



Antitrust Division (ATR)

FY 2018 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2017 Continuing Resolution:	\$164.7 million (830 positions; 380 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$0
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2018 Budget Request:	\$164.7 million (695 positions; 335 attorneys)
Change From FY 2017 Continuing Resolution:	+\$0 (-135 positions; -45 attorneys)

Mission:

The mission of the ATR is to promote economic competition through enforcing and providing guidance on antitrust laws and principles.

Organization:

The ATR is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG), who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The AAG is currently assisted by five Deputy Assistant Attorneys General, including career and non-career employees. In addition to its Washington, D.C. offices and sections, ATR has three offices strategically located across the U.S. that primarily handle criminal matters and serve as liaisons to the U.S. Attorneys, state attorneys general, and other law enforcement agencies.

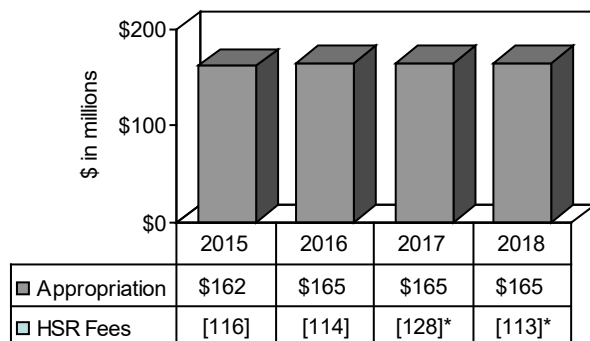
Resources:

The FY 2018 budget request for ATR totals \$164.7 million, which is the same as 2017 Continuing Resolution. Approximately two-thirds of ATR's funding is derived from Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) premerger filing fees paid by companies planning to merge. HSR fee collections of \$112.7 million are expected for FY 2018. The filing fee revenue is divided evenly between the Antitrust Division and the Federal Trade Commission.

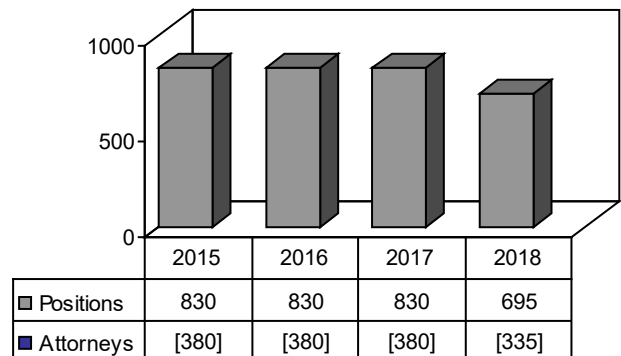
Personnel:

The ATR's direct positions for FY 2018 total 695 positions. ATR's FY 2018 request includes a decrease of -135 positions from the FY 2017 Continuing Resolution of 830 direct positions.

Funding (FY 2015 - 2018)



Personnel (FY 2015 - 2018)



* FY 2017 – FY 2018 HSR fees are estimated.

FY 2018 Strategy:

ATR will continue its efforts in essential areas in U.S. and global markets to ensure that American consumers and businesses are left with a vibrant and appropriately competitive marketplace.

The Division's Civil Merger program will focus sharply on the statutorily mandated review of premerger notifications and challenge problematic transactions in court, whether fundamentally flawed or where parties do not provide a remedy sufficient to resolve a proposed transaction's competitive harm. The Civil Non-Merger program will maintain a vigilant watch for contractual provisions or transactions that unlawfully disrupt the competitive process. Industries and markets that ATR will continue to focus on are wide-ranging and include movie theaters, advertising, banking, cable television, transportation, and beer.

Vigorous enforcement of criminal antitrust laws will continue to be the number one priority of the Division's Criminal Program. ATR has a history of achieving record-setting prison sentences and criminal fines and expects this trend to continue in FY 2018. The Division will continue to uncover and prosecute cartels and other criminal activity across the spectrum of the Nation's economy in many areas including financial services, automotive parts, electronic capacitors, and generic pharmaceuticals.

Competition advocacy – to government entities, private firms and organizations, and the general public – will continue to be an important initiative in the Division with broad focus on intellectual property and competition law, and specific attention to evolving communications markets. Pursuit of many international initiatives, including enforcement and policy cooperation, bilateral/multilateral activities, and technical assistance will be an important focus as these efforts help protect U.S. consumers by strengthening enforcement and promoting international convergence around sound antitrust principles.

FY 2018 Program Changes:

The budget proposal includes funds for current services for ATR. No program changes are requested.

Antitrust Division
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Antitrust Division		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2016 Appropriation	[830]	689	164,977
2017 Continuing Resolution	[830]	694	164,977
2017 Rescission - 0.1901%	0	0	-314
2017 Continuing Resolution	[830]	694	164,663
2018 Request	[695]	695	164,663
Change 2018 from 2017 Continuing Resolution	-135	1	0
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	[-135]	1	-121
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	106
Other Adjustments	0	0	15
Total Base Adjustments	[-135]	1	0
2018 Current Services	[695]	695	164,663
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	0
2018 Request	[695]	695	164,663

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(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2017 Continuing Resolution			2018 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Antitrust Division	830	694	164,663	695	695	164,663
Total	830	694	164,663	695	695	164,663
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	830	694	164,663	695	695	164,663

Comparison by activity and program	2018 Total Program Changes			2018 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Antitrust Division	0	0	0	695	695	164,663
Total	0	0	0	695	695	164,663
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	0	0	695	695	164,663