



National Security Division (NSD)

FY 2021 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2020 Enacted:	\$110.0 million (391 positions; 265 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$4.4 million
Program Changes:	+\$3.0 million
FY 2021 Budget Request:	\$117.5 million (402 positions; 269 attorneys)
Change From FY 2020 Enacted:	+\$7.5 million (+6.8%) (+11 positions; +4 attorneys)

Mission:

The National Security Division (NSD) works to protect the Nation's citizens against acts of terrorism and other threats to our national security, the Department of Justice's top priority, through the rule of law. The NSD consolidates within a single Division the Department's primary national security elements outside of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This organizational structure strengthens the effectiveness of the Department's national security efforts by ensuring greater coordination and unity of purpose between prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, intelligence attorneys, and the Intelligence Community.

Resources:

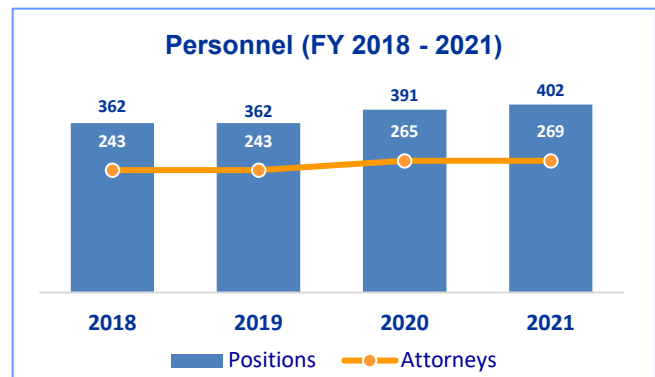
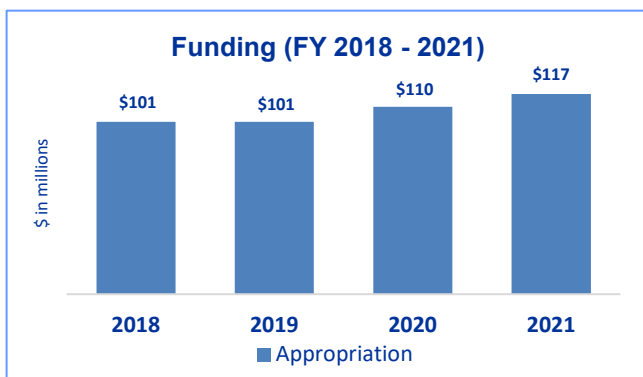
The FY 2021 budget request for NSD totals \$117.5 million, which is a 6.8 percent increase over the FY 2020 Enacted.

Organization:

The NSD is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG), who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The AAG oversees a Division that is organized into the Office of Intelligence (Operations, Oversight and Litigation Sections); Counterterrorism Section; Counterintelligence and Export Control Section; Law and Policy Office; Foreign Investment Review Staff; Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism; and an Executive Office.

Personnel:

The NSD's direct authorized positions for FY 2021 total 402 positions, including an increase of 11 positions over the FY 2020 Enacted of 391 direct authorized positions.



FY 2021 Strategy:

In FY 2021, the NSD will continue to fulfill its responsibilities in the areas of Intelligence Operations, Oversight, and Litigation; Counterterrorism; Counterintelligence and Export Control; Cybersecurity; Foreign Investment Review; Law and Policy Advice; and Victims of Terrorism Outreach.

The NSD has outlined six areas of focus that will guide its operations in the coming years. The NSD will:

- Prevent, disrupt, and defeat terrorist operations before they occur by integrating intelligence and law enforcement efforts to achieve a coordinated all tools response to terrorist threats;
- Prosecute those involved in terrorist acts, adapting investigations to address changing terrorism threats, including homegrown violent extremism and cyber-enabled terrorism;
- Protect national assets from nation-state and terrorist threats, including through investigating, prosecuting, and disrupting espionage activity, proliferation, and foreign investment threats; and strengthening partnerships with potential targets of intelligence intrusions;
- Combat national security cyber-based threats and attacks through the use of all available tools, strong public-private partnerships, and by investigating and prosecuting cyber threat actors;
- Investigate and prosecute the unauthorized disclosure and improper handling of classified information; and
- Ensure that Intelligence Community (IC) agencies have the legal tools necessary to conduct intelligence operations while safeguarding privacy and civil liberties.

The NSD FY 2021 budget request maps to these goals and priorities and will ensure that the NSD remains best positioned to fulfill the Department's top priority mission in the face of increasing challenges and a growing and evolving threat.

FY 2021 Program Changes:

Counterintelligence and Export Control: \$550,000 and 2 positions (2 attorneys)

The FY 2021 budget requests additional funding to support NSD's growing mission of protecting national assets from cyber threats, including combating economic espionage and efforts by terrorists and nation-states to infiltrate and damage our critical infrastructure through computer intrusions and attacks as well as protecting our nation from foreign intelligence threats. FY 2021 current services for this program are 47 positions (34 attorneys) and \$13.6 million.

Foreign Investment Review to Counter Threats: \$175,000 and 1 position (1 attorney)

The FY 2021 budget requests additional funding to support NSD's increasing workload in reviewing foreign investments in U.S. industry that may impact the national security; hardening corporate cyber defenses and security policies through mitigation agreements; and ongoing efforts to monitor those agreements for compliance. This includes NSD review of filings before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States and its review of foreign entities' licenses and applications for provision of communications services before the Federal Communications Commission (through the Team Telecom working group). FY 2021 current services for this program are 34 positions (25 attorneys) and \$10.7 million.

Intelligence Collection and Oversight: \$1.1 million and 2 positions (1 attorney)

The FY 2021 budget requests additional funding to support the NSD's work related to intelligence collection and oversight through supporting wide-ranging and complex matters such as declassification reviews, reviews of legislative proposals, document productions to Congressional committees, and responses to FOIA and other types of litigation. In addition, the NSD represents the government before the FISC and obtains approval for foreign intelligence collection activities under FISA, conducts oversight to ensure that those authorities, and other national security authorities, are used in compliance with the law, and defends the use of FISA collection in criminal cases. FY 2021 current services for this program are 136 positions (108 attorneys) and \$39.6 million.

Insider Threat Prevention & the Protection of Classified Systems: \$1.0 million and 4 positions

The FY 2021 budget requests additional funding to support the NSD's work related to deterring, detecting and mitigating insider threats and protection on national security classified systems. FY 2021 current services for this program are 73 positions (14 attorneys) and \$21.2 million.

Victims Outreach and Support: \$206,000 and 2 positions

The FY 2021 budget requests additional funding to support the NSD's work to provide assistance to victims of overseas terrorism by helping them navigate foreign criminal justice systems and by advocating for their voices to be heard around the world. FY 2021 current services for this program are 5 positions (4 attorneys) and \$1.5 million.

National Security Division

(Dollars in Thousands)

	National Security Division		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2019 Appropriation	362	318	101,369
2020 Enacted	391	333	110,000
2021 Request	402	353	117,451
Change 2021 from 2020 Enacted	11	20	7,451
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	14	4,762
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	75
Other Adjustments	0	0	-415
Total Base Adjustments	0	14	4,422
2021 Current Services	391	347	114,422
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Counterintelligence and Export Control	2	1	550
Foreign Investment Review to Counter Threats	1	1	175
Intelligence Collection and Oversight	2	1	1,060
Insider Threat Prevention & the Protection of Classified Systems	4	2	1,038
Victims Outreach and Support	2	1	206
Subtotal, Program Increases	11	6	3,029
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	11	6	3,029
2021 Request	402	353	117,451

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Comparison by activity and program	2020 Enacted			2021 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
National Security	391	333	110,000	391	347	114,422
Total	391	333	110,000	391	347	114,422

Comparison by activity and program	2021 Total Program Changes			2021 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
National Security	11	6	3,029	402	353	117,451
Total	11	6	3,029	402	353	117,451