

Department of Justice

At the [Partnership for Public Service](#), we believe that our future and our democracy depend on the ability to solve big problems—and that we need an effective federal government to do so. As part of the executive branch, federal agencies play a role in enforcing laws and policies to achieve these ends. This series presents a sampling of initiatives at specific agencies to demonstrate the many ways our government affects our lives and communities.

THE PEOPLE OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Each of the roughly 112,000 career federal employees at the Department of Justice is committed to the mission of the organization: to uphold the rule of law, to keep our country safe and to protect civil rights.¹ Veterans make up more than 20% of the department.

EMPLOYEES WITH VETERAN STATUS



TYPE OF WORK

Department of Justice staff conduct their responsibilities within a variety of subcomponents, that is entities, within the department. These include:



Investigative components such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Administration, which prevent and deter crime and arrest criminal suspects



Litigating divisions such as the U.S. attorney's offices, which prosecute offenders and represent the U.S. government in court

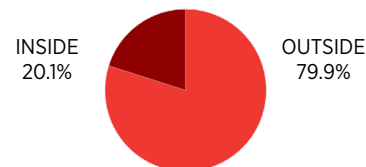


Regional initiatives such as those carried out by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and the Office of Justice Programs, which provide assistance to state, tribal and local governments

WHERE THEY WORK

Employees at Justice work throughout the United States and around the globe. Nearly 80% of staff live outside the Washington, D.C., area.²

DOJ CAREER STAFF WORKING INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE WASHINGTON, D.C., AREA



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"The opioid epidemic is the deadliest drug crisis in American history. The tireless efforts of these prosecutors had a real impact on these communities and saved lives."

Joseph Beemsterboer, senior deputy chief for DOJ's Criminal Fraud Division and [2020 Service to America Medals® finalist](#).

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S COMMITMENT TO SERVE THE PUBLIC

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN YOUR BACKYARD

[Project Safe Neighborhoods](#) is a nationwide initiative that brings together federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement officials as well as prosecutors, community leaders and other stakeholders, to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. The project is coordinated by the department's U.S. attorneys' offices in the 94 federal judicial districts throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories.



SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

2023 Safety, Security and International Affairs Medal

Joshua Mellor, Nicholas Cheviron, Stephanie Stevens and the Operation Trojan Shield Team

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Justice employees [Joshua Mellor](#), [Nicholas Cheviron](#), [Stephanie Stevens](#) and members of [Operation Trojan Shield](#) were nominated for a 2023 Service to America medal for their outstanding work. They conceived and led a unique worldwide investigation using information from a government-controlled encrypted messaging service that resulted in the arrest of more than a thousand drug traffickers and members of organized crime syndicates.

¹ Data included in this section represents full-time, nonseasonal, permanent civilian employees of the executive branch as of February 2024. Unless otherwise noted, this includes the career members of the Senior Executive Service. For more up-to-date information, see <https://ourpublicservice.org/performance-measures/agency-performance-dashboard/profile/DOJ/>

² The Washington, D.C., area includes the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. It excludes all other U.S. states and U.S. territories as well as federal employees living in foreign countries.



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