



## FACT SHEET



At the Frontline Against Violent Crime

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### ATF STAFFING AND BUDGET

ATF is a unique law enforcement agency in the United States Department of Justice that protects our communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, the illegal use and trafficking of firearms, the illegal use and storage of explosives, acts of arson and bombings, acts of terrorism, and the illegal diversion of alcohol and tobacco products. The men and women of ATF perform the dual responsibilities of enforcing federal criminal laws and regulating the firearms and explosives industries.

In 1973, ATF had 3,829 full-time employees, including 1,622 special agents and 826 industry operations investigators. The agency's budget was less than \$74 million.

HISTORICAL PROFILE					
FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES (Full-Time Equivalents (FTE))	SPECIAL AGENTS (Domestic and Foreign)	INVESTIGATORS	OTHER POSITIONS (FTE)	DIRECT BUDGET AUTHORITY (\$000)
2000	4,221	1,942	755	1,524	565,959
2001	4,643	2,053	814	1,776	771,143
2002	5,029*	2,258	935	1,836	854,747
2003	5,111*	2,313	940	1,858	913,114
2004	4,735*	2,363	643	1,729	827,289
2005	4,885*	2,404	724	1,757	878,465
2006	5,040*	2,502	776	1,762	911,817
2007	5,053*	2,508	776	1,769	984,097
2008	4,880*	2,427	760	1,701	984,097
2009	4,957*	2,479	791	1,718	1,027,814
*Spending authority initially provided via enactment of the Bureau's annual salaries and expense (S&E appropriation). Excludes effect of amendments, rescissions, or transfers of resources from other federal agencies.					