

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security Ammunition Usage and Purchase History for  
Fiscal Years 2010 – 2012**

CBP = U.S. Customs and Border Protection

FLETC = Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

NPPD/FPS = National Protection and Programs Directorate/Federal Protective Service

ICE = U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

TSA = Transportation Security Administration

USCG = U.S. Coast Guard

USSS = U.S. Secret Service

**1) For what purpose is the Department of Homeland Security purchasing nearly two billion rounds of ammunition?**

Significant quantities of ammunition are used to support law enforcement operations, qualifications, and training, including advanced firearms training exercises. As mentioned in our letter to you, the procurement figures for ammunition referenced during federal procurements commonly reflect the maximum ceiling for which the contract allows over a set period of time. Below are the actual rounds of ammunition purchased and usage figures from FY 2010–FY 2012.

<b>Number of Rounds Purchased by Fiscal Year</b>			
<b>DHS Component</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>
CBP	66,248,000	48,461,000	36,475,000
FLETC	17,056,000	22,735,654	7,678,946
NPPD/FPS	2,946,000	1,498,000	2,804,000
ICE	25,212,000	13,221,000	28,061,000
TSA	15,383,000	7,124,000	14,864,000
USCG	17,472,325	6,782,540	9,791,274
USSS	3,997,500	8,841,860	3,503,980
<b>Total DHS</b>	<b>148,314,825</b>	<b>108,664,054</b>	<b>103,178,200</b>

<b>Ammunition Usage Breakdown</b>						
<b>DHS Component</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>		<b>FY 2011</b>		<b>FY 2012</b>	
	<b>Training purpose</b>	<b>Operational purposes</b>	<b>Training purpose</b>	<b>Operational purposes</b>	<b>Training purpose</b>	<b>Operational purposes</b>
CBP	42,616,129	13,888,595	33,380,176	13,830,548	23,358,285	14,550,803
FLETC	23,391,012	0	20,800,782	0	16,939,215	0
FPS/NPPD	2,356,800	589,200	1,198,400	299,600	2,243,200	560,800
ICE	20,169,600	5,042,400	10,576,800	2,644,200	22,448,800	5,612,200
TSA	8,200,000	4,400,000	8,200,000	4,400,000	8,200,000	4,400,000
USCG	9,406,788	2,384	9,969,412	3,989	9,461,664	9,004
USSS	3,298,910	1,230,800	3,086,200	2,340,740	2,133,570	1,866,240
<b>Total DHS</b>	<b>109,439,239</b>	<b>25,153,379</b>	<b>87,211,770</b>	<b>23,519,077</b>	<b>88,339,934</b>	<b>27,887,847</b>

**2) How many rounds of ammunition does Homeland Security currently have in its stockpile?**

<b>DHS Component Inventory as of November 20, 2012</b>	
CBP	94,404,329
FLETC	18,797,942
NPPD/FPS	2,500,000
ICE	42,300,000
TSA	29,909,514
USCG	70,258,197
USSS	5,563,380
<b>Total DHS</b>	<b>263,733,362</b>

**3) Is the current level of ammunition purchased by the Department in line with previous levels of ammunition purchases made by the Department?**

Ammunition requirements are driven by the size of the workforce and the mission. DHS's ammunition purchases have actually fallen over the past three years. The drop off is largely due to drawing on unexpended ammunition reserves from prior years as well as reducing the amount of individually issued training ammunition.

**4) In response to inquiries into these purchases, why has the Department redacted, blacked out, or classified certain sections of its solicitations that had been previously available to the public?**

The government only redacts information that it considers to be source selection sensitive and does not want it to be released prior to contract award (particularly when it is soliciting in a sole source/brand name environment that requires posting of the J&A [Justification for other than full and open competition] to be included when synopsising). Once the award has been executed, information that was once considered source selection sensitive is no longer source selection sensitive and is releasable to the public under the *Freedom of Information Act*, unless exempt or excluded.

**5) Are these purchases conducted in a manner that strategically denies the American people access to ammunition?**

These purchases are required for the sole purpose of sustaining a large DHS law enforcement workforce. As noted in our response to Question 3, DHS has been consistently reducing the amount of ammunition it purchases and uses and has undertaken several initiatives to reduce our purchase and use of ammunition even further.

**6) How much has Homeland Security spent purchasing ammunition within the last year when it was clear the Department was likely to face a budget cut? Please include planned expenditures for current bid solicitations in this figure.**

DHS spent \$36,535,910 in purchasing a total of 103,178,200 rounds of ammunition. FY 2013 estimates for ammunition acquisitions for all of DHS is \$37,263,698.