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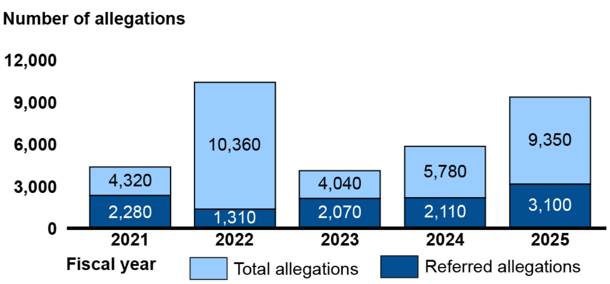
Why This Matters

FraudNet's primary mission is to facilitate the reporting of allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement of federal funds. It also supports GAO audits and investigations. This is a summary of FraudNet's activities for fiscal year (FY) 2025.

FraudNet Processed Over 9,350 Allegations

In FY 2025, FraudNet processed over 9,350 allegations received from the public, as well as government employees and contractors. Of these, FraudNet referred about 3,100 to other entities for potential action, including investigation. FraudNet referred allegations to over 60 entities, including the Offices of the Inspector General (OIG) at the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Health and Human Services, Justice, and Veterans Affairs.



Source: GAO analysis of FraudNet data. | GAO-26-108938

FraudNet's Investigative Research Analysts (IRA) review and document each allegation received. If IRAs determine an allegation should be referred elsewhere, they send it to federal OIGs or other federal, state, and local entities for potential action. The receiving entities determine whether and how they will address the allegation.

To avoid duplication of efforts, FraudNet generally does not refer allegations when the complainant indicates that the matter has already been submitted to another entity.

GAO does not independently investigate allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse submitted to FraudNet. Instead, FraudNet records all allegations in its case management system and makes them available to inform ongoing or future GAO work.

FraudNet IRAs Provided Research Support to GAO Audits and Investigations

In FY 2025, FraudNet conducted over 900 queries of commercial and law enforcement databases to support 10 GAO audits and investigations. For example, information from FraudNet queries aided GAO investigators when they made covert calls to ineligible providers with a history of billing insurance carriers participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) program. As discussed in the April 2026 report (GAO-26-108139), these calls identified instances when ineligible providers were willing to accept patients with FEHB insurance, demonstrating ongoing fraud and improper payment risks within the program.

Report Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

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FraudNet's preferred method for receiving allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement involving unclassified information is the Online Complaint Form. The form's prepopulated questions guide complainants in providing the key elements IRAs need to effectively assess and, as appropriate, refer allegations. The form is always available and allows complainants to upload supporting documentation at the time of submission.

Online Complaint Form
is strongly encouraged to be used for a more timely response.

Section 1
To submit an allegation of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement of federal funds, please choose your filing preference.
O **Standard** O **Confidential** O **Anonymous**

Section 2
What rule, regulation, or law do you believe to have been violated?
Approximately when did the incident(s) occur? (mm/dd/yyyy)
What federal agency is involved?

Section 3
If applicable, please provide the following additional details related to the alleged wrongdoing.
name of the associated company Enter text here
Information on any related subjects (you may add more than one):
A Subject is an individual associated with the incident that may or may not have been directly involved in the wrongdoing (For example, a witness).

Supporting Documents
Please attach any supporting documents and click Save prior to submitting that allegation.
Add Document

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FraudNet IRAs do not alter any information submitted via the Online Complaint Form. When necessary, IRAs may contact complainants to request additional information.

GAO cannot accept classified information through the Online Complaint Form. Please call 1-800-424-5454 for guidance on submitting allegations that involve classified information.

Key Elements to Include When Filing an Allegation

Subject information: Include name and contact information of the government agency, individual, or business, and any other identifying information connected to the subject. This includes addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and social media handle.

Contact information: Include your contact information (name, telephone number, and email address). This allows FraudNet to contact you if additional information is needed.

Narrative: Provide details about the allegation. Include the elements of who, what, when, where, and how the allegation occurred.

Applicable law(s): If known, include the law, rule, or regulation you believe has been violated.

Other agencies: Include any other agencies you have reported your allegation to.

Supporting documentation: Submit emails, photos, website references, and other documents that support your allegation.

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The GAO Antifraud Resource:
https://gaoinnovations.gov/antifraud_resource/

A Framework for Managing Fraud Risks in Federal Programs:
https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-15-593sp

GAOverview: FraudNet Activity Report for Fiscal Year 2024:
https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-25-108120

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Appendix

FraudNet Allegations

Category	Fiscal year 2021	Fiscal year 2022	Fiscal year 2023	Fiscal year 2024	Fiscal year 2025
Total allegations	4,320	10,360	4,040	5,780	9,350
Referred allegations	2,280	1,310	2,070	2,110	3,100

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What is Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Mismanagement?

- Fraud: Attempting to obtain something of value through willful misrepresentation
- Waste: Squandering money or resources, even if not explicitly illegal
- Abuse: Behaving improperly or unreasonably, or misusing one's position or authority
- Mismanagement: Creating a substantial risk to an agency's ability to accomplish its mission

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Key Elements to Include When Filing an Allegation

- Do provide the subject of your allegation including a name and contact information of the government agency, individual, or business and any other identifying information connected to the subject. This includes, if available, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc.
- Do provide good contact information for yourself, when feasible, so the FraudNet team can reach out for follow-up when needed.
- Do provide a narrative explaining the nature, scope, time frame and how you came to learn about the activity in your allegation.
- Do include the law, rule, or regulation you believe was violated, when possible, in your allegation.
- Do include the other agencies that you have reported the activity to in your allegation.
- Do include supporting documents such as emails and records.

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