

Requests via NLETS and WSP access from Federal Immigration Agencies – FY2019

~13% of requests were made by entities located inside Washington

~35% of requests included a request for image

Customs and Border Patrol in Blaine and Sumas have 10 terminals that allow direct access without going through NLETS

Requests from all DHS Agency Entities							
ORI	NLETS User	Total Requests	Total Individuals	Request for Image	Driver License Query	Driver History Query	Test Inquiries
CBP	No	2,590	1,659	73	2,552	27	-
CBP	Yes	1,336,951	658,032	470,714	1,071,564	265,387	129
DHS	Yes	11	9	11	11	-	-
ICE	Yes	56,248	30,801	17,940	55,784	464	7
USC	Yes	731	565	651	719	12	-
Total		1,396,531	691,066	489,389	1,130,630	265,890	136

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CBP	No	2,590	1,659	73	2,552	27	-
CBP	Yes	160,079	136,423	20,745	159,633	446	3
DHS	Yes	1	1	1	1	-	-
ICE	Yes	11,574	2,930	11,219	11,461	113	-
Total		174,244	141,013	32,038	173,647	586	3



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Comparing the Volume of Requests, FY2019

3 of the top 4 requestors of DOL data in this manner are local law enforcement

- WSP, the Seattle Police Dept., and the King County Sheriff's Office
- The 4th is Customs and Border Protection

For non-Washington entities

- The largest single requestor of Driver Information, by ORI, is the Global Entry automated targeting system
- The largest single requestor of Vehicle Information, by ORI, is the US Customs Service

Requests For Driver Information		
Agency	Count	Percent
Washington State Patrol	3,768,798	51%
Customs and Border Protection	1,555,445	21%
Seattle PD	988,719	13%
King County SO	498,171	7%
US Attorney	182,326	2%
Out of State Law Enforcement	167,563	2%
ICE	67,596	1%
WA Attorney General	49,727	1%
ATF	28,559	0.4%
FBI	25,485	0.3%
Dept. of State	17,447	0.2%
DEA	12,540	0.2%
US Coast Guard	12,509	0.2%
US Navy	11,677	0.2%
Defense Intelligence Agency	8,135	0.1%

Requests For Vehicle Information		
Agency	Count	Percent
Washington State Patrol	4,772,411	39%
Seattle PD	2,035,914	16%
King County SO	1,603,681	13%
Customs and Border Protection	1,557,700	13%
US Customs Service	1,381,313	11%
Out of State Law Enforcement	801,329	6%
Nat'l Insurance Crime Bureau	57,927	0.5%
US Attorney	55,135	0.4%
US Navy	51,449	0.4%
ICE	41,431	0.3%



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Agencies making the Most Requests Through NLETS – FY2019

ATR = Automated Targeting System employed by DHS

The ATR system creates multiple "hits" each time a query is run; these include different search variables (with and without middle name, middle Initial vs. middle name, etc.)

Ex: Global Entry ran one Washington resident 16 times over 2 days - and each time generated 4 hits on the system (64 total)

Agency - Entity	NLETS User	Total Requests	Total Individuals	Request for Image	Driver License Query	Driver History Query
Custom and Border Patrol Automated Targeting System (ATR) - Vermont	Yes	541368	103423	0	281774	259594
Automated Targeting System Custom and Border Patrol Virginia	Yes	447363	404225	447010	447250	113
ATR/Customs and Border Protection Virginia	Yes	165323	2677	46	165307	16
ATR CBP Blaine Peace Arch Crossing	Yes	71524	62741	3975	71396	128
ATR / CBP Blaine	Yes	50669	45435	1024	50623	46
ATR/ATF HQ DC	Yes	21153	10038	159	21111	42
ATR/Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Virginia	Yes	20110	12244	8	20039	71
ATR/CBP Sumas Port of Entry	Yes	18718	15954	5907	18580	138
ATR/Removal Enforcement Operations Immigration and Customs Enforcement Vermont	Yes	16037	10434	0	16037	0
ATR Department of State Passport Services Consular Lookout Support Virginia	Yes	14447	1284	14441	14447	0
ATR US Coast Guard Fifth District Commander West Virginia	Yes	10374	4848	7879	7881	2493

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CBP, Vermont, and the ATS

- CBP operates the Automated Targeting System (ATS). ATS is a decision support tool that compares traveler, cargo, and conveyance information against law enforcement, intelligence, and other enforcement data using risk-based scenarios and assessments.
- all Global Entry applications are sent to CBP background investigators in Vermont
- According to a 2014 CBP statistic, about new 50,000 applications are filed monthly.
- An updated statistic in the LA times from 2016, puts the monthly applications for Global Entry between 70,000 and 80,000



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TWIC, WV, and the Coast Guard

- A Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) is a required for all personnel requiring un-escorted access to secure areas of regulated facilities and vessels, and all mariners holding United States Coast Guard-issued credentials.
- The National Maritime Center (United States Coast Guard in Martinsburg, WV) is responsible for Merchant Mariner applications for the TWIC Program



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Customs and Border Protection in Virginia

- Conducts passenger vetting (known as Unified Passenger or UPAX) using ATS for vetting new populations, vetting of master crew member list and master non-crew member list data collected under 19 CFR. 122.49c, and several new information sharing initiatives, including between the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and CBP to enhance the identification of possible threats and to assist in securing the border and transportation security.
- *** CBP entity did searches for 415,152 individuals, but could only find matches to 15,764 individuals with a WA credential



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CY 2019 Update

- Looking at the 10 DHS-associated entities that have made the most requests for Driver and Vehicle information using the WSP Access switch via NLETS
- Key Findings
 - The CBP Automated Targeting System that supports Global Entry programs averaged 55,000 requests for ~ 11,500 individual driver's information every month in 2019
 - 90 % of all DHS requests for vehicle information came from US Customs Service Enforcement – possibly tied to Automated License Plate Readers @ border crossings.
 - ~2400 requests for vehicle records were made each month through the CBP Automated Export System.



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Key for Driver and Vehicle activity charts

Unidentified potentially harmful activity
Activity related to New York vs Dept. of Homeland Security
Potentially immigration-related activities already identified
Customs and Border Protection activities @ Washington ports of entry
Federal agency activity unrelated to immigration



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Driver Inquiries

Agency / Entity	NLETS User	Total Requests	Total Individuals	Request for Image	Driver License	Driver History	Test Inquiries
Custom and Border Patrol Automated Targeting System (ATR) - Vermont	Yes	658492	137026	0	343520	314972	4
Automated Targeting System Custom and Border Patrol Virginia	Yes	347172	318978	344809	347135	37	49
ATR/Customs and Border Protection Virginia	Yes	188723	2922	16	188717	6	14
ATR CBP Blaine Peace Arch Crossing	Yes	102942	89049	2466	102859	83	3
ATR / CBP Blaine	Yes	69142	61261	1185	69099	43	0
ATR/Homeland Security Investigations/Immigration and Customs Enforcement Virginia	Yes	26464	16953	6	26326	138	0
ATR/CBP Sumas Port of Entry	Yes	25425	21397	6990	25277	148	2
ATR/ATF HQ DC	Yes	25100	10589	199	25069	31	3
ATR/Removal Enforcement Operations Immigration and Customs Enforcement Vermont	Yes	20403	12759	0	20403	0	11
ATR Department of State Passport Services Consular Lookout Support Virginia	Yes	17099	2351	17090	17098	1	0

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Driver Inquiries, by month

Agency / Entity	NLETS User	Total Requests	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19
Custom and Border Patrol Automated Targeting System (ATR) - Vermont	Yes	658492	42387	52911	61344	62710	56395	63881	64277	55398	45421	53439	47113	53216
Automated Targeting System Custom and Border Patrol Virginia	Yes	347172	35338	43411	55500	34601	72855	55938	13047	9593	7507	6625	6145	6612
ATR/Customs and Border Protection Virginia	Yes	188723	16439	13576	15818	16650	18209	17107	14934	14543	14295	17955	14823	14374
ATR CBP Blaine Peace Arch Crossing	Yes	102942	5356	6497	6896	8007	8545	9480	12420	12792	9158	8082	7003	8706
ATR / CBP Blaine	Yes	69142	3521	4188	5599	5103	5735	6800	7791	9243	5731	4855	4532	6044
ATR/Homeland Security Investigations/Immigration and Customs Enforcement Virginia	Yes	26464	2258	2345	2304	2000	2031	2053	2029	2270	2688	2393	2184	1909
ATR/CBP Sumas Port of Entry	Yes	25425	1233	1694	1990	2135	2659	2383	2325	2968	2017	2109	1964	1948
ATR/ATF HQ DC	Yes	25100	882	1488	2626	1836	1986	1515	1848	1791	1372	4342	2135	3279
ATR/Removal Enforcement Operations Immigration and Customs Enforcement Vermont	Yes	20403	1625	1274	1596	1718	1863	1733	1832	1930	1793	1788	1577	1674
ATR Department of State Passport Services Consular Lookout Support Virginia	Yes	17099	1511	1402	1352	1561	1682	1501	1562	1580	1271	1521	1070	1086



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Vehicle Inquiries through WSP

Agency / Entity	NLETS User	Total Requests	Total Individuals	Plate Search	VIN Search	Test Inquiries
US Customs Service Enforcement	Yes	1120584	692082	1120584	0	0
Customs and Border Protection, Targeting and Analysis Systems Program Directorate, Automated Export System	Yes	28537	20503	0	28537	0
Automated Targeting System (ATR) Customs and Border Patrol Virginia	Yes	26801	18488	25023	1352	0
Custom and Border Patrol Automated Targeting System (ATR) - Vermont	Yes	15689	10217	9	15680	0
ATR Immigration and Customs Enforcement - Removal Operations	Yes	12033	10422	11432	601	0
ATR/US CBP Virginia	Yes	11324	8326	10970	354	0
CBP Blaine	No	3056	2424	2981	57	0
Washington Immigration and Custom Enforcement - Removal Operations	Yes	1792	1539	1736	56	0
Oregon Immigration and Custom Enforcement - Removal Operations	Yes	1778	1551	1740	38	0
CBP El Centro, CA	Yes	1469	1086	37	1432	0

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US Customs Service Enforcement	Yes	1120584	79423	68883	87273	84304	88996	101484	123464	117965	98711	82138	77443	110500
Customs and Border Protection, Targeting and Analysis Systems Program Directorate, Automated Export System	Yes	28537	2142	1941	2236	2386	2595	2308	2580	2312	2464	2806	2414	2353
Automated Targeting System (ATR) Customs and Border Patrol Virginia	Yes	26801	2174	1711	2693	2188	1971	1903	2199	2080	2381	2595	2594	2312
Custom and Border Patrol Automated Targeting System (ATR) - Vermont	Yes	15689	941	1670	1763	1463	1433	1622	1408	1191	1101	1079	999	1019
ATR Immigration and Customs Enforcement - Removal Operations	Yes	12033	1376	995	981	1194	1422	1422	1243	664	543	460	827	906
ATR/US CBP Virginia	Yes	11324	850	1311	1035	910	752	932	1037	910	812	1012	987	776
CBP Blaine	Yes	3165	297	274	252	294	268	256	277	255	307	296	215	174
Washington Immigration and Custom Enforcement - Removal Operations	Yes	1792	274	297	201	125	83	165	31	16	67	227	228	78
Oregon Immigration and Custom Enforcement - Removal Operations	Yes	1778	182	178	102	146	116	75	137	94	197	237	107	207
CBP El Centro, CA	Yes	1469	94	84	66	125	128	103	141	161	147	122	146	152



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TSA PreCheck background sources

- **TSA PreCheck Application Program** comprises automated intelligence-related checks, as well as checks of citizenship status and criminal history records.
 - 74% of applicants automatically approved because no disqualifying information is found
- **TSA involve checks of National Crime Information Center (NCIC), Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement (SAVE), and Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS)**
 - NCIC results for open wants and warrants, and other information, based on an applicant's biographic information.
 - SAVE results to verify an applicant's citizenship/immigration eligibility information.
 - IAFIS results for FBI rap sheets in their entirety, based on an applicant's biometric information (fingerprints).



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DHS Trusted Traveler programs

- **CBP's Trusted Traveler/Trader Programs** include the following:
 - Global Entry,
 - NEXUS,
 - Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI), and
 - Free and Secure Trade for commercial vehicles (FAST)
- **a thorough background check against criminal, law enforcement, Customs, Immigration, Agriculture, and terrorist indices to include biometric fingerprint checks, and a personal interview with a CBP officer**



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CBP use of Nlets for recurrent vetting

- CBP collects information from applicants on a voluntary basis, in order to assess their eligibility for enrollment in its Trusted Traveler, Registered Traveler, and Trusted Worker Programs supported by the GES/TTP System.
- CBP conducts recurrent vetting on applicants and enrollees to safeguard against threats to law enforcement or national security, and to determine their eligibility to receive expedited processing at the border or access to sensitive CBP-controlled areas or positions.
- FBI expanded recurrent vetting of trusted traveler via NLETS in 2016. (now known as the NCIC/Nlets Recurrent Vetting Service, or NNVS)

