



U.S. Department of Justice FY 2024 Budget Request

Keep Our Country Safe: Protect National Security and Counter Foreign and Domestic Terrorism (Amount in \$000s)

Component/Initiative	Positions	Agents/ Attorneys	\$000s
Civil Division (CIV)			
Protecting National Programs, Federal Policy Priorities, and National Security	16	12	\$1,813
Subtotal, CIV	16	12	\$1,813
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)			
Counterterrorism: Domestic Terrorism	43	20	\$12,962
Counterintelligence	30	0	\$4,466
Subtotal, FBI	73	20	\$17,428
National Security Division (NSD)			
Foreign Investment Review Section (FIRS)	17	12	\$3,444
Subtotal, NSD	17	12	\$3,444
United States National Central Bureau (USNCB) INTERPOL Washington			
Technology Modernization	4	0	\$10,000
Subtotal, USNCB	4	0	\$10,000
Total, Program Increases	110	44	\$32,685

The United States continues to face unique threats from hostile nations, malign foreign actors, and criminal syndicates. Now more than ever, it is imperative that the Nation’s critical assets and infrastructure, advanced technologies, and sensitive information in the defense, intelligence, economic, financial, public health, and science and technology sectors are protected. The Department of Justice must also remain poised to respond to an elevated threat from domestic terrorists motivated by a range of ideologies and galvanized by recent political and societal events.

As the President said in August 2022, “This is the great and defining truth about our Nation and our people: We do not break. We never give in. We never back down. We will always remain vigilant, and we will act. And we will always do what is necessary to ensure the safety and security of Americans at home and around the globe.” For more than a century, the Department of Justice has responded to this call to secure America from threats to freedom, economy, and way of life.

The FY 2024 President’s Budget requests \$32.7 million in program increases to expand the Department’s ability to counter terrorism and keep pace with rising national security threats, while protecting civil rights and civil liberties. The request will provide additional funding for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to address threats of espionage and build capacity in other critical areas against terrorism. Resources will also bolster efforts of the Civil Division (CIV),

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National Security Division (NSD) and the U.S. National Central Bureau (INTERPOL). Under the Department's Strategic Goal #2, Keep Our Country Safe, these enhancements will resource the Department's steadfast commitment to safeguard national security, counter both foreign and domestic terrorism, and serve justice to those who violate our Nation's security interests.

Civil Division (CIV): \$1.8 million and 16 positions (12 attorneys)

Protecting National Programs, Federal Policy Priorities, and National Security

CIV is requesting funding for additional attorneys, paralegals, and litigation support to adequately staff the Federal Programs Branch's active trial court practice. Over the past ten years, the Branch has been experiencing, without any signs of abatement, increasing caseloads (99 percent growth), expedited proceedings, and "multiple-jurisdiction" challenges. Branch attorneys handle some of the highest profile and most sensitive and significant litigation matters affecting the United States' interests, including cases of national security, challenges to the constitutionality of Federal statutes, policies and programs, and the Government seeking to enforce important statutory requirements. This request will provide the resources for the Branch to effectively litigate these cases and defend both past and current U.S. policies, programs, and actions across administrations. This request will also support the ability of the U.S. Government and its agencies to respond to future needs and threats by ensuring that detrimental precedents are not set that would prevent the government from taking critical actions or making necessary decisions in response to new challenges. *Current services for this initiative are \$28.0 million and 137 positions (119 attorneys).*

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): \$17.4 million¹ and 73 positions (20 agents)

Counterintelligence: \$4.5 million and 30 positions (zero agents)

The FBI remains the lead agency for exposing, preventing, and investigating intelligence activities in the U.S. As the Department's largest member of the Intelligence Community (IC), the FBI plays a critical role in uncovering threats to national security and penetrating national and transnational networks that have a desire and capability to enact harm on the American public. The FBI's counterintelligence work encompasses a broad mission that seeks protect the secrets of the IC, the Nation's valuable assets, advanced technologies, and critical infrastructure. The goals of FBI's counterintelligence mission also include the FBI's efforts to counter the activities of foreign spies and prevent weapons of mass destruction and sensitive information from falling into the wrong hands. Details of this request and its current services are classified.

Counterterrorism – Domestic Terrorism: \$13.0 million and 43 positions (20 agents)

The requested resources will enhance the FBI's ability to detect, deter, and combat terrorism activity. These resources will help the Bureau remain agile in its approach to preventing violence. Countering domestic violent extremism and reducing the factors that fuel it demand a multifaceted response across the Federal government, and these investments will ensure the Bureau can creatively and sustainably address the threats to the country from within. The request focuses on enhancing critical counterterrorism areas, particularly personnel resources to investigate and combat domestic terrorism. Details of this request and its current services are classified.

National Security Division (NSD): \$3.4 million and 17 positions (12 attorneys)

Foreign Investment Review Section (FIRS)

The NSD requests resources for reviewing foreign investments in U.S. industries that may impact national security. Investments will also support the NSD's work to harden corporate cyber defenses and security policies through mitigation agreements. The NSD does this work in part through its FIRS, which continues to identify, mitigate, prevent, and disrupt national security and

¹ Totals may not tie due to rounding.

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law enforcement risks before they materialize. This enhancement will support FIRS's work to assess risks in the context of foreign investments, transactions, and involvement in United States businesses across every major sector and industry, telecommunications, and the global information and communications technology and services supply chain. Review of foreign investments also includes NSD considerations of filings before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States and its review of work related to Team Telecom, which have significantly increased in volume and complexity for case-specific national security reviews. *Current services for this initiative are \$11.8 million and 35 positions (26 attorneys).*

United States National Central Bureau (USNCB) INTERPOL Washington: \$10.0 million and 4 positions (zero attorneys)

Technology Modernization

This funding further supports USNCB initiatives, as resourced in FY 2023, to modernize information technology and infrastructure and to expand INTERPOL access and information sharing. By strategically leveraging its access to INTERPOL's global law enforcement systems and capabilities, the USNCB has developed a suite of low-cost, high-yield projects to counter the spread of Foreign Terrorist Fighters and other radicalized elements. INTERPOL Washington is exclusively authorized to grant U.S. law enforcement agencies access to INTERPOL's global criminal investigative intelligence and information. It has strategically leveraged existing national information sharing environments to make INTERPOL data available to the more than 18,000 U.S. law enforcement agencies. Operating 24/7/365, the USNCB conducts mission-critical functions that include communicating with law enforcement agencies in the United States and 194 other INTERPOL member countries; initiating new cases involving requests for issues such as international law enforcement and humanitarian assistance. The USNCB is also working to extend INTERPOL's I-24/7 secure global police communications system in high-risk areas and select host nations globally. Implementing a means by which to analyze data and develop actionable criminal intelligence products could prove vital in identifying international crime trends and patterns, and protecting the United States from criminal and terrorist activities with an international nexus. *Current services for this initiative are \$5.0 million and zero positions.*