



# Coast Guard 2009 Snapshot

A summary of facts and figures about America's Coast Guard  
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**America's Maritime Guardian ...  
 in the heartland, in the ports, on the seas, around the globe.**

The U.S. Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces of the United States and the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. The Coast Guard protects the maritime economy and the environment, defends our maritime borders, and saves those in peril.

<b>Workforce Totals</b>		<b>Active Duty Workforce Race/Ethnicity</b>		<b>Average Time in Service (Yrs.)</b>	
Enlisted	33,910	American Indian/ Alaskan Native	2.5%	Enlisted	8
Officers	8,038	Asian	0.7%	Officers	12
Civilian	7,659	Black	5.6%	<b>Officer Commissioning Sources</b>	
Reserve	7,484	Hispanic/Latino	10.6%	Academy	46%
Auxiliary	28,986	Multiple race	8.3%	OCS Reserve	20%
<b>Active Duty Workforce</b>		Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	.5%	Direct Commission	15%
Men	87.5%	White	77.3%	OCS prior Enlisted	12%
Women	12.5%			CWO to LT	5%
<b>Married</b>		<b>Average Age (Yrs.)</b>		EAD	2%
Enlisted	55%	Enlisted	29		
Officers	69%	Officers	35		

## Missions

By law, the Coast Guard has **11 missions:**

- ✦ Ports, waterways, and coastal security
- ✦ Drug interdiction
- ✦ Aids to navigation
- ✦ Search and rescue
- ✦ Living marine resources
- ✦ Marine safety
- ✦ Defense readiness
- ✦ Migrant interdiction
- ✦ Marine environmental protection
- ✦ Ice operations
- ✦ Other law enforcement

*(listed in order of percentage of operating expenses)*



## Assets

Shore locations	945
Ships (65 ft. and greater)	247
Boats (less than 65 ft.)	1,850
Aircraft	204

## Key Leaders

**Department of Homeland Security  
 Secretary**

Hon. Janet Napolitano

**Coast Guard Commandant**

Adm. Thad Allen

**Coast Guard Vice Commandant**

Vice Adm. David Pekoske

**Coast Guard Chief of Staff**

Vice Adm. John Carrier

**Master Chief of the Coast Guard**

MCPOCG Charles Bowen

## 2009 Budget

\$9.7 billion

## Motto

**Semper Paratus (Always Ready)**

## Coast Guard History

- 1790:** Revenue-Marine (later renamed Revenue Cutter Service) created within the Treasury Department
- 1915:** Revenue Cutter Service combines with the U.S. Lifesaving Service (est. 1848) to create the Coast Guard
- 1939:** U.S. Lighthouse Service (est. 1789) added
- 1946:** Steamboat Inspection Service (est. 1838) added
- 1967:** Coast Guard transferred to Department of Transportation
- 2003:** Coast Guard transferred to Department of Homeland Security

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## In 2008, the Coast Guard ...

### Safety

- ✳ Responded to more than 24,000 search and rescue cases and saved more than 4,000 lives
- ✳ Conducted more than 70,000 commercial inspections of U.S. flagged vessels
- ✳ Performed more than 12,000 safety and environmental examinations of foreign vessels entering U.S. ports
- ✳ Conducted nearly 4,700 marine casualty investigations
- ✳ Boarded nearly 3,700 underway fishing vessels to perform safety and compliance checks
- ✳ Saved almost \$158 million in property
- ✳ Performed nearly 7,300 dockside safety examinations
- ✳ Enhanced the ability to detect and locate persons in distress through technology improvements that now cover more than 23,000 miles of the U.S. coastline
- ✳ Issued more than \$122 million in state grants and \$6.2 million in nonprofit grants for boating safety
- ✳ Issued nearly 84,000 credentials to qualified merchant mariners, who ensure the safe, secure, and efficient navigation of ships carrying 2.6 billion tons of commerce through our nation's ports and waterways

### Security

- ✳ Working with the departments of Defense, Homeland Security, and Justice as well as other partners, broke last year's record by removing nearly 185 tons of cocaine bound toward the United States via the transit zone
- ✳ Interdicted nearly 5,000 undocumented migrants attempting to illegally enter the United States
- ✳ Deployed six patrol boats and 400 personnel to protect Iraq's maritime oil infrastructure, train Iraqi naval forces, and enforce U.N. sanctions in the Arabian Gulf
- ✳ Conducted more than 1,500 security boardings of high interest vessels bound for the United States
- ✳ Provided waterside security and escorts for nearly 500 military freight conveyances, which provided supplies to support Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom

### Stewardship

- ✳ Serviced nearly 42,000 aids-to-navigation (such as beacons and buoys) and corrected more than 10,000 discrepancies.
- ✳ Delivered the first U.S. aid (more than 30 tons of supplies) to the Republic of Georgia following the South Ossetia war
- ✳ Rescued citizens and helped restore the marine transportation system during and after Hurricanes Ike and Gustav
- ✳ Performed domestic icebreaking, keeping waterways open for commercial traffic and assisting 680 ice transits that carried more than \$2 billion worth of cargo
- ✳ Performed nearly 17,000 facility safety inspections and 20,000 container inspections
- ✳ Conducted more than 5,600 fisheries conservation boardings
- ✳ Investigated almost 4,000 pollution incidents

## On the Web

**Coast Guard**  
[www.uscg.mil](http://www.uscg.mil)

**Recruiting**  
[gocoastguard.com](http://gocoastguard.com)

**Academy**  
[www.cga.edu](http://www.cga.edu)

**Civilian Jobs**  
[www.uscg.mil/civilian](http://www.uscg.mil/civilian)

**Coast Guard Volunteers**  
[www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)

**Boating Safety**  
[www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org)

**In Your Community**  
[www.uscg.mil/community](http://www.uscg.mil/community)

## Social Media

**YouTube**  
[www.youtube.com/uscgimagery](http://www.youtube.com/uscgimagery)

**Coast Guard blog**  
[CoastGuard.dodlive.mil](http://CoastGuard.dodlive.mil)

**Commandant's blog**  
[www.uscg.mil/comdt/blog](http://www.uscg.mil/comdt/blog)

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