



FY2009 drug control budget

Office of National Drug Control Policy

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On February 4th, President Bush announced his FY 2009 budget proposal. The President proposed \$14.1 billion for the Nation's drug control budget. This level represents an increase of \$450.2 million or 3.3 percent over the FY 2008 enacted level. The President's drug control budget is a balanced approach, providing resources for effective prevention, treatment and enforcement programs.

Stopping Drug Use Before It Starts

Teen drug use has been reduced by 24 percent over the past six years. To build on that progress, the President has requested \$1.5 billion for prevention programs that work to stop drug use before it starts.

Some highlights:

- The Administration requests \$11.8 million for Random Student Drug Testing - an increase of \$1.2 million over FY 2008. Resources will fund an estimated 61 grant recipients and support the Student Drug Testing Institute, which assists schools in developing, implementing, and evaluating student drug testing programs.
- The budget includes a substantial increase in funding for the award-winning National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, from \$60 million for FY 2008 to \$100 million in FY 2009.
- The Administration requests \$80 million to support the Drug-Free Communities program in FY 2009. This level will support nearly 650 Drug-Free Community grants across the country.

Healing America's Drug Users

The President's budget includes \$3.4 billion for drug treatment and intervention programs. Some highlights:

- The budget includes \$56.2 million for Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment (SBIRT), a program that engages the health care community in diagnosing and intervening in substance abuse problems before they progress to dependence and addiction. This request is an increase of \$27.0 million over FY 2008.
- The 2009 Budget includes \$98 million for Access to Recovery (ATR). Resources will support 24 grantees providing services to 65,000 individuals in FY 2009, or 160,000 over three years. In addition, \$1.7 million in Public Health Service evaluation funds are available for evaluation of the program.
- The Budget includes \$37.8 million to improve and expand treatment services to Adult, Juvenile and Family Drug Courts, which is an increase of \$27.9 million over FY 2008. The Administration will award approximately 82 new grants.
- The Administration created two new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System codes for alcohol & drug screening and brief intervention (SBI) which became effective January 1, 2007. These codes can be adopted by States and used by health care providers. Expanding this to a range of medical settings will enable clinicians to screen more patients for substance abuse disorders, prevent use and treat individuals, and ultimately reduce the burden of addictive disorders. The federal Medicaid outlays are estimated to be \$265.0 million in FY 2009.

Disrupting the Market for Illegal Drugs

The budget includes \$9.2 billion for supply reduction efforts. Some highlights:

- The Administration requests \$30 million to expand counternarcotics law enforcement operations along the southwest border of the United States.
- The budget includes \$432.2 million in support the anti-drug elements of the Merida Initiative -- a multi-year \$1.4 billion program to fund security cooperation with Mexico and Central America.
- The budget includes \$601.4 million for to strengthen counternarcotics law enforcement and alternative development operations in the Andean region.
- The Administration requests \$336.0 million to reduce opium cultivation in Afghanistan.



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Figure 1: Drug Control Resources by Function

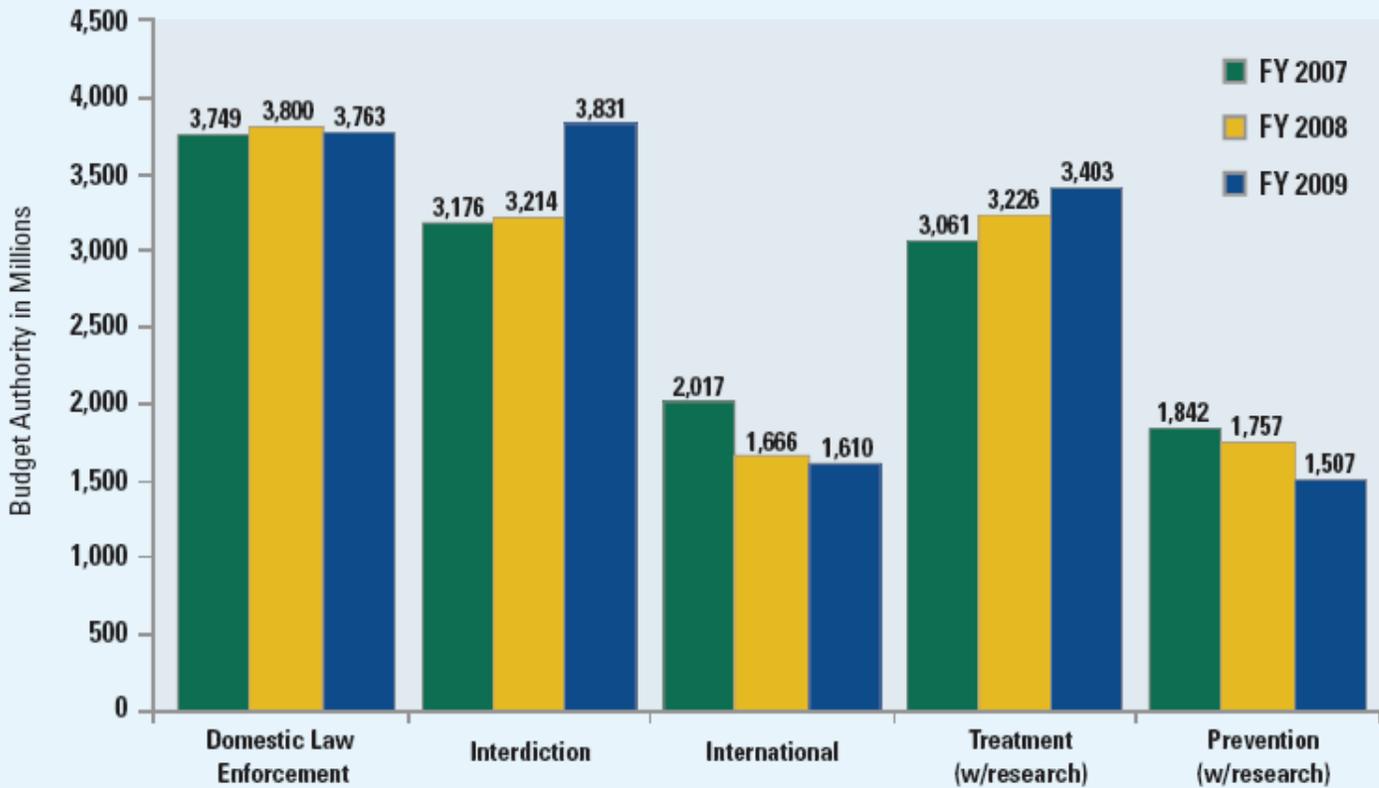


Figure 2: Stopping Use Before It Starts (\$1.5 Billion)

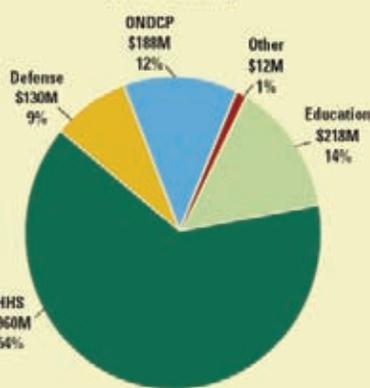


Figure 3: Healing America's Users (\$3.4 Billion)

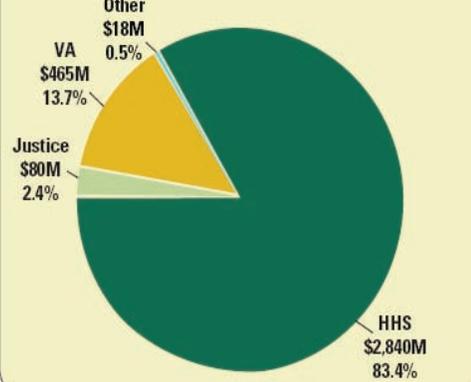


Figure 4: Disrupting the Market (\$9.2 Billion)

