



National Security Division (NSD)

FY 2016 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2015 Enacted:	\$93.0 million (383 positions; 249 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$691,000
Program Changes:	+\$2.9 million
FY 2016 Budget Request:	\$96.6 million (411 positions; 270 attorneys)
Change From FY 2015 Enacted:	+\$3.6 million (+3.9%) (+28 positions; +21 attorneys)

Mission:

The NSD is responsible for combating terrorism and other threats to the national security—the Department of Justice's highest priority. The NSD consolidates within a single Division, the Department's primary national security elements outside of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This organizational structure strengthens the effectiveness of the Department's national security efforts by ensuring greater coordination and unity of purpose between prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, intelligence attorneys, and the Intelligence Community.

Organization:

NSD is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG), who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The AAG oversees a Division that is organized into the Office of Intelligence (Operations, Oversight and Litigation Sections); Counterterrorism and Counterespionage Sections; Law and Policy Office; Foreign Investment Review Staff; Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism; and an Executive Office.

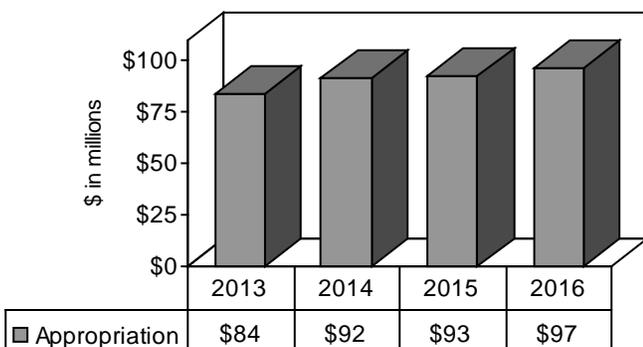
Resources:

The FY 2016 budget request for NSD totals \$96.6 million, which is a 3.9% increase over the FY 2015 Enacted.

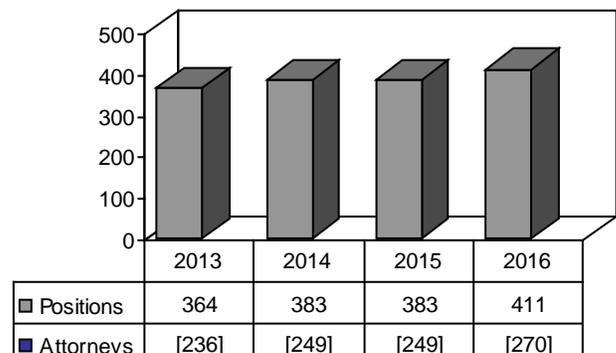
Personnel:

The NSD's direct positions for FY 2016 total 411 positions. NSD's FY 2016 request includes an increase of 28 positions over the FY 2015 Enacted of 383 direct positions.

Funding (FY 2013 - 2016)



Personnel (FY 2013 - 2016)



FY 2016 Strategy:

In FY 2016, the NSD will continue to fulfill its responsibilities in the areas of Intelligence Operations, Oversight, and Litigation; Counterterrorism; Counterespionage and Counter-proliferation; Cybersecurity; Foreign Investment Review; Law and Policy Advice; and Victims of Terrorism Outreach.

In addition, NSD engaged in a comprehensive strategic assessment of the Division's current operations and future requirements. As a result of that assessment, NSD has outlined four areas of new or renewed focus that will guide its operations in the coming years. They are:

- Combating cyber threats to the national security and protecting national security assets;
- Enhancing NSD's intelligence programs and expanding its intelligence oversight function;
- Continuing to bring an all-tools, integrated approach to NSD's work, while also adapting to address the changing face of terrorism; and
- Reinvigorating NSD's development into a mature Division, capable of keeping pace with its national security partners and outpacing the threats the nation faces.

All of NSD's FY 2016 budget request map to these goals and priorities and will ensure that NSD remains best positioned to fulfill the Department's top priority mission in the face of increasing challenges and a growing and evolving threat.

FY 2016 Program Changes:

Combating Cyber Threats to National Security: \$1.7 million and 12 positions (9 attorneys)

NSD continues to be involved in the full range of U.S. cyber and cybersecurity efforts, including cyber threat prevention, detection, investigation, and prosecution, cybersecurity program development and oversight, cybersecurity vulnerability management, and cyber policy development. This request will enable NSD to keep pace with the growth of cyber threats to the national security by strengthening its investigative, prosecutorial, and oversight abilities to support the Intelligence Community in identifying and disrupting cyber threats. This request will enable NSD to ensure that the government is taking a proactive, all-tools approach to deterrence and disruption of a wide range of threat actors, including terrorists, nation states, transnational organized crime groups, and others. The current services for this program are 19 positions (13 attorneys) and \$2.7 million.

Intelligence Collection and Oversight: \$1.5 million and 10 positions (8 attorneys)

NSD's intelligence work supports the U.S. Government's national security mission fully, including combating the threats posed by terrorists, threats to our nation's cybersecurity, and other threats. NSD's work is increasingly important as the nation faces a growing and evolving threat landscape, including the threats of foreign terrorist fighters and homegrown violent extremism, cyber attacks, and other counterintelligence threats. NSD is also responsible for at least 10 different lines of effort related to intelligence reform and oversight that the Department has been tasked with by the President. This request will allow NSD to enhance its intelligence collection efforts and increase its oversight capabilities regarding information used in national security investigations and prosecutions. The current services for this program are 153 positions (110 attorneys) and \$28.2 million.

Combating Terrorism including Homegrown Violent Extremism: \$874,000 and 6 positions (4 attorneys)

The distributed nature of Homegrown Violent Extremist (HVE) threats makes investigation of them incredibly complex. As terrorist groups have turned to inspiring individuals across the globe to commit independent and more easily executed acts of terror, identifying and disrupting the threat has become increasingly resource-intensive. Unlike the small, organized cells that NSD has traditionally dealt with, the new face of terrorism is everywhere, and the potential population of would-be attackers is not easily knowable. NSD provides a full spectrum of support to the FBI, Intelligence Community, and US Attorney's Office for every HVE case in the country. This request will support NSD's investigative and prosecutorial efforts to combat increasing terrorist threats against the United States. The current services for this program are 57 positions (47 attorneys) and \$12.9 million.

Program and/or Administrative Savings: -\$1.2 million and 0 positions

Reductions to existing operations and services necessary to pay for increases in existing costs, including pay raises, FERS contributions, and GSA rent, among others. Program and administrative reductions to be identified once funds are appropriated.

National Security Division

(Dollars in Thousands)

	National Security Division		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2014 Appropriation	383	334	91,800
2015 Enacted	383	345	93,000
2016 Request	411	359	96,596
Change 2016 from 2015 Enacted	28	14	3,596
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	1,364
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	-673
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	691
2016 Current Services	383	345	93,691
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Combating Cyber Threats to National Security	12	6	1,745
Intelligence Collection and Oversight	10	5	1,486
Combating Terrorism including Homegrown Violent Extremism	6	3	874
Subtotal, Program Increases	28	14	4,105
Decreases:			
Program Offset - Administrative	0	0	-1,200
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	-1,200
Total Program Changes	28	14	2,905
2016 Request	411	359	96,596

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(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2015 Enacted			2016 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
National Security	383	345	93,000	383	345	93,691
Total	383	345	93,000	383	345	93,691
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	383	345	93,000	383	345	93,691

Comparison by activity and program	2016 Total Program Changes			2016 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
National Security	28	14	2,905	411	359	96,596
Total	28	14	2,905	411	359	96,596
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	28	14	2,905	411	359	96,596