Congressional Oversight Snapshot

Department of Transportation

Mission Statement: “To ensure America has the safest, most efficient and modern transportation system in the world, which boosts our economic productivity and global competitiveness and enhances the quality of life in communities both rural and urban.” (Source: transportation.gov)

DEPARTMENTAL FACTS

EMPLOYEES

53,288

TOP 5 EMPLOYEE LOCATIONS

1. D.C.: 7,002
2. Texas: 4,380
3. California: 3,729
4. Oklahoma: 3,325
5. Florida: 2,590

BUDGET INFORMATION

USASpending.gov is an official website of the U.S. government that provides an interactive way to explore federal funding.

For DOT profile: usaspending.gov/#/agency/731
For FY 2020 spending by agency: usaspending.gov/#/explorer/agency

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

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Note: Attrition is defined as the number of voluntary separations from federal civil service in fiscal 2019 as a share of the total employees onboard at the beginning of the fiscal year.

ATTRITION RATES (FY 2019)

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Note: For security purposes, FedScope does not provide location information for certain law enforcement employees.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL DATA ARE FOR FULL-TIME, NONSEASONAL, PERMANENT EMPLOYEES AS OF DECEMBER 2020. (fedscope.opm.gov)

Retirement eligibility numbers at the Department of Transportation exclude Federal Aviation Administration employees.
DIVERSITY OF LEADERSHIP

CAREER SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE BY SEX

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CAREER SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE BY RACE AND ETHNICITY

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SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

TWITTER FOLLOWERS
247,700
twitter.com/usdot

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS
57,800
facebook.com/USDOT

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS
18,219
instagram.com/usdot

LINKEDIN FOLLOWERS
52,957
linkedin.com/company/us-department-of-transportation-dot/

Numbers are current as of March 3, 2021.

KEY LEADERSHIP VACANCIES

Key leadership positions include presidential appointments such as Cabinet secretaries, deputy and assistant secretaries, and other full-time critical leadership positions needing Senate confirmation.

See: Partnership for Public Service and Washington Post Political Appointee Tracker (ourpublicservice.org/political-appointee-tracker/)
EMPLOYEE PERSPECTIVE

BEST PLACES TO WORK SCORES (OUT OF 100)

Employee engagement is defined as employee satisfaction, commitment, and willingness to put in discretionary effort.

See: Best Places to Work in the Federal Government® (bestplacestowork.org)

EMPLOYEE CONFIDENCE IN WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS

Percentage of respondents who agreed or strongly agreed that “I can disclose a suspected violation of any law, rule or regulation without fear of reprisal.”

See: Best Places to Work in the Federal Government®

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

2021 HIGH RISK AREAS

- Funding the nation’s surface transportation system.
- National efforts to prevent, respond to, and recover from drug misuse (multiple agencies).

See: Government Accountability Office 2021 High Risk List (gao.gov/highrisk/overview)
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
(CONTINUED)

GAO PRIORITY OPEN RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENTATION RATE*

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*Defined as the percentage of GAO’s recommendations from 2014 that the agency has implemented as of November 2018

See: Priority Open Recommendations: U.S. Department of Transportation (gao.gov/assets/700/698918.pdf)

IT MODERNIZATION

The House Committee on Oversight and Reform issues report cards that grade each agency’s compliance with the Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act.


TOP MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

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AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION NEEDED

Some programs lack reauthorization and continue to receive funding. Operating on a long-term basis without a reauthorization bill means that agencies lose an opportunity to obtain legislative changes addressing policy and programmatic challenges or to make adjustment to operate more effectively.