HSI
Homeland Security Investigations
is the principal investigative arm of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, responsible for combating transnational criminal organizations that exploit the global infrastructure through which trade, travel, and finance move.

HSI DISRUPTS AND DISMANTLES global criminal enterprises and terrorist networks that violate the customs and immigration laws of the United States. HSI accomplishes its mission by utilizing its unique and expansive criminal and administrative authorities; strategic law enforcement and non-governmental partnerships; robust international footprint and connectivity; and cutting-edge technology and innovation. These efforts uphold border security, protect the homeland, and ensure public safety.

HSI INVESTIGATES

STRATEGIC MISSION PRIORITIES

Focus on Financial and Cyber Enabled Crime
Proactively launch and pursue financial and cyber angles across HSI’s investigative disciplines.

$1.8 BILLION
CURRENCY AND ASSETS SEIZED

Prevent Crimes of Exploitation & Victimization
Protect the public from crimes of victimization by embracing partnerships; increasing outreach; and strategically targeting and investigating criminal organizations and financial structures that facilitate human trafficking, child exploitation, forced labor, and financial scams affecting vulnerable populations.

1,012 CHILD EXPLOITATION VICTIMS RESCUED OR IDENTIFIED

Protect children from exploitation by predators involved in the production, distribution, and possession of child pornography and travel in foreign commerce to engage in illicit sexual conduct with minors.

Foster a collaborative environment with federal, state, local, and international partners to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities and address the threats posed by the opioid crisis, narcotics trafficking networks, and violent gangs operating across the country.

31,915 HSICRIMINAL ARRESTS

Utilize HSI’s 74 Border Enforcement Security Task Forces (BEST) across the U.S. to counter narcotics smuggling by TCOs that illicitly introduce and distribute fentanyl, heroin, other dangerous opioids, synthetic drugs, methamphetamine and cocaine into and throughout the United States.

HSI CRIMINAL ARRESTS

Spearhead the U.S. government’s response to investigating and preventing intellectual property rights violations, digital piracy, illicit trade, and customs fraud through the HSI-led IPR Center.

341 MILLION SEIZED COUNTERFEIT AND ILLICIT GOODS

Utilize HSI’s exclusive authorities and capabilities to target foreign intelligence collection threats.

1,641 COUNTER-PROLIFERATION RELATED SEIZURES

Conduct international counter-proliferation investigations to prevent the illicit procurement and export of sensitive U.S. technology and weapons and sanctions evasion by U.S. adversaries.

7,709 VISA APPLICATIONS REFUSED BASED ON TERRORIST CONNECTIONS OR DEROGATORY INFORMATION

Deploy the internationally focused Visa Security Program, Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program (BITMAP), and Human Rights Target Tracking Team (JTTFs) to prevent the travel to the U.S. of known or suspected terrorists, transnational criminals, human rights violators, and other high risk visa applicants.

VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IDENTIFIED AND/OR ASSISTED

Utilize 16 Document and Benefit Fraud Task Forces nationwide to combat identity theft and document and benefit fraud activities.

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Identify, infiltrate, disrupt, and dismantle MS-13 and other transnational criminal gangs and deny gang leadership access to illicit funds used to fuel violence in Central America and the United States.

3,671 TRANSTIONAL GANGS CRIMINAL ARRESTS

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337 MS-13 CRIMINAL ARRESTS

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HSI consists of more than 10,400 employees who are assigned to offices in over 220 cities throughout the U.S. and 80 international offices in 53 countries across the world.

- Over 7,100 special agents included among over 10,400 HSI employees.
- 30 SAC offices and multiple sub-offices in over 220 cities.
- 13 countries with HSI-led Transnational Criminal Investigative Units.
- 2,800 plus task force officers assigned to HSI.

To accomplish its mission, HSI is organized into the following divisions:

**DOMESTIC OPERATIONS** is responsible for managing, directing, and coordinating all investigative activities, initiatives, and operations of HSI’s domestic field offices.

**INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS** develops and supports investigations, initiatives, and operations conducted or supported by HSI attaché offices and builds relationships with foreign law enforcement partners to support domestic cases, combat transnational criminal organizations, and prevent terrorist activities.

**INVESTIGATIVE PROGRAMS** is responsible for providing support and oversight of programs and operations in areas including financial and narcotics violations, human smuggling and trafficking, and other transnational crime.

**NATIONAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS** leads HSI’s efforts to disrupt and dismantle transnational criminal enterprises and terrorist organizations that threaten the national security of the United States.

**GLOBAL TRADE INVESTIGATIONS** oversees the HSI-led National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center and investigations related to intellectual property theft, commercial fraud, and counter-proliferation/export-enforcement.

**OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND CYBER DIVISION (OTCD)** oversees investigations of internet-related crimes, including cybercrime and child exploitation, and manages initiatives that combine information sharing and technology across the Department of Homeland Security.

**OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE** collects, analyzes, and shares timely and accurate intelligence on illicit trade, travel, and financial activity with a U.S. nexus.

**MISSION SUPPORT** manages critical functions that support the efficient use of HSI resources, supports HSI’s strategic goals and performance measures, and provides budgetary and financial services to all of HSI.

At home and abroad, HSI embraces partnerships to strengthen its efforts to combat transnational crime. Through centers and task forces that HSI leads or participates in, HSI collaborates with law enforcement agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and private industry to coordinate operations, generate leads, identify, rescue and support victims of crime, and prevent threats to the homeland. These efforts are supported by labs that utilize technology, innovation and subject matter expertise to further advance the mission of HSI and its partners.

**CENTERS**

- **DHS CENTER FOR COUNTERING HUMAN TRAFFICKING (CCHT)**
- **CYBER CRIMES CENTER (C3)**
- **NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS COORDINATION CENTER (IPRC)**
- **EXPORT ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION CENTER (E2C2)**
- **HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR AND WAR CRIMES CENTER (HRWWCC)**
- **NATIONAL BULK CASH SMUGGLING CENTER (BCSC)**
- **ANGEL WATCH CENTER**

**LABS**

- **FORENSIC LAB**
- **INNOVATION LAB**

**TASK FORCES**

- **BORDER ENFORCEMENT SECURITY TASK FORCES (BEST)**
- **JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCES (JTTF)**
- **EL DORADO TASK FORCES**
- **DOCUMENT AND BENEFIT FRAUD TASK FORCES (DBFTF)**
- **ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCES**
- **TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS**

**PROGRAMS**

- **HSI ACADEMY AT THE FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (FLETC)**
- **VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**