



U.S. Parole Commission (USPC)

FY 2014 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2012 Enacted:	\$12.8 million (85 positions; 7 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$188,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2014 Budget Request:	\$13.0 million (85 positions; 7 attorneys)
Change From FY 2012 Enacted:	+\$188,000 (+1.5%)

Mission:

The mission of the U.S. Parole Commission (USPC) is to promote public safety and strive for justice and fairness in the exercise of its authority to release and supervise offenders under its jurisdiction. USPC has jurisdiction over federal offenders who committed offenses before November 1, 1987; all District of Columbia offenders; Uniform Code of Military Justice offenders who are in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons; Transfer Treaty cases (United States citizens convicted in foreign countries, who have elected to serve their sentence in this country); and State probationers and Parolees in the Federal Witness Protection Program. USPC renders decisions on National Appeals Board cases and decides action on supervision, parole, or return to custody cases under their jurisdiction.

Resources:

The FY 2014 budget request for USPC totals \$13.0 million, which is a 1.5% increase over the FY 2012 Enacted level.

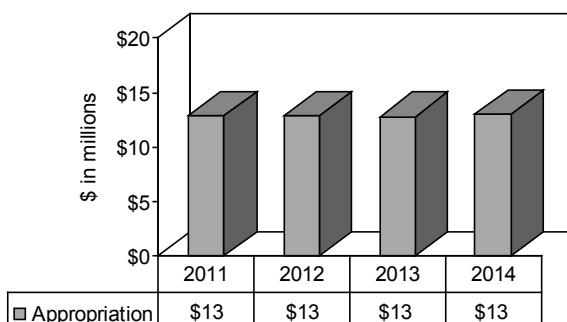
Organization:

USPC is managed by the Commission Chairman who, along with four other commissioners, is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. All USPC offices and staff are located in the District of Columbia. The staff carries out the Commission's operations and support functions.

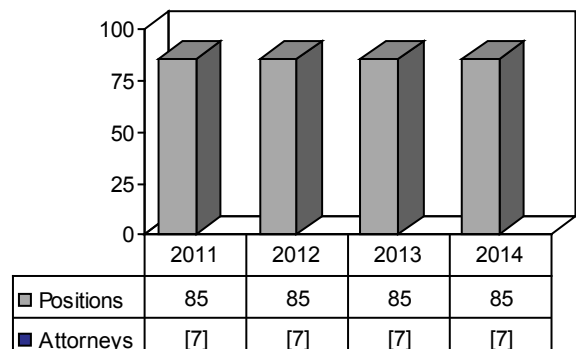
Personnel:

The USPC's direct positions for FY 2014 total 85 positions and is the same as FY 2012 Enacted.

Funding (FY 2011 - 2014)



Personnel (FY 2011 - FY 2014)



FY 2014 Strategy:

In meeting its statutory requirements, USPC continues to face challenges that are complex and evolving. The major task before USPC is to take immediate action on violent offenders, while reducing recidivism rates for low-risk, non-violent offenders by implementing new revocation guidelines and establishing alternatives to incarceration. USPC policies and program strategies that are key to reducing recidivism rates include using:

- appearance notices to encourage an offender under supervision in the community to appear at a revocation hearing;
- reprimand sanctions hearings to confront an offender to address non-compliant behavior and to make a commitment to make positive behavioral changes, thus complying with the conditions of release;
- drug treatment centers to address an offender's drug abuse problem, thereby reducing the chance of returning to prison; and
- mental health hearing dockets to increase the treatment engagement of the mentally ill offenders to reduce their risk level in the community.

The FY 2014 strategy maintains the Commission's focus on returning low-risk non-violent offenders to parole or supervised release rather than prison when possible. However, USPC will continue to issue warrants for those that willfully violate the conditions of their release and for those with the most egregious behavior (typically tied to violence, child abuse, sex offenses, etc.). This approach keeps communities safe while returning productive, low-risk offenders back to the community in a timely and cost efficient manner.

USPC currently projects the total prisoner and parolee population, including District of Columbia (D.C.) supervised releases, will be approximately 20,600 in FY 2014. The federal population is projected to be 3,600 and includes 1,200 federal prisoners and other offenders such as witness security, foreign treaty and military justice offenders, and 2,400 parolees. The D.C. population under USPC's jurisdiction is projected to be about 17,000, and includes 8,000 prisoners and 9,000 parolees and supervised releases.

Much of the D.C. caseload is driven by offenders under supervision in the community that require USPC to evaluate their progress, keep track of those that are at risk, and impose additional sanctions or conditions to ensure public safety.

FY 2014 Program Changes:

There are no program changes for USPC.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	U.S. Parole Commission		
	Pos	FTE**	Amount
2012 Appropriation	85	74	12,833
2013 Continuing Resolution*	85	74	12,912
2014 Request w/o rescissions	85	74	13,021
Change 2014 from 2012 Enacted	0	-0	188
Technical Adjustments			
Adjustment - 2013 CR 0.612%	0	0	-79
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	-79
Base Adjustments			
ATB Transfers	0	0	38
Pay & Benefits	0	0	120
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	30
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	188
2014 Current Services	85	74	13,021
Program Changes			
Program Increases	0	0	0
Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	0
2014 Request	85	74	13,021

* The 2013 Continuing Resolution includes the 0.612% funding above current rate, provided by P.L. 112-175, sec. 101 (c).

** The FTE for FY 2012 is actual and for FY 2013 and FY 2014 are estimates.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	FY 2012 Enacted			2014 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
United States Parole Commission	85	74	12,833	85	74	13,021
Total	85	74	12,833	85	74	13,021
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	85	74	12,754	85	74	13,021

Comparison by activity and program	2014 Total Program Changes			2014 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
United States Parole Commission	0	0	0	85	74	13,021
Total	0	0	0	85	74	13,021
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	0	0	85	74	13,021