

FraudNet



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FraudNet's Mission

FraudNet's primary mission is to facilitate the reporting of complaints of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement of federal funds.

It also

- supports and informs GAO audits and investigations.
- coordinates with the broader hotline community.

Director of Investigations

Supervisory
Investigative Research
Analyst (IRA)

3 IRAs

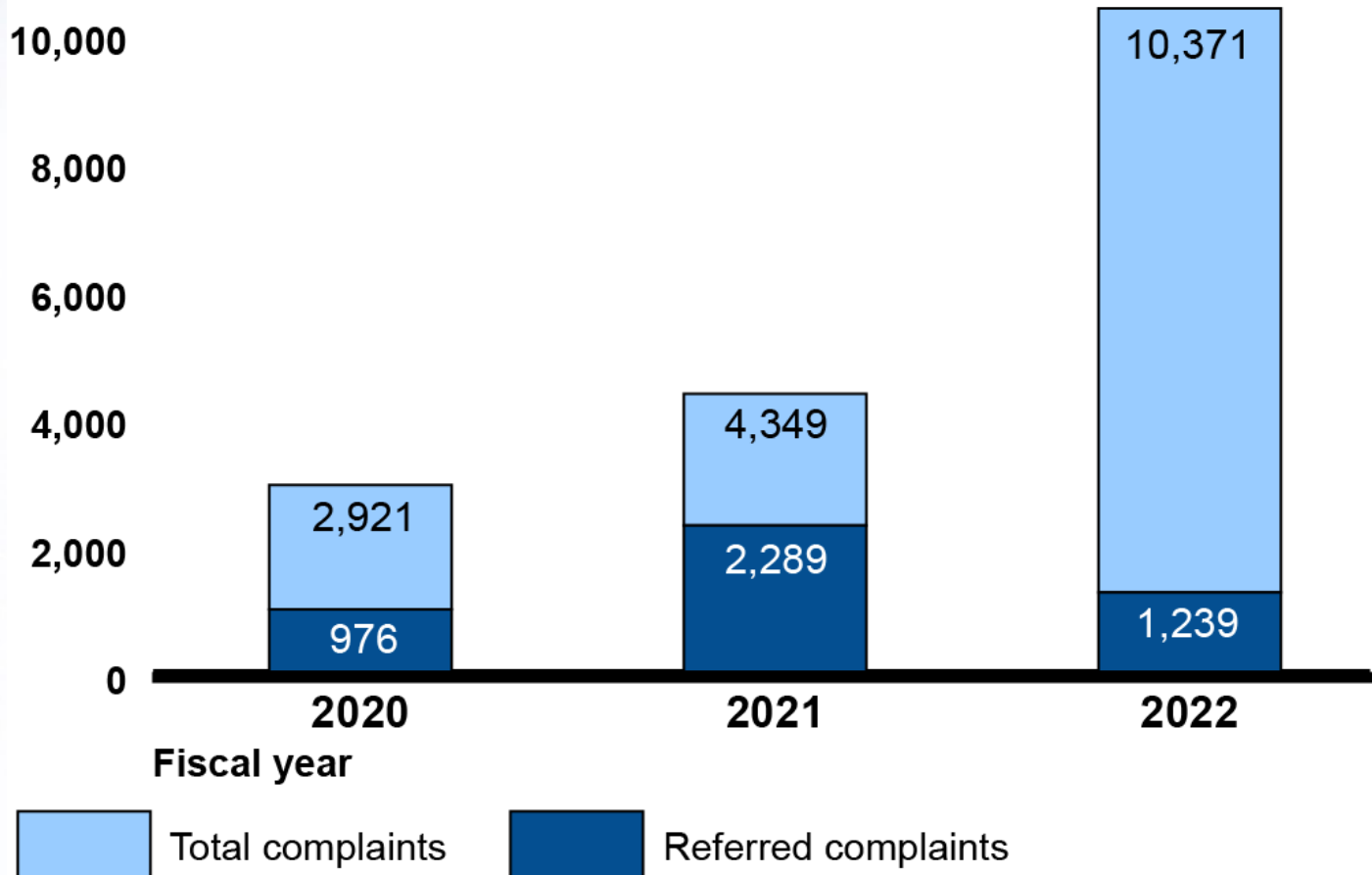
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External

Collect, analyze, research, and respond to public complaints and develop and track referrals

In Fiscal Year 2022, FraudNet received 10,371 complaints and referred 1,239 of those complaints to the appropriate federal, state, or local agencies.

Number of complaints



Source: GAO analysis of FraudNet data. | GAO-23-106669

Internal

Provide research support to GAO audit and investigative teams.

- Accurint & CLEAR searches (commercial databases)
- NCIC/III
- FinCEN
- System Operations or “Sysop” requests



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Contact FraudNet

Telephone: (800) 424-5454
(202) 512-7700
Fax: (202) 512-2841
E-mail: fraud@gao.gov
Suite: 4386/4483

Mail: GAO FraudNet
441 G Street, NW
Mail Stop 4T21
Washington, DC 20548

Hours: 8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.(eastern)



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Whistleblowers and Protected Disclosures

- Employees who report allegations they reasonably believe evidences wrongdoing, such as a violation of law, abuse of authority, or gross mismanagement, committed by their employer.



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Protected Disclosure

- a report of a violation of law or regulation, abuse of authority, or gross mismanagement, to an **authorized individual or organization**.



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Whistleblower's Employer is a Factor to Determine Authorized Individual or Organization

- Federal Government Employer
 - Supervisors / management
 - Inspector General
 - Office of Special Counsel
 - Congress
- Federal Contractor/Grantee Employer
 - Management official of employer
 - Inspector General
 - Congress
 - GAO
 - Responsible Federal Employee
 - DOJ / Law Enforcement



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Prohibited Personnel Practices (PPP) / Retaliation

Federal Employer

- Prohibited from taking or failing to take, or threatening to take or fail to take a personnel action because of any disclosure by an employee or applicant

Federal Contractor / Grantee

- Prohibited from discharging, demoting or otherwise discriminating against an employee as a reprisal for making a disclosure

Thank You!

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