

Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed

Methodology

This section includes data regarding the accidental deaths of duly sworn local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement officers meeting the same criteria as the officers who were feloniously killed: at the time of these incidents, the officers were working in an official capacity, they had full arrest powers, they were wearing a badge (ordinarily), they were carrying a firearm (ordinarily), and they were being paid from government funds set aside specifically for payment of sworn law enforcement representatives. In addition, the officers' deaths must have been directly related to the injuries received from the incident.

Overview

According to 2004 data supplied by the Nation's law enforcement agencies, 82 law enforcement officers were killed in 80 separate accidents while performing their duties. These deaths were reported by law enforcement agencies in 26 states and Puerto Rico. (See Table 46.) Thirty-five of the officers who died as the result of accidents were employed by city police departments, 29 of the officers were employed by county police and sheriff's offices, 9 officers worked for state agencies, 6 were employed by federal agencies, and 3 worked in agencies in Puerto Rico. (See Table 47.)

Two-, 5-, and 10-year comparisons of the data with those of 2004 yielded some interesting results. The number of officers accidentally killed remained relatively constant in the 2- and 5-year trends: 82 officers in 2004, 81 officers in 2003, and 83 in 2000. However, the 10-year trend showed a dramatic increase in the number of officers accidentally killed: from 59 officers in 1995 to 82 officers in 2004. (See Table 46.)

Victims

An examination of the age, sex, and race data on the 82 law enforcement officers accidentally killed in 2004 presented an interesting profile of the victims. The average age of the officers was 39. A breakdown of the age data revealed that 2 officers were under the age of 25, 19 officers were 25 to 30 years old, 28 officers were in the age range of 31 to 40, and 33 were over age 40. (See Table 51.) By gender, 76 officers were male and 6 were female. By race, 75 of the officers accidentally killed were white, 5 were black, and 2 were Asian/Pacific Islander. (See Table 56.)

Further analysis of the 2004 data showed that officers accidentally killed averaged 11 years of law enforcement experience. Four officers had less than 1 year of law enforcement experience, 22 officers had 1 to 4 years of experience, 24 had from 5 to 10 years of experience, and 32 of the officers had over 10 years of law enforcement experience. (See Table 52.)

Circumstances Surrounding Deaths

Typically, more officers lose their lives in automobile accidents than in any other type of circumstance surrounding accidental deaths. This trend continued in 2004 as 48 of the 82 officers accidentally killed died in automobile wrecks. For the second year in a row, 10 officers were killed in motorcycle mishaps, and 10 officers were killed when they were struck by vehicles. In addition, 4 officers were mistakenly shot, 3 died in aircraft accidents, 3 drowned, 1 officer fell to his death, and 3 were killed in other situations. (See Table 59.)

In the 10-year period 1995 through 2004, 717 law enforcement officers died

from accidents occurring in the line of duty. Of these officers, 404 were killed in automobile mishaps, 120 were killed after they were struck by vehicles, 60 were killed in motorcycle accidents, and 43 lost their lives in aircraft accidents. In addition, 28 of the officers were mistakenly shot, 21 drowned, 20 died from falls, and 21 of the officers lost their lives in other situations. (See on Table 59.)

Regional Breakdowns

When compiling the Nation's crime data geographically, the UCR Program divides the United States into four regions: the Northeast, the Midwest, the South, and the West. Regionally, 39 of the officers killed in accidents occurring in the line of duty in 2004 were employed by law enforcement agencies in the South, 15 were employed by agencies in the West, 15 were employed by agencies in the Midwest, and 10 victim officers were employed by agencies in the Northeast. Three officers were killed in accidents in Puerto Rico.

An examination of 10 years of data (1995–2004) by region revealed that of the 717 officers who were accidentally killed during that period, 344 officers worked for agencies in the South, 156 were employed by agencies in the West, 119 worked in the Midwest, 75 were employed by agencies in the Northeast, and 23 worked in U.S. Territories. (See Table 46.)

Months, Days, and Times of Incidents

A review of the 2004 data by month showed that of the 82 officers accidentally killed, most, 14, died as a result of accidents that occurred in July and the fewest, 2, in November. However,

data from 1995–2004 showed that of the total number, more officers, 76, were involved in fatal accidents in October than in any other month. The fewest number of deaths, 40, was the result of accidents that occurred in March. (See Table 50.)

A breakdown of the 2004 data by day of the week showed that more officers, 15, were victims of fatal accidents on Sunday than on any other day of the week. The fewest number of officers, 8, died from injuries sustained in accidents that happened on Wednesday. However, data for the last 10 years (1995–2004) revealed Wednesday and Friday to be the

most dangerous for officers with a total of 110 accidental deaths occurring on each of these days. Although the number of officers killed in fatal accidents in 2004 was highest on Sunday, data from 1995–2004 showed that the fewest number, 88, was killed on Sunday. (See Table 49.)

For each instance in which officers died in accidents in 2004, law enforcement agencies reported the time that the fatal incident occurred. An examination of the data showed that the greatest number of officers, 22, was involved in fatal incidents within the hours of 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m. The fewest number of

accidental deaths of law enforcement officers, 6, occurred from 4:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. (See Table 48.)

This held true for the decade as well. Data from 1995–2004 showed that more officers (155) were killed in accidents that occurred from 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m. than in any other time span during the day. Conversely, the fewest number of officers, 81, were killed in incidents that occurred within the hours of 4:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. The times of the fatal accidents for 13 of the victim officers were not known. (See Table 48.)

Table 46**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Region, Geographic Division, and State, 1995-2004

<i>Area</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
Total	717	59	52	63	81	65	83	76	75	81	82
NORTHEAST	75	8	7	8	3	6	13	5	5	10	10
New England	22	5	1	2	1	2	6	2	0	3	0
Connecticut	4	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Maine	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	11	4	0	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	0
New Hampshire	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Vermont	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Middle Atlantic	53	3	6	6	2	4	7	3	5	7	10
New Jersey	13	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	3	1
New York	23	1	3	2	2	1	4	0	3	2	5
Pennsylvania	17	1	2	2	0	1	2	2	1	2	4
MIDWEST	119	11	6	14	9	11	19	12	10	12	15
East North Central	77	7	3	10	8	5	14	7	4	7	12
Illinois	19	1	0	5	0	0	3	0	2	3	5
Indiana	17	0	1	2	3	3	2	3	1	0	2
Michigan	17	3	1	1	0	2	4	1	0	2	3
Ohio	15	3	1	1	2	0	2	3	1	1	1
Wisconsin	9	0	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	1	1
West North Central	42	4	3	4	1	6	5	5	6	5	3
Iowa	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kansas	7	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0
Minnesota	7	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	1
Missouri	21	1	1	3	1	2	0	5	4	2	2
Nebraska	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
SOUTH	344	31	23	23	41	36	35	39	39	38	39
South Atlantic	155	14	12	6	18	18	16	16	21	18	16
Delaware	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
District of Columbia	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Florida	46	6	0	4	6	7	2	7	2	4	8
Georgia	23	0	3	1	3	2	4	0	2	5	3
Maryland	17	1	1	0	3	0	5	0	3	2	2
North Carolina	30	3	1	1	2	3	2	6	6	4	2
South Carolina	16	1	2	0	1	3	2	0	5	2	0
Virginia	11	2	1	0	2	2	0	1	2	1	0
West Virginia	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
East South Central	69	6	5	5	5	8	9	8	6	8	9
Alabama	18	4	2	1	1	2	0	1	2	1	4
Kentucky	6	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Mississippi	12	1	0	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1
Tennessee	33	1	2	2	2	5	6	5	2	4	4
West South Central	120	11	6	12	18	10	10	15	12	12	14
Arkansas	16	1	0	3	7	0	1	1	1	2	0
Louisiana	29	2	4	2	4	6	4	1	1	4	1
Oklahoma	11	2	0	1	3	1	2	1	1	0	0
Texas	64	6	2	6	4	3	3	12	9	6	13

Table 46**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Region, Geographic Division, and State, 1995-2004—Continued

<i>Area</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
WEST	156	9	12	16	22	11	15	19	19	18	15
Mountain	54	3	2	5	9	3	5	9	9	4	5
Arizona	18	1	0	0	5	2	2	1	3	1	3
Colorado	8	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	1
Idaho	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Montana	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Nevada	8	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	1
New Mexico	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	2	0	0
Utah	8	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0
Wyoming	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific	102	6	10	11	13	8	10	10	10	14	10
Alaska	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
California	72	4	9	7	11	4	9	5	6	10	7
Hawaii	8	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2
Oregon	11	0	1	3	0	1	1	2	2	1	0
Washington	9	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	2	1
U.S. TERRITORIES	23	0	4	2	6	1	1	1	2	3	3
American Samoa	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariana Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puerto Rico	21	0	4	2	4	1	1	1	2	3	3
U.S. Virgin Islands	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 47**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Population Group of Victim Officer's Agency, 1995-2004

<i>Population group</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
Total	717	59	52	63	81	65	83	76	75	81	82
Group I (cities 250,000 and over)	99	15	6	8	6	6	16	10	13	7	12
Group II (cities 100,000 - 249,999)	32	2	3	1	3	1	8	5	5	0	4
Group III (cities 50,000 - 99,999)	26	2	0	2	3	3	3	3	1	6	3
Group IV (cities 25,000 - 49,999)	26	3	1	0	1	3	4	4	3	2	5
Group V (cities 10,000 - 24,999)	26	3	0	5	2	1	4	0	4	5	2
Group VI (cities under 10,000)	77	5	8	12	8	10	5	7	3	10	9
Metropolitan counties	139	8	9	13	14	13	12	14	15	21	20
Nonmetropolitan counties	90	7	4	6	12	12	10	8	8	14	9
State agencies	140	12	15	12	18	12	18	19	13	12	9
Federal agencies	42	2	2	2	11	3	2	5	8	1	6
U.S. Territories	20	0	4	2	3	1	1	1	2	3	3

Table 48**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Time of Day of Incident, 1995-2004

<i>Time</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
Total	717	59	52	63	81	65	83	76	75	81	82
A.M.											
12:01 - 2	84	6	7	9	7	8	11	10	5	13	8
2:01 - 4	71	8	3	5	8	6	9	4	3	11	14
4:01 - 6	37	2	5	2	4	7	5	4	2	4	2
6:01 - 8	44	3	3	2	8	4	4	5	6	5	4
8:01 - 10	53	7	6	5	3	5	8	4	4	5	6
10:01 - Noon	47	4	2	4	6	4	5	4	8	5	5
P.M.											
12:01 - 2	64	5	4	3	5	9	9	7	9	6	7
2:01 - 4	74	4	3	5	11	5	8	10	7	10	11
4:01 - 6	48	2	5	9	9	4	2	2	8	3	4
6:01 - 8	57	3	3	5	9	3	6	8	7	7	6
8:01 - 10	47	1	3	3	4	2	8	9	8	6	3
10:01 - Midnight	78	10	7	9	5	6	7	9	7	6	12
Time not reported	13	4	1	2	2	2	1	0	1	0	0

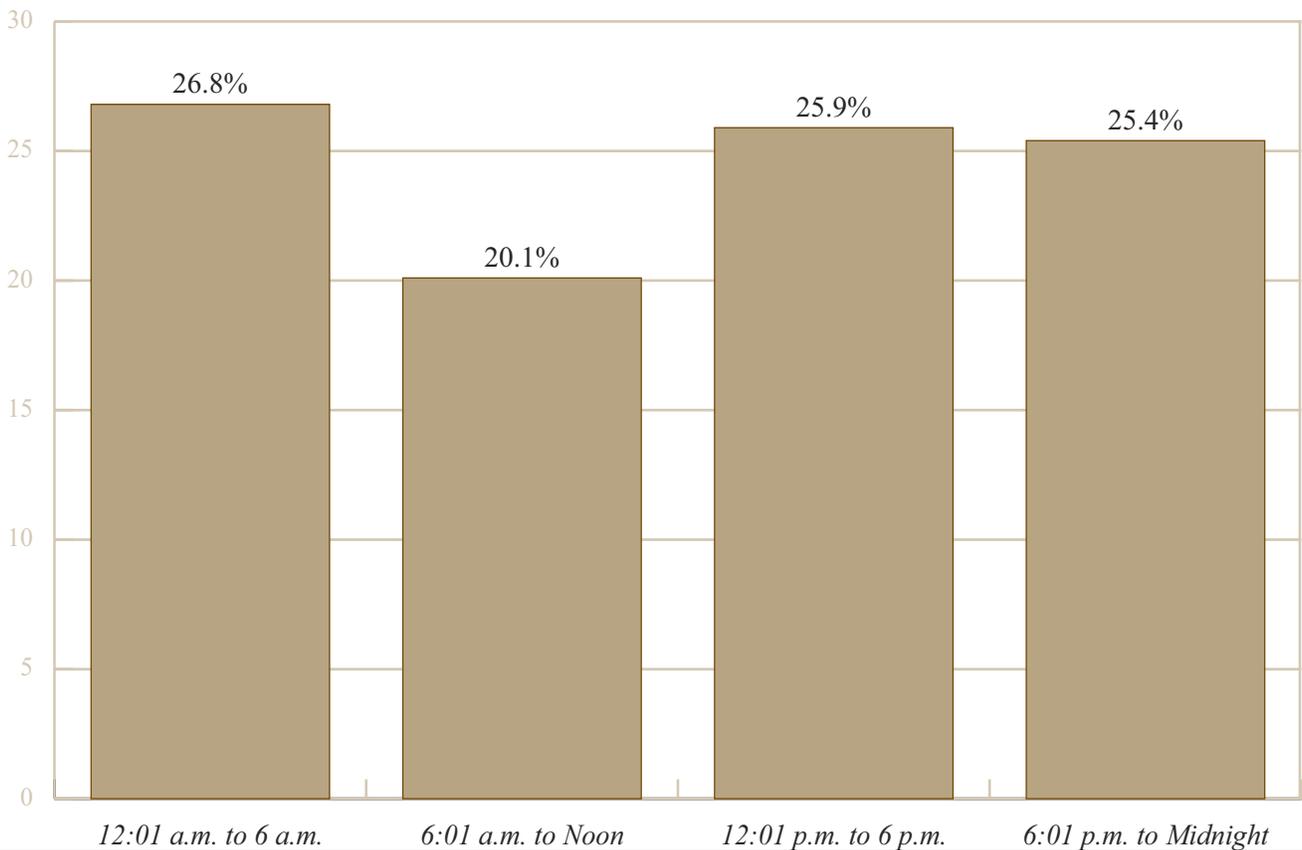
Figure 7**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**Percent Distribution¹ by Time of Day of Incident, 1995-2004¹Time was not reported for 1.8 percent of all law enforcement officers accidentally killed.

Table 49**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Day of Week of Incident, 1995-2004

<i>Day</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
Total	717	59	52	63	81	65	83	76	75	81	82
Sunday	88	7	6	8	12	11	5	9	5	10	15
Monday	96	14	8	6	10	13	8	12	7	9	9
Tuesday	109	6	8	8	13	7	14	13	14	12	14
Wednesday	110	11	7	8	14	2	14	12	22	12	8
Thursday	105	3	7	12	11	13	13	10	9	14	13
Friday	110	9	8	10	14	8	17	10	8	14	12
Saturday	99	9	8	11	7	11	12	10	10	10	11

Table 50**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Month of Incident, 1995-2004

<i>Month</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
Total	717	59	52	63	81	65	83	76	75	81	82
January	60	5	5	4	8	6	10	7	6	5	4
February	63	7	7	7	8	4	7	9	4	5	5
March	40	3	4	4	6	3	5	6	2	3	4
April	45	4	6	6	6	4	3	4	0	5	7
May	74	7	5	5	6	9	9	4	9	7	13
June	63	8	4	4	7	5	9	4	10	7	5
July	68	9	3	3	6	5	9	3	7	9	14
August	50	6	2	5	3	4	7	8	5	5	5
September	69	3	1	8	9	5	8	10	9	6	10
October	76	2	9	7	8	7	10	9	7	8	9
November	54	3	2	9	5	4	2	6	7	14	2
December	55	2	4	1	9	9	4	6	9	7	4

Table 51**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Profile of Victim Officers, Age Groups, 1995-2004

<i>Victim officers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
Total	717	59	52	63	81	65	83	76	75	81	82
Age (years)											
Under 25	50	4	2	7	9	5	6	3	5	7	2
25 - 30	170	21	18	15	18	14	19	19	13	14	19
31 - 40	250	19	23	20	20	24	26	27	29	34	28
Over 40	244	15	9	20	34	21	32	27	27	26	33
Age not reported	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Average years of age	37	35	35	36	38	36	38	38	38	37	39

Table 52**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Profile of Victim Officers, Years of Service, 1995-2004

<i>Victim officers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
Total	717	59	52	63	81	65	83	76	75	81	82
Years of service											
Less than 1	46	6	3	3	5	6	4	5	4	6	4
1 - 4	204	14	13	23	29	15	23	23	21	21	22
5 - 10	190	22	19	15	13	17	18	18	21	23	24
Over 10	267	17	14	21	32	24	38	30	28	31	32
Years of service not reported	10	0	3	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	0
Average years of service	10	9	9	9	10	10	12	11	10	10	11

Table 53**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Profile of Victim Officers, Age Groups by Years of Service, 2004

<i>Victim officers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Less than 1 year</i>	<i>1 - 4 years</i>	<i>5 - 10 years</i>	<i>Over 10 years</i>	<i>Years of service not reported</i>
Total	82	4	22	24	32	0
Age (years)						
Under 25	2	2	0	0	0	0
25 - 30	19	1	12	6	0	0
31 - 40	28	1	7	12	8	0
Over 40	33	0	3	6	24	0
Age not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 54**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Profile of Victim Officers, Age Groups by Years of Service, 1995-2004

<i>Victim officers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Less than 1 year</i>	<i>1 - 4 years</i>	<i>5 - 10 years</i>	<i>Over 10 years</i>	<i>Years of service not reported</i>
Total	717	46	204	190	267	10
Age (years)						
Under 25	50	14	34	0	0	2
25 - 30	170	20	96	51	1	2
31 - 40	250	10	57	101	80	2
Over 40	244	2	17	38	186	1
Age not reported	3	0	0	0	0	3

Table 55**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Profile of Victim Officers, 1-, 5-, and 10-Year Averages, 1985-2004

<i>Victim officers</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>5-year averages</i>		<i>10-year averages</i>	
		<i>1995-1999</i>	<i>2000-2004</i>	<i>1985-1994</i>	<i>1995-2004</i>
Average					
Age (years)	39	36	38	36	37
Years of service	11	9	11	9	10
Height	5'11"	5'10"	5'11"	5'11"	5'11"
Weight ¹	199	193	196		195

¹Prior to 1995, data on weight were not collected.

Table 56**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Profile of Victim Officers, Race and Sex, 1995-2004

<i>Victim officers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
Total	717	59	52	63	81	65	83	76	75	81	82
Race											
White	626	45	44	52	68	60	73	66	69	74	75
Black	64	11	6	10	6	3	8	7	2	6	5
Asian/Pacific Islander	13	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	2
American Indian/Alaskan Native	11	0	0	0	5	1	1	2	2	0	0
Race not reported	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Sex											
Male	671	56	48	60	73	62	79	70	69	78	76
Female	46	3	4	3	8	3	4	6	6	3	6

Table 57**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Population Group of Victim Officer's Agency by Type of Assignment, 2004

<i>Population group</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>2-Officer vehicle</i>	<i>1-Officer vehicle</i>		<i>Foot patrol</i>		<i>Other¹</i>		<i>Off duty</i>
			<i>Alone</i>	<i>Assisted</i>	<i>Alone</i>	<i>Assisted</i>	<i>Alone</i>	<i>Assisted</i>	
Total	82	10	39	11	0	0	11	9	2
Group I (cities 250,000 and over)	12	3	6	2	0	0	0	1	0
Group II (cities 100,000 - 249,999)	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Group III (cities 50,000 - 99,999)	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Group IV (cities 25,000 - 49,999)	5	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
Group V (cities 10,000 - 24,999)	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Group VI (cities under 10,000)	9	1	4	2	0	0	2	0	0
Metropolitan counties	20	1	11	2	0	0	2	2	2
Nonmetropolitan counties	9	1	5	1	0	0	1	1	0
State agencies	9	0	4	1	0	0	4	0	0
Federal agencies	6	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	0
U.S. Territories	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

¹Includes detectives, officers on special assignments, undercover officers, and officers on other types of assignments that are not listed.**Table 58****Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Population Group of Victim Officer's Agency by Type of Assignment, 1995-2004

<i>Population group</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>2-Officer vehicle</i>	<i>1-Officer vehicle</i>		<i>Foot patrol</i>		<i>Other¹</i>		<i>Off duty</i>
			<i>Alone</i>	<i>Assisted</i>	<i>Alone</i>	<i>Assisted</i>	<i>Alone</i>	<i>Assisted</i>	
Total	717	94	358	84	6	4	66	91	14
Group I (cities 250,000 and over)	99	25	33	17	2	0	2	17	3
Group II (cities 100,000 - 249,999)	32	3	16	2	0	0	2	8	1
Group III (cities 50,000 - 99,999)	26	2	14	4	0	0	3	3	0
Group IV (cities 25,000 - 49,999)	26	1	13	4	0	1	3	3	1
Group V (cities 10,000 - 24,999)	26	3	9	7	0	0	4	3	0
Group VI (cities under 10,000)	77	9	39	12	1	1	10	4	1
Metropolitan counties	139	14	76	11	0	0	14	20	4
Nonmetropolitan counties	90	7	52	9	0	0	7	13	2
State agencies	140	16	83	13	1	1	15	11	0
Federal agencies	42	6	18	2	2	1	5	7	1
U.S. Territories	20	8	5	3	0	0	1	2	1

¹Includes detectives, officers on special assignments, undercover officers, and officers on other types of assignments that are not listed.

Table 59**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Circumstance at Scene of Incident, 1995-2004

<i>Circumstance</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
Total	717	59	52	63	81	65	83	76	75	81	82
Automobile accidents	404	33	33	33	48	41	42	36	40	50	48
Motorcycle accidents	60	3	4	4	3	6	6	7	7	10	10
Aircraft accidents	43	8	1	4	4	4	7	5	6	1	3
Struck by vehicles	120	10	7	15	14	9	14	19	12	10	10
Traffic stops, roadblocks, etc.	45	3	5	3	4	3	7	7	4	6	3
Directing traffic, assisting motorists, etc.	75	7	2	12	10	6	7	12	8	4	7
Accidental shootings	28	2	2	1	3	3	3	5	3	2	4
Crossfires, mistaken for subject, firearm mishaps	17	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	1	2
Training sessions	6	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1
Self-inflicted, cleaning mishaps (not apparent or confirmed suicides)	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Drownings	21	1	0	0	6	0	3	1	3	4	3
Falls	20	2	2	5	1	1	3	2	1	2	1
Other accidental (electrocutions, explosions, etc.)	21	0	3	1	2	1	5	1	3	2	3

Table 60**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Circumstance at Scene of Incident by Type of Assignment, 2004

<i>Circumstance</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>2-Officer vehicle</i>	<i>1-Officer vehicle</i>		<i>Foot patrol</i>		<i>Other¹</i>		<i>Off duty</i>
			<i>Alone</i>	<i>Assisted</i>	<i>Alone</i>	<i>Assisted</i>	<i>Alone</i>	<i>Assisted</i>	
Total	82	10	39	11	0	0	11	9	2
Automobile accidents	48	7	27	5	0	0	8	0	1
Motorcycle accidents	10	0	6	1	0	0	1	1	1
Aircraft accidents	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Struck by vehicles	10	2	3	4	0	0	1	0	0
Traffic stops, roadblocks, etc.	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Directing traffic, assisting motorists, etc.	7	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	0
Accidental shootings	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0
Crossfires, mistaken for subject, firearm mishaps	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Training sessions	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Self-inflicted, cleaning mishaps (not apparent or confirmed suicides)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drownings	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Falls	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other accidental (electrocutions, explosions, etc.)	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

¹Includes detectives, officers on special assignments, undercover officers, and officers on other types of assignments that are not listed.

Table 61**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

Circumstance at Scene of Incident by Type of Assignment, 1995-2004

<i>Circumstance</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>2-Officer vehicle</i>	<i>1-Officer vehicle</i>		<i>Foot patrol</i>		<i>Other¹</i>		<i>Off duty</i>
			<i>Alone</i>	<i>Assisted</i>	<i>Alone</i>	<i>Assisted</i>	<i>Alone</i>	<i>Assisted</i>	
Total	717	94	358	84	6	4	66	91	14
Automobile accidents	404	74	256	29	0	0	33	9	3
Motorcycle accidents	60	0	44	9	0	0	5	1	1
Aircraft accidents	43	0	0	0	0	0	13	29	1
Struck by vehicles	120	12	49	35	2	1	8	9	4
Traffic stops, roadblocks, etc.	45	9	16	14	1	1	0	4	0
Directing traffic, assisting motorists, etc.	75	3	33	21	1	0	8	5	4
Accidental shootings	28	2	2	0	0	1	3	17	3
Crossfires, mistaken for subject, firearm mishaps	17	2	0	0	0	1	0	11	3
Training sessions	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Self-inflicted, cleaning mishaps (not apparent or confirmed suicides)	5	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0
Drownings	21	1	2	2	0	1	2	11	2
Falls	20	1	1	6	4	1	2	5	0
Other accidental (electrocutions, explosions, etc.)	21	4	4	3	0	0	0	10	0

¹Includes detectives, officers on special assignments, undercover officers, and officers on other types of assignments that are not listed.

Table 62

Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed

State and Agency by Circumstance at Scene of Incident, 2004

<i>State Agency</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Automobile accidents</i>	<i>Motorcycle accidents</i>	<i>Aircraft accidents</i>	<i>Struck by vehicles</i>	<i>Accidental shootings</i>	<i>Drownings</i>	<i>Falls</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>(Detail)</i>
Total	82	48	10	3	10	4	3	1	3	
ALABAMA	4	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board, Montgomery	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Covington County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mobile	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Prattville	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
ARIZONA	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Apache County	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Phoenix	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
U.S. Border Patrol, Tucson	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CALIFORNIA	7	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Highway Patrol, San Bernardino	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Kern County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Los Angeles County	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Oakland	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
San Bernardino County	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tuolumne County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Westminster	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
COLORADO	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Larimer County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DELAWARE	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
State Police, Lewes	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FLORIDA	8	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Brevard County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hendry County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Highway Patrol, Deland	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hillsborough County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
North Miami Beach	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ormond Beach	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
St. Johns County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
U.S. Secret Service, Tampa	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
GEORGIA	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Columbia County	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Henry County Police	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Richmond County	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
HAWAII	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Honolulu	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
National Park Service, Haleakala	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	(struck by rock)
ILLINOIS	5	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Chicago	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Drug Enforcement Administration, Chicago	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Joliet	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Peoria	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Williamson County	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
INDIANA	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Newton County	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	(electrocution)
Putnam County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 62

Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed
 State and Agency by Circumstance at Scene of Incident, 2004—Continued

<i>State Agency</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Automobile accidents</i>	<i>Motorcycle accidents</i>	<i>Aircraft accidents</i>	<i>Struck by vehicles</i>	<i>Accidental shootings</i>	<i>Drownings</i>	<i>Falls</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>(Detail)</i>
LOUISIANA	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
New Orleans	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
MARYLAND	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
State Police, College Park	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Transportation Authority Police, Baltimore	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MICHIGAN	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bloomfield Township	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Clinton County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Otsego County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MINNESOTA	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, St. Paul	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MISSISSIPPI	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Clarke County	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
MISSOURI	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Joplin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	(explosion)
Riverview	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NEVADA	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Washoe County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NEW JERSEY	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
State Police, West Trenton	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NEW YORK	5	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Allegany County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
New York	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Schenectady	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Suffolk County Police	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Village of Patchogue Public Safety	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
NORTH CAROLINA	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Franklin County	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Tabor City	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
OHIO	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Columbus	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PENNSYLVANIA	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Elk Lick Township	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lititz Borough	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Reading	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Upper Dublin Township	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TENNESSEE	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Harriman	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Memphis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Nashville	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Shelby County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TEXAS	13	8	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	
Austin	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Beaumont	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Celeste	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chambers County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Comanche County	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Department of Public Safety, Kerrville	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Grapevine	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Harris County Constable	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 62**Law Enforcement Officers Accidentally Killed**

State and Agency by Circumstance at Scene of Incident, 2004—Continued

<i>State</i> <i>Agency</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Automobile</i> <i>accidents</i>	<i>Motorcycle</i> <i>accidents</i>	<i>Aircraft</i> <i>accidents</i>	<i>Struck by</i> <i>vehicles</i>	<i>Accidental</i> <i>shootings</i>	<i>Drownings</i>	<i>Falls</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>(Detail)</i>
TEXAS—Continued										
Houston	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prairie View	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
River Oaks	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
U.S. Border Patrol, McAllen	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
WASHINGTON										
Tacoma	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WISCONSIN										
Sheboygan County	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
U.S. TERRITORIES										
Puerto Rico	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carolina	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catano	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SECTION II



Law Enforcement Officers Assaulted

Methodology

Section II contains data pertaining to assaults on sworn local, state, and tribal law enforcement officers. The UCR Program collects information monthly from the agencies that collect and submit data either through their state UCR Program or, for the non-Program states, directly to the FBI. For data to be included in Section II, law enforcement agencies must have submitted information for all 12 months of 2004 on officers who were assaulted as well as the number of people they employed full time for the reporting year.

Law enforcement agencies report to the UCR Program the number of assaults resulting in injuries to their officers or instances in which an offender used a weapon that could have caused serious injury or death. Agencies record other assaults only if they involved more than verbal abuse or minor resistance to an arrest.

Overview

In 2004, the FBI collected data from 10,459 law enforcement agencies that provided services to nearly 226 million persons (76.8 percent of the Nation's population). The participating law enforcement agencies employed 499,396 officers, and of these, 59,373 were assaulted while performing their duties, a rate of 11.9 assaults per 100 officers. The assaults resulted in injuries to 16,563 of these officers. (See Table 63.)

By region, law enforcement agencies in the South, the Nation's most populous region, indicated that officers in the region were assaulted at a rate of 13.8 assaults per 100 officers employed. Officers in the West were assaulted at a rate of 11.0 per 100 officers, agencies in the Midwest reported that officers were

assaulted at a rate of 10.5 for every 100 officers employed, and the Northeast had a rate of 9.6 assaults per 100 officers. (See Table 63.)

By population group, the rate of assaults was highest, 17.1 assaults per 100 officers, in law enforcement agencies in cities with populations of 250,000 or more residents. Among the population groups labeled *city*, the rate was lowest, 7.9 assaults per 100 officers, in those agencies with under 10,000 inhabitants. Law enforcement officers in metropolitan counties experienced a rate of 10.3 assaults per 100 officers, and agencies in nonmetropolitan counties had a rate of 6.2 assaults for every 100 officers. (See Table 64.)

Injuries

Of the 59,373 officers who were assaulted in 2004, 27.9 percent of those officers suffered injuries. Among the Nation's four regions, law enforcement agencies in the Northeast had the highest percentage, 32.6, of injuries among officers assaulted. In the Midwest, 28.9 percent of the officers in the Midwest who were assaulted suffered injuries, followed by the West with 28.1 percent, and the South with 26.2 percent. (Based on Table 63.)

A review of the data by population group showed that law enforcement agencies in the Nation's smallest cities, those under 10,000 in population, had the highest percentage, 30.3 percent, of its officers injured during assaults. Agencies in cities with populations of 25,000 to 49,999 inhabitants had the lowest percentage of officers injured at 26.7 percent. In metropolitan counties, 27.1 percent of the assaulted officers sustained injuries, and in nonmetropolitan counties, 27.4 percent. (Based on Table 64.)

Times

In 2004, the largest percentage, 28.8, of assaults on law enforcement officers occurred from 10:01 p.m. and 2 a.m., and the smallest percentage, 6.4, occurred from 4:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. The time of the attacks continued a long-time trend as the largest percentage, 29.5, of assaults on police officers over the past 10 years (1995–2004) also occurred from 10:01 p.m. and 2 a.m., and, likewise, the smallest percentage, 6.2, took place from 4:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. (Based on Table 65.)

Circumstances

An examination of the assault data revealed that most officers, 30.7 percent, were assaulted when responding to disturbance calls. Thirteen percent of the officers were handling, transporting, or had custody of prisoners, 11.1 percent were conducting traffic pursuits or stops, and 9.3 percent were investigating suspicious persons or circumstances. Nearly 2 percent (1.8) of the officers were handling mentally deranged persons at the time they were assaulted, 1.4 percent were investigating burglaries in progress or were pursuing burglary suspects, 1.2 percent were policing civil disorders, and 0.9 percent were responding to robberies in progress or were pursuing robbery suspects. The circumstance in which the lowest percentage of law enforcement officers, 0.3 percent, were assaulted was ambush situations. Over 16 percent (16.3) of officers were attempting other types of arrests, and 13.8 percent were attacked while performing other duties. (See Table 67.)

Clearances

Law enforcement may clear offenses either by arrest or by exceptional means, i.e., when elements beyond the

control of law enforcement prevent the placing of formal charges against the offender. In 2004, law enforcement agencies cleared 87.5 percent of the 59,373 assaults on their officers. By circumstance, these agencies cleared the greatest percentage, 89 percent, of assaults on officers who were responding to disturbance calls (family quarrels, bar fights, etc.). The circumstance with the lowest percentage of clearances, 66.7 percent, was ambush situations. (See Table 66.)

Types of Assignment

An examination of the data concerning types of assignments in which officers were working when they were assaulted revealed that 80.4 percent of the officers

were assigned to vehicle patrols: of these, 78.5 percent were assigned to 1-officer patrols, and 21.5 percent were assigned to 2-officer patrols. Five percent of the officers assaulted were assigned to detective duties or had special assignments, and 14.6 percent of the officers were assigned to other duties. Of the officers assaulted, 70.1 percent received assistance from fellow officers and 29.9 percent were alone and unassisted. (Based on Table 67.)

Weapons

As in past years, offenders used personal weapons, such as hands, fists, or feet, in the majority of assaults, 80.1 percent, on law enforcement officers. Offenders used firearms in 3.6 of the

assaults on officers and knives or cutting instruments in 1.9 percent of the assaults. Attackers used other dangerous weapons in 14.5 percent of assaults on law enforcement officers. (See Table 69.)

Concerning the officers who sustained injuries when they were attacked with these weapons, 29.4 percent of the officers assaulted with personal weapons suffered injuries. Of the officers attacked by persons with knives or cutting instruments, 14.1 percent suffered injuries, and of those assaulted by persons with firearms, 9.6 percent suffered injuries. Over a quarter, 25.7 percent, of the officers attacked by persons with other types of dangerous weapons suffered injuries. (See Table 68.)

Table 2.1
Law Enforcement Officers Assaulted
Population Covered and Number of Reporting Agencies
by Population Group of Victim Officer's Agency, 2004

<i>Population group</i>	<i>Number of reporting agencies</i>	<i>Population covered</i>	<i>Number of officers employed</i>
Total	10,459	225,597,839	499,396
Group I (cities 250,000 and over)	61	38,952,367	91,146
Group II (cities 100,000 - 249,999)	154	23,084,084	41,833
Group III (cities 50,000 - 99,999)	354	24,336,875	42,201
Group IV (cities 25,000 - 49,999)	621	21,539,903	39,072
Group V (cities 10,000 - 24,999)	1,388	21,950,833	42,714
Group VI (cities under 10,000) ¹	5,415	17,971,779	60,705
Metropolitan counties ¹	879	55,824,865	138,896
Nonmetropolitan counties ¹	1,587	21,937,133	42,829

¹Includes universities and colleges, state police agencies, and/or other agencies to which no population is attributed.

Table 63**Law Enforcement Officers Assaulted**

Region and Geographic Division, 2004

<i>Area</i>	<i>Total¹</i>	<i>Rate per 100 officers</i>	<i>Assaults with injury</i>	<i>Rate per 100 officers</i>	<i>Number of reporting agencies</i>	<i>Population covered</i>	<i>Number of officers employed</i>
Total	59,373	11.9	16,563	3.3	10,459	225,597,839	499,396
NORTHEAST	7,821	9.6	2,550	3.1	1,884	33,459,255	81,316
New England	1,526	8.7	418	2.4	442	7,969,776	17,491
Middle Atlantic	6,295	9.9	2,132	3.3	1,442	25,489,479	63,825
MIDWEST	8,346	10.5	2,416	3.0	2,804	41,111,906	79,533
East North Central	4,052	8.6	1,431	3.1	1,269	24,085,816	46,853
West North Central	4,294	13.1	985	3.0	1,535	17,026,090	32,680
SOUTH	29,244	13.8	7,670	3.6	4,192	90,761,001	211,397
South Atlantic	17,824	15.9	4,112	3.7	1,695	45,882,155	111,929
East South Central	3,633	10.8	1,252	3.7	1,063	14,654,727	33,680
West South Central	7,787	11.8	2,306	3.5	1,434	30,224,119	65,788
WEST	13,962	11.0	3,927	3.1	1,579	60,265,677	127,150
Mountain	4,668	12.6	1,092	2.9	723	18,235,236	37,033
Pacific	9,294	10.3	2,835	3.1	856	42,030,441	90,117

¹Regional and divisional totals do not include data for Illinois, Vermont, and West Virginia, which were not available for inclusion in this tabulation.**Table 64****Law Enforcement Officers Assaulted**

Population Group of Victim Officer's Agency, 2004

<i>Population group</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Rate per 100 officers</i>	<i>Assaults with injury</i>	<i>Rate per 100 officers</i>
Total	59,373	11.9	16,563	3.3
Group I (cities 250,000 and over)	15,617	17.1	4,279	4.7
Group II (cities 100,000 - 249,999)	6,505	15.5	1,866	4.5
Group III (cities 50,000 - 99,999)	6,159	14.6	1,808	4.3
Group IV (cities 25,000 - 49,999)	4,865	12.5	1,301	3.3
Group V (cities 10,000 - 24,999)	4,471	10.5	1,252	2.9
Group VI (cities under 10,000)	4,783	7.9	1,447	2.4
Metropolitan counties	14,317	10.3	3,883	2.8
Nonmetropolitan counties	2,656	6.2	727	1.7

Table 65**Law Enforcement Officers Assaulted**

Time of Day of Incident, Percent Distribution, 1995-2004

<i>Time</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
Total	566,523	57,762	46,608	52,149	60,673	55,971	58,398	57,463	59,526	58,600	59,373
Percent distribution ¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
A.M.											
12:01 - 2	86,152	9,008	7,251	7,971	8,986	8,426	8,960	8,924	8,815	8,924	8,887
	15.2	15.6	15.6	15.3	14.8	15.1	15.3	15.5	14.8	15.2	15.0
2:01 - 4	55,086	5,672	4,582	5,013	5,858	5,371	5,708	5,771	5,753	5,604	5,754
	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.8	10.0	9.7	9.6	9.7
4:01 - 6	21,349	2,194	1,750	1,894	2,240	2,020	2,254	2,224	2,314	2,288	2,171
	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.7
6:01 - 8	13,799	1,241	915	1,072	1,505	1,331	1,427	1,514	1,608	1,569	1,617
	2.4	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7
8:01 - 10	21,886	1,899	1,601	1,846	2,355	2,060	2,311	2,304	2,496	2,434	2,580
	3.9	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.3
10:01 - Noon	28,143	2,682	2,008	2,333	3,021	2,675	2,920	2,905	3,167	3,199	3,233
	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.5	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.4
P.M.											
12:01 - 2	32,441	3,127	2,546	2,772	3,246	3,006	3,641	3,349	3,586	3,567	3,601
	5.7	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.4	6.2	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.1
2:01 - 4	40,421	3,868	3,281	3,659	4,225	4,053	3,929	4,168	4,389	4,368	4,481
	7.1	6.7	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.2	6.7	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.5
4:01 - 6	50,767	5,097	4,143	4,719	5,505	5,152	5,298	5,039	5,332	5,197	5,285
	9.0	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.1	8.8	9.0	8.9	8.9
6:01 - 8	60,512	6,139	5,082	5,727	6,553	6,012	6,198	6,087	6,278	6,408	6,028
	10.7	10.6	10.9	11.0	10.8	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.5	10.9	10.2
8:01 - 10	74,822	7,780	6,319	7,108	8,125	7,697	7,675	7,577	7,609	7,397	7,535
	13.2	13.5	13.6	13.6	13.4	13.8	13.1	13.2	12.8	12.6	12.7
10:01 - Midnight	81,145	9,055	7,130	8,035	9,054	8,168	8,077	7,601	8,179	7,645	8,201
	14.3	15.7	15.3	15.4	14.9	14.6	13.8	13.2	13.7	13.0	13.8

¹Because of rounding, the percentages may not add to 100.0.NOTE: Assault figures published in prior years' editions of *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted* have been updated in this table.

Table 66

Law Enforcement Officers Assaulted

Circumstance at Scene of Incident and Percent Cleared¹ by Population Group, 2004

<i>Circumstance</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Group I</i>	<i>Group II</i>	<i>Group III</i>	<i>Group IV</i>	<i>Group V</i>	<i>Group VI</i>	<i>Metropolitan counties</i>	<i>Nonmetropolitan counties</i>
Total	59,373	15,617	6,505	6,159	4,865	4,471	4,783	14,317	2,656
Percent cleared	87.5	90.2	86.9	87.5	85.8	84.1	87.4	87.1	83.7
Disturbance calls (family quarrels, bar fights, person with firearm, etc.)	18,234	4,932	2,227	2,073	1,609	1,628	1,497	3,537	731
Percent cleared	89.0	91.4	87.2	88.7	85.8	85.0	88.6	91.0	87.4
Burglaries in progress/pursuing burglary suspects	850	261	118	90	78	56	49	177	21
Percent cleared	86.8	83.1	89.0	93.3	79.5	80.4	87.8	92.1	90.5
Robberies in progress/pursuing robbery suspects	544	223	60	54	45	34	22	92	14
Percent cleared	87.3	86.1	81.7	87.0	86.7	97.1	95.5	91.3	71.4
Attempting other arrests	9,674	2,348	1,150	1,165	986	859	831	1,901	434
Percent cleared	88.8	92.9	88.1	87.2	87.7	81.3	88.3	90.1	85.3
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	734	175	100	100	68	58	67	140	26
Percent cleared	86.9	85.7	89.0	84.0	91.2	91.4	83.6	85.7	92.3
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	7,748	1,777	589	532	534	510	563	2,823	420
Percent cleared	87.8	95.3	88.8	88.5	84.6	84.7	91.3	84.4	79.3
Investigating suspicious persons/circumstances	5,532	1,936	652	684	453	363	408	882	154
Percent cleared	86.7	87.0	84.8	86.7	83.9	84.8	89.5	88.7	84.4
Ambush situations	189	63	17	12	7	15	22	44	9
Percent cleared	66.7	74.6	64.7	75.0	71.4	80.0	59.1	56.8	44.4
Handling mentally deranged persons	1,079	252	91	110	86	70	122	293	55
Percent cleared	81.3	78.6	87.9	82.7	81.4	88.6	84.4	78.5	78.2
Traffic pursuits/stops	6,568	1,689	682	634	477	450	643	1,559	434
Percent cleared	86.7	88.6	86.4	86.9	88.7	84.9	85.8	85.4	85.7
All other	8,221	1,961	819	705	522	428	559	2,869	358
Percent cleared	85.0	87.7	85.7	85.4	83.7	82.2	80.7	85.1	77.9

¹Offenses reported to the national UCR Program can be cleared either by arrest or exceptional means (when elements beyond law enforcement's control prevent the agency from placing formal charges against the offender).

Table 67**Law Enforcement Officers Assaulted**

Circumstance at Scene of Incident by Type of Assignment, Percent Distribution, 2004

Circumstance	Total	2-Officer vehicle	1-Officer vehicle		Detective/special assignment		Other	
			Alone	Assisted	Alone	Assisted	Alone	Assisted
Total	59,373	10,245	14,382	23,121	920	2,035	2,472	6,198
Percent of total assignments ¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Disturbance calls (family quarrels, bar fights, person with firearm, etc.)	18,234	3,420	4,205	8,699	213	273	339	1,085
Percent of total assignments	30.7	33.4	29.2	37.6	23.2	13.4	13.7	17.5
Burglaries in progress/pursuing burglary suspects	850	164	195	391	11	28	19	42
Percent of total assignments	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.2	1.4	0.8	0.7
Robberies in progress/pursuing robbery suspects	544	132	119	228	13	12	16	24
Percent of total assignments	0.9	1.3	0.8	1.0	1.4	0.6	0.6	0.4
Attempting other arrests	9,674	1,519	2,159	3,975	173	630	309	909
Percent of total assignments	16.3	14.8	15.0	17.2	18.8	31.0	12.5	14.7
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	734	141	150	244	18	45	42	94
Percent of total assignments	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.1	2.0	2.2	1.7	1.5
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	7,748	830	1,448	2,008	111	242	816	2,293
Percent of total assignments	13.0	8.1	10.1	8.7	12.1	11.9	33.0	37.0
Investigating suspicious persons/circumstances	5,532	1,431	1,390	1,849	110	256	145	351
Percent of total assignments	9.3	14.0	9.7	8.0	12.0	12.6	5.9	5.7
Ambush situations	189	28	56	40	2	10	24	29
Percent of total assignments	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.0	0.5
Handling mentally deranged persons	1,079	195	223	507	9	20	24	101
Percent of total assignments	1.8	1.9	1.6	2.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.6
Traffic pursuits/stops	6,568	1,170	2,168	2,675	61	165	70	259
Percent of total assignments	11.1	11.4	15.1	11.6	6.6	8.1	2.8	4.2
All other	8,221	1,215	2,269	2,505	199	354	668	1,011
Percent of total assignments	13.8	11.9	15.8	10.8	21.6	17.4	27.0	16.3

¹Because of rounding, the percentages may not add to 100.0.**Table 68****Law Enforcement Officers Assaulted**

Number of Assaults and Percent Injured by Type of Weapon, 1995-2004

	Total	Firearm	Knife or other cutting instrument	Other dangerous weapon	Personal weapons	Number of reporting agencies	Population covered	Number of officers employed
1995 Total assaults	57,762	2,354	1,356	6,414	47,638	8,503	191,759,197	428,379
Percent injured	30.1	19.3	23.9	31.1	30.7			
1996 Total assaults	46,608	1,878	871	5,069	38,790	7,803	165,263,526	371,964
Percent injured	32.1	24.8	30.7	39.4	31.5			
1997 Total assaults	52,149	2,110	971	5,800	43,268	8,120	184,824,864	411,015
Percent injured	30.4	23.1	25.4	32.1	30.6			
1998 Total assaults	60,673	2,126	1,098	7,415	50,034	8,153	193,098,427	452,361
Percent injured	30.7	20.7	23.7	30.2	31.3			
1999 Total assaults	55,971	1,772	999	7,560	45,640	9,832	207,124,112	462,782
Percent injured	28.0	11.9	17.5	27.1	29.0			
2000 Total assaults	58,398	1,749	1,015	8,132	47,502	8,940	204,598,589	452,531
Percent injured	28.1	11.4	15.2	26.9	29.2			
2001 Total assaults	57,463	1,841	1,168	8,233	46,221	9,773	213,645,308	471,096
Percent injured	28.3	10.3	15.3	26.1	29.7			
2002 Total assaults	59,526	1,927	1,061	8,526	48,012	10,164	219,424,713	491,009
Percent injured	28.2	11.4	15.1	25.7	29.7			
2003 Total assaults	58,600	1,879	1,084	8,180	47,457	10,539	225,769,768	501,738
Percent injured	28.2	10.7	13.4	25.4	29.7			
2004 Total assaults	59,373	2,109	1,121	8,598	47,545	10,459	225,597,839	499,396
Percent injured	27.9	9.6	14.1	25.7	29.4			

NOTE: Assault figures published in prior years' editions of *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted* have been updated in this table.

Table 69

Law Enforcement Officers Assaulted

Region, Geographic Division, and State by Type of Weapon, 2004

<i>Area</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Firearm</i>	<i>Knife or other cutting instrument</i>	<i>Other dangerous weapon</i>	<i>Personal weapons</i>	<i>Number of reporting agencies</i>	<i>Population covered</i>	<i>Number of officers employed</i>
Total	59,373	2,109	1,121	8,598	47,545	10,459	225,597,839	499,396
Percent distribution ¹	100.0	3.6	1.9	14.5	80.1			
NORTHEAST	7,821	373	142	1,016	6,290	1,884	33,459,255	81,316
New England	1,526	17	17	190	1,302	442	7,969,776	17,491
Connecticut	400	5	8	47	340	99	3,473,737	7,833
Maine	285	0	2	20	263	130	1,314,897	1,883
Massachusetts	172	2	1	18	151	52	1,190,760	3,663
New Hampshire	204	1	0	18	185	118	916,087	1,639
Rhode Island	465	9	6	87	363	43	1,074,295	2,473
Vermont ²								
Middle Atlantic	6,295	356	125	826	4,988	1,442	25,489,479	63,825
New Jersey	2,968	47	30	395	2,496	482	8,344,887	22,588
New York	705	3	6	80	616	373	9,551,445	23,587
Pennsylvania	2,622	306	89	351	1,876	587	7,593,147	17,650
MIDWEST	8,346	258	135	901	7,052	2,804	41,111,906	79,533
East North Central	4,052	92	64	370	3,526	1,269	24,085,816	46,853
Illinois ²								
Indiana	1,198	15	8	86	1,089	171	4,995,588	8,323
Michigan	1,229	41	34	166	988	560	9,711,566	19,699
Ohio	742	11	12	88	631	204	4,253,901	7,600
Wisconsin	883	25	10	30	818	334	5,124,761	11,231
West North Central	4,294	166	71	531	3,526	1,535	17,026,090	32,680
Iowa	484	7	10	102	365	229	2,918,033	4,357
Kansas	1,118	19	13	72	1,014	240	2,069,011	5,525
Minnesota	65	2	4	9	50	298	4,298,305	6,802
Missouri	2,353	134	35	320	1,864	488	4,977,855	10,779
Nebraska	180	1	4	22	153	128	1,596,305	3,269
North Dakota	52	0	0	2	50	71	585,488	986
South Dakota	42	3	5	4	30	81	581,093	962
SOUTH	29,244	938	569	4,612	23,125	4,192	90,761,001	211,397
South Atlantic	17,824	399	285	2,769	14,371	1,695	45,882,155	111,929
Delaware	330	10	12	66	242	51	754,178	1,985
District of Columbia ³	42	2	0	7	33	1	0	353
Florida	8,717	164	137	1,458	6,958	400	17,388,725	42,343
Georgia	791	29	11	94	657	189	4,276,053	12,609
Maryland	3,864	54	46	497	3,267	146	5,553,146	14,895
North Carolina	1,741	59	37	183	1,462	381	6,482,360	15,319
South Carolina	981	34	18	132	797	286	4,135,164	9,756
Virginia	1,358	47	24	332	955	241	7,292,529	14,669
West Virginia ²								
East South Central	3,633	279	122	956	2,276	1,063	14,654,727	33,680
Alabama	345	12	3	63	267	257	3,951,087	8,226
Kentucky	733	78	41	268	346	260	3,073,406	6,115
Mississippi	310	21	4	25	260	109	1,789,015	3,886
Tennessee	2,245	168	74	600	1,403	437	5,841,219	15,453
West South Central	7,787	260	162	887	6,478	1,434	30,224,119	65,788
Arkansas	138	13	1	15	109	38	858,754	2,050
Louisiana	1,907	15	13	129	1,750	128	3,492,509	12,088
Oklahoma	898	62	16	111	709	297	3,523,553	6,189
Texas	4,844	170	132	632	3,910	971	22,349,303	45,461

Table 69**Law Enforcement Officers Assaulted**

Region, Geographic Division, and State by Type of Weapon, 2004—Continued

<i>Area</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Firearm</i>	<i>Knife or other cutting instrument</i>	<i>Other dangerous weapon</i>	<i>Personal weapons</i>	<i>Number of reporting agencies</i>	<i>Population covered</i>	<i>Number of officers employed</i>
WEST	13,962	540	275	2,069	11,078	1,579	60,265,677	127,150
Mountain	4,668	222	132	887	3,427	723	18,235,236	37,033
Arizona	2,067	122	47	330	1,568	82	5,435,217	10,909
Colorado	815	39	16	293	467	188	4,270,477	10,132
Idaho	282	8	7	15	252	117	1,383,429	2,441
Montana	63	3	3	13	44	76	631,069	977
Nevada	458	16	19	75	348	34	2,329,511	4,372
New Mexico	672	23	37	111	501	66	1,493,844	3,593
Utah	254	6	2	44	202	99	2,198,996	3,532
Wyoming	57	5	1	6	45	61	492,693	1,077
Pacific	9,294	318	143	1,182	7,651	856	42,030,441	90,117
Alaska	217	21	9	34	153	30	639,285	1,164
California	7,330	249	109	982	5,990	453	31,125,529	72,699
Hawaii	324	11	5	26	282	3	1,103,758	2,333
Oregon	322	5	1	27	289	137	3,039,800	4,222
Washington	1,101	32	19	113	937	233	6,122,069	9,699

¹Because of rounding, the percentages may not add to 100.0.²Data for Illinois, Vermont, and West Virginia were not available for inclusion in this table.³The figure represents the number of assaults on officers reported by the Metro Transit Police.

Table 70**Law Enforcement Officers Assaulted**

Population Group of Victim Officer's Agency by Type of Weapon, 2004

<i>Population group</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Firearm</i>	<i>Knife or other cutting instrument</i>	<i>Other dangerous weapon</i>	<i>Personal weapons</i>
Total	59,373	2,109	1,121	8,598	47,545
Percent distribution ¹	100.0	3.6	1.9	14.5	80.1
Group I (cities 250,000 and over)	15,617	873	323	2,367	12,054
Group II (cities 100,000 - 249,999)	6,505	172	122	1,002	5,209
Group III (cities 50,000 - 99,999)	6,159	163	108	815	5,073
Group IV (cities 25,000 - 49,999)	4,865	114	71	647	4,033
Group V (cities 10,000 - 24,999)	4,471	82	71	572	3,746
Group VI (cities under 10,000)	4,783	137	100	749	3,797
Metropolitan counties	14,317	374	246	1,938	11,759
Nonmetropolitan counties	2,656	194	80	508	1,874

¹Because of rounding, the percentages may not add to 100.0.**Table 71****Law Enforcement Officers Assaulted**Circumstance at Scene of Incident by Type of Weapon, Percent Distribution,¹ 2004

<i>Circumstance</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Firearm</i>	<i>Knife or other cutting instrument</i>	<i>Other dangerous weapon</i>	<i>Personal weapons</i>
Total	59,373	2,109	1,121	8,598	47,545
Percent distribution	100.0	3.6	1.9	14.5	80.1
Disturbance calls (family quarrels, bar fights, person with firearm, etc.)	18,234	763	550	1,743	15,178
Percent distribution	100.0	4.2	3.0	9.6	83.2
Burglaries in progress/pursuing burglary suspects	850	59	32	219	540
Percent distribution	100.0	6.9	3.8	25.8	63.5
Robberies in progress/pursuing robbery suspects	544	112	20	104	308
Percent distribution	100.0	20.6	3.7	19.1	56.6
Attempting other arrests	9,674	246	119	1,107	8,202
Percent distribution	100.0	2.5	1.2	11.4	84.8
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	734	15	9	111	599
Percent distribution	100.0	2.0	1.2	15.1	81.6
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	7,748	33	23	590	7,102
Percent distribution	100.0	0.4	0.3	7.6	91.7
Investigating suspicious persons/circumstances	5,532	302	117	844	4,269
Percent distribution	100.0	5.5	2.1	15.3	77.2
Ambush situations	189	40	5	49	95
Percent distribution	100.0	21.2	2.6	25.9	50.3
Handling mentally deranged persons	1,079	32	80	120	847
Percent distribution	100.0	3.0	7.4	11.1	78.5
Traffic pursuits/stops	6,568	209	42	2,428	3,889
Percent distribution	100.0	3.2	0.6	37.0	59.2
All other	8,221	298	124	1,283	6,516
Percent distribution	100.0	3.6	1.5	15.6	79.3

¹Because of rounding, the percentages may not add to 100.0.

