



National Security Division (NSD)

FY 2023 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2022 President's Budget:	\$123.1 million (415 positions; 279 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$3.3 million
Program Changes:	+\$7.1 million
FY 2023 Budget Request:	\$133.5 million (434 positions; 292 attorneys)
Change From FY 2022 President's Budget:	+\$10.4 million (+8.5%) (+19 positions; +13 attorneys)

Mission:

The National Security Division (NSD) works to enhance national security and counter the threat of terrorism. The NSD consolidates within a single Division the Department's primary national security element outside of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This organizational structure strengthens the effectiveness of the Department's national security efforts by ensuring greater coordination and unity of purpose between prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, intelligence attorneys, and the Intelligence Community (IC).

Resources:

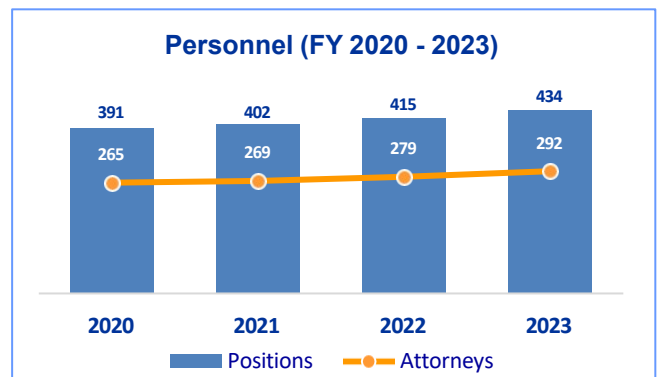
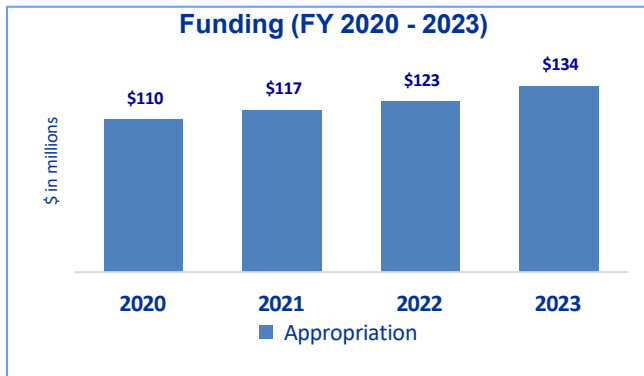
The FY 2023 budget request for NSD totals \$133.5 million, which is an 8.5 percent increase over the FY 2022 President's Budget, and a 10.6 percent increase over the FY 2022 Enacted.

Organization:

The NSD is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG), who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The AAG oversees a Division that is organized into the Office of Intelligence (Operations, Oversight and Litigation Sections), Counterterrorism Section, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, Law and Policy Office, Foreign Investment Review Section, Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism, and an Executive Office.

Personnel:

The NSD's requested direct authorized positions for FY 2023 total 434 positions, including an increase of 19 positions over the FY 2022 President's Budget of 415 direct authorized positions.



FY 2023 Strategy:

In FY 2023, the NSD will continue to fulfill its responsibilities in the areas of Intelligence Operations, Oversight, Litigation, Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence and Export Control, Cybersecurity, Foreign Investment Review, Law and Policy Advice, and Victims of Terrorism Outreach.

The NSD has outlined six areas of focus that will guide its operations in the coming years. The NSD will:

- Prevent, disrupt, and defeat terrorist operations before they occur by integrating intelligence and law enforcement efforts to achieve a coordinated all tools response to terrorist threats;
- Prosecute those involved in terrorist acts, adapting investigations to address changing terrorism threats, including, including domestic terrorism and cyber-enabled terrorism;
- Protect national assets from nation-state and terrorist threats, including through investigating, prosecuting, and disrupting espionage activity, proliferation, and foreign investment threat, as well as strengthening partnerships with potential targets of intelligence intrusions;
- Combat national security cyber-based threats and attacks using all available tools, strong public-private partnerships and by investigating and prosecuting cyber threat actors;
- Investigate and prosecute the unauthorized disclosure and improper handling of classified information; and
- Ensure that IC agencies have the legal tools necessary to conduct intelligence operations while safeguarding privacy and civil liberties.

The NSD's FY 2023 budget request maps to these goals and priorities and will ensure that the NSD remains best positioned to fulfill the Department's mission in the face of increasing challenges and a growing and evolving threat.

FY 2023 Program Changes:

Counterintelligence and Export Control, including Countering Cyber Threats: \$1.4 million and 6 positions (6 attorneys)

This request will support the NSD's work related to countering cyber threats to our national security. Among the most significant challenges this Nation continues to face is the rapid expansion, evolution, and sophistication of cyber threats to the national security. Highly technical cyber threats require time-intensive and complex investigative and prosecutorial work. Cyber threat investigation challenges include their novelty, difficulties of attribution, challenges presented by electronic evidence, the cyber activity speed and global span, and the balance between prosecutorial and intelligence-related interests in any given case. These additional resources will help the NSD to meet this growing threat head on and to address the significant increase in workload related to cyber investigations, prosecutions, and disruption operations expected in FY 2023. FY 2023 current services for this program are \$14.8 million and 49 positions (36 attorneys).

Intelligence Oversight: \$1.6 million and 8 positions (5 attorneys)

This request will support the NSD's extensive oversight and compliance work, which has grown substantially in volume and complexity over the last several years. The NSD's oversight work is an essential component of the NSD's implementation of national security initiatives and authorities, including combating cyber-attacks, terrorism, espionage, and the proliferation and use of weapons of mass destruction. Historical trends in the NSD's oversight work related to the IC's implementation of Section 702 indicate that the work in this area will continue to grow in the coming years. These additional resources will be critical in helping to address this growth. FY 2023 current services for this program are \$45.3 million and 151 positions (119 attorneys).

Counterterrorism, including Domestic Terrorist Threats: \$1.8 million and 5 positions (2 attorneys)

This request will support the NSD's comprehensive approach to combat terrorism, including on-going domestic terrorism threats. The request includes funding for a case management, tracking, and reporting system, which will enhance the NSD's ability to disrupt new and evolving threats posed by domestic terrorism. FY 2023 current services for this program are \$19.1 million and 64 positions (51 attorneys).

Remote Classified Processing: \$2.4 million and 0 positions (0 attorneys)

This request funds the implementation of remote classified (Secret) processing and will allow classified (Secret) and operational support during times of mandated social distancing, natural disasters and/or events preventing employees from accessing sites in the National Capital Region. The system will also allow the NSD leadership to maintain classified (Secret) communication with the Deputy Attorney General's Office while in a remote environment. There are no current services for this initiative.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	National Security Division		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2021 Appropriation	402	337	117,451
2022 Continuing Resolution	402	337	117,451
Expected Change from FY 2022 CR	13	12	5,642
2022 President's Budget	415	349	123,093
2023 Request	434	364	133,512
Change 2023 from 2022 President's Budget	19	15	10,419
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	6	3,617
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	-341
Total Base Adjustments	0	6	3,276
2023 Current Services	415	355	126,369
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Counterintelligence and Export Control, including Countering Cyber Threats	6	3	1,362
Intelligence Oversight	8	4	1,551
Counterterrorism, including Domestic Terrorist Threats	5	2	1,825
Remote Classified Processing	0	0	2,405
Subtotal, Program Increases	19	9	7,143
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	19	9	7,143
2023 Request	434	364	133,512

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Comparison by activity and program	2022 President's Budget			2023 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
National Security	415	349	123,093	415	355	126,369
Total	415	349	123,093	415	355	126,369

Comparison by activity and program	2023 Total Program Changes			2023 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
National Security	19	9	7,143	434	364	133,512
Total	19	9	7,143	434	364	133,512