

## **HIDTA PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS, PRELIMINARY 2015 RESULTS**

- In 2015, HIDTAs investigated 8,860 drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) and money laundering organizations (MLOs) and were successful in disrupting or dismantling 2,757 of these organizations, 63 percent of which were part of an international or multi-state drug trafficking organization.
- Almost 21,000 federal agents, state and local law enforcement officers, analysts, and support personnel took part in 758 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 1,692 methamphetamine laboratories annually between 2010 and 2014. In 2015, HIDTAs destroyed 1,271 labs, including two “super labs” capable of producing more than 10 pounds of methamphetamine at one time and 11 other labs capable of producing 2-10 pounds at one time.
- In 2015, HIDTA initiatives seized: more than 925,000 kilograms of processed marijuana; more than 1.1 million kilograms of marijuana plants; 80,000 kilograms of powder and crack cocaine; 24,236 kilograms of methamphetamine powder and ice; and 5,245 kilograms of heroin.

**HIDTA Program Drug Seizures, 2011-2015**  
(in kilograms)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Marijuana	1,569,394	1,425,102	1,512,955	1,177,815	925,432
Marijuana Plants	2,210,734	1,577,153	1,410,940	1,171,823	1,104,113
Cocaine/Crack	66,428	50,140	50,965	68,398	80,239
Methamphetamine/Ice	7,870	15,322	15,266	26,202	24,236
Heroin	2,311	2,810	3,186	5,560	5,245

- The wholesale value of these and other illicit drugs seized by HIDTAs in 2015 was \$ 16.7 billion; this equates to a return on investment (ROI) of \$71.39 for every HIDTA \$1 budgeted in 2015, excluding funding for treatment and prevention.
- The HIDTA Program is cost effective. HIDTA seizures of cash in 2015 – \$ 592 million – more than doubled the amount of Federal funds appropriated for the Program. An additional \$304 million in other assets were also seized. In the last five years, HIDTAs have seized more than \$3.8 billion in cash from traffickers.
- HIDTA deconfliction systems performed 282,691 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 3,219 law enforcement agencies participate in the HIDTA deconfliction systems.
- HIDTAs supported training for almost 76,000 officers, agents, analysts, and support staff on drug-related subjects. Follow-up surveys of those attending HIDTA training were 97% percent positive.

- HIDTA analysts provided analytical support to more than 24,000 investigations in 2015, and 96% of agents and officers surveyed reported the assistance was very useful.
- In 2015, HIDTAs provided more than 51,000 leads to law enforcement agencies across the country.
- HIDTAs took 11,967 firearms and 50,355 fugitives off the street in 2015.
- HIDTAs were responsible for investigating 1,587 OCDETF cases in 2015.