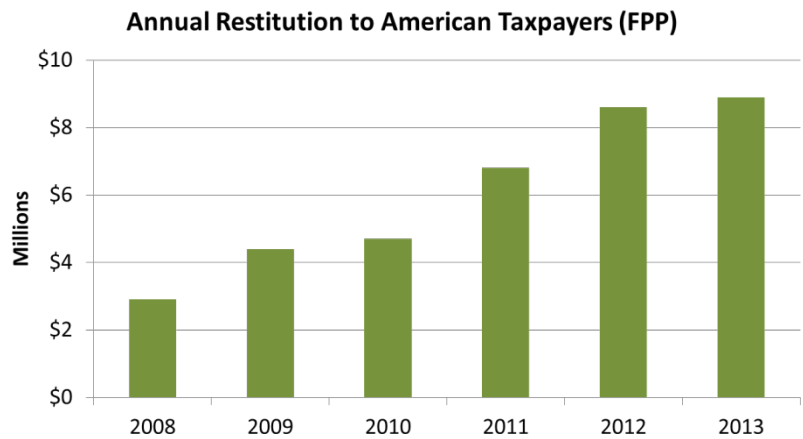


Fraud Prosecution Project (FPP)

Social Security employees detect and investigate fraud, but like all federal agencies, SSA must rely on U.S. Attorneys with the Department of Justice (DOJ) to prosecute Social Security fraud, which is a federal crime. Due to resource limitations and competing priorities, U.S. Attorneys are not always able to prosecute cases of Social Security fraud. As part of working with the Office of the Inspector General to increase Social Security fraud prosecutions, SSA's Office of the General Counsel has provided twelve attorneys who serve as Special Assistant United States Attorneys and focus solely on prosecuting Social Security fraud.



Judicial districts where Social Security can afford to place a fraud prosecutor have seen an increase in fraud prosecutions and in restitution orders for Social Security. Since 2003, Social Security's dedicated fraud prosecutors have secured 921 fraud convictions, while stopping ongoing fraudulent schemes, and deterring would-be fraudsters from attempting to steal from Social Security.

Fraud Prosecution Project Facts (2013)

Number of Social Security-funded fraud prosecutors: 12

Convictions or guilty pleas: 139

Restitution secured for Social Security and taxpayers: \$8.9 billion

Return on investment: \$8 for every dollar spent