

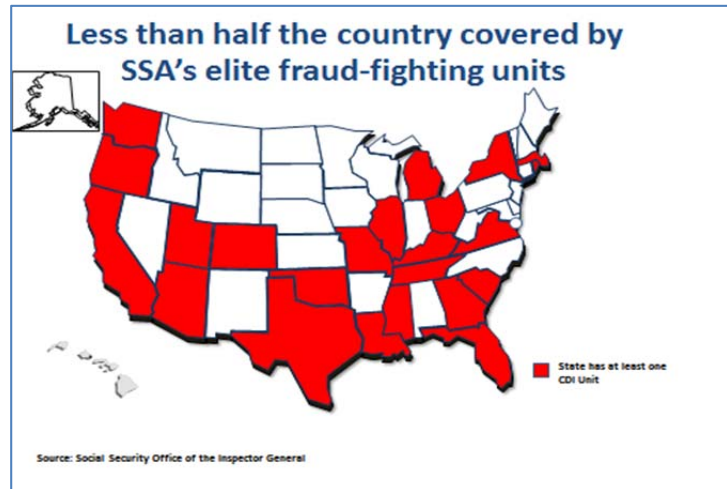
Cooperative Disability Investigations Units

Cooperative Disability Investigations Units, one of SSA's premier fraud investigation and prevention tools, were first established in 1998, with 5 CDI units. By 2010, SSA had expanded to 20 units. Despite declining resources, SSA has managed to open an additional 8 units in four more states and Puerto Rico.

CDI investigations have saved American taxpayers \$4.7 billion by denying or halting benefits to 30,000 fraudsters. They have sent a powerful message that we have zero tolerance for Social Security fraud.

How CDI units work

Each CDI unit includes a Special Agent from the Office of the Inspector General who serves as team leader, front-line SSA employees (including state disability determination services staff) who contribute programmatic expertise, and state or local law enforcement officers. Using their combined skills and knowledge, the units follow leads about individual and conspiracy fraud, both to ensure that justice is served in individual cases and to identify patterns of fraud and potential facilitators for future investigations.



2014 CDI Results

Total Cost (28 units covering 24 states): \$22.5 million

Allegations Received for Investigation: 7,438

Savings to Social Security: \$337 million

Savings to other federal programs (Medicare, Medicaid, etc): \$252 million

Return on Investment: 15 to 1