



Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

FY 2027 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2026 Enacted:	\$1,585.0 million (4,696 positions; 107 attorneys; 2,413 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$33.4 million
Program Changes:	+\$33.6 million
FY 2027 Budget Request:	\$1,652.0 million (4,827 positions; 112 attorneys; 2,518 agents)
Change From FY 2026 Enacted::	+\$67.0 million (+4.2%) (131 positions; +5 attorneys; +105 agents)

Mission:

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

Organization:

ATF's Director is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. ATF operates 25 domestic Field Divisions and maintains a presence at 12 international offices, plus one representative in Europol, in eight countries.

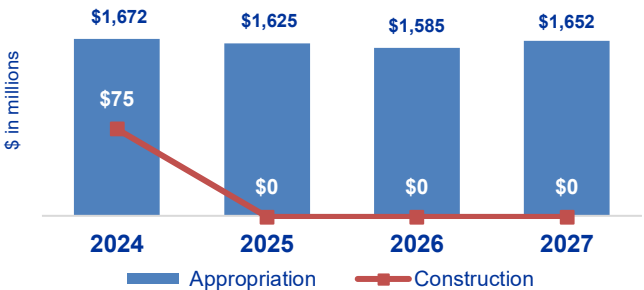
Resources:

The FY 2027 budget request for ATF totals \$1.652 billion, which is a 4 percent increase over the FY 2026 Enacted.

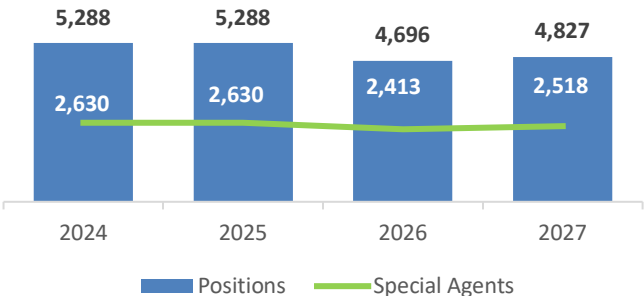
Personnel:

ATF's direct requested positions for FY 2027 total 4,827 positions, which is an increase of 131 positions over the FY 2026 Enacted of 4,696 direct enacted positions.

Funding (FY 2024 - 2027)



Personnel (FY 2024-2027)



FY 2027 Strategy:

The ATF Frontline business model ensures Bureau resources are directed to the most serious offenses and most dangerous criminals. ATF's strategy includes comprehensive, intelligence-driven assessments in each ATF field division that define the most significant violent crime problems within its area of responsibility and proposes 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 partnership and collaboration between ATF and its Federal, State, and local partners to effectively prioritize and maximize impact on violent crime.

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

Investigating the illegal trafficking of firearms, domestically and overseas, remains a high priority, and ATF operates enforcement groups to address firearms trafficking and violent crime along every United States border. ATF focuses on collaboration with a broad range of Federal, State, and local law enforcement partners to combat violent firearms crime and to disrupt and dismantle street gangs with ties to transnational criminal organizations.

ATF also participates in and devotes resources to immigration enforcement, particularly those with a crime-gun nexus. Since January 20, 2025, ATF has devoted more than 450,000 workhours to Title 8 immigration enforcement actions. ATF is also participating in the Homeland Security Task Forces (HSTFs) with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other federal law enforcement partners.

ATF has a long history of investigating fires and criminal bombings and maintains the experience and expertise to detect, prevent, protect against, and respond to acts of arson and bombings. Certified Fire Investigators, accelerant detection canines, the National Response Team, forensic auditors, and the Fire Research Laboratory collaborate for a comprehensive approach to arson crime investigations. ATF also manages the U.S. Bomb Data Center, participates in Joint Terrorism Task Forces, and supports the Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center. ATF National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR) consolidates ATF's explosives expertise at the Richard Shelby Center for Innovation and Advanced Training in Alabama. NCETR develops and enhances technical knowledge and partnerships across Federal, State, and local law enforcement and public safety agencies.

The FY 2027 request enhances public safety by continuing crime gun intelligence capabilities. It also continues efforts to further combat gun violence through enhanced forensic capabilities.

FY 2027 Program Changes:

Salaries & Expenses

National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN): \$7.8 million

Additional funding will allow ATF to address key elements of Administration and Department strategies to reduce firearm violence; these programs enable ATF and its local, State territorial, Tribal, and partners to focus investigative resources on the most violent firearm-related offenders in communities. The request for \$7.8 million is to strengthen core capabilities, modernize infrastructure, and expand support to Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement partners. Crime Gun Intelligence (CGI) and NIBIN are cornerstone components of the Department's and the President's strategy to reduce violent firearm crime. The request includes support for: NIBIN Program Infrastructure, NIBIN National Correlation and Training Centers (NNCTC), and the CGI/NIBIN Enforcement Support System (NESS). These programs enable ATF and its law enforcement partners to target the most violent offenders, link shooting incidents across jurisdictions, and generate actionable intelligence through ballistic imaging and data analysis.

Combatting Gun Violence – Immigration Enforcement Firearms Trafficking Involving Cartels and Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs): \$25.8 million and 86 positions (60 agents)

Additional funding and positions will allow ATF to address regional violent crime and firearms trafficking initiatives, specifically to address persistent firearms violence. These initiatives include the firearms trafficking Strike Forces, initially established by the Department and ATF in 2021, and Operation Southbound, which is the Department's primary initiative addressing Cartel-driven firearms trafficking to Mexico. This request will allow ATF to maximize the use of crime gun intelligence, particularly in identifying firearms traffickers supporting and arming Mexican Cartels and Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs). This initiative expands the reach, staffing, and support of ATF criminal enforcement by further embedding special agents and supporting cadre with local police departments and fusion centers to pursue leads on firearms trafficking networks supplying the TCOs/FTOs.

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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
2025 Appropriation	5,136	5,107	1,625,000	0	0	0	5,136	5,107	1,625,000
2026 Enacted	4,696	4,660	1,585,000	0	0	0	4,696	4,660	1,585,000
2027 Request	4,827	4,749	1,652,000	0	0	0	4,827	4,749	1,652,000
Change 2027 from 2026 Enacted	131	86	67,000	0	0	0	131	86	67,000
Technical Adjustments									
Total Technical Adjustments	45	46	12,874	0	0	0	45	46	12,874
Base Adjustments									
Annualization of 2026 Pay Raise	0	0	4,641	0	0	0	0	0	4,641
Health Insurance	0	0	4,538	0	0	0	0	0	4,538
Employees Compensation Fund	0	0	412	0	0	0	0	0	412
Retirement	0	0	-2,959	0	0	0	0	0	-2,959
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	315	0	0	0	0	0	315
Other Adjustments -Spectrum (O&M)	0	0	12,763	0	0	0	0	0	12,763
Foreign Expenses	0	0	781	0	0	0	0	0	781
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	20,491	0	0	0	0	0	20,491
2027 Current Services	4,741	4,706	1,618,365	0	0	0	4,741	4,706	1,618,365
Program Changes									
Increases:									
NIBIN and Crime Gun Intelligence	0	0	7,799	0	0	0	0	0	7,799
Combating Gun Violence – Immigration Enforcement Firearms Trafficking Involving Cartels and Transnational Criminal Organization (TCOs)	86	43	25,836	0	0	0	86	43	25,836
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	33,635	0	0	0	0	0	33,635
Decreases:									
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	86	43	33,635	0	0	0	86	43	33,635
2027 Request	4,827	4,749	1,652,000	0	0	0	4,827	4,749	1,652,000
Balance Rescission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2027 Request with Rescission	4,827	4,752	1,652,000	0	0	0	4,827	4,752	1,652,000
Change 2027 from 2026 Enacted	131	86	67,000	0	0	0	131	86	67,000

	2026 Enacted			2027 Current Services		
Comparison by activity and program	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	3,720	3,692	1,108,074	3,765	3,738	1,141,439
Investigative Support Services	976	968	476,927	976	968	476,927
Total	4,696	4,660	1,585,000	4,741	4,706	1,618,365
Reimbursable FTE		3			3	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	4,696	4,663	1,585,000	4,727	4,709	1,618,365
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>						
FTE Grand Total	4,696	4,663	1,585,000	4,727	4,709	1,618,365

Comparison by activity and program	2027 Total Program Changes			2027 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	81	41	25,836	3,846	3,779	1,167,275
Investigative Support Services	5	2	7,799	981	970	484,726
Total	86	43	33,635	4,827	4,749	1,652,000
Reimbursable FTE	0	3	0	0	3	0
Balance Rescission	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct and Reimbursable	86	43	33,635	4,827	4,752	1,652,000
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		0		9	9	176,669
FTE Grand Total	86	43	33,635	4,827	4,752	1,652,000