



Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)

FY 2021 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2020 Enacted:	\$1,400.0 million (5,285 positions; 81 attorneys; 2,647 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$44.9 million
Program Changes:	+\$221.4 million
FY 2021 Budget Request:	\$1,666.3 million (5,744 positions; 84 attorneys; 2,890 agents)
Change From FY 2020 Enacted:	+\$266.3 million (+19.0%) (+459 positions; +3 attorneys; +243 agents)

Mission:

The ATF protects our communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, the illegal use and trafficking of firearms, the illegal use and storage of explosives, acts of arson and bombings, and acts of terrorism. The ATF partners with communities, industries, law enforcement, and public safety agencies to safeguard the public through information sharing, training, research and use of technology.

Organization:

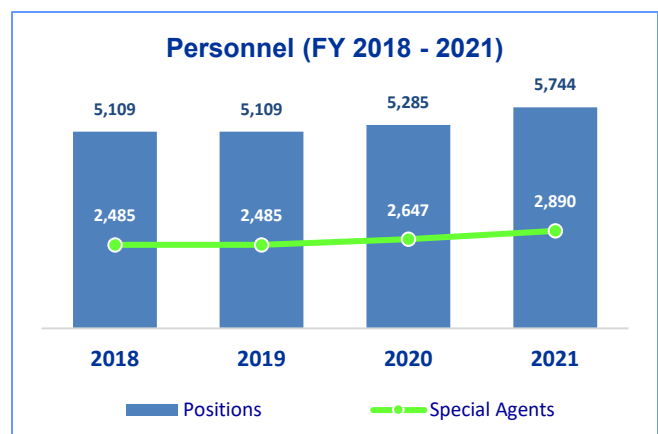
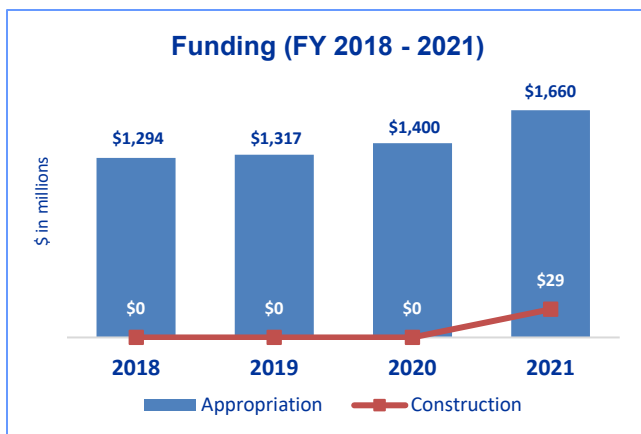
The ATF is led by a Director who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The ATF operates a total of 25 Domestic Field Divisions and maintains a presence in 10 international offices in 6 countries.

Resources:

The FY 2021 budget request for the ATF totals \$1,666.3 million, which is a 19.0 percent increase over the FY 2020 Enacted.

Personnel:

The ATF's direct authorized positions for FY 2021 total 5,744 positions, including an increase of 459 positions over the FY 2020 Enacted of 5,285 direct authorized positions.



FY 2021 Strategy:

In line with the Attorney General's Crime Reduction and Public Safety Initiative, the ATF Frontline Strategy ensures that Bureau resources are devoted to the most serious offenses and the most dangerous criminals. The ATF's strategy includes comprehensive, intelligence-driven assessments that define the significant violent crime problems within each field division's area of responsibility, and propose a plan of action to mitigate or eliminate these threats. The consolidated assessments define national priorities and guide resource decisions. The external component of Frontline is the Violent Crime Reduction Partnership, a collaboration between the ATF and its Federal, state and local partners designed to effectively prioritize and maximize impact on violent crime.

The ATF operates a variety of programs to address firearms violence, arson, and explosives-related crime. The ATF's illegal firearms trafficking enforcement efforts focus on reducing violent crime by stemming the flow of firearms to violent criminals. The ATF identifies, investigates, and arrests individuals and organizations that illegally supply firearms to prohibited individuals. In addition, the ATF partners with other Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to target "trigger pullers" and remove violent offenders from America's streets.

Illegal domestic and international trafficking of firearms remain a high priority for the ATF, and the ATF continues to operate enforcement groups to address firearms trafficking and violent crime along every U.S. border. The ATF focuses on collaborative efforts with its Federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to combat violent firearms crime and disrupt and dismantle street gangs with ties to transnational criminal organizations.

With a long history of investigating fires and criminal bombings, the ATF maintains the experience and expertise to detect, prevent, protect against, and respond to acts of arson and bombings. The ATF's Certified Fire Investigators, accelerant detection canines, National Response Team, forensic auditors, and Fire Research Laboratory provide a comprehensive approach for investigating arson crimes. The ATF manages the U.S. Bomb Data Center, participates in Joint Terrorism Task Forces, and supports the Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center. The National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR) consolidates the ATF's explosives expertise, training, and research at Redstone Arsenal, AL. The NCETR develops and enhances technical knowledge and partnerships across Federal, state, and local law enforcement and public safety agencies.

The FY 2021 request enhances public safety by prioritizing special agent positions and focusing efforts to reduce violent crime in America's most vulnerable cities.

FY 2021 Program Changes:

Salaries and Expenses

Halting Gun Violence: \$98.0 million and 376 positions (3 attorneys, 195 agents)

This initiative is integral to DOJ's ongoing Crime Gun Intelligence-based strategy to reduce violent crime and protect our communities. This initiative will initially focus on communities that have experienced persistent firearms-related violent crime to achieve prompt and sustainable reductions in violence. It will support investigative capacity, such as the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN). Current services is \$579.8 million and 2,613 positions (2,057 agents).

Critical Operations Support: \$53.3 million and 0 positions

This request supports ATF efforts to maintain both its cadre of special agents, overall staffing levels, and support for critical programs such as NIBIN and the National Firearms Act. Funding will enable the ATF to modernize training and equipment to meet emerging threats, backfill existing positions, and accommodate investment in critical program operations that address violent crime, such as the Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs). There are no current services for this initiative.

Reducing Violent Crime & Promoting Public Safety: \$33.6 million and 83 positions (48 agents)

Funding will support an increase in ATF investigative capacity, national coverage for NIBIN, capabilities at the NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center, and ATF's CGICs. The initiative will add Crime Gun Enforcement Teams in FY 2021, focusing on violent gun crimes and enhancing crime gun intelligence, such as ballistic evidence and crime gun processing and lead generation. The ATF would also add firearms technology expertise by deploying Firearms Enforcement Officers to enhance investigative capacity. Current services is \$579.8 million and 2,613 positions (2,057 agents).

Laboratory Consolidation: \$7.8 million and 0 positions

Funding will support the consolidation of two ATF Forensic Science Laboratories into one location. This will replace obsolete laboratory equipment and expand the ATF's ability to provide DNA examinations on investigations, as well as increase overall efficiency by reducing costs to operate and maintain two separate laboratories. There are no FY 2021 current services for this initiative

Construction

Laboratory Consolidation: \$28.7 million and 0 positions

Funding will support the construction and infrastructure needed to consolidate the two ATF Forensic Science Laboratories into one location in Atlanta, GA. This will address the lease expiration of the Walnut Creek, CA forensic science laboratory, which expires on October 31, 2021. All contract options to extend the lease have been exhausted. There are no FY 2021 current services for this initiative.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives S&E			Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Construction			Total		
	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount
2019 Appropriation	5,109	4,979	1,316,678	0	0	0	5,109	4,979	1,316,678
2020 Enacted	5,285	5,100	1,400,000	0	0	0	5,285	5,100	1,400,000
2021 Request	5,744	5,345	1,637,574	0	0	28,685	5,744	5,345	1,666,259
Change 2021 from 2020 Enacted	459	245	237,574	0	0	28,685	459	245	266,259
Technical Adjustments									
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Base Adjustments									
Pay & Benefits	0	15	30,243	0	0	0	0	15	30,243
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	14,576	0	0	0	0	0	14,576
Foreign Expenses	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	68
Total Base Adjustments	0	15	44,887	0	0	0	0	15	44,887
2021 Current Services	5,285	5,115	1,444,887	0	0	0	5,285	5,115	1,444,887
Program Changes									
Increases:									
Critical Operations Support	0	0	53,322	0	0	0	0	0	53,322
Halting Gun Violence	376	189	98,000	0	0	0	376	189	98,000
Reducing Violent Crime & Promoting Public Safety	83	41	33,565	0	0	0	83	41	33,565
Laboratory Consolidation	0	0	7,800	0	0	28,685	0	0	36,485
Subtotal, Program Increases	459	230	192,687	0	0	28,685	459	230	221,372
Decreases:									
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	459	230	192,687	0	0	28,685	459	230	221,372
2021 Request	5,744	5,345	1,637,574	0	0	28,685	5,744	5,345	1,666,259

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives S&E

(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2020 Enacted			2021 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	4,091	3,911	1,073,660	4,091	3,914	1,108,084
Investigative Support Services	1,194	1,189	326,340	1,194	1,201	336,803
Total	5,285	5,100	1,400,000	5,285	5,115	1,444,887
Reimbursable FTE		3			3	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	5,285	5,103	1,400,000	5,285	5,118	1,444,887
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		53			53	
FTE Grand Total		5,156			5,171	

Comparison by activity and program	2021 Total Program Changes			2021 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	409	205	143,490	4,500	4,119	1,251,574
Investigative Support Services	50	25	49,197	1,244	1,226	386,000
Total	459	230	192,687	5,744	5,345	1,637,574
Reimbursable FTE					3	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	459	230	192,687	5,744	5,348	1,637,574
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>					53	
FTE Grand Total		230			5,401	

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(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2020 Enacted			2021 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
ATF Construction			0			0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

Comparison by activity and program	2021 Total Program Changes			2021 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
ATF Construction			28,685			28,685
Total	0	0	28,685	0	0	28,685