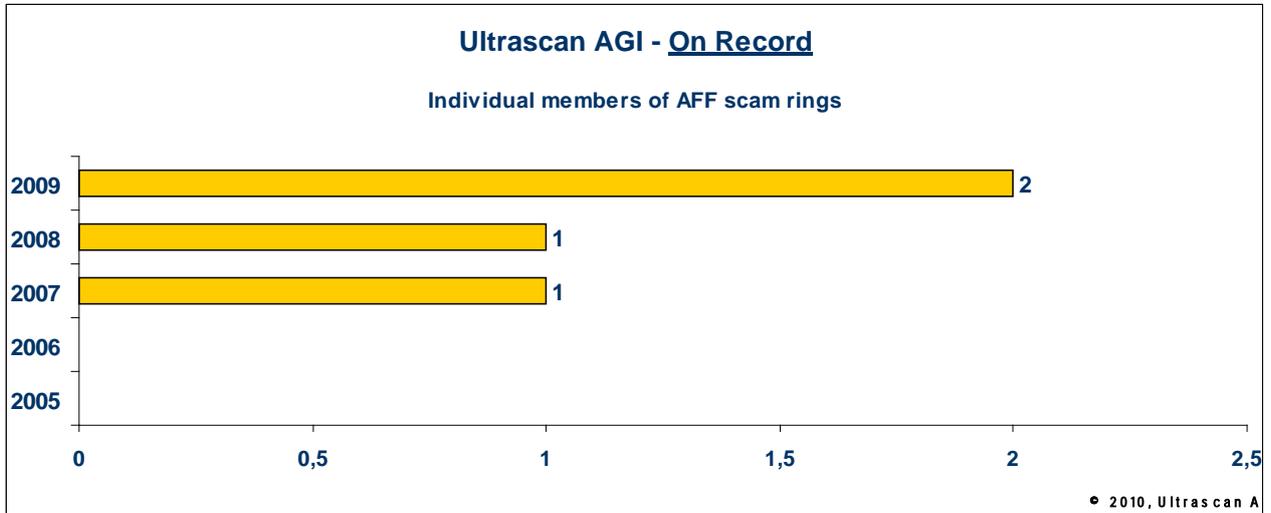


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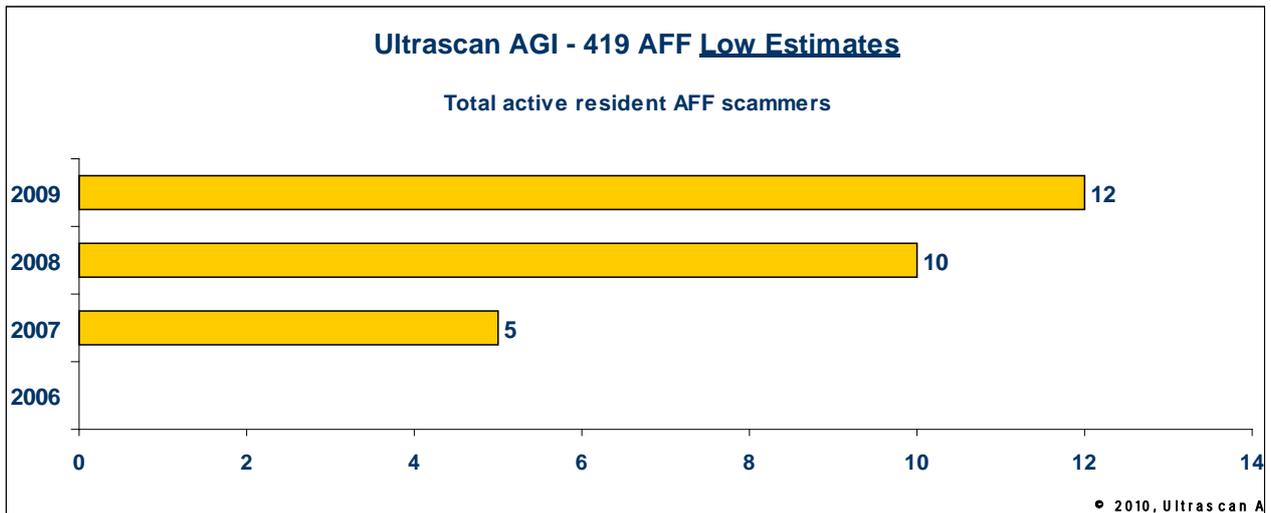
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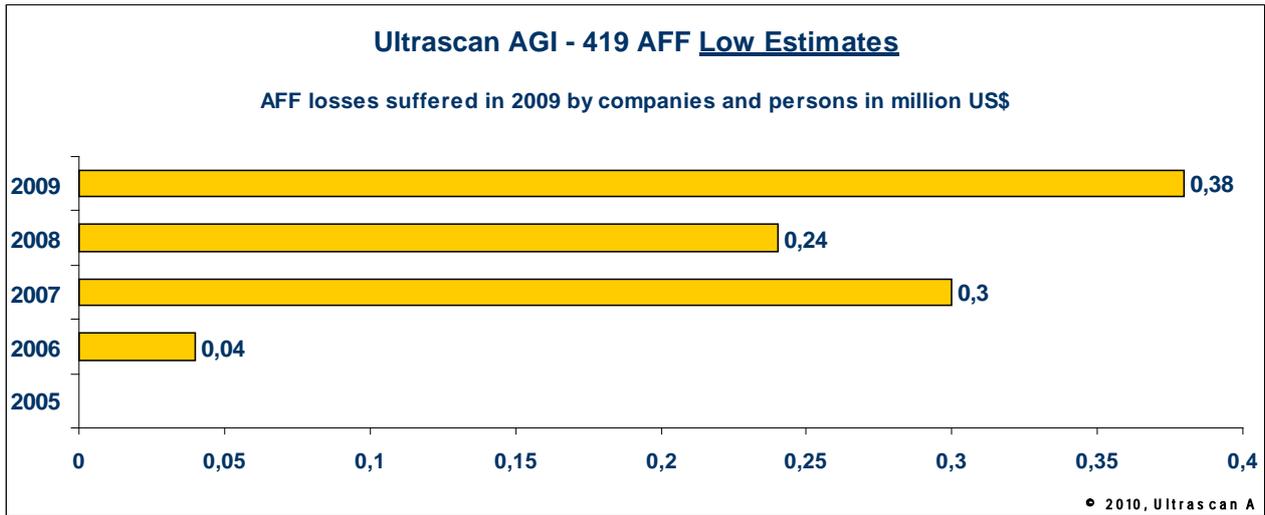
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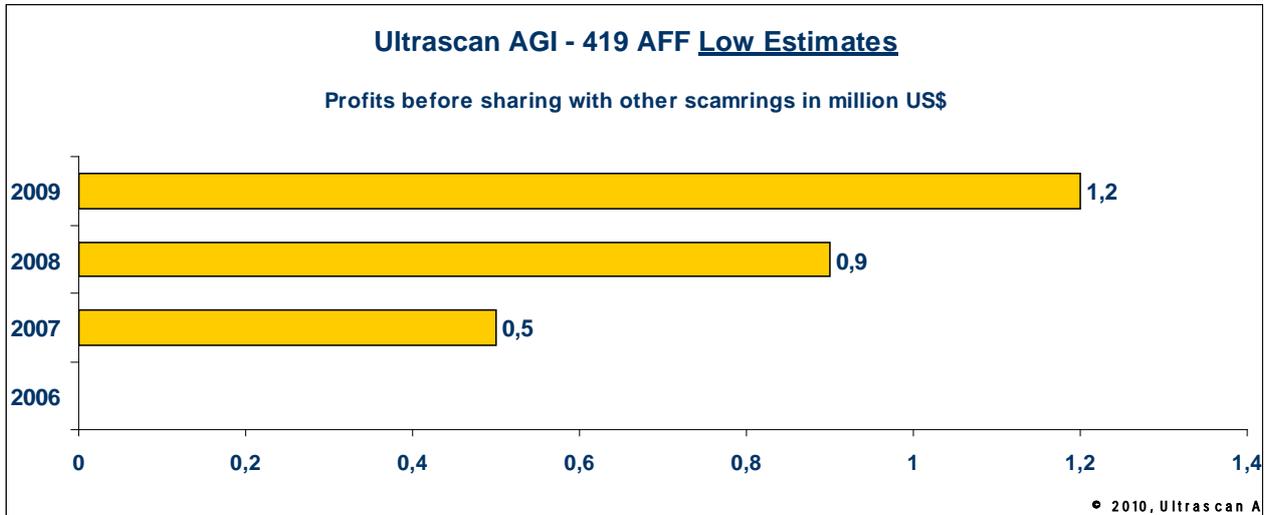
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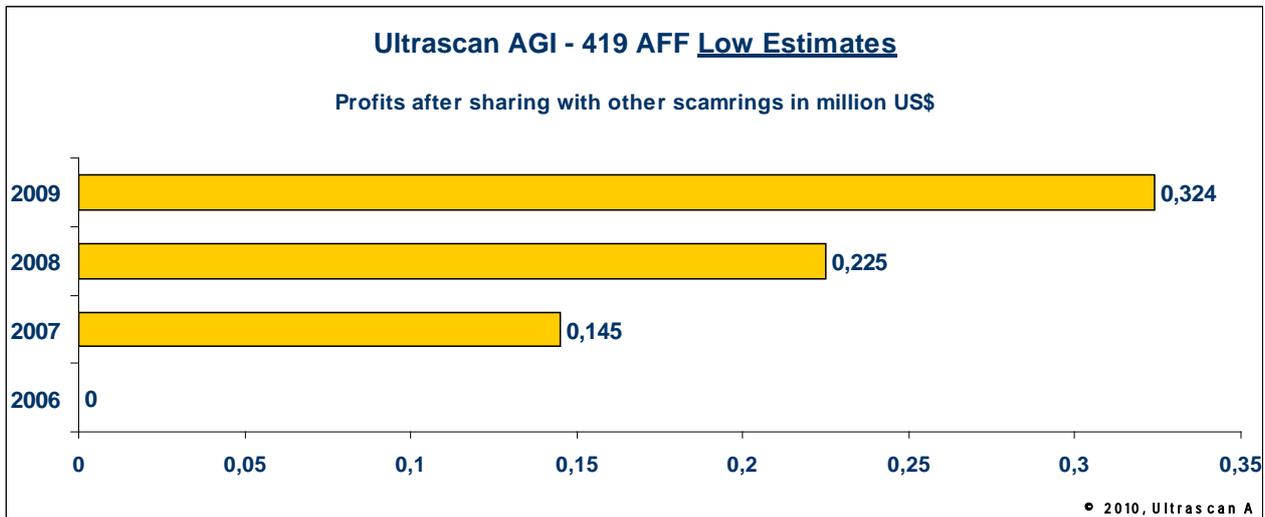
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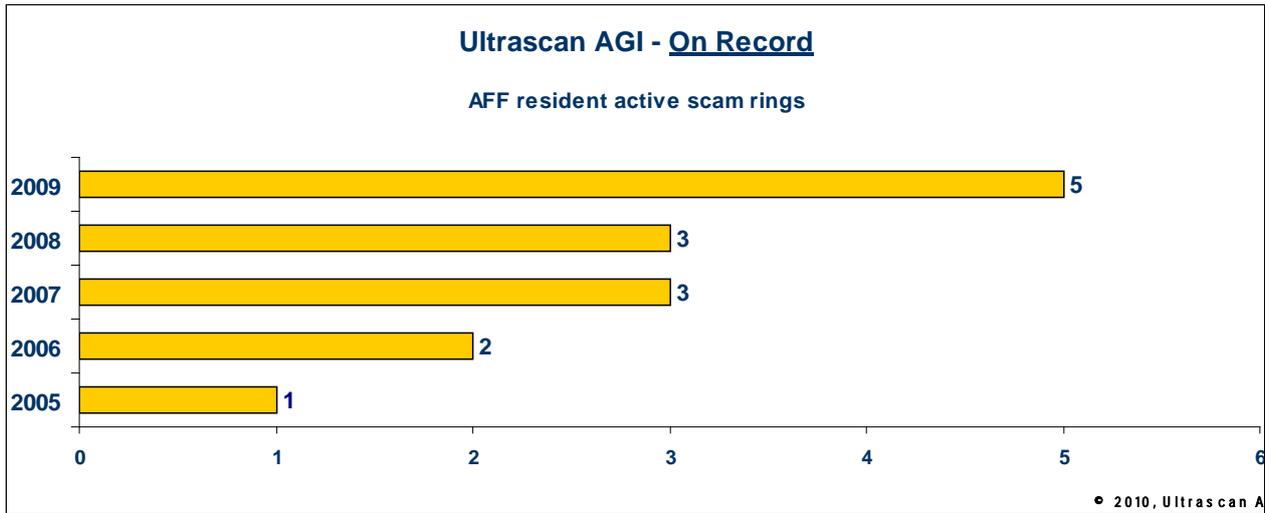


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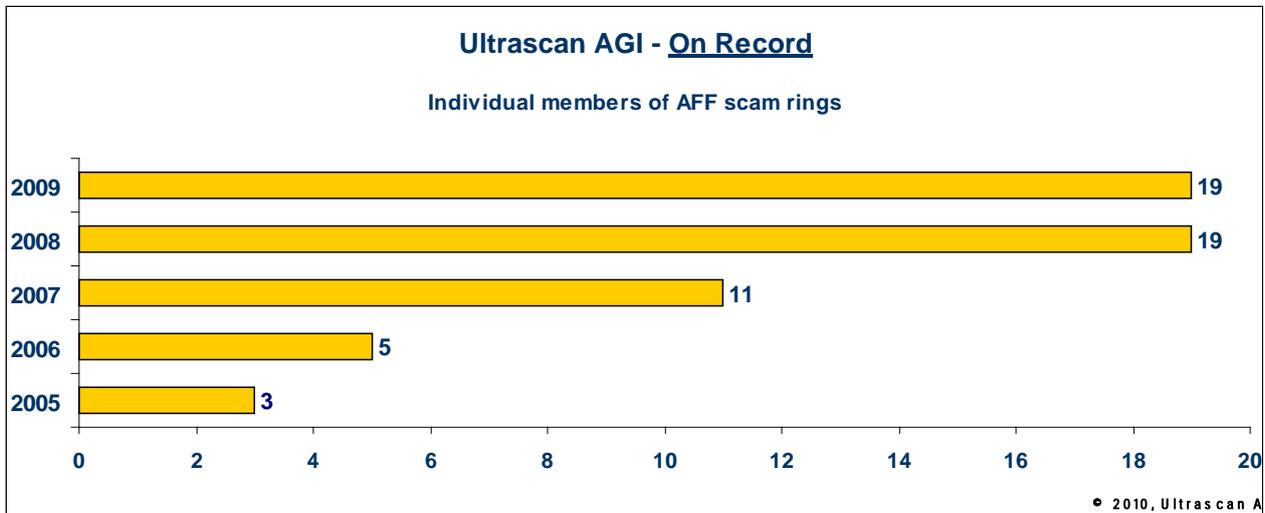


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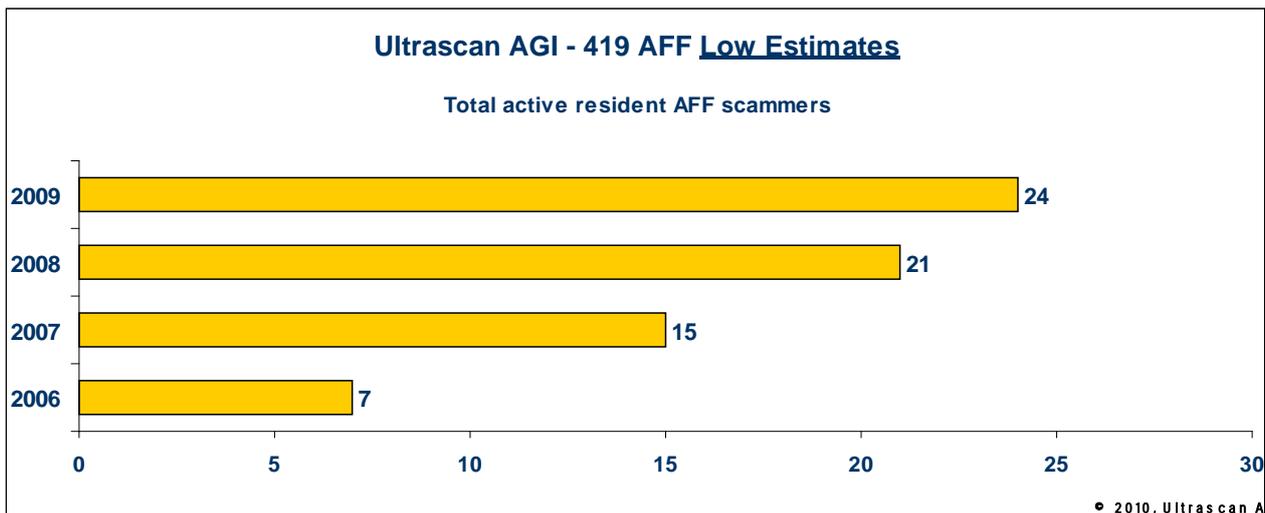
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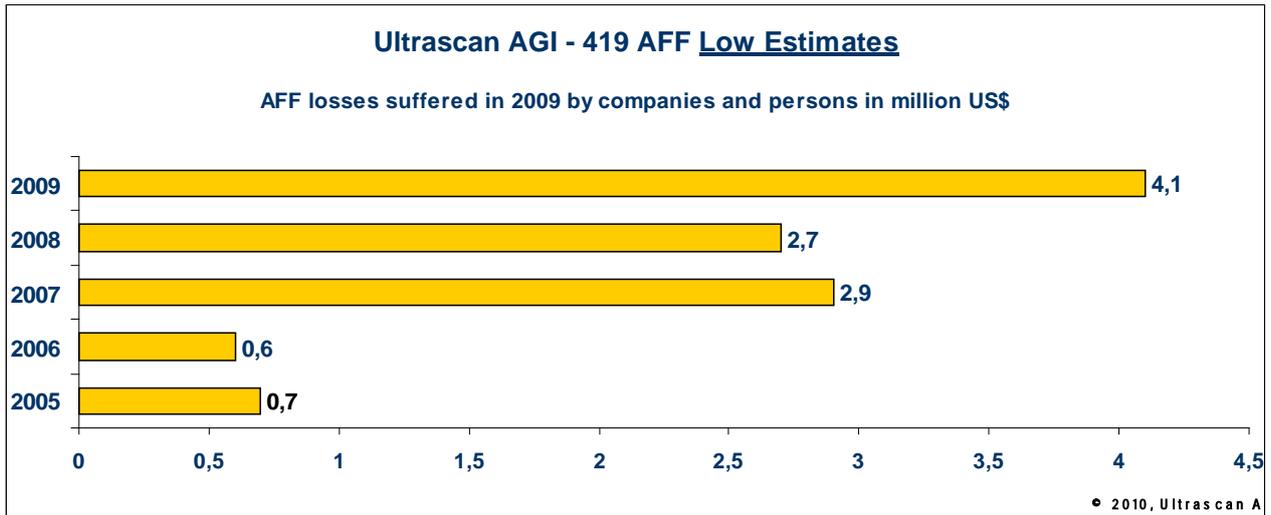
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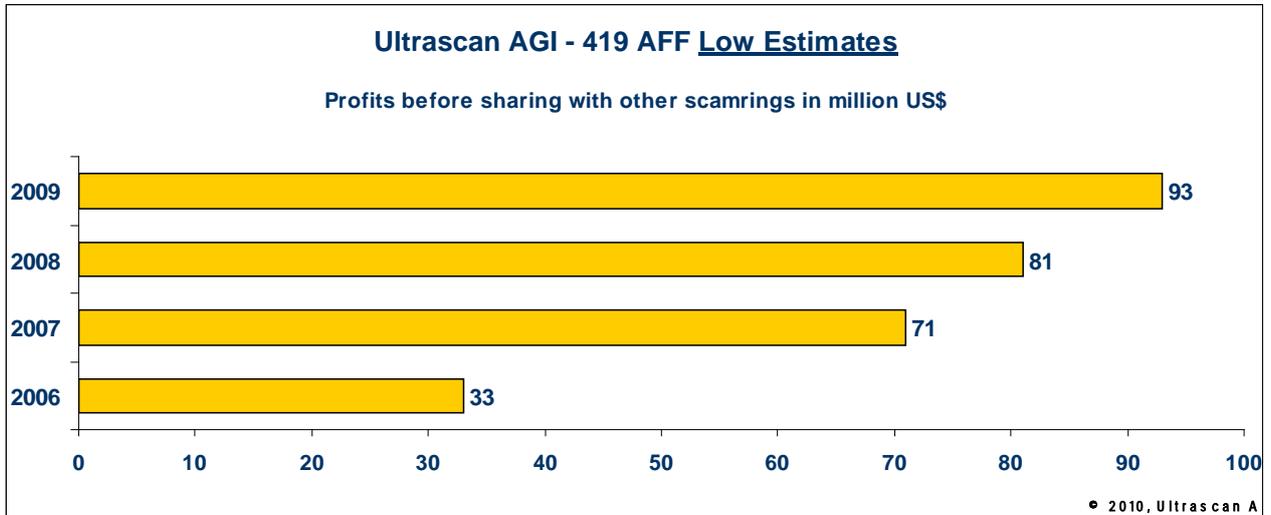
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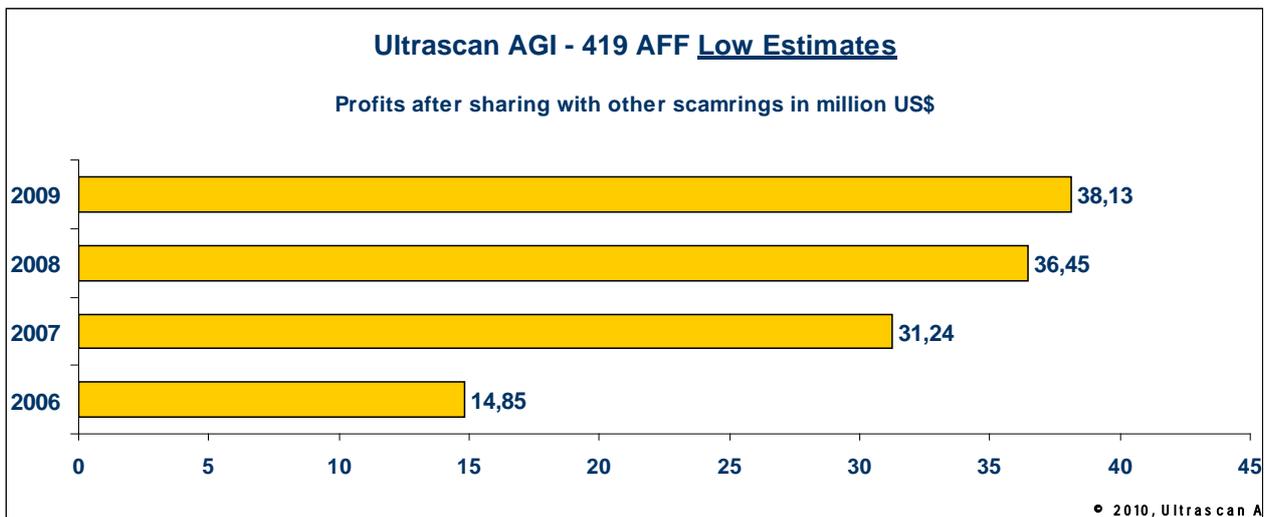
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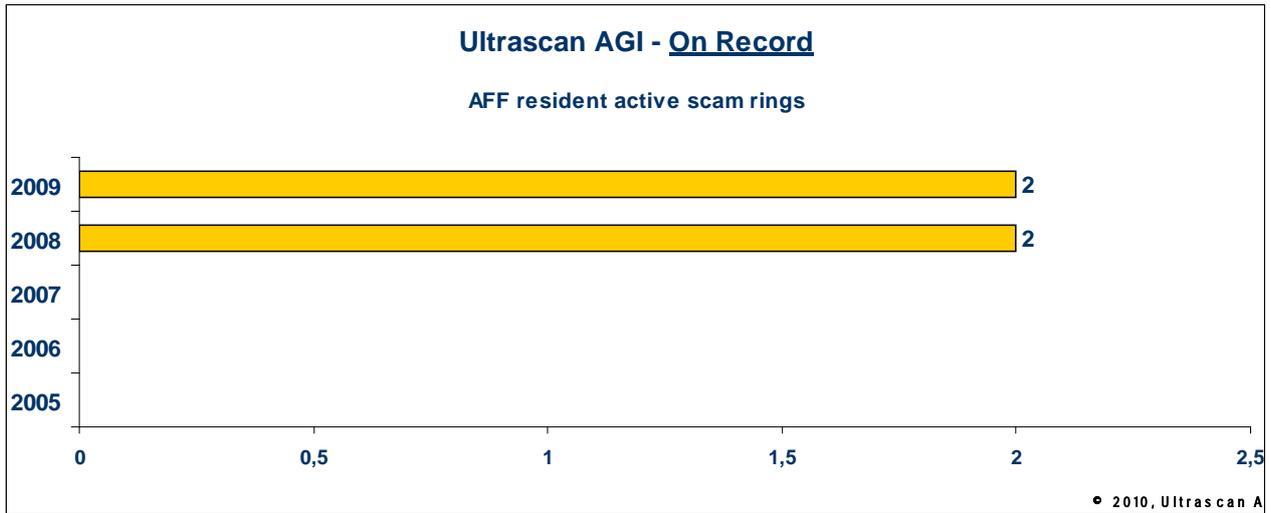


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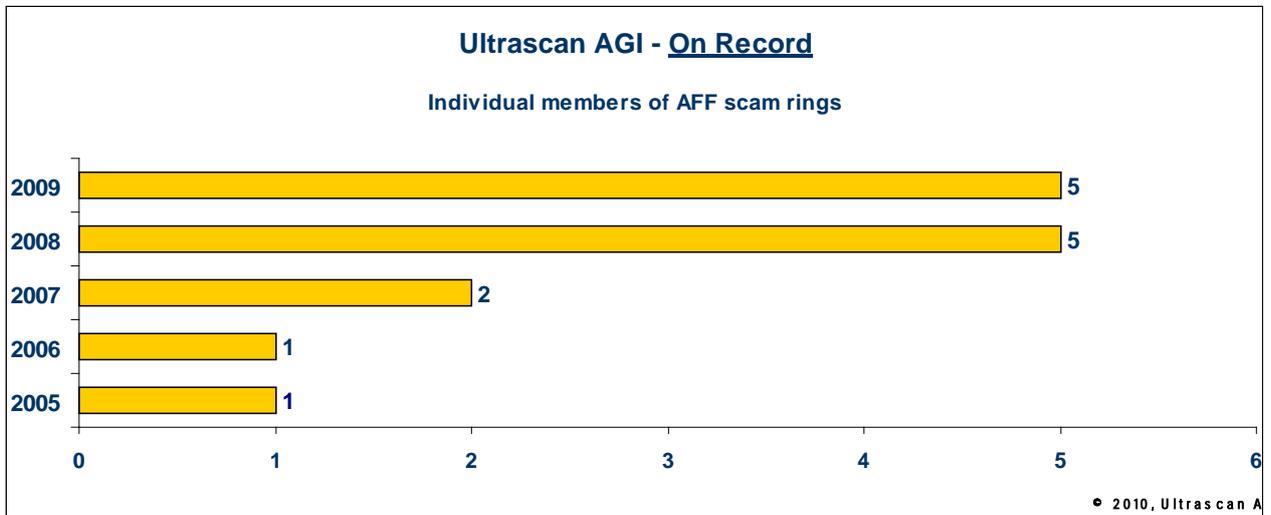


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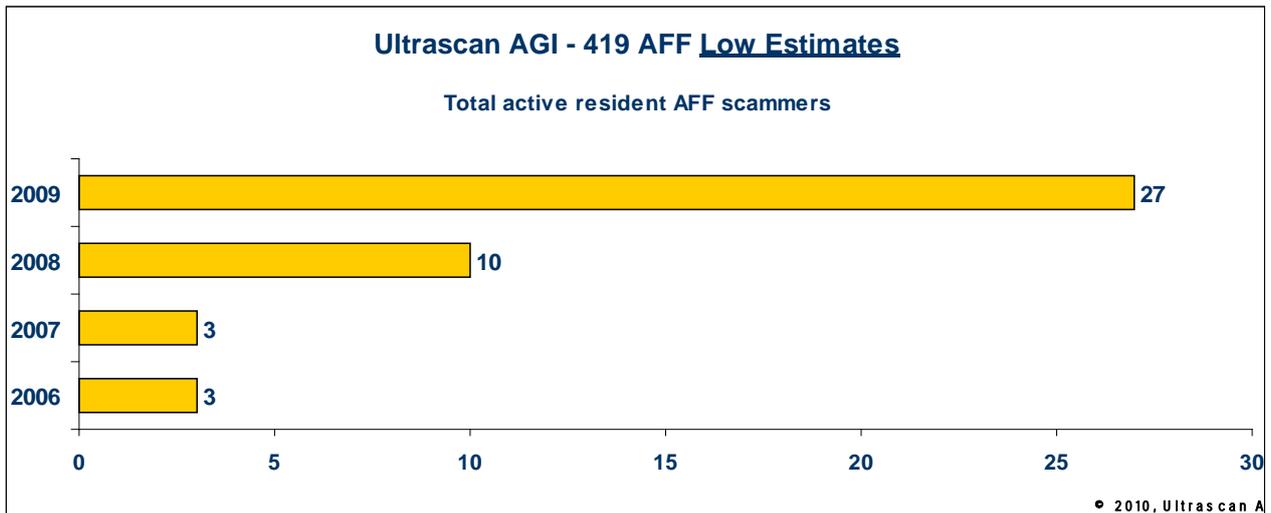
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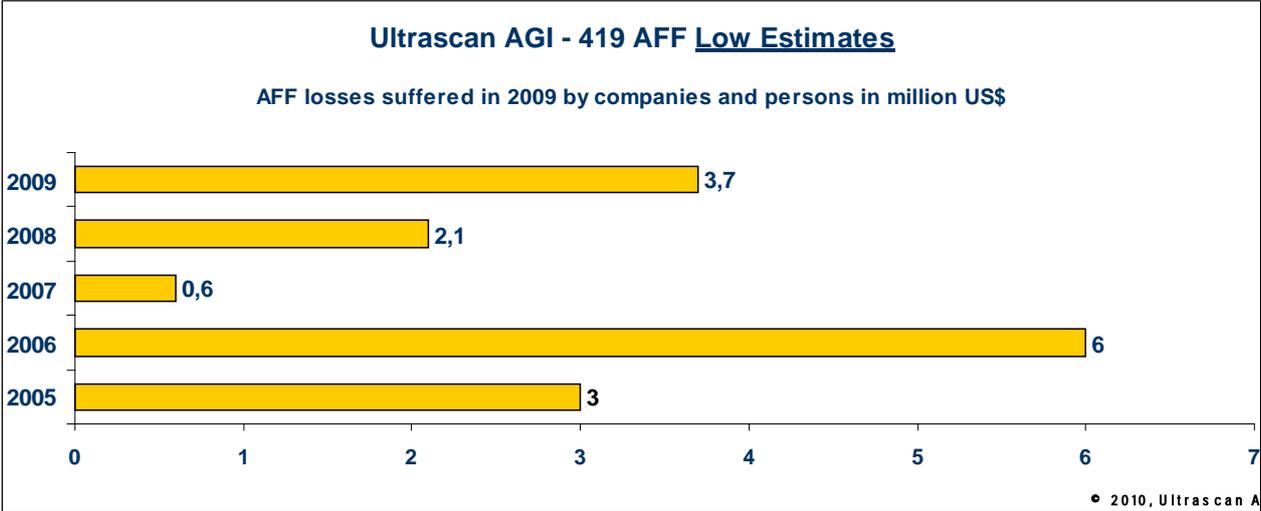
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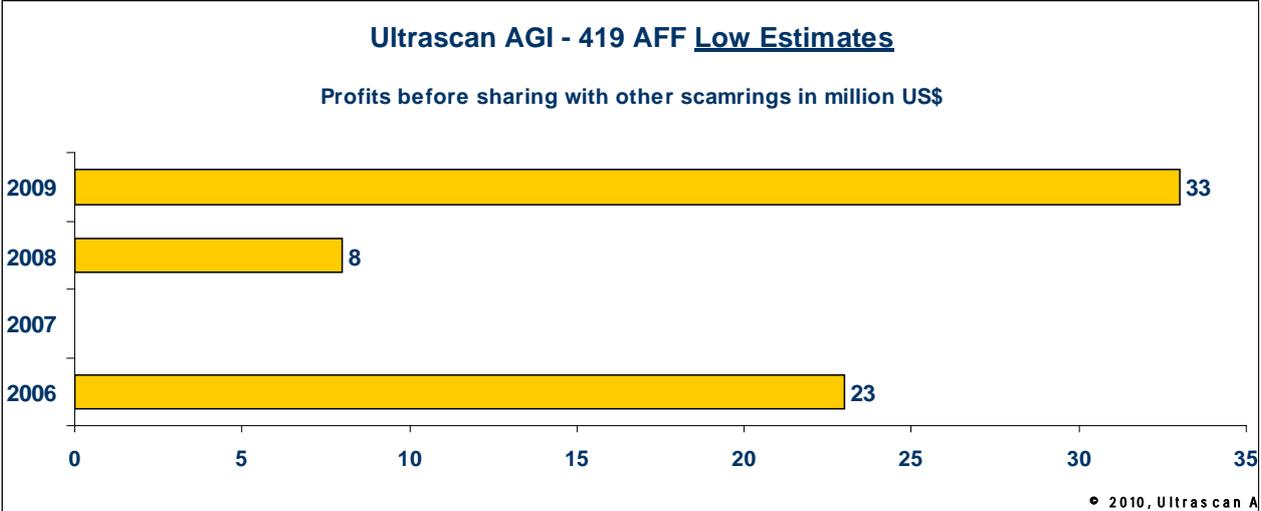
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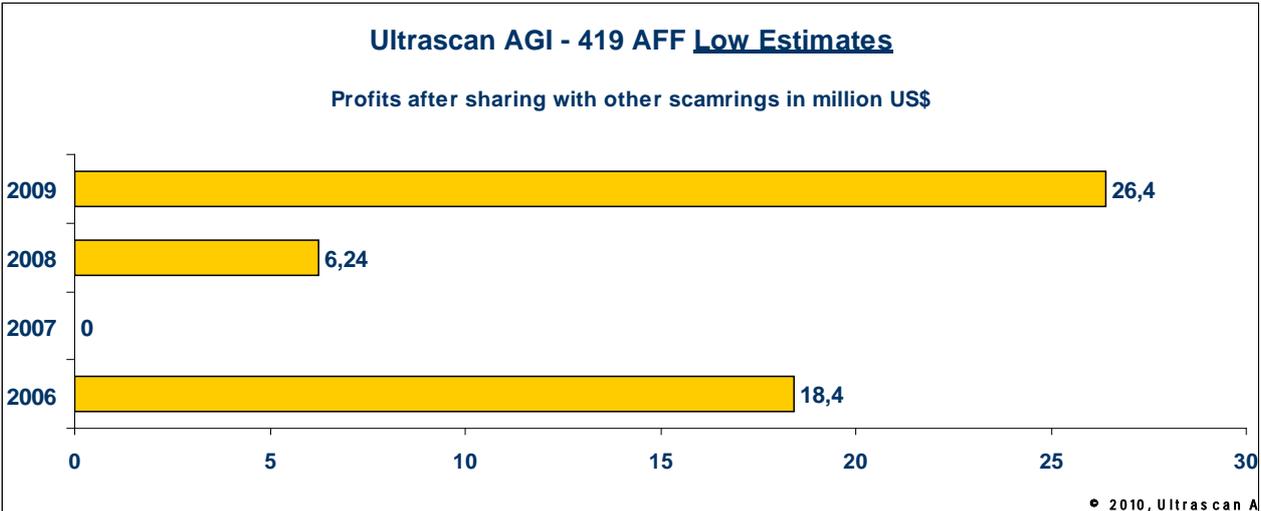
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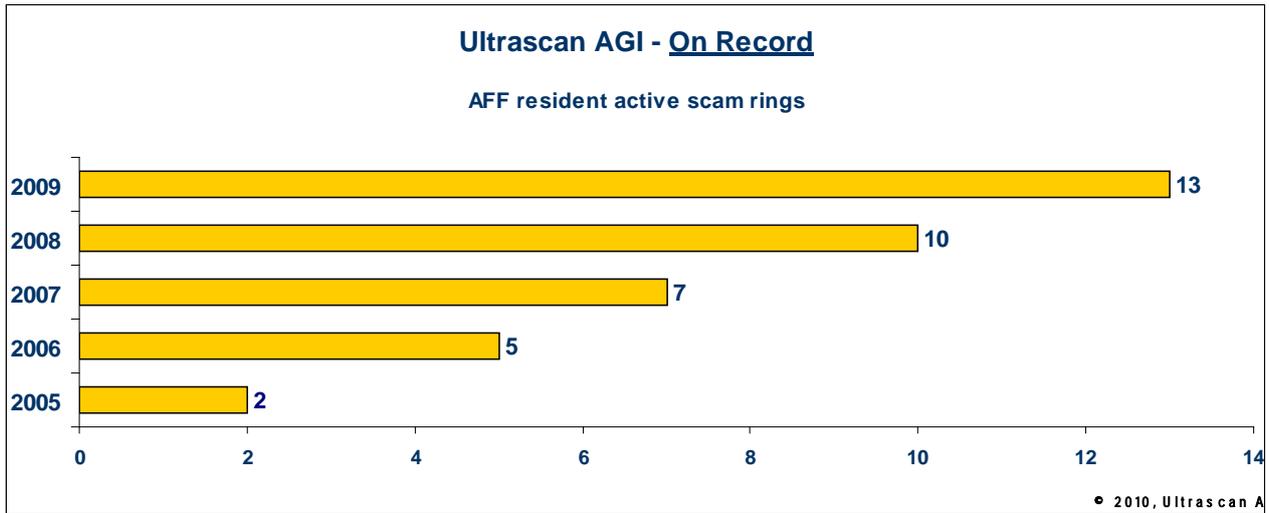
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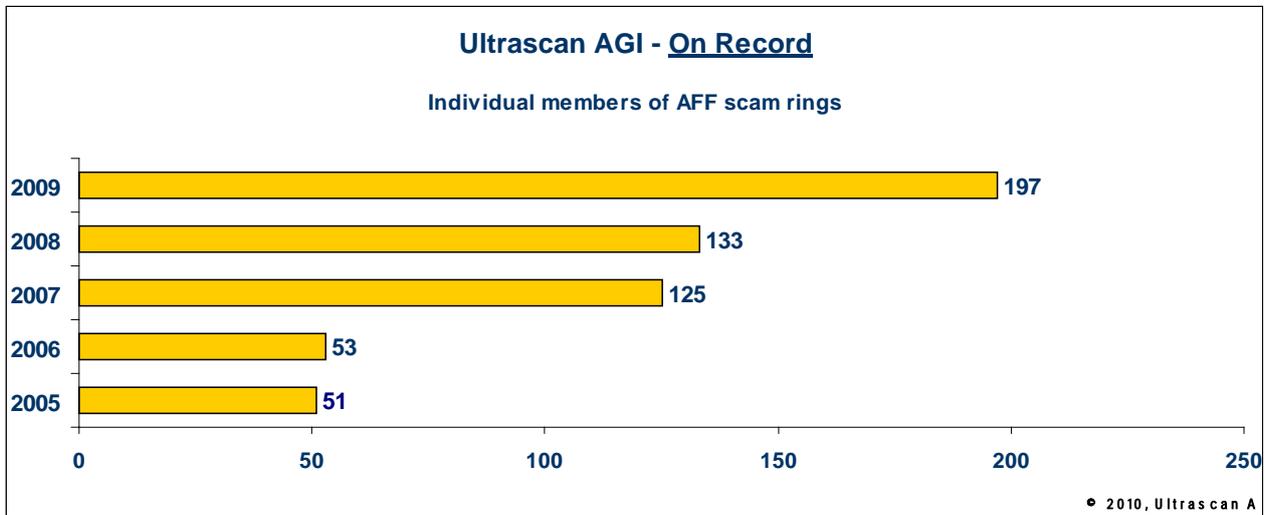


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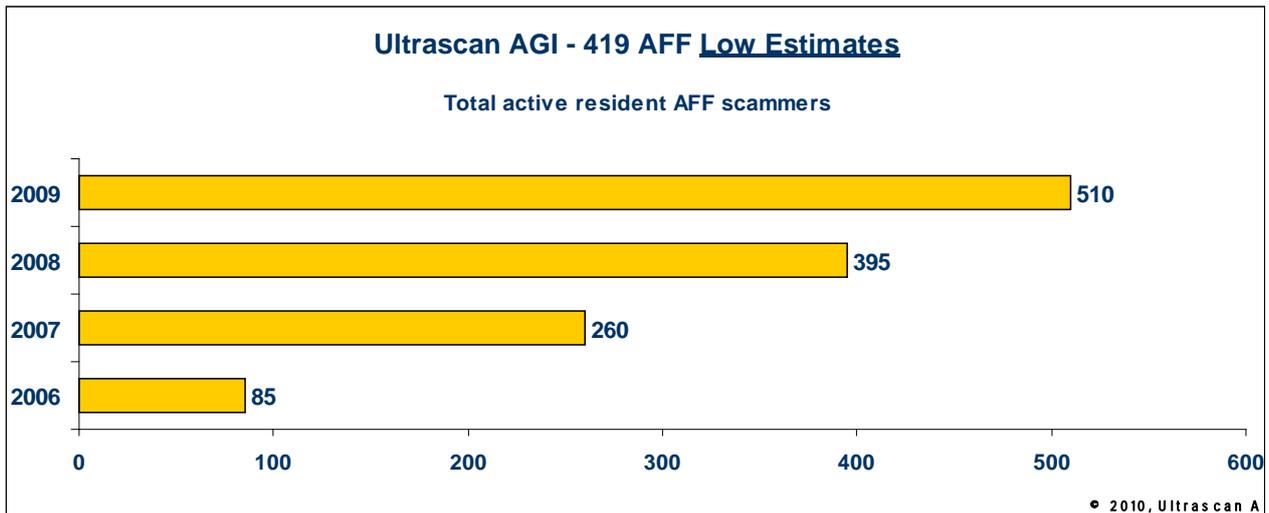
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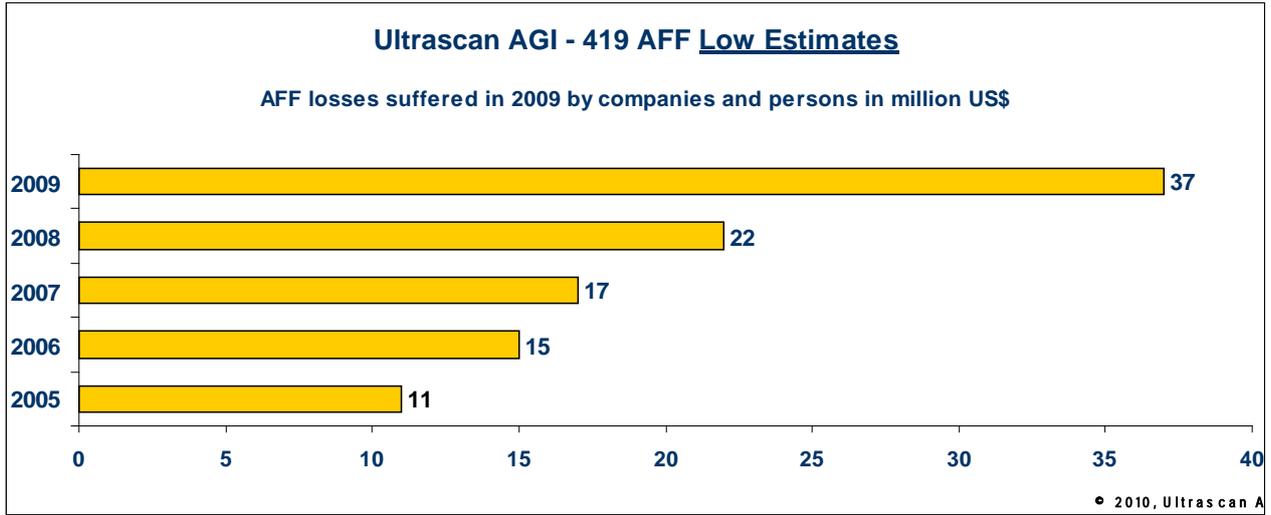
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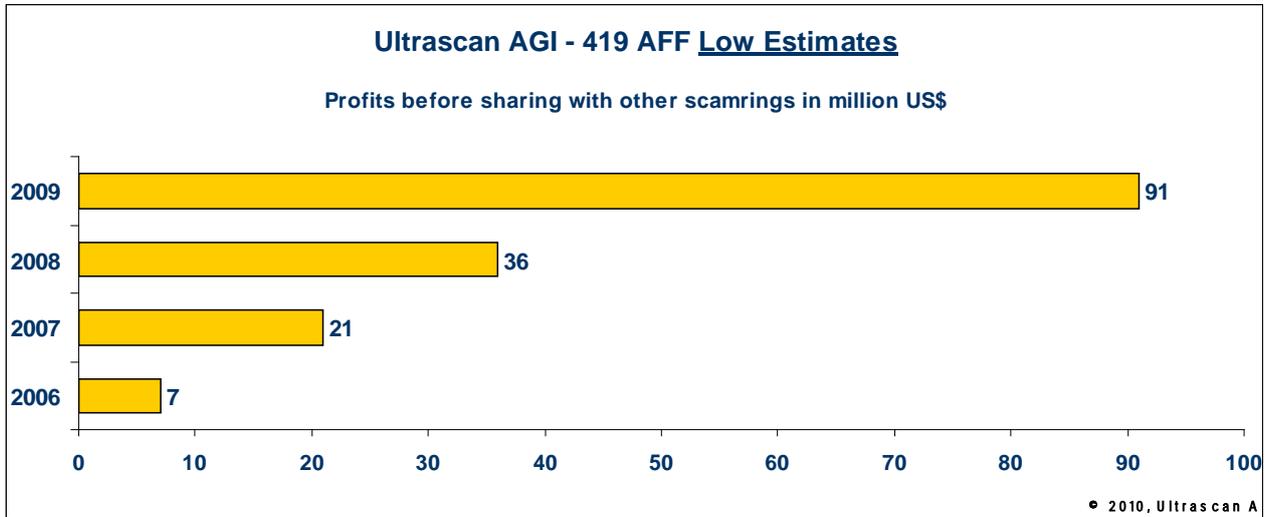
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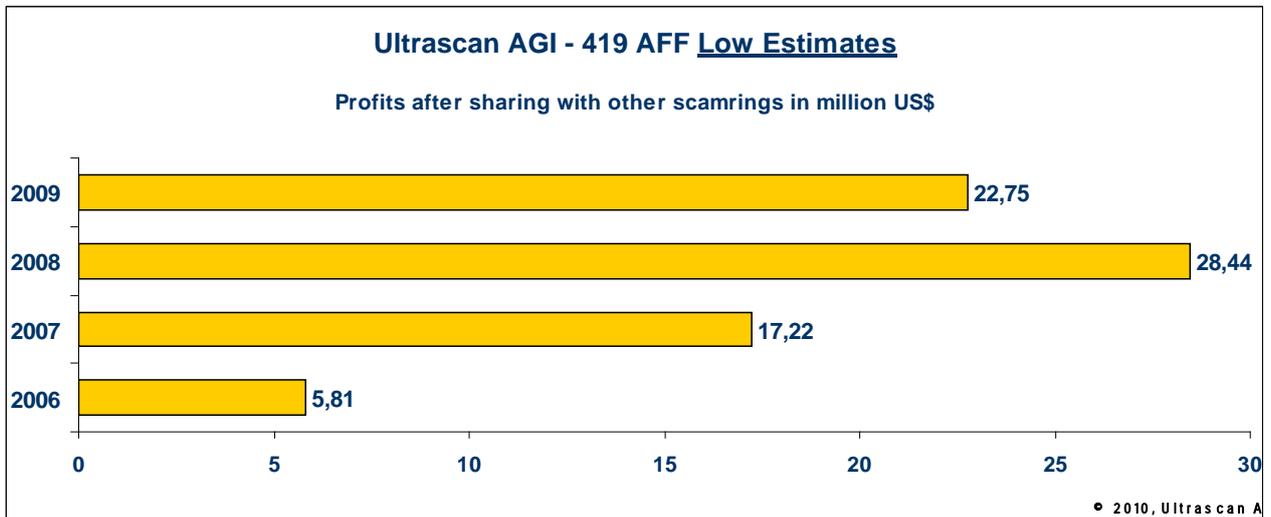
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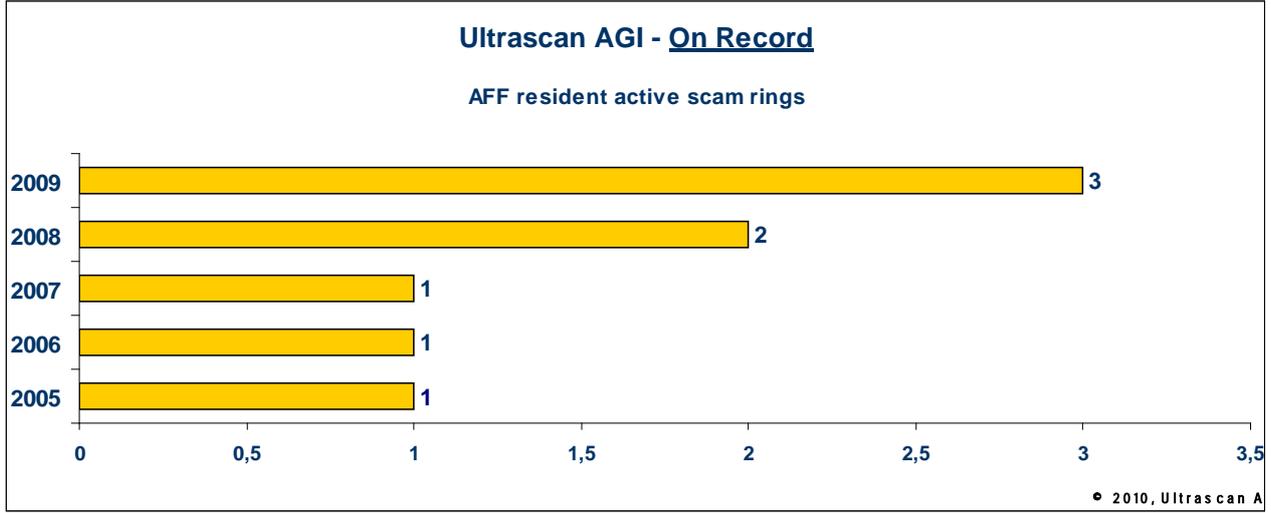


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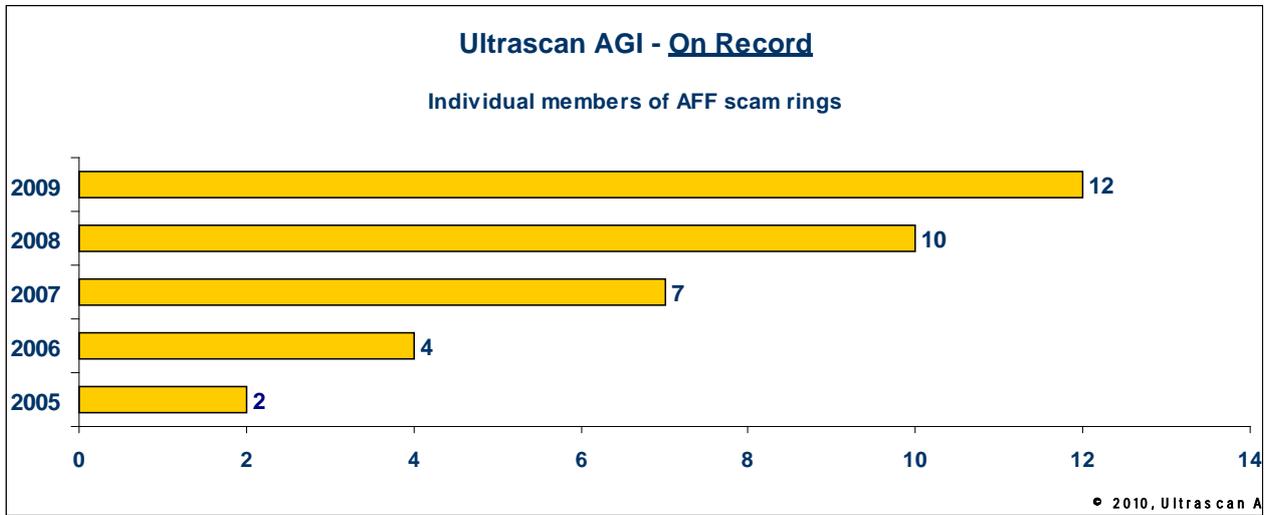


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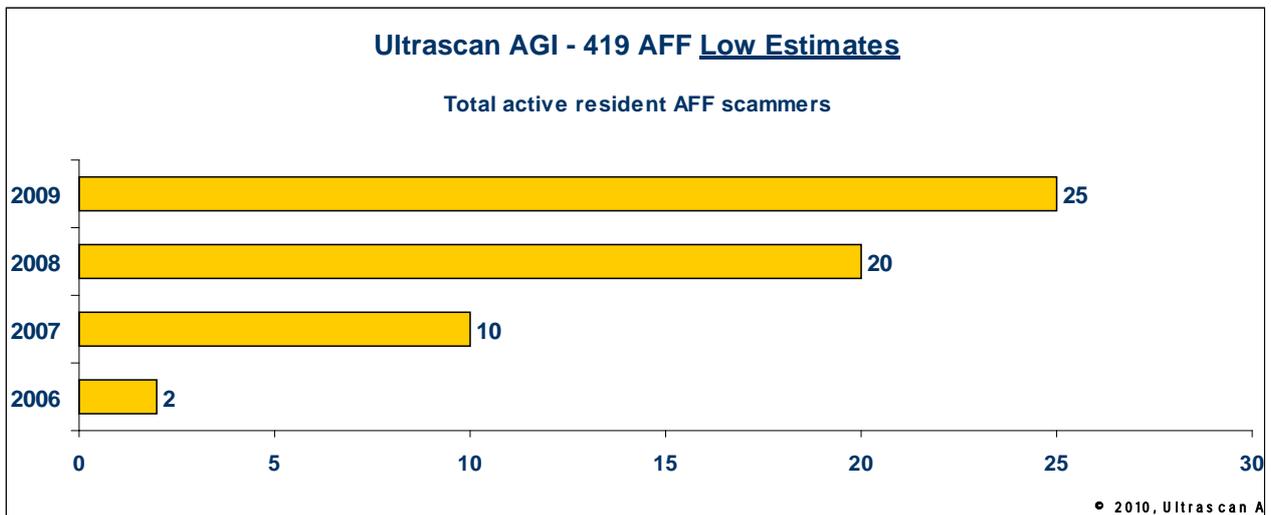
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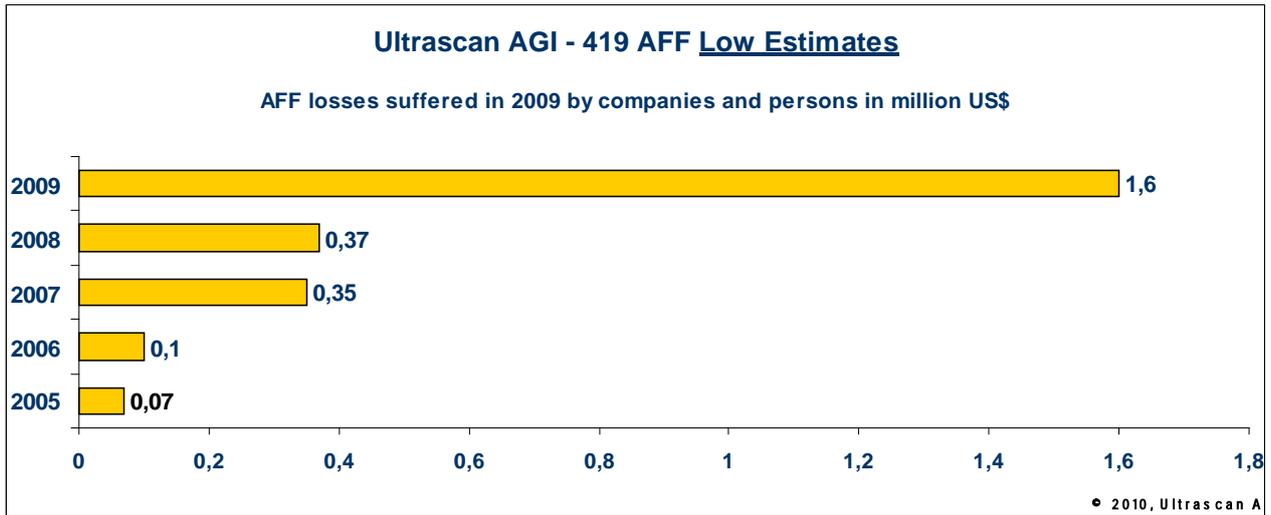
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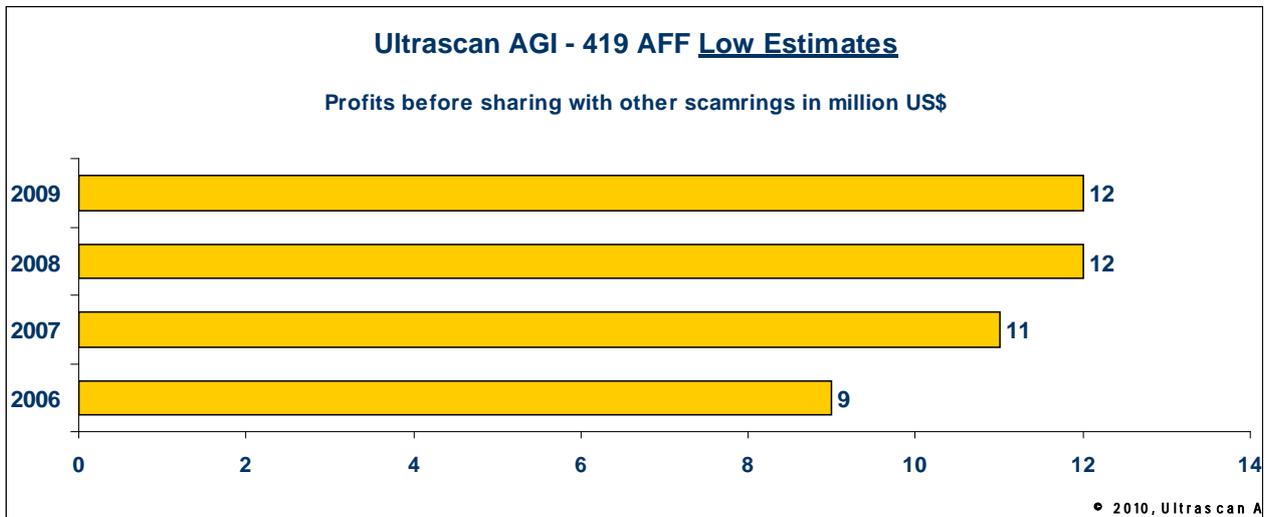
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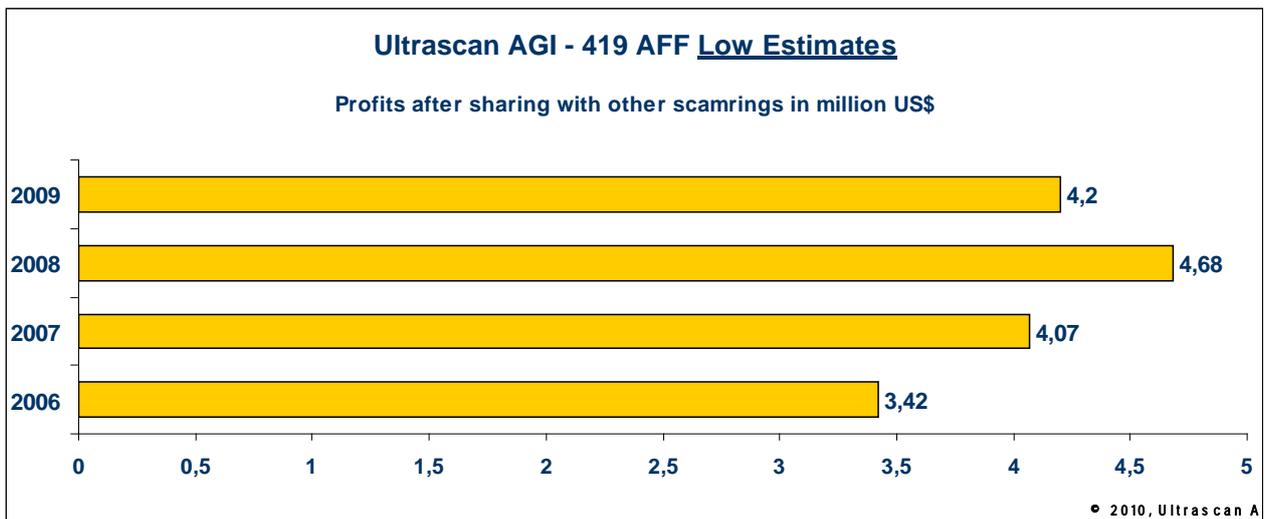
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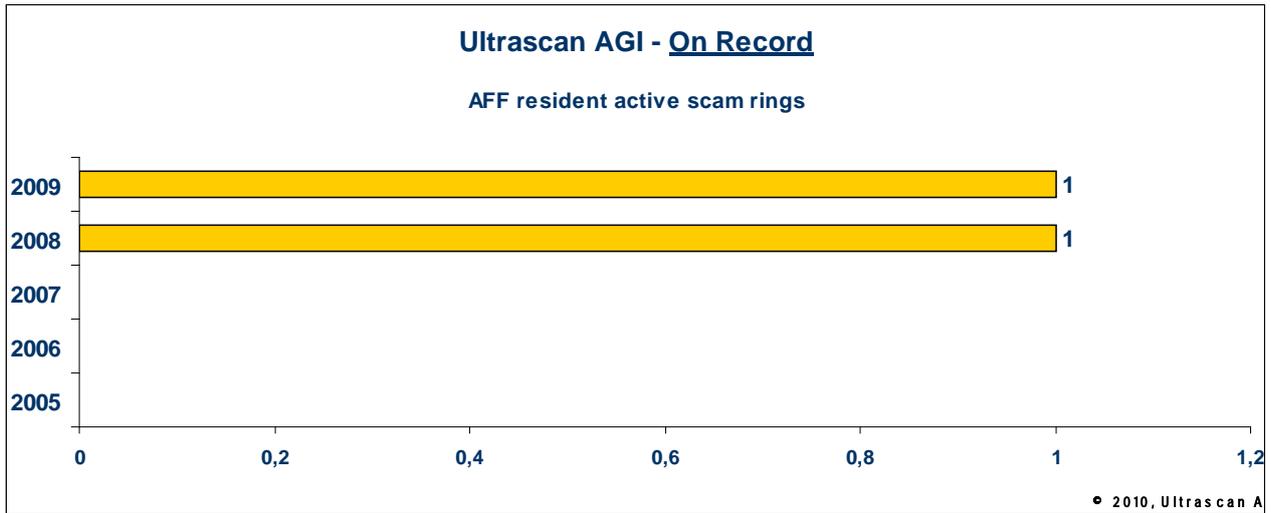


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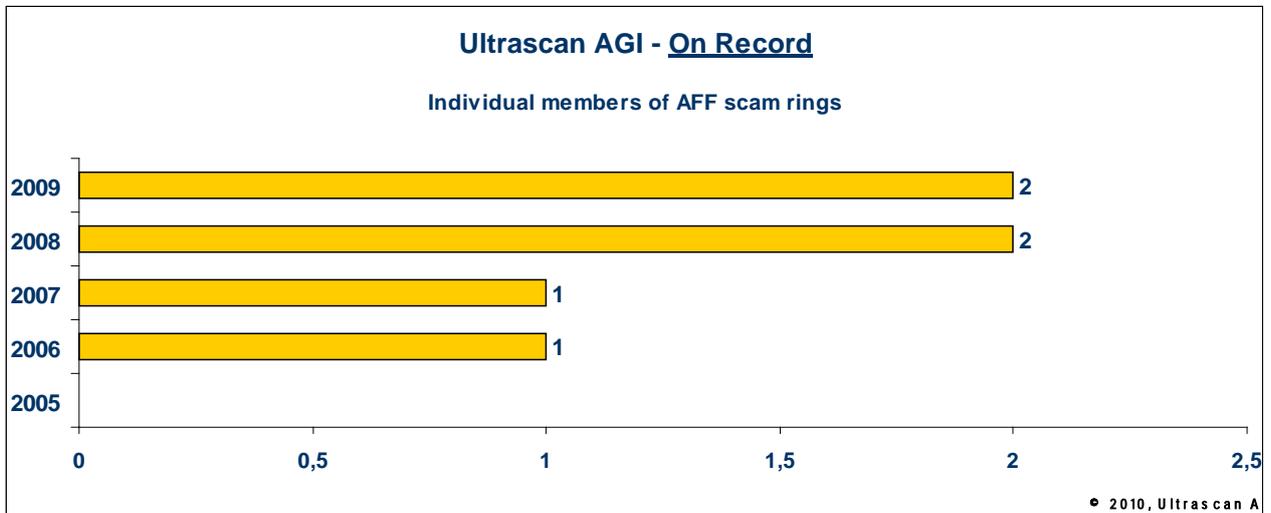


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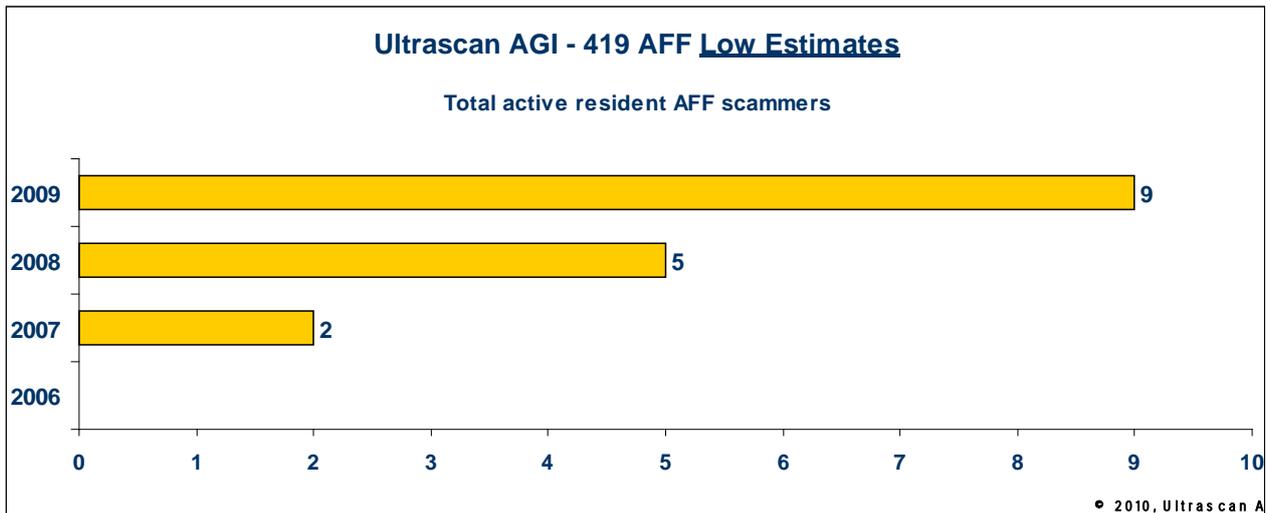
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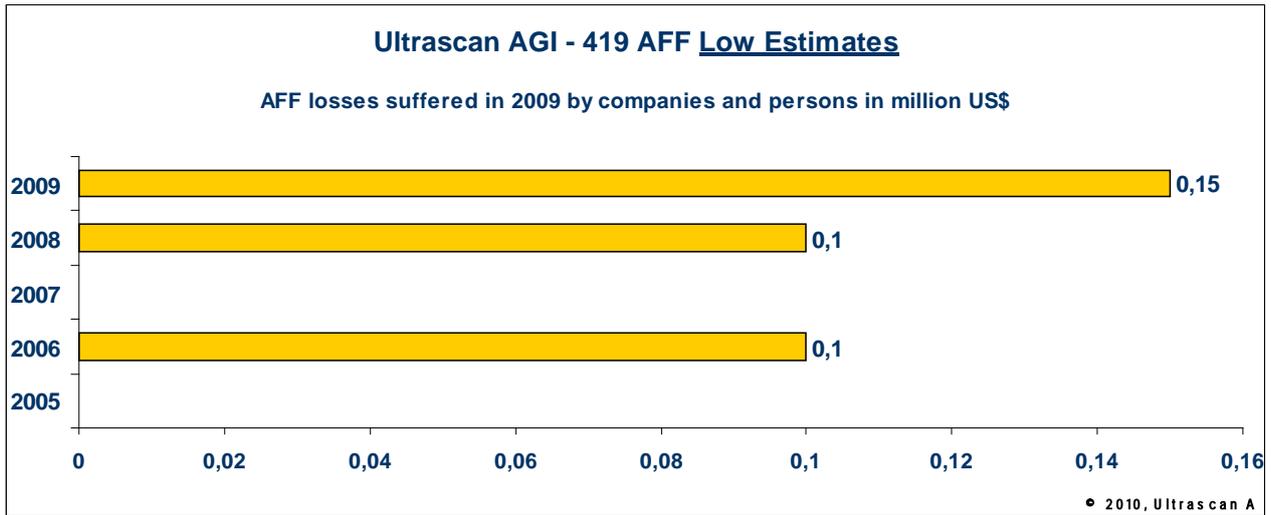
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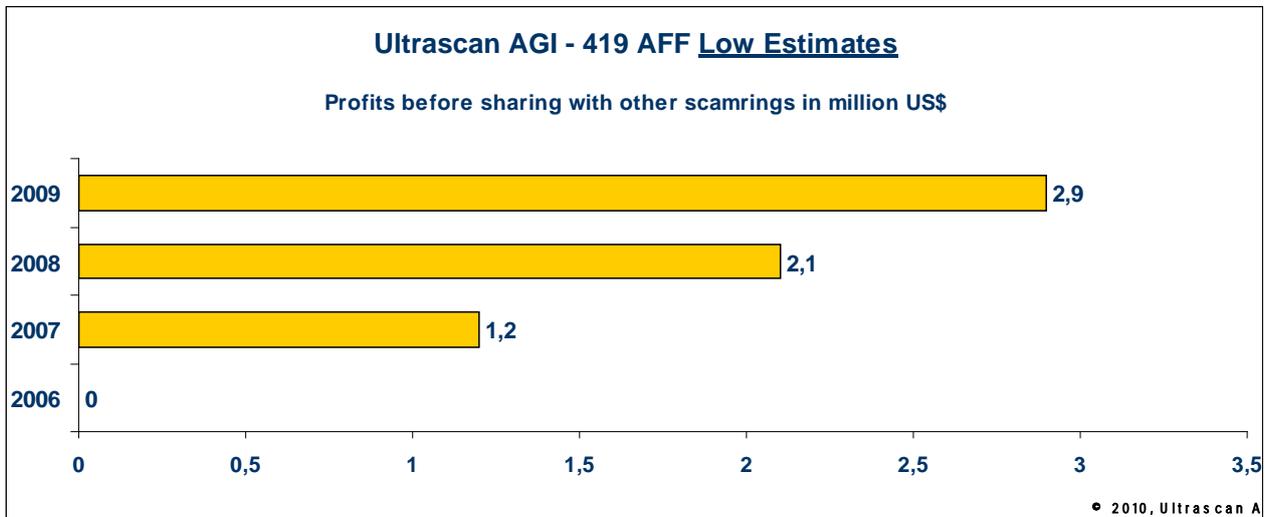
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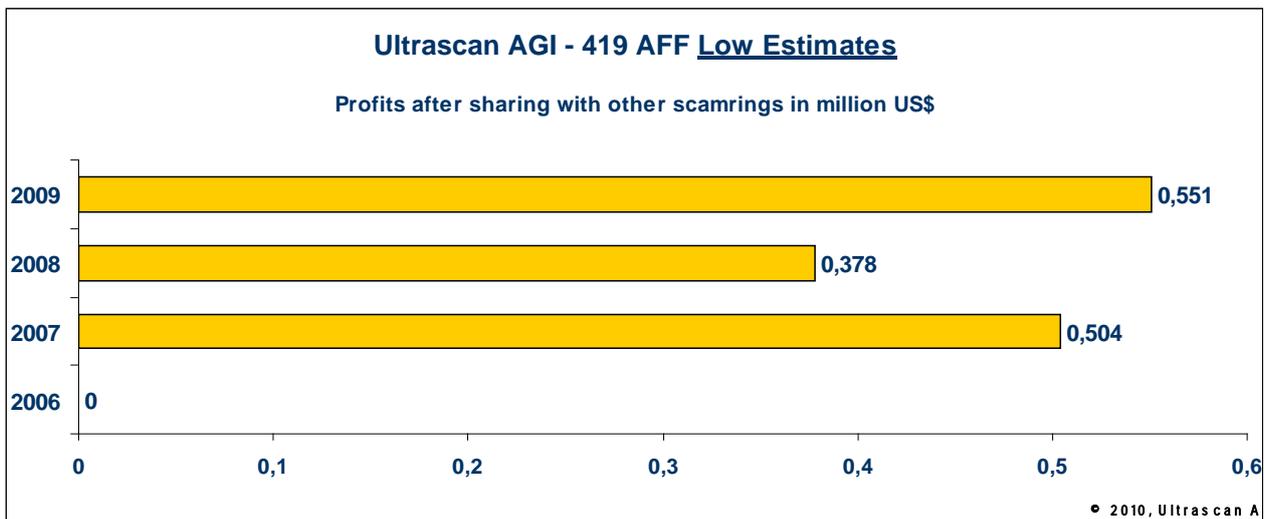
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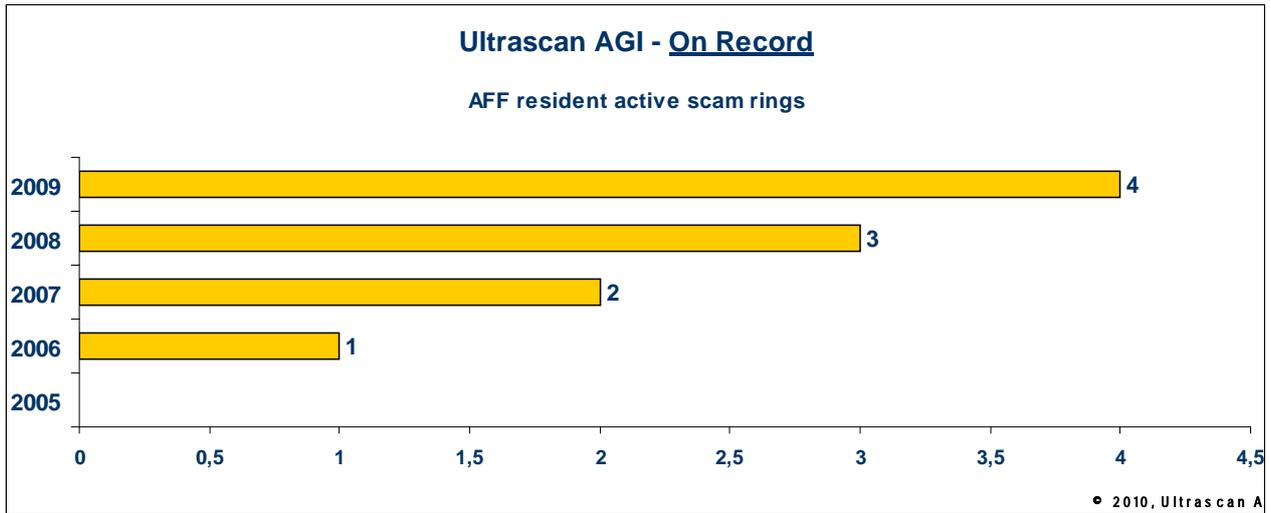


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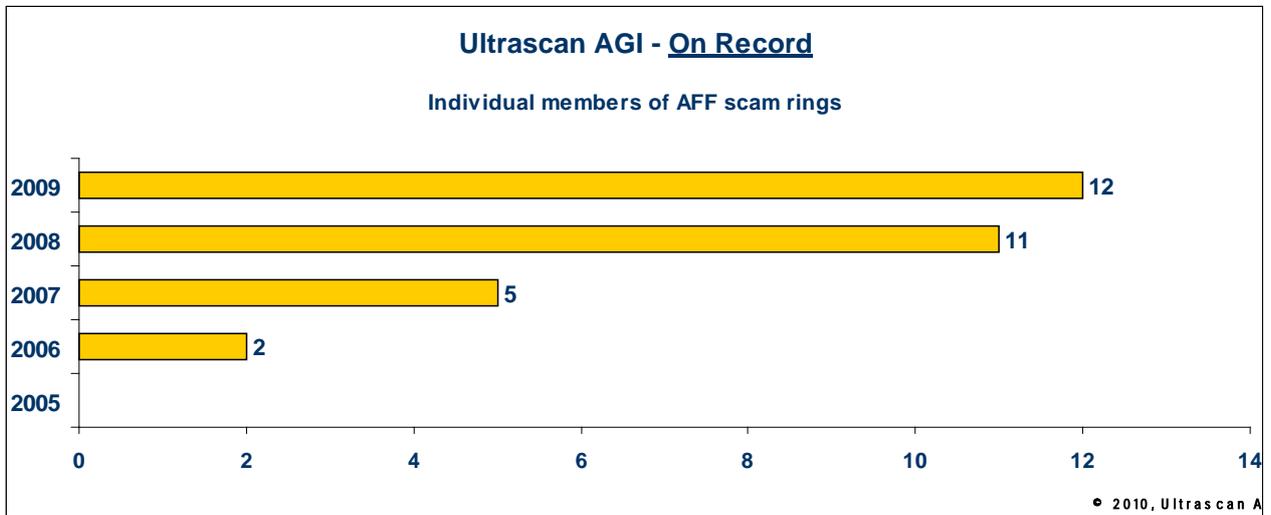


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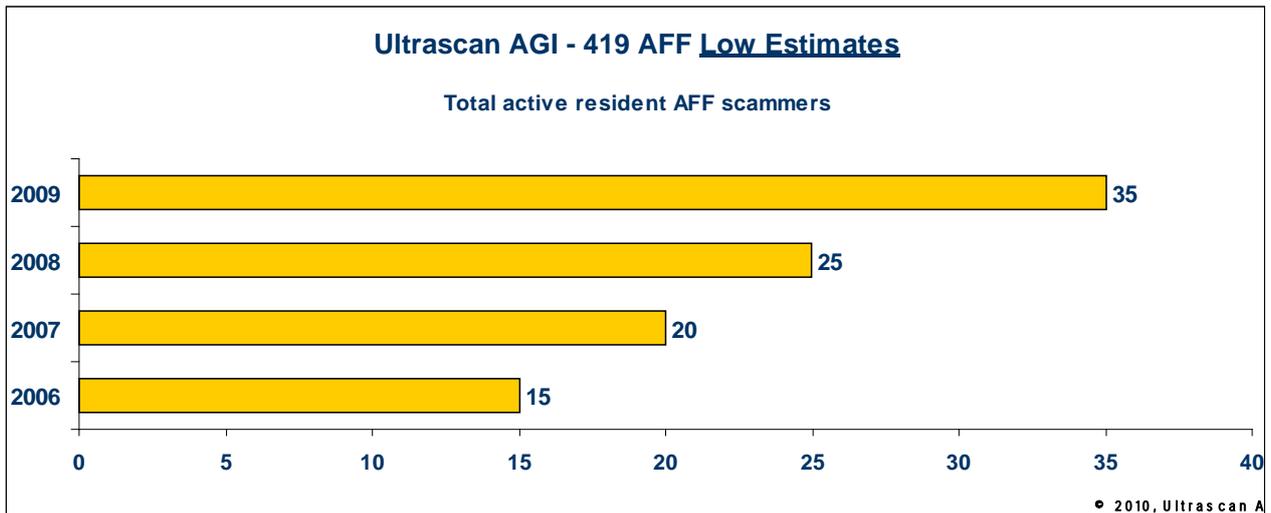
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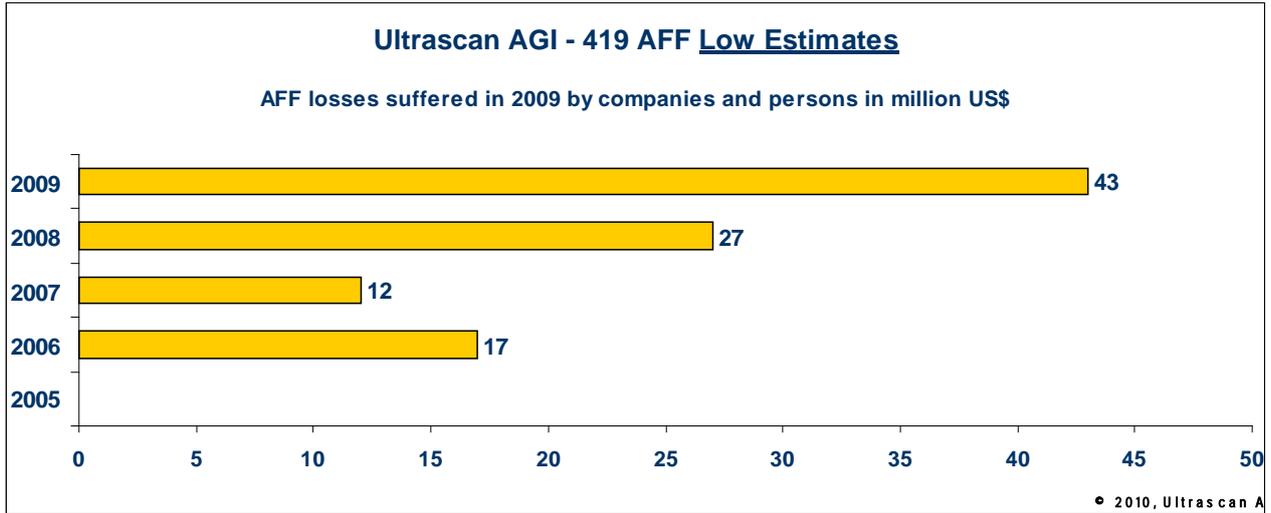
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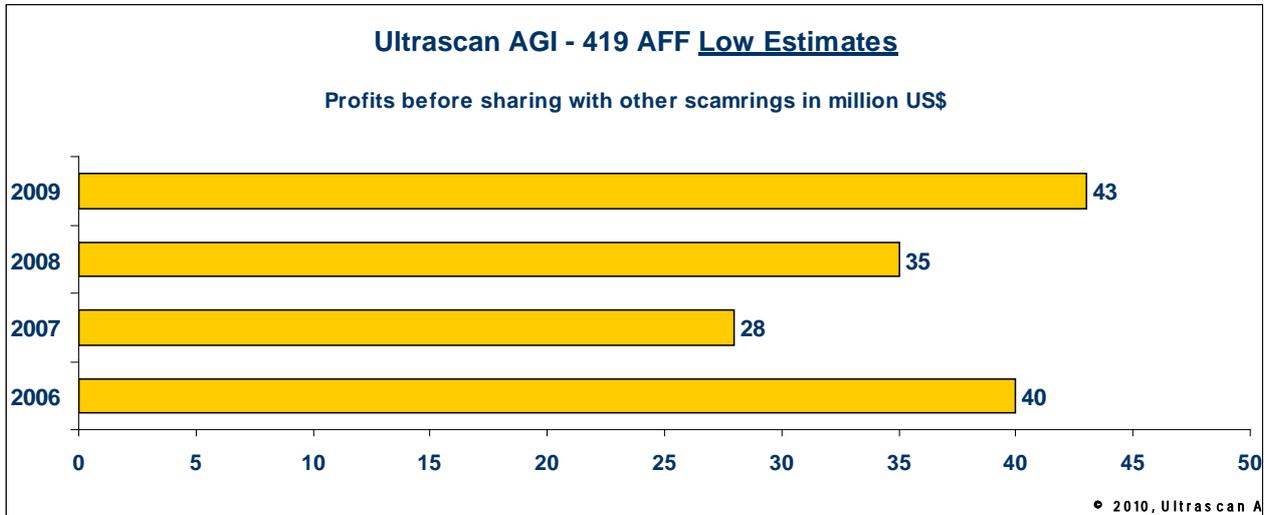
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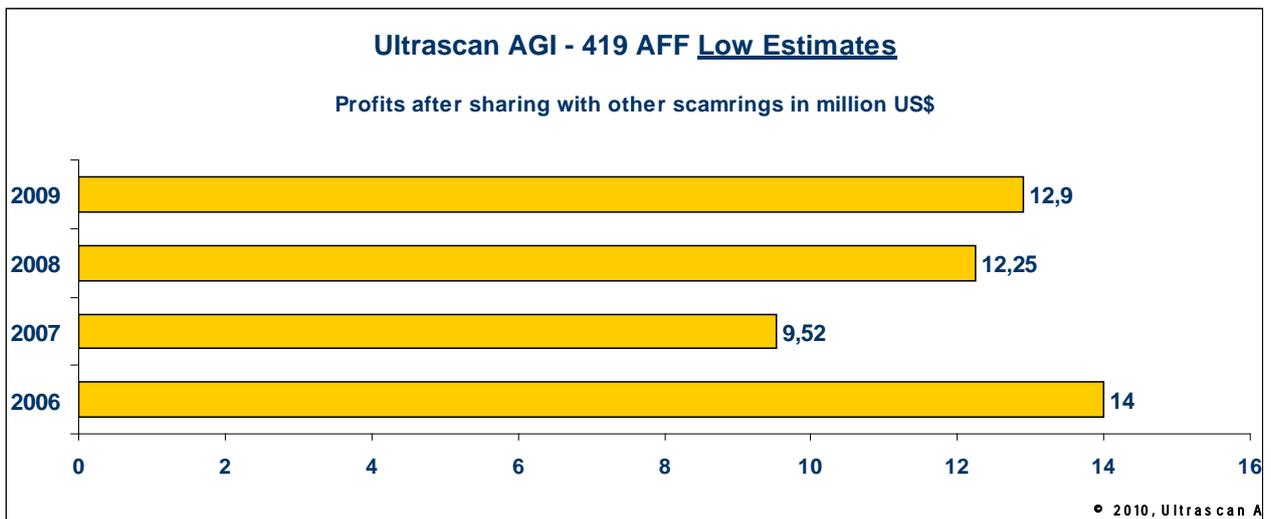
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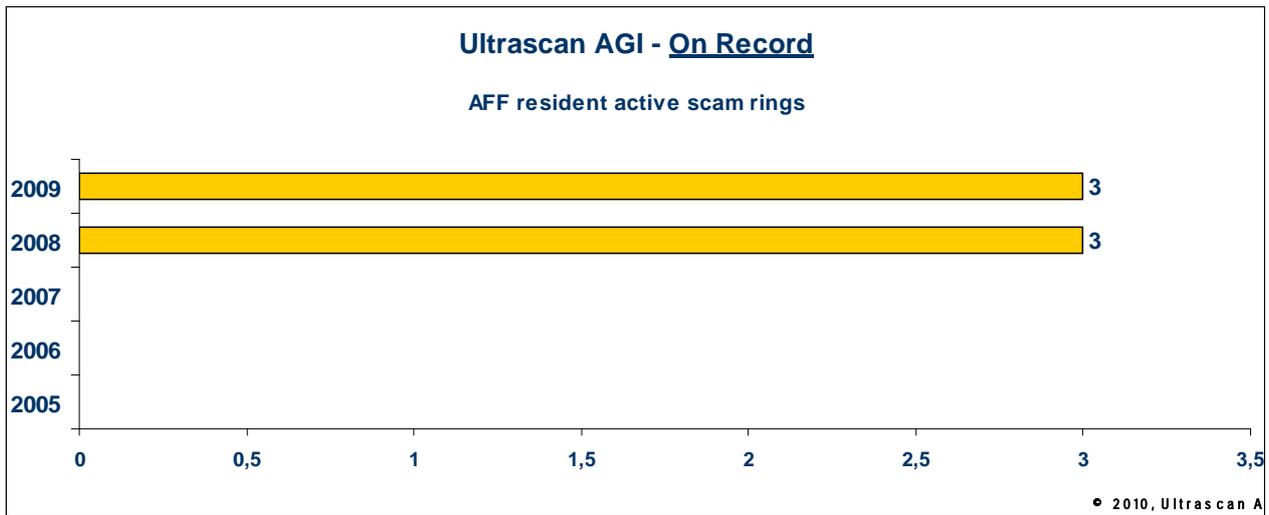


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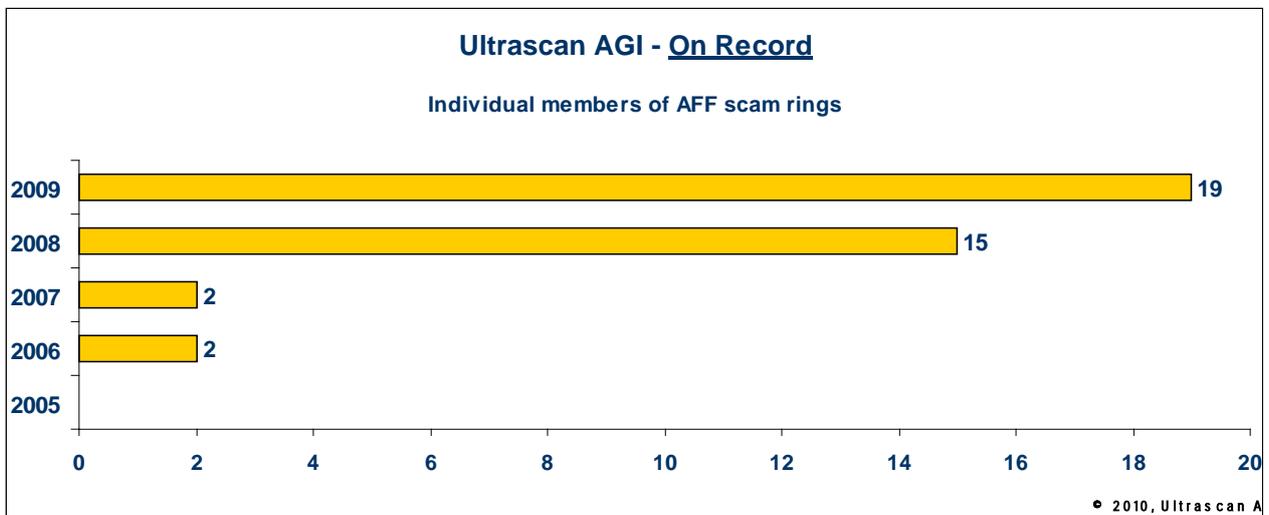


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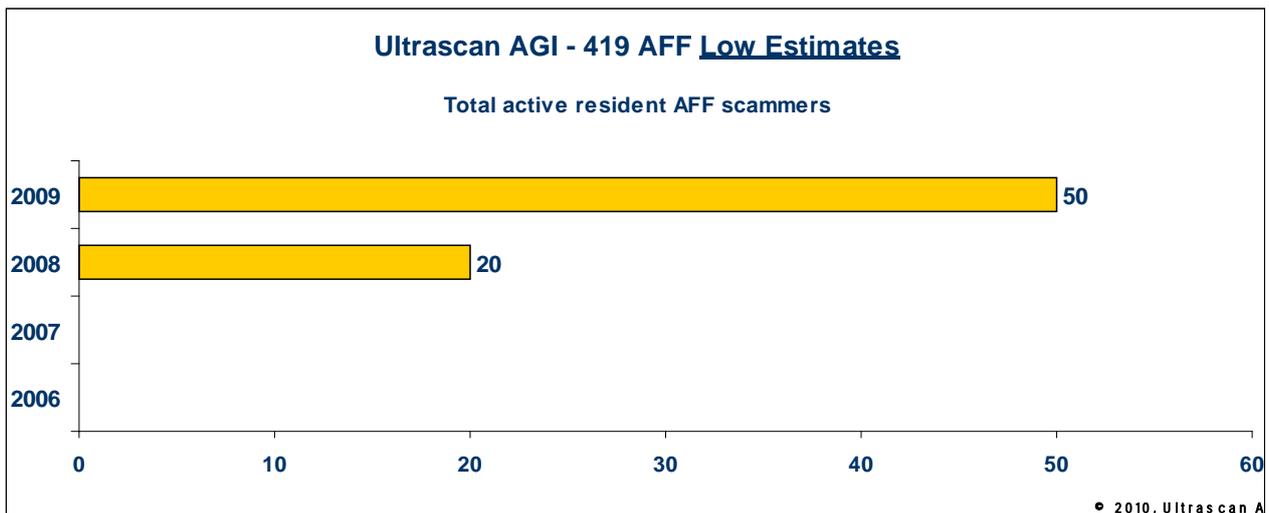
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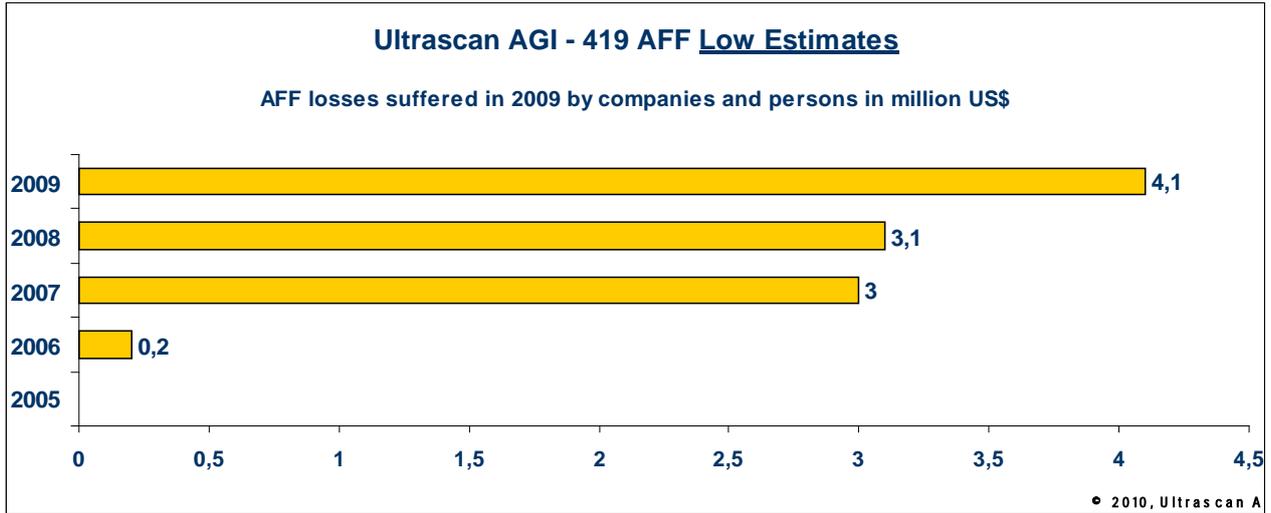
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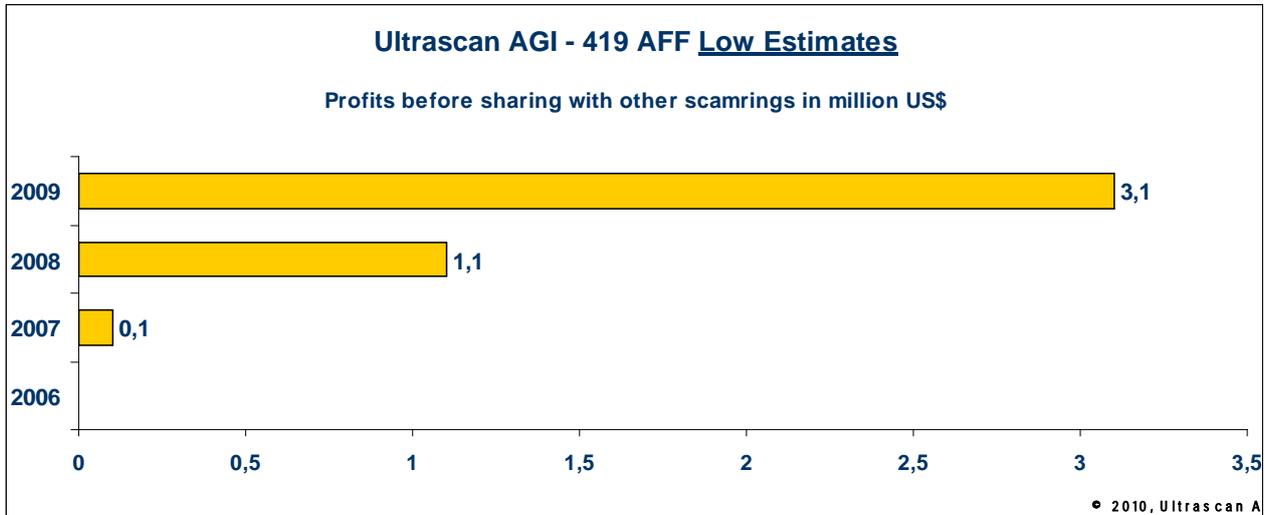
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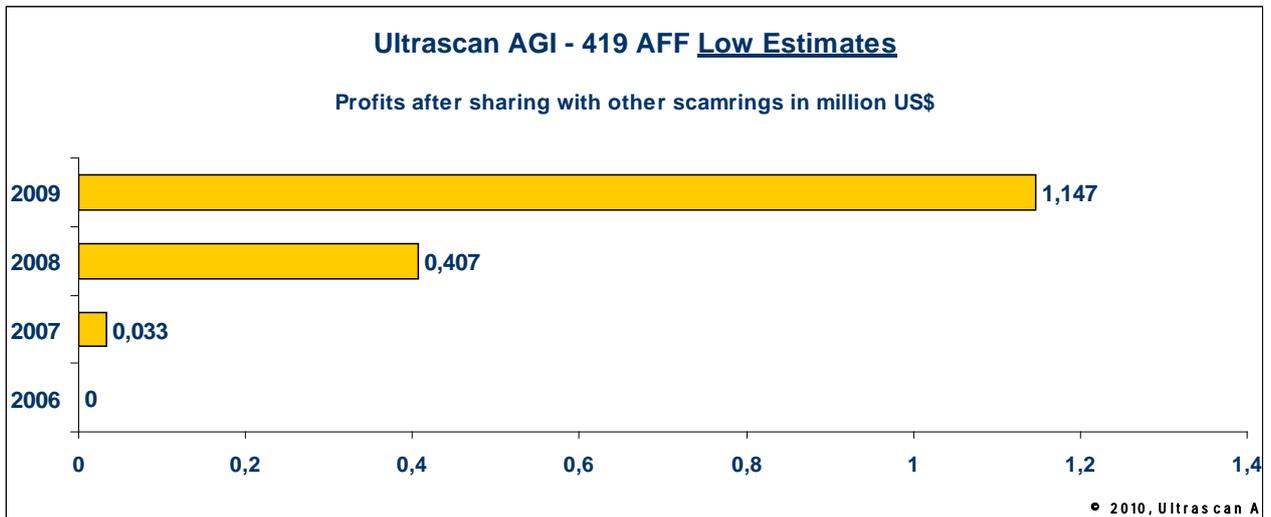
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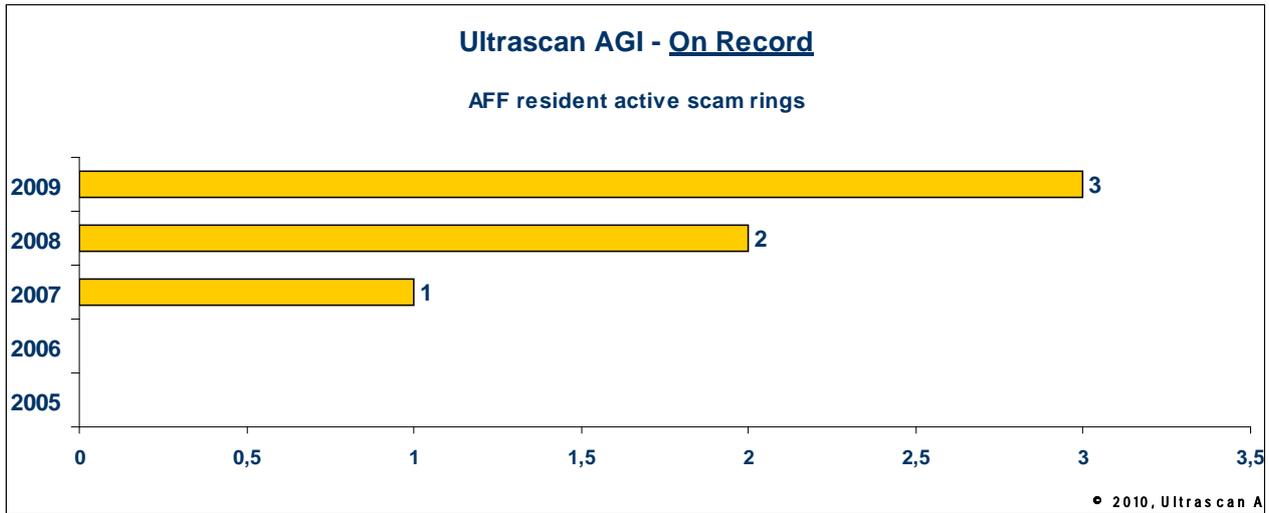


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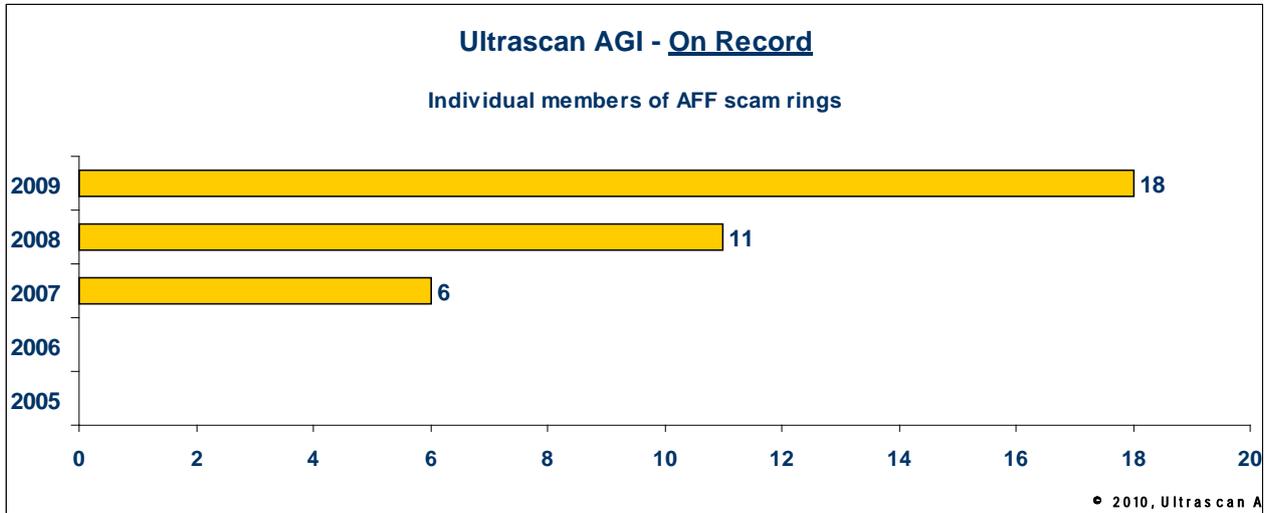


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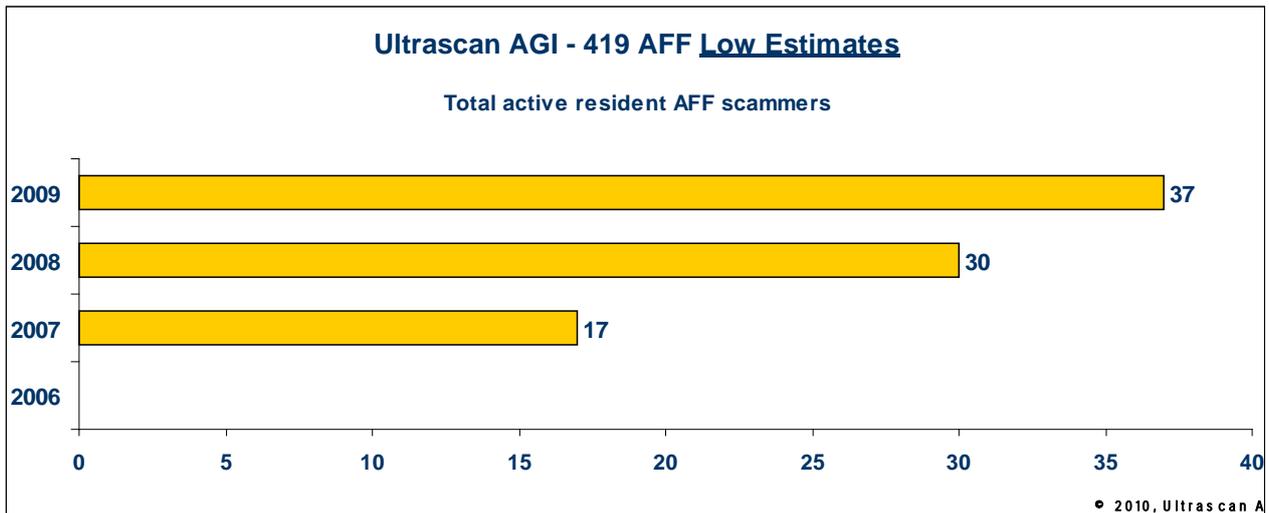
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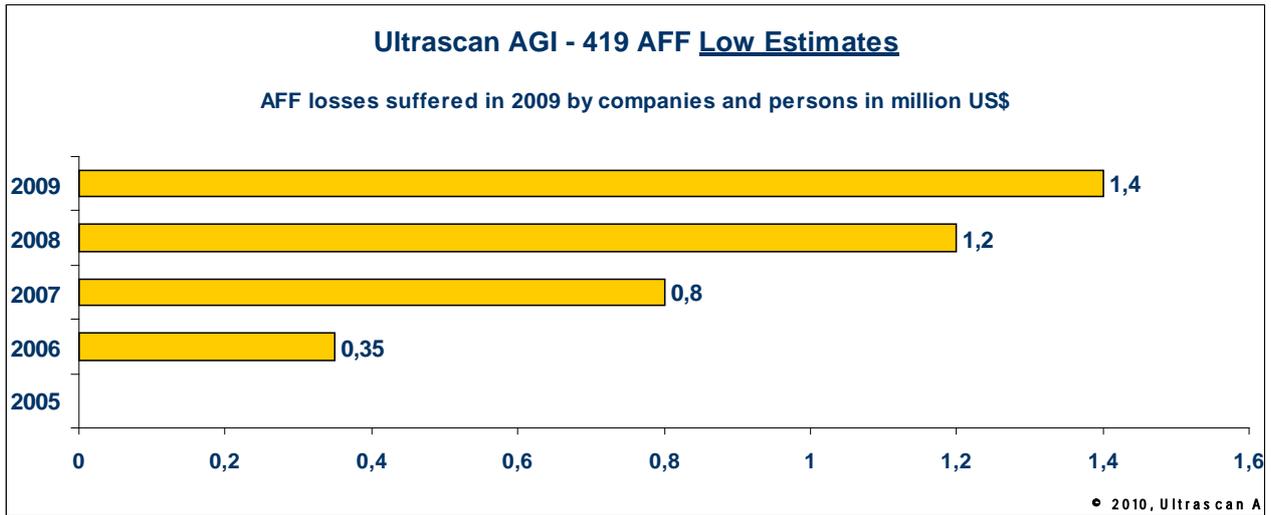
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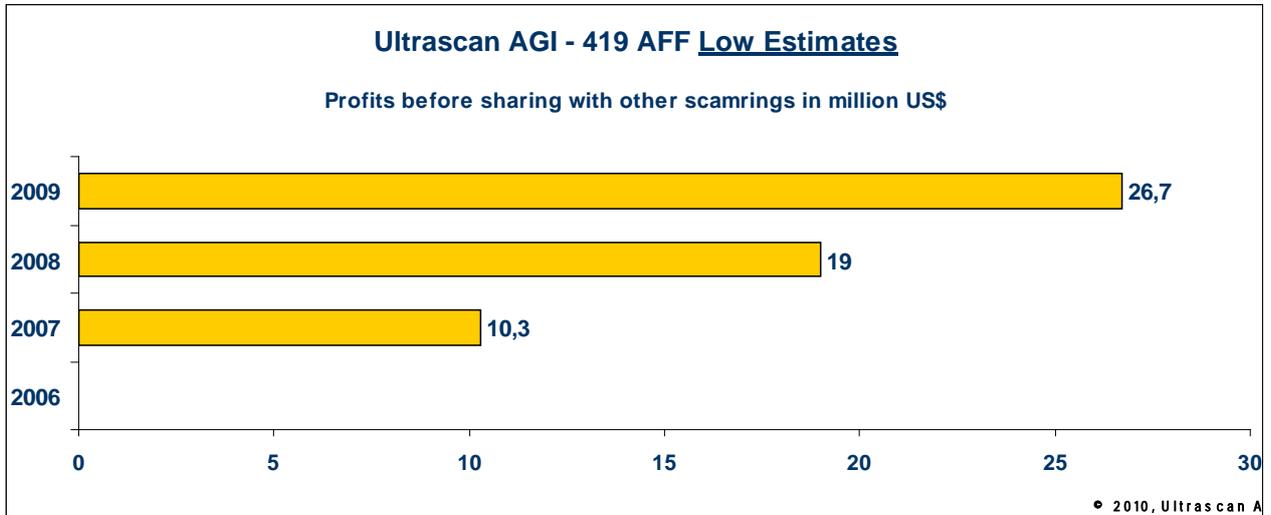
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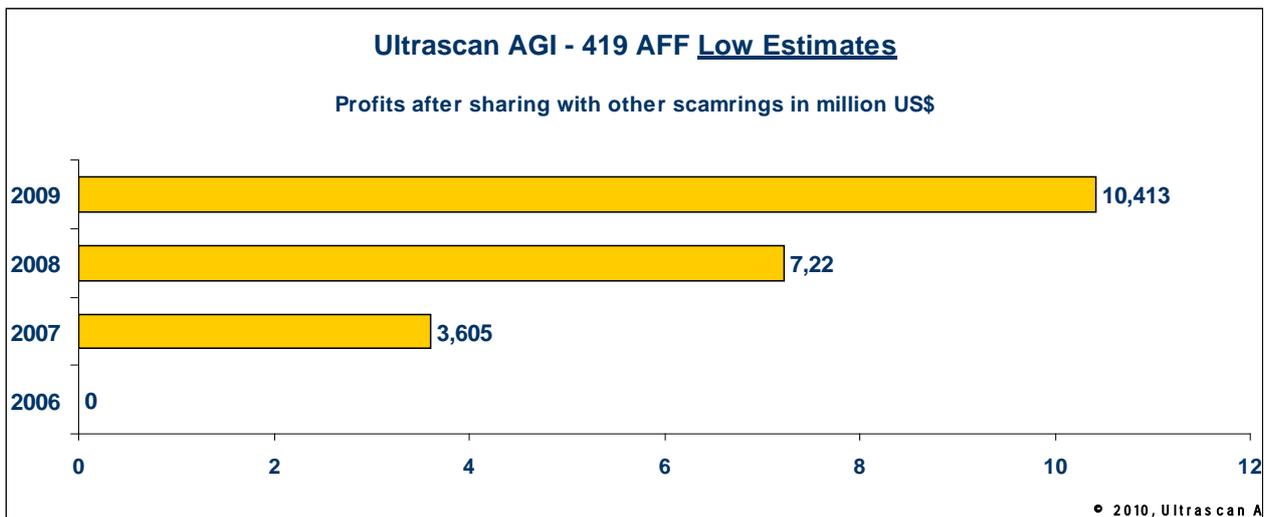
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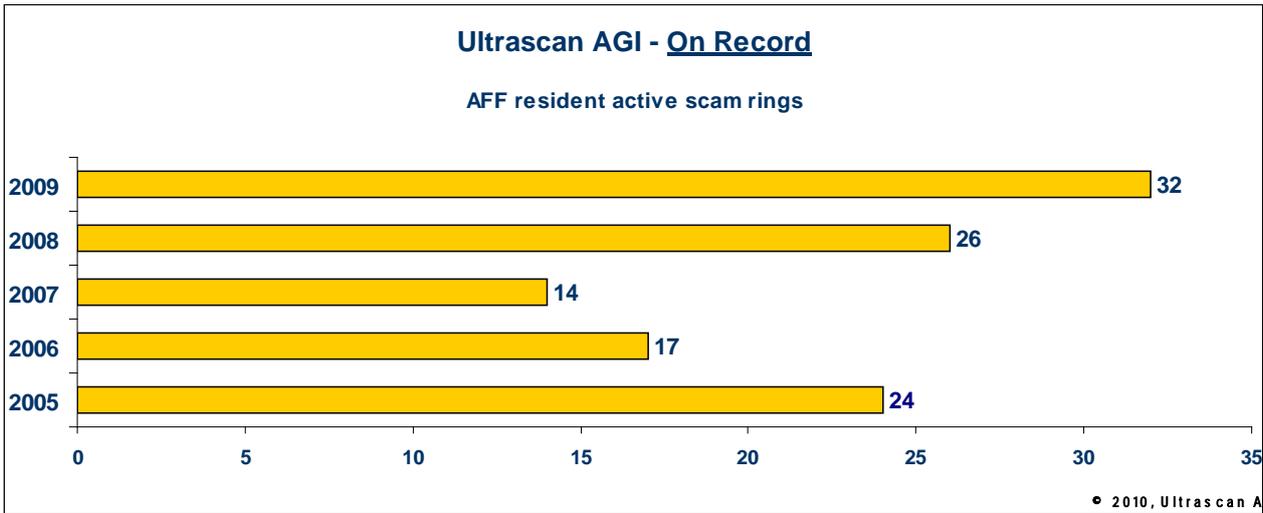


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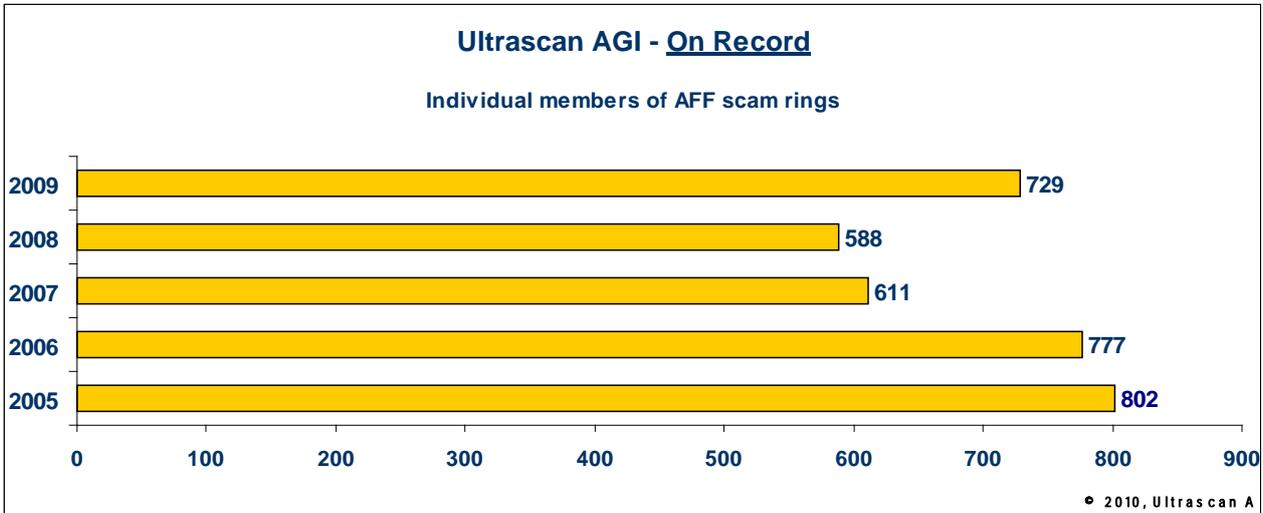


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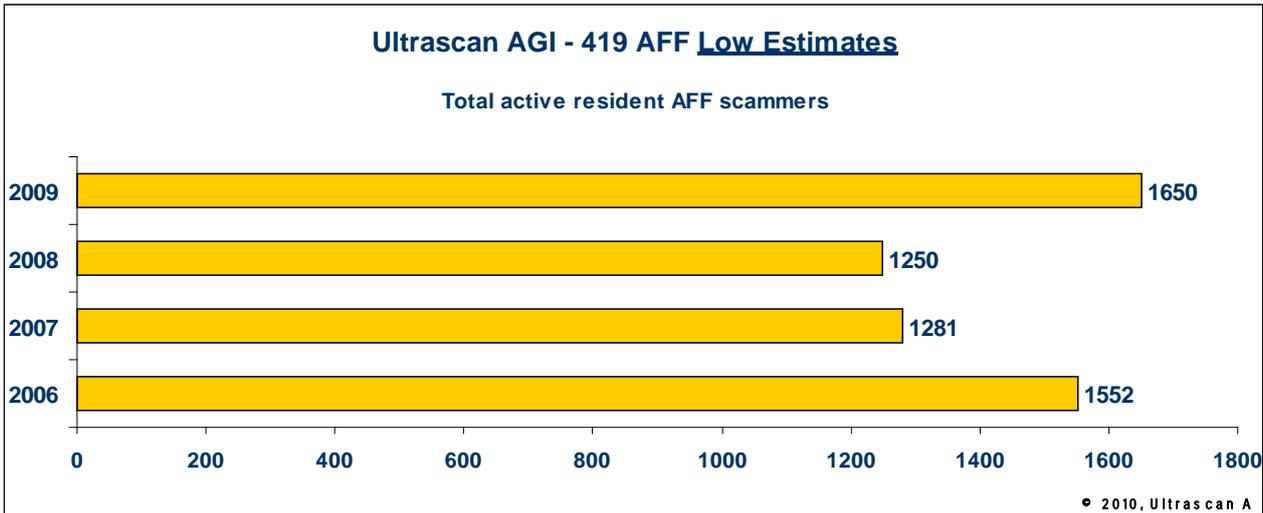
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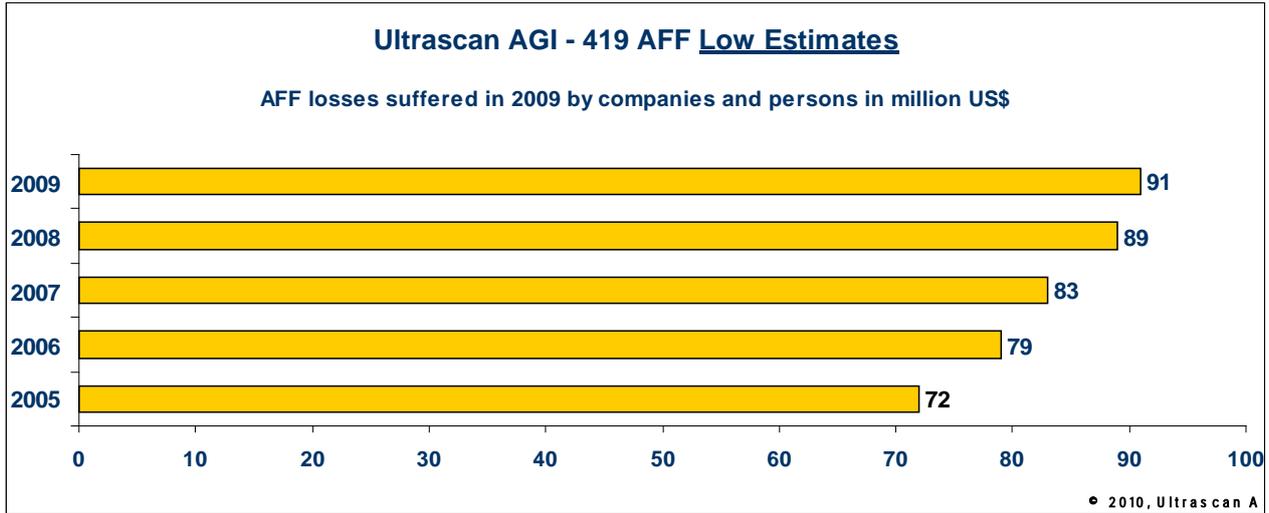
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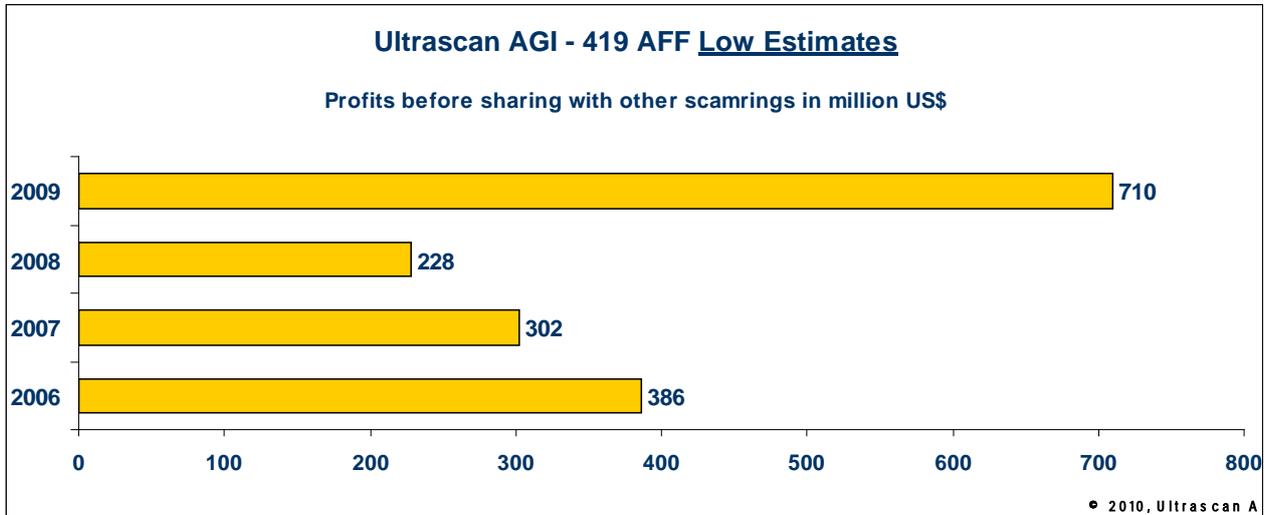
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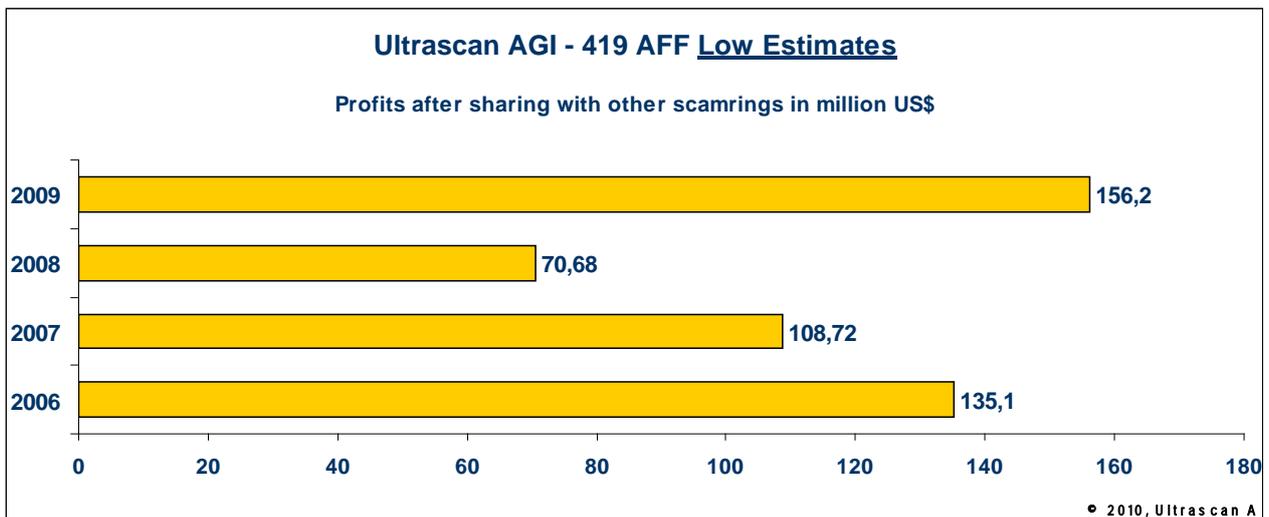
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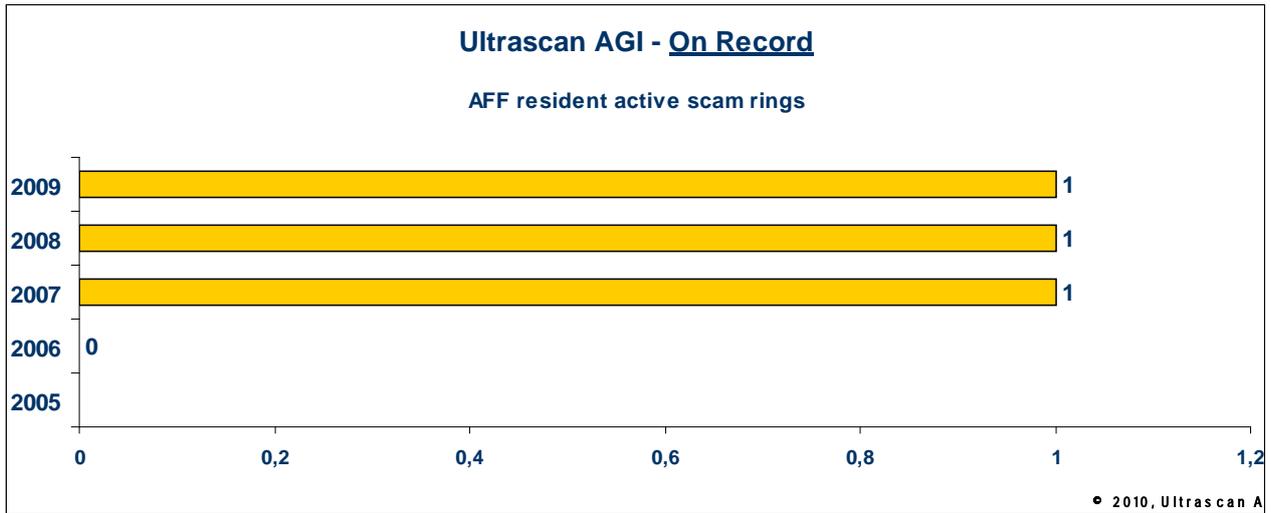


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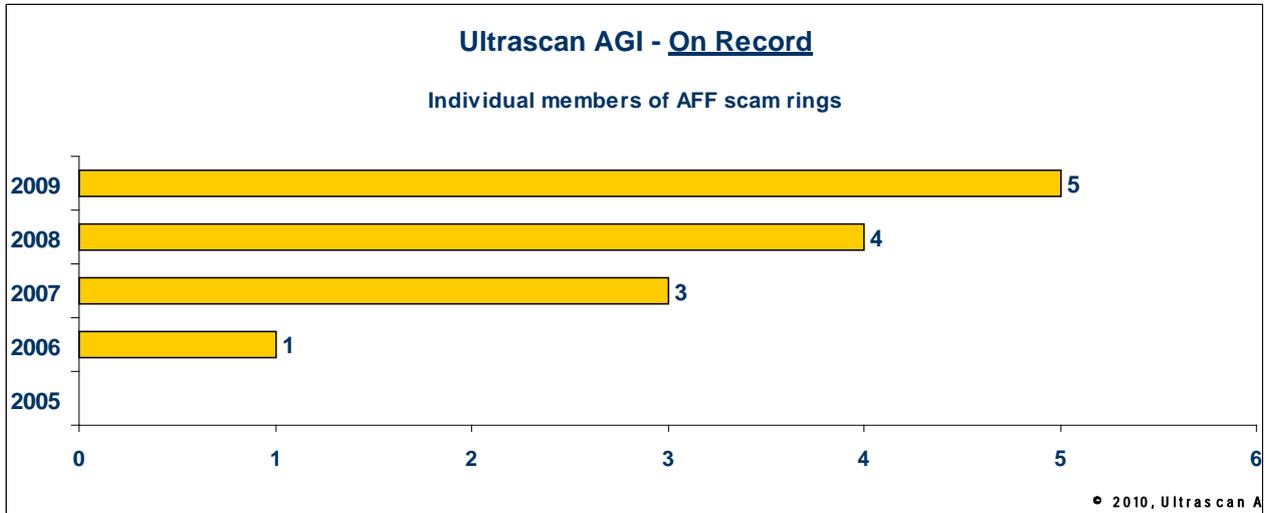


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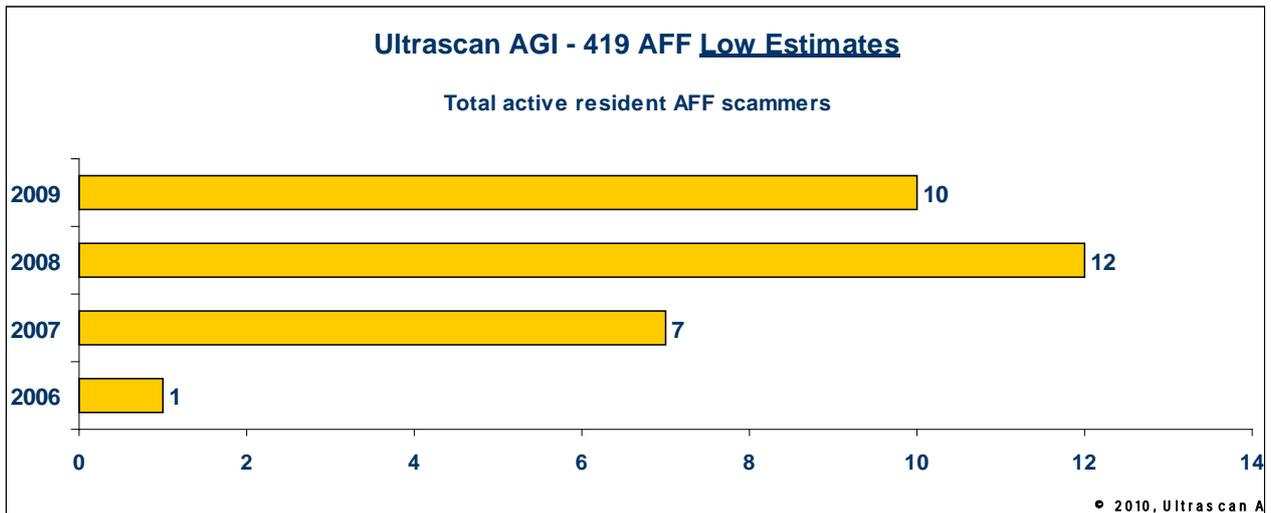
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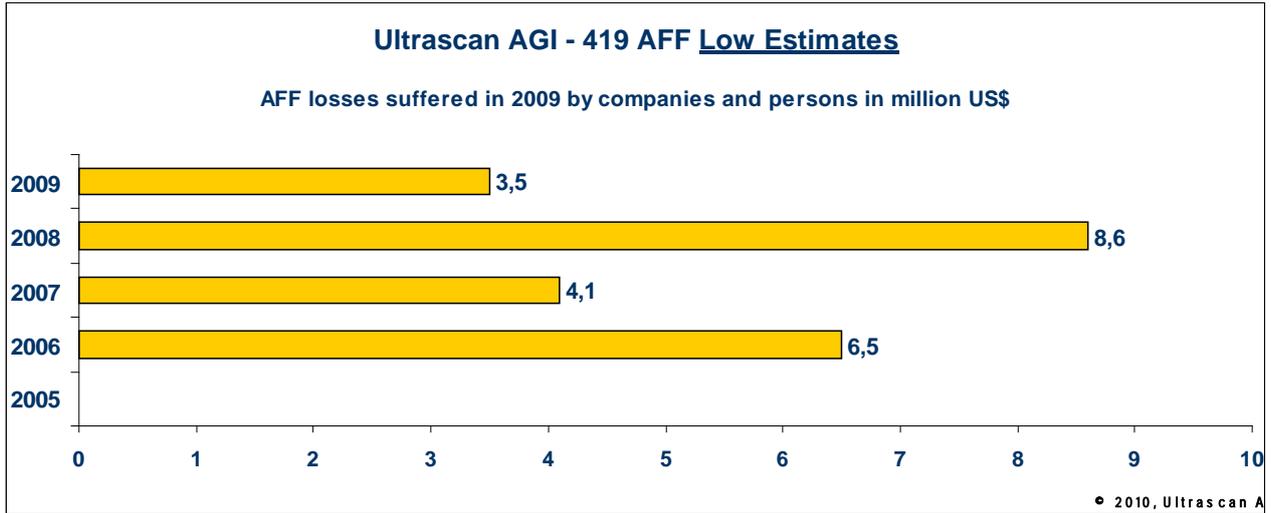
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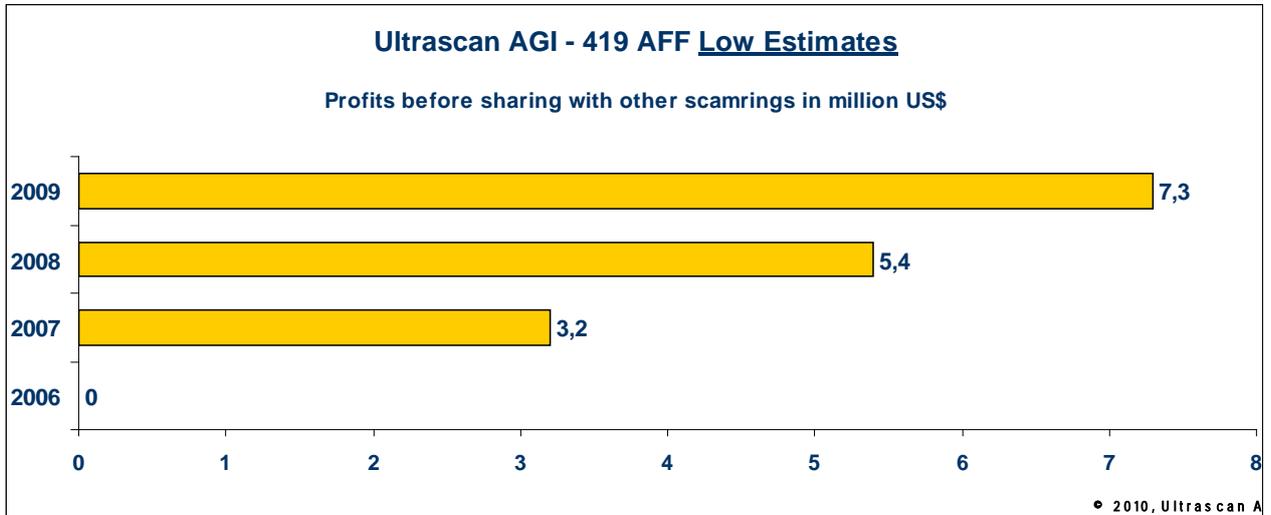
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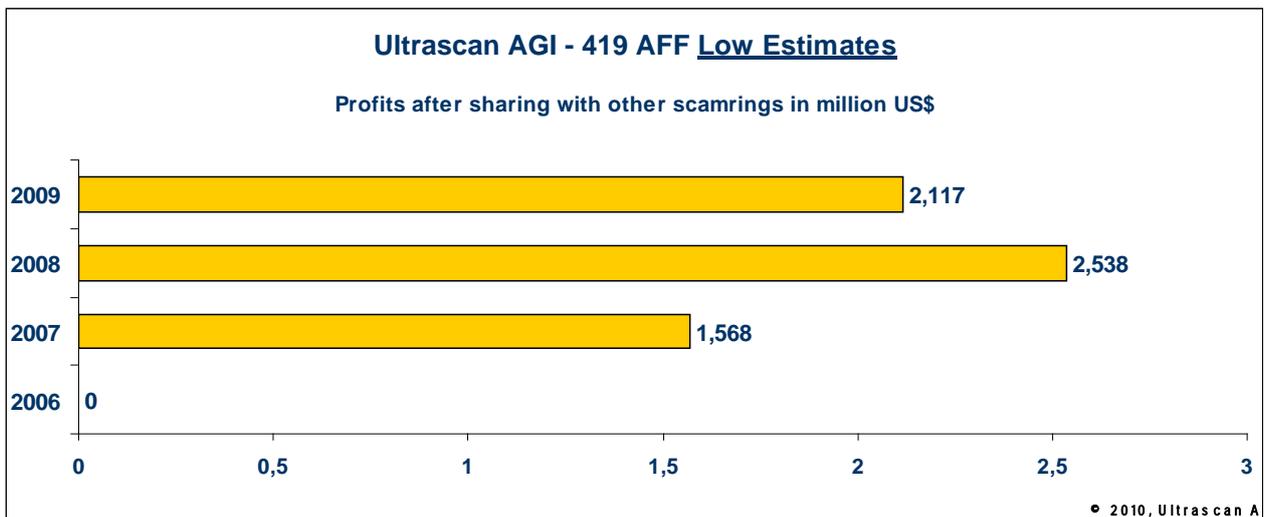
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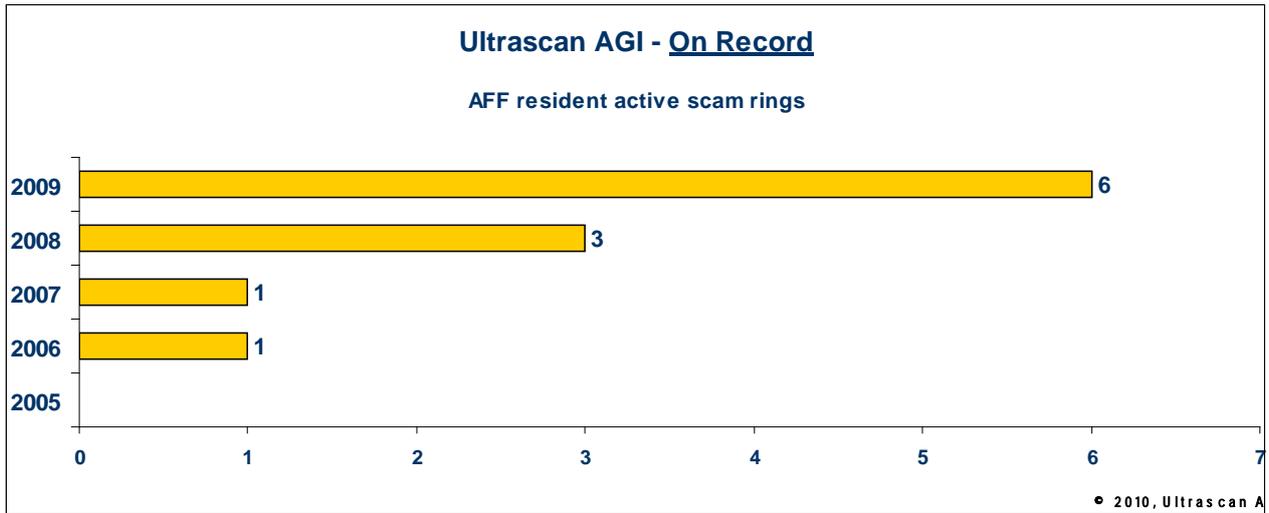


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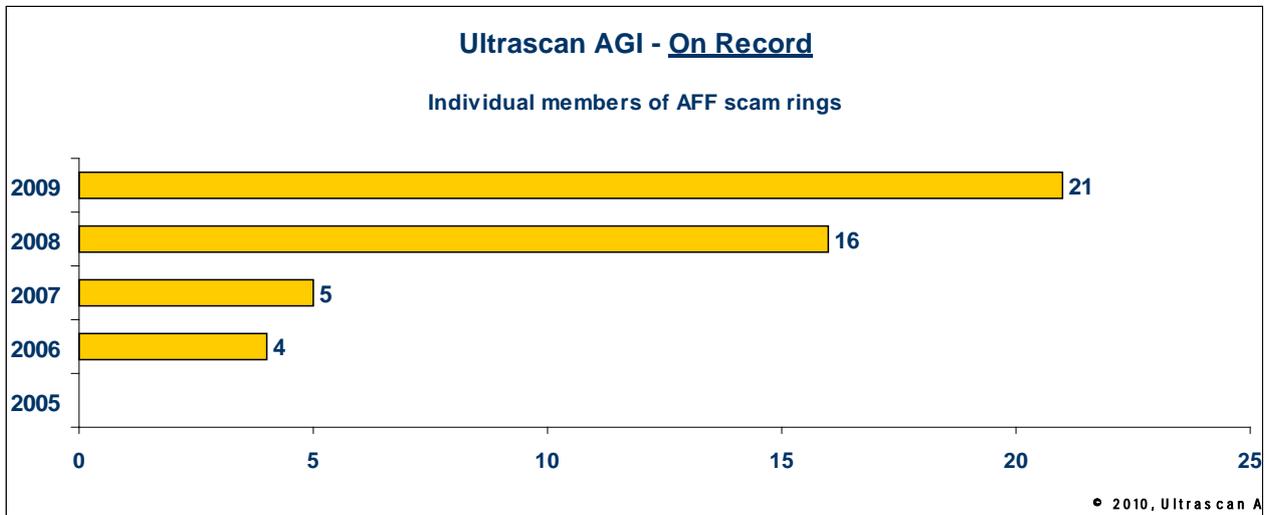


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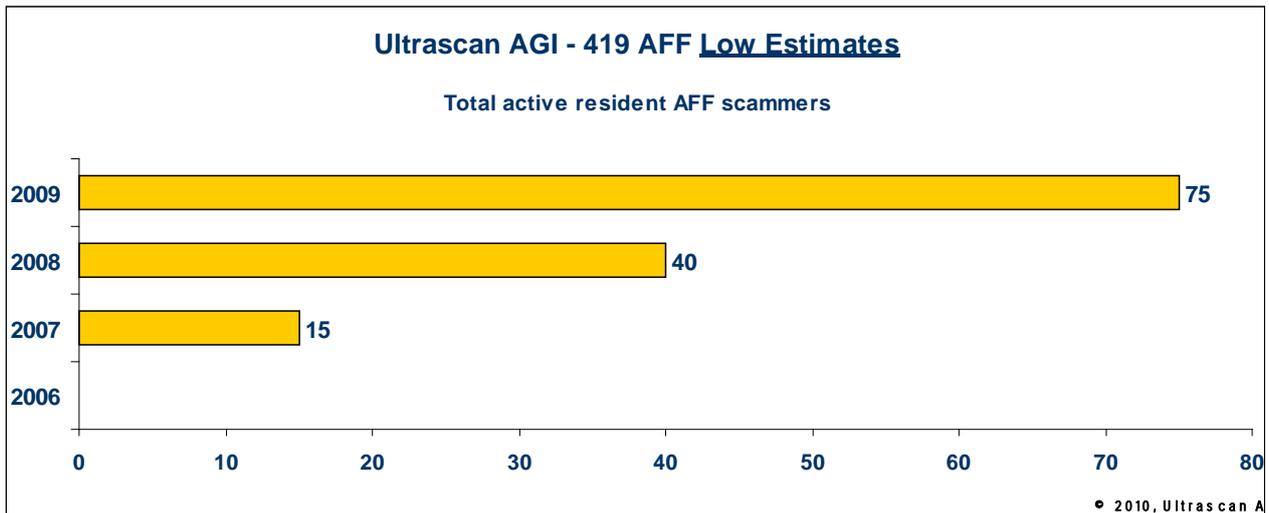
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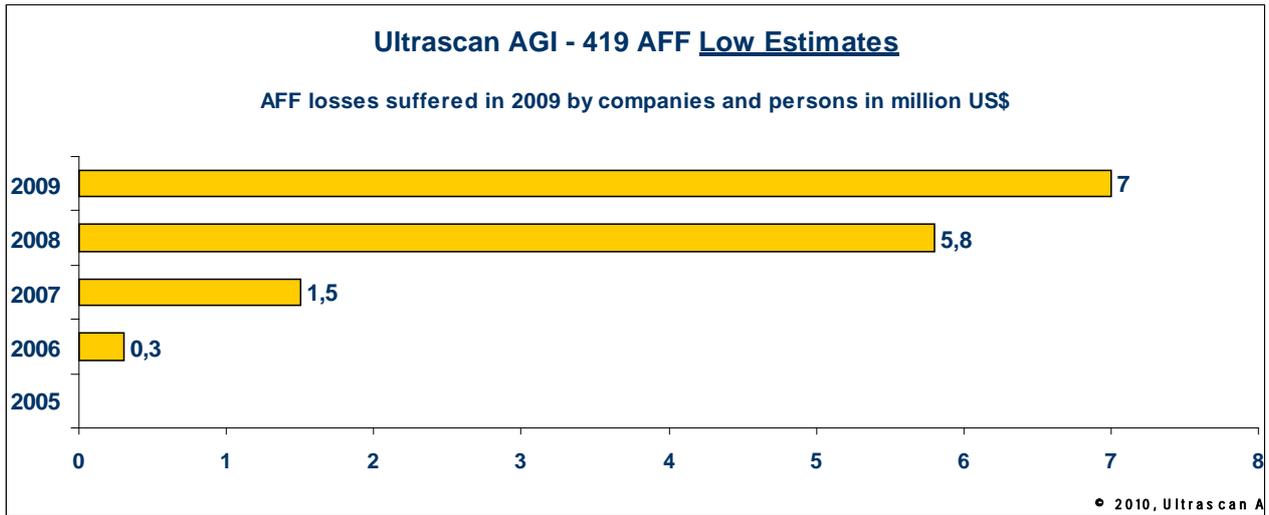
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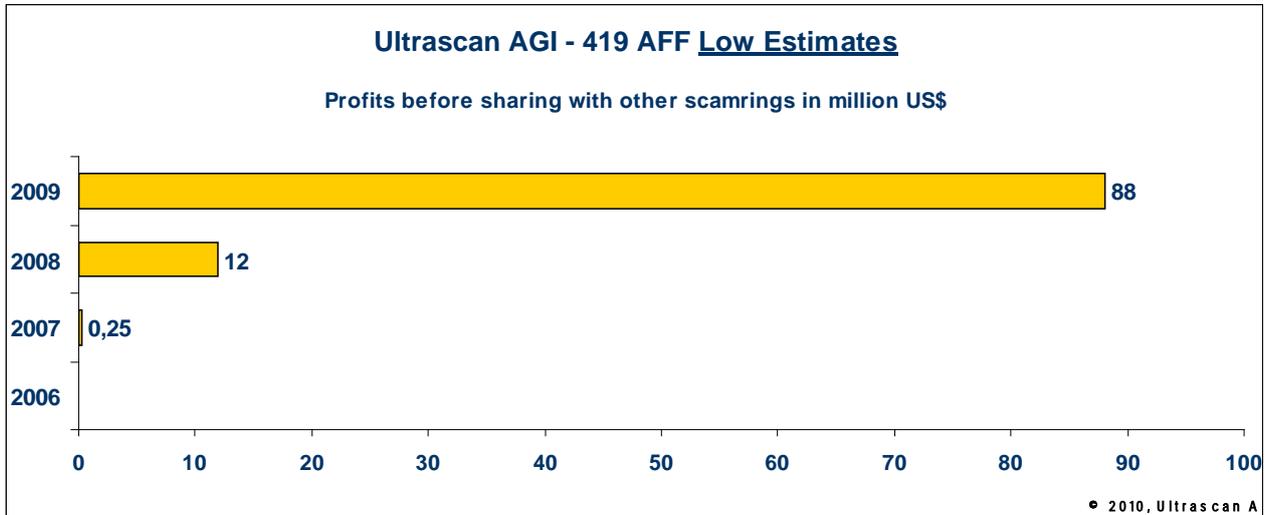
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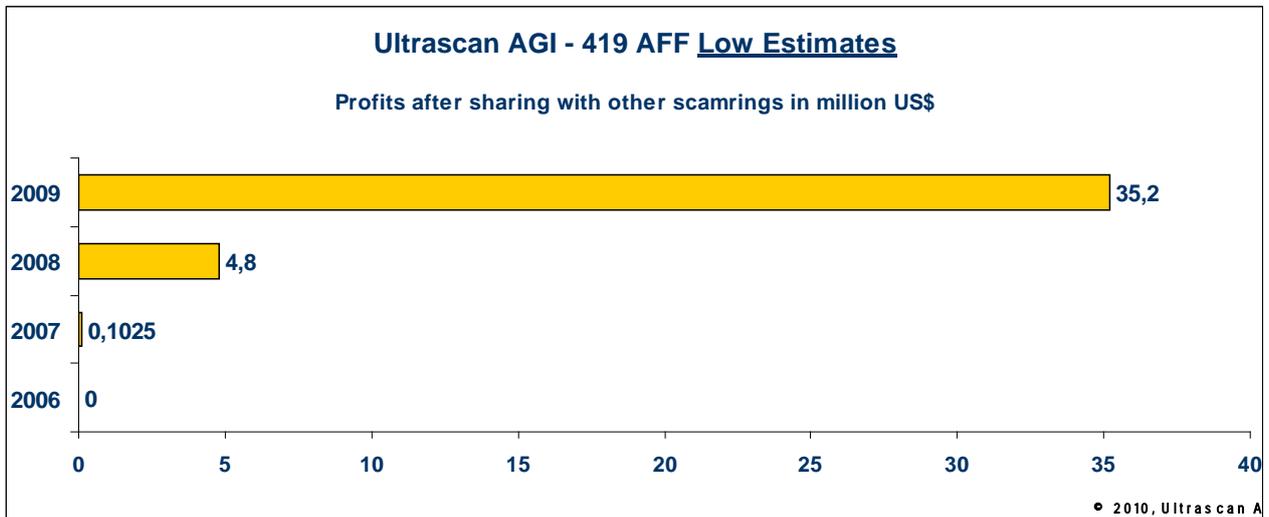
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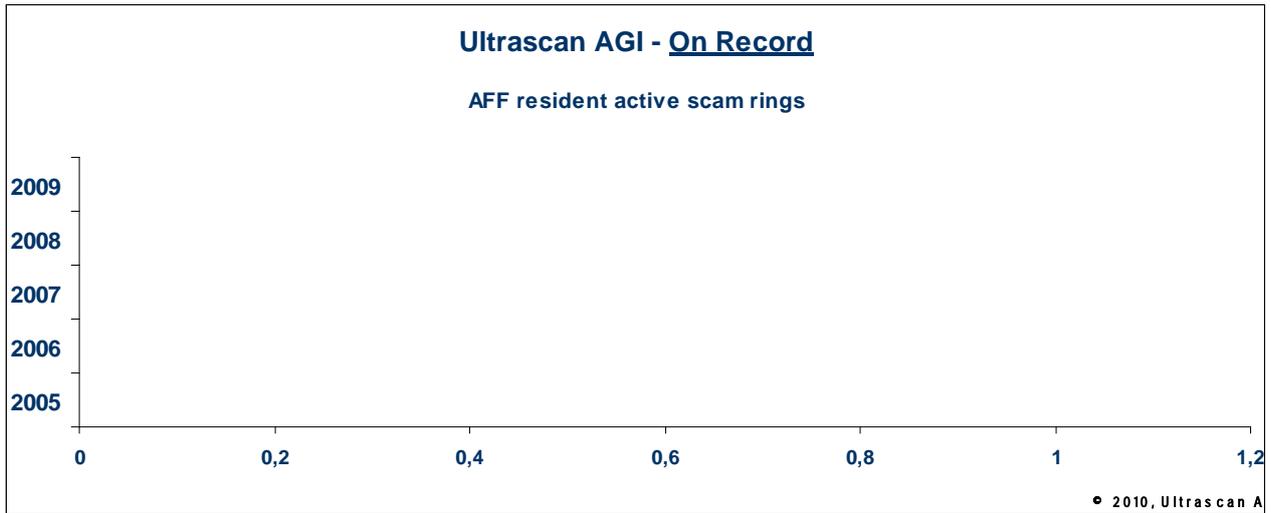


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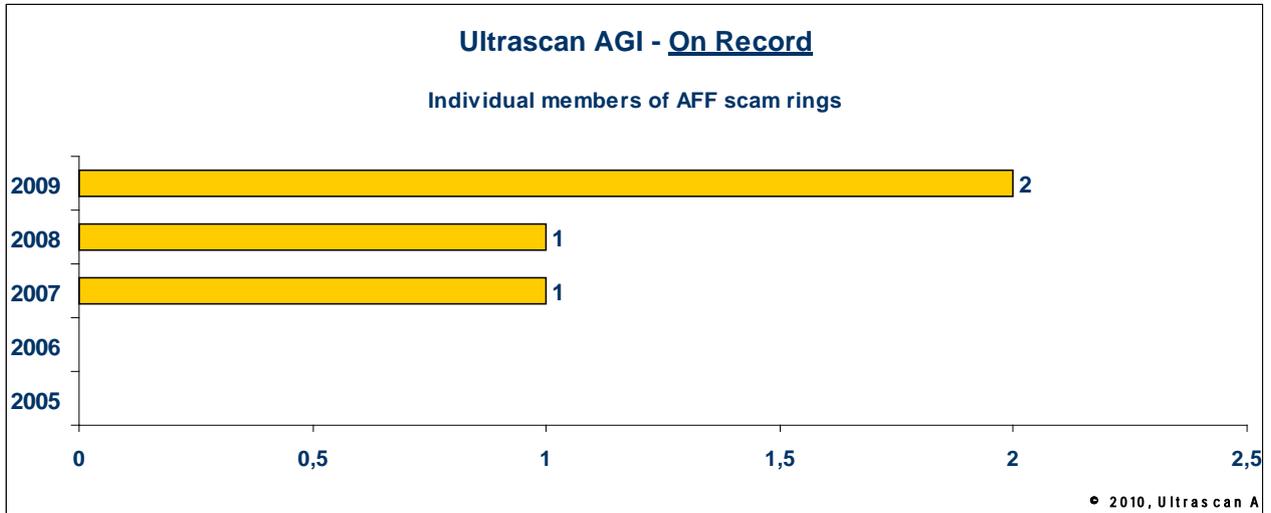


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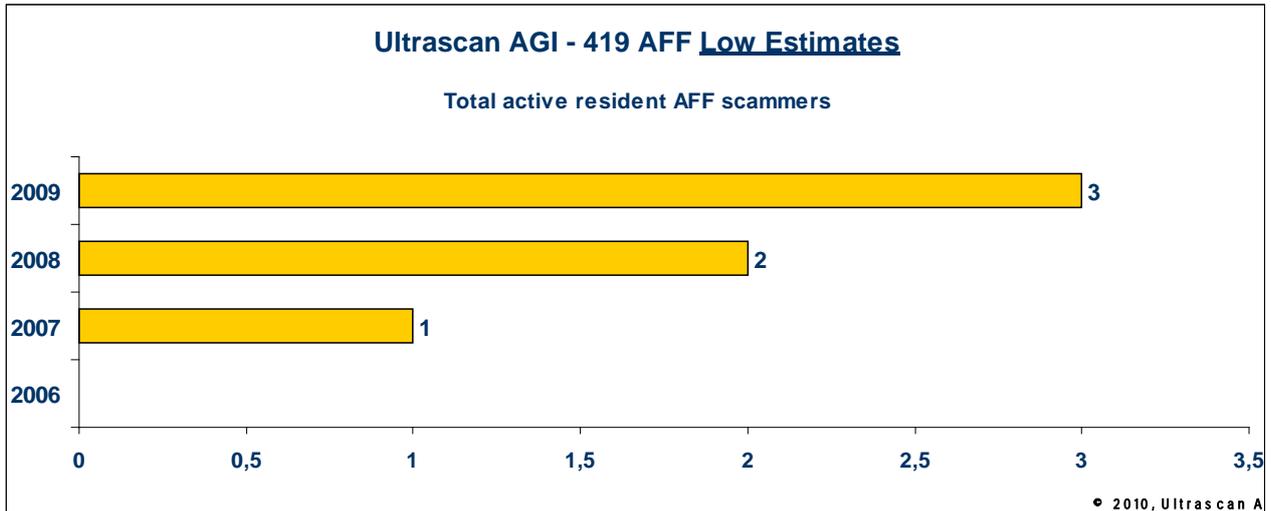
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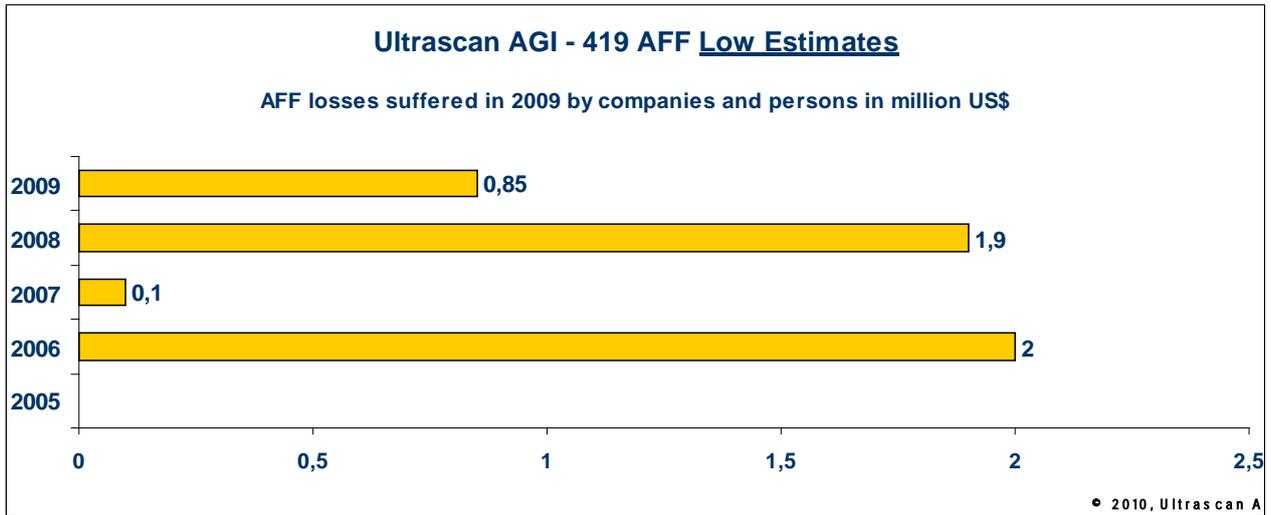
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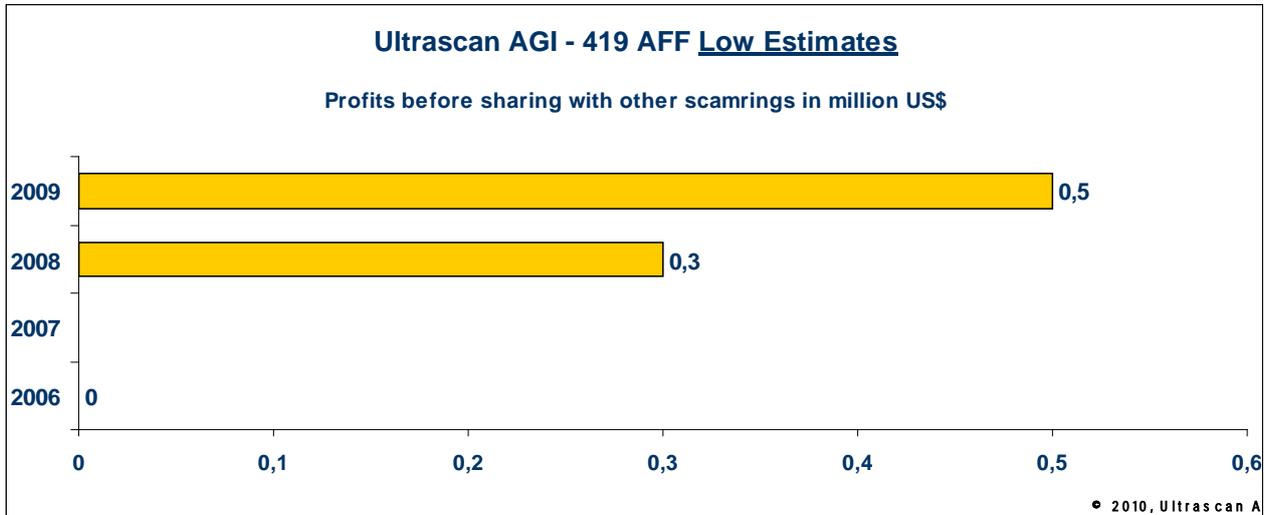
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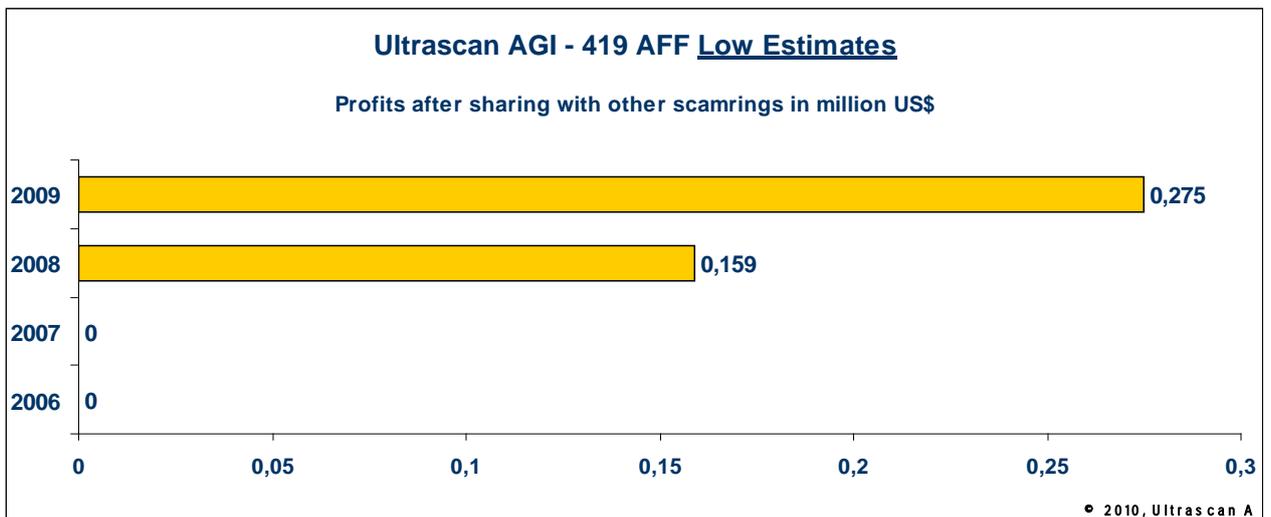
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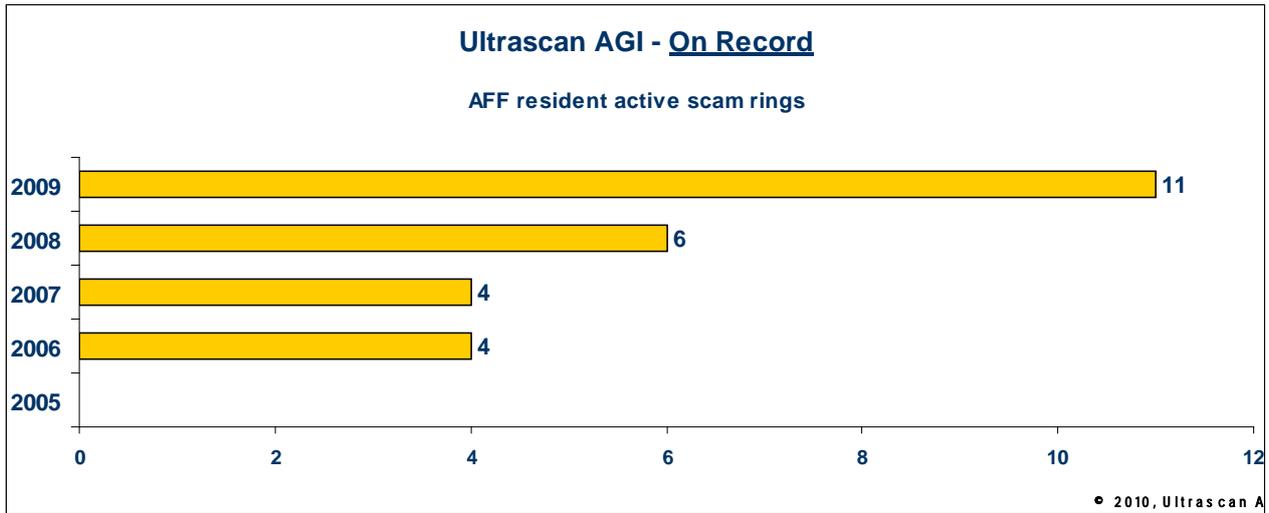


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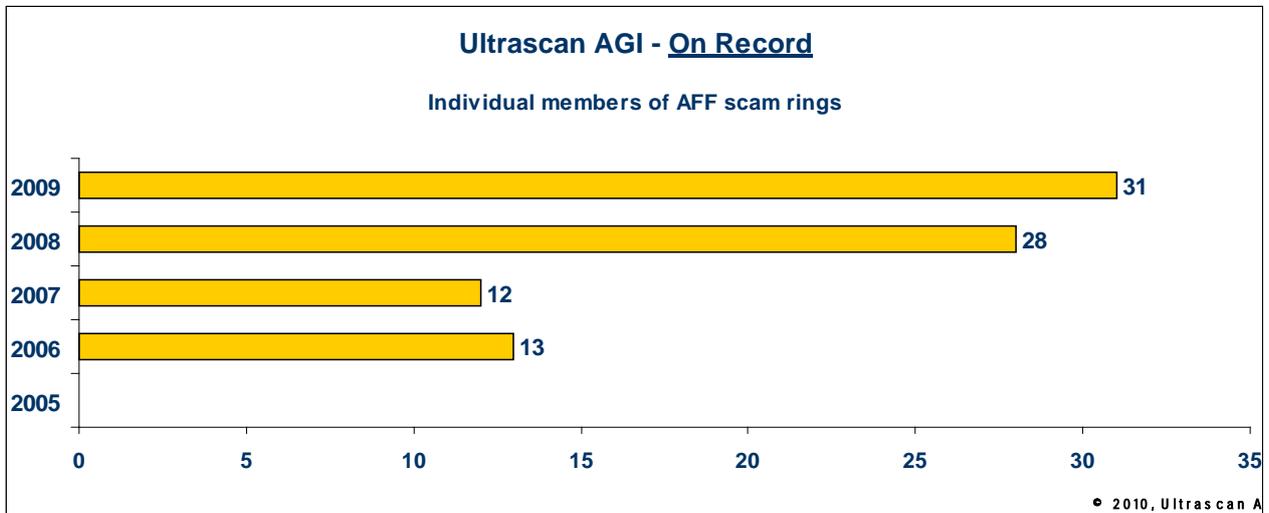


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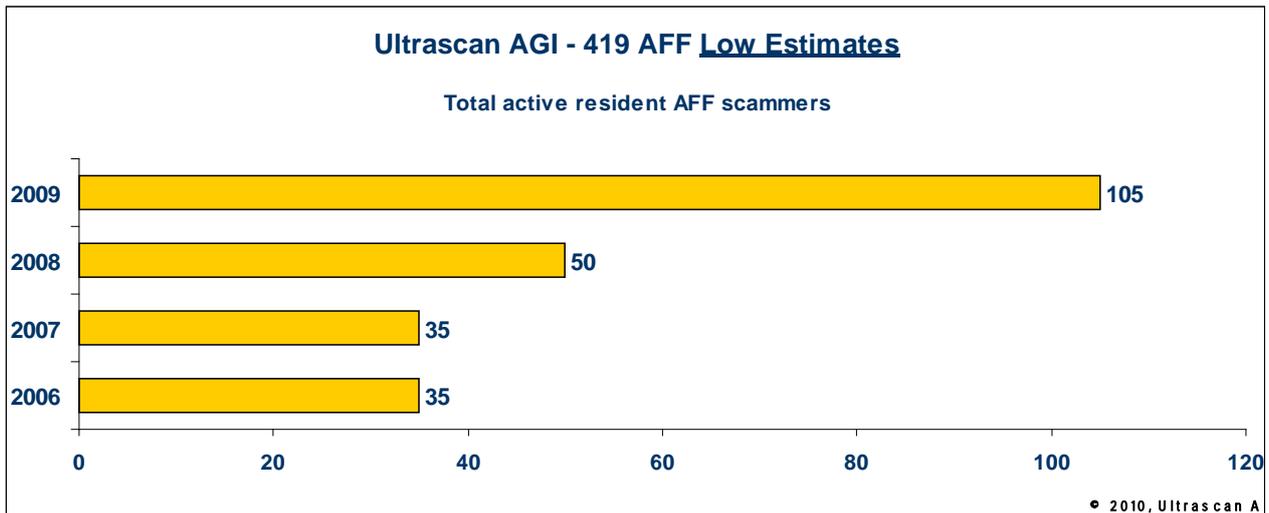
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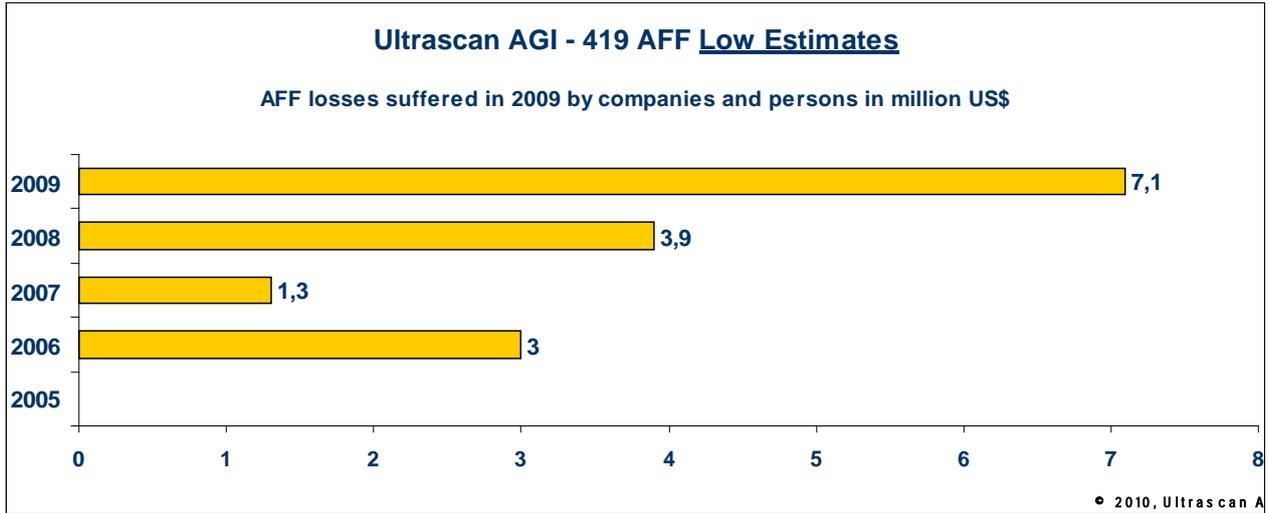
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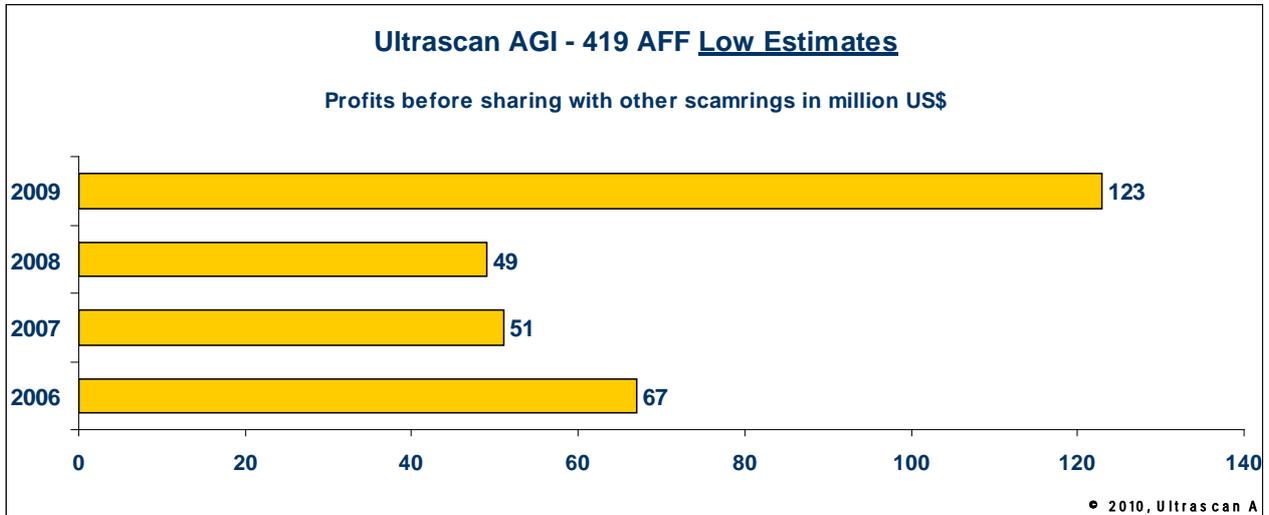
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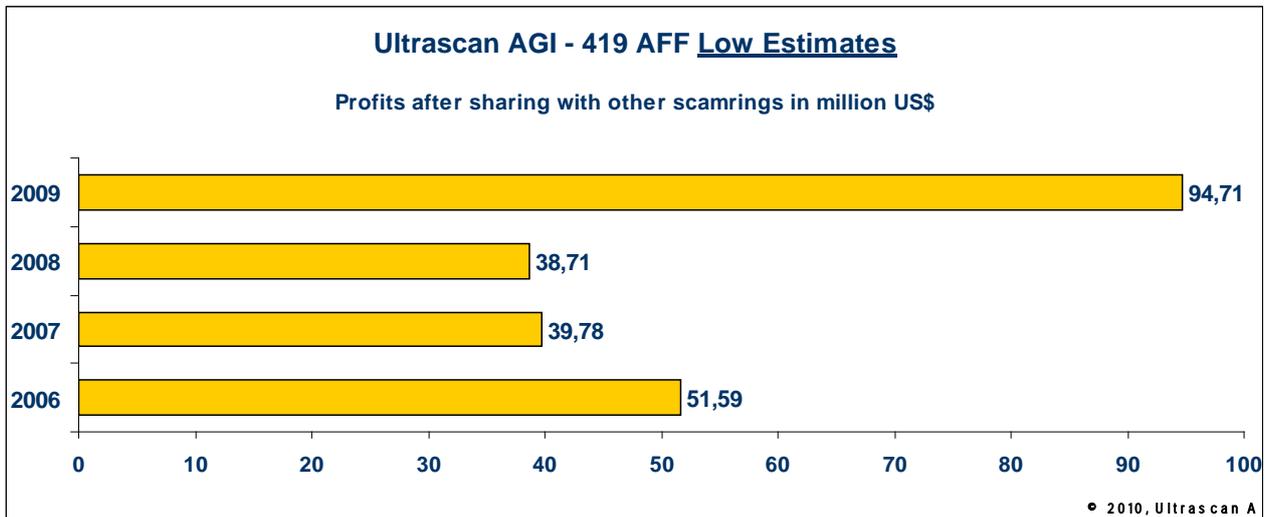
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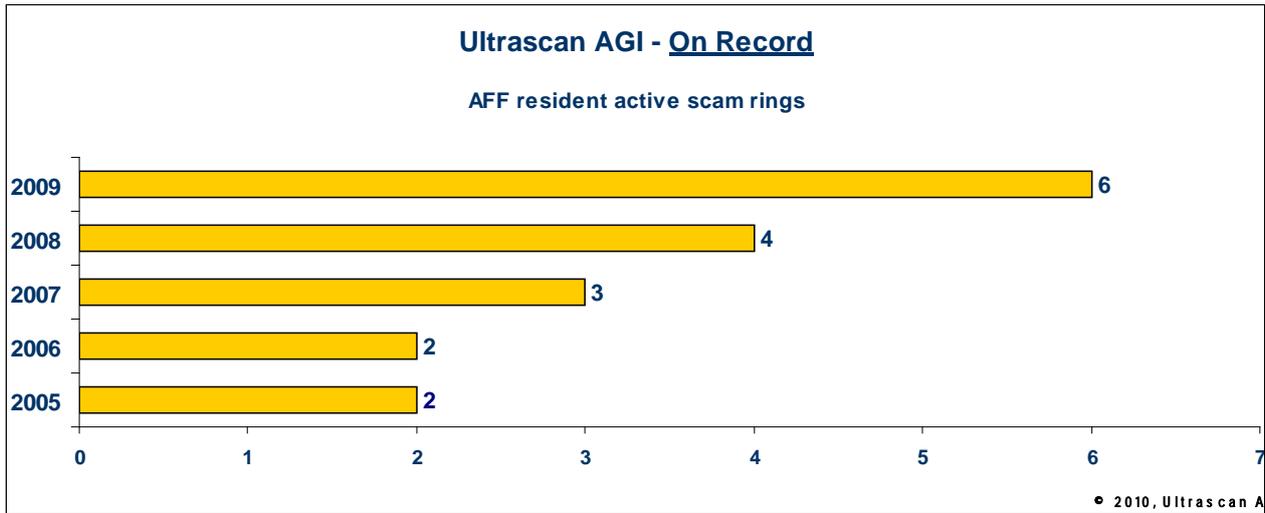


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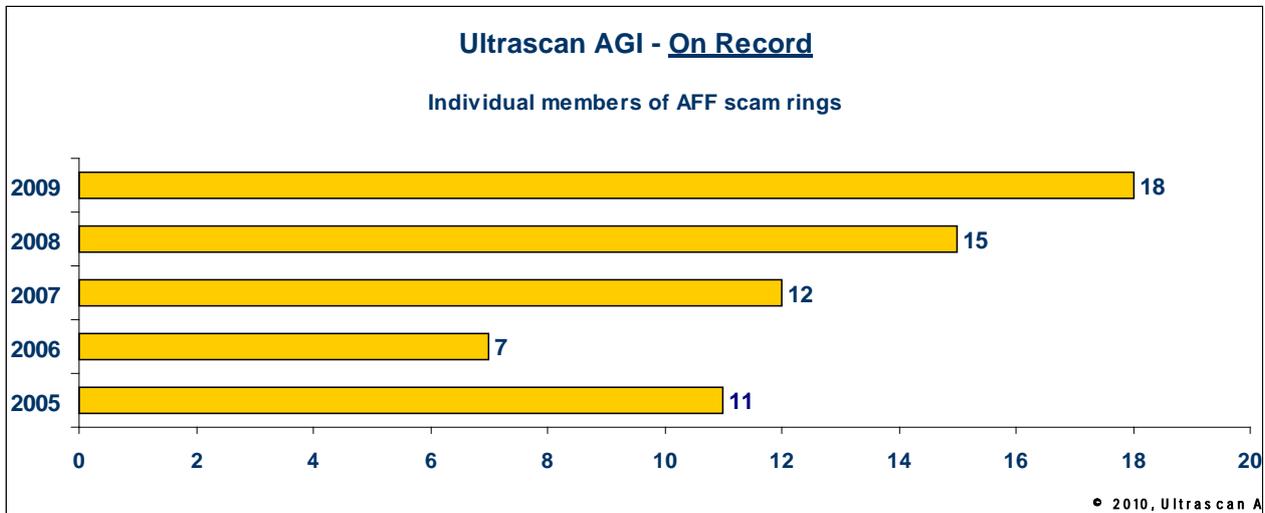


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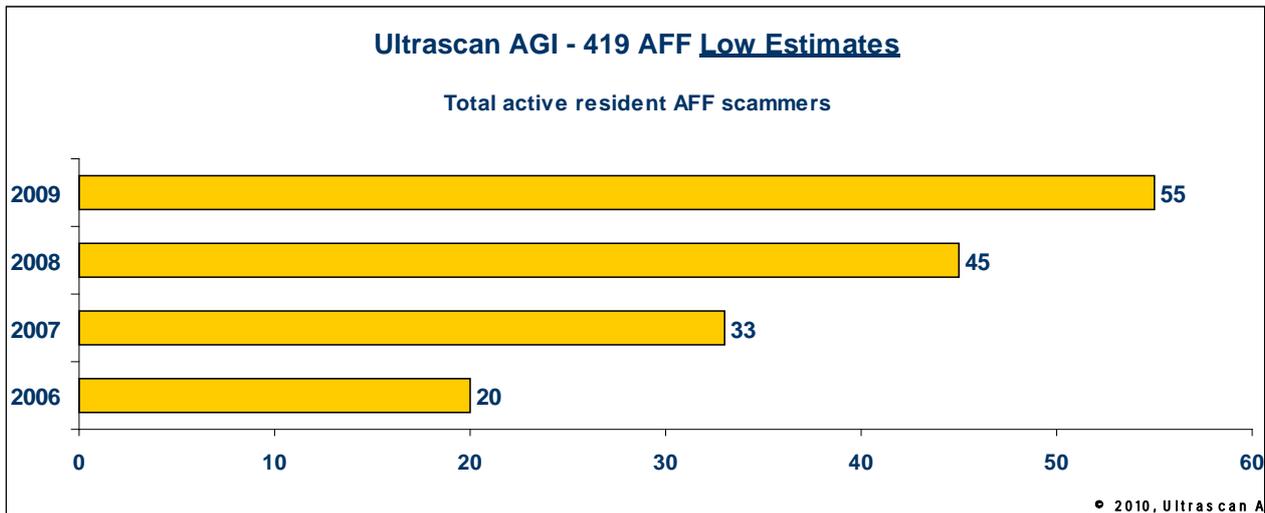
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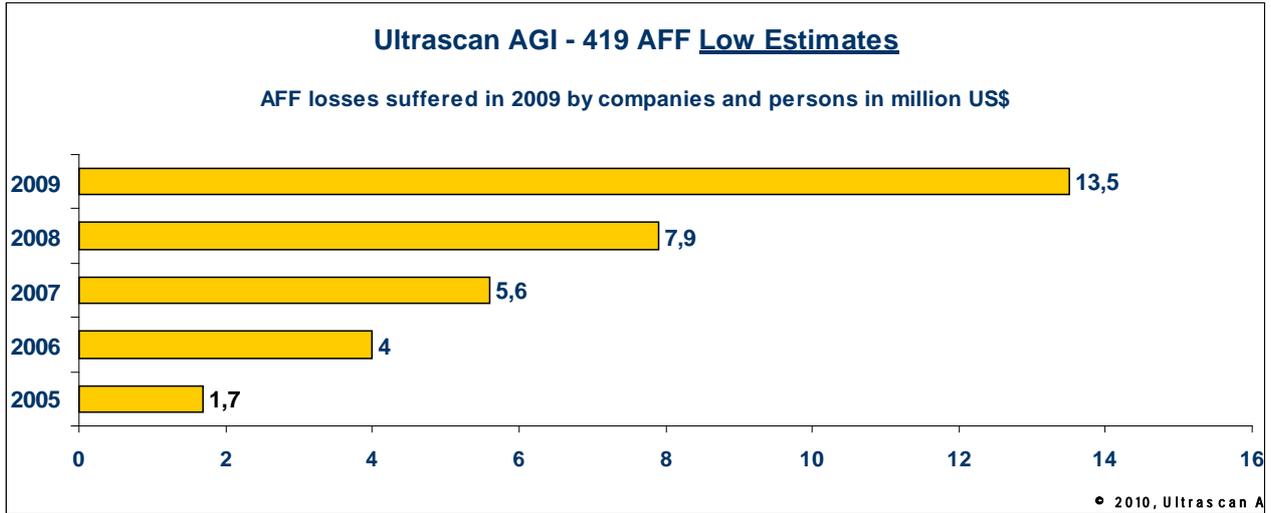
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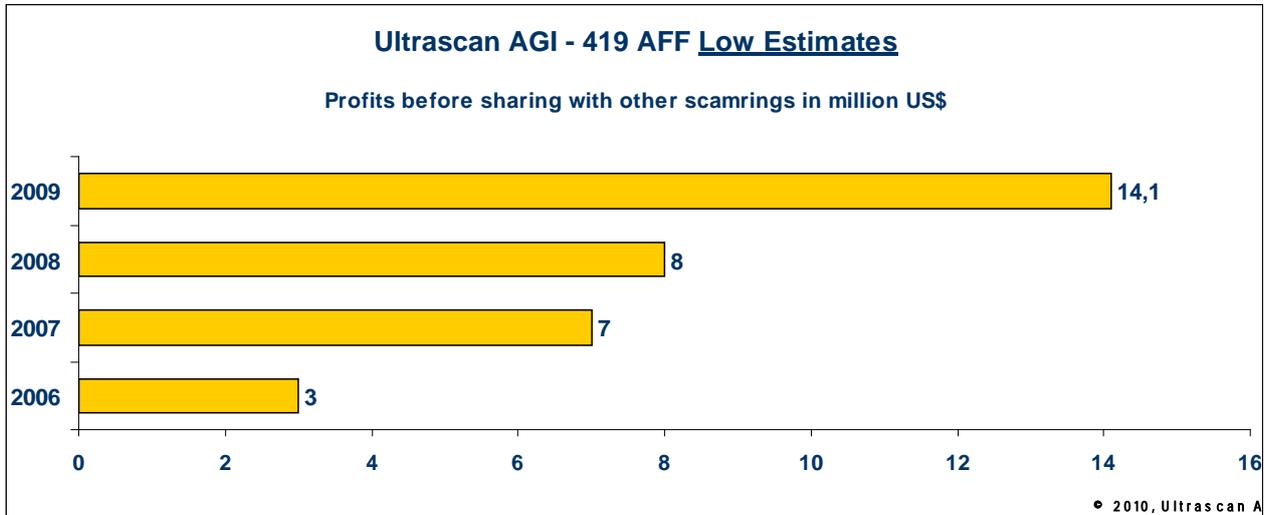
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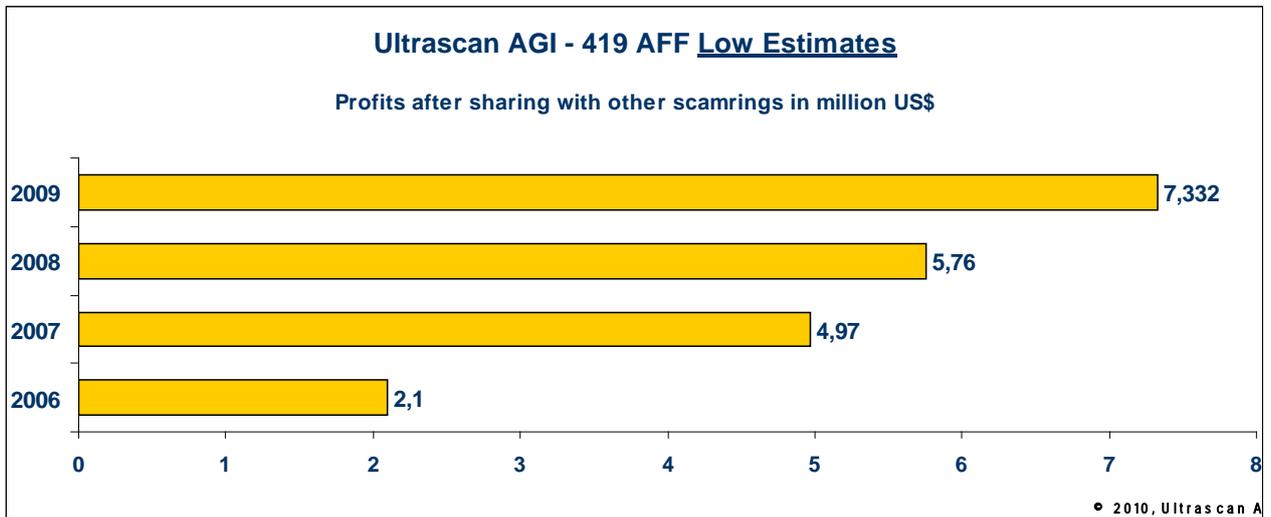
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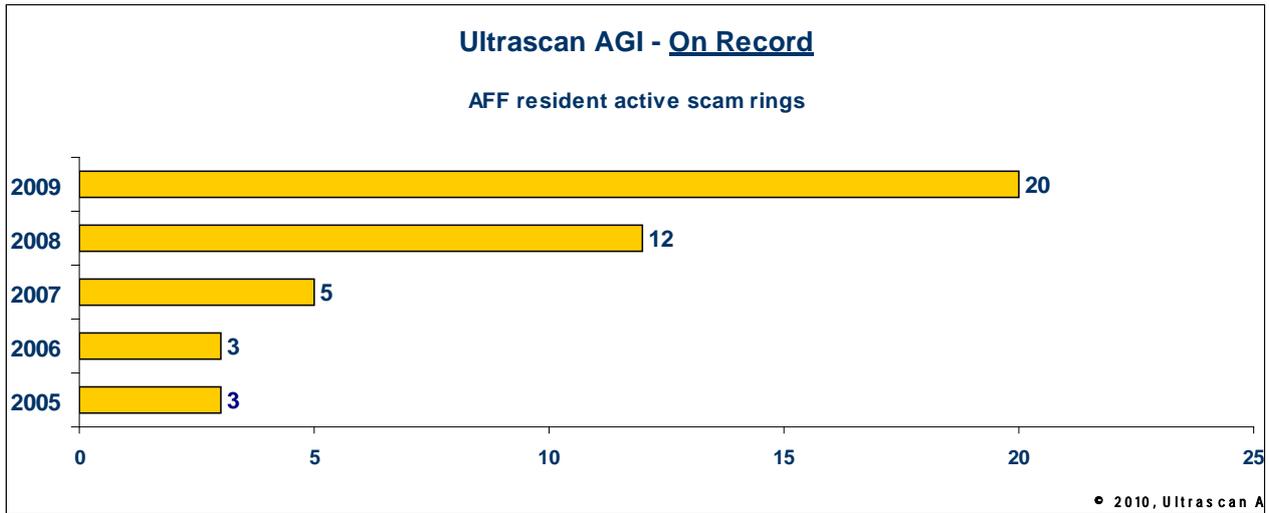


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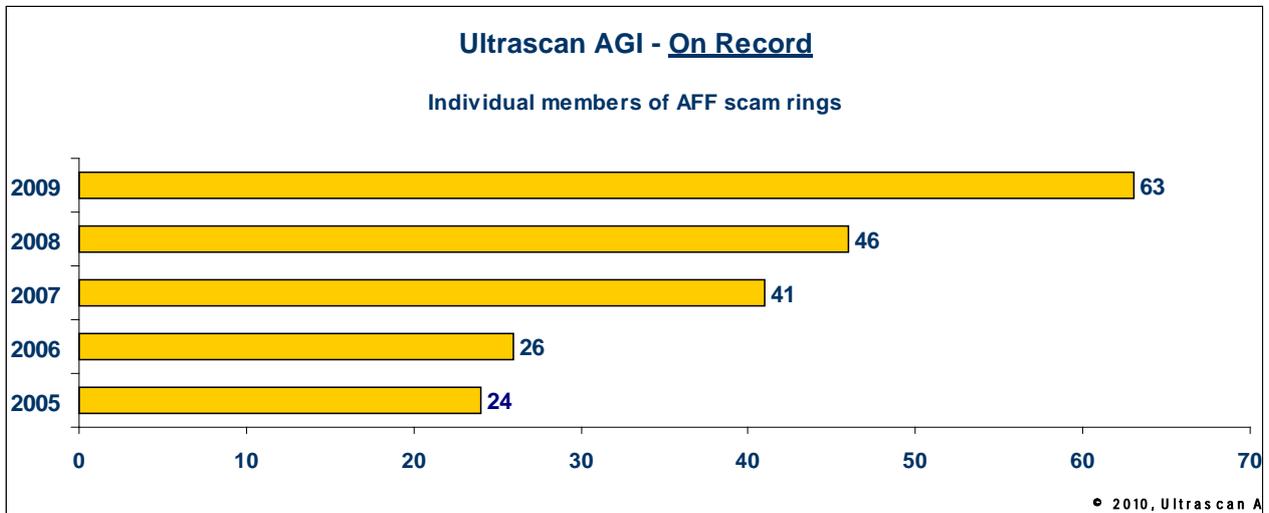


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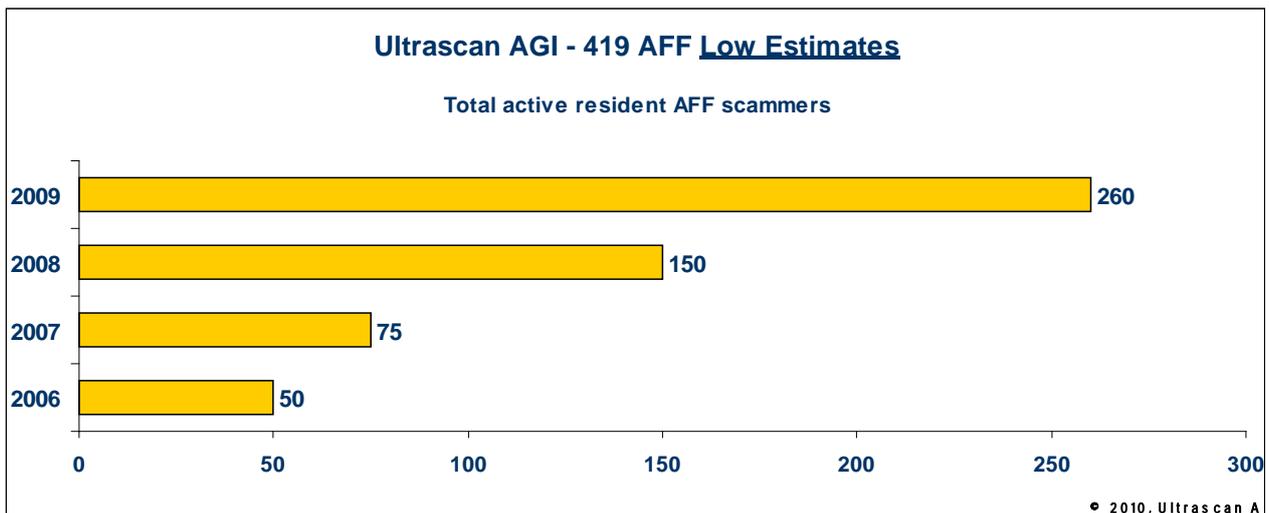
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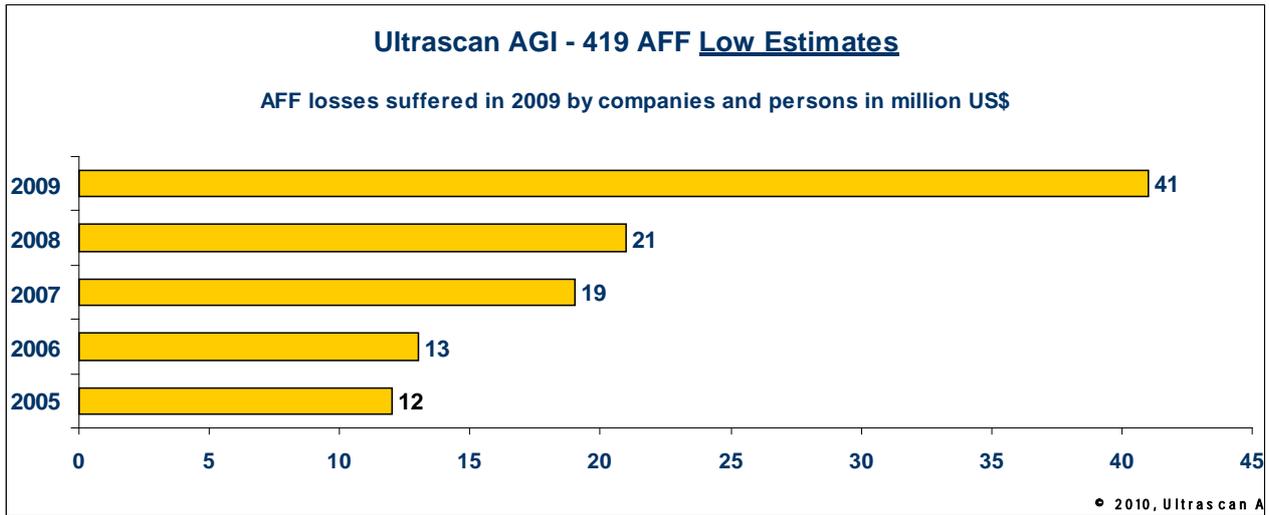
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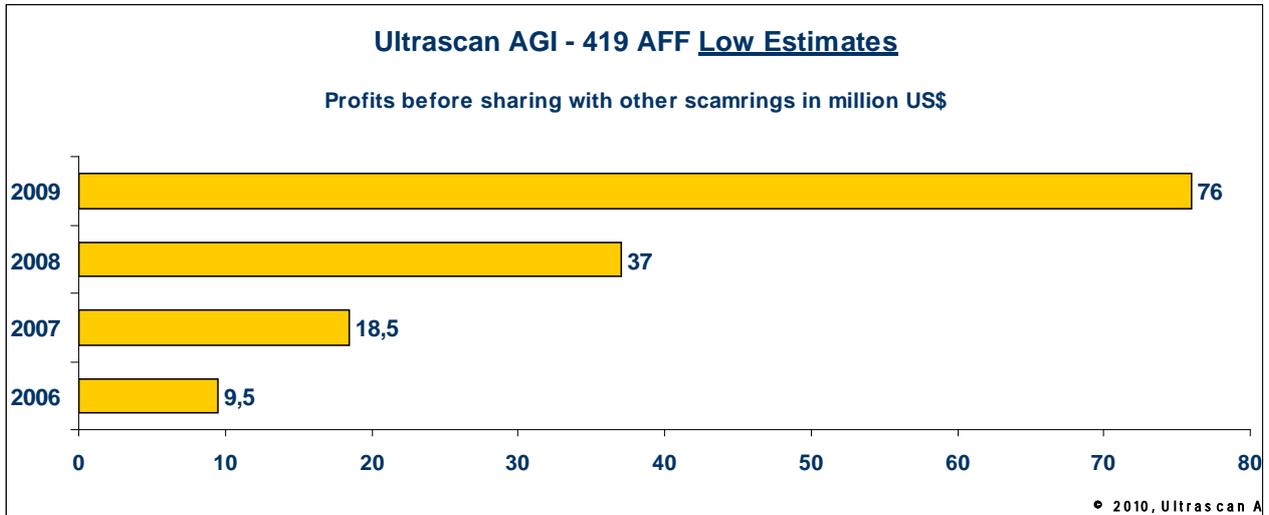
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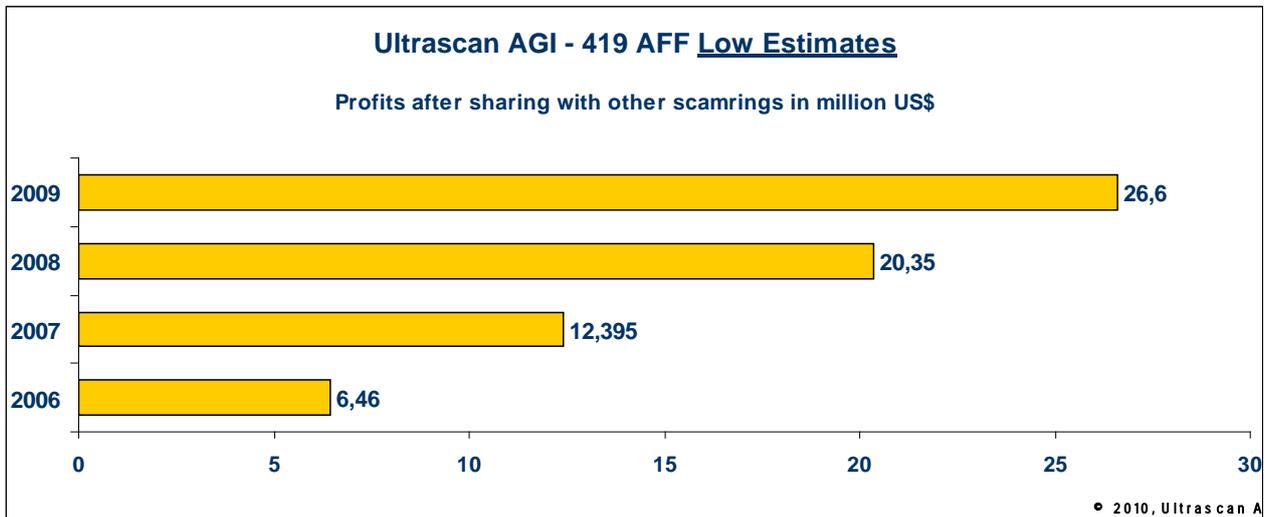
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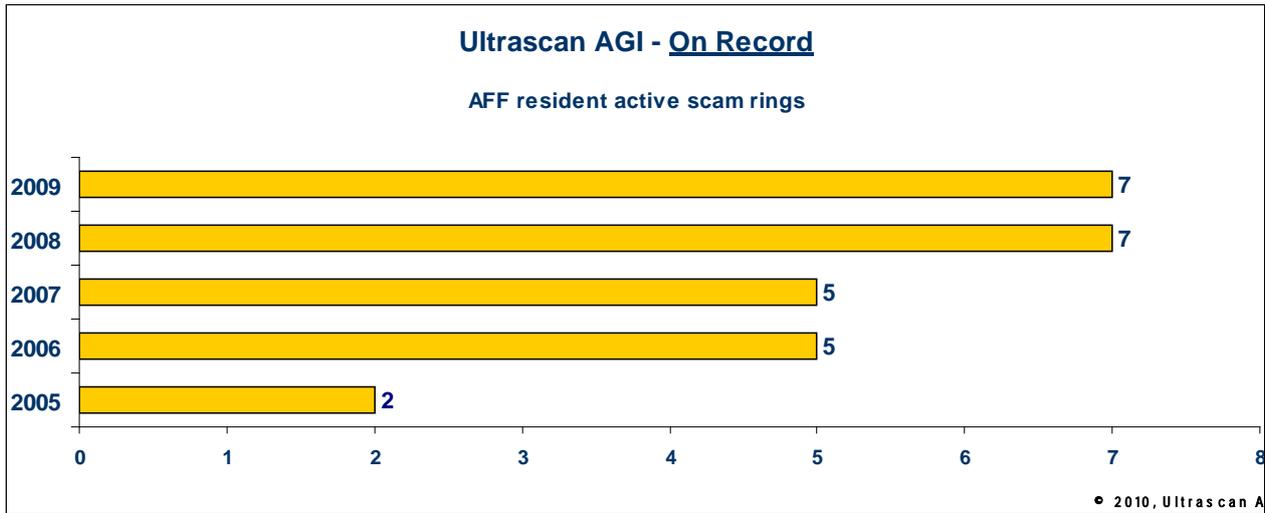


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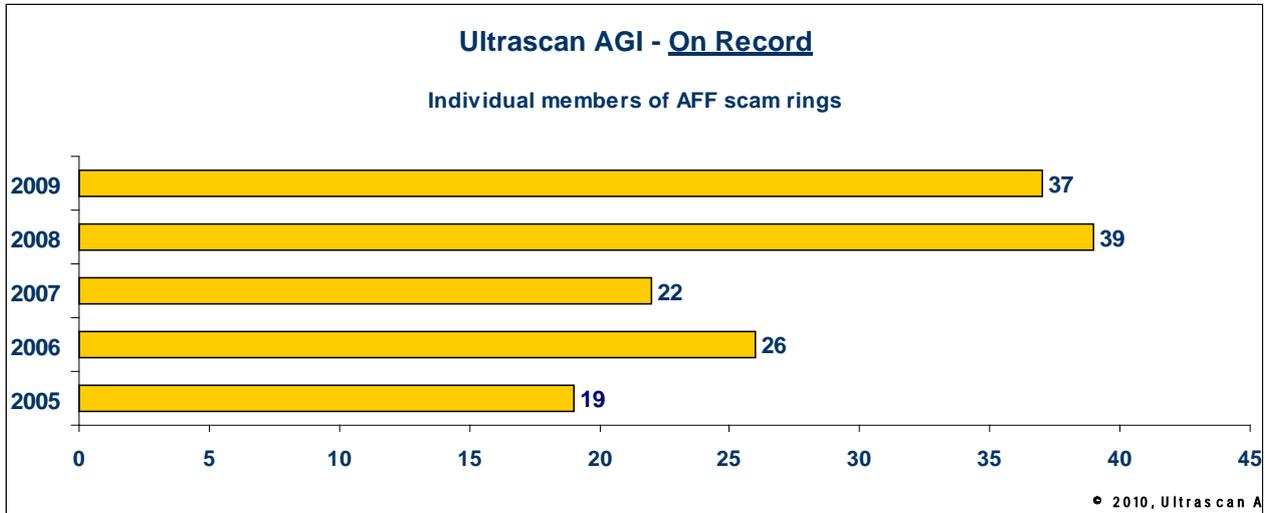


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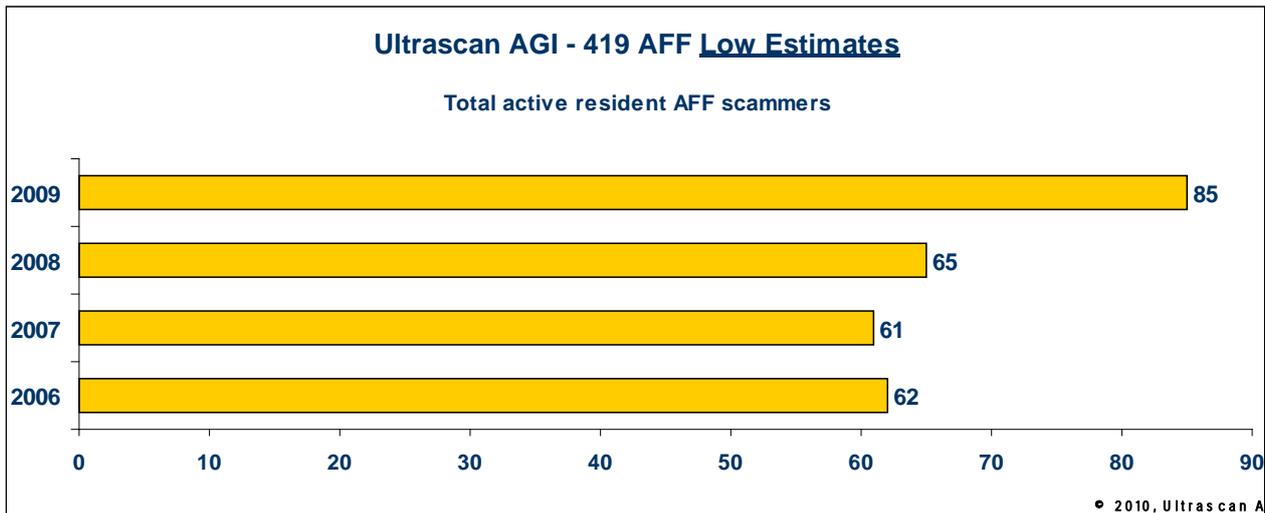
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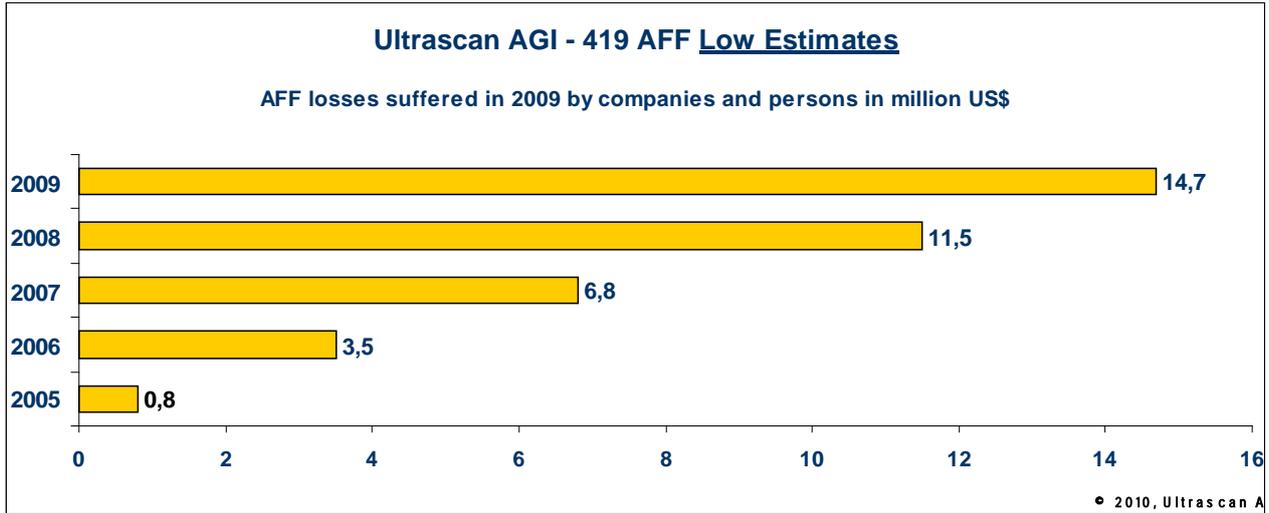
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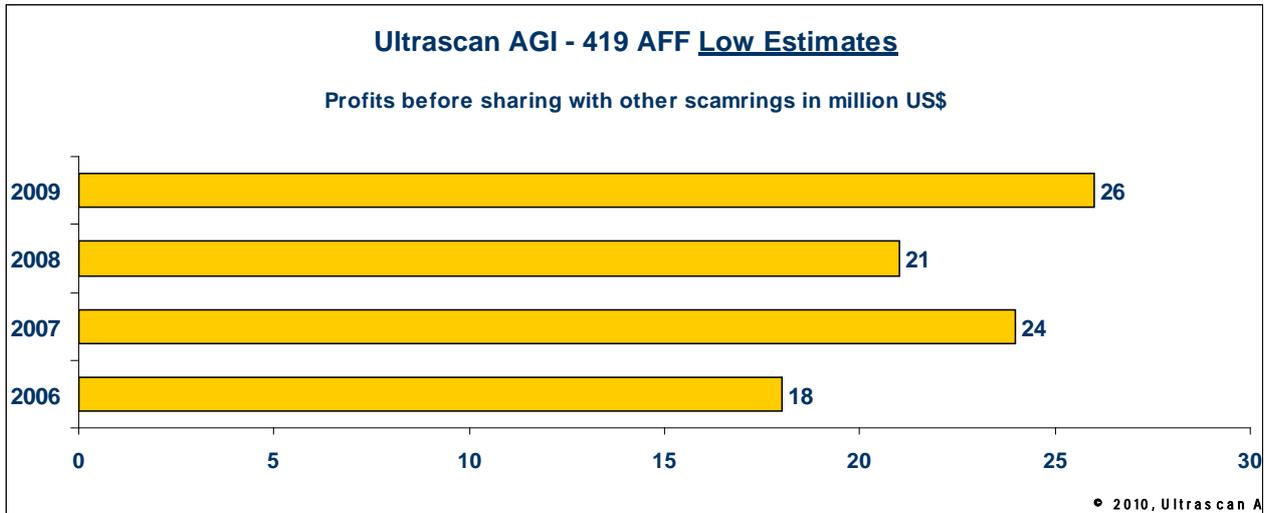
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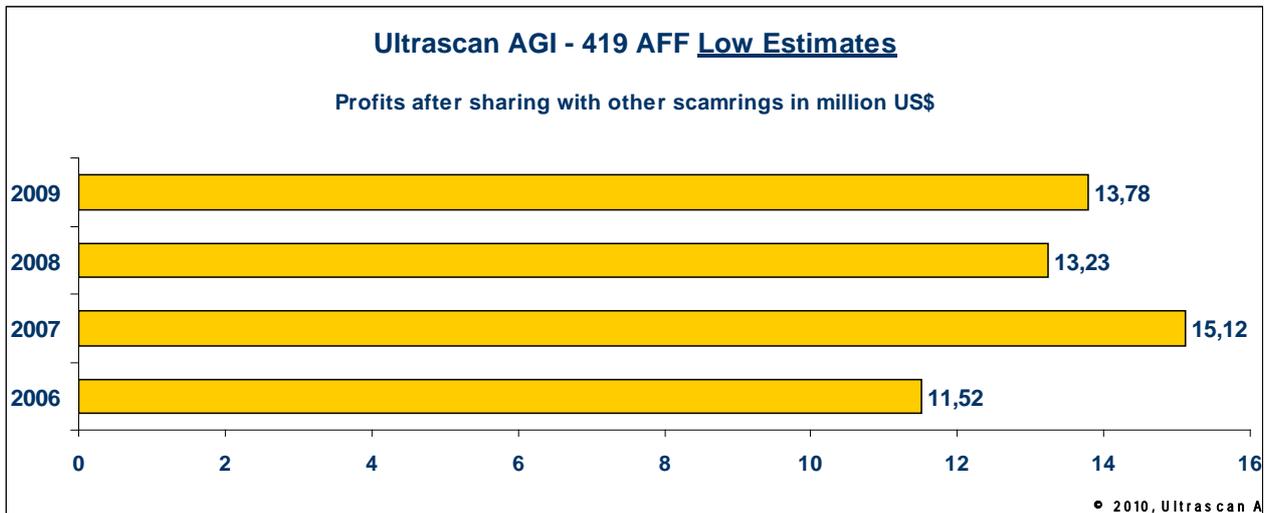
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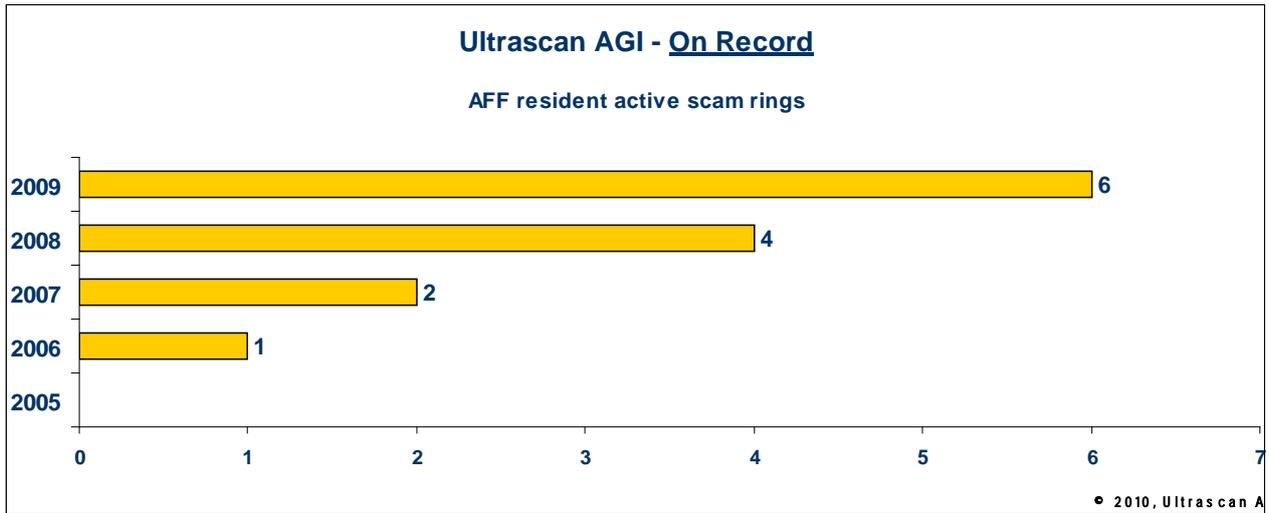


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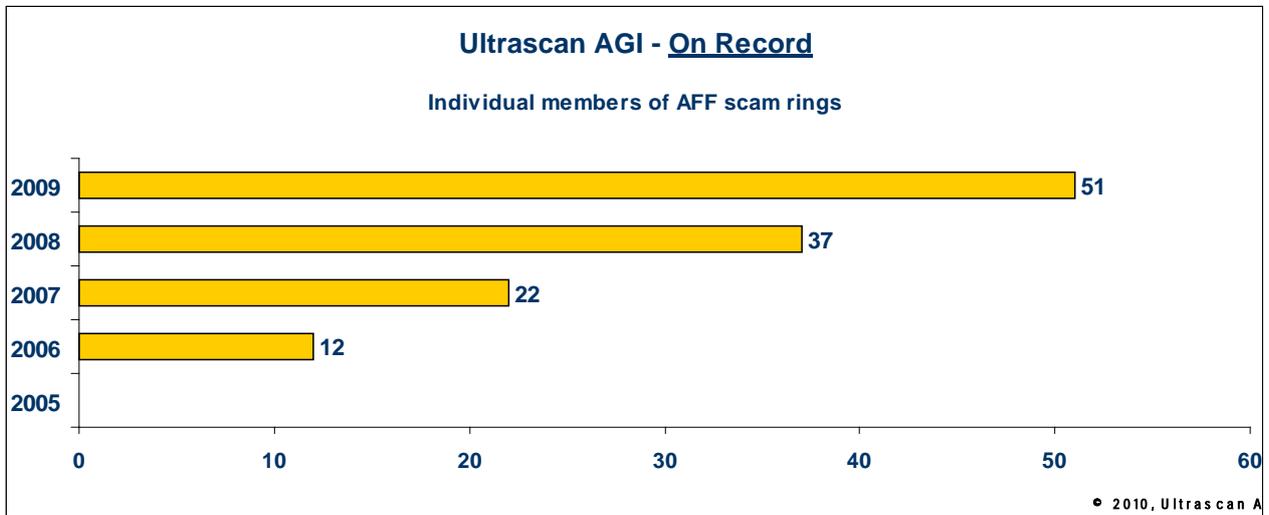


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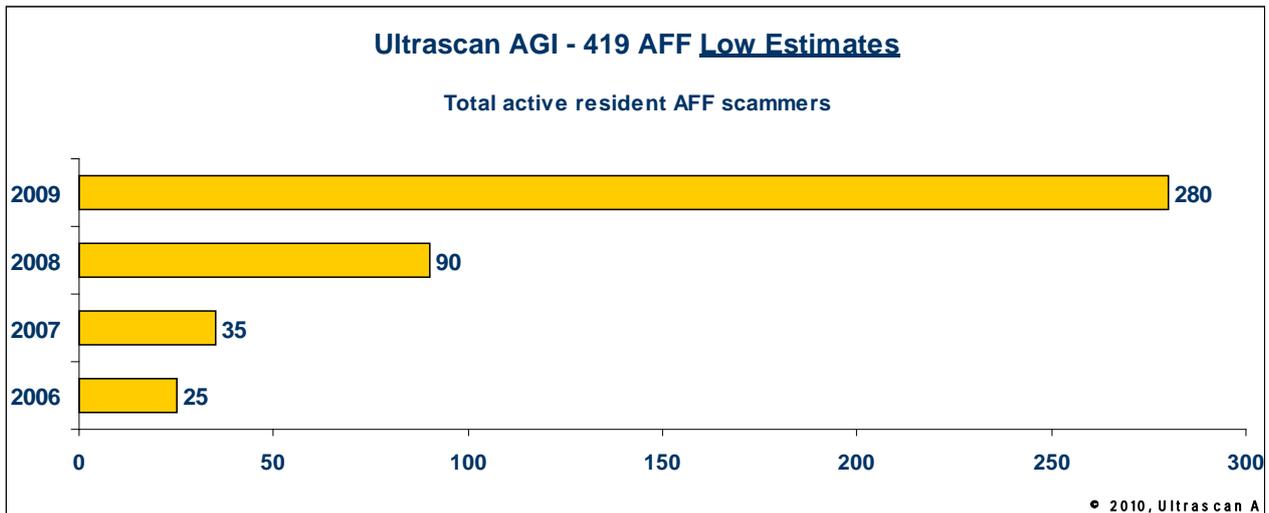
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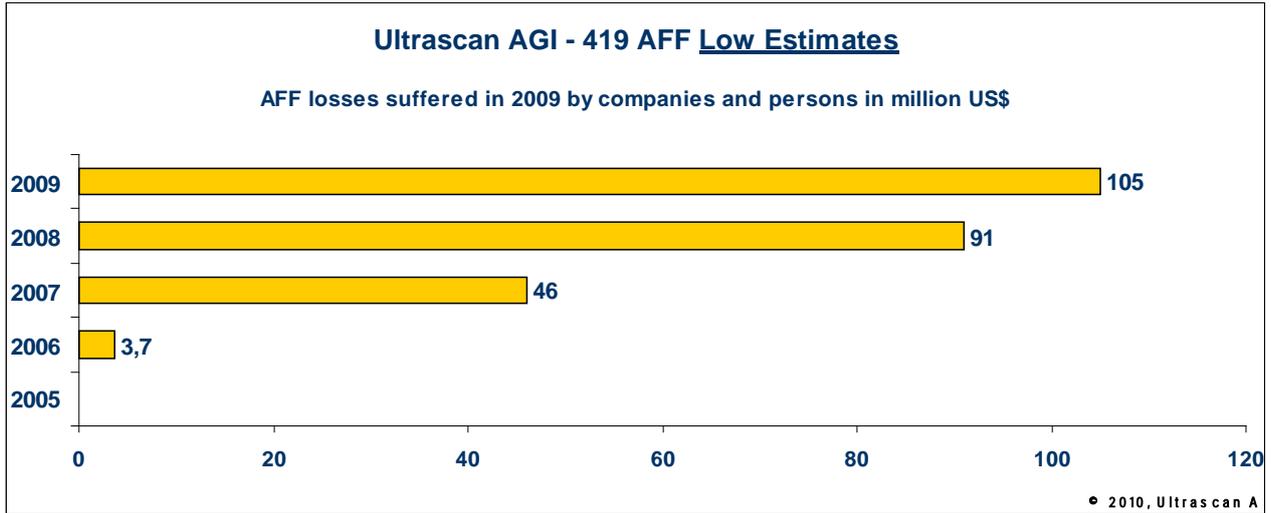
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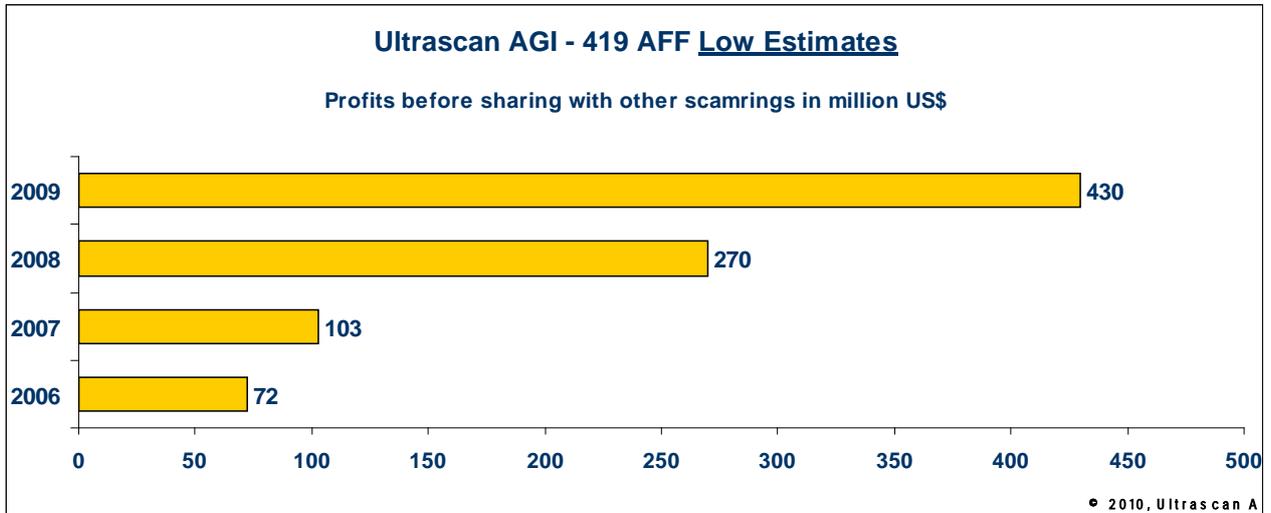
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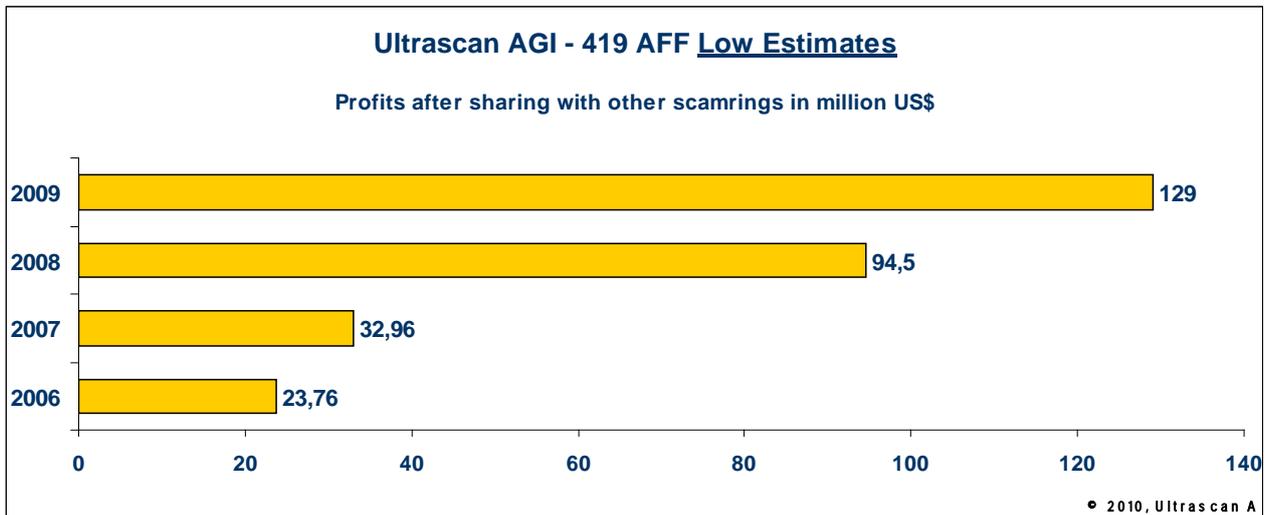
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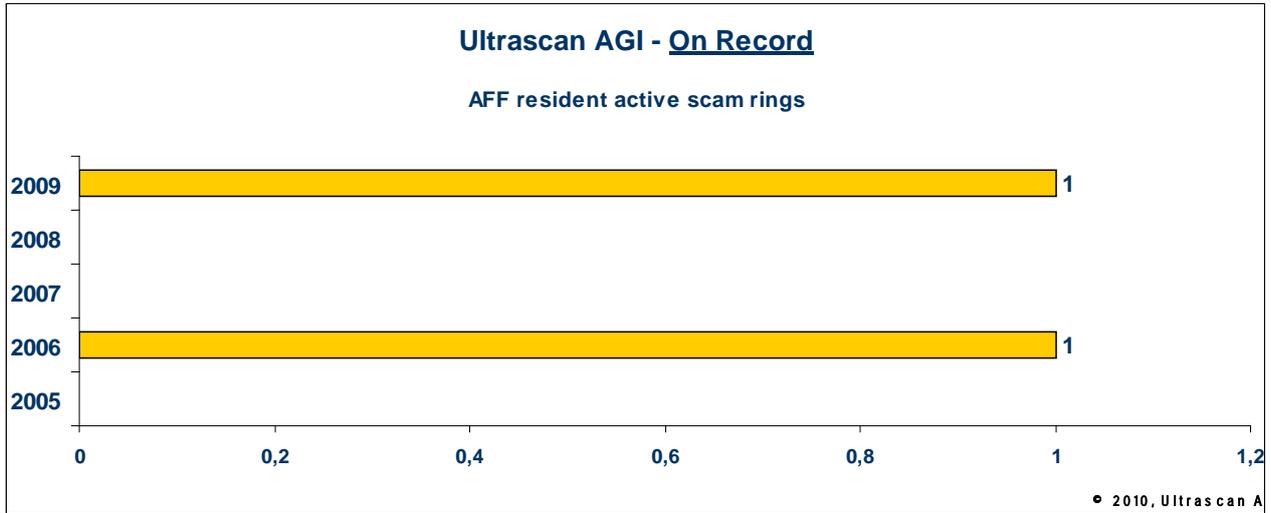


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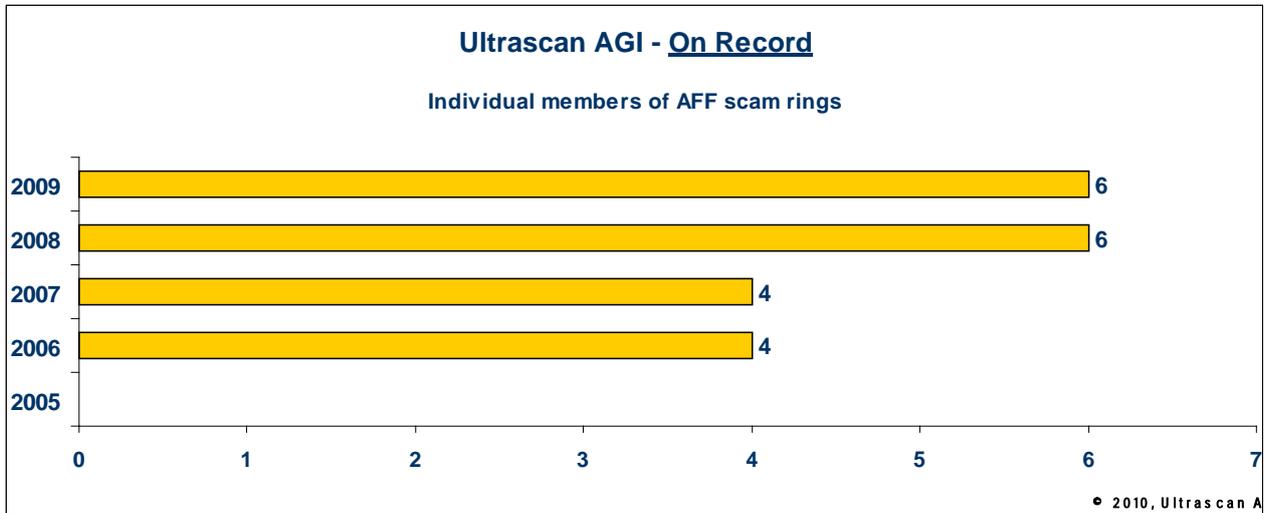


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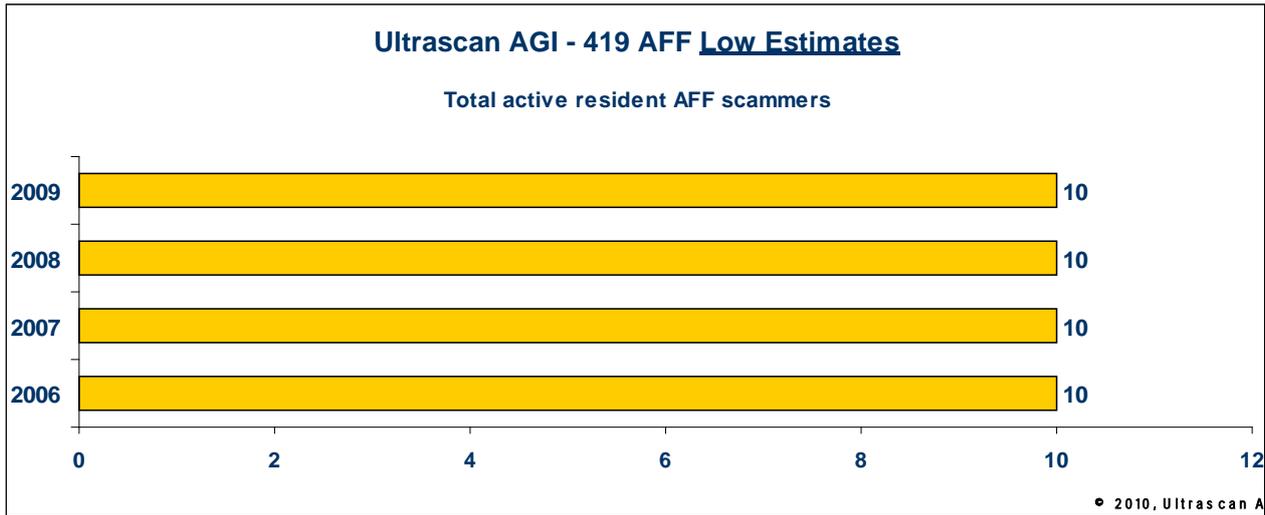
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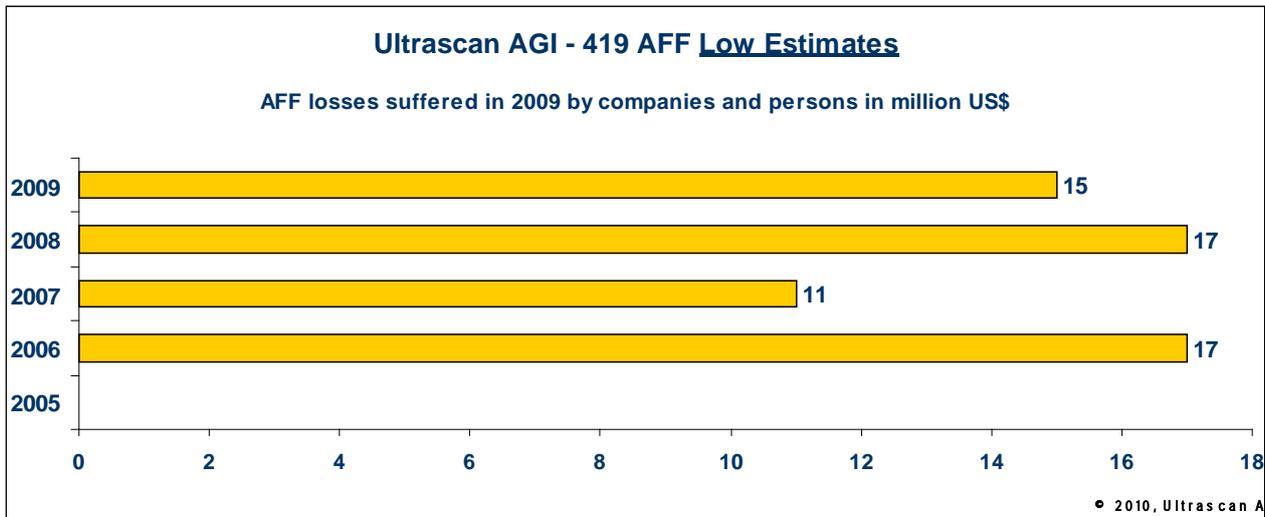
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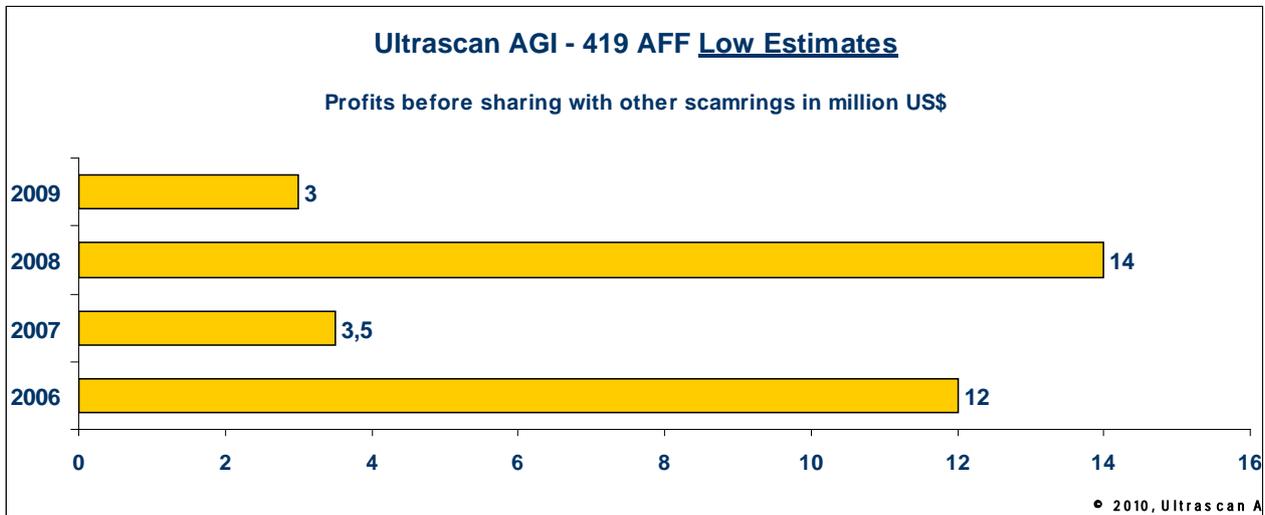
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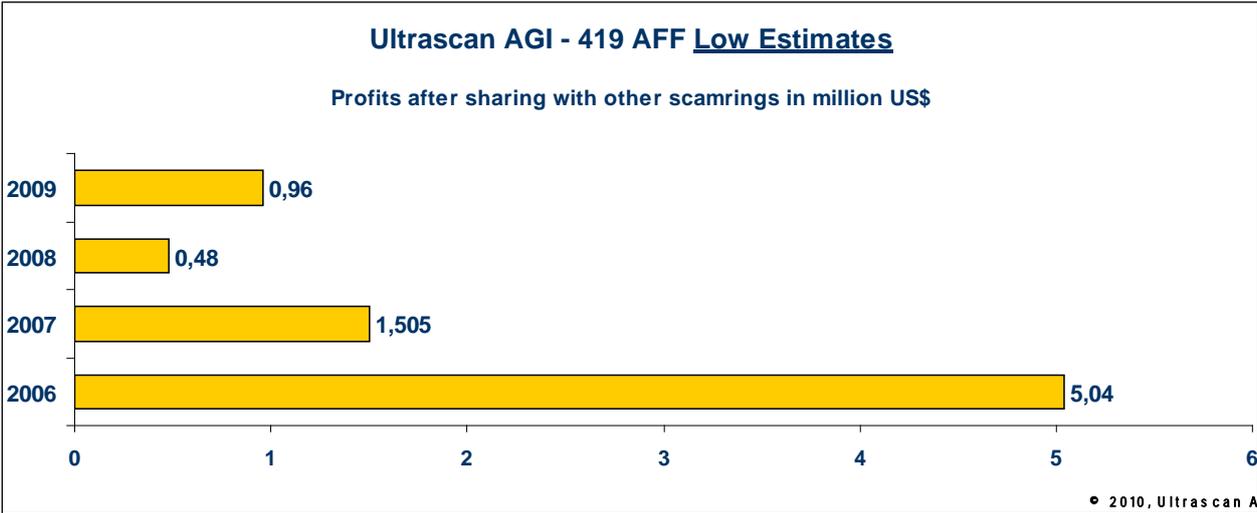
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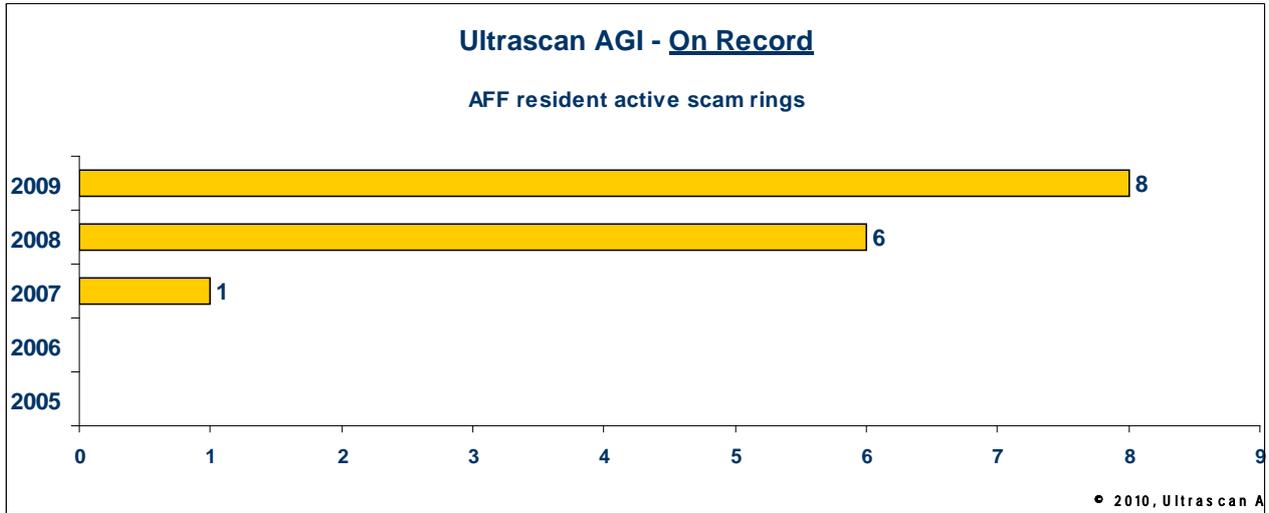


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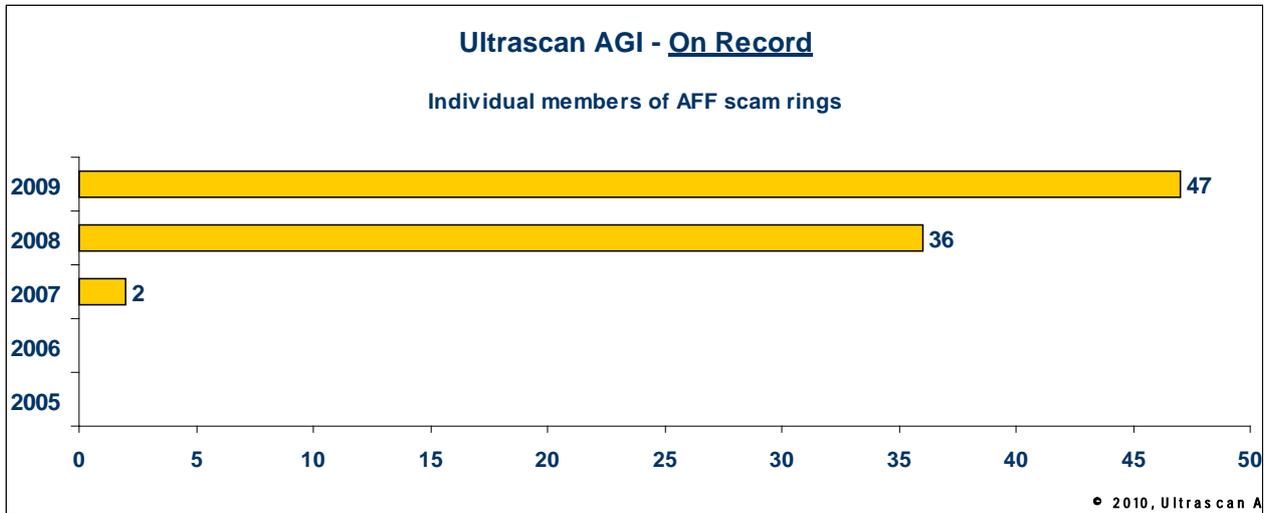


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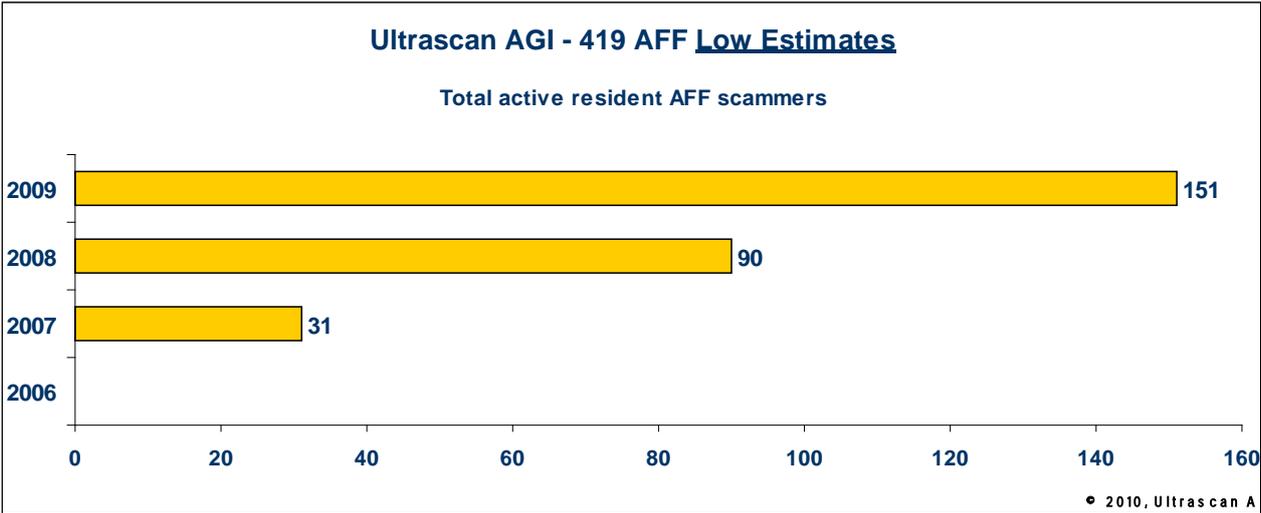
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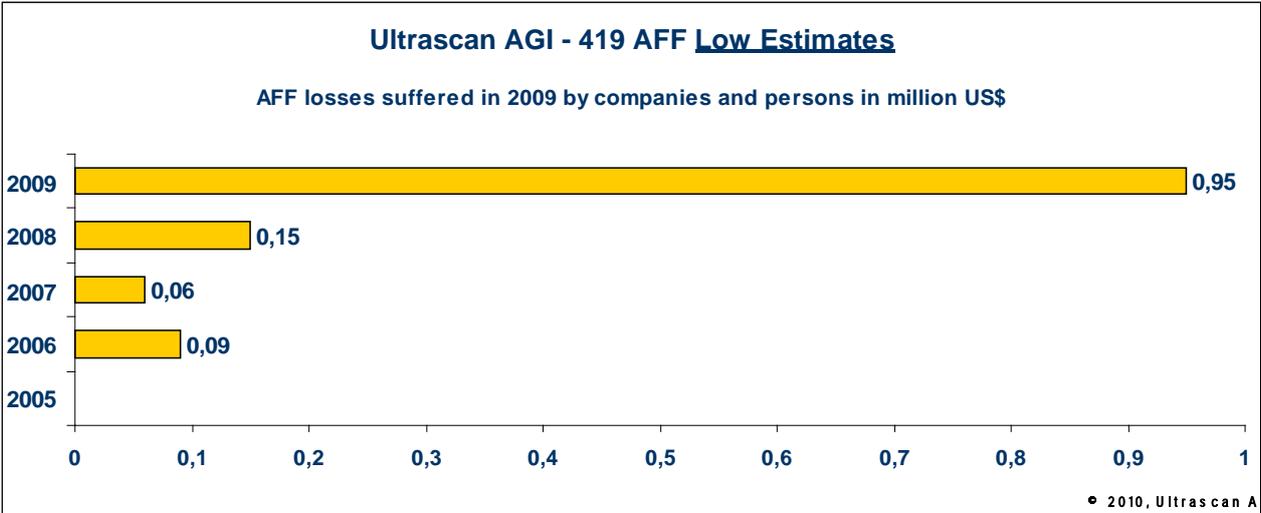
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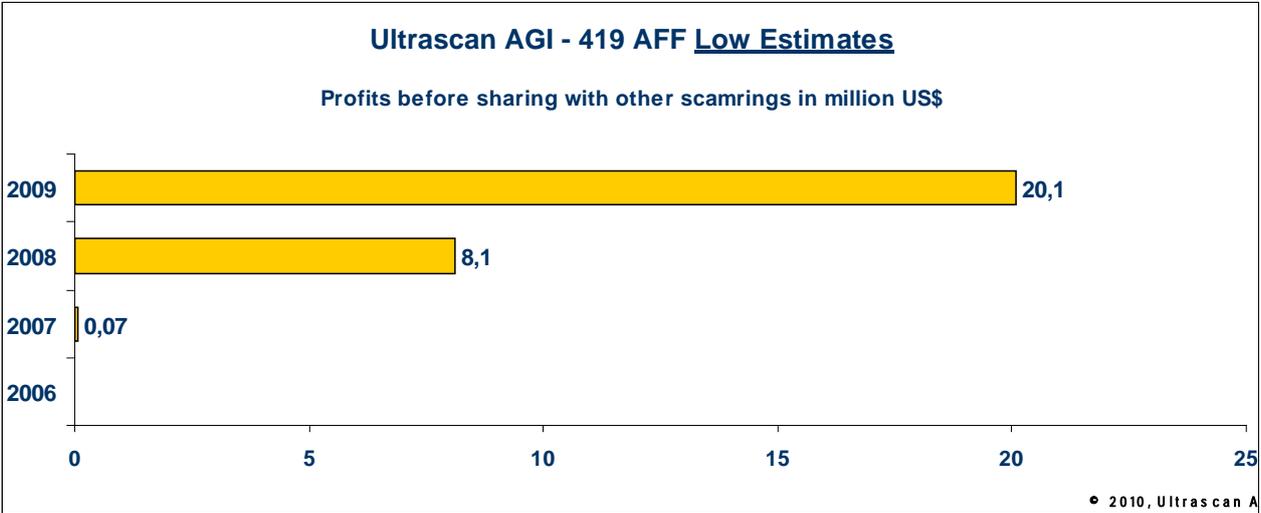
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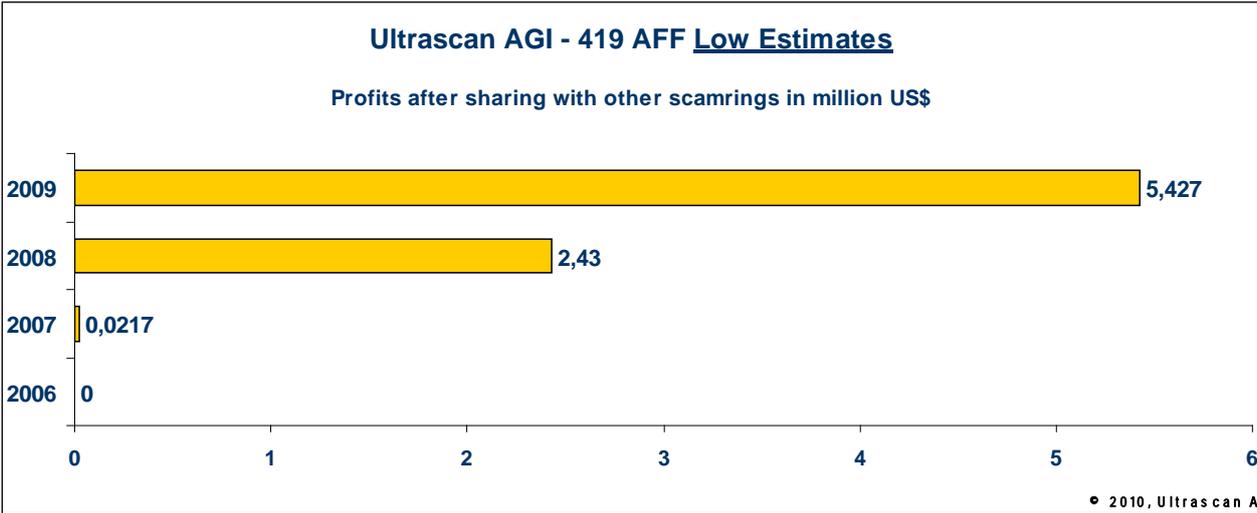
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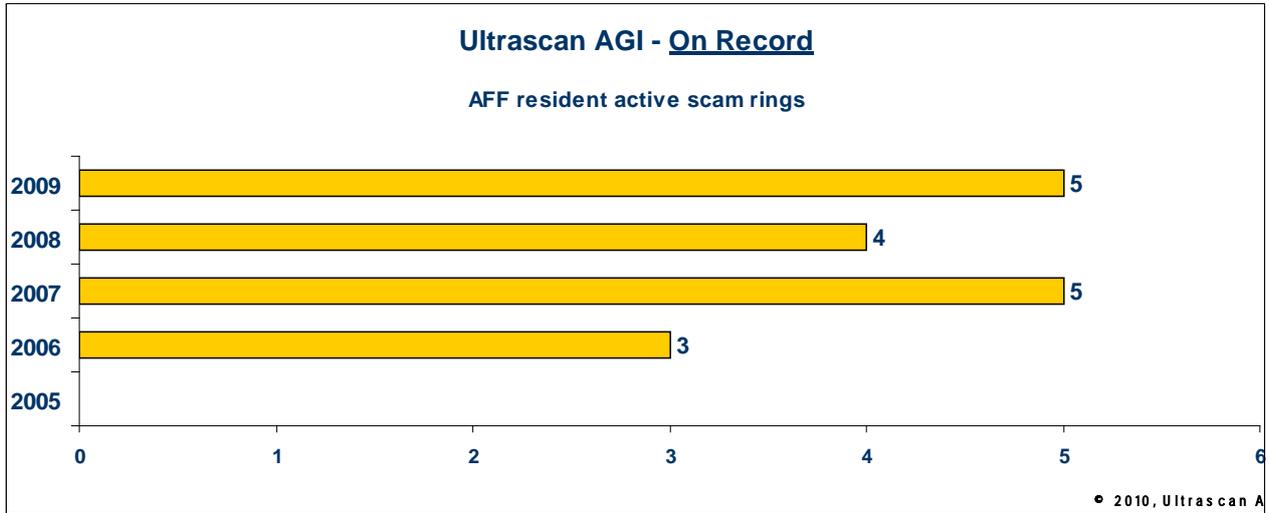


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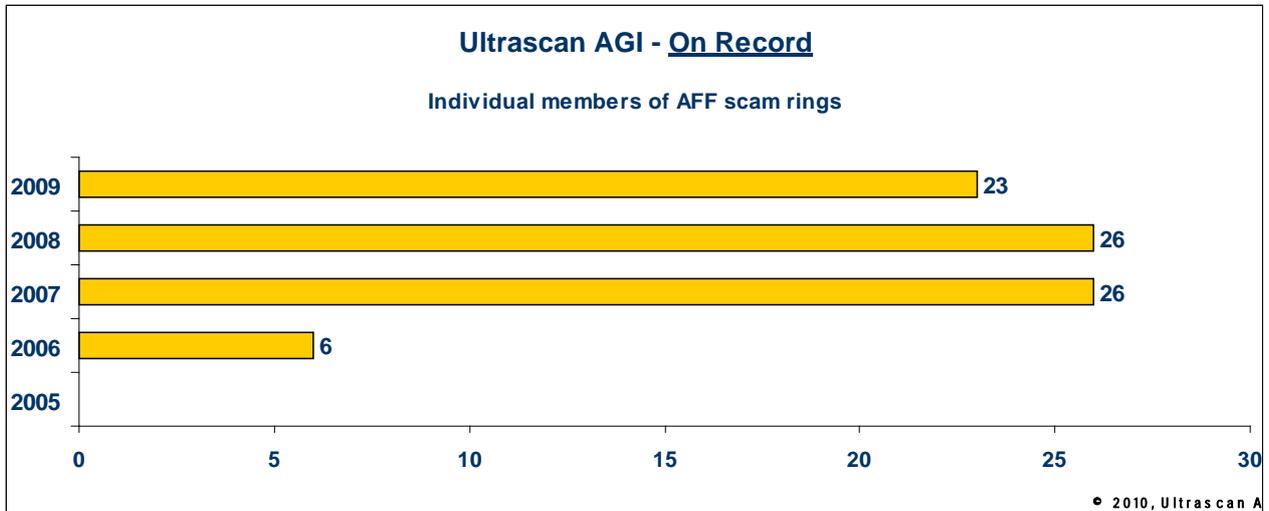


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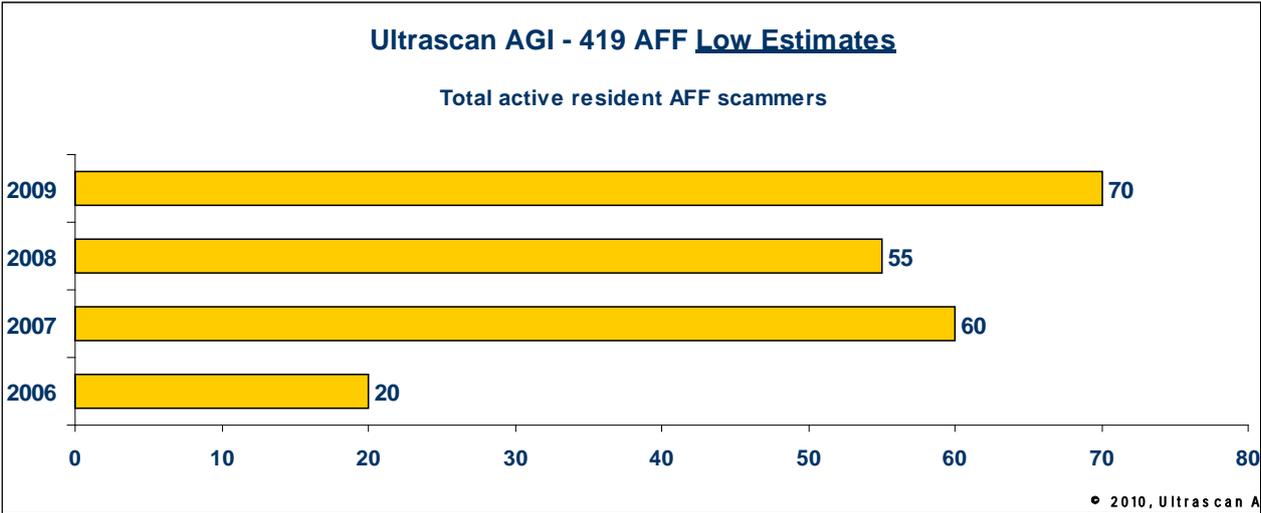
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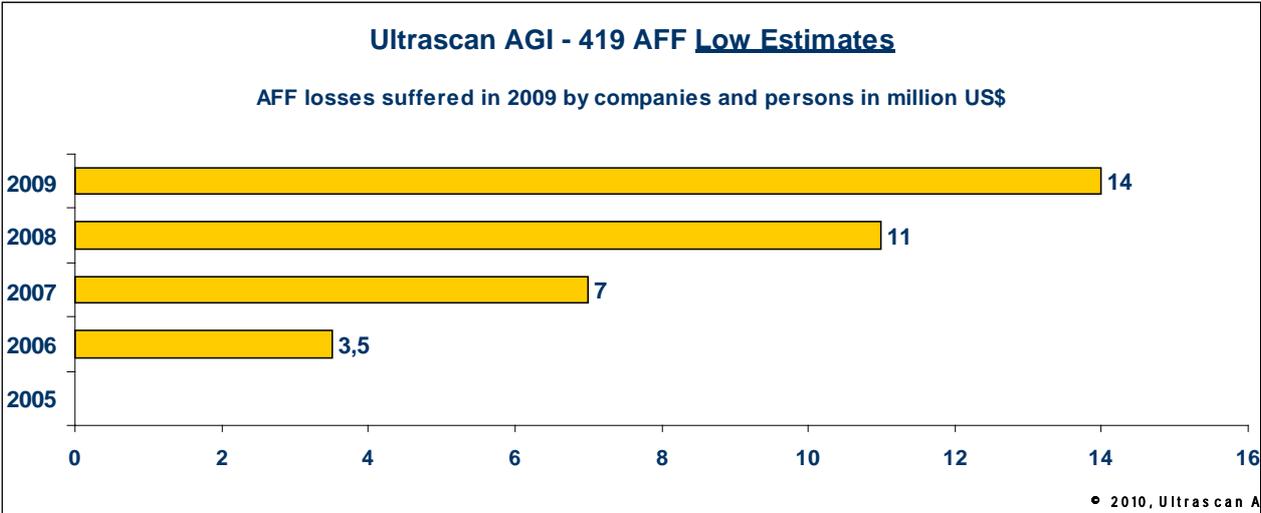
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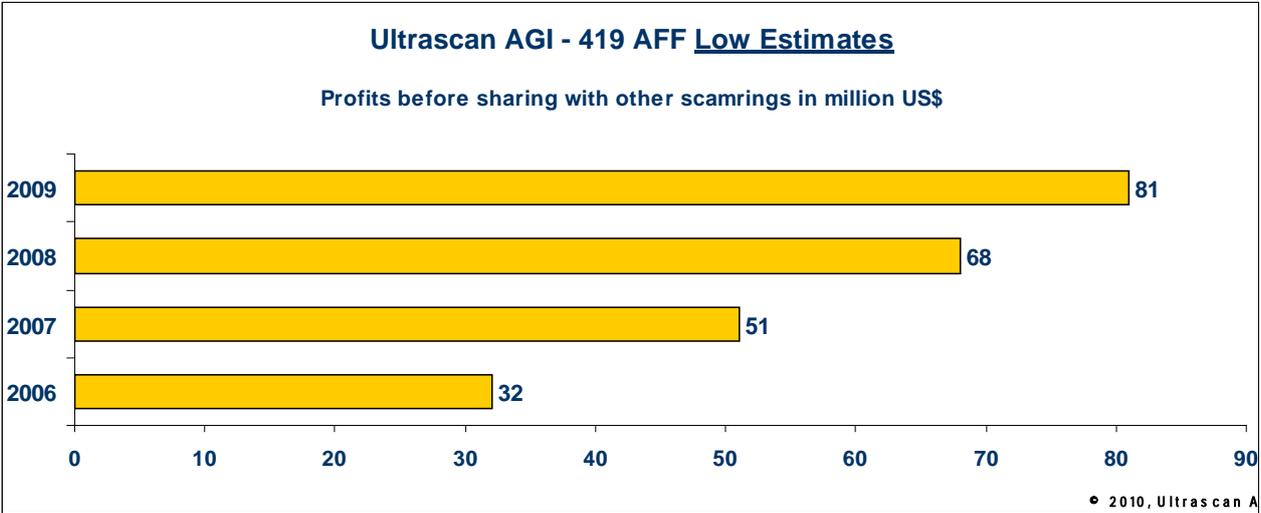
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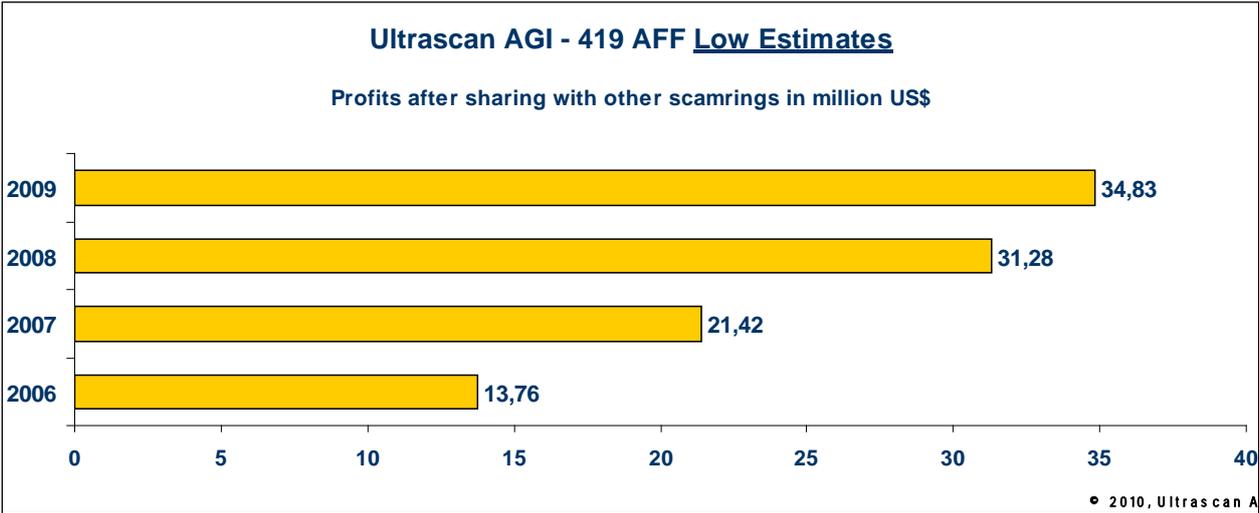
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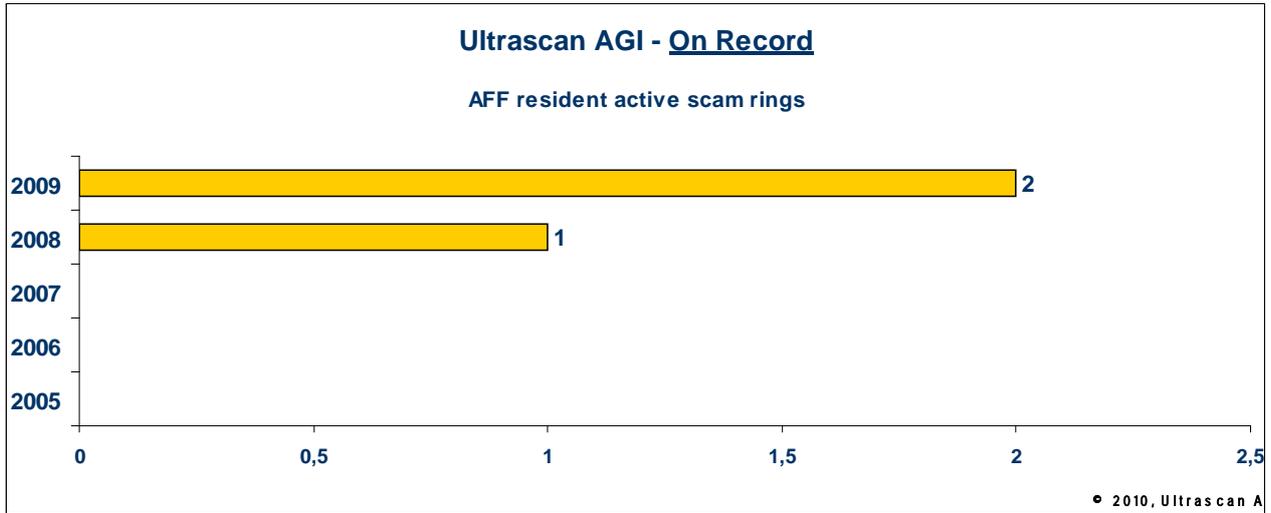


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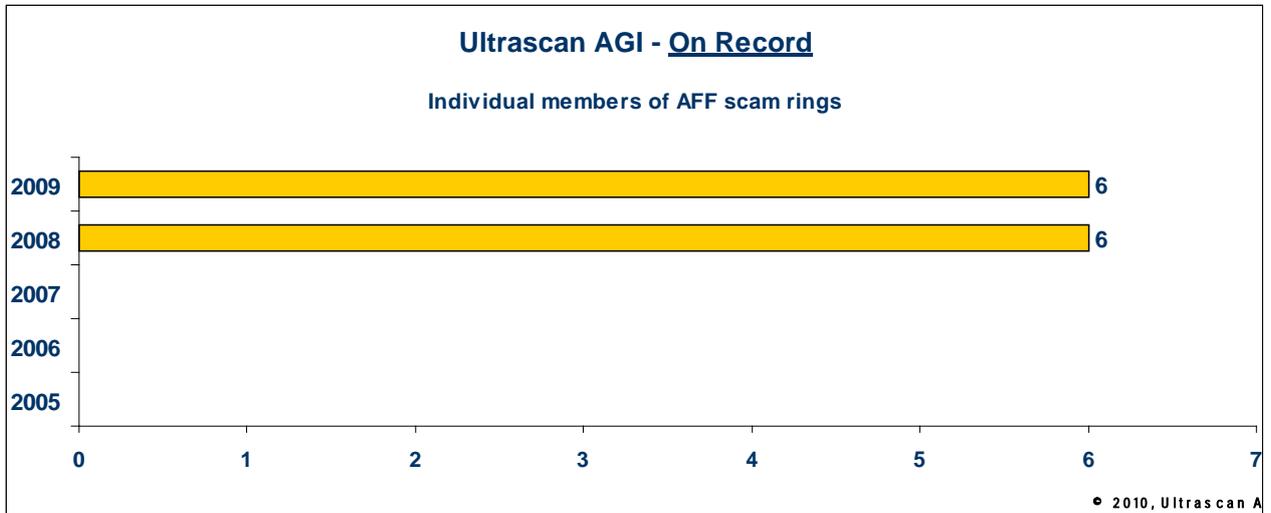


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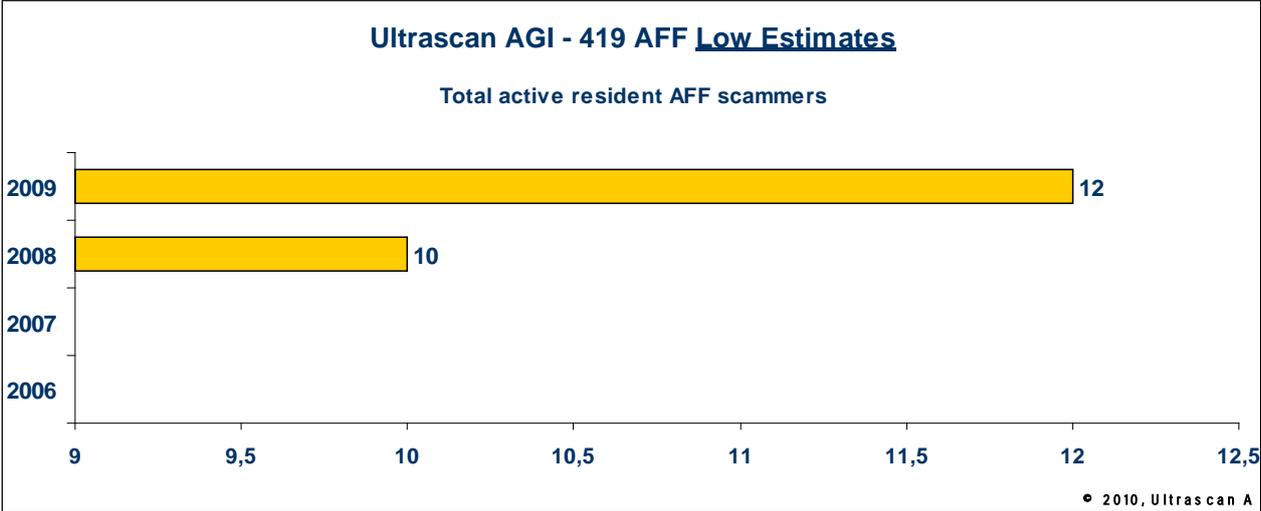
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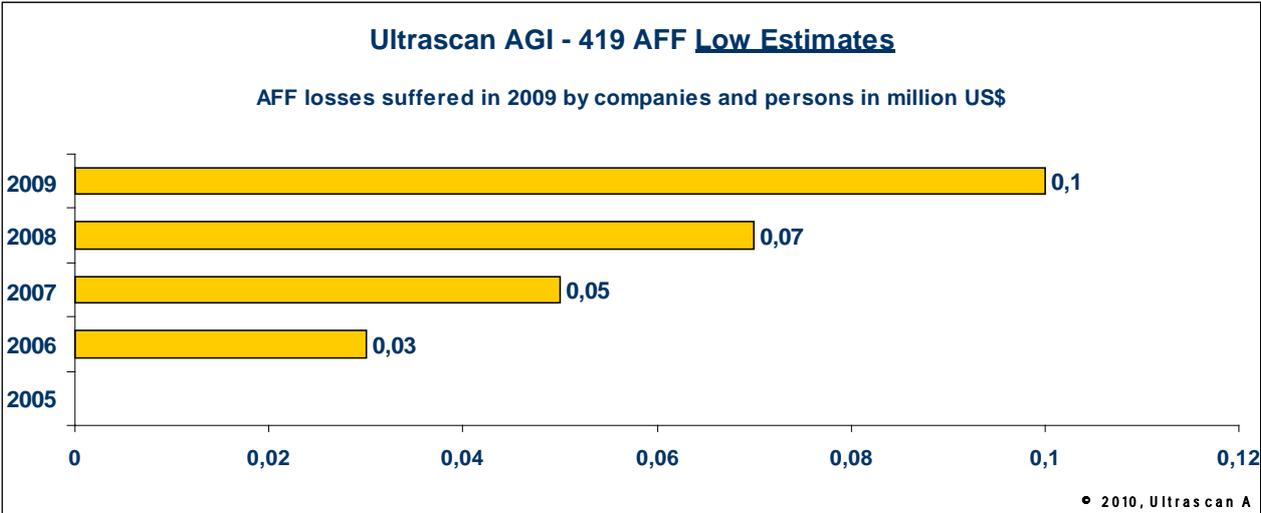
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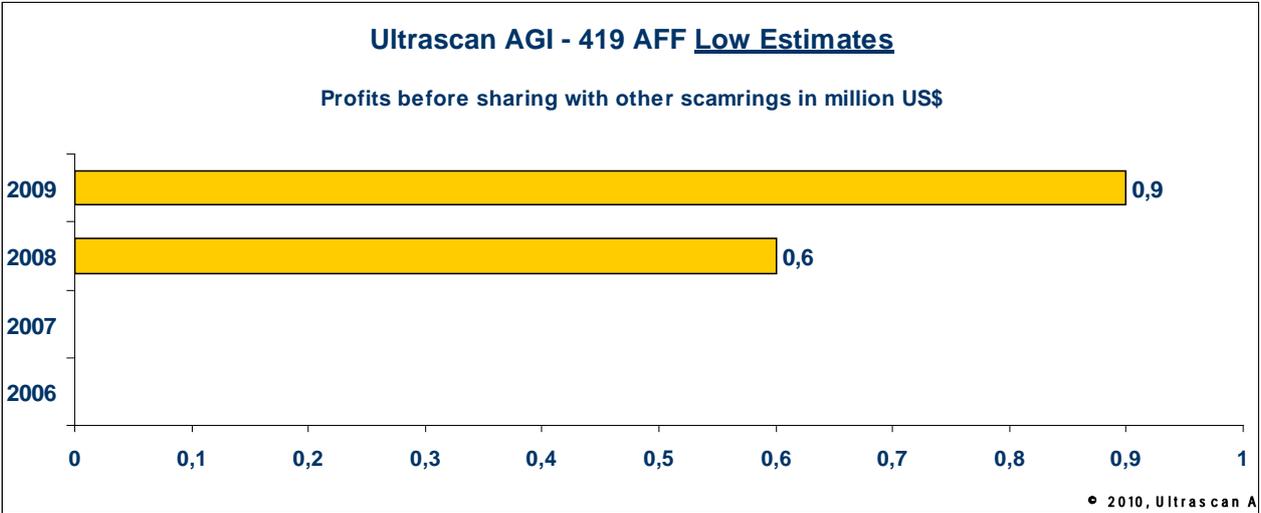
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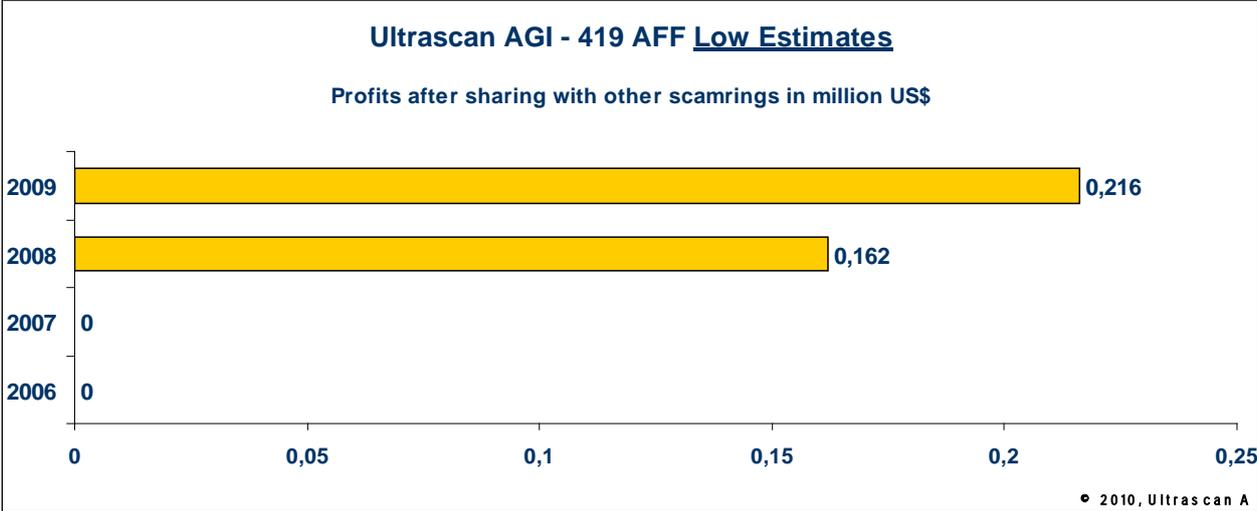
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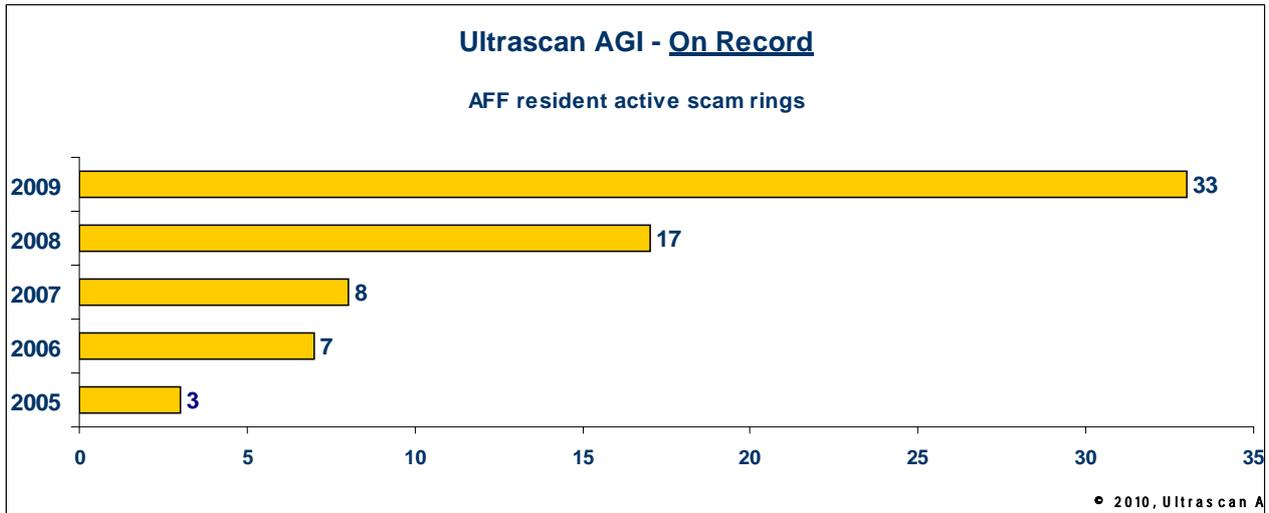


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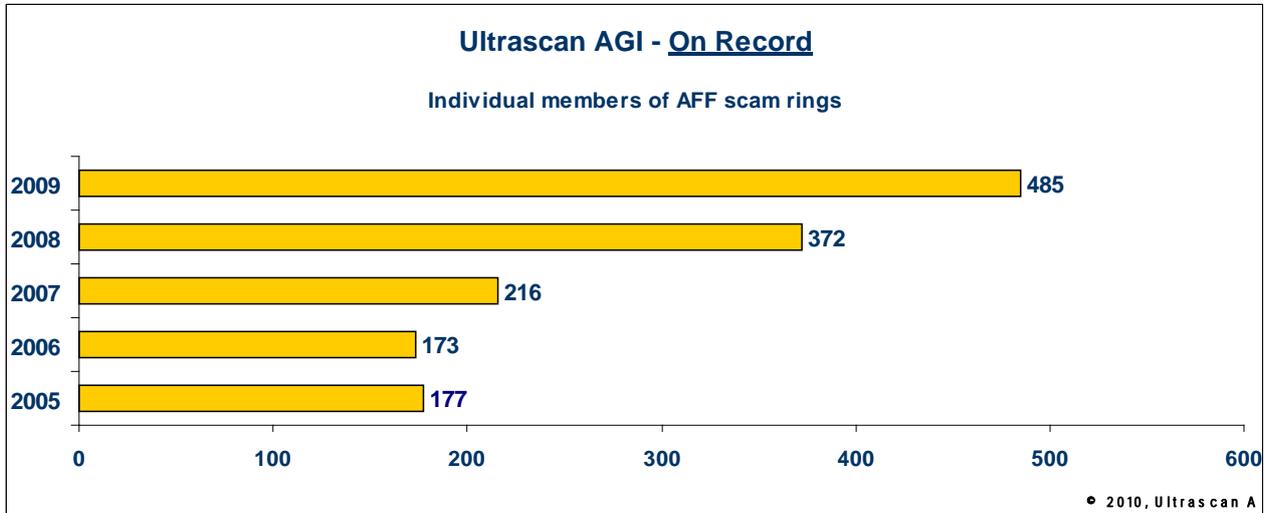


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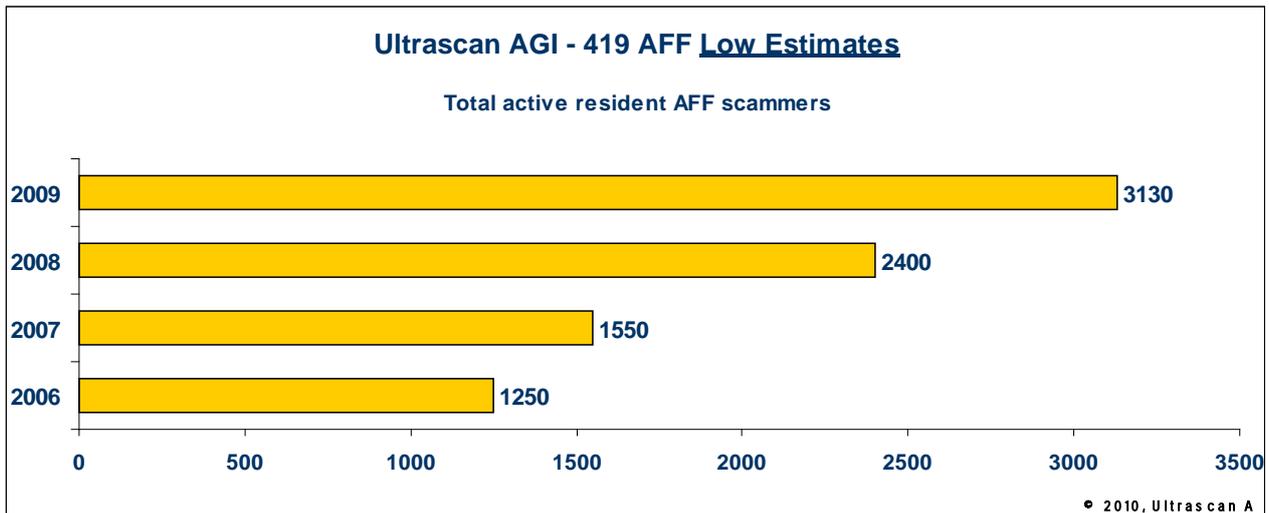
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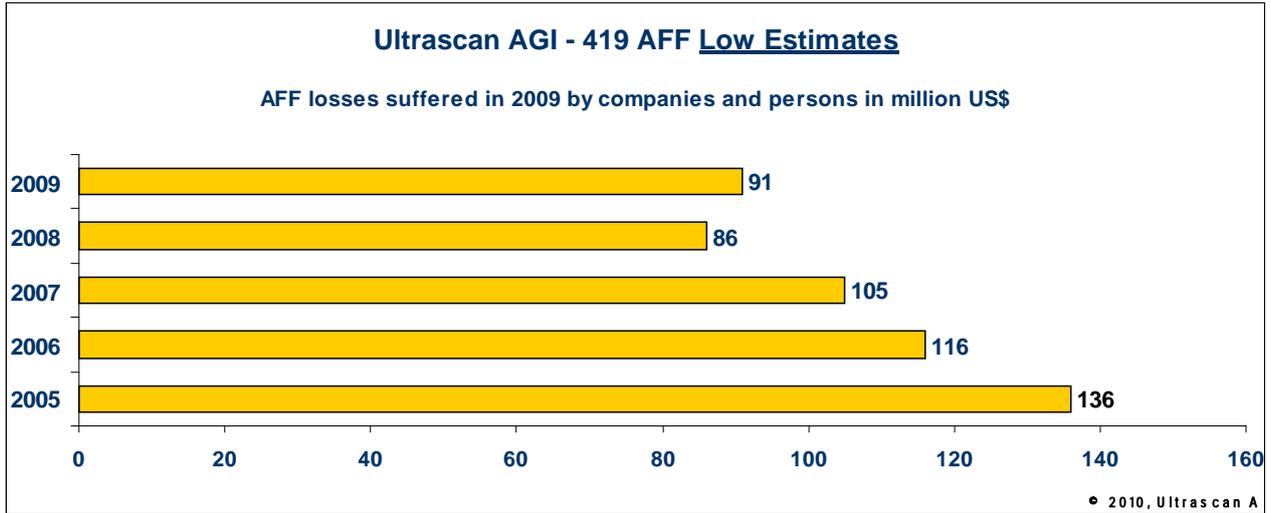
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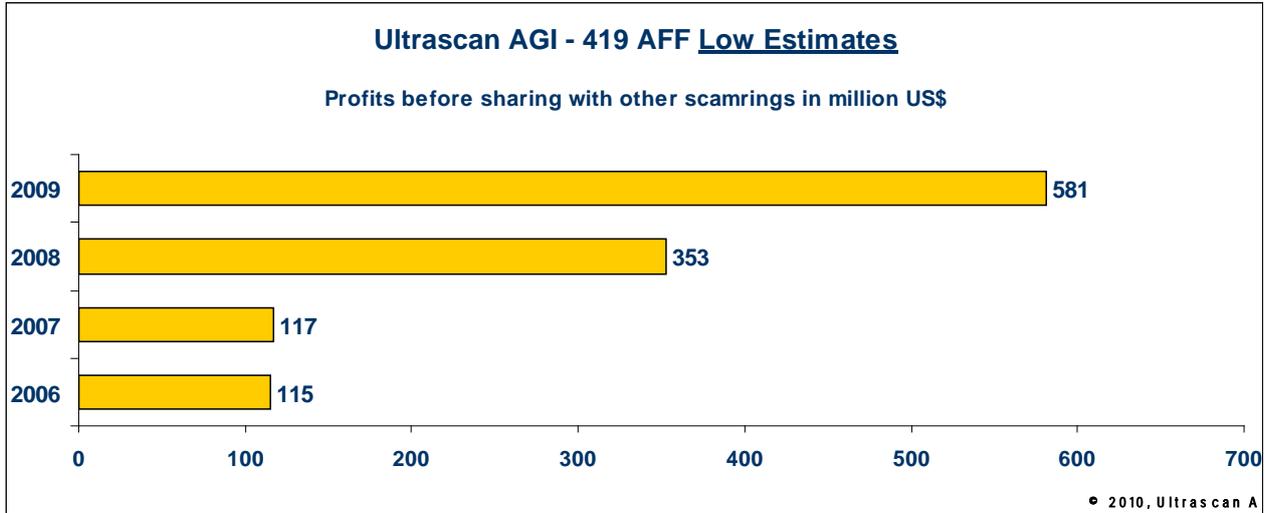
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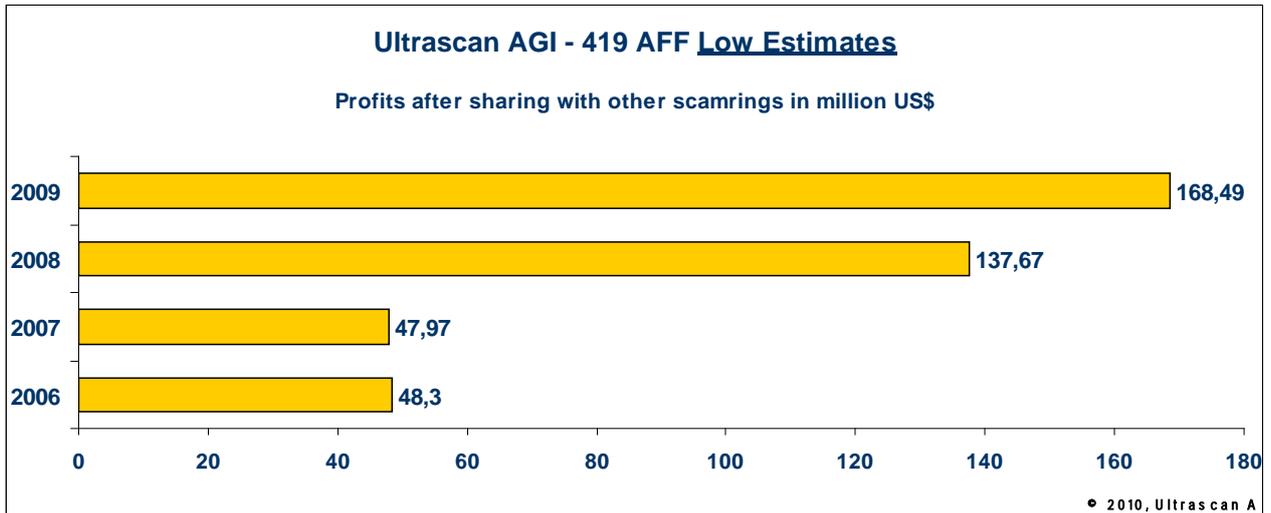
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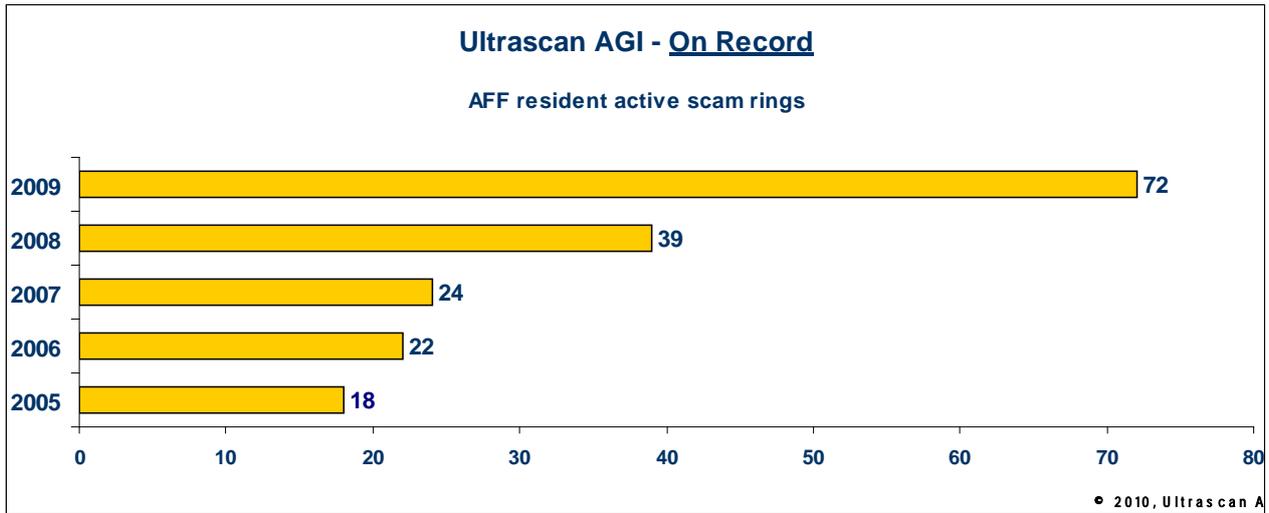
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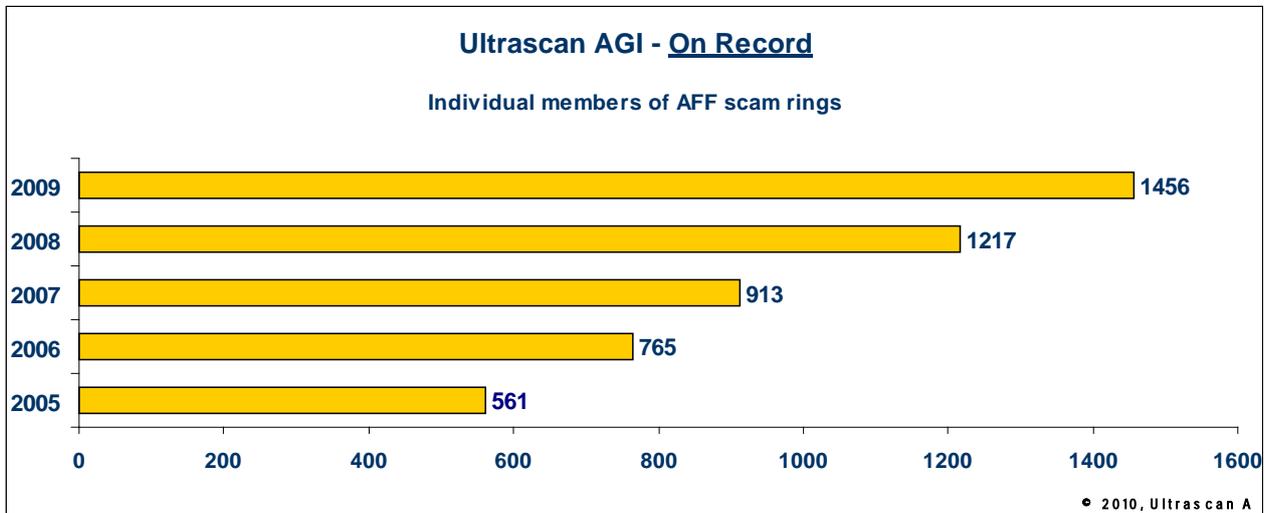


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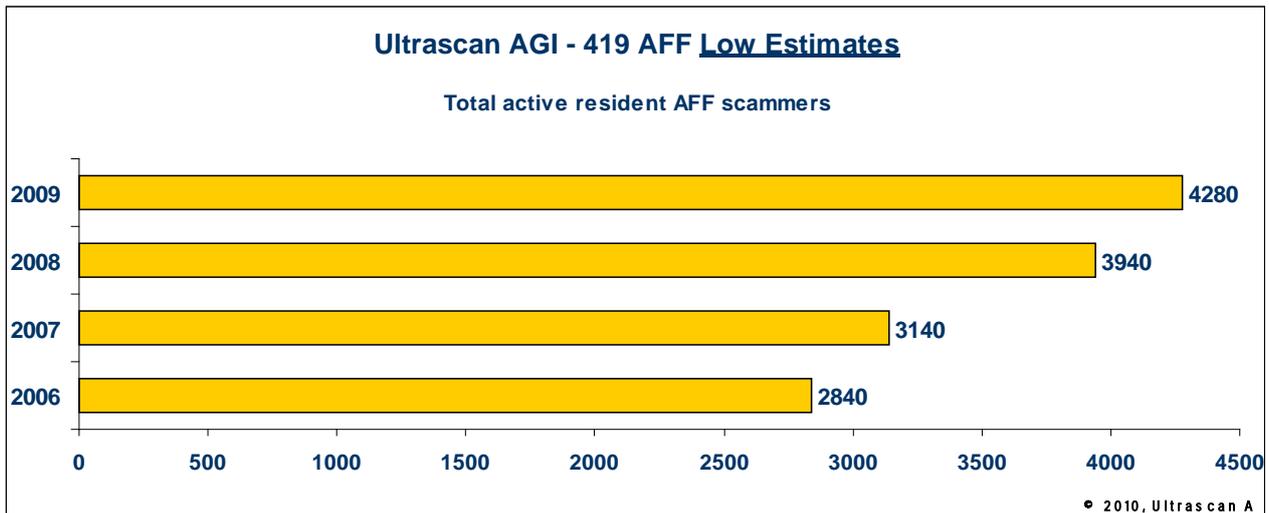
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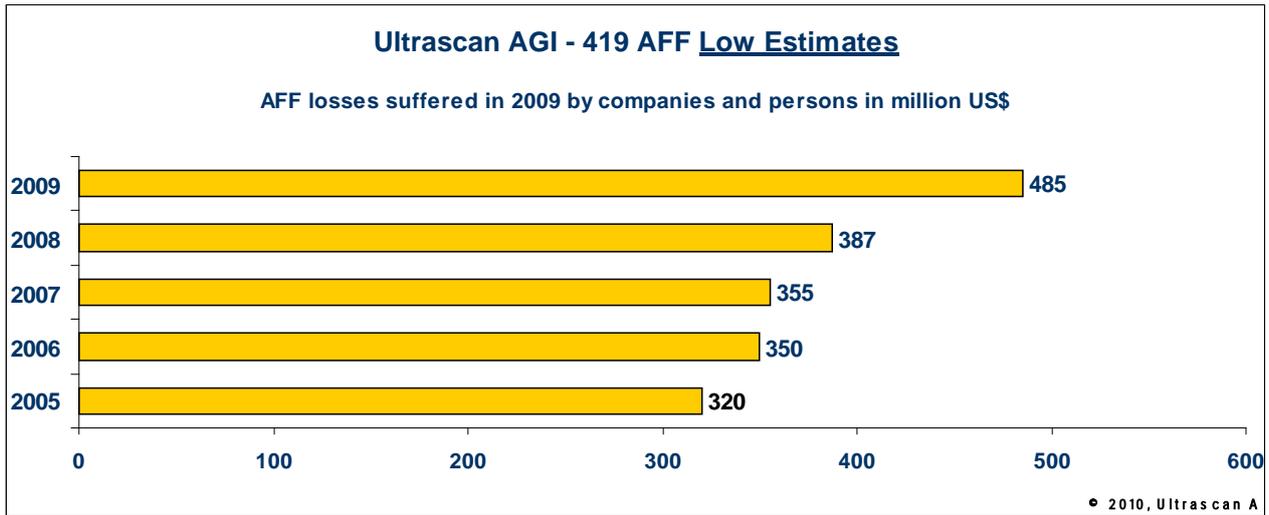
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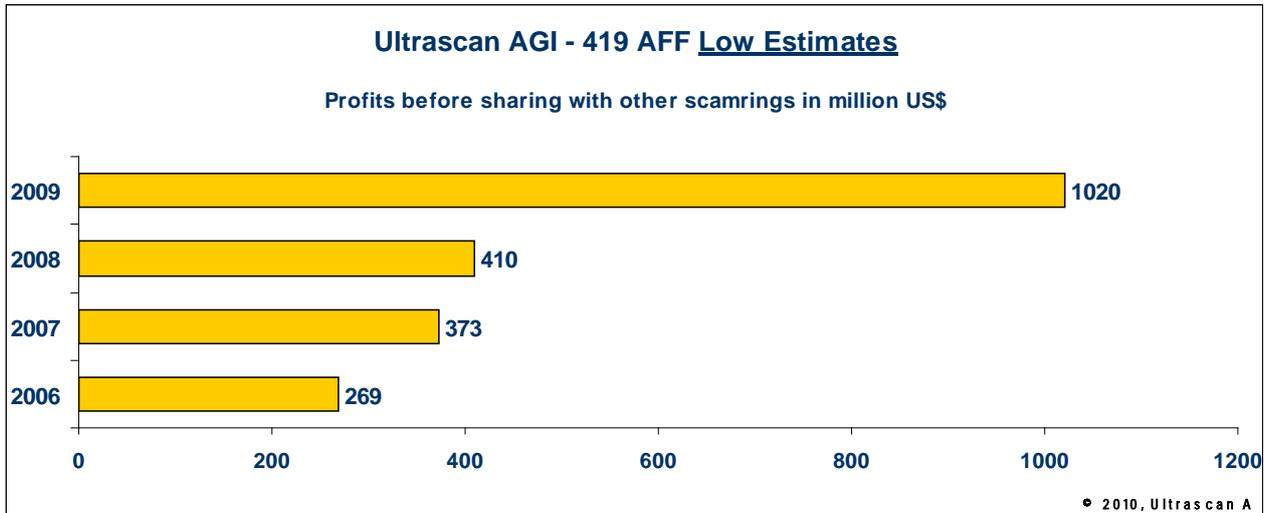
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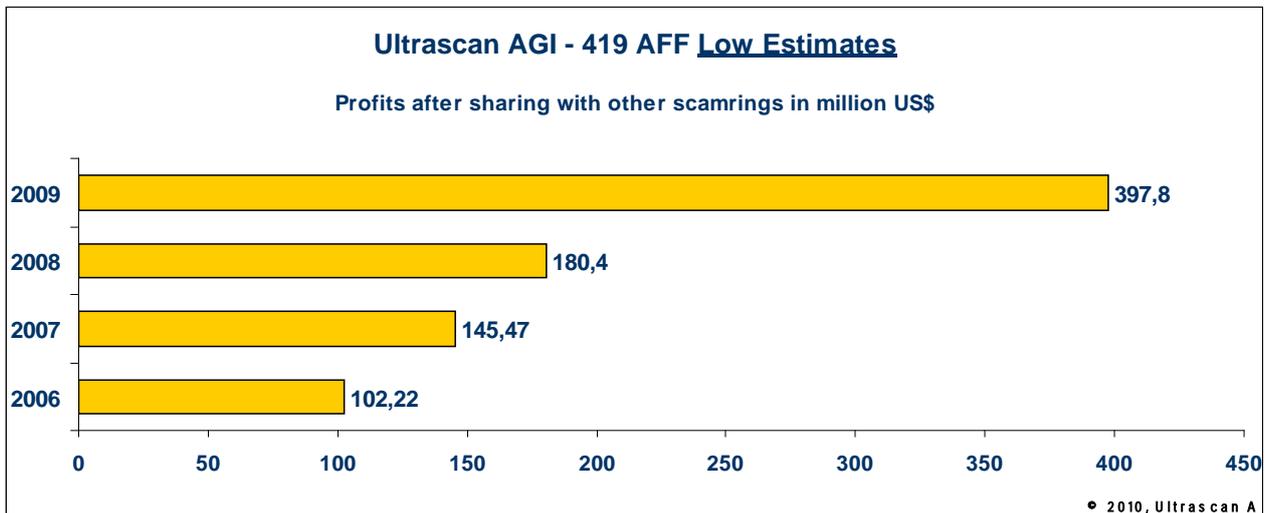
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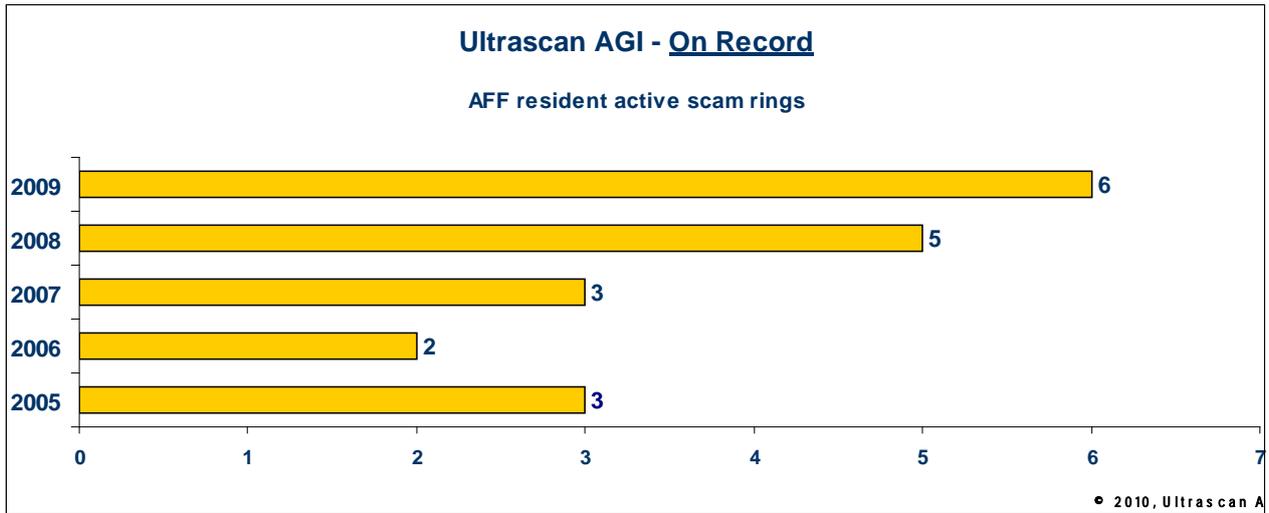
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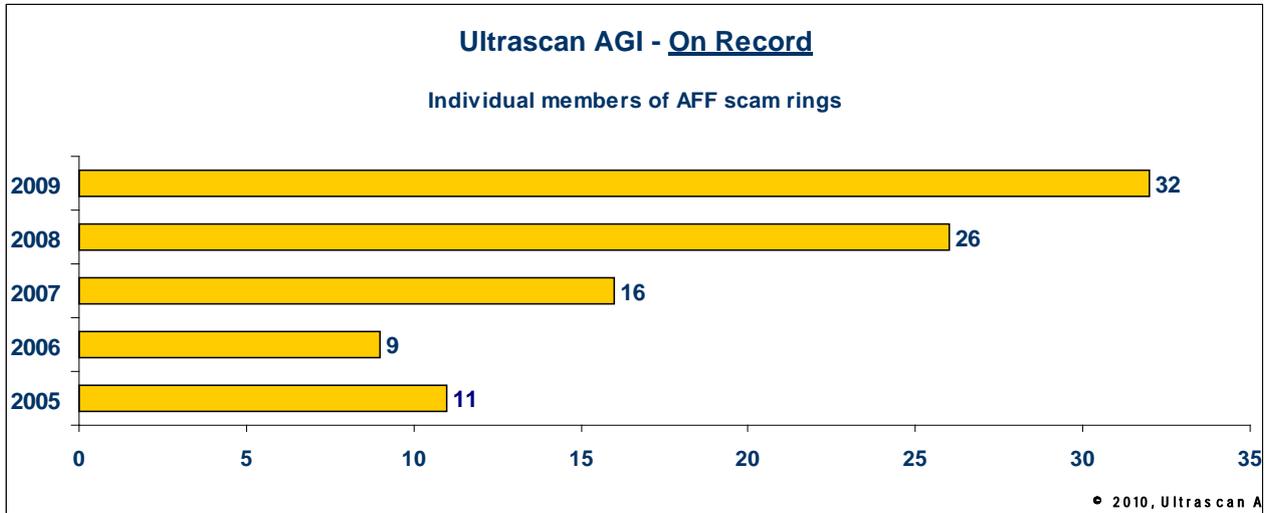


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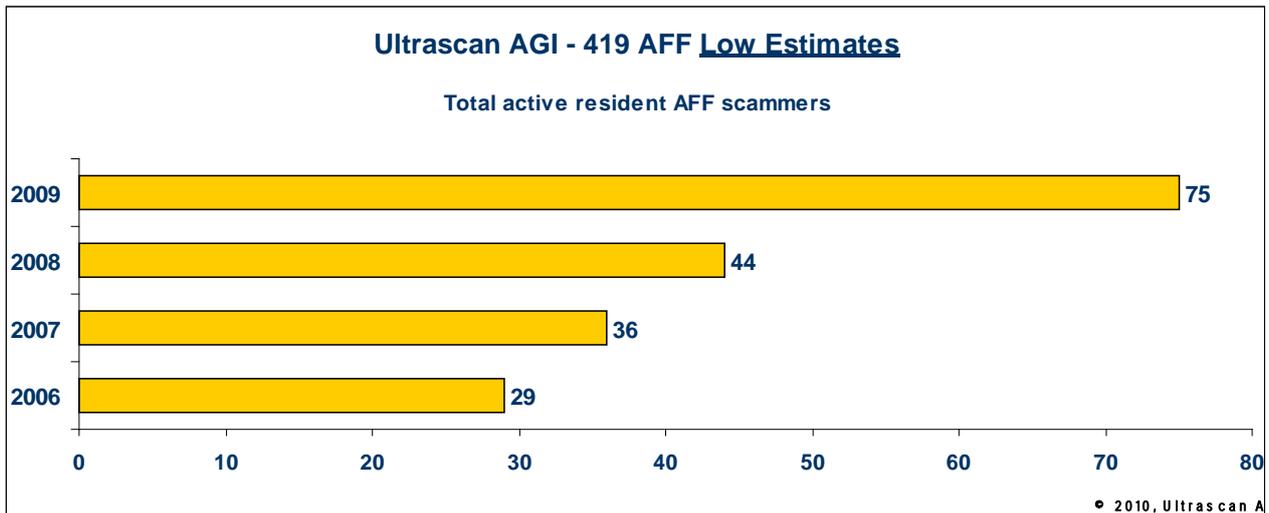
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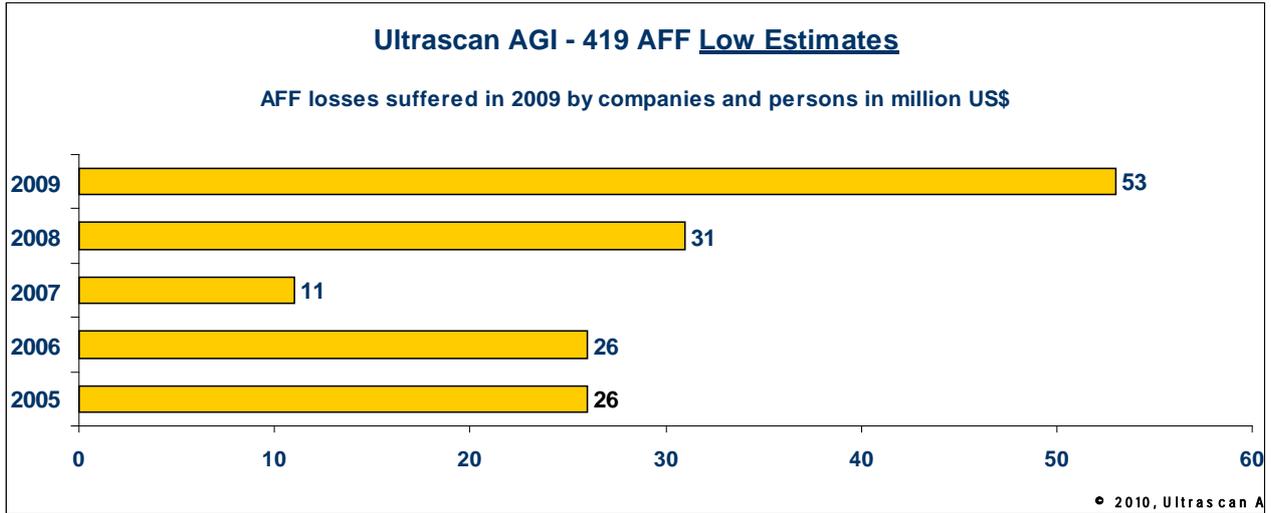
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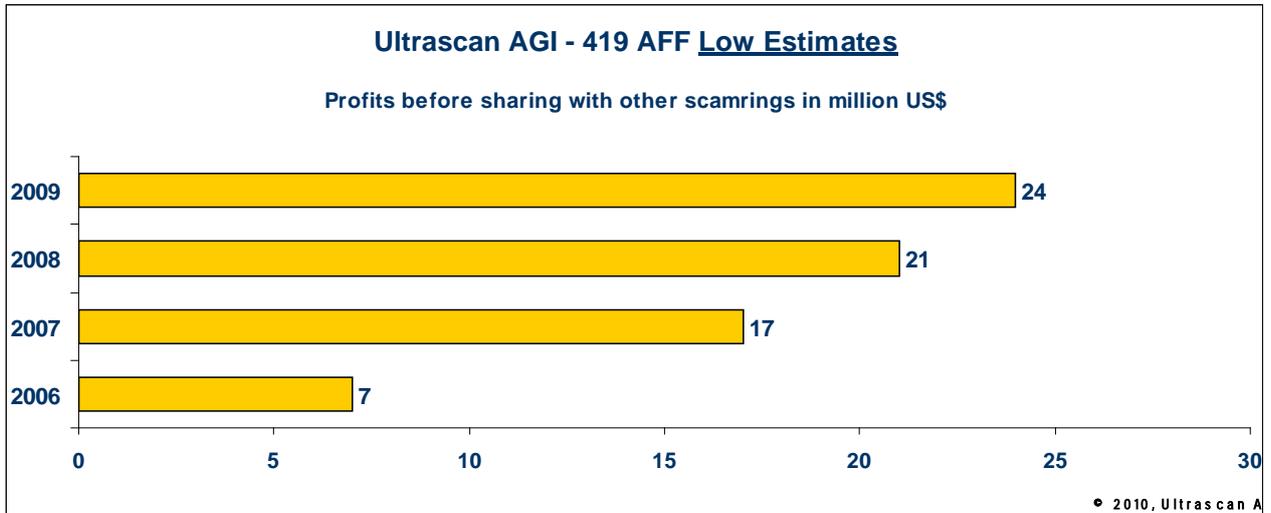
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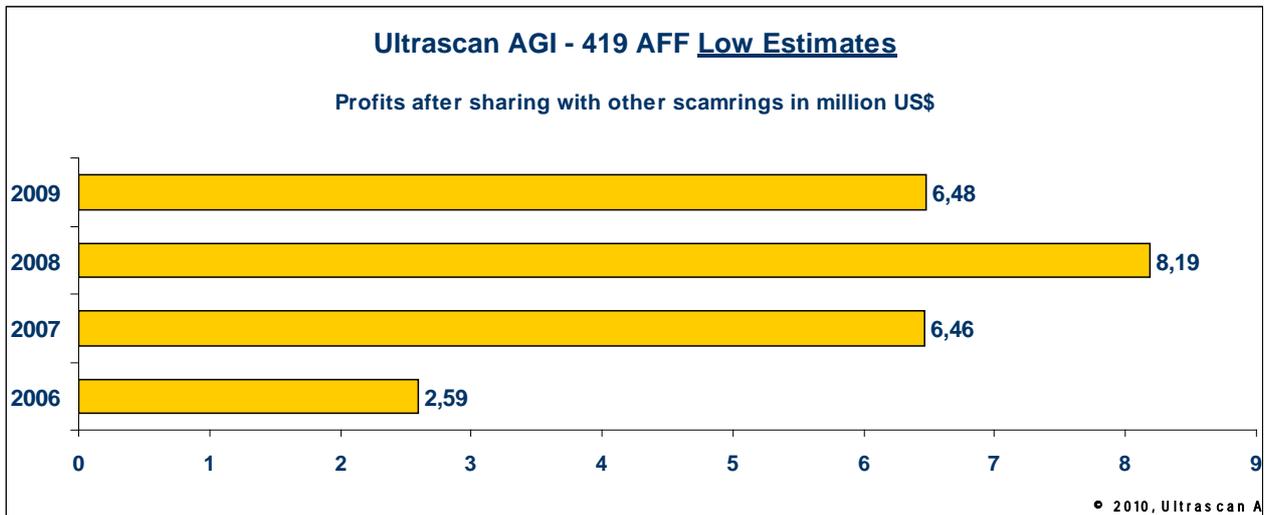
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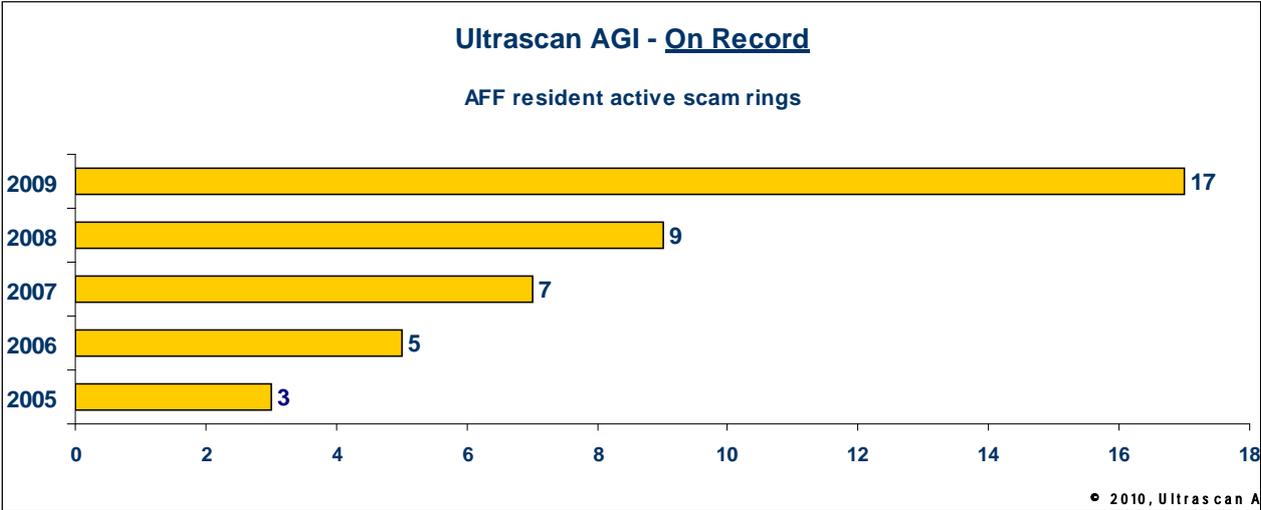


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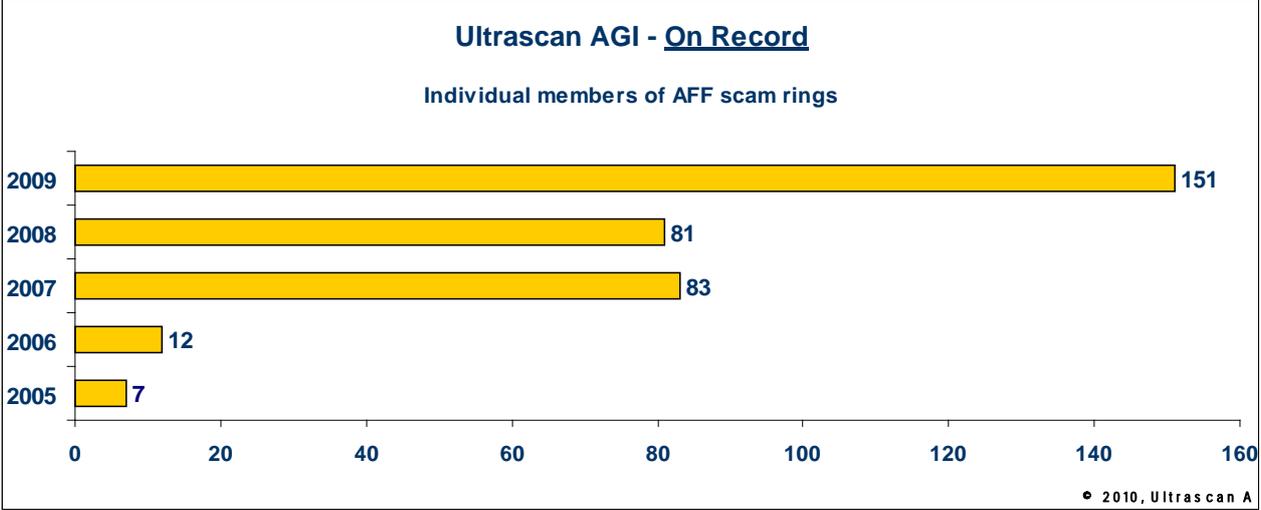


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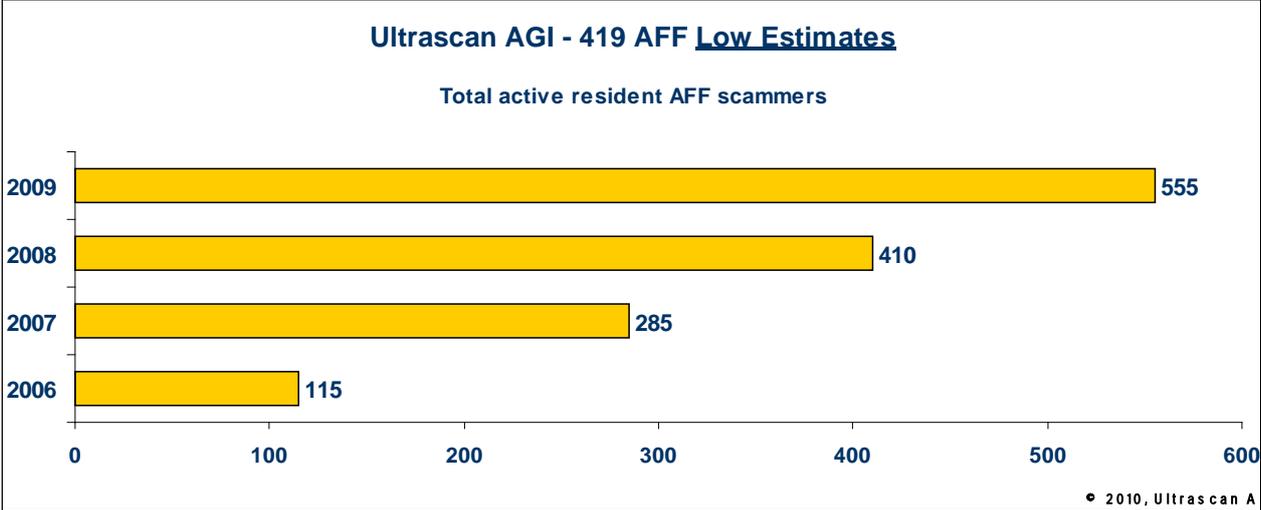
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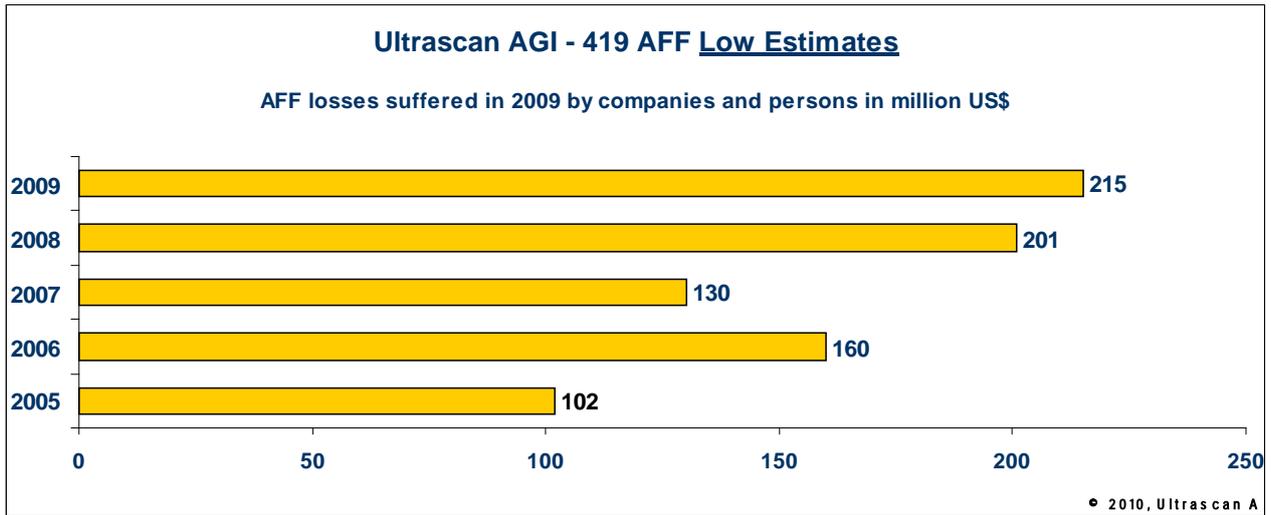
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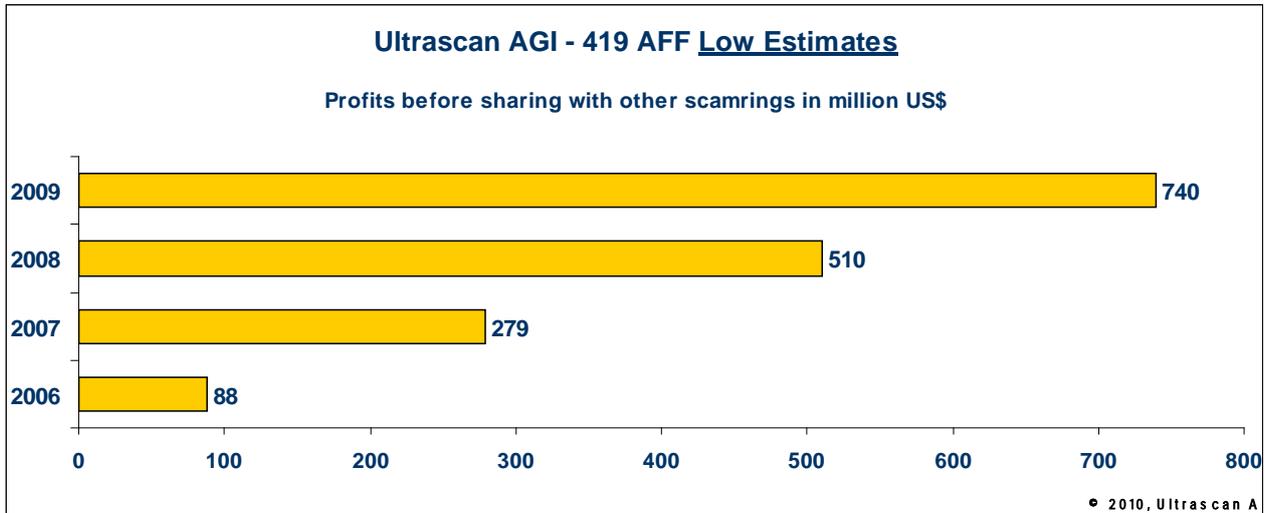
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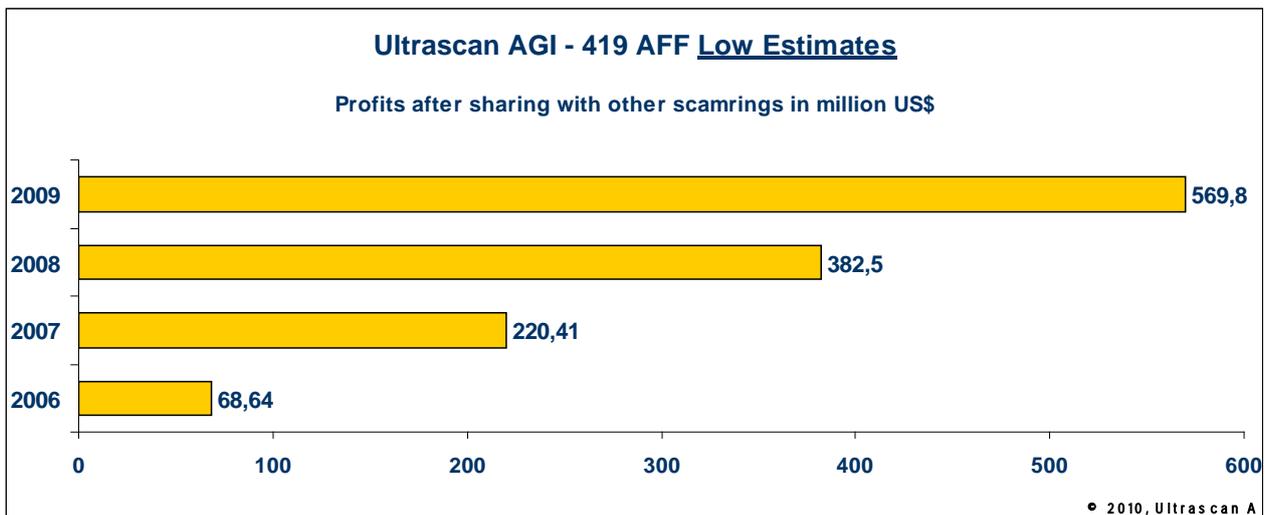
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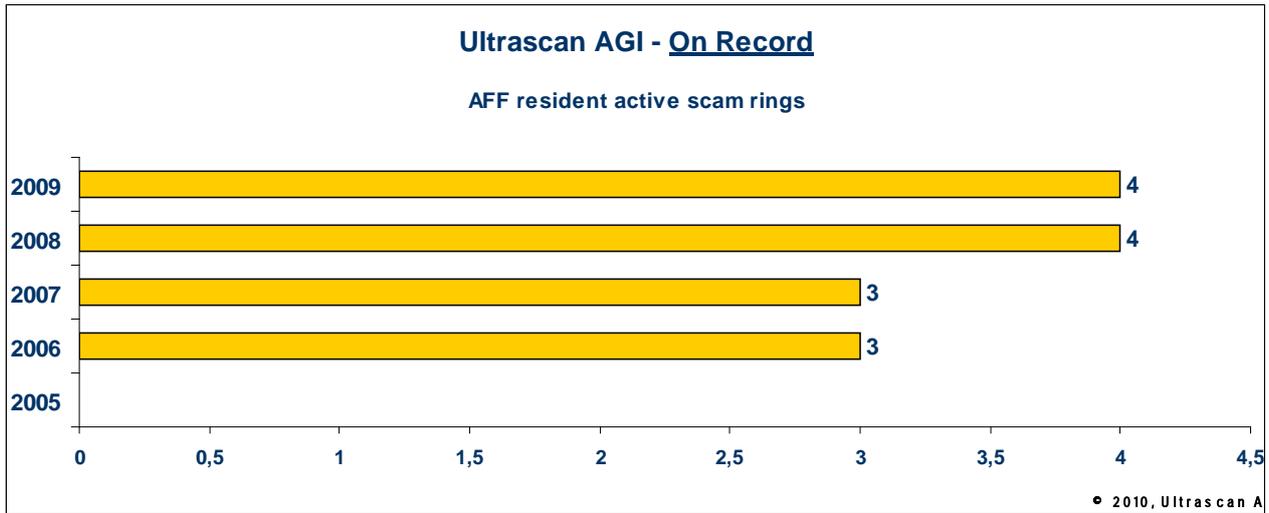


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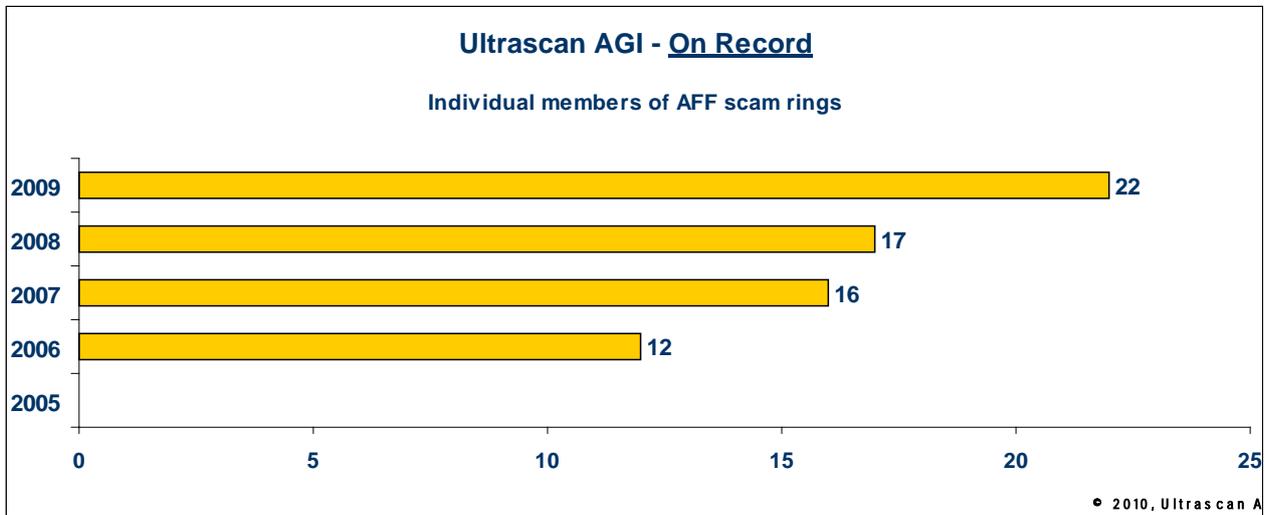


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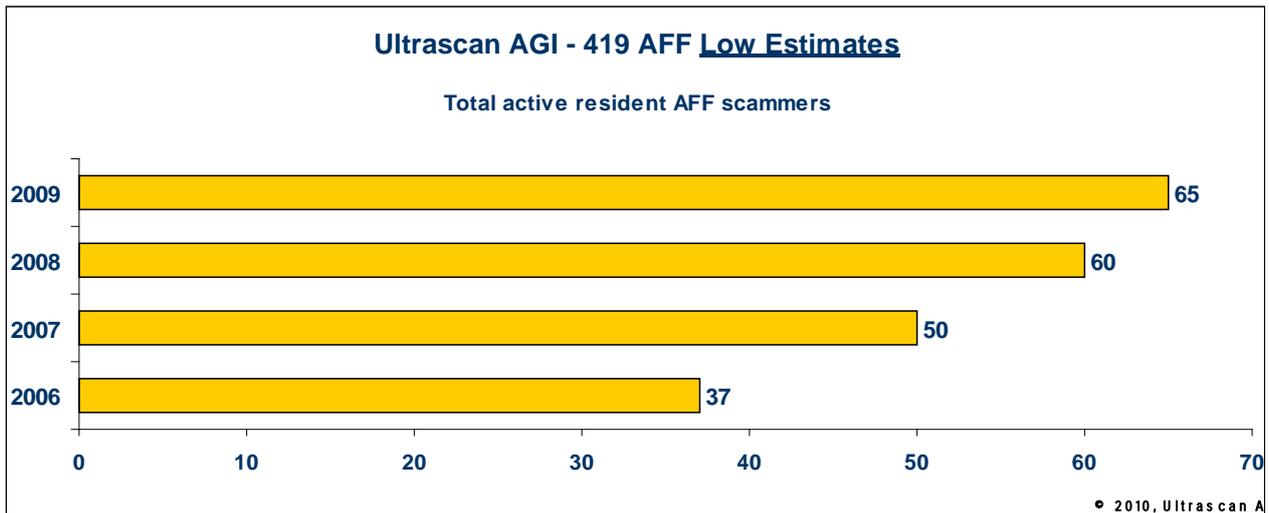
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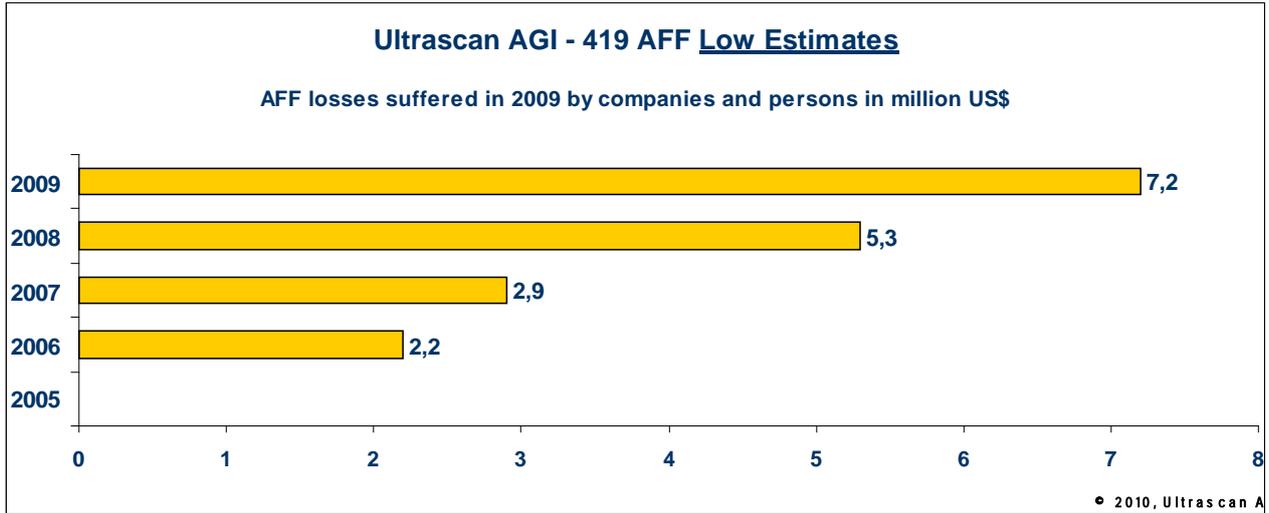
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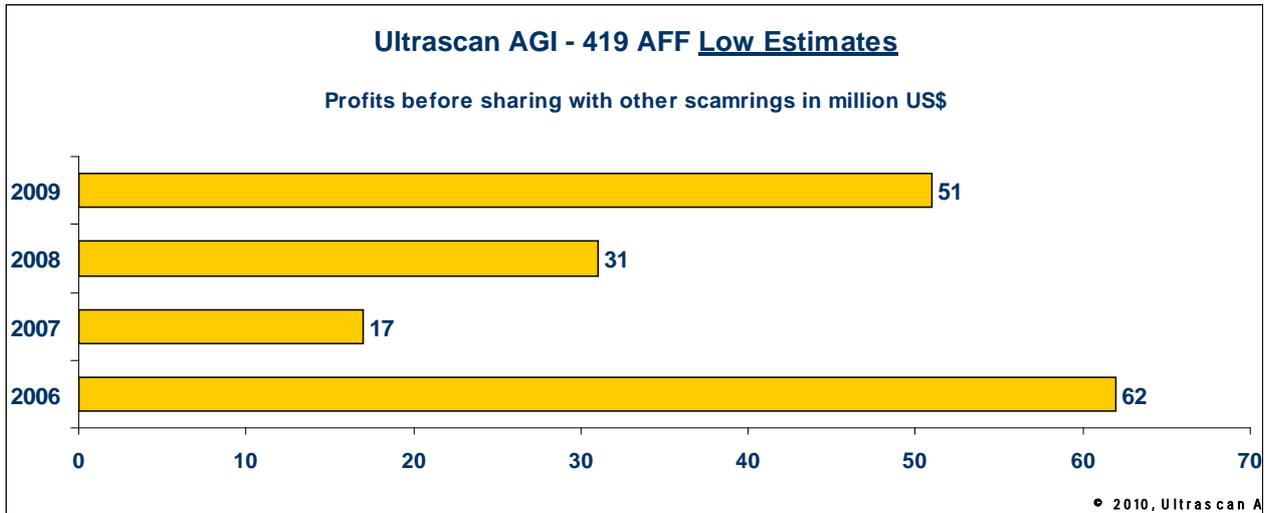
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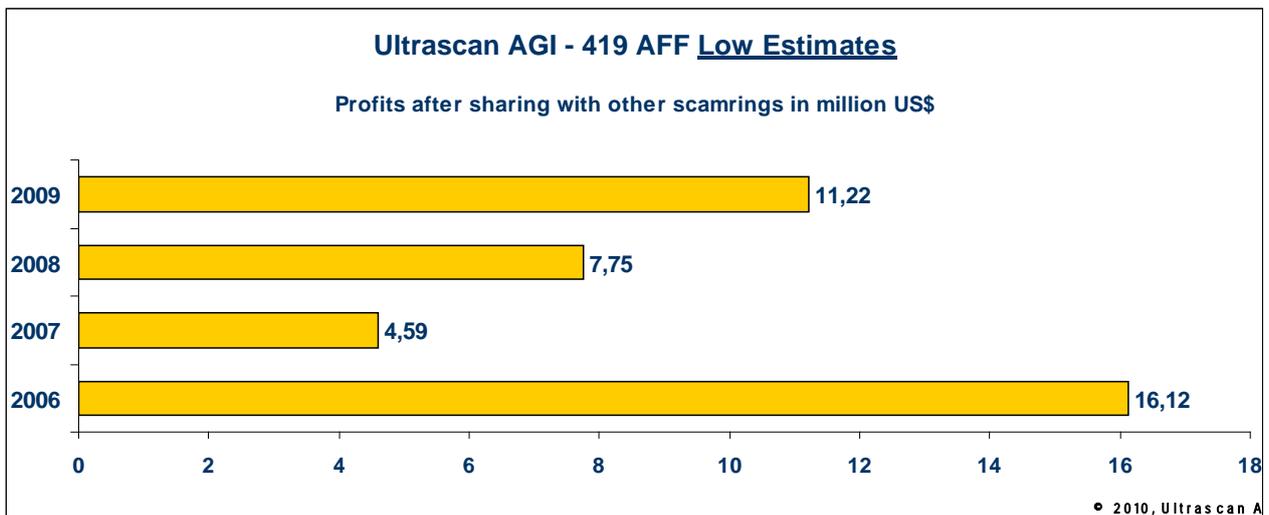
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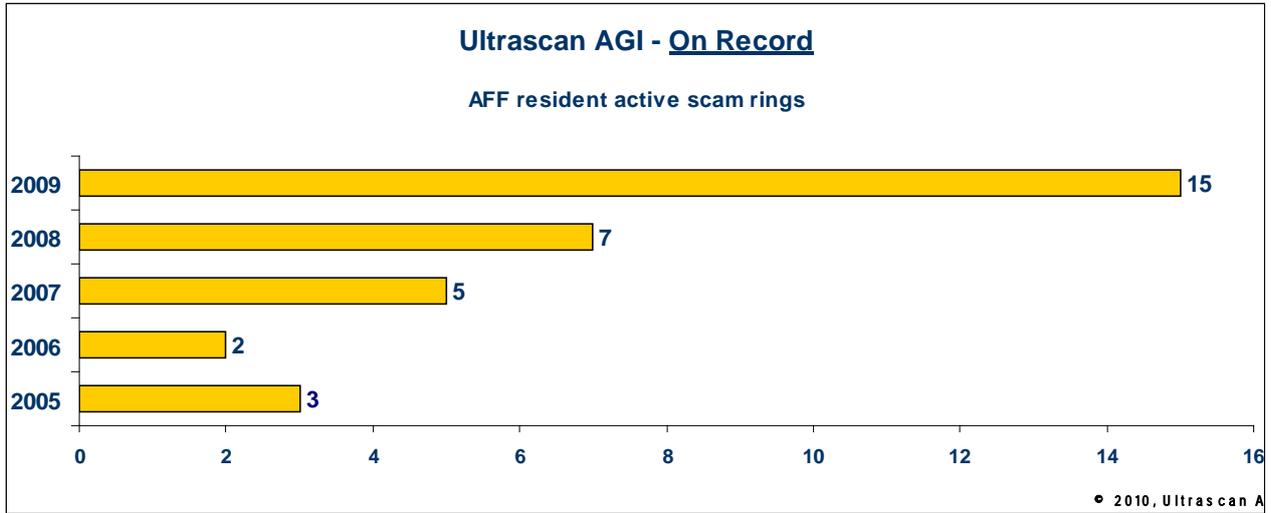


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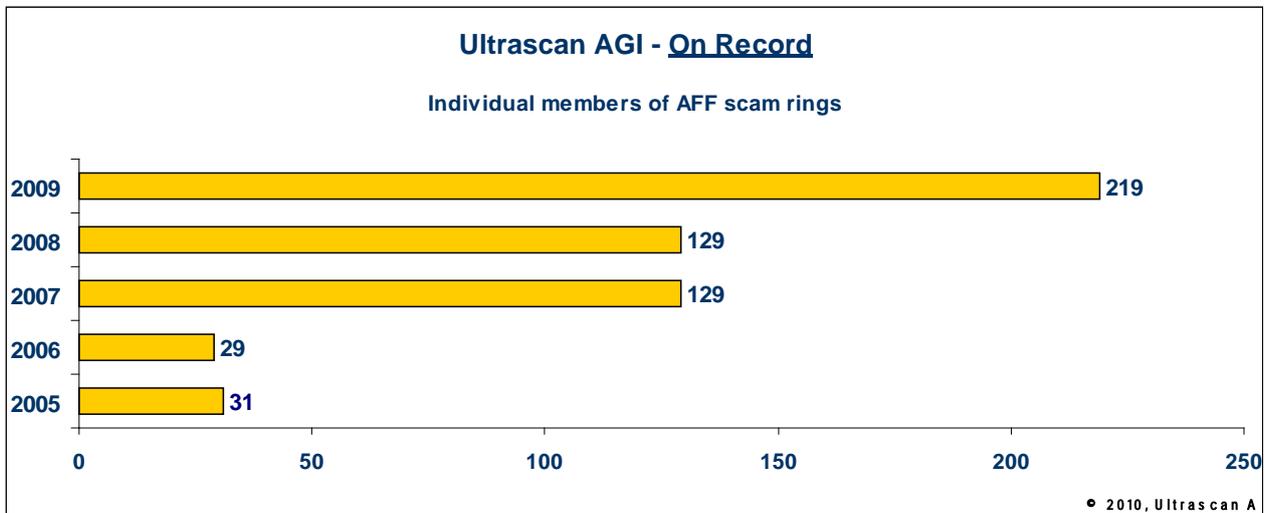


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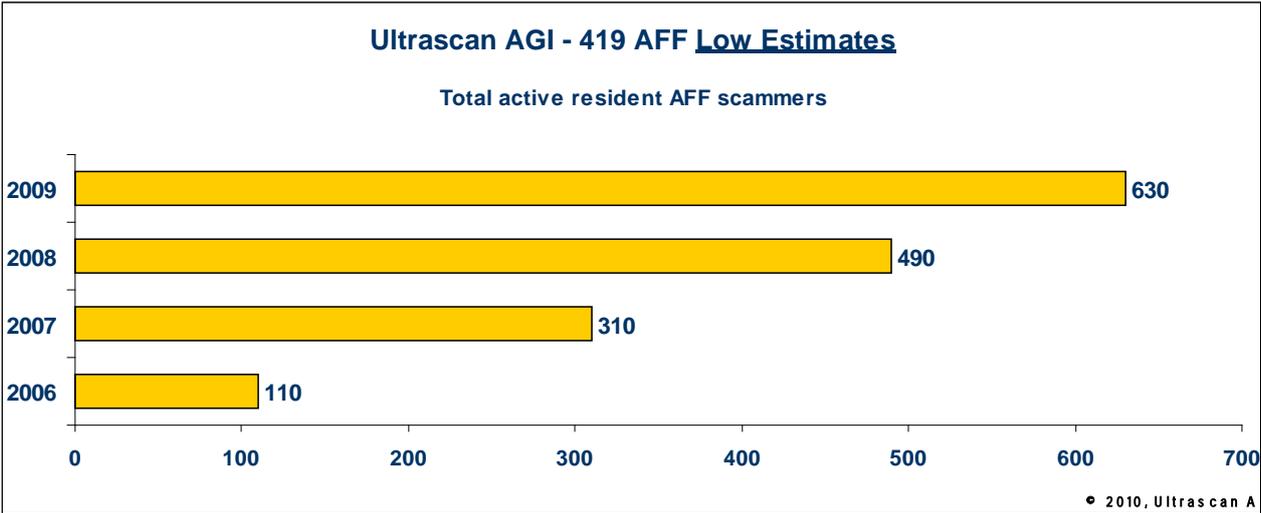
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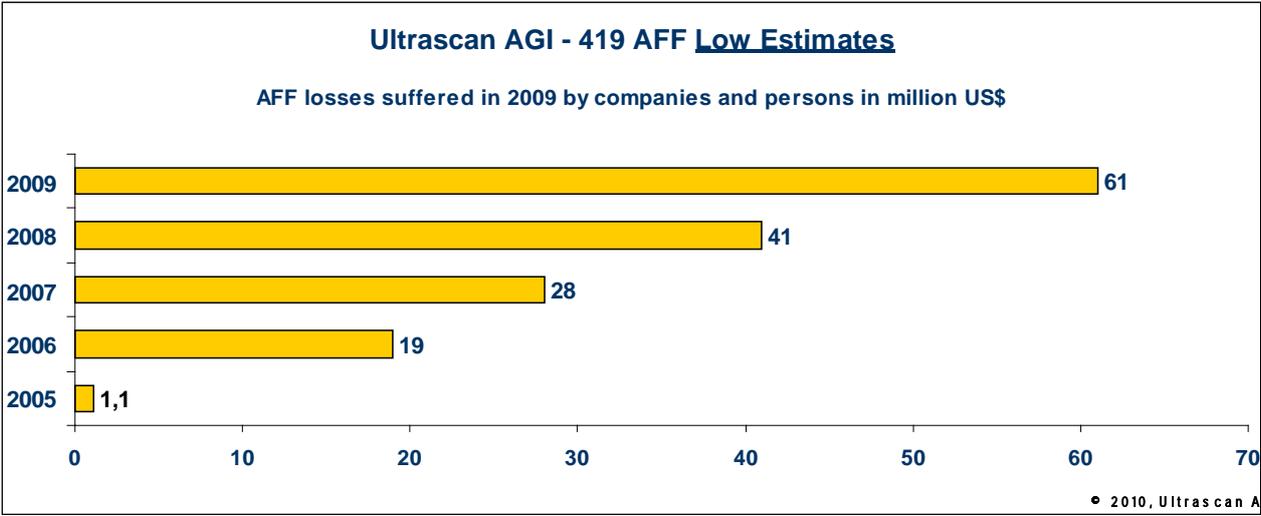
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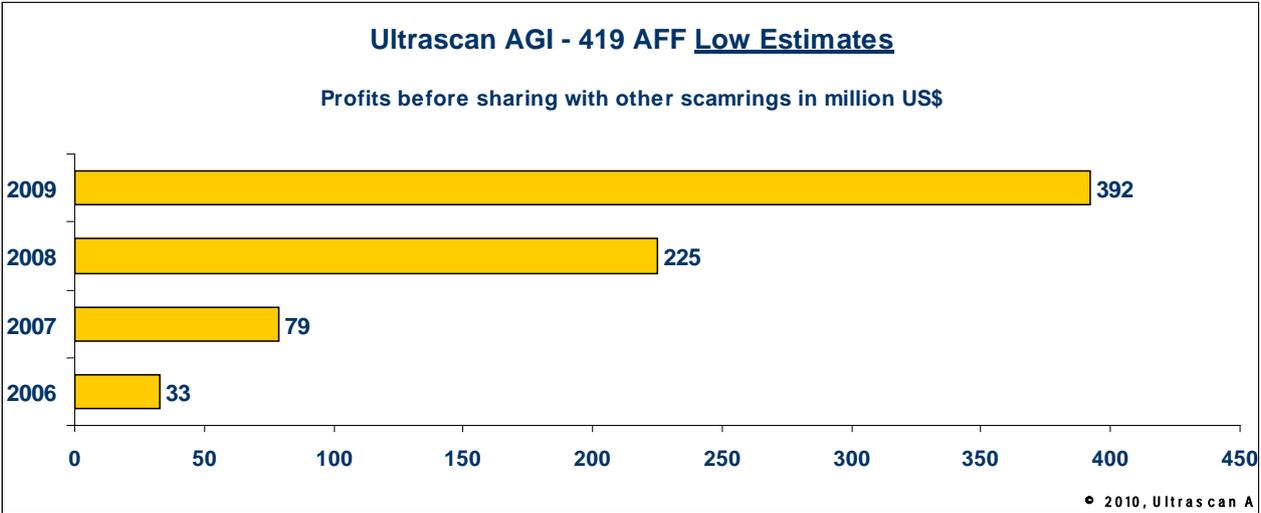
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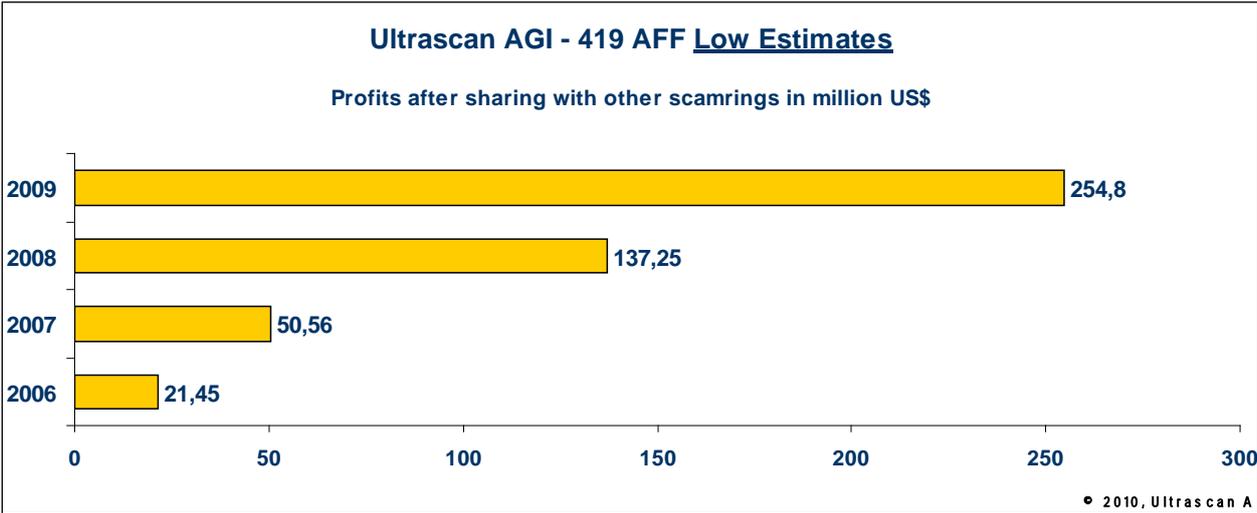
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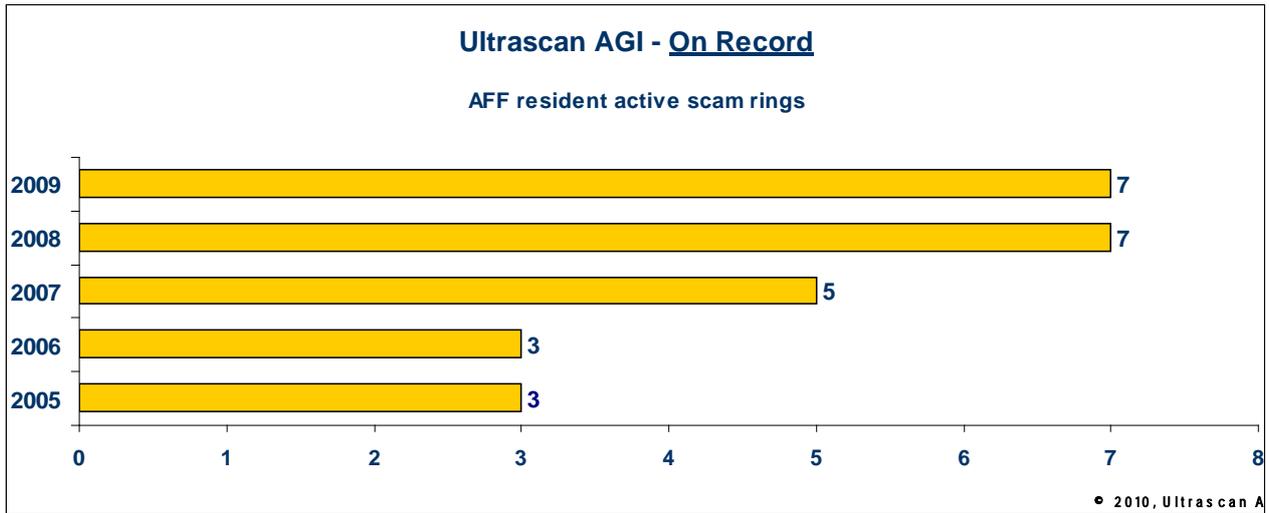


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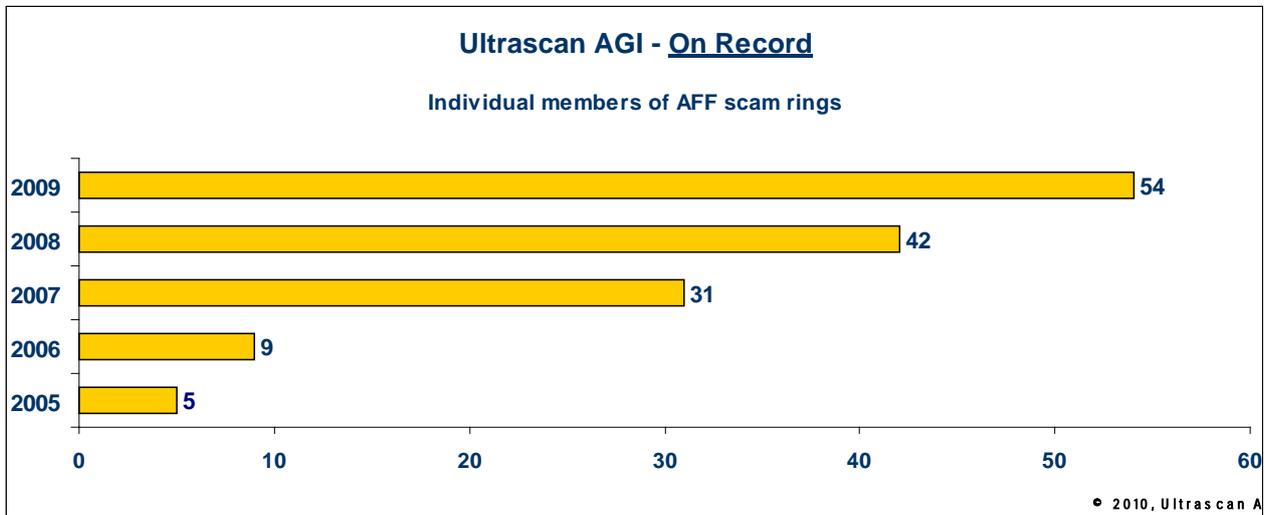


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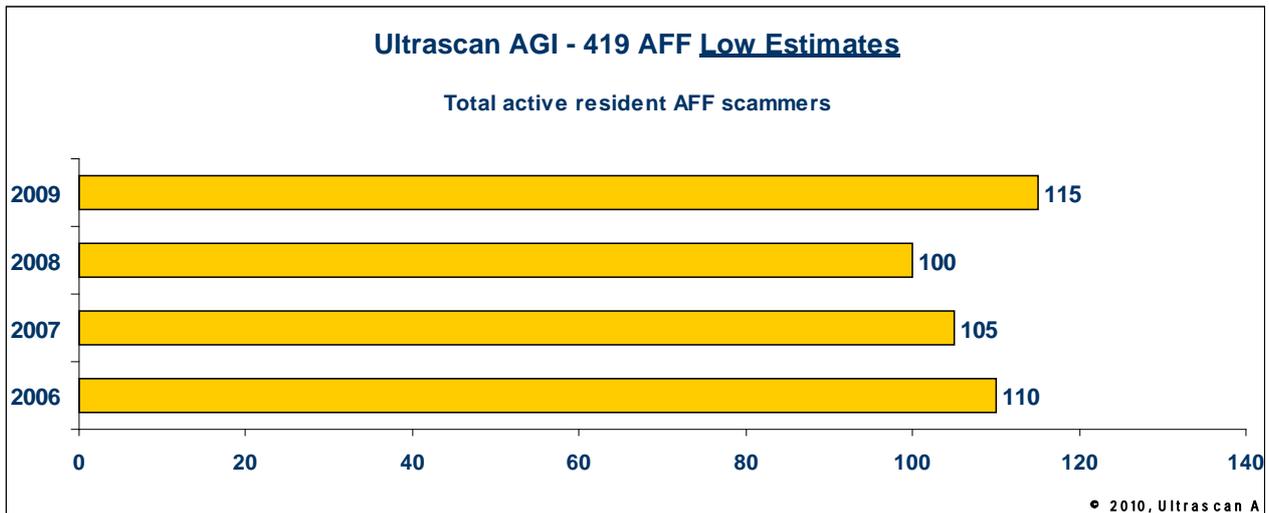
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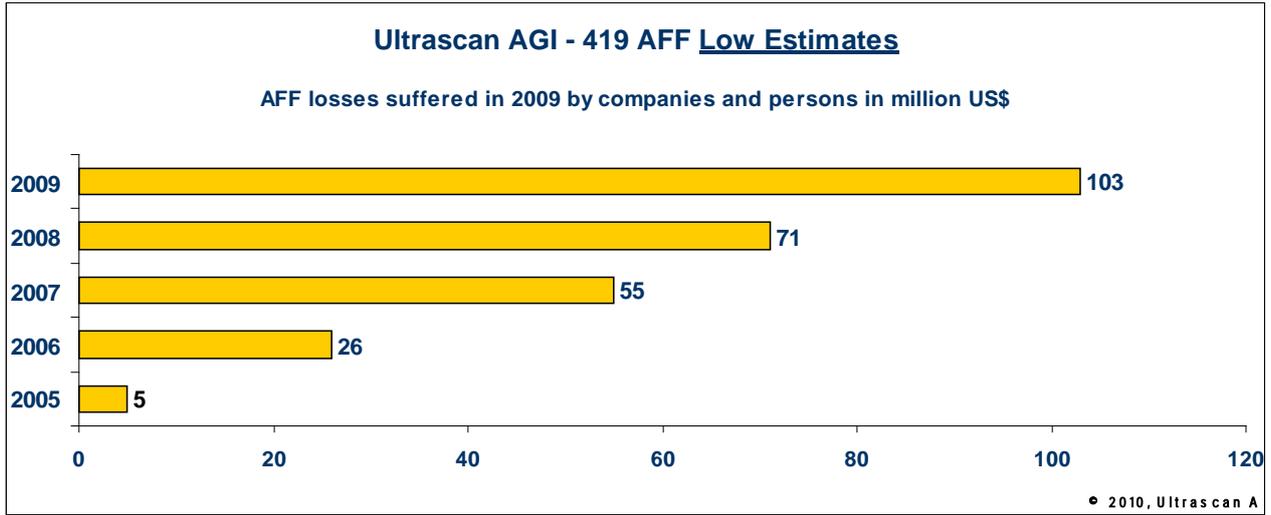
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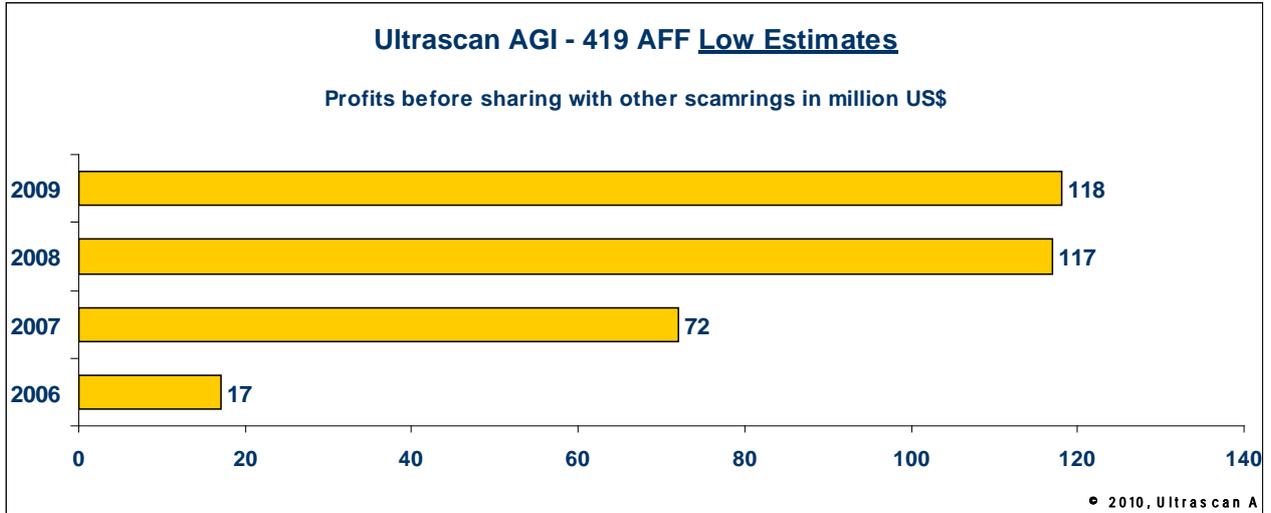
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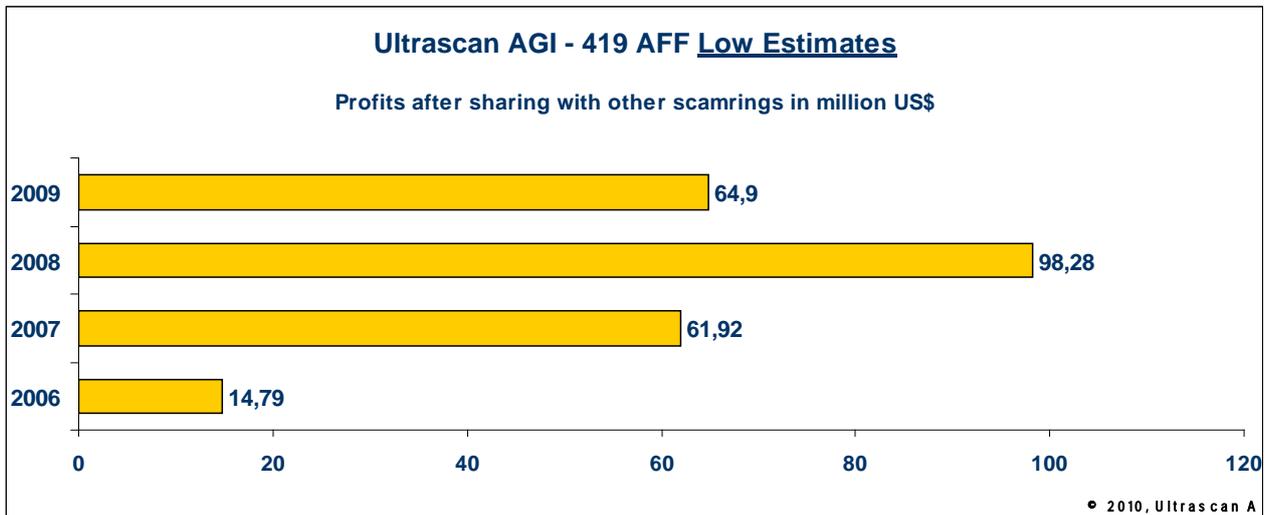
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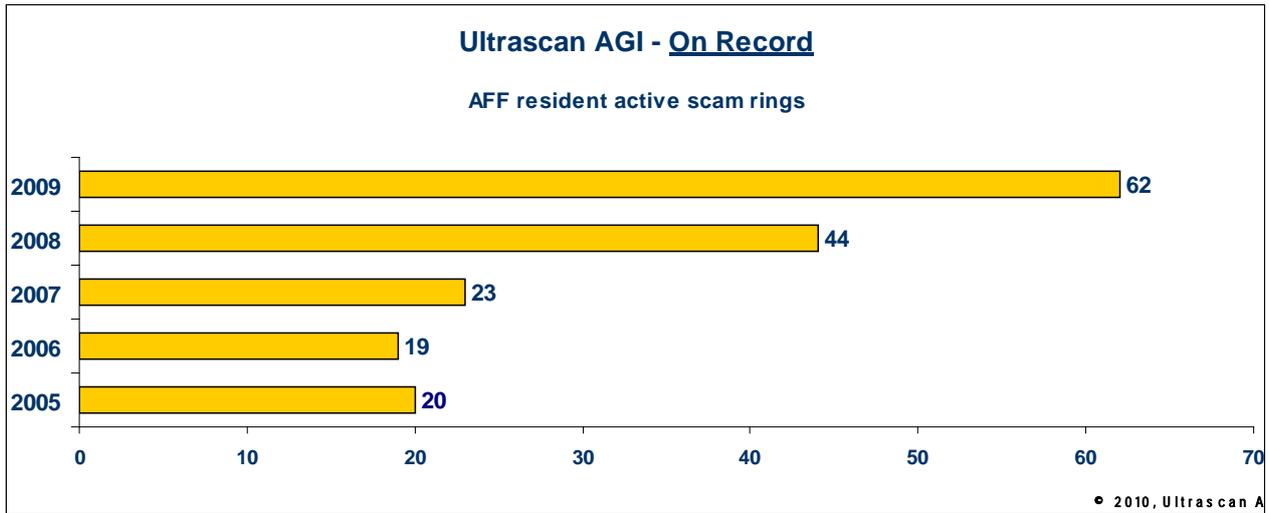


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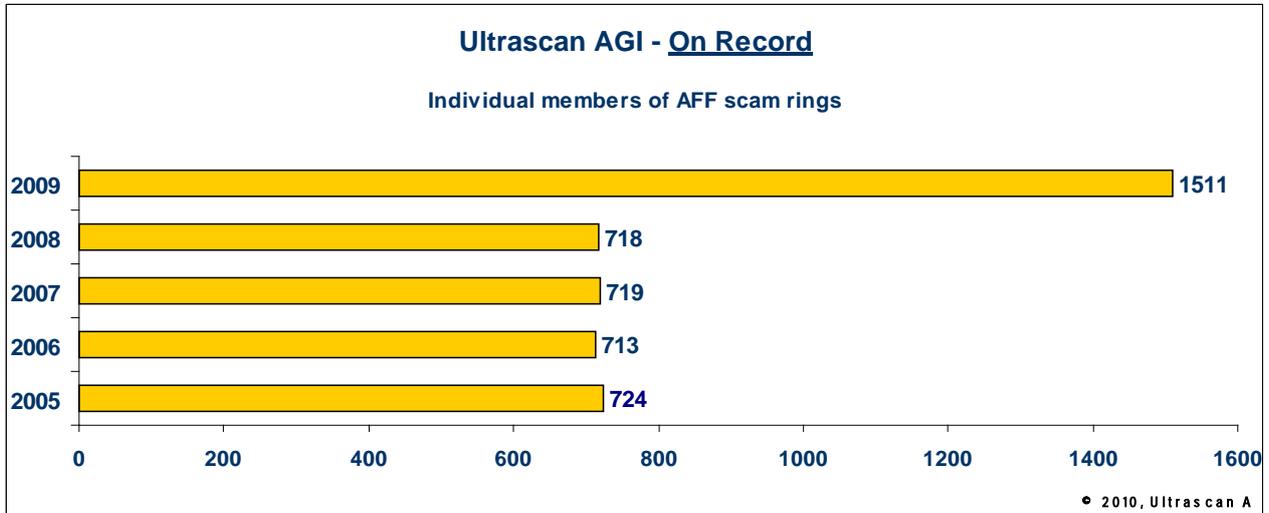


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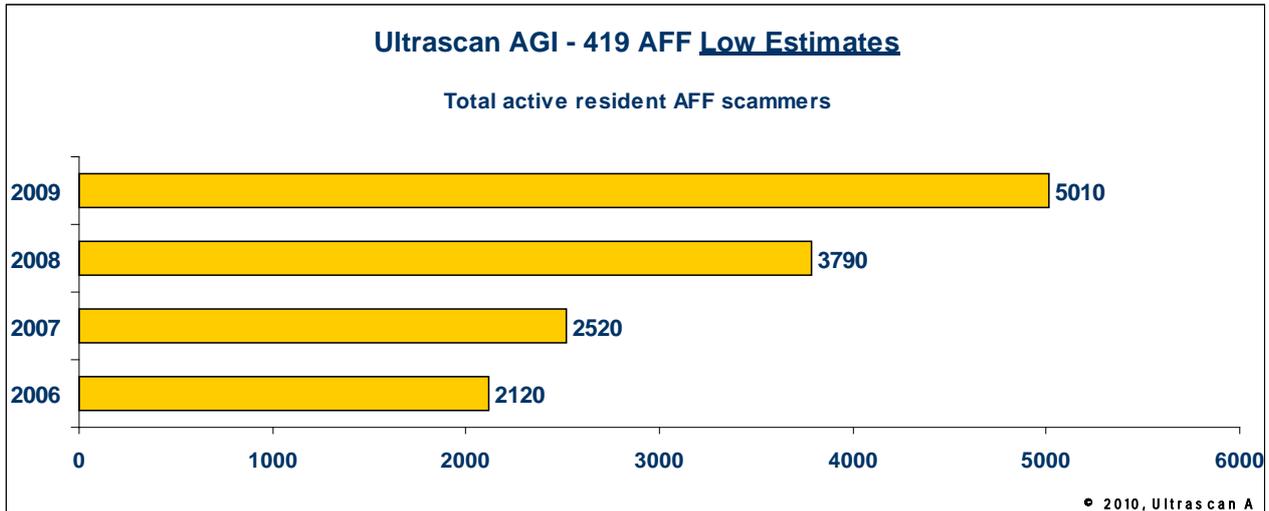
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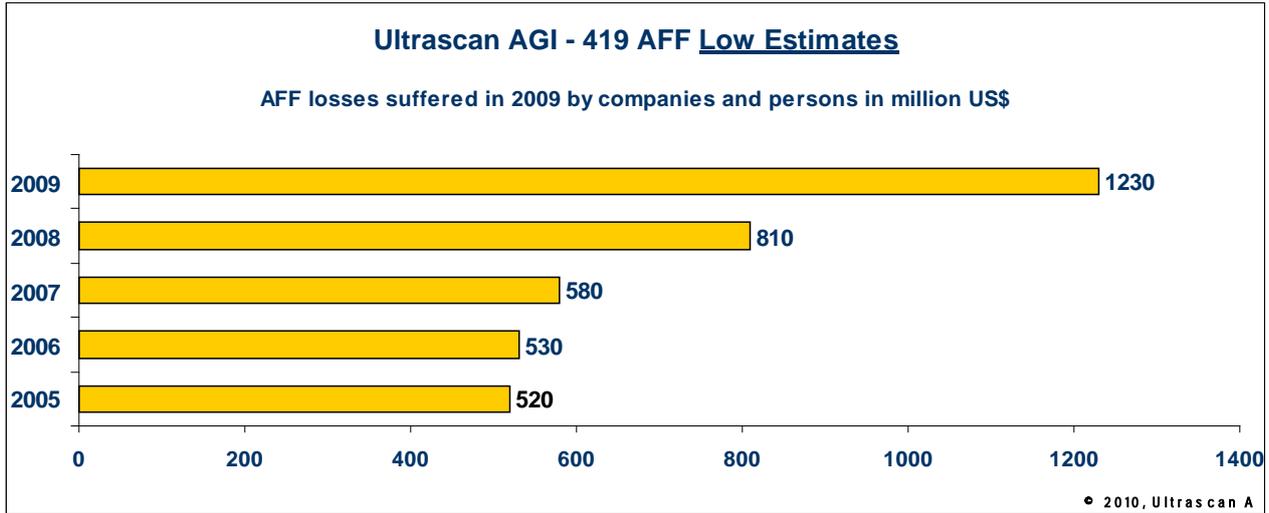
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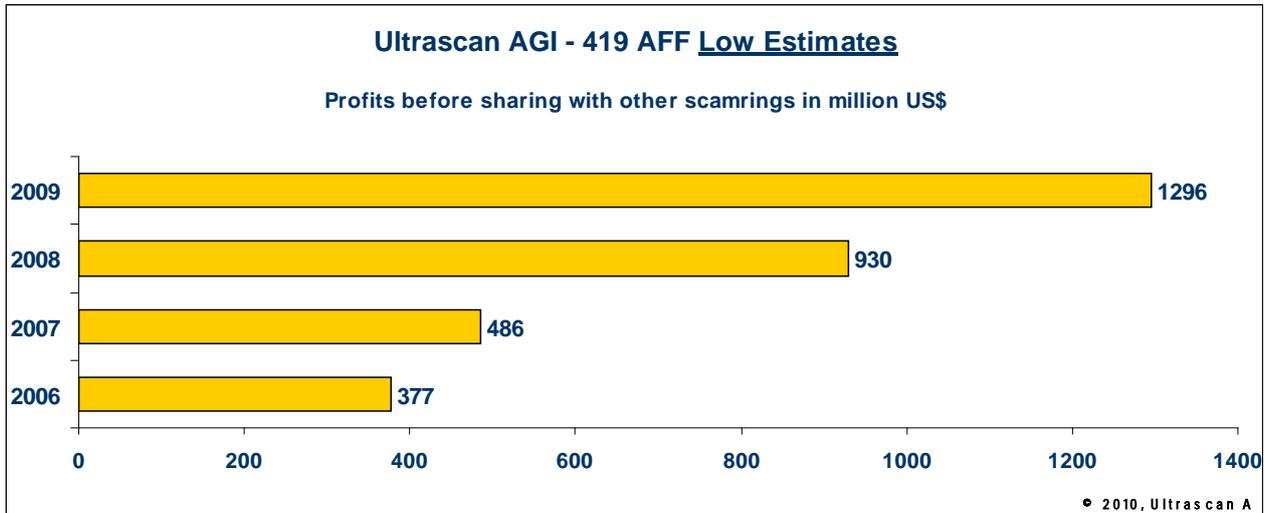
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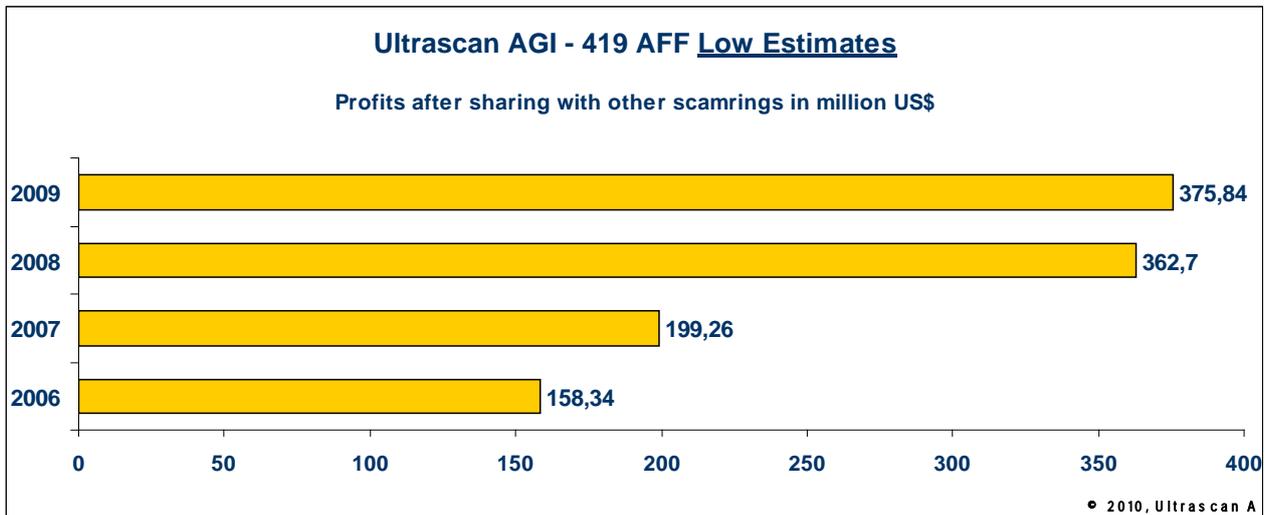
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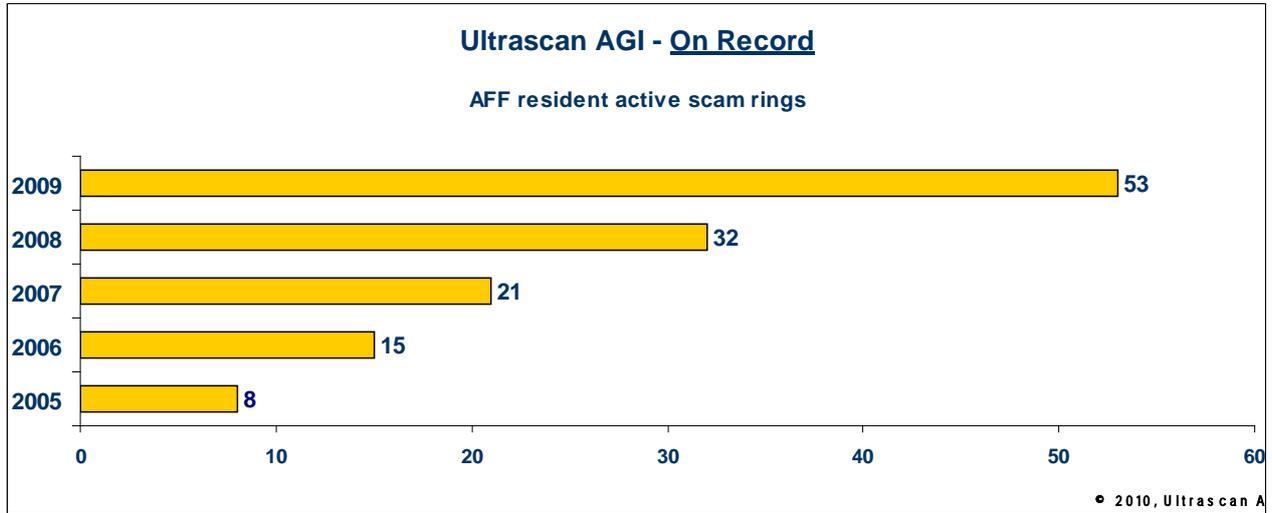


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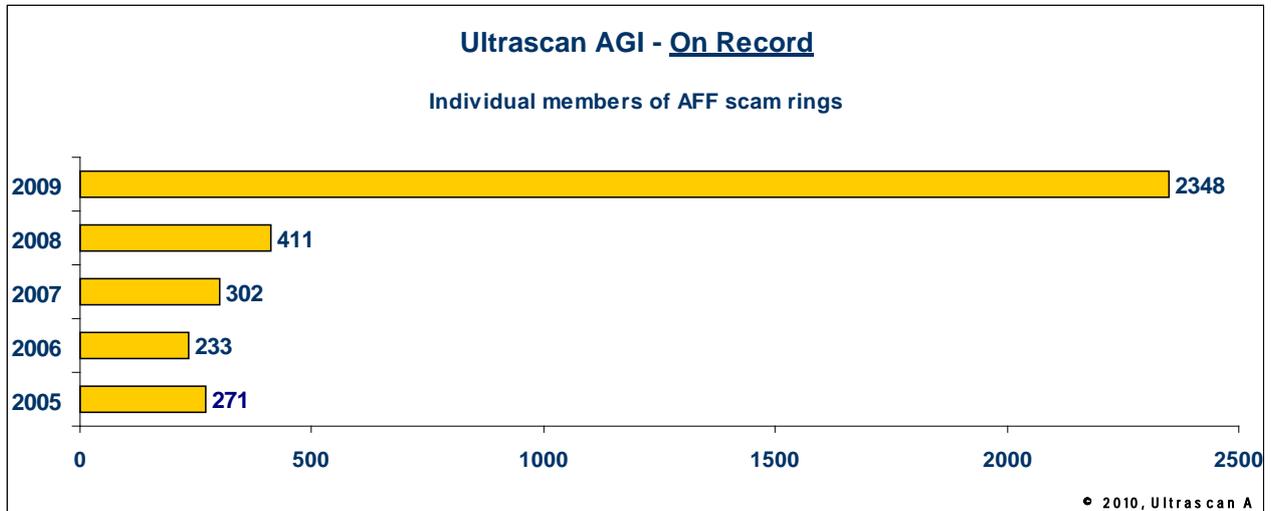


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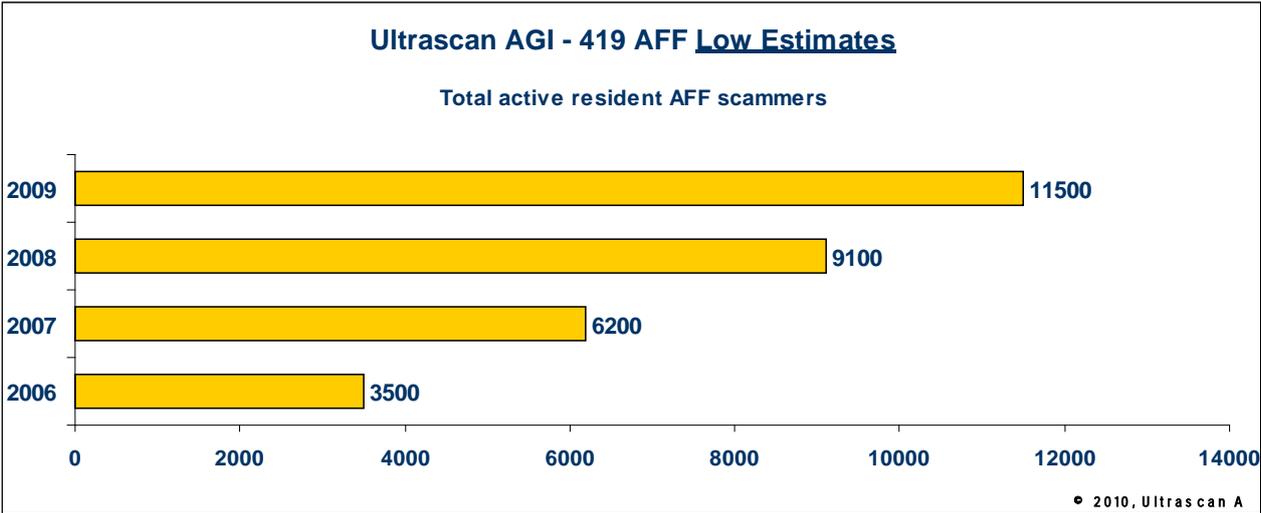
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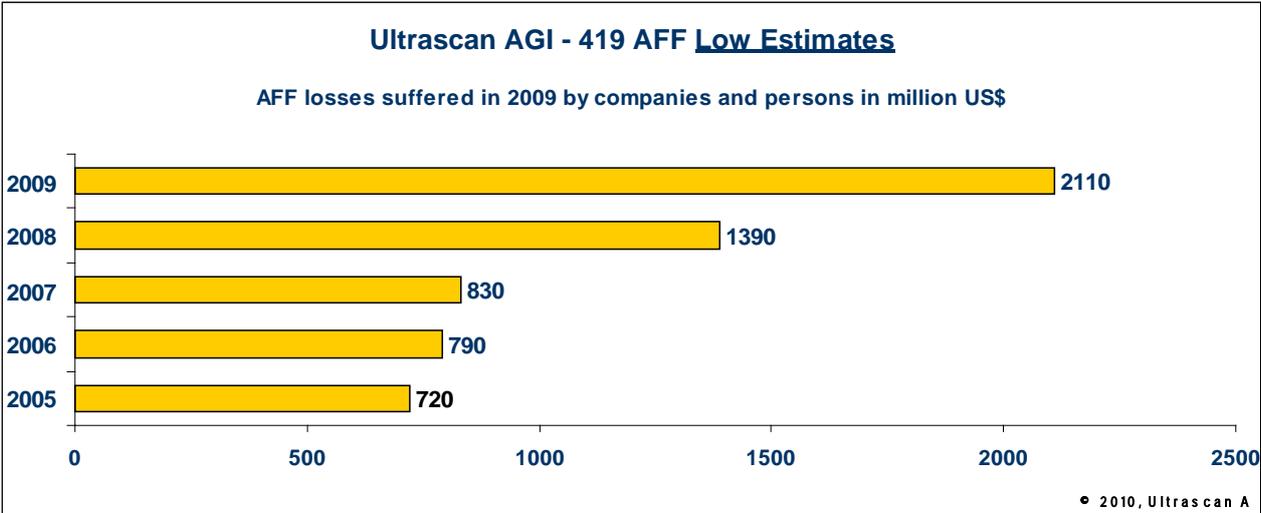
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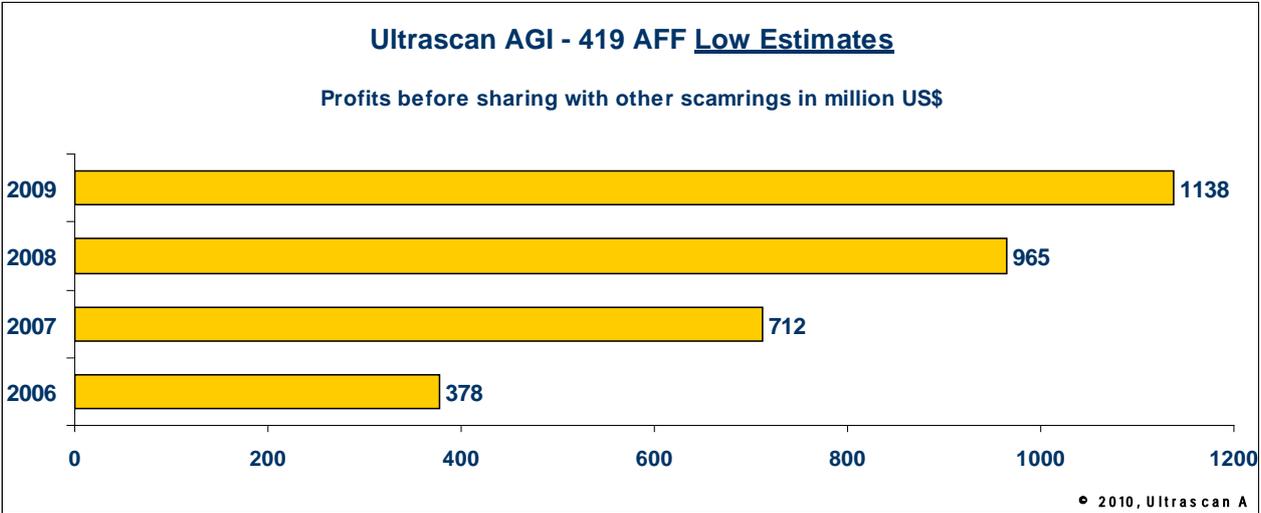
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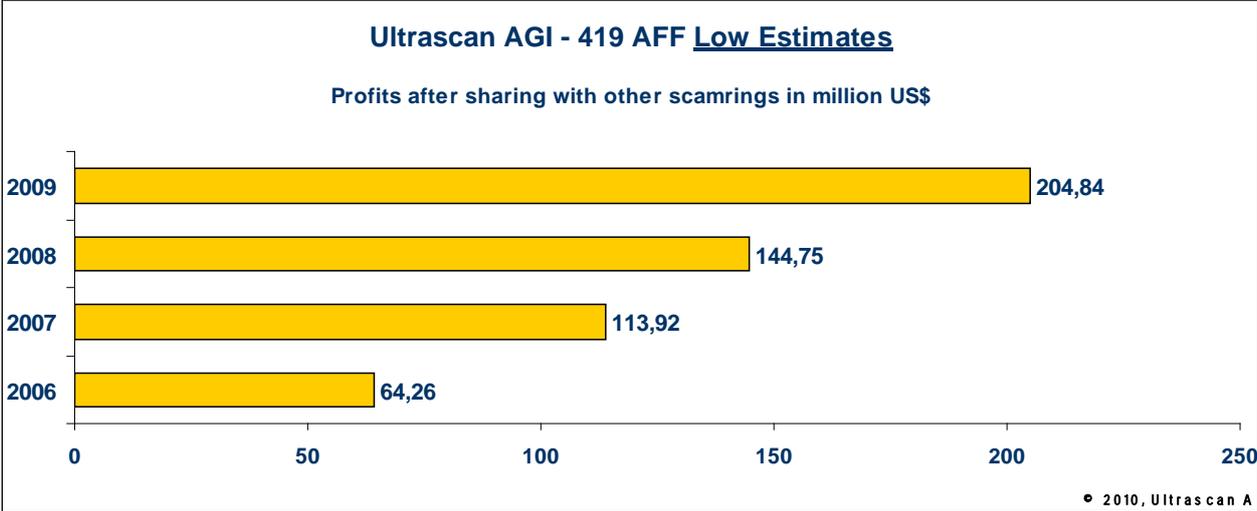
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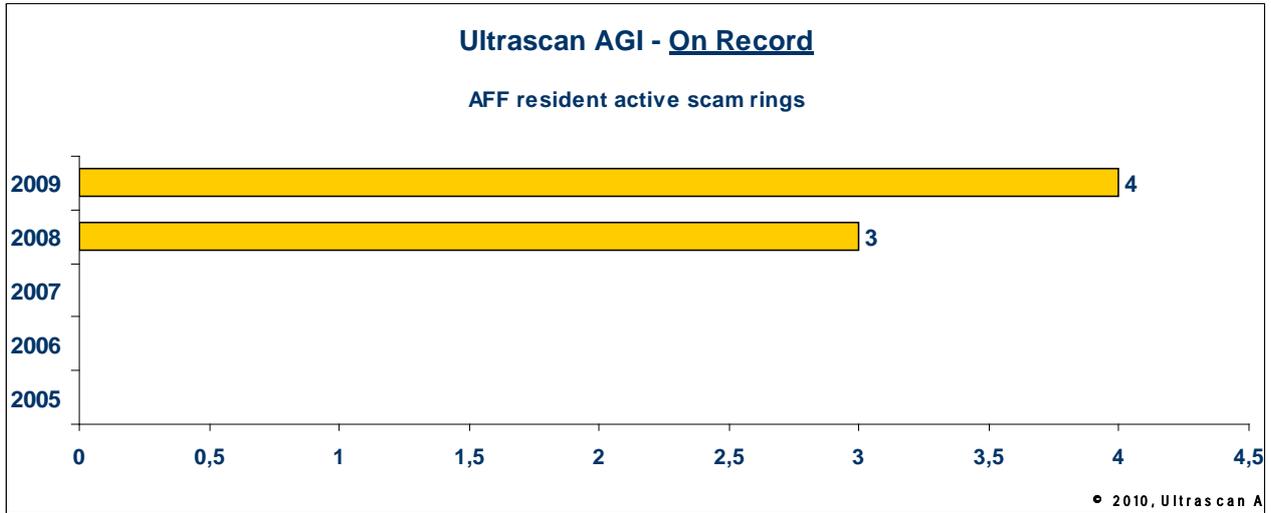


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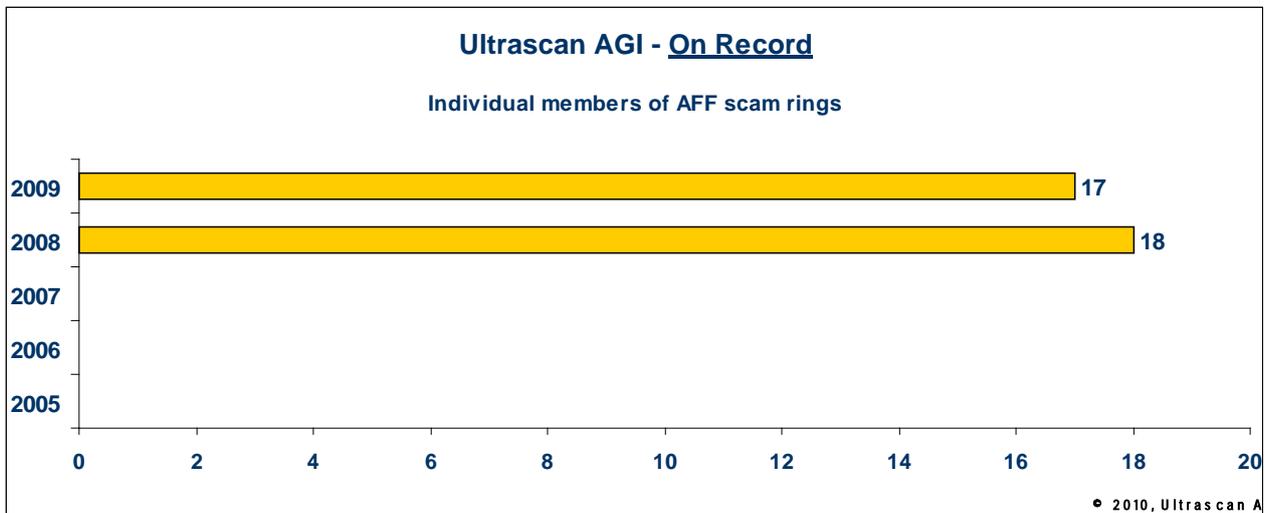


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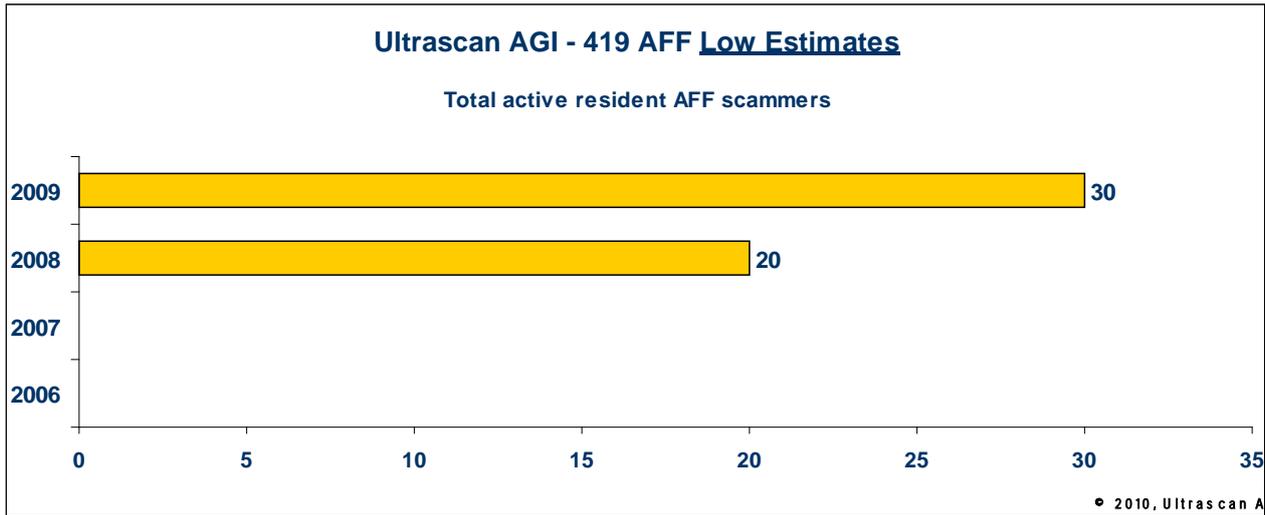
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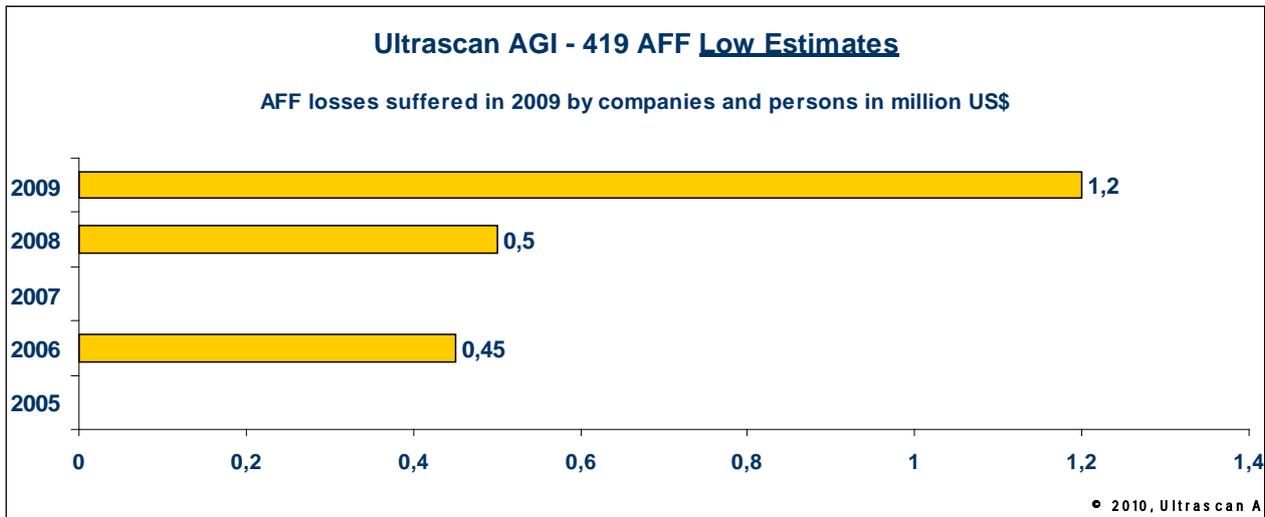
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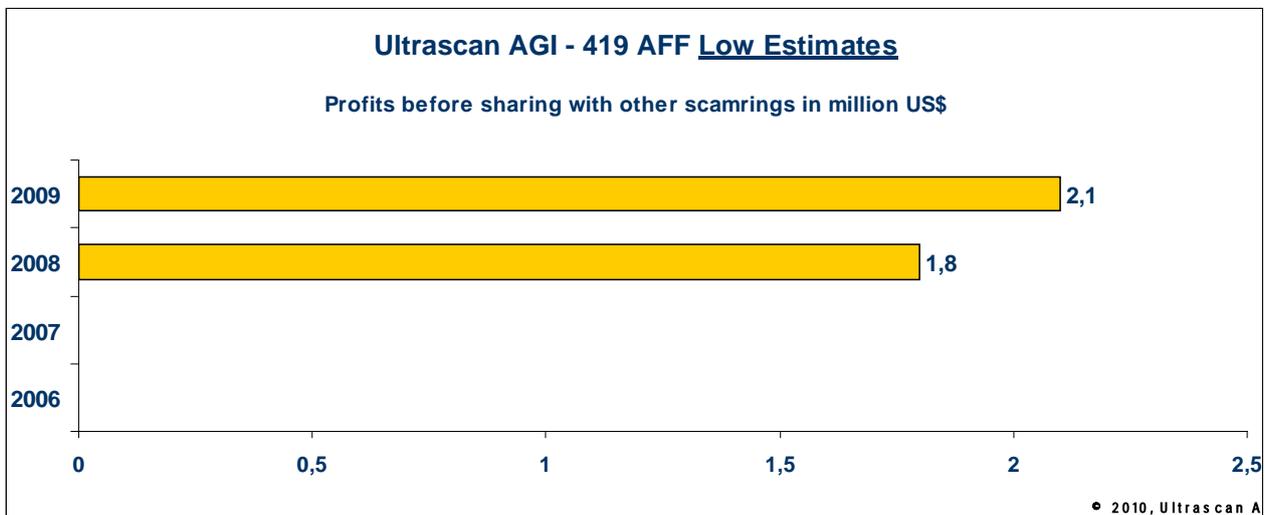
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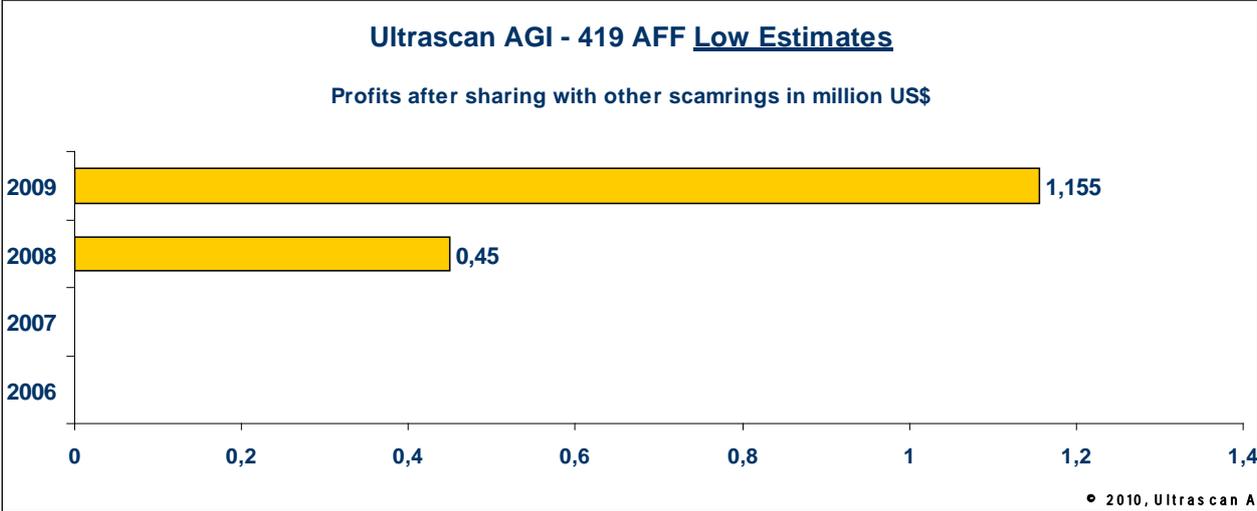
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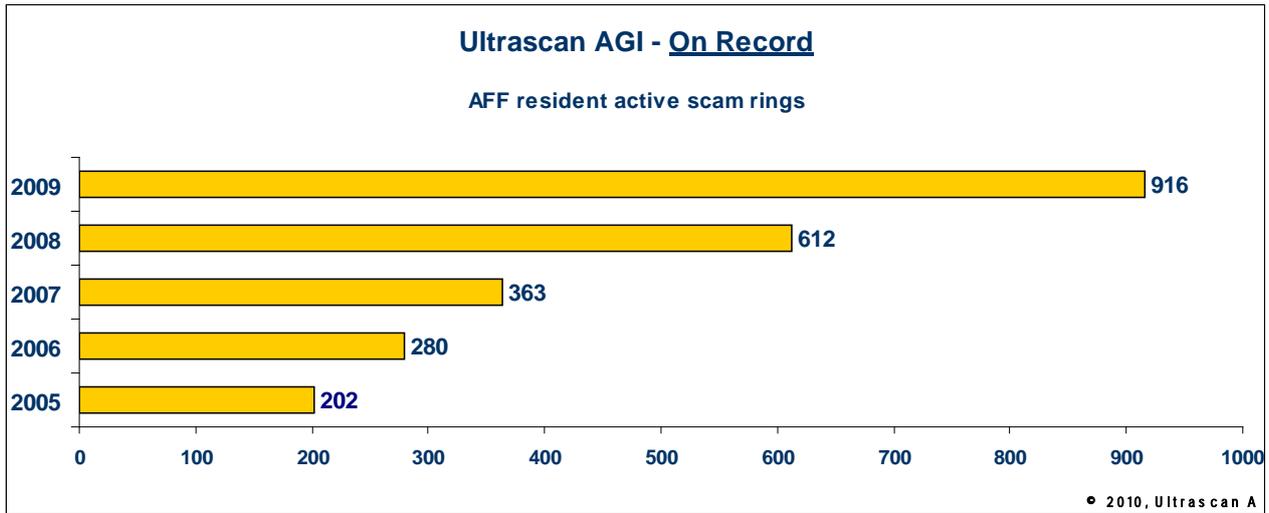


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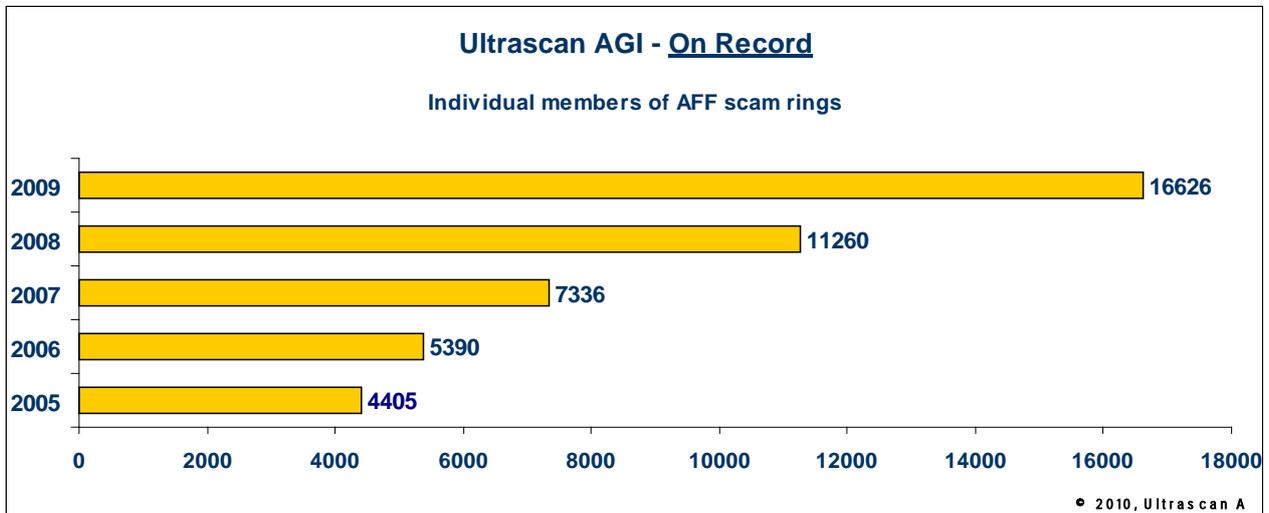


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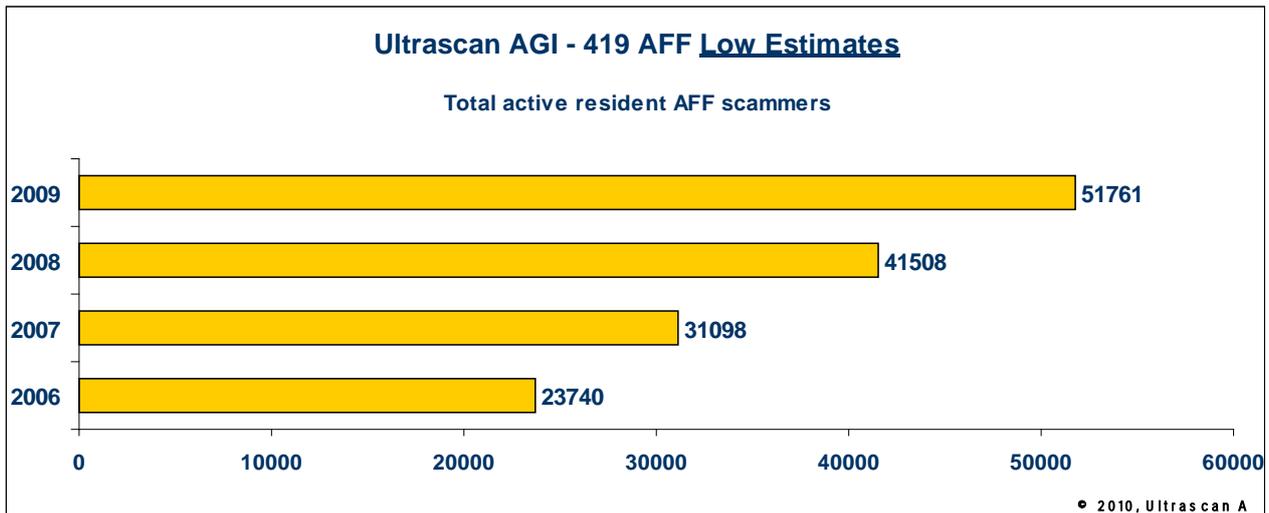
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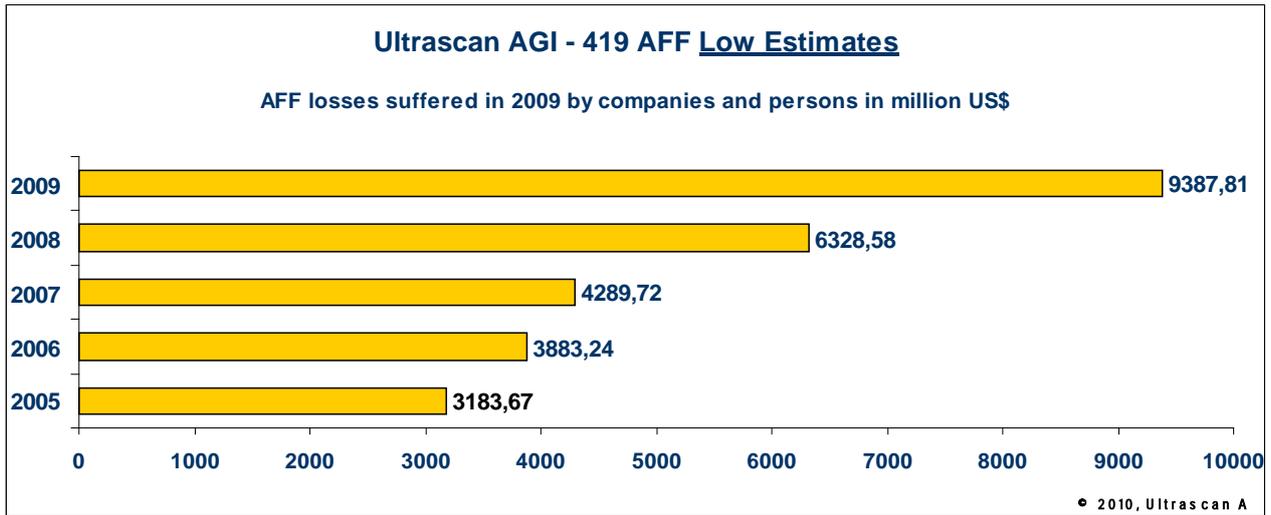
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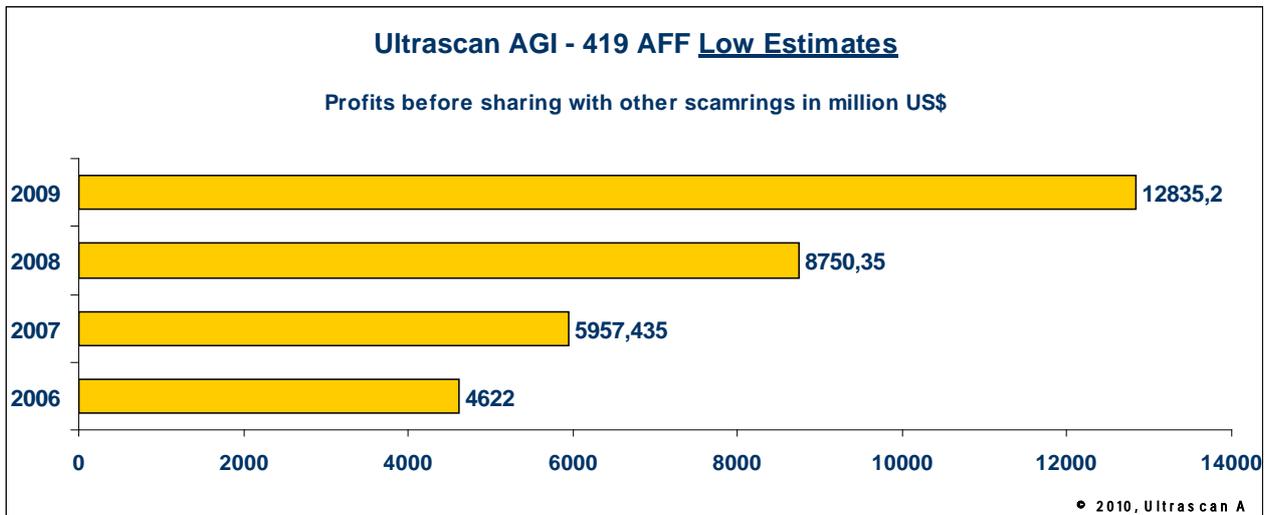
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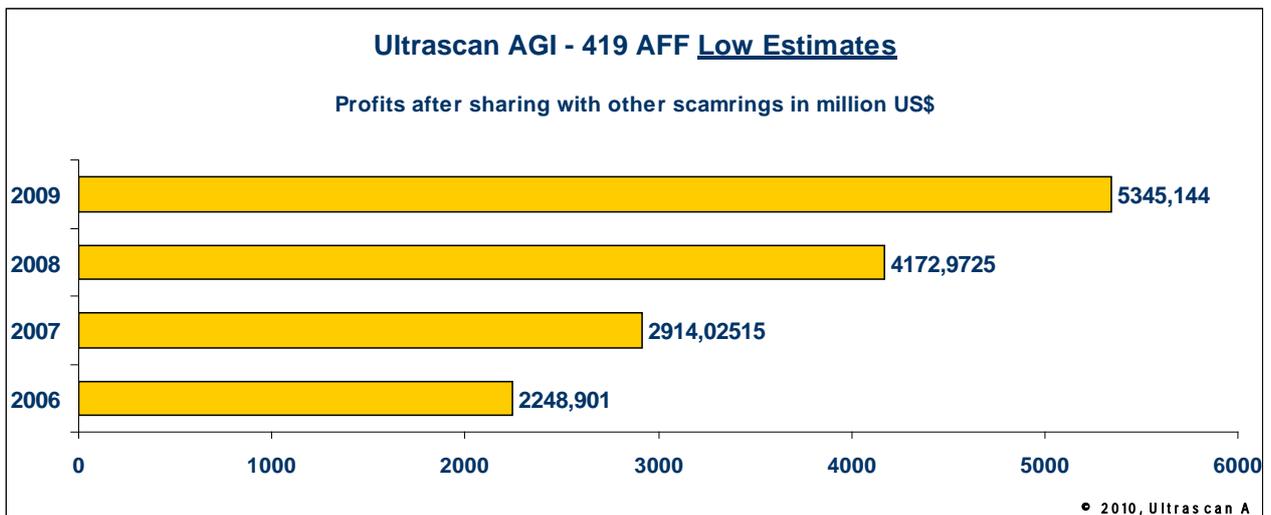
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# Appendix B: Tables

AFF resident active scam rings (sorted high low)

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	AFF resident active scam rings	Individual members of AFF scam rings	Total active resident AFF scammers	AFF losses suffered in 2009 by companies and persons in million US\$	Profits before sharing with other scamrings in million US\$	Profits after sharing with other scamrings in million US\$
	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009
other countries**** excl. Nigeria	94	1611		0		0
Spain	72	1456	4280	485	1020	397,8
United Kingdom	62	1511	5010	1230	1296	375,84
United States**	53	2348	11500	2110	1138	204,84
Ghana**	51	2019	4350	6,2	417	283,56
Italy**	39	471	1220	319	415	120,35
South Africa	33	485	3130	91	581	168,49
China**	32	1498	4300	936	1050	409,5
Netherlands	32	729	1650	91	710	156,2
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Belgium	12	209	620	81	129	60,63
Cameroon	12	119	1350	0,3	45,5	15,015
Ireland	12	175	210	92	136	88,4
Australia	11	69	430	215	280	120,4
Kenya **	11	135	220	9	65	27,3
Philippines	11	31	105	7,1	123	94,71
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Korea, Republic of	8	91	137	196	217	62,93
Senegal	8	47	151	0,95	20,1	5,427
Brazil**	7	72	150	51	69,5	54,21
Denmark	7	39	80	21,4	17	6,63
Egypt	7	39	120	72	31,5	21,42
Japan	7	16	85	830	228	196,08
Romania**	7	37	85	14,7	26	13,78
Turkey**	7	54	115	103	118	64,9
Hong Kong **	6	33	82	76	125	85
Pakistan	6	21	75	7	88	35,2
Poland	6	18	55	13,5	14,1	7,332

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Russia	6	51	280	105	430	129
Sweden	6	32	75	53	24	6,48
Argentina	5	39	130	7	10,7	3,531
Lithuania	5	19	24	4,1	93	38,13
Singapore	5	23	70	14	81	34,83
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Bulgaria	4	33	75	2,5	3,6	2,448
Cyprus	4	9	20	3	34,7	27,413
Finland	4	15	42	6,35	5,2	4,472
Indonesia	4	29	66	10,5	26,7	7,743
Iraq	4	30	150	1,9	42	6,3
Mexico	4	12	35	43	43	12,9
Taiwan	4	22	65	7,2	51	11,22
Yugoslavia	4	17	30	1,2	2,1	1,155
Austria	3	42	80	5,3	24	19,68
Chile	3	14	60	4,2	23,6	9,44
Colombia	3	17	190	14,5	6,1	2,135
Hungary**	3	11	90	4,3	6,9	3,795

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Malta	3	12	25	1,6	12	4,2
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Netherlands Antilles	3	18	37	1,4	26,7	10,413
Croatia	2	4	19	0,93	0,8	0,248
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Iran	2	9	30	6,3	9,3	2,883
Kuwait	2	13	50	5,1	4,5	0,9
Luxembourg	2	5	27	3,7	33	26,4
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Libya	1	2	12	0,38	1,2	0,324
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New Zealand	1	5	10	3,5	7,3	2,117
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Palestinian Territory	0	2	3	0,85	0,5	0,275
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Individual members of AFF scam rings (sorted high low)

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United States**	53	2348	11500	2110	1138	204,84
Ghana**	51	2019	4350	6,2	417	283,56
other countries**** excl. Nigeria	94	1611		0		0
United Kingdom	62	1511	5010	1230	1296	375,84
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Total active resident AFF scammers (sorted high low)

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# Appendix C: Ultrascan Services

'Knowledge itself is power' -

SIR FRANCIS BACON (*Meditationes Sacrae* – 1597)

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'The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn' –

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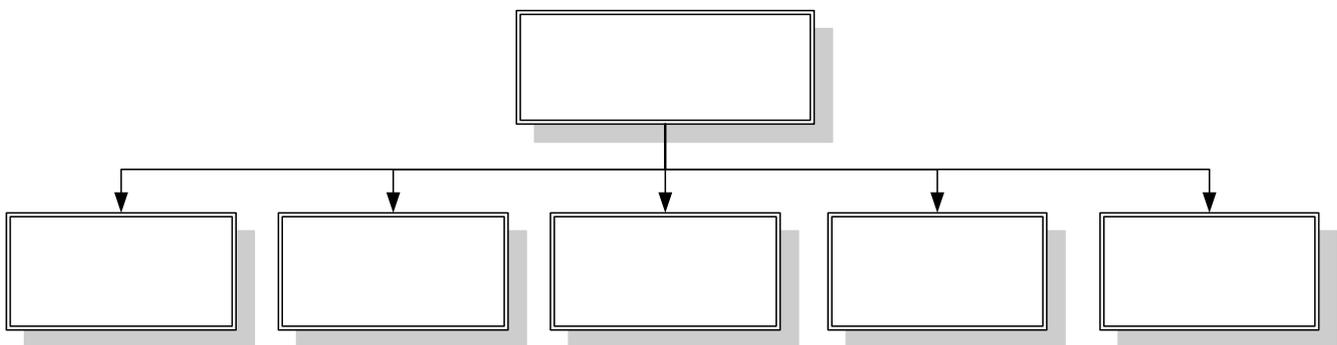
## Introduction

Ultrascan is an international research organization with over 3200 experts in 69 countries. Ultrascan has been established in 1996.

What sets Ultrascan apart is its “feet in the street”. Ultrascan not only employs academics, but also doctors, physicians and ex Law enforcement personnel, a powerful mix of science and streetwise skills. 90% of our experts are local: they speak the language and have a vast network in their home country.

Ultrascan Services consist of:

1. Ultrascan Knowledge Process Outsourcing (KPO) Services;
2. Ultrascan Interim & Recruitment Services;
3. Ultrascan Advanced Global Investigations (AGI);
4. Ultrascan Product Development;
5. Ultrascan Software Services.



## Ultrascan Knowledge Process Outsourcing Services

‘Knowledge itself is power’ is the world famous aphorism by Sir Francis Bacon. Nowadays, in our information society, this aphorism is often translated in ‘*Information is power*’.

In Ultrascan’s vision information is build upon knowledge, and power is build upon information. In our view knowledge is more about the objective facts, which translates in information, which also includes the more subjective facts (e.g., your own feelings).

Gathering knowledge should be the basis of every company process and decision. But gathering knowledge can be a daunting task in our international world. Not every company has the resources to do so. There may also be other valid reasons for companies to not undertake the knowledge gathering by themselves: company A would not like company B to know it is researching company B regarding a possible takeover. Or a bank does not have the resources and skills to research and disrupt the corporate identity fraud it fell victim too.

In such situations and of course many others, it is worth considering Ultrascan KPO Services or the services of Ultrascan Advanced Global Investigations.

There are several advantages to using KPO firms. By outsourcing non-core business activities, organizations will definitely save a great deal of money and time. There is no time and there are no resources lost to acquire necessary skills. Businesses can also gain more operational efficiencies because they can focus on the key growth areas of their industries instead of spending time and manpower on basic research and development.

KPO could be considered a high-end activity of the business process outsourcing (BPO) industry. There are several differences between the two, however. Where KPO is about intellectual and analytical processes completed by educated and trained employees, BPO is about standardized routine processes done by workers with minimal skills.

## Ultrascan Interim Services

While executing its KPO and AGI services, Ultrascan has met and has been working with many skilled people.

We have an extensive international network of highly educated and trained professionals. Many of them have dealt with sensitive information during their careers.

Ultrascan Interim Services can help you finding the right trustworthy person.

## Ultrascan Advanced Global Investigations

Ultrascan AGI focuses on researching and disrupting global Open Source Criminal Networks (OSCN).

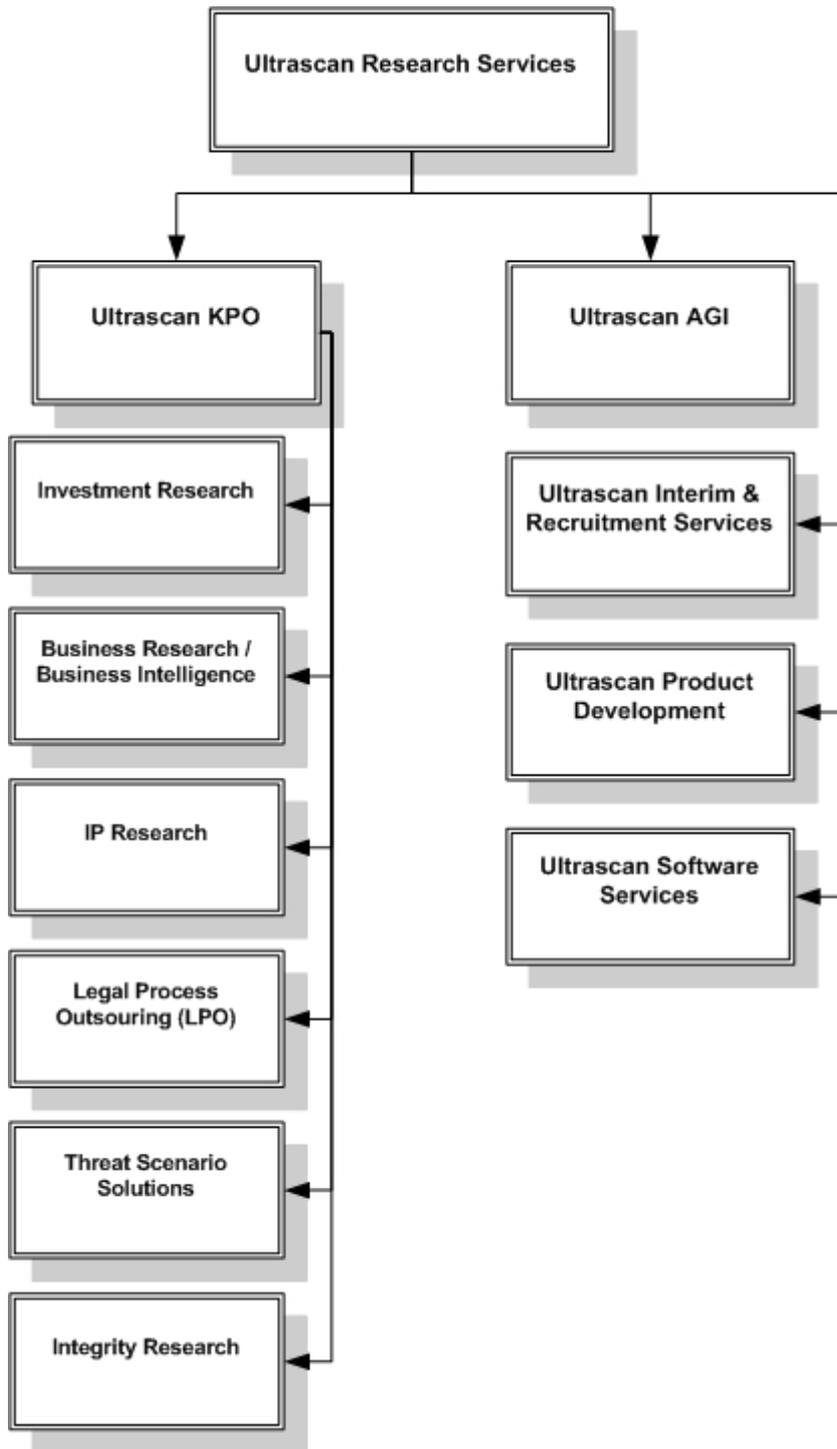
An OSCN can be defined as:

- Open Source - all resources to perpetrate a crime are for free (or exceptionally low priced) available, profits are shared afterwards;
- Cross border - perpetrator and victim are in different jurisdictions;
- Criminal Networks - perpetrators operate anonymously in their network.

**Ultrascan has been offering its services for over 13 years.**

## Ultrascan KPO Services

*Knowledge process outsourcing (KPO) is a form of outsourcing, in which knowledge-related and information-related work is carried out by workers in a different company or by a subsidiary of the same organization, which may be in the same country or in an offshore location to save cost. Unlike the outsourcing of manufacturing, this typically involves high-value work carried out by highly skilled staff. KPO firms, in addition to providing expertise in the processes themselves, often make many low level business decisions—typically those that are easily undone if they conflict with higher-level business plans. (Source: Wikipedia)*



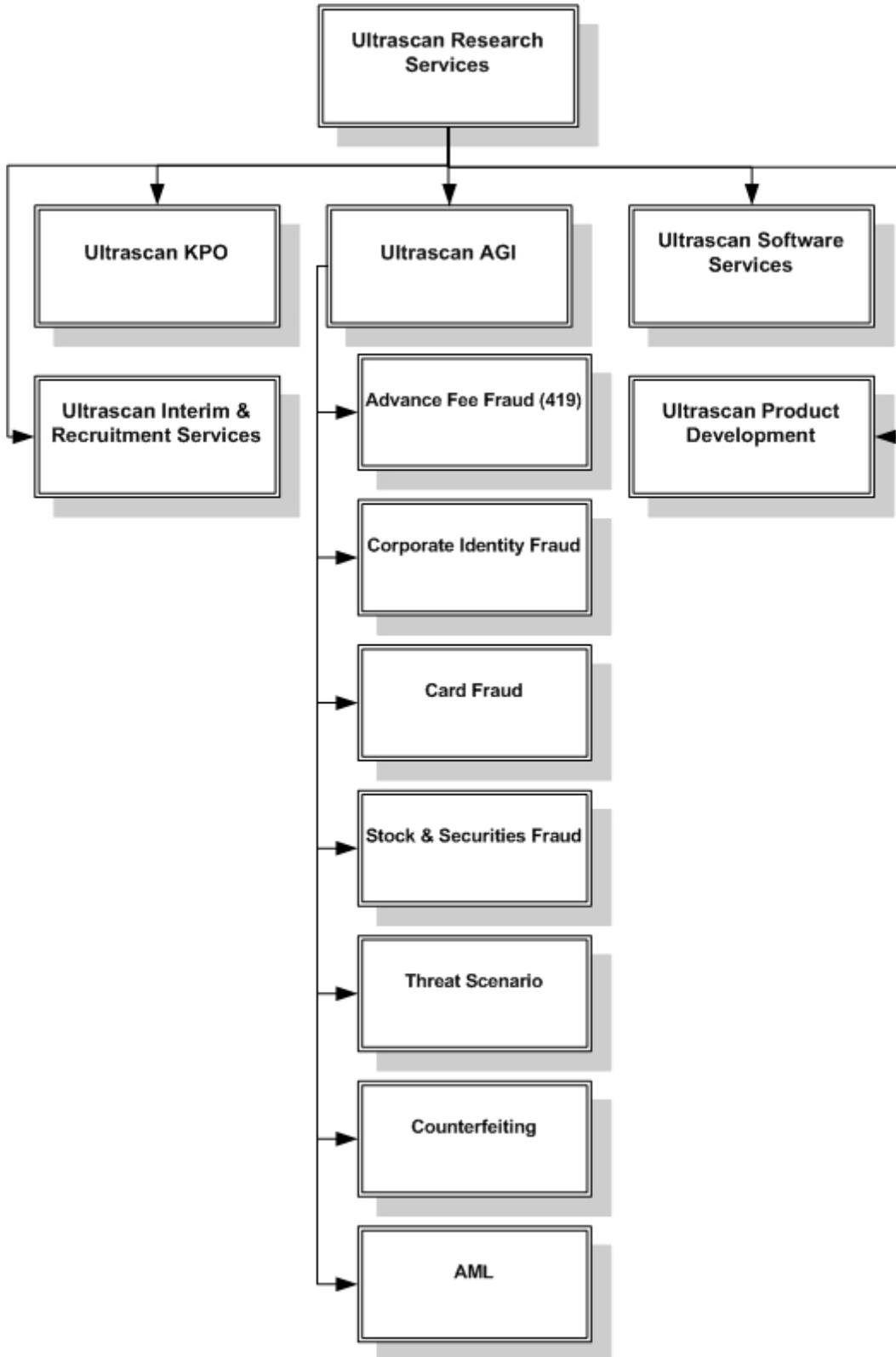
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Acting for lawyers, businesses, financial institutions, government departments and private individuals, Ultrascan provides advanced investigative solutions in such areas as card fraud, money laundering, asset tracing, and counterfeiting.

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You will find our friendly staff helpful and direct. We will quickly tell you whether we can assist and which of our services may help in your particular case.  
All enquiries are dealt with in strictest confidence.



## Appendix D: Case Study Ultrascan Anti Corporate ID Theft Program

### Cyber-Crime Targeting a Multi National Company (real name changed in to MNC)

Over the last three years we detected an exponential increase in the volume of online traffic by cybercriminals using the name of the MNC in Advance Fee Fraud (AFF) schemes. The inherent openness and anonymity of the internet are creating unprecedented challenges for the Company. Crimes of fraud, brand abuse and unauthorized use of MNC intellectual property have moved online and are increasingly dangerous to the reputation of all international institutions. The Company trademarks, logo, information and both the collective and individual identities of the Company are actively stolen by cybercriminals and used to conduct criminal activity on-line. ***While there has been no financial loss to the Company, there has been a degradation of the reputation and image of the Company, which is often perceived to be part of the criminal network conducting this cyber-crime.***

Victims of this billion dollar a year industry blame the real institution which is used by criminals to conduct their scams. The online reputations of all institutions have all been jeopardized by these organized gangs of cyber-criminals. The Company is a victim of AFF, but is now taking action to protect itself from such criminal activities and MNC fully intend to pursue these criminals with the assistance of international and local law enforcement authorities.

The initial problem within MNC was to determine which organization would handle these sensitive issues. This problem crosses several key domains; strategic security, fraud, public relations and IT security. As this particular problem does not physically cause any monetary loss, it does not necessarily breach the benchmarks required to fall under the domain of an anti-Fraud organization. For the MNC it was ultimately the Company's Security Unit, which deals with both strategic and physical security; that took on the role of defining the problem and devising solutions. Over the last year our Security Unit has become our subject matter experts on advance fee fraud and has achieved quick results by using the broader definition of "cyber crime" The Company's Security Unit has developed several key programs to combat this criminal activity targeting the Company with three components; EDUCATION, DISRUPTION and PROSECUTION.

#### EDUCATION

The Intellectual Property Protection initiative is a confidential and sensitive security program designed to provide a long term methodology using Ultrascan focused specifically on protecting the Company from all forms of identity theft and cyber-crime. This is a very specialized domain, and outsourcing several key components of the program to Ultrascan that focus on this issue alone has provided quick results. The first decision was a difficult one; does the Company as an institution want to "come out of the closet" and expose the fact that we have this problem? MNC is in fact the first institution to come forward and admit publicly that this is a problem. In order to increase our global impact in the education domain we joined an alliance

#### DISRUPTION

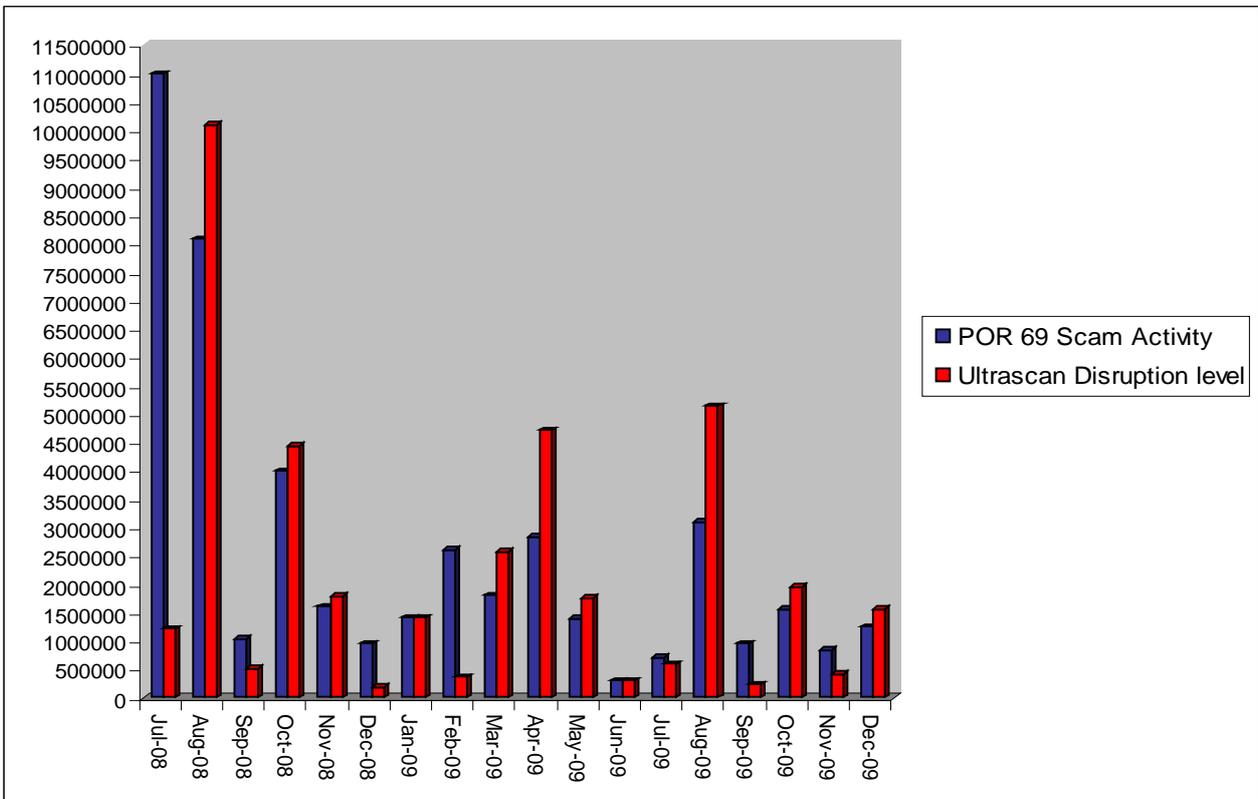
This phase of the program consists of an outsourced pro-active Anti corporate identity theft package that focuses on determining the identities, locations and tactics of the key cyber-crime perpetrators using the Company name, logo, trade mark and the names of Company employees. This is being done by cyber-crime specialists of Ultrascan located at a remote site, using an online "filter" system comprised of "points of reception" designed to capture all online activity using the name of the Company. Ultrascan's 419unit

operates from a secure facility that can not be traced back to the MNC. The AFF points of reception are located in 69 countries across the globe and they automatically answer all Company related fraud proposals via email and phone/fax in order to collect more details about the perpetrators behind the proposals. These filters are fine tuned to ensure optimal reception, response and tracking. ***This program has been successful in identifying the “online” identities of the key perpetrators of MNC related cyber-crime and has started to create a “fear factor” which makes cyber-criminals wary of using the Company trademark for criminal activities.***

A recognizable trend is a change in the focal point used by cyber-criminals conducting AFF on two continents. The cyber-criminals are moving away from using the identity of MNC and are now using “a competitor” as their false online identity. Approximately 150 fake websites using the “the competitor brand” were identified.

***Since we started the program there has been a significant decrease in the number of AFF online activities using the name of the Company, the official logo of the Company, the name of Company staff members.***

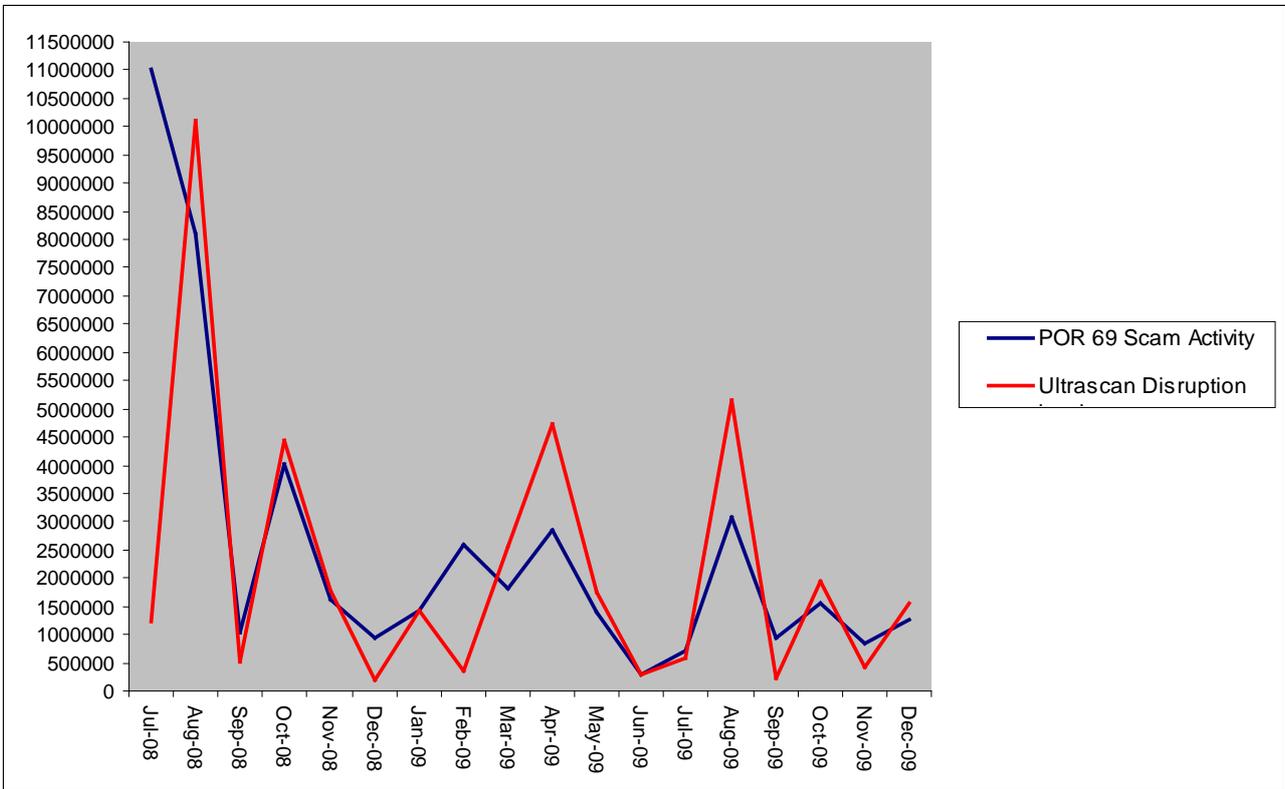
The key websites supporting cyber-criminals using the Company were located and shut down, one particular website was operating from Cotonou, Benin with a convincing pirated MNC web site that including a fake board of directors. Ultrascan also shut down multiple false MNC web sites in South Africa. Ultrascan expects that the criminals will re-establish this site again somewhere in West Africa or China, but MNC now have the capability to detect, monitor, disrupt and quickly shut down such activities to ensure they no longer use the identity of the Company.



**PROSECUTION**

Currently, Ultrascan is simultaneously investigating 8 different AFF scam proposals using the name of the MNC in 8 different countries; Benin, South Africa, Czech, Nigeria, Netherlands, USA, England, and Australia. Ultrascan identifies the perpetrators behind these scams in order to trace and locate the individuals conducting these crimes. Then, Ultrascan collects evidence, which includes registration of conversations, cyber-forensics, and on some occasions meetings with the victims in order to get detailed information on the criminals. This evidence is passed to local authorities as appropriate for further investigation and prosecution. MNC have worked closely with the Nigerian EFCC in this role, however the lack of investigative capacity, laws, and prosecutorial will of many African is a serious problem. Ultrascan intend to assist African law enforcement entities in developing a stronger capacity to fight cyber crime, as we have clearly noted a trend for the criminals to move into countries that have weaker judicial capabilities.

MNC is still in the early stages of this project and will continue to look for partners willing to join us in this endeavour; there remain millions of emails and cyber-scams going out daily using the name of the Company. It is expected that the cyber-criminals will continue to adapt and change their tactics against the MNC; however MNC is now in a position to monitor and exert some measure of control over the criminal use of our trademark, through a proactive program of education, disruption and prosecution.



## Appendix E: Corporate Information & Questions

For general questions about 419 Advance Fee Fraud please first take a look at the website of The 419 coalition <http://home.rica.net/alphae/419coal/index.htm> or Ultrascan Advanced Global Investigations <http://www.ultrascan-agi.com>

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