



HIDTA Works

The goals of the HIDTA program are to:

- Disrupt the market for illegal drugs by dismantling and disrupting drug trafficking and/or money laundering organizations; and
- Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of HIDTA initiatives

Created by Congress in 1988, the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program coordinates and assists Federal, State, Local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies (LEAs) to address regional drug threats with the purpose of reducing drug trafficking and drug production in the United States.

The HIDTA program oversees 33 regional HIDTAs in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia. With HIDTA presence in over 600 counties across the country, an estimated two-thirds of Americans live in a HIDTA-designated county.

With the increasing availability of Mexican-produced methamphetamine, the number of methamphetamine laboratories operating in the United States has declined sharply.

66 dismantled
Methamphetamine labs dismantled by HIDTA

7 "Super labs"
Producing over 10 pounds of meth in a single "cook"

Traffickers also operate laboratories to manufacture synthetic drugs and to convert certain substances to more potent forms of the active ingredient, primarily marijuana into cannabis oil. Of those, HIDTA initiatives dismantled

7 manufacturing DMT • 4 manufacturing fentanyl
3 manufacturing PCP • 1 manufacturing MDMA, LSD, Amphetamines and Alprazolam

HIDTA initiatives dismantled 137 conversion labs
That were transforming cannabis to "honey oil," "wax," or "hashish" and 17 labs converting powder methamphetamine to crystal methamphetamine.

254,364 HIDTA deconfliction systems performed
These are event deconflictions, actions that alert agencies when their tactical operations are occurring in the same general location and time frame as operations by other agencies

1,070,618 compared pieces of case information looking for connections between cases.



Amount of illegal drugs removed from our communities

4.1m
Units of fentanyl
6.5+ Tons
Heroin
1000+ Lbs
Prescription drugs

4 Tons
Fentanyl powder



2,120 Tons
Marijuana plants and products
162 Tons
Powder cocaine and crack
110 Tons
Meth: Powder and crystal



22,620+
Federal agents, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers, analysts, and support personnel took part in 846 HIDTA initiatives

Over 69%
Of those participants were from state, local, or tribal agencies

99%
Of agents and officers that were surveyed, reported that HIDTA assistance was useful



27,345
Investigations provided with analytics supported by HIDTA analysts in 2020



8,658
Investigated drug trafficking and money laundering organizations

3,014
Disrupted or dismantled drug trafficking or money laundering organizations

69% of the DTOs/MLOs were part of an international or multi-state operation

\$17.6 Bil
Wholesale value of illicit drugs removed from the marketplace

\$827.7 Mil
Seized in Cash
Approaching 3 times the Federal funds appropriated

\$2.8 Billion
In "other" assets from traffickers
\$8.2 Bil
seized in drug proceeds since 2010 by HIDTA

ROI: \$68.18 for every HIDTA \$1 budgeted in 2020
This equation is based off the combined value of the illegal drugs seized and the cash and assets taken from traffickers
*excluding funding for treatment and prevention

48,142
Officer, agent, analysts, and support staff trained by HIDTA on drug-related subjects.

3,953
Law enforcement agencies Participated in the HIDTA event deconfliction systems in 2018

97% (up from 2018)
Positive results from follow-up surveys about HIDTA training



HIDTA-funded prosecutors indicted
10,380 individuals, prosecuted
12,432 persons, and obtained
6,091 convictions in 2018



268,687
Vape Cartridges

28,502
Removed firearms off the streets



93,511
Arrests

37,676
Apprehended fugitives involved with drug trafficking, violent crimes gangs, other major crimes

