About the PRAC

The Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC) oversees and ensures transparency in the spending of over $5 trillion across 500 pandemic relief programs.

Established by the CARES Act in 2020, the PRAC coordinates efforts among 20 federal Offices of Inspectors General (OIGs), to safeguard taxpayer dollars, identify and mitigate risks, and relentlessly pursue fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement to hold wrongdoers accountable.

Our work generates results.

As of January 2025, the PRAC has supported **over 1,000 investigations** into **over 23,000 subjects**, with an estimated **potential fraud loss of $2.4 billion**.

As of January 2025, the PRAC and federal OIGs have **issued 945 pandemic-related reports with 1,929 recommendations and over $113.3 billion in total monetary findings**.

We issued a Fraud Alert identifying the use of **over 69,000 questionable Social Security Numbers** to obtain **$5.4 billion in relief loans and grants**.

To help oversee a new $150 billion relief program, the PRAC implemented solutions that **halved the review time** for Treasury OIG auditors and helped **identify $2.2 billion in questioned costs**.

Our insights

We and our partners launched the Blueprint for Enhanced Program Integrity, a how-to guide for agencies, Congress, and the oversight community to better prevent fraud.

We examined relief funding in various communities revealing significant data gaps and reliability issues, making it challenging to track how $2.65 billion was allocated and spent, hindering transparency for taxpayers.

Our initiatives

Our data analytics center delivers unparalleled analytic, audit, and investigative support to the oversight community, with 1.6 billion records across public and non-public datasets.

Our PRAC Fraud Task Force has over 50 agents from 18 member OIGs that investigate fraud using the data-driven insights and red flags identified by our data analytics center, as well as thousands of public hotline tips.

"Sustaining and expanding the PRAC's data analytics center would save taxpayers millions, if not billions of dollars, by eliminating the need to recreate a data analytics center in response to the next crisis and continuing the critical work of preventing fraud and improper payments."

-Michael E. Horowitz, PRAC Chair

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Empowering partners,
Protecting taxpayer dollars

Through a data-driven partnership, the PRAC helped the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation OIG recover **$165 million in civil settlements related to improper payments**.

We issued a report revealing how **unemployment insurance fraud, estimated by GAO at up to $135 billion, exploited systemic weaknesses** during the pandemic through sophisticated schemes and methods.

The PRAC helped **identify over 90 potential fraud schemes** targeting HUD's pandemic relief programs. Some of those schemes were found in an investigation **resulting in the highest number of bribery charges issued in a single day by DOJ**.

PRAC Fraud Task Force in action

Telecom provider and CEO pleaded guilty and agreed to pay **$109.6 million in restitution**.

14 individuals charged with defrauding the PPP of **over $53M**.

25-year sentence to a recidivist fraudster who stole **over $1 million** in pandemic relief funds.

Individual sentenced for **theft of over $12.4 million** in unemployment insurance and PPP funds.

17 individuals charged, **6 sentenced** thus far in an unemployment fraud scheme.

2 co-conspirators sentenced in a **$7 million** PPP and EIDL fraud scheme.

Behind the scenes: PRAC's proactive approach

Example 1: We developed a risk model that helped the SBA OIG triage **a surge of 6,000 weekly hotline complaints** during the pandemic, saving valuable time.

Example 2: We reported on the difficulty in tracking federal funding to its recipients, including more than **15,400 awards worth $33 billion** that have vague or unclear descriptions about how the money was used.

Example 3: We uncovered **$38 million** in potentially fraudulent loans using Social Security Numbers of deceased individuals, highlighting the benefits of using the Treasury's Do Not Pay system to strengthen program integrity.

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