



## **U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**

There were 1,098 officers with the U.S. DHS who were assaulted in 2008. Of these, 1 officer was killed, and 74 officers sustained injuries. The following provides information by agency within the DHS:

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection—1,003 officers were assaulted, with 1 officer killed and 53 officers suffering injuries.
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement—75 officers were assaulted. Of those, 18 officers were injured.
- U.S. Secret Service—20 officers were assaulted, 3 of whom were injured.

### **Type of activity**

At the time of their attacks, the officers were performing the following activities:

- 1,016 officers were assigned to patrol or guard duty.
- 25 officers were maintaining custody of prisoners.
- 22 officers were making arrests or serving summonses.
- 17 officers were conducting investigations or searches.
- 9 officers were assigned to office duty.
- 9 officers were on protection duty.

### **Weapons**

- 217 of the 1,098 officers were attacked by persons using personal weapons, such as hands, fists, or feet.
- 63 of the officers were attacked with vehicles.
- 60 officers were attacked with firearms.

- 2 of the officers were attacked with knives or other cutting instruments.
- 2 of the officers suffered attacks with blunt instruments.
- 754 of the officers were attacked with other types of dangerous weapons.

### **Dispositional information**

Law enforcement authorities identified 90 suspects in the assaults on DHS officers. At the time of this report:

- 29 alleged assailants were tried and found guilty.
- Prosecution was declined for 29 known assailants.
- 20 suspects were either found not guilty or charges were dismissed.
- 11 suspects were awaiting trial.
- 1 suspect was found incompetent to stand trial.