



Antitrust Division (ATR)

FY 2020 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2019 Continuing Resolution:	\$165.0 million (656 positions; 335 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$1.8 million
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2020 Budget Request:	\$166.8 million (695 positions; 335 attorneys)
Change From FY 2019 Continuing Resolution:	+\$1.8 million (+1.1%) (+39 positions)

Mission:

The mission of the Antitrust Division (ATR) is to promote economic competition through enforcing and providing guidance on antitrust laws and principles.

Organization:

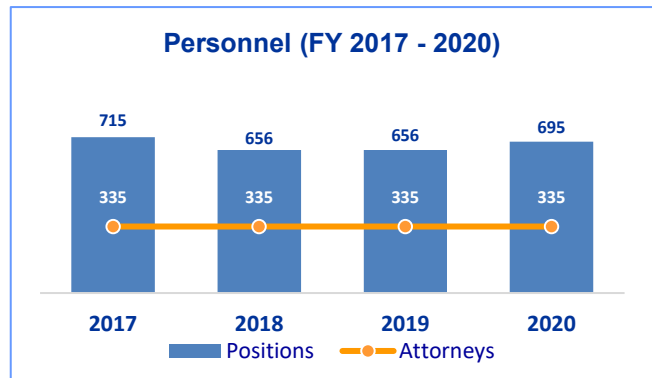
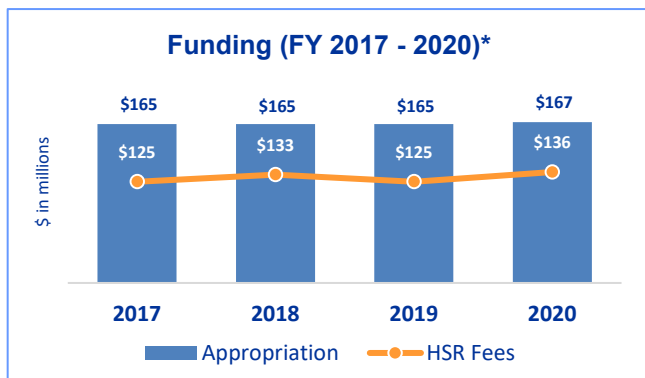
ATR is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG), who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The AAG is currently assisted by six Deputy Assistant Attorneys General, including career and non-career employees. In addition to its Washington, DC, offices and sections, ATR has three offices strategically located across the U.S. that primarily handle criminal matters and serve as liaisons to the U.S. Attorneys, state attorneys general, and other law enforcement agencies.

Resources:

The FY 2020 budget request for ATR totals \$166.8 million, which is a 1.1% increase over the FY 2019 Continuing Resolution. Approximately two-thirds of ATR's funding is derived from Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) premerger filing fees paid by companies planning to merge. For FY 2020, ATR expects HSR fee collections of \$136.0 million. The estimated filing fee revenue of approximately \$272.0 million is divided evenly between the Antitrust Division and the Federal Trade Commission.

Personnel:

The ATR's direct positions for FY 2020 total 695 positions. ATR's FY 2020 request includes an increase of 39 positions over FY 2019 Continuing Resolution of 656 direct positions.



- * FY 2019 – FY 2020 HSR fees are estimated.
- * FY 2019 annualized CR

FY 2020 Strategy:

ATR will continue its efforts in essential areas in U.S. and global markets to ensure that American consumers and businesses are left with a vibrant and appropriately competitive marketplace.

The Division's Civil Merger program will focus sharply on the statutorily mandated review of premerger notifications and challenge problematic transactions in court, whether fundamentally flawed or where parties do not provide a remedy sufficient to resolve a proposed transaction's competitive harm. The Civil Non-Merger program will maintain a vigilant watch for contractual provisions or transactions that unlawfully disrupt the competitive process. Industries and markets that ATR will continue to focus on are wide-ranging and include telecommunications, health care, oil and energy services, and newspapers.

Vigorous enforcement of criminal antitrust laws will continue to be the number one priority of the Division's Criminal Program. ATR has a history of achieving record-setting prison sentences and criminal fines and expects this trend to continue in FY 2020. The Division will continue to uncover and prosecute cartels and other criminal activity across the spectrum of the Nation's economy in many areas including generic pharmaceuticals, financial services, electronic capacitors, and packaged seafood.

Competition advocacy – to government entities, private firms and organizations, and the general public – will continue to be an important initiative in the Division with broad focus on intellectual property and competition law, and specific attention to evolving communications markets. Pursuit of many international initiatives, including enforcement and policy cooperation, bilateral/multilateral activities, and technical assistance will be an important focus as these efforts help protect U.S. consumers by strengthening enforcement and promoting international convergence around sound antitrust principles.

FY 2020 Program Changes:

The budget proposal includes funds for current services for ATR. No program changes are requested.

Antitrust Division
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Antitrust Division		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2018 Appropriation	[656]	674	\$164,977
2019 Continuing Resolution	[656]	672	\$164,977
2020 Request	[39]	695	\$166,755
Change 2020 from 2019 Continuing Resolution	39	23	\$1,778
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	\$0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	[39]	23	2,126
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	-348
Total Base Adjustments	[39]	23	\$1,778
2020 Current Services	[695]	695	\$166,755
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	\$0
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	\$0
Total Program Changes	0	0	\$0
2020 Request	[695]	695	\$166,755

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Comparison by activity and program	2019 Continuing Resolution			2020 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Antitrust Division	656	672	\$164,977	695	695	\$166,755
Total	656	672	\$164,977	695	695	\$166,755
Grand Total	656	674	\$164,977	695	695	\$166,755

Comparison by activity and program	2020 Total Program Changes			2020 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Antitrust Division	0	0	\$0	695	695	\$166,755
Total	0	0	\$0	695	695	\$166,755
Grand Total	0	0	\$0	695	695	\$166,755