



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

FY 2024 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2023 Enacted (S&E):	\$1,672.0 million (5,463 positions; 110 attorneys; 2,703 agents)
FY 2023 Enacted (CNST):	\$75.0 million
Current Services Adjustments (S&E):	+\$133.2 million
Current Services Adjustments (CNST):	-\$75.0 million
Program Changes (S&E):	+\$70.2 million
FY 2024 Budget Request:	\$1,875.5 million (5,965 positions; 113 attorneys; 2,886 agents)
Change From FY 2023 Enacted:	+\$128.5 million (+7.4%) (+502 positions; +3 attorneys; +183 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:

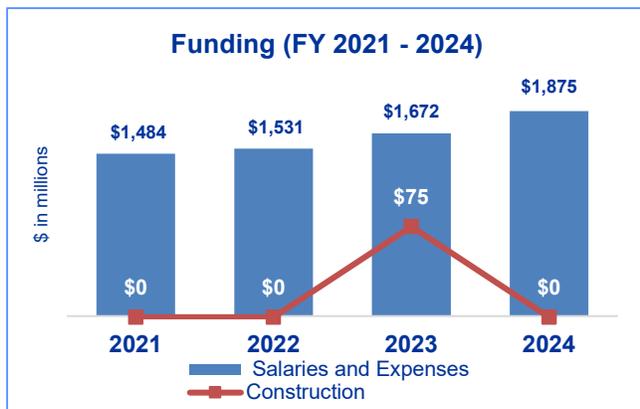
The ATF's Director is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The ATF operates 25 domestic Field Divisions and maintains a presence at 12 international offices in eight countries.

Resources:

The FY 2024 budget request for ATF totals \$1,875 million for Salaries and Expenses, which is a 7.4 percent increase over the FY 2023 Enacted.

Personnel:

The ATF's direct authorized positions for FY 2024 total 5,965 positions, including an increase of 502 positions over the FY 2023 Enacted of 5,463 direct authorized positions.



FY 2024 Strategy:

In line with the Department'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 United States 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 criminal 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 the Richard Shelby Center for Innovation and Advanced Training in Alabama. NCETR develops and enhances technical knowledge and partnerships across Federal, State, and local law enforcement and public safety agencies.

The ATF's role in implementing the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA, 2022), the most substantial change to Federal firearms laws in a generation, is a priority in FY 2024, and the ATF requests additional resources for provisions such as a revised definition for Federal Firearms Licensees (FFL), closing of the so-called "boyfriend loophole," and new statutes for prosecuting straw purchasing and firearms trafficking. The FY 2024 request enhances public safety by building upon existing efforts to further combat gun violence, including investments to realize the objectives of the BSCA, and by continuing crime gun intelligence capabilities such as the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) and compliance inspections and oversight of FFLs. It also enhances the ATF's Body Worn Camera (BWC) program.

FY 2024 Program Changes:

Salaries & Expenses

Combatting Gun Violence: \$25.6 million and 100 positions (two attorneys, 72 agents)

Additional funding and positions will allow the ATF to address the alarming surge in firearms violence in American communities. This enhancement is necessary for the ATF to meet the goals of the Administration and the Department to enhance enforcement efforts focused on firearms trafficking, and to increase the support that the ATF provides to State, local, territorial, and Tribal law enforcement in the investigation of violent firearm offenses. Firearm trafficking networks often involve the transport of firearms across jurisdictional, State, and National boundaries, and the ATF's Federal statutory authorities and expertise are essential to effective investigation, disruption, and prosecution. Current Services are \$515.7 million and 2,272 positions (1,681 agents).

Body-Worn Cameras: \$37.8 million and 70 positions (one attorney, 11 agents)

Additional funding and positions will allow the ATF to provide digital case management software and video cloud storage for the video from the BWCs of both ATF Special Agents and Federally deputized TFOs under the BWC requirements set forth by the Department's BWC Policy. Through a new Digital Evidence Management Branch, the ATF will provide program oversight and management, and trained personnel will ensure the integrity of the ATF's digital evidence warehouse. Current services for this request are \$6.3 million and six positions (six agents).

Zero Emission Vehicles: \$6.8 million and 0 positions

Resources will facilitate prioritization of resources for the operation and procurement of electric vehicles (including plug-in hybrid technology) and associated charging infrastructure, in alignment with targets set by Council on Environmental Quality and the Office of Management and Budget. With these resources, the ATF will work towards achieving the electrification goals mandated by Executive Order 14057. There are no current services for this initiative.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	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
2022 Appropriation	5,285	4,998	1,531,071	0	0	0	5,285	4,998	1,531,071
2023 Enacted	5,463	5,088	1,672,000	0	0	75,000	5,463	5,088	1,747,000
2024 Request	5,965	5,427	1,875,466	0	0	0	5,965	5,427	1,875,466
Change 2024 from 2023 Enacted	502	339	203,466	0	0	-75,000	502	339	128,466
Technical Adjustments									
Critical Operations Support	0	0	8,816	0	0	0	0	0	8,816
Bipartisan Safer Communities Act	332	166	71,120	0	0	0	332	166	71,120
Non-Recrural - Laboratory Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	-75,000	0	0	-75,000
Total Technical Adjustments	332	166	79,936	0	0	-75,000	332	166	4,936
Base Adjustments									
Pay & Benefits	0	88	57,739	0	0	0	0	88	57,739
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	-7,454	0	0	0	0	0	-7,454
Foreign Expenses	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	67
Non-Personnel Related Annualizations	0	0	2,929	0	0	0	0	0	2,929
Total Base Adjustments	0	88	53,281	0	0	0	0	88	53,281
2024 Current Services	5,795	5,342	1,805,217	0	0	0	5,795	5,342	1,805,217
Program Changes									
Increases:									
Combatting Gun Violence	100	50	25,578	0	0	0	100	50	25,578
Body-Worn Cameras	70	35	37,847	0	0	0	70	35	37,847
Zero Emission Vehicles	0	0	6,824	0	0	0	0	0	6,824
Subtotal, Program Increases	170	85	70,249	0	0	0	170	85	70,249
Decreases:									
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	170	85	70,249	0	0	0	170	85	70,249
2024 Request	5,965	5,427	1,875,466	0	0	0	5,965	5,427	1,875,466

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Comparison by activity and program	2023 Enacted			2024 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	4,179	3,865	1,263,121	4,511	4,097	1,381,155
Investigative Support Services	1,284	1,223	408,879	1,284	1,245	424,062
Total	5,463	5,088	1,672,000	5,795	5,342	1,805,217
Reimbursable FTE		3			3	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	5,463	5,091	1,672,000	5,795	5,345	1,805,217
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		54			54	
FTE Grand Total		5,091			5,345	

Comparison by activity and program	2024 Total Program Changes			2024 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	151	75	68,493	4,662	4,172	1,449,648
Investigative Support Services	19	10	1,756	1,303	1,255	425,818
Total	170	85	70,249	5,965	5,427	1,875,466
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	3	0
Total Direct and Reimbursable	170	85	70,249	5,965	5,430	1,875,466
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		-2			52	
FTE Grand Total		85			5,430	