

HIDTA PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS, 2013

In 2013, HIDTAs investigated 8,891 drug trafficking (DTOs) and money laundering organizations (MLOs) and were successful in disrupting or dismantling 3,142 of these organizations, or slightly more than the average of 2,992 over the previous two years.

- HIDTA initiatives have been in the forefront in the fight to eliminate the production of methamphetamine in the United States, dismantling between 1,585 and 1,800 methamphetamine laboratories annually in the last five years. In 2013, 1,748 labs were destroyed, including five “super labs” capable of producing more than 10 pounds of methamphetamine at one time.
- In 2013, HIDTA initiatives seized almost 1.5 million kilograms of processed marijuana, 1.4 million kilograms of marijuana plants, 50,333 kilograms of powder and crack cocaine, more than 15,000 kilograms of methamphetamine powder and ice, 3,187 kilograms of heroin, and more than 38,000 kilograms of opium poppies and opium products.
- The wholesale value of these drugs is more than \$15.9 billion, this equates to a return on investment (ROI) of \$73.35 for every HIDTA \$1 budgeted in 2013, excluding funding for treatment and prevention.
- The HIDTA Program is cost-effective. HIDTA seizures of cash in 2013 -- \$780 million -- more than doubled the amount of federal funds appropriated for the program. An additional, \$349 million in other assets were also seized. In the last five years, HIDTAs have seized more than \$3.7 billion in cash from traffickers.
- HIDTA deconfliction systems performed more than 254,000 event deconflictions that alert agencies when there are tactical operations affecting the same general location and timeframe and compared more than 1.2 million pieces of case information looking for connections between cases. A total of 2,792 law enforcement agencies participate in the HIDTA deconfliction systems
- HIDTAs supported training for 68,414 officers, agents, analysts, and support staff on drug-related subjects. Follow-up surveys of those attending HIDTA training have routinely been more than 90 percent positive.
- HIDTA analysts provided analytical support to more than 27,000 investigations in 2013, and 97% of agents and officers surveyed reported the assistance was very useful.
- In 2013, HIDTAs provided almost 59,000 leads to law enforcement agencies across the country.
- HIDTAs took 12,097 firearms and more than 53,000 fugitives off the street in 2013.