

# DEA Fact Sheet

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is the premier drug enforcement organization in the world and the only single-mission federal agency dedicated to drug law enforcement. Using unique operational and intelligence capabilities, the men and women of DEA identify, investigate, disrupt, and dismantle major drug trafficking organizations and those who facilitate them, remove drugs and violent criminals from our neighborhoods, and fight the diversion of licit drugs.

## DEA's Mission

1. Enforce the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States;
2. Bring to the criminal and civil justice system of the United States, or any other competent jurisdiction, those involved in the illegal growing, manufacture, or distribution of controlled substances that are part of or destined for illicit drug markets in the United States; and,
3. Recommend and support non-enforcement programs aimed at reducing the availability of illicit controlled substances on domestic and international markets.

## DEA's Leadership

DEA's leadership team begins with the Administrator, Special Agent Michele M. Leonhart. Confirmed in December 2010, she is the first female career law enforcement officer to lead a federal law enforcement organization.

Each of DEA's divisions, including DEA's 21 domestic divisions, is led by a Special Agent-in-Charge (SAC). For a complete list of DEA's leadership team, please visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov).

## Vision

Administrator Leonhart's vision for the DEA includes the following seven priorities:

1. Disrupt and dismantle the major drug trafficking supply organizations and their networks, including organizations that use drug trafficking proceeds to fund terror;
2. Attack the financial infrastructure of drug trafficking organizations;
3. Prevent the diversion of pharmaceutical controlled substance and listed chemicals from legitimate channels including the Internet, while ensuring an adequate and uninterrupted supply for medical, commercial and scientific needs;
4. Enhance the collection and sharing of intelligence to predict shifts in trafficking trends, to identify all components of the major drug supply organizations, and to support counterterrorism;
5. Strengthen partnerships with our domestic and foreign law enforcement counterparts to maximize the impact of our worldwide operations;
6. Support drug demand reduction initiatives and give assistance to community coalitions and drug prevention officials;
7. Develop future DEA leaders who reflect the richness of diversity in America.

## DEA By the Numbers

**Budget:** DEA's annual budget is \$3 billion for FY 2012.

**Domestic Offices:** DEA has 226 offices organized in 21 divisions throughout the United States and works closely with state and local partners to investigate and prosecute violators of our drug laws and those who facilitate them.

**International Presence:** DEA has 86 offices in 67 countries around the world. Among government agencies, DEA has sole responsibility for coordinating and pursuing drug investigations abroad and works in partnership with foreign law enforcement counterparts.

**DEA Employees:** DEA employs more than 10,000 men and women, including nearly 5,000 Special Agents, 500 Diversion Investigators, 800 Intelligence Research Specialists, and 300 Chemists.

**Revenue Denied:** From FY 2005 through December 2011, the DEA stripped approximately \$19.3 billion in revenue from drug trafficking organizations.

