

HIDTA Program Summary 2018

Purpose

Help reduce drug use & its adverse consequences. The 29 HIDTAs coordinate federal, state and local anti-drug abuse efforts from a local, regional and national perspective leveraging resources at all levels in a true partnership. Every year HIDTAs identify the most current threat, develop a strategy to address the threat and evaluate the results. This procedure allows HIDTAs the flexibility to adjust in a timely manner to redirect resources to have the greatest impact in an effective and efficient manner.

ORS:

HIDTA's Overdose Response Strategy has created strong partnerships with public health and public safety organizations to address the heroin/opioid epidemic.

OD MAP:

OD Map is another innovative tool developed by HIDTA to address real time statistics addressing the drug epidemic.

ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTIVITY

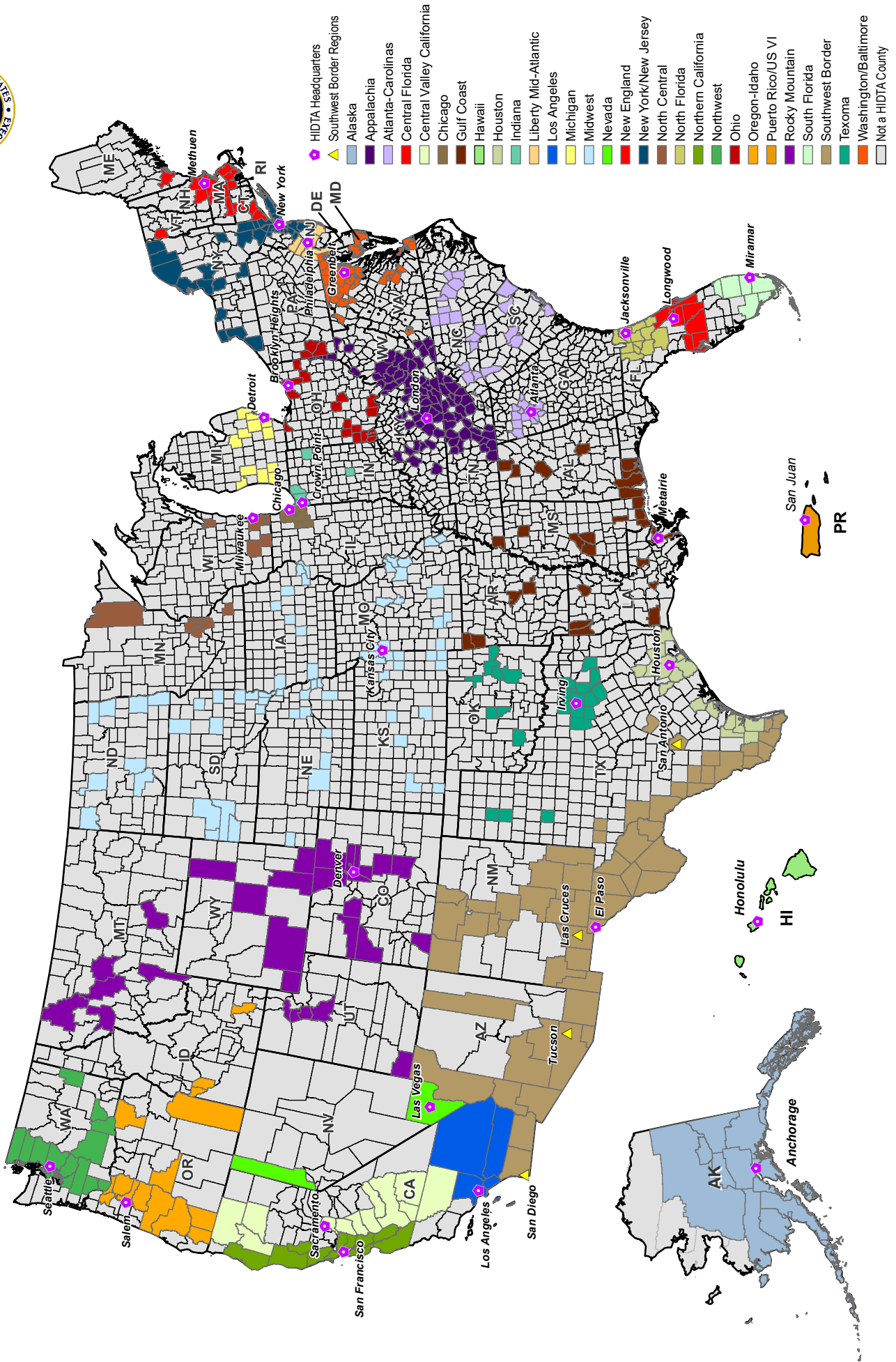
- HIDTAs investigated **7,954 drug trafficking organizations (DTOs)** and **money laundering organizations (MLOs)** and were successful in disrupting or dismantling **2,936**. **58 percent** of the disrupted DTOs/MLOs were part of an **international** or **multi-state** operation.
- HIDTAs were responsible for **investigating 1,307 OCDETF** cases.
- HIDTAs made **99,476** arrests; **apprehended over 51,340 fugitives** and took **21,427 firearms** off the street. HIDTA-funded **prosecutors indicted 13,274** individuals, prosecuted **16,505** persons, and obtained **10,128 convictions** in 2018.
- More than **21,300 federal agents, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers, analysts, and support personnel** took part in **846** HIDTA initiatives. **Seventy percent** of the participants were from **state, local, or tribal agencies**.
- HIDTAs were involved in the seizure of approximately **1,873 tons** of **marijuana**, **197 tons** of **powder and crack cocaine**, **78 tons** of **methamphetamine powder and crystal methamphetamine**, **2 tons** of **fentanyl powder**, **7.4 tons** of **heroin** and **1 ton** of **prescription narcotics**. HIDTA initiatives also seized more than **556,000 dosage units** of **prescription narcotics** and **289,119 units** of **fentanyl**.
- HIDTA initiatives have been in the forefront in the fight to eliminate the production of synthetic drugs. Between 2004 and 2015, HIDTAs **dismantled more than 19,000 methamphetamine labs**, including **241 "super labs"** capable of producing more than **10 pounds of meth** in a single "cook." With the increasing availability of Mexican-produced methamphetamine the number of labs operating in the United States has declined sharply.
- In 2018, **only 195 meth labs were dismantled by HIDTAs**.
- Traffickers also operate laboratories to manufacture synthetic drugs (primarily fentanyl) and to convert certain substances to more potent forms of the active ingredient, primarily marijuana into cannabis oil. HIDTA initiatives dismantled **21 production labs that were manufacturing fentanyl (8), DMT (6), MDMA (2), Steroids (2), and GHB, PCP, and synthetic cannabinoids (1 each)**. The dismantled fentanyl labs were capable of producing almost **5 kilograms** in a single production run. HIDTA initiatives also dismantled **220 conversion labs** that were **transforming cannabis to "honey oil," "wax," "or hashish and powder methamphetamine to crystal methamphetamine (21)**. These **conversion labs had the capacity to produce more than 343 kilograms of enhanced cannabis products** in one procedure.
- HIDTA **deconfliction systems** performed more than **306,000 event deconflictions** actions that can alert agencies when their tactical operations are occurring in the same general location and time-frame as operations by other agencies, and compared more than **1.2 million** pieces of **case information** looking for connections between cases. In 2018, **4,052 law enforcement agencies** participated in the **HIDTA event deconfliction systems**.
- HIDTA analysts provided analytical support to **25,734 investigations**, and **98%** of **agents and officers surveyed reported the assistance was useful**.
- HIDTAs supported training for **79,380 officer, agent, analysts, and support staff** on drug related subjects. Follow-up surveys of those attending **HIDTA training** have routinely been **96% positive**.

COST-EFFECTIVE

- HIDTA initiatives removed **\$16.2 billion wholesale value** of illicit drugs from the marketplace.
- HIDTA initiatives seized **\$527 million in cash**, a total twice the amount of federal funds appropriated for the program and other assets valued at **\$181 million**. Since 2010, cash seizures alone amount to more than **\$6.7 billion** and **\$2.8 billion** in other assets from traffickers.
- The combined value of the illegal drugs seized and the cash and assets taken from traffickers equates to a **return on investment (ROI)** of **\$63.47** for every **HIDTA \$1** budgeted in 2018, excluding funding for treatment and prevention.

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas

as of September 2019



Source: Office of National Drug Control Policy, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program (HIDTA), September 2019.