



Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

FY 2021 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2020 Enacted (S&E):	\$2,269.2 million (6,949 positions; 95 attorneys; 3,511 agents)
FY 2020 Enacted (DCFA):	\$423.5 million (1,839 positions; 30 attorneys; 406 agents)
Current Services Adjustments (S&E):	+\$62.2 million
Current Services Adjustments (DCFA):	+\$21.6 million
Program Changes (S&E):	+\$67.4 million
Program Changes (HIDTA):	+\$254.0 million
Program Changes (DCFA)	+\$15.4 million
FY 2021 Request (S&E):	\$2,398 million (6,982 positions; 95 attorneys; 3,528 agents)
FY 2021 Request (DCFA):	\$460.5 million (1,931 positions; 34 attorneys; 421 agents)
Total FY 2021 Budget Request:	\$3,113.3 million (8,913 positions; 129 attorneys; 3,949 agents)
Change From FY 2020 Enacted:	+\$410.7 million (+15.2 %) (+125 positions; +32 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:

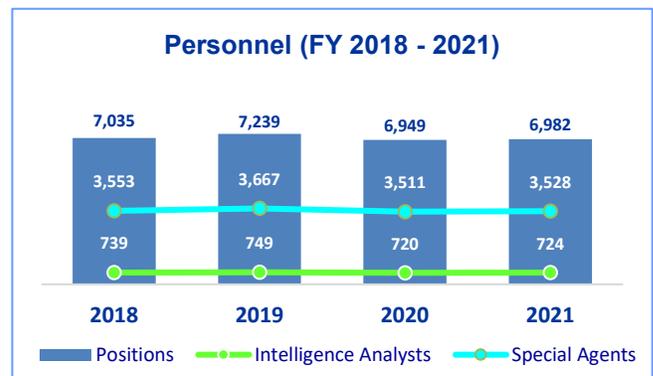
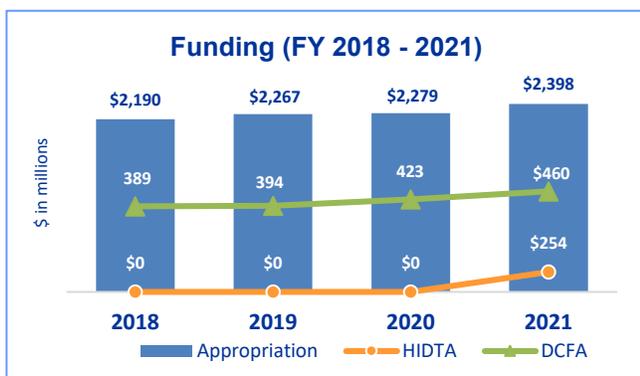
The FY 2021 total budget request for the DEA totals \$3,113.3 million, which is a 15.2 percent increase over the FY 2020 Enacted.

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, 47 District Offices, 111 Resident Offices and 58 Posts of Duty. The DEA also operates 90 foreign offices in 67 countries. The DEA has the largest overseas presence of any U.S. law enforcement agency.

Personnel:

The DEA's S&E direct positions for FY 2021 total 6,982 positions, including an increase of 33 positions over the FY 2020 Enacted total of 6,949 direct positions.



FY 2021 Strategy:

The DEA continues to prioritize its resources to disrupt and dismantle the “most wanted” drug trafficking and money laundering organizations believed to be primarily responsible for the Nation’s illicit drug supply. This includes the Consolidated Priority Organization Targets identified by DOJ, plus other Priority Target Organizations identified by the DEA. Many of these are Mexican Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs). The DEA also places a high priority on its efforts to prevent drug proceeds from ending up in the hands of terrorist organizations.

Internationally, the DEA’s global footprint includes 90 offices in 67 countries. The DEA relies on Sensitive Investigative Units (SIUs) to conduct international drug operations. SIU members are foreign law enforcement officials who undergo a strict and recurring vetting process. The DEA has over 900 SIU members.

Additionally, the DEA created a Staffing Allocation Model to help align special agent resources to offices based on the risk profile within an office’s area of responsibility. Since 2017, this model has helped place 19 new Heroin Enforcement Teams in locations that would have the greatest impact.

Information sharing will continue to play an important role in the DEA’s enforcement efforts in FY 2021, as will large-scale, multi-agency enforcement operations. The Special Operations Division (SOD) is the backbone of the DEA’s investigative coordination efforts through its support of multi-jurisdiction, multi-nation, and multi-agency wire intercept investigations. There are approximately 500 personnel stationed at SOD, including representatives from 31 agencies.

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 approximately 1.8 million registrants who handle, dispense, or prescribe controlled substances or listed chemicals. The DEA’s Tactical Diversion Squads (TDS) are dedicated to investigating, disrupting, and dismantling individuals and organizations involved in drug diversion schemes. They combine the expertise of diversion investigators, special agents, and task force officers from various state and local law enforcement agencies.

FY 2021 Program Changes:

Salaries and Expenses

King Air Replacement: \$9.2 million and 0 positions

This enhancement will support one replacement King Air 350 aircraft (including first-year modification costs). DEA currently has nine King Air 350s. The goal is to replace all nice aircraft. There are no current services for this program.

Lawful Access and Data Exploitation: \$27.6 million and 6 positions (6 agents)

This enhancement provides additional DEA resources, personnel and training to ensure DEA’s ability to continue to successfully investigate domestic and international narcotics trafficking organizations through wire communication intercepts. This enhancement will also support other key SOD programs through resources, training and personnel. Current services is \$8.5 million and 60 positions (49 agents).

Cyber Investigations and Digital Evidence: \$5.6 million and 14 positions

This enhancement will advance the DEA’s ability to combat criminal enterprises operating on or through the internet. Additional resources support the acquisition of data exploitation tools and commercially available data sets for the SOD and creates a Digital Evidence Field Coordination group while enhancing the DEA’s Cyber support section. Current services is \$16 million and 58 positions (5 agents).

Combatting Transnational Criminal Organizations: \$22.3 million and 13 positions (11 agents)

This enhancement supports agency programs focused on targeting, disrupting, and dismantling Transnational Criminal Organizations. Specifically, it expands the DEA’s flagship foreign Sensitive Investigative Unit and Judicial Wire Intercept programs as well as other key domestic-based programs with a global reach. Current services is \$125.8 million and 209 positions (142 agents).

Training Capacity Expansion: \$2.8 million and 0 positions

This enhancement will improve the DEA’s ability to recruit, hire, and train Special Agents. Funding will support the addition of a basic agent training class and provide proactive recruiting, enhanced screening for Special Agent applicants, and support new HR hiring systems. There are no current services for this program.

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program: \$254.0 million and 0 positions

The FY 2021 President’s Budget proposes to transfer the HIDTA Program from the Office of National Drug Control Policy to the DEA to better facilitate coordination of the HIDTA Program grants with other drug enforcement assets. Transferring the administration of the program will allow HIDTA resources to be focused on combating drug trafficking in areas where the threat is the greatest and where there is a coordinated law enforcement presence.

DIVERSION CONTROL FEE ACCOUNT (DCFA)

Increase Personnel Resources: \$15.4 million and 0 positions

This enhancement will support new and existing Tactical Diversion Squads; regulatory and litigation efforts; field support and document exploitation; and special testing and case exhibit analysis. Current services for other DCFA initiatives are \$445.3 million and 1,839 positions (412 agents).

Drug Enforcement Administration
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Drug Enforcement Administration - S&E			High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Programs			DEA-Diversion Control Fee			Total		
	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount
2019 Appropriation	7,239	6,320	2,267,000	0	0	0	[1,839]	1,689	420,703	9,078	8,009	2,687,703
2019 Sequester Cut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-26,465	0	0	-26,465
2019 Enacted with Rescissions	7,239	6,320	2,267,000	0	0	0	[1,839]	1,689	394,238	9,078	8,009	2,661,238
2020 Enacted	6,949	6,218	2,279,153	0	0	0	[1,839]	1,782	450,046	8,788	8,000	2,729,199
2020 Balance Rescission	0	0	-10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-10,000
2020 Sequester Cut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-26,553	0	0	-26,553
2020 Enacted with Rescissions	6,949	6,218	2,269,153	0	0	0	[1,839]	1,782	423,493	8,788	8,000	2,692,646
2021 Request	6,982	6,235	2,398,805	0	0	254,000	[1,931]	1,830	460,499	8,913	8,065	3,113,304
Change 2021 from 2020 Enacted	33	17	129,652	0	0	254,000	[92]	48	37,006	33	65	420,658
Technical Adjustments												
Restoration of Rescission - DEA	0	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,000
FY2020 Sequester Cut Available in FY2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,553	0	0	26,553
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	26,553	0	0	36,553
Base Adjustments												
Pay & Benefits	0	0	48,327	0	0	0	0	0	6,056	0	0	54,383
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	10,753	0	0	0	0	0	-4,475	0	0	6,278
Other Adjustments	0	0	3,468	0	0	0	0	0	-6,400	0	0	-2,932
Foreign Expenses	0	0	-10,331	0	0	0	0	0	-132	0	0	-10,463
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	52,217	0	0	0	0	0	-4,951	0	0	47,266
2021 Current Services	6,949	6,218	2,331,370	0	0	0	[1,839]	1,782	445,095	6,949	8,000	2,776,465
Program Changes												
Increases:												
King Air Replacement	0	0	9,197	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,197
Lawful Access/Data Exploit	6	3	27,590	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	27,590
Cyber/Digital Evidence	14	7	5,576	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	7	5,576
Combatting TCOs	13	7	22,284	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	7	22,284
Training Capacity Exp.	0	0	2,788	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,788
HIDTA	0	0	0	0	0	254,000	0	0	0	0	0	254,000
DCFA - Increase Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	0	[92]	48	15,404	[92]	48	15,404
Subtotal, Program Increases	33	17	67,435	0	0	254,000	[92]	48	15,404	33	65	336,839
Decreases:												
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	33	17	67,435	0	0	254,000	[92]	48	15,404	33	65	336,839
2021 Request	6,982	6,235	2,398,805	0	0	254,000	[1,931]	1,830	460,499	8,913	8,065	3,113,304

Drug Enforcement Administration - S&E
(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2020 Enacted			2021 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
International Enforcement	924	829	468,759	924	829	464,363
Domestic Enforcement	5,999	5,366	1,796,747	5,999	5,366	1,853,247
State and Local Assistance	26	23	13,647	26	23	13,760
Total	6,949	6,218	2,279,153	6,949	6,218	2,331,370
Reimbursable FTE		11			11	
Balance Rescission			-10,000			
Total Direct and Reimbursable	6,949	6,229	2,269,153	6,949	6,229	2,331,370

Comparison by activity and program	2021 Total Program Changes			2021 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
International Enforcement	3	2	35,324	927	831	499,687
Domestic Enforcement	30	15	32,111	6,029	5,381	1,885,358
State and Local Assistance	0	0	0	26	23	13,760
Total	33	17	67,435	6,982	6,235	2,398,805
Reimbursable FTE					11	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	33	17	67,435	6,982	6,246	2,398,805

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Programs
(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2020 Enacted			2021 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Programs	0	0	254,000	0	0	0
Total	0	0	254,000	0	0	0

Comparison by activity and program	2021 Total Program Changes			2021 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Programs	0	0	254,000			254,000
Total	0	0	254,000	0	0	254,000

DEA-Diversion Control Fee
(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2020 Enacted			2021 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
DEA - Diversion Control	1,839	1,782	450,046	1,839	1,782	445,095
Total	1,839	1,782	450,046	1,839	1,782	445,095

Comparison by activity and program	2021 Total Program Changes			2021 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
DEA - Diversion Control	92	48	15,404	1,931	1,830	460,499
Total	92	48	15,404	1,931	1,830	460,499