

## **HIDTA PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS, 2016<sup>1</sup>**

- In 2016, HIDTAs investigated 8,687 drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) and money laundering organizations (MLOs) and were successful in disrupting or dismantling 2,668 of these organizations, 63 percent of which were part of an international or multi-state drug trafficking organization.
- Almost 21,400 federal agents, state and local law enforcement officers, analysts, and support personnel took part in more than 800 HIDTA initiatives. Seventy-one percent of the participants were from state, local, or tribal agencies.
- HIDTA initiatives have been in the forefront in the fight to eliminate the production of methamphetamine in the United States, dismantling an average of more than 1,600 methamphetamine laboratories annually between 2010 and 2015. In 2016, preliminary data show HIDTAs destroyed 824 labs, including seven “super labs” capable of producing more than 10 pounds of methamphetamine at one time and 12 other labs capable of producing 2-10 pounds at one time.
- In 2016, HIDTA initiatives seized 2,767 tons of marijuana plants and product, 117 tons of powder cocaine and crack, 28 tons of methamphetamine powder and crystal methamphetamine, 5.2 tons of heroin, and more than a ton of prescription narcotics, including one-half ton of fentanyl powder. HIDTA initiatives also seized more than 702,000 dosage units of prescription narcotics, including fentanyl.
- The wholesale value of these and other illicit drugs seized by HIDTAs in 2016 was \$17.3 billion.

**HIDTA Program Drug Seizures, 2011-2016\***  
(in kilograms)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Marijuana	3,780,128	3,002,255	2,923,895	2,350,869	2,029,554	2,509,979
Cocaine/Crack	66,248	50,140	50,965	68,342	80,239	105,778
Methamphetamine/Ice	7,870	15,322	15,266	26,158	24,236	25,568
Heroin	2,312	2,807	3,145	5,559	5,245	4,716
Fentanyl (KGS)	0.3	0.2	1	22	77	470
Fentanyl (DUS)	240	73	5,417	816	1,125	13,920
Other Prescription Narcotics (KGS)	175	464	501	1,202	748	593
Other Prescription Narcotics (DUS)	922,456	622,356	538,150	578,530	338,434	688,623

\* As of May 1, 2017

- In 2016 HIDTA’s also seized \$547 million in cash, a total that more than doubled the amount of Federal funds appropriated for the Program. Since 2010, HIDTAs have seized more than \$5 billion in cash alone from traffickers. HIDTAs also seized \$153 million in other property from traffickers in 2016.
- The combined value of the illegal drugs seized and the cash and assets taken from traffickers equates to a return on investment (ROI) of \$75.34 for every HIDTA \$1 budgeted in 2016, excluding funding for treatment and prevention.

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- HIDTA deconfliction systems performed more than 287,000 event deconflictions, which can alert agencies when there are tactical operations affecting the same general location and timeframe, and compared more than one million pieces of case information looking for connections between cases. A total of 3,025 law enforcement agencies participate in the HIDTA deconfliction systems.
- HIDTAs supported training for 77,913 officers, agents, analysts, and support staff on drug-related subjects. Follow-up surveys of those attending HIDTA training have routinely been 96% percent positive.
- HIDTA analysts provided analytical support to 22,353 investigations in 2016, and 98% of agents and officers surveyed reported the assistance was useful.
- HIDTAs made 85,574 arrests, took 21,223 firearms off the street, and apprehended 50,923 fugitives in 2016.
- HIDTAs were responsible for investigating 1,519 OCDETF cases in 2016.