



Fact Sheet

**Prisoner Transportation**  
**2017**

<i>Fiscal 2016 Data</i>	
Total federal prisoner movements	<b>255,519</b>
• Movements by air	98,637
• Movements by ground*	156,882
Average prisoner movements per day <sup>†</sup>	1,051

\*Does not include prisoners moved within a district or up to 50 miles into a bordering district

<sup>†</sup>Based on 243 operational days in FY16

- ▶ The U.S. Marshals' Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System transports prisoners between judicial districts and correctional institutions in the U.S., including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.
- ▶ JPATS is one of the largest transporters of prisoners in the world — handling 1,051 movements per day on average.
- ▶ JPATS transports prisoners in federal custody between federal judicial districts to hearings, court appearances and detention facilities.
- ▶ Prisoner movements take place for a variety of reasons, such as to testify at a trial, serve a sentence at a facility or transfer between institutions. Prisoners are also moved for pretrial hearings, competency examinations, studies or observations.
- ▶ When a prisoner is in transit, the Marshals Service does not disclose any transportation details except verification that an inmate is in Marshals' custody and confirmation when a prisoner movement is complete.
- ▶ JPATS operates a fleet of aircraft to move prisoners over long distances more economically and with higher security than commercial airlines.
- ▶ For ground movements, JPATS coordinates the scheduling, but the transits are performed by Federal Bureau of Prisons buses, contracted transportation services with facilities that house Marshals prisoners, and U.S. Marshals vehicles.
- ▶ JPATS is the only government-operated, regularly-scheduled passenger airline in the nation.
- ▶ JPATS routinely serves approximately 42 cities, plus other major cities in the U.S. on an as-required basis.
- ▶ Nearly all air movements are aboard aircraft owned by JPATS.
- ▶ Civilian (state and local) and military law enforcement agencies are able to use JPATS for their prisoner air-movement requirements on a space-available, cost-reimbursement basis.
- ▶ JPATS' executive leadership, business office, prisoner scheduling and information technology are located in Kansas City, Missouri.
- ▶ JPATS' air operations are centered in Oklahoma City with a hub in Las Vegas.