

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

FY 2024 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2023 Enacted (S&E): \$2,563.1 million (7,289 positions; 115 attorneys; 3,665 agents)

FY 2023 Enacted (DCFA): \$581.5 million (2,196 positions; 40 attorneys; 471 agents)

Current Services Adjustments (S&E): +\$72.0 million

Current Services Adjustments (DCFA): +\$0.0 million

Program Changes (S&E) +\$25.8 million

Program Changes (DCFA) +\$40.2 million

FY 2024 Request (S&E): \$2,660.9 million (7,337 positions; 115 attorneys; 3,669 agents)

FY 2024 Request (DCFA): \$621.7 million (2,321 positions; 46 attorneys; 471 agents)

Total FY 2024 Budget Request: \$3,282.6 million (9,658 positions; 161 attorneys; 4,140 agents)

Change From FY 2023 Enacted: +\$138.0 million (+4.4%) (+173 positions; +4 agents)

Mission:

The DEA's mission is to enforce the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States and bring to the criminal and civil justice system of the United States, or any other competent jurisdiction, those organizations and principal members of organizations involved in the growing, manufacture, or distribution of controlled substances appearing in or destined for illicit traffic in the United States; and to recommend and support non-enforcement programs aimed at reducing the availability of illicit controlled substances on the domestic and international markets.

Resources:

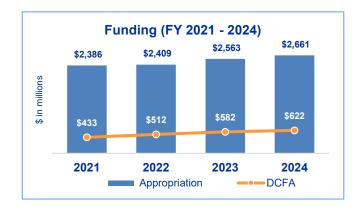
The FY 2024 budget request for the DEA totals \$2,661 million, which is a 3.8 percent increase over FY 2023 Enacted.

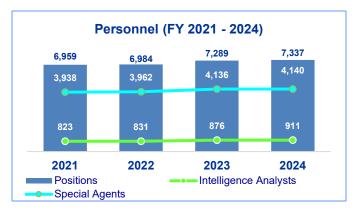
Organization:

The DEA is headed by an Administrator and Deputy Administrator who are both appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. Domestically, the DEA is comprised of 23 Field Divisions, 58 District Offices, 102 Resident Offices and 58 Posts of Duty. The DEA also operates 93 foreign offices in 69 countries. The DEA has the largest overseas presence of any U.S. law enforcement agency.

Personnel:

The DEA's direct authorized positions for FY 2024 total 7,337 positions, including an increase of 48 positions over the FY 2023 Enacted level of 7,289 direct authorized positions.





FY 2024 Strategy:

The DEA prioritizes its resources to address current, emerging, and evolving drug threats domestically and abroad by dismantling the criminal drug networks that threaten the safety and health of our communities. The DEA's current primary focus is defeating the Sinaloa and Jalisco cartels. These organizations are synthesizing fentanyl, methamphetamine, and other deadly substances in clandestine laboratories in Mexico, using precursor chemicals largely sourced from manufacturers in China. These substances are flooding into American communities by local drug trafficking organizations and are killing Americans today. The synthetic drug threats facing the Nation are new and require the DEA to approach its work in fundamentally different ways.

The DEA is transforming its ability to leverage data to make operational decisions, organize priorities, and determine how to leave a positive impact on local communities, all in alignment with the Federal Data Strategy. The DEA will leverage data from local law enforcement agencies to inform DEA investigations as well as identify and target threats. Through Operation Overdrive, a new, data-driven initiative, the DEA focuses its law enforcement resources on the communities where criminal drug networks are causing the most harm. Operation Overdrive is currently in 57 locations across the country and will expand with resources in the FY 2024 President's Budget.

Almost all drug transactions have moved from street corners to smart phones, often conducted using cryptocurrency and encryption. To defeat modern, tech-savvy drug traffickers, the DEA is dramatically transforming how it approaches the digital space through developing a best-in-class cyber division staffed with intelligence analysts, computer scientists, digital forensic examiners, program managers, and cryptocurrency experts to collaborate on cutting-edge investigations.

Drug trafficking organizations have grown and become increasingly globalized. Today, vast criminal networks stretching around the world are involved in sophisticated drug trafficking rings. To meet this threat head on, the DEA is developing targeting teams to map these criminal organizations and help build cases that lead to the dismantlement of the entire network.

Cartels are continuously developing new substances and distributing them in American communities in new forms. Through its One Pill Can Kill campaign, the DEA is raising awareness about fake, deadly, fentanyl-laced pills designed to look like legitimate pharmaceuticals. In 2022, the DEA seized more than 50 million fake pills and 10,000 pounds of fentanyl powder, which is approximately 379 million potentially deadly doses of fentanyl taken off American streets. That is enough fentanyl to supply a potentially lethal dose to every member of the U.S. population.

The DEA's Diversion Control Program (DCP) is tasked with preventing, detecting, and investigating the diversion of controlled substances and listed chemicals. Through the DCP, the DEA regulates over 2 million registrants who handle, dispense, or prescribe controlled substances or listed chemicals. The DEA's Tactical Diversion Squads (TDS), using the expertise of diversion investigators, special agents, and task force officers, are dedicated to investigating, disrupting, and dismantling individuals and organizations involved in drug diversion schemes.

FY 2024 Program Changes:

Operation Overdrive Expansion: \$9.0 million

The DEA needs to translate innovation into action as quickly as possible to protect the country and counter the tactics of the organizations who are responsible for the recent surge in drug poisoning deaths. Operation Overdrive is data-driven, intelligence-led approach for identifying and dismantling the criminal drug networks who are causing the most harm in our communities. The resources for this enhancement will be used to create targeting teams to map criminal networks, and sustain DEA's sharing of national security information. Current services for this enhancement are \$4.5 million.

Modernizing Case Management: \$10.0 million

Combatting criminal drug networks requires a data-driven approach to pinpoint the most dangerous networks. Accordingly, the DEA's goal is to modernize its data capabilities, and to leverage data in ways never before possible to protect American communities and save lives. The resources for this investment will be used to fund a unified data platform to enhance the DEA's capability and capacity for processing, analyzing, and applying intelligence to large volumes of data as it dismantles the most egregious criminal networks. Current services for this enhancement are \$10 million.

Zero Emission Vehicles: \$6.8 million

This request supports the Department's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) acquisition strategies to include vehicles for both its agency-owned and General Services Administration (GSA)-leased segments of its vehicle fleet, including incremental costs of leased vehicles and lease payments to GSA for conversion of agency-owned vehicles to GSA's leased fleet. The resources for this enhancement will be used to fund ZEVs, including battery electric, plug-in electric hybrid, and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, as well as deploying vehicle charging and refueling infrastructure. There are no current services for this enhancement.

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	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount
2022 Appropriation	7,002	6,354	2,421,522	[2,099]	1,698	511,659	7,002	8,052	2,933,181
2022 Sequester Cut	0	0	0	0	0	-29,165	0	0	-29,165
2022 Enacted with Rescissions	7,002	6,354	2,421,522	[2,099]	1,698	482,494	7,002	8,052	2,904,016
2023 Enacted	7,289	6,505	2,563,116	[2,196]	1,735	581,487	7,289	8,240	3,144,603
2023 Sequester Cut	0	0	0	0	0	-33,145	0	0	-33,145
2023 Enacted with Rescissions	7,289	6,505	2,563,116	[2,196]	1,735	548,342	7,289	8,240	3,111,458
2024 Request	7,337	6,636	2,660,924	[2,321]	1,735	621,719	7,337	8,371	3,282,643
Change 2024 from 2023	40	404	07.000	[405]		70.077	48	404	474 405
Enacted	48	131	97,808	[125]	0	73,377	48	131	171,185
Technical Adjustments									
FY2023 Sequester Available	0	0	0	0	0	22.445	0	0	22 445
in FY2024	0	0	0	0	0	33,145	0	0	33,145
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	33,145	0	0	33,145
Base Adjustments									
Pay & Benefits	0	107	85,314	0	0	0	0	107	85,314
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	-4,711	0	0	0	0	0	-4,711
Other Adjustments	0	0	5,839	0	0	0	0	0	5,839
Foreign Expenses	0	0	5,187	0	0	48	0	0	5,235
Non-Personnel Related	0	0	-19,640	0	0	0	0	0	-19,640
Annualizations	U	U	-19,040	U	U	U	U	U	-19,040
Total Base Adjustments	0	107	71,989	0	0	48	0	107	72,037
2024 Current Services	7,289	6,612	2,635,105	[2,196]	1,735	581,535	7,289	8,347	3,212,660
Program Changes									
Increases:									
Zero Emission Vehicles	0	0	6,819	0	0	0	0	0	6,819
Modernizing Case	0	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	10,000
Management	U	U	10,000	U	U	U	U	U	10,000
Operation Overdrive	48	24	9,000	0	0	0	48	24	9,000
Expansion	40	24	9,000	U	U	U	40	24	9,000
Adjustment in Obligations	0	0	0	[125]	0	40,184	[125]	0	40,184
Activities			-	. 1		,		U	•
Subtotal, Program Increases	48	24	25,819	[125]	0	40,184	48	24	66,003
Decreases:									
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	48	24	25,819	[125]	0	40,184	48	24	66,003
2024 Request	7,337	6,636	2,660,924	[2,321]	1,735	621,719	7,337	8,371	3,282,643

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	2023 Enacted			2024 Current Services			
Comparison by activity and program	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	
International Enforcement	924	764	476,121	924	764	490,618	
Domestic Enforcement	6,339	5,719	2,074,300	6,339	5,826	2,131,568	
State and Local Assistance	26	22	12,695	26	22	12,919	
Total	7,289	6,505	2,563,116	7,289	6,612	2,635,105	
Reimbursable FTE		11			11		
Total Direct and Reimbursable	7,289	6,516	2,563,116	7,289	6,623	2,635,105	
Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)		941			941		
FTE Grand Total		6,516			6,623		

	2024 Tot	al Program	Changes	2024 Request		
Comparison by activity and program	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
International Enforcement	0	0	0	924	764	490,618
Domestic Enforcement	48	24	25,819	6,387	5,850	2,157,387
State and Local Assistance	0	0	0	26	22	12,919
Total	48	24	25,819	7,337	6,636	2,660,924
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	11	0
Total Direct and Reimbursable	48	24	25,819	7,337	6,647	2,660,924
Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)		-61			880	
FTE Grand Total		24			6,647	

<u>DEA-Diversion Control Fee</u> (Dollars in Thousands)

	2023 Enacted			2024 Current Services		
Comparison by activity and program	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
DEA - Diversion Control	2,196	1,735	581,487	2,196	1,735	581,535
Total	2,196	1,735	581,487	2,196	1,735	581,535

	2024 Total Program Changes			2024 Request		
Comparison by activity and program	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
DEA - Diversion Control	125	0	40,184	2,321	1,735	621,719
Total	125	0	40,184	2,321	1,735	621,719