Federal Prison System (BOP)

FY 2027 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2026 Enacted:	$8,371.6 million (36,102 positions; 200 attorneys; 18,273 correctional officers[1])
Current Services Adjustments:	+$1,214.6 million
Program Changes:	+$909.1 million
FY 2027 Budget Request:	$10,495.3 million (36,247 positions; 200 attorneys; 18,309 correctional officers)
Change From FY 2026 Enacted:	+$2,123.7 million (+25.4%) (+145 positions; +36 correctional officers)

Mission:

Corrections professionals who foster a humane and secure environment and ensure public safety by preparing individuals for successful reentry into our communities.

Resources:

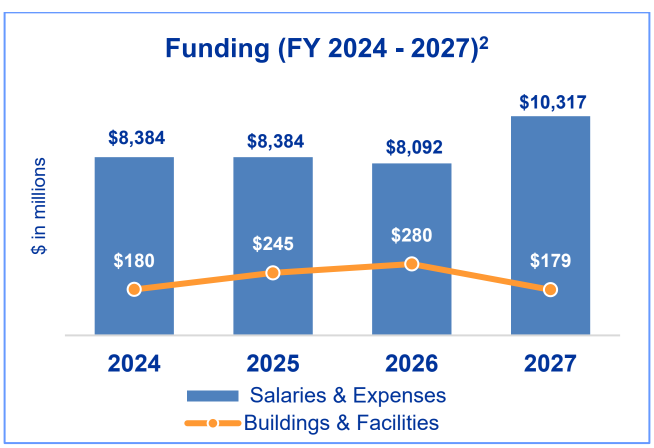
The FY 2027 budget request for BOP totals $10,495 million, which is a 25.4 percent increase over the FY 2026 Enacted. Within base, $1.1 billion is requested as a continuation of the FY 2026 Working Families Tax Cut Act (WFTCA), providing BOP base resources to restore its operational capacity.

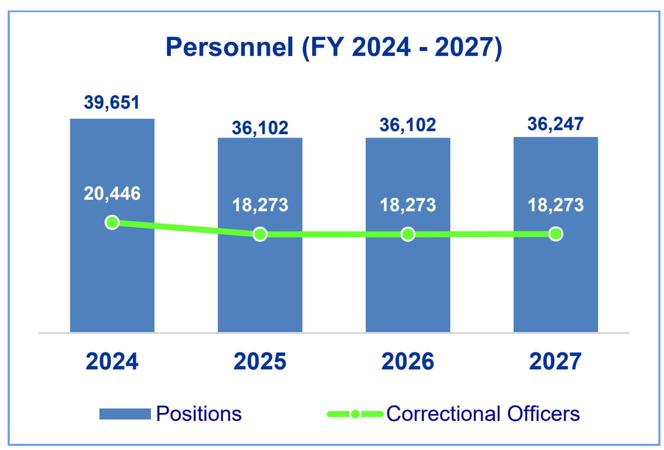
Organization:

The BOP is led by the Director, who was appointed by President Trump. The BOP is managed from its Central Office located in Washington, DC. The Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Directors, and General Counsel provide administrative oversight to BOP offices and facilities. There are 121 BOP institutions across the nation.

Personnel:

The BOP's direct authorized positions for FY 2027 total 36,247 positions, including an increase of 145 positions over FY 2026 Enacted of 36,102 direct authorized positions.





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[1] Correctional officers (COs) include all correctional services staff.

[2] FY 2025 Buildings and Facilities funding includes $64.8 million in supplemental resources. FY 2025 and FY 2026 Salaries and Expenses and Building and Facilities funding excludes $1.8 billion in received WFTCA supplemental resources.

FY 2027 Strategy:

As of March 18, 2026, the BOP had 153,182 individuals in its care and custody, which includes those already sentenced as well as detained people awaiting trial or sentencing. BOP maintains institution security through a combination of sound correctional practices, highly trained employees, technology, and careful classification of individuals in BOP's care.

The BOP fully supports the Department's law enforcement efforts to promote public safety in American communities by ensuring those in Federal care and custody serve their sentences in facilities that are safe, humane, cost-efficient, and appropriately secure. Currently, approximately 90 percent of the BOP population are confined in BOP-operated facilities, while the balance is confined in community-based facilities and local jails.

The Salaries and Expenses (S&E) appropriation funds the costs associated with administering and operating the Federal Prison System. The FY 2027 S&E budget will support the inmate population and assist in maintaining the safety of Federal prisons for staff and those individuals in BOP custody. Current services also include base funding for programs related to the implementation and continuation of First Step Act (FSA) initiatives.

The Buildings and Facilities (B&F) appropriation supports the site selection, design, and construction of new correctional facilities, as well as the renovation, repair, and maintenance of existing institutions.

FY 2027 Program Changes:

Salaries and Expenses

Staffing Investment Plan: $454.7 million
This program increase will help address long-standing, critical staffing shortages through the pursuit of higher salaries for Primary Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) employees at all institutions. This request covers nearly 28,000 BOP employees who work throughout facilities nationwide.

RRC Expansion Plan: $106.9 million and 43 positions
This program increase is a multi-year phased plan that will expand the BOP's Residential Reentry Center (RRC) capacity and associated contract oversight support in high-need geographic regions. Up to 3,800 additional RRC bed spaces will be added and the home confinement program in underserved jurisdictions and staffing compliment will expand, creating greater oversight for community-based placements and contractual and programmatic compliance.

Off-Site Inmate Mail Scanning and Inmate Attorney-Client E-mail: $46.0 million and 8 positions
This program increase will implement electronic infrastructure improvements to deter contraband and simultaneously maintain individuals' rights to privileged attorney-client communication and benefits to community contact.

Information Technology Modernization: $40.3 million
This program increase will modernize information technology (IT) equipment throughout the agency.

Leavenworth New Construction Facility Start Up Activation: $32.4 million and 67 positions (36 COs)
This program increase supports the activation process at the newly constructed Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) with a Federal Prison Camp (FPC) in Leavenworth, Kansas for which construction is anticipated to complete in July 2026.

Telehealth ER/Specialty Services Implementation: $4.0 million
This program increase replaces existing aging or failing telehealth hardware and provides hardware to all BOP sites. The strain on staffing resources will be alleviated, access and timeliness of medical care will improve, and costly outside emergency room (ER) trips will reduce by up to 60 percent.

BEMR Replacement $81.7 million and 9 positions
This program increase will upgrade the current Bureau Electronic Medical Record (BEMR) system with a modernized and nationally certified, commercially available system.

Buildings and Facilities

Modernization and Repair Program: -$8.9 million
This program decrease represents an adjustment to return to the authorized B&F budget level of $178.6 million. Funding for the Modernization and Repair program addresses critical repair and security projects to safely maintain Federal prisons and efficiently manage public resources.

USP Alcatraz Reactivation Planning and Design: $152.0 million
This program increase will support the reactivation of USP Alcatraz as a state-of-the-art secure prison facility.

Balance Rescission: -$400.0 million

This rescission cancels $400.0 million in prior year balances. Of this amount, approximately $360.0 million will be taken from Letcher County, KY, construction project balances, and $40.0 million from Leavenworth, KS, construction project balances.

Federal Prison System

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Federal Prison System - S&E			Federal Prison System - Buildings & Facilities			Total		
	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount
2025 Appropriation	**36,036**	**34,900**	**8,392,588**	**66**	**50**	**179,762**	**36,102**	**34,950**	**8,572,350**
Transfers - NIJ - FY 2025 - To RES	0	0	-8,190	0	0	0	0	0	-8,190
2025 Balance Rescission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025 Enacted with Rescissions	**36,036**	**34,900**	**8,384,398**	**66**	**50**	**179,762**	**36,102**	**34,950**	**8,564,160**
2026 Enacted	**36,036**	**34,049**	**8,100,000**	**66**	**50**	**279,762**	**36,102**	**34,099**	**8,379,762**
Transfers - NIJ - FY 2026 - To RES	0	0	-8,190	0	0	0	0	0	-8,190
2026 Enacted with Rescissions	**36,036**	**34,049**	**8,091,810**	**66**	**50**	**279,762**	**36,102**	**34,099**	**8,371,572**
2027 Request	**36,163**	**34,664**	**10,316,671**	**84**	**83**	**178,623**	**36,247**	**34,747**	**10,495,294**
Change 2027 from 2026 Enacted	**127**	**615**	**2,224,861**	**18**	**33**	**-101,139**	**145**	**648**	**2,123,722**
Technical Adjustments									
FY 2026 Rebaseline Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	-100,000	0	0	-100,000
Position/FTE Adjustment	0	0	0	14	29	4,843	14	29	4,843
Transfers - NIJ FY 2026 - To OJP RES	0	0	8,190	0	0	0	0	0	8,190
FY 2026 Working Families Tax Cut Act Adjustment.	0	0	1,087,089	0	0	0	0	0	1,087,089
Total Technical Adjustments	**0**	**0**	**1,095,279**	**14**	**29**	**-95,157**	**14**	**29**	**1,000,122**
Base Adjustments									
Pay & Benefits	0	550	135,071	4	4	949	4	554	136,020
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	467	0	0	0	0	0	467
Prison and Detention	0	0	228,005	0	0	0	0	0	228,005
Non-Personnel Related Annualizations	0	0	0	0	0	-150,000	0	0	-150,000
Total Base Adjustments	**0**	**550**	**363,543**	**4**	**4**	**-149,051**	**4**	**554**	**214,492**
2027 Current Services	**36,036**	**34,599**	**9,550,632**	**84**	**83**	**35,554**	**36,120**	**34,682**	**9,586,186**
Program Changes									
Increases:									
Staffing Investment Plan	0	0	454,700	0	0	0	0	0	454,700
RRC Expansion Plan	43	22	106,918	0	0	0	43	22	106,918
Off-Site Inmate Mail Scanning and Inmate Attorney-Client E-Mail	8	4	46,020	0	0	0	8	4	46,020
Information Technology Modernization	0	0	40,278	0	0	0	0	0	40,278
Leavenworth New Construction Facility Start Up Activation	67	34	32,423	0	0	0	67	34	32,423
Telehealth ER/Specialty Services Implementation	0	0	4,000	0	0	0	0,	0	4,000
BEMR Replacement	9	5	81,700	0	0	0	9	5	81,700
USP Alcatraz Reactivation Planning and Design	0	0	0	0	0	152,000	0	0	152,000
Subtotal, Program Increases	**127**	**65**	**766,039**	**0**	**0**	**152,000**	**127**	**65**	**918,039**
Decreases:									
Modernization and Repair Program	0	0	0	0	0	-8,931	0	0	-8,931
Subtotal, Program Decreases	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-8,931**	**0**	**0**	**-8,931**
Total Program Changes	**127**	**65**	**766,039**	**0**	**0**	**143,069**	**127**	**65**	**909,108**
2027 Request	**36,163**	**34,664**	**10,316,671**	**84**	**83**	**178,623**	**36,247**	**34,747**	**10,495,294**
Rescission - BOP B&F	0	0	0	0	0	-400,000	0	0	-400,000
2027 Request with Rescission	**36,163**	**34,664**	**10,316,671**	**84**	**83**	**-221,377**	**36,247**	**34,747**	**10,095,294**
Change 2027 from 2026 Enacted with Rescissions	**127**	**615**	**2,224,861**	**18**	**33**	**-501,139**	**145**	**648**	**1,723,722**

Federal Prison System - S&E
(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2026 Enacted[3] Pos.	2026 Enacted[3] FTE	2026 Enacted[3] Amount	2027 Current Services Pos.	2027 Current Services FTE	2027 Current Services Amount
Inmate Care and Programs	12,797	12,151	3,213,526	12,797	12,347	3,793,578
Security/Management and Administration	22,950	21,619	4,280,785	22,950	21,968	5,052,873
Contract Confinement	289	279	597,499	289	284	704,181
Total	36,036	34,049	8,091,810	36,036	34,599	9,550,632

Comparison by activity and program	2027 Total Program Changes Pos.	2027 Total Program Changes FTE	2027 Total Program Changes Amount	2027 Request Pos.	2027 Request FTE	2027 Request Amount
Inmate Care and Programs	34	17	133,263	12,831	12,364	3,926,841
Security/Management and Administration	50	26	525,858	23,000	21,994	5,578,731
Contract Confinement	43	22	106,918	332	306	811,099
Total	127	65	766,039	36,163	34,664	10,316,671

Federal Prison System - Buildings & Facilities
(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2026 Enacted[3] Pos.	2026 Enacted[3] FTE	2026 Enacted[3] Amount	2027 Current Services Pos.	2027 Current Services FTE	2027 Current Services Amount
BOP Construction	17	10	152,000	17	10	2,000
Modernization and Repair	49	40	127,762	67	73	33,554
Total	66	50	279,762	84	83	35,554
Total Direct and Reimbursable	66	50	279,762	84	83	35,554

Comparison by activity and program	2027 Total Program Changes Pos.	2027 Total Program Changes FTE	2027 Total Program Changes Amount	2027 Request Pos.	2027 Request FTE	2027 Request Amount
BOP Construction	0	0	0,000	17	10	2,000
Modernization and Repair	0	0	143,069	67	73	176,623
Total	0	0	143,069	84	83	178,623
Balance Rescission	0	0	-400,000	0	0	-400,000
Total Direct and Reimbursable	0	0	-256,931	84	83	-221,377

[3] FY 2026 Enacted Totals deviate from the President's Budget Appendix due to the exclusion of WFTCA obligations.