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This report describes actions taken to provide FY2021 appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) accounts. The annual CJS appropriations act provides funding for the Department of Commerce, which includes bureaus and offices such as the Census Bureau, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology; the Department of Justice (DOJ), which includes agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Prisons, the U.S. Marshals, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the U.S. Attorneys; the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); the National Science Foundation (NSF); and several related agencies such as the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The Administration requests \$74.801 billion for CJS for FY2021, which is \$4.958 billion (-6.2%) less than the \$79.759 billion appropriated for CJS for FY2020. The Administration's request includes \$8.318 billion for the Department of Commerce, \$32.916 billion for the Department of Justice, \$32.994 billion for specified science agencies, and \$574 million for the related agencies. The Administration's FY2021 budget proposes reduced funding for the Department of Commerce, NSF, and most of the related agencies, and increased funding for DOJ and NASA. The proposed reduction in overall funding for CJS is partially the result of a proposed \$5.886 billion (-77.9%) decrease in funding for the Census Bureau, which, in keeping with past precedent, receives less funding in the fiscal year after conducting the decennial census. The FY2021 budget request for CJS also includes reductions to several other CJS accounts along with proposals to eliminate several CJS agencies and programs, including the Economic Development Administration (EDA), the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office, NASA's STEM Engagement Office (formerly the Office of Education), and the LSC.

The House Committee on Appropriations reported its FY2021 CJS bill (H.R. 7667) on July 14, 2020. The FY2021 CJS appropriation bill was included in a minibus measure (H.R. 7617) that was passed by the House on July 31, 2020. The House-passed bill would provide \$75.380 billion for CJS for FY2021. This amount is \$4.379 billion (-5.5%) less than the \$79.759 billion appropriated for FY2020, and \$579 million (+0.8%) more than the Administration's request. The bill would provide \$9.542 billion for the Department of Commerce, \$33.580 billion for the Department of Justice, \$31.186 billion for specified science agencies, and \$1.072 billion for the related agencies. The proposed decrease in funding relative to the FY2020 appropriation is largely the result of decreased funding for the Census Bureau, noted above. The House Committee on Appropriations also did not adopt many of the Administration's proposals, such as eliminating the EDA, COPS Office, NASA's STEM Engagement Office, and LSC.

On November 10, 2020, the Senate Committee on Appropriations released bill text and explanatory statements for all 12 annual appropriations bills. The Senate Appropriations Committee majority draft bill would provide \$76.312 billion for CJS, which is \$3.447 billion (-4.3%) less than the FY2020 regular appropriation, and \$1.511 billion (+2.0%) more than the Administration's request. The draft bill includes \$9.591 billion for the Commerce Department, \$33.705 billion for the Department of Justice, \$31.981 billion for the science agencies, and \$1.036 billion for the related agencies. Like the House bill, the decrease in overall funding for CJS recommended by the committee is largely attributable to a proposed decrease in funding for the Census Bureau. Also, like the House, the Senate Committee on Appropriations declined to adopt many of the Administration's proposals for CJS.

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The dollar amounts in this report reflect only new appropriations made available at the start of the fiscal year. Therefore, the amounts do not include any rescissions of unobligated or deobligated balances that may be counted as offsets to newly enacted appropriations, nor do they include any scorekeeping adjustments (e.g., the budgetary effects of provisions limiting the availability of the balance in the Crime Victims Fund). In this report, appropriations are rounded to the nearest million. However, percentage changes are calculated using whole, not rounded, numbers, meaning that in some instances there may be small differences between the actual percentage change and the percentage change that would be calculated by using the rounded amounts discussed in the report.

Overview of CJS

The annual CJS appropriations act provides funding for the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice (DOJ), select science agencies, and several related agencies.

Appropriations for the Department of Commerce include funding for bureaus and offices such as the Census Bureau, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Appropriations for DOJ provide funding for agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Prisons; the U.S. Marshals; the Drug Enforcement Administration; and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, along with funding for a variety of public safety-related grant programs for state, local, and tribal governments. The vast majority of funding for the science agencies goes to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Science Foundation.¹ The annual appropriation for the related agencies includes funding for agencies such as the Legal Services Corporation and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Department of Commerce

The mission of the Department of Commerce is to “create the conditions for economic growth and opportunity.”² The department promotes “job creation and economic growth by ensuring fair and reciprocal trade, providing the data necessary to support commerce and constitutional democracy, and fostering innovation by setting standards and conducting foundational research and development.”³ It has wide-ranging responsibilities including trade, economic development, technology, entrepreneurship and business development, monitoring the environment, forecasting weather, managing marine resources, and statistical research and analysis. The department pursues and implements policies that affect trade and economic development by working to open new markets for U.S. goods and services and promoting pro-growth business policies. It also invests in research and development to foster innovation.

¹ Note that the science agencies funded in the CJS bill are not the only federal science agencies.

² U.S. Department of Commerce, “About Commerce: Mission,” <https://www.commerce.gov/page/about-commerce#mission>, (hereinafter, Department of Commerce, “About Commerce: Mission”).

³ Department of Commerce, “About Commerce: Mission.”

The agencies within the Department of Commerce, and their responsibilities, include the following:

- *International Trade Administration (ITA)* seeks to strengthen the international competitiveness of U.S. industry, promote trade and investment, and ensure fair trade and compliance with trade laws and agreements;
- *Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS)* works to ensure an effective export control and treaty compliance system and promote continued U.S. leadership in strategic technologies by maintaining and strengthening adaptable, efficient, and effective export controls and treaty compliance systems, along with active leadership and involvement in international export control regimes;
- *Economic Development Administration (EDA)* promotes innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy;
- *Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)* promotes the growth of minority owned businesses through the mobilization and advancement of public and private sector programs, policy, and research;
- *Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)* is a federal statistical agency that promotes a better understanding of the U.S. economy by providing timely, relevant, and accurate economic accounts data in an objective and cost-effective manner;
- *Census Bureau* is a federal statistical agency that collects data and disseminates information about the U.S. economy, society, and institutions, which fosters economic growth, advances scientific understanding, and facilitates informed decisions;
- *National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)* advises the President on communications and information policy;
- *United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)* fosters innovation, competitiveness, and economic growth domestically and abroad by providing high-quality and timely examination of patent and trademark applications, guiding domestic and international intellectual property (IP) policy, and delivering IP information and education worldwide;
- *National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)* promotes U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards, and technology in ways that enhance economic security and improve quality of life; and
- *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)* provides daily weather forecasts, severe storm warnings, climate monitoring, fisheries management, coastal restoration, and support of marine commerce.

Department of Justice

DOJ's mission is to "enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law; to ensure public safety against threats foreign and domestic; to provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans."⁴ DOJ also

⁴ U.S. Department of Justice, "About DOJ," <http://www.justice.gov/about/about.html>.

provides legal advice and opinions, upon request, to the President and executive branch department heads.

The major DOJ offices and agencies, and their functions, are described below:

- *Office of the United States Attorneys (USAO)* prosecutes violations of federal criminal laws, represents the federal government in civil actions, and initiates proceedings for the collection of fines, penalties, and forfeitures owed to the United States;
- *United States Marshals Service (USMS)* provides security for the federal judiciary, protects witnesses, executes warrants and court orders, manages seized assets, detains and transports alleged and convicted offenders, and apprehends fugitives;
- *Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)* investigates violations of federal criminal law; helps protect the United States against terrorism and hostile intelligence efforts; provides assistance to other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies; and shares jurisdiction with the Drug Enforcement Administration for the investigation of federal drug violations;
- *Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)* investigates federal drug law violations; coordinates its efforts with other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies; develops and maintains drug intelligence systems; regulates the manufacture, distribution, and dispensing of legitimate controlled substances; and conducts joint intelligence-gathering activities with foreign governments;
- *Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)* enforces federal law related to the manufacture, importation, and distribution of alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and explosives;
- *Federal Prison System (Bureau of Prisons; BOP)* houses offenders sentenced to a term of incarceration for a federal crime and provides for the operation and maintenance of the federal prison system;
- *Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)* provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce violence against women and administer justice for and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- *Office of Justice Programs (OJP)* manages and coordinates the activities of the Bureau of Justice Assistance; Bureau of Justice Statistics; National Institute of Justice; Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking; and Office of Victims of Crime; and
- *Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)* advances the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources.

Science Offices and Agencies

The science offices and agencies support research and development and related activities across a wide variety of federal missions, including national competitiveness, space exploration, and fundamental discovery.

Office of Science and Technology Policy

The primary function of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) is to provide the President and others within the Executive Office of the President with advice on the scientific, engineering, and technological aspects of issues that require the attention of the federal government.⁵ The OSTP director also manages the National Science and Technology Council,⁶ which coordinates science and technology policy across the executive branch of the federal government, and cochairs the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology,⁷ a council of external advisors that provides advice to the President on matters related to science and technology policy.

The National Space Council

The National Space Council, in the Executive Office of the President, is a coordinating body for U.S. space policy. Chaired by the Vice President, it consists of the Secretaries of State, Defense, Commerce, Transportation, and Homeland Security; the Administrator of NASA; and other senior officials. The council was first established in 1988 through P.L. 100-685.⁸ The council ceased operations in 1993, and was reestablished by the Trump Administration in June 2017.⁹

National Science Foundation

The National Science Foundation (NSF) supports basic research and education in the nonmedical sciences and engineering. The foundation was established as an independent federal agency “to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense; and for other purposes.”¹⁰ The NSF is a primary source of federal support for U.S. university research in the nonmedical sciences and engineering. It is also responsible for significant shares of the federal science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education program portfolio and federal STEM student aid and support.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was created to conduct civilian space and aeronautics activities.¹¹ It has four mission directorates. The Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate is responsible for human spaceflight activities, including the International Space Station and development efforts for future crewed spacecraft. The Science Mission Directorate manages robotic science missions, such as the Hubble Space Telescope, the Mars rover Curiosity, and satellites for Earth science research. The Space Technology Mission Directorate develops new technologies for use in future space missions, such as advanced propulsion and laser communications. The Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate conducts

⁵ National Science and Technology Policy, Organization, and Priorities Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-282).

⁶ Executive Order 12881, issued November 23, 1993, established the National Science and Technology Council.

⁷ Executive Order 13539, issued October 22, 2019, established the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

⁸ Title V of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1989 (P.L. 100-685), which was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush on November 17, 1988, established the National Space Council in the Executive Office of the President, effective February 1, 1989. President Bush established the council, its members, and its functions through Executive Order 12675, issued on April 20, 1989.

⁹ Executive Order 13803, issued June 30, 2017.

¹⁰ The National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (P.L. 81-507).

¹¹ National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 (P.L. 85-568).

research and development on aircraft and aviation systems. In addition, NASA's Office of STEM Engagement (formerly the Office of Education) manages education programs for schoolchildren, college and university students, and the general public.

Related Agencies

The annual CJS appropriations act includes funding for several related agencies:

- *U.S. Commission on Civil Rights* informs the development of national civil rights policy and enhances enforcement of federal civil rights laws;
- *Equal Employment Opportunity Commission* is responsible for enforcing federal laws that make it illegal to discriminate against a job applicant or an employee because of the person's race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, age (40 or older), disability, or genetic information;
- *International Trade Commission* investigates the effects of dumped and subsidized imports on domestic industries and conducts global safeguard investigations, adjudicates cases involving imports that allegedly infringe intellectual property rights, and serves as a resource for trade data and other trade policy-related information;
- *Legal Services Corporation (LSC)* is a federally funded nonprofit corporation that provides financial support for civil legal aid to low-income Americans;
- *Marine Mammal Commission* works for the conservation of marine mammals by providing science-based oversight of domestic and international policies and actions of federal agencies with a mandate to address human effects on marine mammals and their ecosystems;
- *Office of the U.S. Trade Representative* is responsible for developing and coordinating U.S. international trade, commodity, and direct investment policy, and overseeing negotiations with other countries; and
- *State Justice Institute* is a federally funded nonprofit corporation that awards grants to improve the quality of justice in state courts and foster innovative, efficient solutions to common issues faced by all courts.

The Administration's FY2021 Budget Request

The Administration's FY2021 budget request for CJS is \$74.801 billion, which is \$4.958 billion (-6.2%) less than the \$79.759 billion regular appropriation for CJS for FY2020 (see **Table 1**). Congress also provided \$3.185 billion in emergency supplemental funding for CJS accounts for FY2020 (see **Table 2**). The Administration's FY2021 request includes the following:

- \$8.318 billion for the Department of Commerce, which is \$6.903 billion (-45.4%) less than the \$15.221 billion provided for FY2020;
- \$32.916 billion for the Department of Justice, which is \$310 million (+1.0%) more than the \$32.605 billion provided for FY2020;
- \$32.994 billion for the science agencies, which is \$2.080 billion (+6.7%) more than the \$30.915 billion provided for FY2020; and
- \$574 million for the related agencies, which is \$445 million (-43.7%) less than the \$1.019 billion provided for FY2020.

The decrease in funding for the Department of Commerce is largely the result of a proposed \$5.886 billion (-77.9%) decrease in funding for the Census Bureau. For the past several fiscal years, Congress has increased funding for the Census Bureau to help build capacity for conducting the decennial 2020 Census. In keeping with past precedent, funding for the Census Bureau peaks in the year in which the decennial census is conducted and it decreases sharply in the following year (see “Historical Funding for CJS” for a discussion of this trend). However, the proposed reduction in funding for the Department of Commerce is not only the result of reduced funding for the Census Bureau. The Administration also proposes shuttering the EDA (though the Administration requests some funding to help provide for an orderly closeout of the EDA’s operations) and eliminating NIST’s Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) and NOAA’s Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund. In addition, the Administration proposes reducing funding for several other Department of Commerce accounts, including the following:

- the International Trade Administration (-\$36 million, -7.0%);
- NIST’s Scientific and Technical Research and Services account (-\$102 million, -13.5%);
- NIST’s Industrial Technology Services account (-\$137 million, -84.4%);
- NOAA’s Operations, Research, and Facilities account (-\$599 million, -15.9%); and
- NOAA’s Procurement, Acquisition, and Facilities account (-\$64 million, -4.2%).

The Administration also proposes a \$32 million (-75.5%) reduction for the Minority Business Development Administration. It proposes changing the agency’s focus to being a policy office that concentrates on advocating for the minority business community as a whole rather than supporting individual minority business enterprises.

The Administration’s FY2021 budget includes a proposal to establish a Federal Capital Revolving Fund, which would be administered by the General Services Administration (GSA).¹² The Administration proposes to transfer \$294 million from the proposed fund to NIST’s Construction of Research Facilities account for renovating NIST’s Building 1 in Boulder, CO, which would be repaid by NIST from future appropriations at \$20 million per year for 15 years.

While the Administration proposes increasing funding for most DOJ offices and agencies, the budget request would reduce funding for the FBI (-\$152 million, -1.5%) and BOP (-\$67 million, -0.9%), though these reductions are the result of proposals for reducing funding for construction-related accounts. The Administration also proposes reducing funding for two grant-related DOJ accounts, State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance (-\$381 million, -20.1%) and Juvenile Justice Programs (-\$93 million, -28.9%). The Administration also proposes to eliminate the COPS program as a separate account in DOJ and requests funding for COPS-related programs under the State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance account. The Administration proposes eliminating the Community Relations Service and moving its functions to DOJ’s Civil Rights Division.

The Administration’s FY2021 budget request would add two new accounts to DOJ. First, the Administration proposes moving funding for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)

¹² According to the NIST FY2021 congressional budget justification, “The FY 2021 budget request proposes to use the [Federal Capital Revolving Fund] FCRF to fund the completion of the \$294 million renovation of NIST Building One in Boulder, Colorado. In accordance with the principles and design of the FCRF, the FY 2021 budget requests appropriations language designating the renovation as a project to be funded out of the FCRF along with 1/15 of the renovation costs, or \$19.6 million, for the first-year repayment back to the FCRF.”

program to the DEA. Currently, HIDTA funding is administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, which is a component of the Executive Office of the President. In addition, the Administration proposes adding a Construction account for ATF. The Administration requested this funding so the ATF can consolidate its laboratory facilities in Walnut Creek, CA and Atlanta, GA.¹³

The annual CJS appropriations act traditionally includes an obligation cap of funds expended from the Crime Victims Fund (CVF).¹⁴ The Administration's FY2021 budget proposes a new \$2.300 billion annual permanent obligation cap for crime victims programs. Within this amount, \$499 million would be for the OVW for programs authorized under the Violence Against Women Act, \$10 million would be for oversight of Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) programs by the Office of the Inspector General, \$12 million would be for developing innovative crime victims services initiatives, and a set-aside of up to \$115 million would be for tribal victims assistance grants. From the remaining amount, OVC would provide formula and discretionary grants to states, local units of government, individuals, and other entities. The OVC also awards CVF money to specially designated programs. Under the Administration's proposal, the amount of the mandatory appropriation would decrease if the balance on the CVF falls below \$5.000 billion in future fiscal years.

Also, the Administration's budget includes a proposal to transfer primary jurisdiction over federal tobacco and alcohol anti-smuggling laws from the ATF to the Department of the Treasury's Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB).

The Administration's budget request includes increased funding for NASA overall, but proposes reduced funding for the Science account (-\$832 million, -11.7%) and eliminating the Office of STEM Engagement (formerly the Office of Education). The Administration also proposes renaming three of NASA's accounts: the Space Technology account would be changed to the Exploration Technology account, the Exploration account would be changed to the Deep Space Exploration Systems account, and the Space Operations account would be changed to the Low Earth Orbit and Spaceflight Operations account. Like the Administration's FY2020 budget, the FY2021 budget proposal does not appear to include a realignment of items that would be funded from these accounts, which is what the Administration proposed in its FY2019 budget request.¹⁵

The FY2021 budget request includes reduced funding for NSF (-\$537 million, -6.5%), which includes proposed reductions for the Research and Related Activities (-\$524 million, -7.8%), Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (-\$13 million, -5.5%), and Education and Human Resources (-\$9 million, -1.0%) accounts. The proposed reductions are partially offset by proposed increases for the Agency Operations and Award Management (+\$9 million, +2.6%) and Office of the Inspector General (+\$1 million, +8.2%) accounts.

The Administration requests reduced funding for most of the related agencies, which includes a proposal to close the LSC, though it requests some funding to help provide for an orderly closeout of the LSC's operations.

¹³ The ATF asserts in its FY2021 congressional budget justification that its lease at its facility in Walnut Creek will expire on October 31, 2021, and all contract options to extend the lease have been exhausted and the ATF must move or close the laboratory.

¹⁴ For more information on how the CVF is funded, see CRS Report R42672, *The Crime Victims Fund: Federal Support for Victims of Crime*.

¹⁵ For more information on the Administration's FY2019 budget request for NASA, see CRS Report R45237, *Overview of FY2019 Appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS)*.

House-Passed Bill (H.R. 7617)

The House Committee on Appropriations reported its FY2021 CJS appropriations bill (H.R. 7667) on July 14, 2020. On July 29, 2020, the House agreed to H.Res. 1067, which combined the committee-reported CJS bill with five other committee-reported appropriations bills (Defense (H.R. 7617), Energy & Water (H.R. 7613), Financial Services (H.R. 7668), Labor-Health and Human Services-Education (H.R. 7614), and Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (H.R. 7617)) into a minibuss appropriations bill (H.R. 7617). The House passed the minibuss bill on July 31, 2020.

The House-passed bill would provide \$75.380 billion for CJS, which is \$4.379 billion (-5.5%) less than the regular FY2020 appropriation, and \$579 million (+0.8%) more than the Administration's request. The House-passed bill includes the following:

- \$9.542 billion for the Commerce Department, which is \$5.678 billion (-37.3%) less than the FY2020 regular appropriation, and \$1.224 billion (+14.7%) more than the Administration's request;
- \$33.580 billion for the Department of Justice, which is \$975 million (+3.0%) more than the FY2020 regular appropriation and \$664 million (+2.0%) more than the Administration's request;
- \$31.186 billion for the science agencies, which is \$271 million (+0.9%) more than the FY2020 regular appropriation, and \$1.808 billion (-5.5%) less than the Administration's request; and
- \$1.072 billion for the related agencies, which is \$54 million (+5.3%) more than the FY2020 regular appropriation and \$498 million (+86.9%) more than the Administration's request.

The proposed decrease in overall CJS funding relative to the FY2020 regular appropriation is the result of decreased funding for the Commerce Department, which reflects reduced funding for the Census Bureau. In the past, appropriations for the Census Bureau have decreased in the fiscal years following the completion of the decennial Census (see the "Historical Funding for CJS" section for a discussion of this trend). The House-passed bill would provide \$1.681 billion for the Census Bureau, which is \$5.877 billion (-77.8%) less than the FY2020 regular appropriation. The House recommended funding increases relative to the FY2020 regular appropriation for most accounts, with the exception of NIST's Construction of Research Facilities account (-\$33 million, -28.0%) and NOAA's Procurement, Acquisition, and Construction account (-\$7 million, -0.4%). In addition, the House-passed bill would fund all of the Commerce Department's accounts at a level above the Administration's request, with the exception of NTIA (-\$27 million, -37.0%) and Departmental Management (-\$50 million, -29.0%). The House also declined to adopt the Administration's proposals to eliminate the EDA, NIST's MEP, and NOAA's Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund; change the focus of the MBDA; or transfer funds from the Federal Capital Revolving Fund to NIST's Construction of Research Facilities account.

The House recommends funding for nearly all DOJ accounts that is greater than the FY2020 regular appropriation, with the exception of the General Administration, Salaries and Expenses (-\$18 million, -9.8%); FBI's Construction account (-\$433 million, -89.3%); and BOP's Building and Facilities account (-\$198 million, -64.3%). The proposed reduction to the FBI's Construction account would result in an overall funding decrease for the FBI relative the FY2020 regular appropriation, though the committee-reported bill includes an increase for the FBI's Salaries and Expenses account (+\$235 million, +2.5%). While the House-passed bill would fund many of

DOJ's accounts at a level above the FY2020 regular appropriation, the bill would fund several of DOJ's accounts at a level below the Administration's request, including the following:

- Executive Office of Immigration Review (-\$149 million, -16.9%);
- USMS, Salaries and Expenses (-\$124 million, -7.7%);
- USMS, Federal Prisoner Detention (-\$186 million, -9.1%);
- DEA, Salaries and Expenses (-\$67 million, -2.8%); and
- ATF, Salaries and Expenses (-\$88 million, -5.3%).

The House did not adopt the Administration's proposals to eliminate the Community Relations Service and the COPS account; move HIDTA to the DEA; establish a permanent obligation cap for the CVF; or transfer some of the ATF's responsibilities to TTB. However, the House-passed bill includes funding for a construction account for the ATF, though the bill would not fund the account at the level requested by the Administration.

Overall funding for NASA in the House-passed bill is slightly greater (+\$1 million) than the FY2020 regular appropriation. The House-passed bill would increase funding for the Aeronautics (+\$35 million, +4.5%); STEM Engagement (+\$7 million, +5.8%); Safety, Security, and Mission Services (+\$40 million, +1.4%); Construction and Environmental Compliance and Restoration (+\$46 million, +12.2%); and the Office of the Inspector General (+\$3 million, +6.0%) accounts and reduce funding for the Science (-\$41 million, -0.6%) and Space Operations (-\$88 million, -2.1%) accounts. The House-passed bill would fund NASA at a level that is \$2.616 billion (-10.4%) below the Administration's request. Under the House-passed bill, most of NASA's accounts would be funded at a level below the Administration's request, with the exception of the Aeronautics and Office of the Inspector General accounts, which would be funded at the requested level, and the Science account, which would receive \$791 million (+12.5%) more than the Administration's request. The House did not adopt the Administration's proposal to eliminate the STEM Engagement account.

The House-passed bill would fund NSF at a level greater than the FY2020 regular appropriation (+\$270 million, +3.3%) and the Administration's request (+\$807 million, +10.4%). All of the NSF's accounts would be funded at a level equal to or greater than the FY2020 regular appropriation or the Administration's request.

The House approved funding for the related agencies that is generally greater than the FY2020 regular appropriation and the Administration's request. The House did not adopt the Administration's proposal to eliminate the LSC.

Senate Committee Draft Bill

On November 10, 2020, the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Senator Richard Shelby, released drafts of all 12 annual appropriations bills along with draft accompanying explanatory statements.¹⁶ The release of the draft bills was intended to further negotiations on annual appropriations between the House and the Senate.¹⁷ Hereinafter, the draft of the CJS bill and explanatory statement are referred to as "the Senate Appropriations Committee majority draft

¹⁶ The 12 draft bills and explanatory statements are on the Committee's website linked to the majority press release at <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/news/committee-releases-fy21-bills-in-effort-to-advance-process-produce-bipartisan-results>.

¹⁷ See also the statement from the Senate Appropriations Committee Vice Chair, Senator Patrick Leahy, at <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/news/minority/senate-approps-vice-chair-leahy-statement-on-the-release-of-the-fy-2021-senate-appropriations-bills->.

bill” and “Senate Appropriations Committee majority draft explanatory statement.” The Senate Appropriations Committee majority draft bill would provide \$76.312 billion for CJS, which is \$3.447 billion (-4.3%) less than the FY2020 regular appropriation, and \$1.511 billion (+2.0%) more than the Administration’s request. The draft bill includes the following:

- \$9.591 billion for the Commerce Department, which is \$5.629 billion (-37.0%) less than the FY2020 regular appropriation, and \$1.274 billion (+15.3%) more than the Administration’s request;
- \$33.705 billion for the Department of Justice, which is \$1.100 billion (+3.4%) more than the FY2020 regular appropriation, and \$798 million (+2.4%) more than the Administration’s request;
- \$31.981 billion for the science agencies, which is \$1.066 billion (+3.4%) more than the FY2020 regular appropriation, and \$1.014 billion (-3.1%) less than the Administration’s request; and
- \$1.036 billion for the related agencies, which is \$17 million (+1.7%) more than the FY2020 regular appropriation, and \$462 million (+80.5%) more than the Administration’s request.

As is the case with the House-passed bill, the proposed reduction in overall funding for CJS in the Senate Appropriations Committee majority draft bill is the result of the Commerce Department receiving a proposed decrease in funding, which is almost entirely attributable to a proposed decrease in funding for the Census Bureau. The draft bill would provide \$1.800 billion for the Census Bureau, which is \$5.759 billion (-76.2%) less than the FY2020 regular appropriation. Other than the proposed decrease to the Census Bureau, the only other account in the Commerce Department the committee proposes to fund at a level below the FY2020 regular appropriation is NIST’s Construction of Research Facilities account (-\$20 million, -16.9%). The committee recommends funding for most of the Commerce Department’s accounts at a level above the Administration’s request, with the exception of BIS (-\$5 million, -3.6%) and NTIA (-\$27 million, -36.9%). The Senate Appropriations Committee majority draft bill also does not include funding for fisheries disaster assistance under NOAA. Like the House, the committee declined to adopt the Administration’s proposals to eliminate the EDA, NIST’s MEP, and NOAA’s Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund; change the focus of the MBDA; or transfer funds from the Federal Capital Revolving Fund to NIST’s Construction of Research Facilities account.

The Senate Appropriations Committee majority draft bill would fund nearly all of DOJ’s accounts at a level greater than the FY2020 regular appropriation, with the exception of BOP’s Buildings and Facilities (-\$181 million, -58.8%) and the State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance (-\$81 million, -4.3%) accounts. The draft bill generally recommends funding for DOJ’s accounts at a level above the Administration’s request, though there are some exceptions:

- Salaries and expenses for DOJ’s general administration (-\$5 million, -4.1%);
- Executive Office of Immigration Review (-\$149 million, -16.9%);
- General Legal Activities (-\$18 million, -1.9%);
- United States Attorneys (-\$41 million, -1.7%);
- USMS, Salaries and Expenses (-\$118 million, -7.3%);
- Interagency Law Enforcement (-\$35 million, -5.9%);
- DEA, Salaries and Expenses (-\$8 million, -0.3%);
- ATF, Salaries and Expenses (-\$189 million, -11.5%); and
- Research, Evaluation, and Statistics (-\$6 million, -6.4%).

The committee's draft bill does not include the Administration's proposals to eliminate the Community Relations Service and the COPS account, move HIDTA to the DEA, establish a permanent obligation cap for the CVP, transfer some of the ATF's responsibilities to TTB, or provide funding for the ATF's construction account.

The Senate Appropriations Committee majority draft bill would provide \$23.495 billion for NASA, which is \$866 million (+3.8%) more than the FY2020 regular appropriation, and \$1.750 billion (-6.9%) less than the Administration's request. The draft bill would fund all of NASA accounts, with the exception of Space Operations (-\$152 million, -3.7%), at amounts greater than or equal to the FY2020 regular appropriation. The committee proposed lower levels of funding, relative to the Administration's request, to five of NASA's accounts:

- Space Technology (-\$372 million, -23.6%);
- Exploration (-\$2.055 billion, -23.5%);
- Space Operations (-\$199 million, -4.8%);
- Safety, Security, and Mission Services (-\$73 million, -2.4%); and
- Construction and Environmental Compliance and Restoration (-\$149 million, -27.6%).

The committee declined to adopt the Administration's proposal to eliminate the STEM Engagement account.

The Senate Appropriations Committee majority draft bill would provide \$8.478 billion for NSF, which is \$200 million (+2.4%) more than the FY2020 regular appropriation and \$737 million (+9.5%) more than the Administration's request. The committee-recommended funding for each of NSF's accounts is greater than the FY2020 regular appropriation, with the exception of the Major Research Facilities and Construction account (-\$3 million, -1.4%). Proposed funding for the NSF's accounts is also greater than the Administration's request, with the exception of the Agency Operations and Award Management account (-\$1 million, -0.2%).

The Senate Committee on Appropriations recommends funding for all of the related agencies that is greater than the FY2020 regular appropriation. Committee-recommended funding for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (-\$4 million, -6.7%) and the State Justice Institute (-\$1 million, -12.5%) is less than the Administration's request. The committee declined to adopt the Administration's proposal to eliminate the LSC.

Table 1 outlines the FY2020 funding, the Administration's FY2021 request, the House-passed, and the Senate Appropriations Committee majority draft bill amounts for the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, the science agencies, and the related agencies.

Table 1. Funding for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS), FY2020, FY2021 Request, House-Passed, and Senate Appropriations Committee Majority Draft Bill

(Appropriations in millions of dollars)

Departments and Related Agencies	FY2020 Enacted ^a	FY2021 Administration's Request	FY2021 House-Passed	FY2021 Senate Appropriations Committee Majority Draft	FY2021 Enacted
Department of Commerce					
International Trade Administration	\$510.3	\$474.4	\$531.4	\$528.3	

Departments and Related Agencies	FY2020 Enacted ^a	FY2021 Administration's Request	FY2021 House-Passed	FY2021 Senate Appropriations Committee Majority Draft	FY2021 Enacted
Bureau of Industry and Security	127.7	137.7	137.7	132.7	
Economic Development Administration	333.0	31.6	356.0	340.0	
Economic Development Assistance Programs	(292.5)	—	(314.0)	(299.0)	
Salaries and Expenses	(40.5)	(31.6)	(42.0)	(41.0)	
Minority Business Development Agency	42.0	10.3	52.0	42.5	
Economics and Statistics Administration (excluding Census)	108.0	111.9	112.9	111.9	
Census Bureau	7,558.3	1,672.0	1,681.1	1,799.7	
Current Surveys and Programs	(274.0)	(279.3)	(288.4)	(285.0)	
Periodic Censuses and Programs	(7,284.3)	(1,392.7)	(1,392.7)	(1,514.7)	
National Telecommunications and Information Administration	40.4	72.2	45.5	45.6	
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) ^b	3,450.7	3,695.3	3,695.3	3,695.3	
Offsetting Fee Receipts (USPTO)	-3,450.7	-3,695.3	-3,695.3	-3,695.3	
National Institute of Standards and Technology	1,034.0	1,011.9	1,049.0	1,050.0	
Scientific and Technical Research and Services	(754.0)	(652.0)	(794.0)	(786.5)	
Industrial Technology Services	(162.0)	(25.3)	(170.0)	(165.5)	
<i>Manufacturing Extension Partnership</i>	(146.0)	—	(153.0)	(149.5)	
<i>National Network for Manufacturing Innovation</i>	(16.0)	(25.3)	(17.0)	(16.0)	
Construction of Research Facilities, new appropriation	(118.0)	(40.6)	(85.0)	(98.0)	
Construction of Research Facilities, transfer from Federal Capital Revolving Fund (legislative proposal)	—	(294.0) ^c	—	—	
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	5,352.2	4,624.8	5,455.6	5,402.9	
Operations, Research, and Facilities ^d	(3,763.9)	(3,165.1)	(3,873.2)	(3,808.0)	
Procurement, Acquisition, and Construction	(1,530.9)	(1,466.7)	(1,524.4)	(1,537.6)	

Departments and Related Agencies	FY2020 Enacted ^a	FY2021 Administration's Request	FY2021 House-Passed	FY2021 Senate Appropriations Committee Majority Draft	FY2021 Enacted
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund	(65.0)	—	(65.0)	(65.0)	
Fishermen's Contingency Fund	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	
Fisheries Finance Program Account	(-8.0)	(-7.6)	(-7.6)	(-8.0)	
Fisheries Disaster Assistance	—	(0.3)	(0.3)	—	
Departmental Management	115.0	170.8	121.2	138.0	
Subtotal: Department of Commerce	15,220.8	8,317.6	9,542.4	9,591.4	
Department of Justice					
General Administration	922.6	1,141.9	981.4	996.4	
General Administration Salaries and Expenses	(114.7)	(121.8)	(103.5)	(116.7)	
Justice Information Sharing Technology	(33.9)	(34.1)	(33.9)	(34.1)	
Executive Office of Immigration Review	(669.0)	(878.9)	(730.0)	(730.0)	
Office of the Inspector General	(105.0)	(107.2)	(114.0)	(110.6)	
Use of Force Database	—	—	—	(5.0) ^e	
U.S. Parole Commission	13.3	13.5	13.5	13.5	
Legal Activities	3,440.4	3,585.7	3,595.9	3,567.7	
General Legal Activities	(920.0)	(971.4)	(969.2)	(953.3)	
United States Attorneys	(2,254.5)	(2,378.4)	(2,347.2)	(2,337.2)	
Antitrust Division	(166.8)	(188.5)	(180.3)	(188.5)	
Offsetting Fee Collections (Antitrust Division)	(-141.0)	(-150.0)	(-150.0)	(-150.0)	
U.S. Trustee Program	(227.2)	(234.5)	(232.4)	(232.4)	
Offsetting Fee Collections (U.S. Trustee Program)	(-309.0)	(-318.0)	(-318.0)	(-318.0)	
Foreign Claims Settlement Commission	(2.3)	(2.4)	(2.4)	(2.4)	
Fees and Expenses of Witnesses	(270.0)	(239.0)	(270.0)	(270.0)	
Community Relations Service	(16.0)	—	(23.0)	(16.5)	
Assets Forfeiture Fund ^f	(20.5)	(20.5)	(20.5)	(20.5)	
Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund	(13.0)	(19.0)	(19.0)	(15.0)	

Departments and Related Agencies	FY2020 Enacted ^a	FY2021 Administration's Request	FY2021 House-Passed	FY2021 Senate Appropriations Committee Majority Draft	FY2021 Enacted
United States Marshals Service	3,312.5	3,669.7	3,359.9	3,705.6	
Salaries and Expenses	(1,430.0)	(1,608.1)	(1,484.2)	(1,490.0)	
Construction	(15.0)	(15.0)	(15.0)	(15.0)	
Federal Prisoner Detention	(1,867.5)	(2,046.6)	(1,860.8)	(2,200.6)	
National Security Division	110.0	117.5	114.8	117.5	
Interagency Law Enforcement	550.5	585.1	565.0	550.5	
Federal Bureau of Investigation	9,952.9	9,800.7	9,755.2	10,314.8	
Salaries and Expenses	(9,467.9)	(9,748.8)	(9,703.3)	(9,748.7)	
Construction	(485.0)	(51.9)	(51.9)	(566.1)	
Drug Enforcement Administration	2,279.2	2,652.8	2,331.4	2,391.3	
Salaries and Expenses	(2,279.2)	(2,398.8)	(2,331.4)	(2,391.3)	
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas	—	(254.0)	—	—	
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives	1,400.0	1,666.3	1,555.0	1,488.9	
Salaries and Expenses	(1,400.0)	(1,637.6)	(1,550.0)	(1,448.9)	
Construction	—	(28.7)	(5.0)	—	
Federal Prison System	7,780.7	7,713.3	7,883.2	7,786.5	
Salaries and Expenses	(7,470.0)	(7,611.1)	(7,770.5)	(7,656.8)	
Building and Facilities	(308.0)	(99.5)	(110.0)	(127.0)	
Limitation on Administrative Expenses, Federal Prison Industries	(2.7)	(2.7)	(2.7)	(2.7)	
Office on Violence Against Women	502.5	498.5	532.0	513.5	
Transfer from the Crime Victims Fund to the Office on Violence Against Women	-435.0	-498.5	-435.0	-445.0	
Office of Justice Programs	2,432.8	1,969.0	2,984.3	2,383.8	
Research, Evaluation, and Statistics	(79.0)	(86.5)	(88.5)	(81.0)	
State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance	(1,892.0)	(1,511.2)	(2,412.0)	(1,811.0)	
Juvenile Justice Programs	(320.0)	(227.5)	(340.0)	(348.0)	
Public Safety Officers Benefits	(141.8)	(143.8)	(143.8)	(143.8)	
Community Oriented Policing Services	343.0	—	343.0	360.0	

Departments and Related Agencies	FY2020 Enacted ^a	FY2021 Administration's Request	FY2021 House-Passed	FY2021 Senate Appropriations Committee Majority Draft	FY2021 Enacted
Obligation Cap on the Crime Victims Fund	2,641.0	2,300.0 ^g	2,650.0	1,500.0	
Offsetting Receipts	-2,641.0	-2,300.0	-2,650.0	-1,500.0	
Subtotal: Department of Justice	32,605.2	32,915.5	33,579.7	33,704.8	
Science Agencies					
Office of Science and Technology Policy	5.5	5.0	5.5	5.5	
National Space Council	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	22,629.0	25,246.0	22,630.0	23,495.0	
Science	(7,138.9)	(6,306.5)	(7,097.5)	(7,274.7)	
Aeronautics	(783.9)	(819.0)	(819.0)	(828.7)	
Space Technology ^h	(1,110.0)	(1,578.3)	(1,100.0)	(1,206.0)	
Exploration ⁱ	(6,017.6)	(8,761.7)	(6,017.6)	(6,706.4)	
Space Operations ⁱ	(4,140.2)	(4,187.3)	(4,052.2)	(3,988.2)	
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Engagement	(120.0)	—	(127.0)	(120.0)	
Safety, Security, and Mission Services	(2,913.3)	(3,009.9)	(2,953.4)	(2,936.5)	
Construction and Environmental Compliance and Restoration	(373.4)	(539.1)	(419.1)	(390.3)	
Inspector General	(41.7)	(44.2)	(44.2)	(44.2)	
National Science Foundation	8,278.3	7,741.4	8,548.3	8,478.0	
Research and Related Activities	(6,737.2)	(6,213.0)	(6,967.1)	(6,907.4)	
Education and Human Resources	(940.0)	(930.9)	(970.0)	(963.5)	
Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction	(243.2)	(229.8)	(243.2)	(239.8)	
Agency Operations and Award Management	(336.9)	(345.6)	(345.6)	(345.0)	
National Science Board	(4.5)	(4.2)	(4.5)	(4.5)	
Office of the Inspector General	(16.5)	(17.9)	(17.9)	(17.9)	
Subtotal: Science Agencies	30,914.8	32,994.4	31,185.9	31,980.5	

Departments and Related Agencies	FY2020 Enacted ^a	FY2021 Administration's Request	FY2021 House-Passed	FY2021 Senate Appropriations Committee Majority Draft	FY2021 Enacted
Related Agencies					
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights	10.5	10.1	12.0	11.0	
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	389.5	362.5	408.7	394.0	
International Trade Commission	99.4	99.6	105.0	103.0	
Legal Services Corporation	440.0	18.2	465.0	446.0	
Marine Mammal Commission	3.6	2.4	3.8	3.7	
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative	54.0	60.0	55.0	56.0	
Trade Enforcement Trust Fund	15.0	13.0	15.0	15.0	
State Justice Institute	6.6	8.0	7.7	7.0	
Subtotal: Related Agencies	1,018.6	573.8	1,072.2	1,035.7	
CJS Total	79,759.5	74,801.2	75,380.1	76,312.4	
Rescission of Unobligated Balances	-364.0	-1,051.6	-170.0	-331.0	

Sources: The FY2020 enacted amounts were taken from the explanatory statement to accompany P.L. 116-93, published in the December 17, 2019 *Congressional Record* (pp.H10961-H10989). The Administration's requests were taken from H.Rept. 116-455. The House-passed amounts were taken from the text of H.R. 7617. The Senate Appropriations Committee majority draft bill amounts were taken from the FY2021 CJS bill text and explanatory statement published on the Senate Committee on Appropriations' website.

Notes: The accounts presented in **Table 1** are consistent with those used by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) to score the CJS appropriations bill. Amounts in parenthesis are subaccounts and not offsets.

- FY2020 enacted amounts do not include emergency supplemental funding. For information on supplemental funding for CJS, see **Table 2**.
- Funding for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is fully derived from user fees.
- According to the NIST FY2021 congressional budget justification, "The FY 2021 budget request proposes to use the [Federal Capital Revolving Fund] FCRF to fund the completion of the \$294 million renovation of NIST Building One in Boulder, Colorado. In accordance with the principles and design of the FCRF, the FY 2021 budget requests appropriations language designating the renovation as a project to be funded out of the FCRF along with 1/15 of the renovation costs, or \$19.6 million, for the first-year repayment back to the FCRF." However, CBO estimates this proposal in a manner consistent with current practice that capital expenditures are recorded on a cash basis in the federal budget. (For more information, see <https://www.cbo.gov/system/files/115th-congress-2017-2018/reports/53461-cashaccrualmeasures.pdf>.)
- The amount for the Operations, Research, and Facilities account includes a transfer from the Promote and Develop Fishery Products and Research Pertaining to American Fisheries Fund.
- The Senate committee-reported bill includes a general provision (§222) that would provide \$5 million under DOJ's General Administration for a use of force database as required by Executive Order 13929.
- As a part of the annual CJS appropriations act, Congress traditionally sets a limit on the amount of expenses that can be paid for the purposes authorized under subparagraphs (B), (F), and (G) of Section 524(c)(1) of Title 28 of the *United States Code*.
- The Administration's FY2021 budget proposed establishing a permanent \$2.300 billion obligation cap on the Crime Victims Fund (CVF).
- The Administration proposed changing the name of the "Space Technology" account to "Exploration Technology."

- i. The Administration proposed changing the name of the “Exploration” account to “Deep Space Exploration Systems.”
- j. The Administration proposed changing the name of the “Space Operations” account to “Low Earth Orbit and Spaceflight Operations.”

FY2020 Supplemental Funding for CJS

For FY2020, Congress provided a total of \$3.185 billion in emergency supplemental funding. The majority of this funding (\$3.079 billion) was included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act, P.L. 116-136). Congress also included \$106 million in the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act (USMCA, P.L. 116-113) for NOAA and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. **Table 2** provides a breakdown of the CJS-related funding in each act.

Table 2. FY2020 CJS Supplemental Funding
(Appropriations in millions of dollars)

	USMCA Supplemental	CARES Act Supplemental
Commerce		
Economic and Development Administration	—	\$1,500.0
Economic Development Assistance Programs	—	(1,500.0)
National Institute of Standards and Technology	—	66.0
Scientific and Technical Research Services	—	(6.0)
Industrial Technology Services	—	(60.0)
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	16.0	320.0
Operations, Research, and Facilities	(16.0)	(20.0)
Fisheries Assistance	—	(300.0)
Justice		
General Administration	—	4.0
Justice Information Sharing Technology	—	(2.0)
Office of the Inspector General	—	(2.0)
U.S. Attorneys	—	3.0
U.S. Marshals Service	—	15.0
Salaries and Expenses	—	(15.0)
Federal Bureau of Investigation	—	20.0
Salaries and Expenses	—	(20.0)
Drug Enforcement Administration	—	15.0
Federal Prison System	—	100.0
Salaries and Expenses	—	(100.0)
State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance	—	850.0
Science		
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	—	60.0

	USMCA Supplemental	CARES Act Supplemental
Safety, Security, and Mission Services	—	(60.0)
National Science Foundation	—	76.0
Research and Related Activities	—	(75.0)
Agency Operations and Management	—	(1.0)
Related Agencies		
Legal Services Corporation	—	50.0
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative	90.0	—
Salaries and Expenses	(50.0)	—
Trade Enforcement Trust Fund	(40.0)	—
Total	106.0	3,079.0

Source: Text of P.L. 116-113 and P.L. 116-136.

Notes: The accounts presented in **Table 1** are consistent with those used by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) to score the CJS appropriations bill. Amounts in parenthesis are subaccounts and not offsets.

Historical Funding for CJS

Figure 1 shows the total (including supplementals) CJS funding for FY2010-FY2020, in both nominal and inflation-adjusted dollars (more-detailed historical appropriations data can be found in **Table 3**). The data show that in FY2020, nominal funding for CJS was at its highest level since FY2010, though in inflation-adjusted terms, funding for FY2020 was about equal to what it was in FY2010.

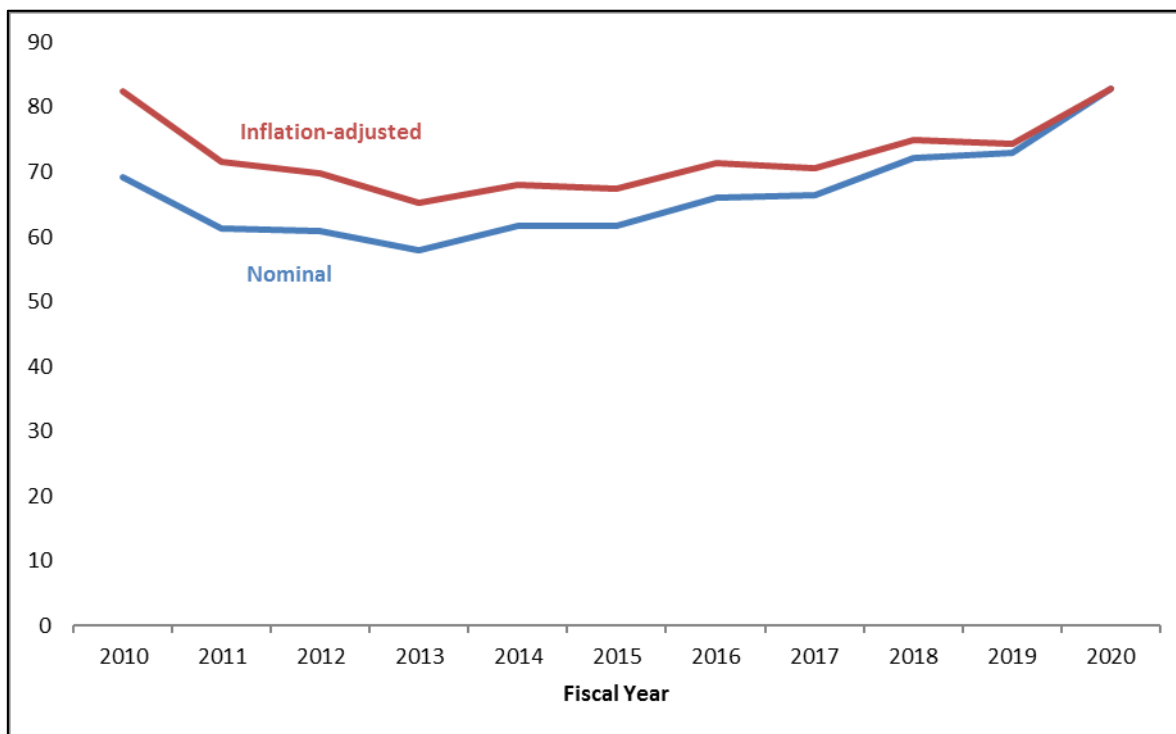
There is a cyclical nature to total nominal funding for CJS because of appropriations for the Census Bureau to administer decennial censuses. Overall funding for CJS traditionally starts to increase a few years before the decennial census, peaks in the fiscal year in which the census is conducted, and then declines immediately thereafter. **Figure 1** shows how total funding for CJS decreased after the 2010 Census and started to ramp up again as the Census Bureau prepared to conduct the 2020 Census.

Increased funding for CJS also coincides with increases to the discretionary budget caps under the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA, P.L. 112-25).¹⁸ The BCA put into effect statutory limits on discretionary spending for FY2012-FY2021. Under the act, discretionary spending limits were scheduled to be adjusted downward each fiscal year until FY2021. However, legislation was enacted that increased discretionary spending caps for FY2014 to FY2021.¹⁹ A sequestration of discretionary funding, ordered pursuant to the BCA, cut \$2.973 billion out of the total amount Congress and the President provided for CJS for FY2013. Since then, funding for CJS has increased as more discretionary funding has been allowed under the BCA.

¹⁸ For more information on the BCA, see CRS Report R44874, *The Budget Control Act: Frequently Asked Questions*.

¹⁹ Ibid.

Figure 1. Nominal and Inflation-Adjusted Funding for CJS; FY2010-FY2020
(Appropriations in billions of dollars)



Sources: FY2010 enacted amounts were taken from S.Rept. 111-229, P.L. 111-212, P.L. 111-224, and P.L. 111-230; FY2011 enacted amounts were taken from H.Rept. 112-169; FY2012 enacted amounts were taken from H.Rept. 112-463; FY2013 post-sequestration amounts were provided by the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Science Foundation, and each of the respective related agencies and P.L. 113-2; FY2014 enacted amounts were taken from the joint explanatory statement to accompany P.L. 113-76, printed in the January 15, 2014, *Congressional Record* (pp. H507-H532); FY2015 enacted amounts were taken from the joint explanatory statement to accompany P.L. 113-235, printed in the December 11, 2014, *Congressional Record* (pp. H9342-H9363); FY2016 enacted amounts were taken from the joint explanatory statement to accompany P.L. 114-113, printed in the December 17, 2015, *Congressional Record* (pp. H9732-H9759); FY2017 enacted amounts were taken from the joint explanatory statement to accompany P.L. 115-31, printed in the May 3, 2017, *Congressional Record* (pp. H3365-H3390); FY2018 enacted amounts were taken from the joint explanatory statement to accompany P.L. 115-141, printed in the March 22, 2018, *Congressional Record* (pp. H2084-H2115) and P.L. 115-123; FY2019 enacted amounts were taken from H.Rept. 116-9; FY2020 enacted amounts were taken from the explanatory statement to accompany P.L. 116-93, published in the December 17, 2019 *Congressional Record* (pp. H10961-H10989) and the text of P.L. 116-113 and P.L. 116-136.

Notes: Inflation-adjusted appropriations are presented in FY2020 dollars. Appropriations were adjusted using the Gross Domestic Product (Chained) Price Index presented in Table 10.1 of the Historical Tables in the President's FY2021 budget submission. The amounts do not include rescissions of unobligated balances or scorekeeping credits (e.g., the balance on the Crime Victims Fund). Amounts include all supplemental appropriations. The amounts include any rescissions of current-year budget authority and any supplemental appropriations.

Although decreased appropriations for the Department of Commerce (-47.4%) from FY2010 to FY2013 following the 2010 Census mostly explain the overall decrease in CJS appropriations during this time, cuts in funding for DOJ (-8.7%) and NASA (-9.8%) also contributed (see **Table 3**). Funding for NSF held relatively steady from FY2010 to FY2013.

Overall CJS funding has increased since FY2014, and this is partially explained by more funding for the Department of Commerce to help the Census Bureau prepare for the 2020 Census. While

funding for the Department of Commerce decreased from FY2018 to FY2019, it was partly a function of the department receiving \$1.000 billion in emergency supplemental funding for FY2018.²⁰ If supplemental funding is excluded, appropriations for the Department of Commerce increased 2.5% from FY2018 to FY2019.

While increased funding for the Department of Commerce partially explains the overall increase in funding for CJS since FY2014, there have also been steady increases in funding for DOJ (+21.2%), NASA(+28.6%), and NSF (+16.5%) during that same time, as higher discretionary spending caps have been used to provide additional funding to these agencies.

²⁰ For more information on emergency supplemental funding for CJS for FY2018, see CRS Report R45237, *Overview of FY2019 Appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS)*.

Table 3. Nominal Funding for CJS Agencies, by Account; FY2010-FY2020

(Appropriations in millions of dollars)

Bureau or Agency	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013 ^a	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Department of Commerce											
International Trade Administration	\$446.8	\$440.7	\$455.6	\$438.5	\$460.6	\$462.0	\$483.0	\$483.0	\$482.0	\$484.0	\$510.3
Bureau of Industry and Security	100.3	100.1	101.0	93.6	101.5	102.5	112.5	112.5	113.5	118.1	127.7
Economic Development Administration	347.0	283.4	457.5	218.3	246.5	250.0	261.0	276.0	901.5	304.0	1,833.0
Minority Business Development Agency	31.5	30.3	30.3	27.5	28.0	30.0	32.0	34.0	39.0	40.0	42.0
Economic and Statistical Analysis	97.2	97.1	96.0	93.3	99.0	100.0	109.0	107.3	99.0	101.0	108.0
Census Bureau	7,324.7	1,149.7	888.3	840.6	945.0	1,088.0	1,370.0	1,470.0	2,814.0	3,821.4	7,558.3
National Telecommunications and Information Administration	40.0	41.6	45.6	42.7	46.0	38.2	39.5	32.0	39.5	39.5	40.4
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	2,016.0	2,090.0	2,706.3	2,783.7	3,024.0	3,458.0	3,272.0	3,230.0	3,500.0	3,370.0	3,450.7
Offsetting Fee Receipts (USPTO)	-1,887.0	-2,090.0	-2,706.3	-2,933.2	-3,024.0	-3,458.0	-3,272.0	-3,230.0	-3,500.0	-3,370.0	-3,450.7
National Institute of Standards and Technology	856.6	750.1	750.8	769.3	850.0	863.9	964.0	952.0	1,198.5	985.5	1,100.0
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	4,788.5	4,588.0	4,893.7	5,050.7	5,314.6	5,441.0	5,765.6	5,675.4	6,309.5	5,424.7	5,688.2
Departmental Management	107.5	99.8	88.9	84.6	89.5	91.1	109.1	94.7	140.9	95.7	115.0
Commerce Subtotal	14,269.2	7,580.9	7,807.7	7,509.6	8,180.6	8,466.7	9,245.6	9,237.0	12,137.4	11,413.9	17,122.8

Bureau or Agency	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013 ^a	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Department of Justice											
General Administration	2,285.8	2,208.1	2,227.9	503.5	533.2	435.6	659.0	676.7	746.8	805.4	926.6
General Administration	(456.9)	(312.2)	(262.1)	(135.7)	(135.8)	(137.3)	(142.5)	(145.1)	(149.0)	(145.0)	(152.6)
Administrative Review & Appeals	(298.8)	(296.1)	(301.0)	(287.9)	(311.0)	(347.1)	(422.8)	—	—	—	—
Executive Office for Immigration Review	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(436.0)	(500.5)	(559.4)	(669.0)
Detention Trustee ^b	(1,445.7)	(1,515.6)	(1,580.6)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Office of the Inspector General	(84.4)	(84.2)	(84.2)	(80.0)	(86.4)	(88.6)	(93.7)	(95.6)	(97.3)	(101.0)	(105.0)
U.S. Parole Commission	12.9	12.8	12.8	11.9	12.6	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.0	13.3
Legal Activities	3,108.3	3,177.3	3,187.2	2,989.5	3,180.8	3,220.2	3,314.6	3,353.8	3,386.6	3,329.4	3,443.4
General legal activities	(889.0)	(863.4)	(863.4)	(819.3)	(867.0)	(885.0)	(893.0)	(897.5)	(897.5)	(904.0)	(920.0)
United States Attorneys	(1,943.2)	(1,930.1)	(1,960.0)	(1,830.3)	(1,944.0)	(1,960.0)	(2,000.0)	(2,035.0)	(2,136.8)	(2,212.0)	(2,257.5)
Other ^c	(276.1)	(383.8)	(363.8)	(340.0)	(369.8)	(375.2)	(421.6)	(421.3)	(352.3)	(213.4)	(265.8)
U.S. Marshals Service	1,190.0	1,140.1	1,189.0	2,655.6	2,727.8	1,700.1 ^d	2,700.0	2,713.5	2,903.4	2,925.4	3,327.5
National Security Division	87.9	87.8	87.0	83.8	91.8	93.0	95.0	96.0	101.0	101.4	110.0
Interagency Law Enforcement	549.6	527.5	527.5	484.4	514.0	507.2	512.0	517.0	542.9	560.0	550.5
Federal Bureau of Investigation	7,922.5	7,926.3	8,118.0	7,558.8	8,343.3	8,436.6	8,798.8	9,006.4	9,421.4	9,577.1	9,972.9
Drug Enforcement Administration	2,053.4	2,015.6	2,035.0	1,907.3	2,018.0	2,033.3	2,080.0	2,103.0	2,201.8	2,267.0	2,294.2
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives	1,158.3	1,112.5	1,152.0	1,071.6	1,179.0	1,201.0	1,240.0	1,258.6	1,293.8	1,316.7	1,400.0
Federal Prison System	6,208.1	6,384.1	6,644.0	6,447.2	6,861.7	6,923.7	7,481.2	7,141.5	7,328.3	7,516.7	7,880.7

Bureau or Agency	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013 ^a	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Office of Violence Against Women (OVW)	418.5	417.7	412.5	387.9	417.0	430.0	101.0 ^e	155.5 ^f	— ^g	— ^h	67.5 ⁱ
Office of Justice Programs (OJP)	2,283.5	1,697.9	1,616.3	1,518.5	1,643.3	1,690.8	1,883.0	1,705.8	2,169.3	2,218.8	3,282.8
Research, Evaluation, and Statistics	(235.0)	(234.5)	(113.0)	(119.1)	(120.0)	(111.0)	(116.0)	(89.0)	(90.0)	(80.0)	(79.0)
State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance	(1,534.8)	(1,117.8)	(1,162.5)	(1,060.5)	(1,171.5)	(1,241.0)	(1,408.5)	(1,280.5)	(1,680.0)	(1,723.0)	(2,742.0)
Weed and Seed	(20.0)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Juvenile Justice Programs	(423.6)	(275.4)	(262.5)	(261.0)	(254.5)	(251.5)	(270.2)	(247.0)	(282.5)	(287.0)	(320.0)
Public Safety Officers Benefits	(70.1)	(70.1)	(78.3)	(77.9)	(97.3)	(87.3)	(88.3)	(89.3)	(116.8)	(128.8)	(141.8)
Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)	791.6	494.9	198.5	209.7	214.0	208.0	212.0	221.5	275.5	303.5	343.0
OVW, OJP, and COPS Salaries and Expenses	213.4	186.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DOJ Subtotal	28,283.7	27,389.2	27,407.7	25,829.7	27,736.6	27,030.2	29,089.8	28,962.5	30,384.0	30,934.4	33,612.2
Science Agencies											
Office of Science and Technology Policy	7.0	6.6	4.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5
National Space Council	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.0	2.0	2.0
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	18,724.3	18,448.0	17,800.0	16,879.5	17,646.5	18,010.2	19,285.0	19,762.3	20,817.4	21,500.0	22,689.0
National Science Foundation	6,926.5	6,859.9	7,033.1	6,884.1	7,171.9	7,344.2	7,463.5	7,472.2	7,783.7	8,075.0	8,354.3
Science Agencies Subtotal	25,657.8	25,314.5	24,837.6	23,769.2	24,824.0	25,360.0	26,754.0	27,240.1	28,608.6	29,582.5	31,050.8

Bureau or Agency	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013 ^a	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Related Agencies											
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights	9.4	9.4	9.2	8.7	9.0	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.7	10.1	10.5
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	367.3	366.6	360.0	344.2	364.0	364.5	364.5	364.5	379.5	379.5	389.5
International Trade Commission	81.9	81.7	80.0	78.9	83.0	84.5	88.5	91.5	93.7	95.0	99.4
Legal Services Corporation	420.0	404.2	348.0	340.9	365.0	375.0	385.0	385.0	425.0	415.0	490.0
Marine Mammal Commission	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.6
U.S. Trade Representative	47.8	47.7	51.3	47.6	52.6	54.3	54.5	62.0	57.6	53.0	104.0
Trade Enforcement Trust Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.0	15.0	55.0
State Justice Institute	5.1	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	6.0	6.6
Related Agencies Subtotal	934.8	917.9	856.6	827.9	881.8	895.9	910.3	920.8	989.1	977.1	1,158.6
Total Appropriation	69,145.5	61,202.5	60,909.6	57,936.4	61,622.9	61,752.7	65,999.7	66,360.3	72,119.0	72,907.8	82,944.5
Rescission of Unobligated Balances	-2,559.7	-2,416.0	-905.9	-881.6	-219.3	-679.6	-878.7	-1,142.3	-661.1	-1,060.8	-364.0

Sources: FY2010 enacted amounts were taken from S.Rept. 111-229, P.L. 111-212, P.L. 111-224, and P.L. 111-230; FY2011 enacted amounts were taken from H.Rept. 112-169; FY2012 enacted amounts were taken from H.Rept. 112-463; FY2013 post-sequestration amounts were provided by the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Science Foundation, and each of the respective related agencies, and P.L. 113-2; FY2014 enacted amounts were taken from the joint explanatory statement to accompany P.L. 113-76, printed in the January 15, 2014, *Congressional Record* (pp. H507-H532); FY2015 enacted amounts were taken from the joint explanatory statement to accompany P.L. 113-235, printed in the December 11, 2014, *Congressional Record* (pp. H9342-H9363); FY2016 enacted amounts were taken from the joint explanatory statement to accompany P.L. 114-113, printed in the December 17, 2015, *Congressional Record* (pp. H9732-H9759); FY2017 enacted amounts were taken from the joint explanatory statement to accompany P.L. 115-31, printed in the May 3, 2017, *Congressional Record* (pp. H3365-H3390); FY2018 enacted amounts were taken from the joint explanatory statement to accompany P.L. 115-141, printed in the March 22, 2018, *Congressional Record* (pp. H2084-H2115), and P.L. 115-123; FY2019 enacted amounts were taken from H.Rept. 116-9; FY2020 enacted amounts were taken from the explanatory statement to accompany P.L. 116-93, published in the December 17, 2019 *Congressional Record* (pp. H10961-H10989) and the text of P.L. 116-113 and P.L. 116-136.

Notes: Amounts may not add to totals due to rounding. Amounts include all supplemental appropriations. Amounts also include all rescission of current-year budget authority, but they do not include rescissions of a prior year's unobligated balances. Amounts in parenthesis are subaccounts and not offsets.

- a. FY2013 appropriations include sequestration.
- b. Under the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act (P.L. 113-6), Congress eliminated funding for the Office of the Federal Detention Trustee account and instead provided funding for a Federal Prisoner Detention account under the U.S. Marshals Service. Funding under this account covers the costs associated with the care of federal detainees.
- c. "Other" includes subaccounts for the Antitrust Division, Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund, U.S. Trustee System Fund, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, Fees and Expenses of Witnesses, Community Relations Service, and the Asset Forfeiture Fund.
- d. This amount does not include a required transfer of \$1.1 billion in unobligated balances from the Assets Forfeiture Fund to the U.S. Marshals Federal Prisoner Detention account.
- e. This amount does not include a \$379.0 million transfer from the Crime Victims Fund to the Office on Violence Against Women per P.L. 114-113.
- f. This amount does not include a \$326.0 million transfer from the Crime Victims Fund to the Office on Violence Against Women per P.L. 115-31.
- g. Per P.L. 115-141, \$492.0 million was transferred from the Crime Victims Fund to the Office on Violence Against Women.
- h. Per P.L. 116-6, \$497.5 million was transferred from the Crime Victims Fund to the Office on Violence Against Women.
- i. This amount does not include a \$435.0 million transfer from the Crime Victims Fund to the Office on Violence Against Women per P.L. 116-93.
- j. This amount includes \$531.2 million in rescissions of unobligated balances included in P.L. 111-117, \$111.5 million in rescissions of unobligated balances included in P.L. 111-212, \$129.0 million in rescissions of unobligated balances included in P.L. 111-224, and \$1.788 billion in rescissions of unobligated balance included in P.L. 112-6.

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