

HIDTA PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS, 2017¹

- In 2017, HIDTAs investigated 8,326 drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) and money laundering organizations (MLOs) and were successful in disrupting or dismantling 2,857 of these organizations. Sixty percent of the disrupted or dismantled organizations were part of an international or multi-state drug trafficking or money laundering organization.
- More than 22,000 federal agents, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers, analysts, and support personnel took part in 825 HIDTA initiatives. Seventy-two percent of the participants were from state, local, or tribal agencies.
- In 2017, HIDTA initiatives seized 2,127 tons of marijuana plants and product, 183 tons of powder cocaine and crack, 34 tons of methamphetamine powder and crystal methamphetamine, 5.4 tons of heroin, 1.5 tons of fentanyl powder, and a ton of prescription narcotics. HIDTA initiatives also seized more than 428,000 dosage units of prescription narcotics and 49,573 units of fentanyl.
- The wholesale value of these and other illicit drugs seized by HIDTAs in 2017 was \$16.8 billion.

HIDTA Program Drug Seizures, 2011-2017*
(in kilograms)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Marijuana	3,780,128	3,002,255	2,923,895	2,350,869	2,029,554	2,518,692	1,929,698
Cocaine/Crack	66,438	50,358	50,333	68,398	80,232	106,387	166,553
Methamphetamine/Ice	7,870	15,322	15,266	26,158	24,236	25,911	31,326
Heroin	2,312	2,807	3,145	5,559	5,245	4,726	4,909
Fentanyl (KGS)	0.3	0.2	1.2	21.8	77.1	476.0	1,336
Fentanyl (DUS)	240	73	5,417	816	1,125	13,920	49,573
Prescription Narcotics (KGS)	175	464	502	1,224	825	1,008	919
Prescription Narcotics (DUS)	922,696	622,429	543,567	579,346	1,788,474	693,647	428,146

* As of May 1, 2018

- HIDTA initiatives have been in the forefront in the fight to eliminate the production of methamphetamine in the United States, more than 2,400 methamphetamine laboratories in the last three years. In 2017, preliminary data show HIDTAs destroyed 363 labs, a decline from past years reflecting the growing availability of Mexican-produced methamphetamine in the United States.
- HIDTA initiatives also dismantled 23 production labs that were manufacturing controlled substances from precursors or otherwise legal substances and 214 conversion labs that were transforming an illegal substance into another, usually more potent form, of the active ingredient; e.g., cocaine HCL into crack or marijuana into “Honey Butane Oil.” Eight of the production labs were manufacturing fentanyl powder and 181 of the conversion labs turning marijuana into cannabis oils and wax. These labs were capable of producing 16.8 kilograms of fentanyl and 194 kilograms of enhanced potency cannabis, respectively, in one “cook.”
- In 2017, HIDTAs also seized \$1.1 billion in cash, a total about four times the amount of Federal funds appropriated for the Program. Since 2010, HIDTAs have seized more than \$6.2 billion in cash alone from traffickers. HIDTAs also seized \$158 million in other property from traffickers in 2017.

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- The combined value of the illegal drugs seized and the cash and assets taken from traffickers equates to a return on investment (ROI) of \$74.56 for every HIDTA \$1 budgeted in 2017, excluding funding for treatment and prevention.
- HIDTA deconfliction systems performed more than 304,000 event deconflictions, actions that can alert agencies when their tactical operations are occurring in the same general location and timeframe as operations by other agencies, and compared more than 1.1 million pieces of case information looking for connections between cases. In 2017, 3,767 law enforcement agencies participated in the HIDTA event deconfliction systems.
- HIDTAs supported training for 81,727 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 24,161 investigations in 2017, and 98% of agents and officers surveyed reported the assistance was useful.
- HIDTAs made 93,184 arrests, took 19,314 firearms off the street, and apprehended 47,098 fugitives in 2017.
- HIDTAs were responsible for investigating 1,376 OCDEF cases in 2017.