



Fact Sheet

Judicial Security

2018

- ▶ The U.S. Marshals Service has been responsible for protecting the federal judicial process as the enforcement arm of the federal courts since 1789.

<i>2018 Data</i>	
Number of federal court districts protected by the Marshals	94
Number of judicial facilities protected by the Marshals	711 (41 million square feet)
Number of federal judges protected by the Marshals	approx. 2,575
Number of federal prosecutors and court officials for which the Marshals have protective responsibility	approx. 26,000
Number of threats and inappropriate communications against protected persons in fiscal 2017	2,847

- ▶ **Protected Persons** – The agency is empowered by statute to protect federal judges, other court officials, witnesses, jurors, the visiting public, prisoners and other threatened persons.
- ▶ **Protective Investigations** – Criminal investigators, intelligence research specialists and protective intelligence investigators assess, investigate and respond to threats to the federal judiciary.
 - The Threat Management Center serves as the agency’s central repository for all threat information, assessments and investigations. The Center operates 24/7 to ensure the timely receipt, analysis and dissemination of information related to threats to the federal judiciary.
- ▶ **Physical Security** – Physical security specialists and judicial security inspectors manage the vast physical security infrastructure and personnel required to ensure the safe and secure conduct of judicial proceedings.
 - The agency oversees the daily operation and management of security services performed by approximately 5,200 court security officers stationed in judicial facilities within the 94 U.S. District Courts and 12 circuits of the U.S. Court of Appeals. Court security officers serve as the first line of defense against those attempting to gain unauthorized access or commit acts that would compromise judicial security.
 - In fiscal 2017, the U.S. Marshals Service managed the design, installation, repair and replacement of 538 security projects totaling \$51.5 million to mitigate risks to judicial personnel and facilities.
- ▶ **Protective Service Operations** – The agency conducts protective service operations in response to credible threats and risks to protected persons. This entails completing threat and vulnerability assessments, briefing persons under protection, conducting advance site visits and establishing protective details. The agency provides these services to:
 - Participants of federal judicial conferences throughout the U.S.
 - Supreme Court justices when outside of Washington
 - Deputy attorney general
 - United Nations General Assembly sessions, augmenting the Department of State Diplomatic Security Service’s protective details for foreign officials in attendance
 - Other protected persons

- ▶ **Technical Assistance** – The National Center for Judicial Security provides technical assistance on judicial security to federal, state, local and international law enforcement partners and other stakeholders. In fiscal 2017, the Center provided:
 - Subject matter expertise in conducting physical security assessments of judicial facilities for the governments of Colombia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Uganda
 - Training on counter-surveillance techniques to the Albanian State Police
 - Advisory support to the National Police of Colombia in their effort to develop national guidelines and policy

- ▶ **Interagency Partnerships** – The U.S. Marshals Service serves as one of 21 primary members on the Interagency Security Committee, established by Executive Order 12977 in 1995, to develop state-of-the-art security standards for federal facilities.