



## Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FY 2026 Enacted (S&E):               | \$2,580.3 million (6,645 positions; 115 attorneys; 3,665 agents)        |
| Current Services Adjustments (S&E):  | +223.1 million (+825 positions, +631 agents)                            |
| Program Changes (S&E)                | +\$138.6 million (+253 positions, +250 agents)                          |
| FY 2027 Request (S&E):               | \$2,942 million (7,723 positions; 115 attorneys; 4,546 agents)          |
| FY 2026 Enacted (DCFA):              | \$669.7 million (2,441 positions; 56 attorneys; 471 agents)             |
| 2026 Sequester Cut (DCFA)            | -\$38.2 million                                                         |
| Current Services Adjustments (DCFA): | +\$38.3 million (+0 positions, +0 attorneys)                            |
| Program Changes (DCFA)               | +\$6.6 million (+0 positions, +0 attorneys)                             |
| FY 2027 Request (DCFA):              | \$676.4 million (2,441 positions; 56 attorneys; 471 agents)             |
| Total FY 2027 Request:               | \$3,618.5 million (10,164 positions; 171 attorneys; 5,017 agents)       |
| Change From FY 2026 Enacted:         | +\$368.4 million (+11.3%) (+1,078 positions; +0 attorneys; +881 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. DEA Special Agents were included in the Department of Homeland Security Memorandum, dated January 22, 2025, which granted them immigration enforcement authority, consistent with Presidential Action of January 20, 2025: *Guaranteeing The States Protection Against Invasion*. Since obtaining Title 8 authority, DEA participates in immigration enforcement arrests and devotes resources to immigration enforcement efforts, particularly those with a drug-related nexus.

### Resources:

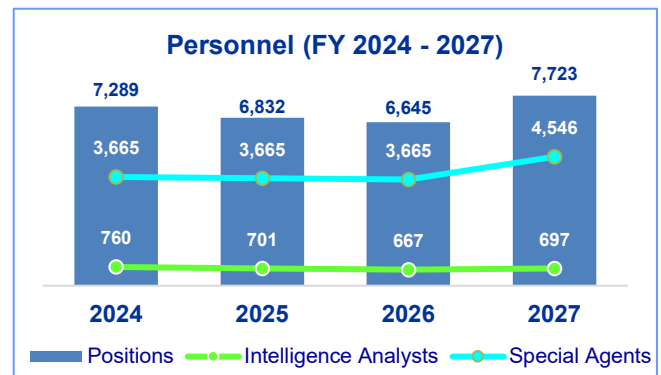
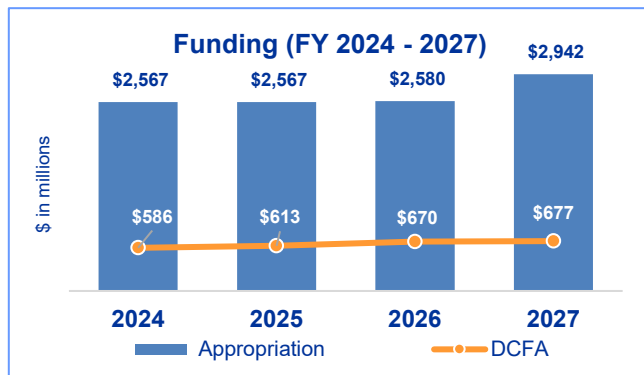
The FY 2027 budget request for DEA totals 2,942 million, which is a 14 percent increase from the FY 2026 Enacted.

### 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 26 Division Offices, 59 District Offices, 101 Resident Offices and, at present time, 56 Posts of Duty.

### Personnel:

The DEA's direct authorized positions for FY 2027 total 7,723 positions, including an increase of 1,078 positions over the FY 2026 Enacted of 6,645 direct authorized positions.



## FY 2027 Strategy:

DEA is advancing its core “North Star” mission priorities—strengthening enforcement; dismantling the Mexican cartels; disrupting chemical supply chains; targeting illicit finance; leading the fight on the cyber and dark web frontlines; building strategic partnerships; protecting communities; and prioritizing employee wellness. Each engagement, operation, and modernization initiative reflects the agency’s commitment to unified, result-driven action against the organizations driving drug-related harm. The recent successful operation against Nemesio Rubén Oseguera Cervantes (“El Mencho”), the leader of Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generación (CJNG), exemplifies this commitment and resulted from sustained pressure on CJNG’s leadership and infrastructure, enabled by close coordination, intelligence-sharing, and long-standing cooperation between DEA and our Mexican counterparts.

DEA is aggressively targeting every part of the Mexican cartels’ global supply chain. In early 2025, the Department of State designated specific cartels including the Sinaloa Cartel and CJNG, as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs). In Mexico, the cartels produce fentanyl and methamphetamine in clandestine laboratories; most fentanyl is pressed into pills resembling legitimate medication and sold to customers in the United States through social media platforms and messaging applications.

Calendar Year (CY) 2025 was a pivotal year for DEA, marked by record-breaking enforcement actions. In total, during 2025, the DEA seized more than 9,800 pounds (lbs) of fentanyl, and 47.2 million fentanyl pills, removing an estimated 369 million potentially deadly doses of fentanyl from communities across the U.S. The DEA also seized over 78,000 kg of methamphetamine, 4.2 million methamphetamine pills, over 260,000 kg of cocaine, nearly 2,000 kgs of heroin, over 3,000 guns, and over \$600 million in total assets.

In December 2025, DEA launched the *Fentanyl Free America* campaign – a combined enforcement initiative and public awareness campaign aimed at reducing the supply and demand for fentanyl. To date, these efforts have resulted in 4,965 arrests and the seizure of 1,867 kilograms of fentanyl, 102,352 kilograms of cocaine, 28,832 kilograms of methamphetamine, more than 44 million counterfeit pills, and over \$250 million in seized assets and currency. These results are not just statistics. They represent lives saved, violence prevented, and communities protected.

DEA also participates in immigration enforcement arrests and devotes resources to immigration enforcement efforts, particularly those with a drug-related nexus. Since January 20, 2025, DEA has devoted more than 650,000 workhours to Title 8 enforcement actions. DEA is also participating in the Homeland Security Task Forces (HSTFs) with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other federal law enforcement partners. Currently, DEA shares a leadership role with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 26 of the 30 HSTF Core Cities throughout the United States.

DEA’s Diversion Control Division, tasked with preventing, detecting, and investigating the diversion of controlled substances and listed chemicals, also regulates over 2 million registrants. In FY 2025, DC set a record for 176 administrative actions against registrants, to include 135 Orders to Show Cause and 41 Immediate Suspension Orders.

## FY 2027 Program Changes:

### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

**Special Agent Hiring:** \$124.8 million and 250 Special Agents Resources will enable DEA to fill authorized Special Agent positions and maintain mission readiness, especially as DEA turns to multiple innovative hiring strategies to onboard agents, in addition to building out unique strategic targeting efforts to combat the Sinaloa Cartel, CJNG Cartel, Mexican and Chinese precursor chemical traffickers, Chinese money laundering organizations, and private companies driving diversion.

**Classified Program Enhancement:** \$13.7 million and 3 positions

These classified program requirements, as supported by the Office of Director of National Intelligence, will modernize and upgrade classified network architecture and systems. These investments will enable DEA to maximize information sharing efforts.

### DIVERSION CONTROL FEE ACCOUNT (DCFA)

**Adjustment in Obligations Activities:** \$6.6 million

Funding will address emerging diversion threats and to register/regulate its growing registrant population. Additional resources will also enhance customer relationship management services, expand data driven targeting and analysis of the chemical supply chain in support of enforcement operations similar to DEA’s recent Fentanyl Free America initiative, enhance import and export controls for controlled substances, precursor chemicals and pill press machines, increase scientific and technical resources, and advance Diversion programmatic priorities.

**Drug Enforcement Administration**

(Dollars in Thousands)

|                                                           | Drug Enforcement Administration - S&E |              |                  | Drug Enforcement Administration - Construction |          |          | DEA-Diversion Control Fee |              |                | Total        |              |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
|                                                           | POS                                   | FTE          | Amount           | POS                                            | FTE      | Amount   | POS                       | FTE          | Amount         | POS          | FTE          | Amount           |
| <b>2025 Appropriation</b>                                 | <b>6,832</b>                          | <b>6,366</b> | <b>2,567,000</b> | <b>0</b>                                       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>[2,407]</b>            | <b>1,747</b> | <b>650,004</b> | <b>6,832</b> | <b>8,113</b> | <b>3,217,004</b> |
| 2025 Sequester Cut                                        | 0                                     | 0            | 0                | 0                                              | 0        | 0        | 0                         | 0            | (37,050)       | 0            | 0            | (37,050)         |
| <b>2025 Enacted with Recissions</b>                       | <b>6,832</b>                          | <b>6,366</b> | <b>2,567,000</b> | <b>0</b>                                       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>                  | <b>1,747</b> | <b>612,954</b> | <b>6,832</b> | <b>8,113</b> | <b>3,179,954</b> |
| <b>2026 Enacted</b>                                       | <b>6,645</b>                          | <b>6,141</b> | <b>2,580,340</b> | <b>0</b>                                       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>[2,441]</b>            | <b>1,807</b> | <b>669,660</b> | <b>6,645</b> | <b>7,948</b> | <b>3,250,000</b> |
| 2026 Sequester Cut                                        | 0                                     | 0            | 0                | 0                                              | 0        | 0        | 0                         | 0            | (38,171)       | 0            | 0            | (38,171)         |
| <b>2026 Enacted with Rescissions</b>                      | <b>6,645</b>                          | <b>6,141</b> | <b>2,580,340</b> | <b>0</b>                                       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>[2,441]</b>            | <b>1,807</b> | <b>631,489</b> | <b>6,645</b> | <b>7,948</b> | <b>3,211,829</b> |
| <b>2027 Request</b>                                       | <b>7,723</b>                          | <b>7,184</b> | <b>2,942,000</b> | <b>0</b>                                       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>[2,441]</b>            | <b>1,807</b> | <b>676,426</b> | <b>7,723</b> | <b>8,991</b> | <b>3,618,426</b> |
| <b>Change 2027 from 2026 Enacted</b>                      | <b>1,078</b>                          | <b>1,043</b> | <b>361,660</b>   | <b>0</b>                                       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>     | <b>44,937</b>  | <b>1,078</b> | <b>1,043</b> | <b>406,597</b>   |
| <b>Technical Adjustments</b>                              |                                       |              |                  |                                                |          |          |                           |              |                |              |              |                  |
| Restoration of Rescission                                 | 0                                     | 0            | 0                | 0                                              | 0        | 0        | 0                         | 0            | 38,171         | 0            | 0            | 38,171           |
| ILE Adjustment                                            | 804                                   | 822          | 178,387          | 0                                              | 0        | 0        | 0                         | 0            | 0              | 804          | 822          | 178,387          |
| <b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>                        | <b>804</b>                            | <b>822</b>   | <b>178,387</b>   | <b>0</b>                                       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>     | <b>38,171</b>  | <b>804</b>   | <b>822</b>   | <b>216,558</b>   |
| <b>Base Adjustments</b>                                   |                                       |              |                  |                                                |          |          |                           |              |                |              |              |                  |
| Pay & Benefits                                            | 0                                     | 0            | 11,884           | 0                                              | 0        | 0        | 0                         | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 11,884           |
| Domestic Rent & Facilities                                | 0                                     | 0            | 2,252            | 0                                              | 0        | 0        | 0                         | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 2,252            |
| Other Adjustments                                         | 21                                    | 21           | 12,853           | 0                                              | 0        | 0        | 0                         | 0            | 0              | 21           | 21           | 12,853           |
| Foreign Expenses                                          | 0                                     | 0            | 17,640           | 0                                              | 0        | 0        | 0                         | 0            | 171            | 0            | 0            | 17,811           |
| <b>Total Base Adjustments</b>                             | <b>21</b>                             | <b>21</b>    | <b>44,629</b>    | <b>0</b>                                       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>     | <b>171</b>     | <b>21</b>    | <b>21</b>    | <b>44,800</b>    |
| <b>2027 Current Services</b>                              | <b>7,470</b>                          | <b>6,984</b> | <b>2,803,356</b> | <b>0</b>                                       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>[2,441]</b>            | <b>1,807</b> | <b>669,831</b> | <b>7,470</b> | <b>8,791</b> | <b>3,473,187</b> |
| <b>Program Changes</b>                                    |                                       |              |                  |                                                |          |          |                           |              |                |              |              |                  |
| <b>Increases</b>                                          |                                       |              |                  |                                                |          |          |                           |              |                |              |              |                  |
| Classified Program Increase                               | 3                                     | 2            | 13,757           | 0                                              | 0        | 0        | 0                         | 0            | 0              | 3            | 2            | 13,757           |
| North Star Enforcement - Special Agent Hiring             | 250                                   | 125          | 91,356           | 0                                              | 0        | 0        | 0                         | 0            | 0              | 250          | 125          | 91,356           |
| North Star Enforcement - Special Agent Hiring Initiatives | 0                                     | 73           | 33,531           | 0                                              | 0        | 0        | 0                         | 0            | 0              | 0            | 73           | 33,531           |
| Adjustments in Obligation Activities                      | 0                                     | 0            | 0                | 0                                              | 0        | 0        | 0                         | 0            | 6,595          | 0            | 0            | 6,595            |
| <b>Subtotal, Program Increases</b>                        | <b>253</b>                            | <b>200</b>   | <b>138,644</b>   | <b>0</b>                                       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>     | <b>6,595</b>   | <b>253</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>145,239</b>   |
| <b>Total Program Changes</b>                              | <b>253</b>                            | <b>200</b>   | <b>138,644</b>   | <b>0</b>                                       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>     | <b>6,595</b>   | <b>253</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>145,239</b>   |
| <b>2027 Request</b>                                       | <b>7,723</b>                          | <b>7,184</b> | <b>2,942,000</b> | <b>0</b>                                       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>[2,441]</b>            | <b>1,807</b> | <b>676,426</b> | <b>7,723</b> | <b>8,991</b> | <b>3,618,426</b> |
| Balance Rescission                                        | 0                                     | 0            | 0                | 0                                              | 0        | 0        | 0                         | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                |
| <b>Change 2027 from 2026 Enacted with Rescissions</b>     | <b>1,078</b>                          | <b>1,043</b> | <b>361,660</b>   | <b>0</b>                                       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>     | <b>44,937</b>  | <b>1,078</b> | <b>1,043</b> | <b>406,597</b>   |

**Drug Enforcement Administration – Salaries and Expenses**

(\$ in thousands)

| Comparison by activity and program                 | 2026 Enacted |              |                  | 2027 Current Services |              |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|
|                                                    | Pos.         | FTE          | Amount           | Pos.                  | FTE          | Amount           |
| International Enforcement                          | 808          | 704          | 485,291          | 808                   | 704          | 504,791          |
| Domestic Enforcement                               | 5,815        | 5,410        | 2,083,622        | 6,640                 | 6,253        | 2,287,087        |
| State and Local Assistance                         | 22           | 20           | 11,427           | 22                    | 20           | 11,478           |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>6,645</b> | <b>6,134</b> | <b>2,580,340</b> | <b>7,470</b>          | <b>6,977</b> | <b>2,803,356</b> |
| Reimbursable FTE                                   |              | 7            |                  |                       | 7            |                  |
| Balance Rescission                                 |              |              |                  |                       |              |                  |
| <b>Total Direct and Reimbursable</b>               | <b>6,645</b> | <b>6,141</b> | <b>2,580,340</b> | <b>7,470</b>          | <b>6,984</b> | <b>2,803,356</b> |
| <i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i> |              | 429          |                  |                       | 5            |                  |
| <b>FTE Grand Total</b>                             |              | <b>6,141</b> |                  |                       | <b>6,984</b> |                  |

| Comparison by activity and program                 | 2027 Total Program Changes |            |                | 2027 Request |              |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
|                                                    | Pos.                       | FTE        | Amount         | Pos.         | FTE          | Amount           |
| International Enforcement                          | -                          | -          | -              | 808          | 704          | 504,791          |
| Domestic Enforcement                               | 253                        | 200        | 138,644        | 6,893        | 6,453        | 2,425,731        |
| State and Local Assistance                         | -                          | -          | -              | 22           | 20           | 11,478           |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>253</b>                 | <b>200</b> | <b>138,644</b> | <b>7,723</b> | <b>7,177</b> | <b>2,942,000</b> |
| Reimbursable FTE                                   |                            |            |                | -            | 7            | -                |
| Balance Rescission                                 |                            |            |                | -            | -            | -                |
| <b>Total Direct and Reimbursable</b>               | <b>253</b>                 | <b>200</b> | <b>138,644</b> | <b>7,723</b> | <b>7,184</b> | <b>2,942,000</b> |
| <i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i> |                            |            |                |              | 5            |                  |
| <b>FTE Grand Total</b>                             |                            | <b>200</b> |                |              | <b>7,184</b> |                  |

**Drug Enforcement Administration – Diversion Control Fee**

(\$ in thousands)

| Comparison by activity and program   | 2026 Enacted |              |                | 2027 Current Services |              |                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|
|                                      | Pos.         | FTE          | Amount         | Pos.                  | FTE          | Amount         |
| DEA Diversion Control                | 2,441        | 1,807        | 669,660        | 2,441                 | 1,807        | 669,831        |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>2,441</b> | <b>1,807</b> | <b>669,660</b> | <b>2,441</b>          | <b>1,807</b> | <b>669,831</b> |
| DCFA Sequester                       |              |              | -38,171        |                       |              | 0              |
| <b>Total Direct and Reimbursable</b> | <b>2,441</b> | <b>1,807</b> | <b>631,489</b> | <b>2,441</b>          | <b>1,807</b> | <b>669,831</b> |

| Comparison by activity and program   | 2027 Total Program Changes |          |              | 2027 Request |              |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
|                                      | Pos.                       | FTE      | Amount       | Pos.         | FTE          | Amount         |
| DEA Diversion Control                | 0                          | 0        | 6,595        | 2,441        | 1,807        | 676,426        |
| <b>Total Direct and Reimbursable</b> | <b>0</b>                   | <b>0</b> | <b>6,595</b> | <b>2,441</b> | <b>1,807</b> | <b>676,426</b> |