

The Militarization Of The IRS – The Facts On The Purchase Of Guns, Ammunition, And Military-Style Equipment Since 2006

And why does the IRS need guns?

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Big Spend: Since 2006, 103 rank-and-file agencies outside of the Department of Defense (DOD) spent \$3.7 billion on guns, ammunition, and military-style equipment (inflation adjusted to CPI). 27 of those agencies are traditional law enforcement under the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

However, 76 agencies are pencil-pushing, regulatory agencies, i.e. Environment Protection Agency (EPA), Social Security Administration (SSA), Veterans Affairs (VA), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Health and Human Services (HHS), Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and many others.

Headcounts: There are now more federal agents with arrest and firearm authority (200,000) than U.S. Marines (186,000).

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CASE STUDY: IRS

All numbers updated through March 31, 2023

Since 2006, the IRS spent \$35.2 million on guns, ammunition, and military-style equipment (CPI adjusted). The years 2020 and 2021 were peak years at the IRS for purchasing weaponry and gear. Just since the pandemic started, the IRS has purchased \$10 million in weaponry and gear. (See chart below.)

Special agent head counts: nearly 2,100 special agents. Recently, the IRS chief testified that they are adding 600 new positions (20,000 new hires with 3% ratio of special agents this year). Based on headcount, the IRS ranks in the equivalent of the top 50 largest of 12,261 police departments across the country.

Uprouer over the **IRS Special Agent job posting:** In August 2022, IRS posted a job description for Special Agent and a position requirement was the willingness to use "deadly force." The description went viral on the internet and the "deadly force" language was edited out. However, today, that language is back in the online job posting.

Gun Locker (Pre-2020): the IRS owned 4,500 guns and stockpiled 5 million rounds of ammunition for use by its 2,159 special agents. These figures include 621 pump action and semi-automatic shotguns, 539 long-barrel rifles and 15 submachine guns. The IRS purchased buckshot and slugs for their shotguns. The rifles are semi-automatic Smith & Wesson M&P AR-15 and H&K rifles — the very same guns that some politicians want banned in the private-sector.

Purchases since 2020: \$10 million

The agency made notable purchases of the following items:

- \$2.5 million on ballistic shields (\$1.2 million) and "various other gear for criminal investigation agents" (\$1.3 million)
- \$1.3 million on duty tactical lighting (\$467,000), tactical gear bags (\$354,000), ballistic helmets (\$267,000), and body armor vests (\$243,000)
- Nearly \$1 million on Smith & Wesson rifles (\$474,000) and Beretta 1301 tactical shotguns (\$463,000)
- Purchased 3,000 units of optics compatible tactical holsters for weapons with optical sights and weapons lighting systems.

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The Critics:

Friday on Fox Business, Larry Kudlow called for disarming the IRS based on our findings. Regular Americans have a right to be concerned when the IRS is armed to the teeth and the lines between general administrative agencies and criminal law enforcement agencies are blurred.

For example, earlier this year, Matt Taibbi, a journalist on the Twitter Files, received a visit from an IRS agent at home the same day of his Congressional testimony.

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IRS Statement: Responding to our request for comment in 2021 on the purchase of guns, ammunition, and military-style equipment over the years. (CI=Criminal Investigation)

"CI special agents have been using weapons throughout their history as they have consistently found themselves investigating the most dangerous criminals involved in organized crime, drugs and gangs. These types of cases are typically worked in conjunction with other state and federal law enforcement agencies. Firearms and equipment are also used for training purposes. Special agents are required to train and qualify for their weapons and must participate in quarterly trainings to maintain proficiency"

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We, and Congress, need to focus on the real threat before it's too late!
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