



## U.S. Parole Commission (USPC)

### FY 2012 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2011 CR:	\$12.9 million (85 positions; 7 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$0.4 million
Program Changes:	-\$15,000
FY 2012 Budget Request:	\$13.2 million (85 positions; 7 attorneys)
Change From FY 2011 CR:	+\$0.4 million (+2.8%)

### Mission:

The mission of the U.S. Parole Commission (USPC) is to promote public safety and strive for justice and fairness in the exercise of its authority to release and supervise offenders under its jurisdiction. The USPC has jurisdiction over federal offenders who committed offenses before November 1, 1987; all District of Columbia offenders; Uniform Code of Military Justice offenders who are in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons; Transfer Treaty cases (United States citizens convicted in foreign countries, who have elected to serve their sentence in this country); and State probationers and Parolees in the Federal Witness Protection Program. The USPC renders decisions on National Appeals Board cases and decides action on supervision, parole, or return to custody cases under their jurisdiction.

### Resources:

The FY 2012 budget request for USPC totals \$13.2 million, which is a 2.8 percent increase from the FY 2011 CR.

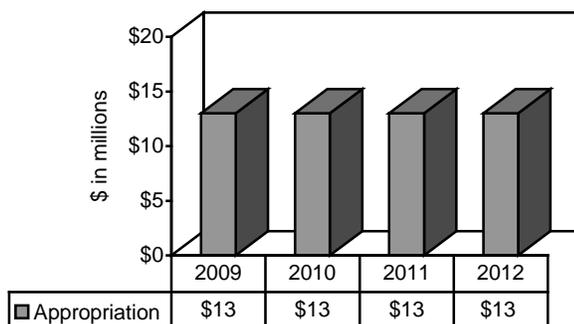
### Organization:

USPC is managed by the Commission Chairman who, along with four other commissioners, is appointed by the President with the advice of the Senate. All USPC offices and staff are currently located in Chevy Chase, Maryland and will relocate to the District of Columbia in FY 2011. The staff carries out the operations and support functions of the commission.

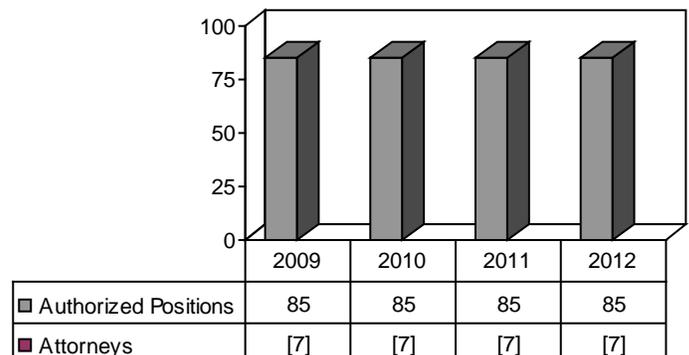
### Personnel:

The USPC's direct authorized positions for FY 2012 total 85, of which 7 are attorneys. The FY 2012 budget request does not include any position increases over the FY 2011 CR level.

**Funding (FY 2009 - 2012)**



**Personnel (FY 2009 - 2012)**



**FY 2012 Strategy:**

Much of the District of Columbia caseload is driven by requests for warrants as a result of violations of the terms and conditions of parole. In contrast to the federal system where the failure rate is about 20 percent, DC parolees have a failure rate of nearly 80 percent. When a warrant is issued, a request for preliminary interview follows, and a hearing is conducted.

In meeting its statutory requirements, USPC continues to face challenges that are complex and evolving. This shift in focus has presented the agency with a population of more violent offenders than is characteristically seen in the federal population. Although some federal offenders are violent, the crimes seen in the District of Columbia are very different.

As the supervised release population grows over the next several years, the DC revocation hearings (local revocation hearings) will increase dramatically. Local revocation hearings are held at facilities in the locality where a parolee has been arrested. As these hearings are adversarial they require much more work than other types of hearings. An offender may contest the charges and is entitled to representation by an attorney, along with the ability to call witnesses. Additionally, these hearings are more costly to USPC, because they often involve travel to a remote location, where the examiner is only able to handle a particular case. In an institutional hearing, the parolee has admitted to the charges or been convicted of new criminal activity, and the issues to be heard involve the degree of responsibility and the length of additional incarceration. Institutional hearings are less costly, because the examiner can handle several cases during one docket. The Commission has determined that local revocations are about 2-3 times as labor intensive as institutional hearings. In FY 2012, the USPC projects that the total prisoner and parolee population, federal and DC, including DC supervised releases, will be 15,194. The DC population under the Parole Commission's jurisdiction is estimated to be 2,500 prisoners and 7,795 parolees and supervised releases.

**FY 2012 Program Changes:****Program Offset - Administrative Efficiencies:**  
-\$15,000 and 0 positions

The Department is continually evaluating its programs and operations with the goal of achieving across-the-board economies of scale that result in increased efficiencies and cost savings. In FY 2012, the Department is focusing on areas in which savings can be achieved, which include: printing, publications, travel, conferences, supplies, and general equipment. For USPC, these administrative efficiencies will result in an offset of \$15,000.

**U.S. Parole Commission**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

	U.S. Parole Commission		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
<b>2010 Enacted</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>12,859</b>
<b>2011 Continuing Resolution</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>12,859</b>
<b>2012 Request</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>13,213</b>
<b>Change 2012 from 2011 Continuing Resolution</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>354</b>
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>			
Subtotal Technical Adjustments	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Adjustments to Base</b>			
<b>Increases:</b>			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	37
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	332
Subtotal Increases:	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>369</b>
<b>Decreases:</b>			
Subtotal Decreases:	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Adjustments to Base</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>369</b>
<b>Total Adjustments to Base and Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>369</b>
<b>2012 Current Services</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>13,228</b>
<b>Program Changes</b>			
<b>Increases:</b>			
<b>Decreases:</b>			
Program Offset - Administrative Efficiencies	0	0	-15
Subtotal, Program Decrease	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-15</b>
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-15</b>
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Comparison by activity and program	2011 Continuing Resolution			2012 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
United States Parole Commission	85	87	12,859	85	87	13,228
<b>Total</b>	85	87	12,859	85	87	13,228
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	85	87	12,859	85	87	13,228

Comparison by activity and program	2012 Total Program Changes			2012 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
United States Parole Commission	0	0	-15	85	87	13,213
<b>Total</b>	0	0	-15	85	87	13,213
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	0	0	-15	85	87	13,213