U.S. Marshals Service

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Fact Sheet Judicial Security 2024

- The U.S. Marshals Service has been responsible for protecting the federal judicial process as the enforcement arm of the federal courts since 1789.
- The U.S. Marshals protect the judicial process by ensuring the safe and secure conduct of judicial proceedings and protecting federal judges, jurors, and other members of the federal judiciary.
- Protecting court officials and safeguarding the public is a responsibility that permits no errors. It is a comprehensive effort accomplished by anticipating and deterring threats to the judiciary and by continuously developing and employing innovative protective tactics.

Fiscal Year 2023 Data	
Number of federal court districts protected by the Marshals	94
Number of active judicial facilities protected by the Marshals	More than 800
Number of federal judges protected by the Marshals	Approx. 2,700
Number of federal prosecutors and court officials for whom the Marshals have	
protective responsibility	Approx. 30,300
Number of threats and potential threats to protected persons investigated in fiscal	
year 2023	1,061

How the mission is accomplished:

Employing a national network of deputy U.S. marshals, physical security specialists, intelligence analysts support staff, and contractors the agency:

- Ensures the safe and secure conduct of judicial proceedings
- Provides protection for federal judges, other court officials, witnesses, jurors, the visiting public and prisoners
- Oversees security services performed by approximately 5,600 Court Security Officers in 94 U.S. District Courts and 12 circuits of the U.S. Court of Appeals
- Installs and maintains security systems for federal courthouses and other judicial facilities
- Assesses, investigates, and mitigates threats against the judiciary 24/7
- Operates a Threat Management Center which serves as a consolidated protective information sharing center
- Trains federal, state, local and international law enforcement partners and stakeholders on matters of judicial security through the National Center for Judicial Security
- Protects Supreme Court justices when outside the Washington area
- Protects the Deputy Attorney General and other executives and officials