



OVERVIEW FACT SHEET U.S. COAST GUARD

2025

FOUNDED IN 1790, THE COAST GUARD PROVIDES:

Maritime Border Security

Controlling the U.S. Border and maritime approaches

Maritime Law Enforcement

Safeguarding the Nation's ports and waterways

Military Service

Conducting military operations to defend the Nation

 **76K+**
PERSONNEL

 **221+**
CUTTERS

 **1.3K+**
SMALL BOATS

 **185+**
AIRCRAFT

THE COAST GUARD'S VALUE TO THE NATION:

Achieve complete operational **control of the border**, starting with the southern border where the President has declared a national emergency.

Support economic security and strategic mobility by conducting operations to control, secure, and defend ports, waterways, and shipping across physical and cyber domains, while working to restore U.S. maritime dominance.

Successfully **respond to a crisis or contingency** that may come with little or no warning by sustaining readiness.



CONTROLLING THE U.S. BORDER & MARITIME APPROACHES

The Coast Guard controls the Nation's border and maritime approaches to guarantee the territorial integrity of the United States. The Coast Guard will detect, deter, and interdict illegal aliens, narco-terrorists, and other hostile activity before they reach our border.



DEFENDING THE NATION

The Coast Guard is at all times a military service and part of the joint force defending it. Since 1790, the American people have depended on the Coast Guard to assure economic prosperity and national security.



COUNTERING DRUG CARTELS

The Coast Guard is the lead federal agency for maritime drug interdiction.

Last year for CY24, the Coast Guard:

- Prevented over **165** metric tons of cocaine with a street value of **\$2.8 billion** from reaching U.S. streets
- Detained **267** suspected narco-terrorists



ENFORCING U.S. LAW & SECURING AMERICAN PROSPERITY

As the lead federal maritime law enforcement agency, the Coast Guard is the only agency with both the authority and the capability to enforce U.S. and international law on the high seas. This includes defending U.S. sovereignty and advancing national security interest.



SAFEGUARDING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

The Coast Guard protects the safety and security of the maritime industry. When disaster strikes, we are the lead federal agency for maritime search and rescue.



SECURING THE ARCTIC

The Coast Guard is America's only surface presence in the Arctic — a growing zone of strategic global competition as access to the region's vast resources intensifies. We are the sole provider and operator of the U.S. polar-capable surface assets. Icebreakers enable defense missions, search and rescue, and environmental protection in the world's most challenging environment.