



Fact Sheet

Fugitive Operations

2017

- ▶ The U.S. Marshals Service is the federal government’s primary agency for fugitive investigations.
- ▶ The Marshals have the broadest arrest authority among federal law enforcement agencies.
- ▶ The Marshals provide assistance to state and local agencies in locating and apprehending their most violent fugitives.

Fiscal 2016 Data

Total fugitives arrested by U.S. Marshals Service	88,432
• State and local fugitives	63,811
• Federal fugitives	25,273
• Sex offenders*	11,727
• Gang members	5,107
• Homicide suspects	4,217
• International/foreign fugitives	1,720
• Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces Program fugitives	779
• Adam Walsh Act violations	417
• “15 Most Wanted” fugitives	0
Total warrants cleared by U.S. Marshals Service arrests	107,933
• State and local warrants	79,930
• Federal warrants	28,003
Extraditions, deportations and expulsions	793

*Sex offenses include sexual assault, failure to register/noncompliance with the national sex offender registry and other offenses.

Task Forces

- ▶ U.S. Marshals task forces combine the efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to locate and arrest the most dangerous fugitives.
- ▶ Seven Congressionally-funded regional fugitive task forces are located in New York/New Jersey, Pacific Southwest, Great Lakes, Capital Area, Southeast, Gulf Coast, and Florida/Caribbean regions.
- ▶ Sixty local task forces are dedicated to reducing violent crime by locating and apprehending wanted criminals. They also serve as the central point for agencies to share information on fugitive matters.
- ▶ Task force officers are state and local police officers who receive special deputations with the Marshals. While on a task force, these officers can exercise U.S. Marshals authorities, such as crossing jurisdictional lines.
- ▶ The agency also leads ad-hoc fugitive task forces in special cases, such as when an inmate escapes from prison.

International Fugitive Operations

- ▶ U.S. Marshals work with the international law enforcement community to apprehend fugitives abroad as well as to seek foreign fugitives living or residing in the United States.
- ▶ The Marshals provide assistance, expertise and training on fugitive matters to federal, state, local and international agencies.
- ▶ The agency has three foreign field offices in the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Mexico, and works closely with law enforcement agencies along the borders of Mexico and Canada and with the Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service. The agency also holds key positions at Interpol and the El Paso Intelligence Center.

"15 Most Wanted" Fugitive Program

- ▶ The U.S. Marshals "15 Most Wanted" fugitive program draws attention to some of the country's most dangerous and high-profile fugitives. These fugitives tend to be career criminals with histories of violence, and they pose a significant threat to public safety.
- ▶ Generally, "15 Most Wanted" fugitives are considered the "worst of the worst" and can include murderers, sex offenders, major drug kingpins, organized crime figures and individuals wanted for high-profile financial crimes. Since the program began in 1983, 238 "15 Most Wanted" fugitives have been arrested.

Sex Offender Operations

- ▶ The U.S. Marshals Service has three key missions under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006: (1) to assist state, local, tribal and territorial authorities in the location and apprehension of noncompliant sex offenders; (2) to investigate violations of the criminal provisions of the Adam Walsh Act; and (3) to identify and locate displaced sex offenders resulting from a major disaster.
- ▶ The Marshals run the National Sex Offender Targeting Center to support all levels of law enforcement in pursuing unregistered and noncompliant sex offenders, collaborating with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Department of Justice's Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking Office.
- ▶ NSOTC analysts conduct behavioral assessments and provide psychological insights into the minds of suspects and offenders to assist investigators in apprehending noncompliant sex offenders.
- ▶ Intelligence analysts produce detailed intelligence reports to identify and locate noncompliant sex offenders at the request of federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement.

Missing Child Program

- ▶ The Marshals support the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's mission to protect children from victimization through assistance provided to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. Since the center's inception in 2005, the Marshals have helped recover 794 children.
- ▶ In addition to targeting fugitives and investigating registered sex offenders who are associated with missing children, the Marshals Service assists law enforcement in finding "critically missing children" who are missing under circumstances that indicate an elevated risk to the child.

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces Program

- ▶ The Marshals Service is one of nine federal law enforcement agencies that compose the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces Program, a key component in the attorney general's strategy to disrupt and dismantle major drug trafficking and money laundering organizations.
- ▶ The Marshals Service has primary responsibility for the apprehension of fugitives and provides its unique fugitive tracking and location capabilities, both domestically and abroad, to the program.