



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

FY 2023 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2022 President's Budget:	\$1,554.5 million (5,410 positions; 81 attorneys; 2,647 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$54.8 million
Program Changes:	+\$123.2 million
FY 2023 Budget Request:	\$1,732.5 million (5,776 positions; 85 attorneys; 2,775 agents)
Change From FY 2022 President's Budget:	+\$178.1 million (+11.5%) (+366 positions; +4 attorneys; +128 agents)

Mission:

The 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. The 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:

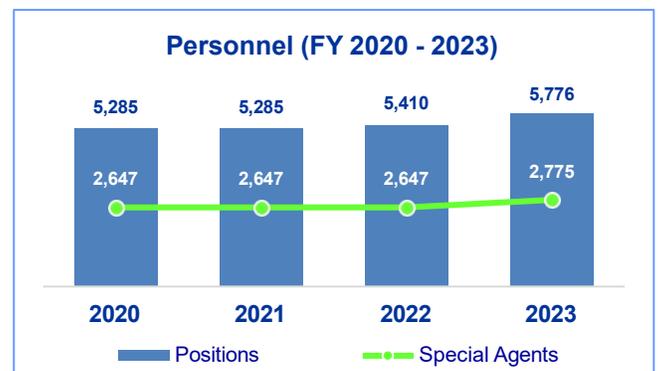
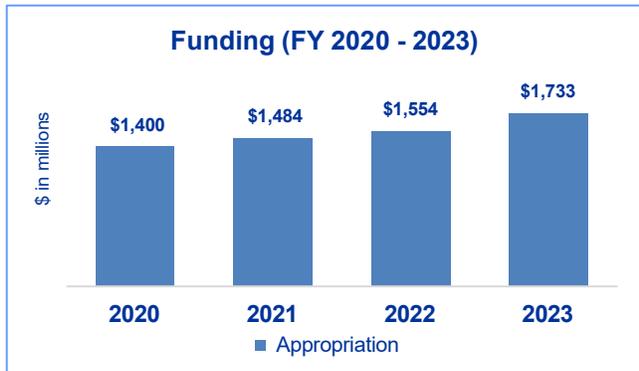
The ATF's Director is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The ATF operates 25 domestic Field Divisions and maintains a presence at 12 international offices in eight countries.

Resources:

The FY 2023 budget request for ATF totals \$1,733 million, which is a 11.5 percent increase over the FY 2022 President's Budget and a 13.2 percent increase over the FY 2022 Enacted.

Personnel:

The ATF's requested direct authorized positions for FY 2023 total 5,776 positions, including an increase of 366 positions over the FY 2022 President's Budget of 5,410 direct authorized positions.



FY 2023 Strategy:

In line with the Attorney General's Comprehensive Strategy for Reducing Violent Crime, the ATF Frontline business model ensures Bureau resources are directed to the most serious offenses and most dangerous criminals. The ATF's strategy includes comprehensive, intelligence-driven assessments in each ATF field division that define the significant violent crime problems within its 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 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 violent offenders and remove them from America's streets.

Investigating the illegal trafficking of firearms, domestically and overseas, remains a high priority, and the ATF operates enforcement groups to address firearms trafficking and violent crime along every U.S. border. The 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.

The ATF has a long history of investigating fires and 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. The ATF also manages the U.S. Bomb Data Center, participates in Joint Terrorism Task Forces, and supports the Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center. The ATF National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR) consolidates the ATF's explosives expertise at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama. NCETR develops and enhances technical knowledge and partnerships across Federal, State, and local law enforcement and public safety agencies.

The FY 2023 request enhances public safety by focusing on crime gun intelligence capabilities such as the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN), enhancing strategic enforcement through expansion of Firearms Trafficking Strike Forces, and providing additional compliance inspections and oversight of Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs).

FY 2023 Program Changes:

Salaries & Expenses

Industry Operations Investigators (IOI) Regulatory Enforcement and Diversion Control: \$20.1 million and

183 positions (2 attorneys)

Additional funding and positions will improve inspections and oversight of FFLs, combat violent firearms crime, and protect the public by hiring more IOIs. The IOIs conduct inspections of the FFLs to ensure compliance with applicable Federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Compliance inspections also ensure traceability of crime guns is maintained and that firearms are kept out of the hands of prohibited individuals. Current services for this initiative are \$110.3 million and 700 positions.

Combating Gun Violence: \$53.7 million and 148 positions (2 attorneys, 122 agents)

Additional resources will allow the ATF to address surging firearms violence in American communities through expansion of Firearms Trafficking Strike Forces, a multi-jurisdictional initiative. The ATF collaborates with local homicide units and Federal, State, and local partners to use crime gun intelligence to address "source" areas for illegally trafficked firearms. Funding will ensure that the current cadre of ATF agents is properly resourced to fight violent crime in American communities. Current services for this request are \$505.9 million and 2,238 positions (1,647 agents).

NIBIN and Crime Gun Intelligence (CGI): \$21.2 million and 16 positions

Funding and positions will expand the NIBIN National Correlation Training Center and will provide NIBIN equipment and program support for the remainder of ATF field divisions. Resources will support the coupling of NIBIN Enforcement Support System and CGI data for development of actionable investigative insights relating to firearm violence. The initiative will also integrate CGI and NIBIN principles into established curricula for intelligence-led policing in an academic setting, which will integrate the CGI model into training for law enforcement practitioners. Current services for this request are \$61.7 million and 47 positions (17 agents).

National Tracing Center (NTC) Modernization: \$14.4 million and 13 positions

This initiative to consolidate firearms tracing applications through an eTrace modernization effort with enhanced data sharing capabilities will serve as a key building block in significantly improving the operational proficiency of the NTC Division. Resources will build ATF's capacity to meet expectations in firearms tracing capabilities for Federal, State, local, and international law enforcement agencies. Current services for this request are \$32.4 million and 52 positions (2 agents).

Body Worn Cameras (BWC): \$13.7 million and 6 positions (6 agents)

Funding and positions will allow the ATF to support digital cloud storage of BWC video for both task force officers and ATF special agents under the requirements set forth in the June 7, 2021, DOJ Body-Worn Camera Policy. Resources will support the creation of the ATF Digital Evidence Management Branch, which will manage all digital inventory, ensure information integrity and security, and promulgate policy and best practices for BWC data management. Current services for this initiative are \$1.0 million.

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	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
2021 Appropriation	5,285	5,007	1,483,887	0	0	0	5,285	5,007	1,483,887
2022 Continuing Resolution	5,285	5,007	1,483,887	0	0	0	5,285	5,007	1,483,887
Expected Change from FY 2022 CR	125	63	70,574	0	0	0	125	63	70,574
2022 President's Budget	5,410	5,070	1,554,461	0	0	0	5,410	5,070	1,554,461
2023 Request	5,776	5,316	1,732,528	0	0	0	5,776	5,316	1,732,528
Change 2023 from 2022 President's Budget	366	246	178,067	0	0	0	366	246	178,067
Technical Adjustments									
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Base Adjustments									
Pay & Benefits	0	62	45,128	0	0	0	0	62	45,128
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	3,600	0	0	0	0	0	3,600
Other Adjustments	0	0	4,764	0	0	0	0	0	4,764
Foreign Expenses	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	65
Non-Personnel Related Annualizations	0	0	1,288	0	0	0	0	0	1,288
Total Base Adjustments	0	62	54,845	0	0	0	0	62	54,845
2023 Current Services	5,410	5,132	1,609,306	0	0	0	5,410	5,132	1,609,306
Program Changes									
Increases:									
IOI Regulatory Enforcement And Diversion Control	183	92	20,137	0	0	0	183	92	20,137
Combating Gun Violence	148	74	53,745	0	0	0	148	74	53,745
NIBIN and Crime Gun Intelligence	16	8	21,208	0	0	0	16	8	21,208
National Tracing Center Modernization	13	7	14,424	0	0	0	13	7	14,424
Body Worn Cameras	6	3	13,708	0	0	0	6	3	13,708
Subtotal, Program Increases	366	184	123,222	0	0	0	366	184	123,222
Decreases:									
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	366	184	123,222	0	0	0	366	184	123,222
2023 Request	5,776	5,316	1,732,528	0	0	0	5,776	5,316	1,732,528

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Comparison by activity and program	2022 President's Budget			2023 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	4,187	3,877	1,189,72	4,187	3,924	1,231,66
Investigative Support Services	1,223	1,193	364,732	1,223	1,208	377,637
Total	5,410	5,070	1,554,46	5,410	5,132	1,609,30
Reimbursable FTE		3			3	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	5,410	5,073	1,554,46	5,410	5,135	1,609,30
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		54			54	
FTE Grand Total		5,073			5,135	

Comparison by activity and program	2023 Total Program Changes			2023 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	336	168	105,930	4,523	4,092	1,337,59
Investigative Support Services	30	16	17,292	1,253	1,224	394,929
Total	366	184	123,222	5,776	5,316	1,732,52
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	3	0
Total Direct and Reimbursable	366	184	123,222	5,776	5,319	1,732,52
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		1			55	
FTE Grand Total		184			5,319	