



U.S. Trustees (USTP)

FY 2013 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2012 Enacted:	\$223.3 million (1,314 positions; 318 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$4.5 million
Program Changes:	-\$361,000
FY 2013 Budget Request:	\$227.4 million (1,314 positions; 318 attorneys)
Change From FY 2012 Enacted:	+\$4.1 million (+1.9%)

Mission:

USTP's mission is to promote the integrity and efficiency of the bankruptcy system for the benefit of all stakeholders – debtors, creditors, and the public.

Organization:

The USTP is managed by an Executive Office in Washington DC, which is headed by a Director, a career appointee in the Senior Executive Service, who provides comprehensive policy and management direction to the U.S. Trustees and their staffs. The USTP operates in 88 judicial districts through a system of 21 regions, each region headed by a U.S. Trustee, and 95 district offices in 46 states. The USTP does not operate in the judicial districts of Alabama and North Carolina. U.S. Trustees are appointed by the Attorney General to five-year terms.

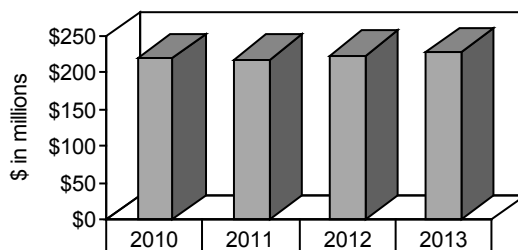
Resources:

The FY 2013 budget request for USTP totals \$227.4 million, which is a 1.9% increase over the FY 2012 Enacted.

Personnel:

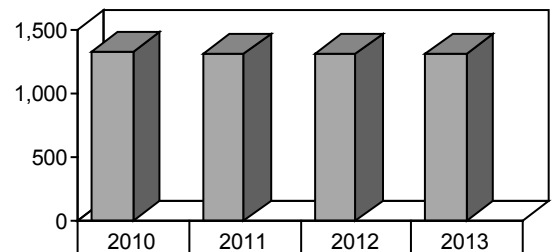
The USTP's direct authorized positions for FY 2013 total 1,314 positions and is the same as FY 2012 Enacted.

Funding (FY 2010 - 2013)



	2010	2011	2012	2013
■ Appropriation	\$219	\$219	\$223	\$227
■ USTP Fee Collections	[\$215]	[\$215]	[\$282]	[\$267]

Personnel (FY 2010 - 2013)



	2010	2011	2012	2013
■ Authorized Positions	1,323	1,314	1,314	1,314
■ Attorneys	[318]	[318]	[318]	[318]

* FY 2012 and FY 2013 Fee Collections are estimates.

FY 2013 Strategy:

One of the basic principles of our nation's bankruptcy system is that the honest but unfortunate debtor deserves a fresh start. Those who prey upon debtors for their own financial gain undermine that basic principle. Thus, protecting consumer debtors and being able to quickly mobilize to address increasingly complex abuse of the bankruptcy system is an important objective of the Program's enforcement efforts.

In FY 2013, the USTP is projecting that bankruptcy filings could reach almost 1.5 million filings, generating offsetting collections of \$266.7 million, \$39.3 million over the FY 2013 request level. Given the increasingly more complex caseload increase, responsibilities mandated in the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (BAPCPA), and the increased fraud and abuse activities being investigated and litigated, it is critical that the USTP have the resources to address this workload and maintain the high level of integrity in the bankruptcy system.

Under the BAPCPA, the USTP is authorized to contract for random and non-random audits to verify the financial information provided by debtors. This provision helps the USTP identify fraud, abuse, and errors, deter the filing of false financial information, and potentially provide a baseline for measuring fraud, abuse, and errors in the bankruptcy system. The USTP plans to devote approximately \$1.5 million to debtor audit activities in FY 2013.

The USTP is instrumental in helping to detect mortgage fraud and creditor abuse activities that could otherwise result in significant consequences to the nation's financial systems and the general public. The FY 2013 request supports the USTP's ongoing efforts in this high priority area. The Program takes a three-pronged approach to combating mortgage fraud and abuse that includes combating foreclosure rescue schemes, addressing fraud and abuse committed by debtors, and combating mortgage servicer abuses.

FY 2013 Program Changes:

Program Offset - IT Savings: -\$361,000 and 0 positions
This offset represents savings that will be generated through greater inter-component collaboration in IT contracting. Funds will be redirected to support the Department's Cyber-security and IT transformation efforts as well as other high priority requests.

U.S. Trustees
(Dollars in Thousands)

	U.S. Trustees		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2011 Enacted	1,314	1,314	218,811
2012 Enacted	1,314	1,314	223,258
2013 Request	1,314	1,314	227,407
Change 2013 from 2012 Enacted	0	0	4,149
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Adjustments to Base			
Increases:			
ATB Transfers	0	0	434
Pay & Benefits	0	0	2,507
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	1,569
Subtotal Increases:	0	0	4,510
Decreases:	0	0	0
Total Adjustments to Base	0	0	4,510
Total Adjustments to Base and Technical Adjustments	0	0	4,510
2013 Current Services	1,314	1,314	227,768
Program Changes			
Increases:	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Program Offset - IT Savings	0	0	-361
Subtotal, Program Decrease	0	0	-361
Total Program Changes	0	0	-361
2013 Request	1,314	1,314	227,407
Change 2013 from 2012 Enacted	0	0	4,149

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Comparison by activity and program	2012 Enacted			2013 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Administration of Cases	0	1,314	223,258	0	1,314	227,768
Total	0	1,314	223,258	0	1,314	227,768
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	1,314	223,258	0	1,314	227,768

Comparison by activity and program	2013 Total Program Changes			2013 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Administration of Cases	0	0	-361	0	1,314	227,407
Total	0	0	-361	0	1,314	227,407
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	0	-361	0	1,314	227,407