



# Fact Sheet



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## ATF Staffing and Budget

ATF is a unique law enforcement agency in the U.S. 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 employees, including 1,622 special agents and 826 industry operations investigators. The agency's budget was less than \$74 million.

ATF has 4,803 employees, including 2,490 special agents and 780 industry operations investigators. The agency's 2014 enacted budget is about \$1.179 billion.

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	SPECIAL AGENTS (Domestic and Foreign)	INDUSTRY OPERATION INVESTIGATORS	OTHER POSITIONS	DIRECT BUDGET AUTHORITY (\$000)
2001	5,039	2,317	961	1,761	771,143
2002	5,115	2,367	933	1,815	854,747
2003	4,702	2,350	646	1,706	913,114
2004	4,721	2,378	665	1,678	827,289
2005	4,878	2,441	754	1,683	878,465
2006	4,861	2,430	764	1,667	911,817
2007	4,850	2,473	752	1,625	984,097
2008	4,991	2,539	739	1,713	984,097
2009	5,060	2,552	755	1,753	1,027,814
2010	5,107	2,562	807	1,738	1,114,772
2011	5,016	2,524	820	1,672	1,112,542

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<b>2012</b>	4,770	2,442	793	1,535	1,152,000
<b>2013</b>	4,719	2,402	791	1,526	1,071,000
<b>2014</b>	4,803	2,490	780	1,533	1,179,000