

U.S. Attorneys (USA)

FY 2024 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2023 Enacted: \$2,632.0 million (12,038 positions; 6,393 attorneys; 36

agents)

Current Services Adjustments: +\$186.9 million

Program Changes: +\$51.4 million

FY 2024 Budget Request: \$2,870.4 million (12,356 positions; 6,578 attorneys; 36

agents)

Change From FY 2023 Enacted: +\$238.4 million (+9.1%) (+318 positions; +185 attorneys)

Mission:

Under the direction of the Attorney General, the U.S. Attorneys (USAs) serve as the Nation's principal litigators. Their offices bring criminal prosecutions, pursue civil penalties, defend Federal programs, and guard the financial interests of the United States in court. They also provide advice and counsel to the Attorney General and senior policy leadership through the Attorney General's Advisory Committee and its various subcommittees. The Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys (EOUSA) provides the United States Attorneys' offices (USAOs) with general executive assistance direction, policy development, administrative management direction and oversight, operational support, training, and coordination with other components of the Department and other Federal agencies.

Resources:

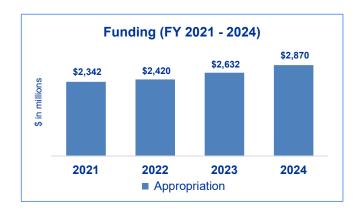
The FY 2024 budget request for the USAs totals \$2,870.4 million, which is a 9.1 percent increase over the FY 2023 Enacted.

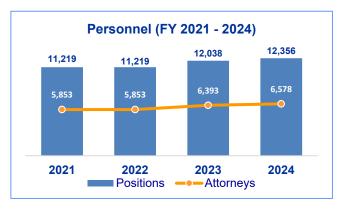
Organization:

There are 93 USAs located throughout the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. U.S. Attorneys are appointed by, and serve at the discretion of, the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate. One U.S. Attorney is assigned to each of the judicial districts, with the exception of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, where a single U.S. Attorney serves both districts. Each U.S. Attorney is the chief Federal law enforcement officer within their particular jurisdiction. The EOUSA was created on April 6, 1953, by Attorney General Order 8-53, to provide for close liaison between the Department of Justice in Washington, DC, and the 93 USAs.

Personnel:

The USA's direct authorized positions for FY 2024 total 12,356 positions, including an increase of 318 positions over the FY 2023 Enacted of 12,038 direct authorized positions.





FY 2024 Strategy:

In FY 2024, the USAs will promote the safety of the American people by prosecuting a diverse workload of Federal criminal cases and will initiate and defend civil actions to assert and protect the interests of the United States.

The expansive workload includes cases involving violent crime and gun violence; international and domestic terrorism; civil rights enforcement; cybercrime prosecutions and cybersecurity; protecting the Federal fisc; Indian country prosecutions; complex and multi-jurisdictional white collar-crimes such as health care fraud, identity theft, public corruption, corporate fraud, and investment fraud; illegal immigration; drugs and opioids enforcement; firearms; transnational organized crime; and human trafficking. The USAs will also collect criminal and civil debt. In FY 2022, collections totaled \$4.9 billion.

For many years, the USAs have made violent crime prosecutions the largest category of criminal cases handled in their offices, and they will continue to build upon those efforts. Through a unified and cohesive effort working with Federal, State, local, tribal, territorial law enforcement, and community counterparts, USAOs endeavor to reverse surges in violent crime and gun violence so that our neighborhoods can become safer places. Furthermore, the USAOs will continue their efforts to support and address violent crime across Indian country.

The USAs will continue to combat the growing threat posed by cybercrime, as well as to secure critical information assets. The USAOs continue to prosecute the growing number of cybercrime cases while expanding the Department's cybercrime efforts through training and outreach. The USAs will ensure a robust cybersecurity posture through monitoring software vulnerabilities; strengthening cybersecurity tools and techniques; and safeguarding the data, systems, and networks essential for the USAs to meet their mission.

The USAs have made protecting the Federal fisc a priority and remain committed to investigating and punishing fraud on the government, as such conduct directly harms the American people and negatively impacts the economy. The USAs continue to effectively carry out the Department's mission to "ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans," and to effectively defend the interests of taxpayers and the United States in defensive civil cases.

The USAs will continue to support a core mission of the Department to protect our most vulnerable populations by focusing efforts on civil and criminal enforcement of a range of civil rights issues including, but not limited to: hate crimes, human trafficking, disability rights, fair housing, employment, servicemembers' and veterans' rights, religious land use, civil rights of institutionalized persons, violent crime control and law enforcement, educational issues involving bullying in schools, and voting rights and election cases.

The USAs remain committed to efforts to protect the American people from the impact of drugs and drug-related crime, including opioids, nationwide. Drug prosecutions will continue to be a priority, with a particular emphasis on the operations of large drug organizations.

FY 2024 Program Changes:

Violent Crime Prosecutions: \$16.7 million and 130 positions (100 attorneys)

This funding builds upon the investments made in FY 2023 to further the Department's violent crime reduction strategies essential to upholding its fundamental goal of keeping the American people safe. The resources will be used for additional prosecutors and support staff to increase the USAOs' abilities to target priority violent street gangs and drug traffickers in jurisdictions that are suffering from elevated levels of violence; accept more high priority firearms cases for Federal prosecution; shut down pipelines feeding illegally trafficked firearms into regions affected by gun violence around the country; and implement effective approaches that reduce violent crime. Current services for this initiative are \$198.4 million and 1,046 positions (667 attorneys).

Litigation Modernization (eLitigation): \$14.9 million and 134 positions (35 attorneys)

Funding will be used to continue to adopt the requirements for technological and procedural modernization. Current cases require sophisticated technology, tools, and skilled staff to process and make effective use of the immense volume of data routinely pulled from smart phones, email providers, social media accounts, surveillance equipment, business records, and other electronic devices. The resources will ensure the USAOs improve eLitigation skills, update their governance structures, and embrace new best practices and technology. Current services are \$81.4 million and 291 positions (71 attorneys).

Protecting the Public Fisc : \$8.2 million and 50 positions (50 attorneys)

Funding is necessary to defend the interests of taxpayers and the United States by addressing the significant increase in defensive civil litigation cases the USAOs must defend. Litigating civil defensive cases is non-discretionary and USAOs have no control over the volume of cases they must defend. For several years the USAOs have been increasingly pressed for defensive civil attorney resources, making the recent increases in immigration, FOIA, and prisoner caseloads particularly difficult. Current services are \$187.5 million and 991 positions (651 attorneys).

Cybersecurity Modernization: \$10.7 million and 4 positions Funding will be used to address key National Institute of Standards and Technology cybersecurity framework functions and will support adoption of security practices that lead to a Zero Trust Architecture. With the rising sophistication of advanced cyber/insider threat actors and corresponding increases in the velocity and ferocity of attacks, the USAOs need enhanced cybersecurity capabilities to counter these threats and ensure continuity of the United States Attorneys' litigation operations with a commensurate level of recurring investment in technology and contractual support. Current services are \$71.8 million and 237 positions (188 attorneys).

Zero Emission Vehicles: \$914,000 and 0 positions

Funding will be used to support the President's goal of transitioning to a Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Federal fleet across all operations with the procurement, operation, and management of electric vehicles (including plug-in hybrid technology) and installation of the required charging/fueling infrastructure. These acquisitions are a significant step towards eliminating tailpipe emissions of greenhouse gases from the USAs' fleet and aligning the Department's fleet operations with the goal of achieving a fully ZEV Federal fleet. There are no current services for this initiative.

<u>U.S. Attorneys</u> (Dollars in Thousands)

		U.S. Attorneys			
	Pos	FTE	Amount		
2022 Appropriation	11,219	10,147	2,419,868		
Supplemental - Ukraine Response - FY 2022	0	0	5,000		
2022 Enacted with Supplemental	11,219	10,147	2,424,868		
2023 Enacted	12,038	10,757	2,632,000		
2024 Request	12,356	11,325	2,870,374		
Change 2024 from 2023 Enacted	318	568	238,374		
Technical Adjustments					
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0		
Base Adjustments					
Pay & Benefits	0	409	187,059		
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	-126		
Total Base Adjustments	0	409	186,933		
2024 Current Services	12,038	11,166	2,818,933		
Program Changes					
Increases:					
Violent Crime Prosecutions	130	65	16,727		
Litigation Modernization (eLitigation)	134	67	14,862		
Protecting the Public Fisc	50	25	8,238		
Cybersecurity Modernization	4	2	10,700		
Zero Emission Vehicles	0	0	914		
Subtotal, Program Increases	318	159	51,441		
Decreases:					
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0		
Total Program Changes	318	159	51,441		
2024 Request	12,356	11,325	2,870,374		

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	2023 Enacted			2024 Current Services		
Comparison by activity and program	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Criminal Litigation	9,321	8,073	1,983,296	9,321	8,425	2,130,370
Civil Litigation	2,664	2,631	620,267	2,664	2,688	659,638
Legal Education	53	53	28,437	53	53	28,925
Total	12,038	10,757	2,632,000	12,038	11,166	2,818,933
Reimbursable FTE		216			216	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	12,038	10,973	2,632,000	12,038	11,382	2,818,933
Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)		1,542			1,525	
FTE Grand Total		12,515			12,907	

	2024 Total Program Changes			2024 Request		
Comparison by activity and program	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Criminal Litigation	216	109	34,919	9,537	8,534	2,165,289
Civil Litigation	102	50	15,060	2,766	2,738	674,698
Legal Education	0	0	1,462	53	53	30,387
Total	318	159	51,441	12,356	11,325	2,870,374
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	216	0
Total Direct and Reimbursable	318	159	51,441	12,356	11,541	2,870,374
Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)		o			1,525	
FTE Grand Total		159			13,066	