



Fact Sheet

Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System (JPATS) 2013

<i>Fiscal 2012 Data</i>	
Federal prisoner movements	281,444
Movements by air	106,877
Movements by ground	174,567

- ▶ The U.S. Marshals' Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System, sometimes called "Con Air," moves prisoners between judicial districts, correctional institutions and foreign countries.
- ▶ JPATS is one of the largest transporters of prisoners in the world — handling about 771 requests a day.
- ▶ JPATS transports prisoners in federal custody between judicial districts to hearings, court appearances and detention facilities.
- ▶ Prisoner movements take place for a variety of reasons, such as for a pre-trial hearing or competency examination, trial, pre-sentence study or observation, delivery to a facility to serve a sentence or transfer between institutions.
- ▶ A network of aircraft, cars, vans and buses accomplishes these coordinated movements.
- ▶ Detailed itineraries are required to ensure each prisoner appears in court at a designated time.
- ▶ JPATS operates a fleet of aircraft that moves prisoners over long distances more economically and with higher security than commercial airlines.
- ▶ JPATS is the only government-operated, regularly-scheduled passenger airline in the nation.
- ▶ JPATS routinely serves approximately 40 cities, plus other major cities in the United States on an as-required basis.
- ▶ Nearly all air movements are done aboard large and small jets that JPATS owns or leases.
- ▶ Military and civilian law enforcement agencies are also able to use JPATS to shuttle their prisoners between different jurisdictions at a fraction of what commercial sources would charge.
- ▶ All scheduling is handled at the JPATS business office in Kansas City, Mo.
- ▶ An aviation operations center is in Oklahoma City with a hub in Las Vegas.