

IMMIGRATION USER FEE
(Dollars in thousands)
Permanent Indefinite Special Fund

	Perm Pos. 1/	FTE	Amount
1999 actuals.....	3,836	3,679	\$454,144
2000 appropriation	3,836	3,621	446,151
Proposed reprogramming 2/.....	...	...	40,849
2000 appropriation	3,836	3,621	487,000
Increases (See p. 112).....	...	258	18,489
2001 base.....	3,836	3,879	505,489
Program changes (detailed below).....	154	77	23,614
2001 estimate.....	3,990	3,956	529,103

1/ Permanent positions reflect positions funded from program revenues and are not included in the Department's total position level.

2/ INS is preparing a reprogramming notification for FY 2000. The reprogramming proposal will fund additional program requirements, and is supported by increased receipts during the 4th quarter, FY 1999.

Comparison by activity and program	2000 Appropriation			2001 Base			2001 Estimate			Increase/Decrease		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
1. Enforcement												
Inspections	3,181	3,038	\$287,327	3,181	3,279	\$301,578	3,335	3,356	\$325,192	154	77	\$23,614
Investigations	53	46	6,667	53	46	6,980	53	46	6,980	...	...	...
Detention and Deportation	177	155	83,249	177	166	84,391	177	166	84,391	...	...	...
Intelligence.....	27	24	3,588	27	27	3,707	27	27	3,707	...	...	...
Subtotal.....	3,438	3,263	380,831	3,438	3,518	396,656	3,592	3,595	420,270	154	77	23,614
2. Immigration Support:												
Training.....	23	20	2,269	23	23	2,407	23	23	2,407	...	...	...
Data & Communications Systems.....	32	28	64,114	32	28	64,637	32	28	64,637	...	...	...
Information & Records Management.....	32	28	2,902	32	28	3,019	32	28	3,019	...	...	...
Legal Proceedings.....	129	122	12,590	129	122	13,204	129	122	13,204	...	...	...
Subtotal.....	216	198	81,875	216	201	83,267	216	201	83,267	...	...	...
3. Program Direction:												
Management and Administration.....	182	160	24,294	182	160	25,566	182	160	25,566	...	...	...
Total.....	3,836	3,621	487,000	3,836	3,879	505,489	3,990	3,956	529,103	154	77	23,614

The Immigration User Fee Account was established in the Department of Justice Appropriations Act of 1987. Most of this account's revenue is generated from a \$6.00 fee charged to each passenger arriving in the United States aboard a commercial aircraft or vessel from a foreign location. Cruise ship passengers, whose journey originates in Canada, Mexico, or any territory or possession of the United States, or any adjacent island to the United States, are currently exempt from this charge.

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The President's 2001 budget includes language that would increase the current user fee by \$2.00, to \$8.00, and would also lift the cruise ship exemption and institute a \$8.00 cruise ship fee from passengers whose journeys originated in Mexico, Canada, the United States, a territory or possession of the United States, or any adjacent island to the United States. However, it would not apply to immigration inspection at designated ports-of-entry of passengers arriving by Great Lakes international ferries or Great Lakes vessels on the Great Lakes and connecting waterways, when operating on a regular schedule. The requested fee changes are included in the General Provisions, and the 2001 User Fee funding level is based on these two provisions. The user fee was last increased (from \$5.00 to \$6.00) in FY 1994. In 2000, INS anticipates that program costs will exceed new revenues and that prior year carry forward funds will be depleted by FY 2001.

<u>Program Changes</u>	<u>Perm Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Immigration Inspectors.....	154	77	\$12,186
<p>INS requests 154 positions, 77 workyears, and \$12,186,000 for additional Immigration Inspectors at new airport terminals. Current construction at San Francisco, Detroit, Miami, and Philadelphia International airports will increase the number of international gates and primary inspection booths. With the anticipated increase in international travelers at each location, INS will require additional inspectors in order to process all passengers within 45 minutes.</p>			
Pay Reform for Immigration Inspectors.....	...	...	11,428
<p>INS requests \$11,428,000 to upgrade the journeyman level of its Immigration Inspector job series to GS-11. The role of the Immigration Inspectors has evolved from primarily facilitating legal alien traffic, to one with an increased emphasis on the detection, identification, and apprehension of those seeking to enter the U.S. illegally. These requested resources will provide for more successful recruitment and retention of Immigration Inspectors and will alleviate the problem of losing experienced inspectors due to the current GS-9 journeyman level.</p>			
Total Program Changes, Immigration User Fee.....	154	77	23,614