



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Funding Highlights:

- The Department of Commerce (DOC) ensures fair and secure trade; provides data that empowers and informs American businesses and citizens; prevents U.S. technologies from being exploited, misused, or stolen through export controls and an effective system of patents and trademarks; and conducts foundational research and development.
- The Budget request for DOC prioritizes and protects investments in core Government functions such as preparing for the 2020 Decennial Census, providing the observational infrastructure and personnel to produce timely and accurate weather forecasts, and enforcing laws that promote fair and secure trade.
- The Budget requests \$12.2 billion for DOC, a \$1.0 billion or a 9.3-percent increase from the 2019 estimate.

### The President's 2020 Budget:

The Budget continues to invest in critical priorities such as the 2020 Decennial Census, trade enforcement, intellectual property, weather and Earth observations, and spectrum management. In order to fund these priorities in a fiscally disciplined manner, the Budget reduces grant funding and consolidates or eliminates duplicative or unnecessary programs.

**Supports a Fair, Modern, and Accurate 2020 Decennial Census.** April 1, 2020, is Census Day and marks the culmination of nearly a decade of design, research, and testing to meet the Administration's goal of conducting a complete, accurate, and fair Decennial Census. Required every 10 years by the Constitution, the Decennial Census is responsible for the allocation of congressional representation and more than \$675 billion of Federal funds to local communities. The 2020 Census will be the most modern census in the Nation's history, as households will have the choice to participate via the internet, telephone, or by paper. An accurate Decennial Census is imperative because of the role its data play in shaping and informing policymaking for the next decade. The Budget recognizes

### Did you know?

The census is the Nation's largest peacetime mobilization of its workforce, an exercise that requires collaboration across Federal agencies, non-Federal organizations, State and local governments, and the public. These efforts help to ensure an accurate and complete count of U.S. residents as required by the Constitution every 10 years. To make this a success, the Census Bureau will recruit more than three million applicants between now and 2020.

the importance of the Census Bureau's mandate by supporting \$7.2 billion in total budget authority in 2020.

*"The era of economic surrender is over. From now on, we expect trading relationships to be fair and to be reciprocal."*

President Donald J. Trump  
September 28, 2018

**Promotes Free and Fair Trade.** The Budget includes \$16 million to support the President's robust trade agenda in order to protect critical elements of U.S. economic security and level the playing field for American workers, farmers, and manufacturers. The Budget supports the implementation of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act of 2019, which expanded the jurisdiction of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States and provided DOC with new responsibilities to identify emerging and foundational technologies that are essential to national

security. The Budget also establishes a new initiative within the International Trade Administration to counter the circumvention or evasion of U.S. trade actions aimed at those who engage in unfair and illegal trade practices.

**Supports America's Prominence in Critical Technologies.** The Budget provides \$688 million for the National Institute of Standards and Technology to conduct cutting-edge research, including quantum computing, artificial intelligence, and microelectronics. Together, these investments would drive innovation for national security and economic competitiveness. The Budget also provides \$10 million to support functions assigned in the Administration's Space Policy Directives, including new capacity to manage commercial space traffic and provide real-time data to serve the civilian space sector. In addition, the Budget supports the application of innovative spectrum access techniques, spectrum sharing technologies, and spectrum leasing options to enable smarter and more efficient ways to leverage the Nation's valuable and finite spectrum resources. As part of the Administration's commitment to the Heartland, the Budget funds broadband mapping work to support ongoing efforts to increase the availability of affordable, reliable, and modern high-speed internet access in rural and underserved communities.

**Protects Lives and Property with Weather Data.** America's satellites are vital to keeping America safe and secure, providing space-based observations that improve the accuracy and timeliness of weather predictions. The Budget provides \$1.2 billion in funding to support the development of these critical satellite systems, including polar weather satellites, space weather instruments, and satellite data collection systems. The Budget also includes funding to study how commercial technologies could be leveraged to help support future satellite architectures, assure data continuity, and reduce lifecycle costs. Funding these priorities reduces the risk of a weather satellite coverage gap, which would have devastating consequences for public safety and the national economy.

**Improves the Delivery of America's Economic Statistics.** The President and the Administration are changing a once-stagnant economy with pro-growth policies, and the Nation's economic data tells the story of this success. The Budget recognizes the importance of economic statistics for businesses and everyday citizens to make informed decisions and confidently invest in America's future. The Administration urges the Congress to consider the *Delivering Government Solutions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* plan's recommendation to consolidate critical economic statistics programs at Census, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, making agency operations more efficient, improving products, and reducing respondent burden.

As part of the Administration's commitment to deploy effectively Government resources to the neediest communities, the Budget also provides funding to improve poverty measurement in America.

**Supports Infrastructure Permitting.** The Budget supports the ongoing, multi-agency work to streamline Federal permitting processes by increasing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) capacity to complete environmental reviews for permitting applications under the Endangered Species and Marine Mammal Protection Acts. Allocating additional funding to this initiative would allow NOAA to reduce the burden on the regulated community by providing more timely, consistent, and clear consultations and authorizations, resulting in faster reviews and a reduced backlog for permits, including those supporting energy, oil and gas, and transportation projects. This investment in America's future would contribute to prosperity and economic growth.

**Eliminates Redundant, Ineffective, and Inefficient Programs.** Americans deserve a Government that makes investments that are transparent, accountable, and provide the greatest return for their hard-earned tax dollars. The Budget eliminates the Economic Development Administration, which provides small grants with limited measurable impacts and duplicates other Federal programs. The Budget also proposes to eliminate funding for several lower priority NOAA grant and education programs, including Sea Grant, Coastal Zone Management Grants, and the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund. These eliminations would allow NOAA to better target remaining resources to core missions and services. In addition, the Budget eliminates Federal funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program, assuming its transition to solely non-Federal revenue sources, as originally intended when the program was established. The Budget also proposes the modernization of the Minority Business Development Agency, reforming its operations to expand its reach and better help meet its programmatic objective of helping minority businesses.