

The PRAC Coordinates with International Partners

The US, UK, and Australia are facing similar threats related to identity theft, unemployment fraud, and the abuse of loans designed to help businesses keep their workforces employed during the pandemic. In July of 2021, **the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee's (PRAC) Data Sharing Working Group hosted an International Data Forum** that featured subject matter experts from these countries to share the tools and data techniques they use to find fraud.

UNITED STATES

The Small Business Administration Inspector General **used data analytics to identify red flags** in pandemic relief loan data. They found loans that used either the same tax ID number, bank account, or physical mailing address—all indicators of potential fraud.

The Department of Labor Inspector General worked with the PRAC to find potential cases of “double dipping.” They found **2.1 million mailing addresses** used to claim both unemployment insurance and apply for Paycheck Protection Program loans—a potential indicator of fraud.

UNITED KINGDOM

The UK Centre of Expertise for Counter Fraud's **data analytics found £1.3 billion in high-risk loans** in the country's Bounce Back Loan Scheme, which gave government-backed loans to small businesses. This data was shared with lenders who are using it to investigate potential fraud.

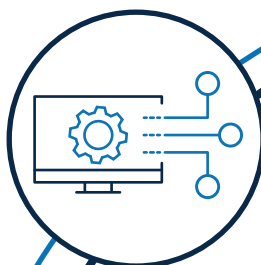
AUSTRALIA

Services Australia and the Australian Taxation Office **share data on stolen identities to protect the victim** and reduce the likelihood that thieves steal pandemic relief funds across multiple government programs.

How is data being used across the globe to find pandemic fraud?

Find out about other coordination efforts and virtual forums at [PandemicOversight.gov](https://pandemicoversight.gov).

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We are using technology more than ever before to conduct efficient and targeted oversight. To fight pandemic relief fraud, technology works even better when agencies share data. The PRAC has built the **Pandemic Analytics Center of Excellence** to share data, tools, talent, and techniques to flag fraud in the \$5 trillion worth of pandemic relief.

