

Table 319. Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted: 1990 to 2006

[Contains statistics on felonious and accidental deaths of duly sworn local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement officers. For composition of regions, see map, inside front cover]

Item	1990	1995	2000	2001 ¹	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
OFFICERS KILLED									
Total killed	132	133	134	218	131	133	139	122	114
Geographical region									
Northeast	13	16	13	79	10	13	18	12	12
Midwest	20	19	32	26	22	20	25	23	20
South	68	63	67	68	64	66	66	58	48
West	23	32	19	38	28	31	24	24	31
Puerto Rico	8	2	3	7	7	3	5	5	3
Island areas, foreign countries	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Total feloniously killed	65	74	51	142	56	52	57	55	48
Firearms	56	63	47	61	51	45	54	50	46
Handgun	47	44	33	46	38	34	36	42	36
Rifle	8	14	10	11	10	10	13	3	8
Shotgun	1	5	4	4	3	1	5	5	2
Blunt instrument	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Bomb	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Knife/cutting instrument	3	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	—
Personal weapons ²	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Vehicle	1	2	3	7	4	6	2	5	2
Other	3	—	—	72	—	—	—	—	—
Total accidentally killed	67	59	83	76	75	81	82	67	66
OFFICERS ASSAULTED									
Population covered(1,000) ³	197,426	191,759	204,599	213,645	219,425	225,770	226,273	222,874	222,640
Number of—									
Reporting agencies	9,343	8,503	8,940	9,773	10,164	10,539	10,589	10,119	10,346
Officers employed	410,131	428,379	452,531	471,096	491,009	501,738	501,462	489,393	495,270
Total assaulted	72,091	57,762	58,398	57,463	59,526	58,600	59,692	57,820	58,634
Firearm	3,651	2,354	1,749	1,841	1,927	1,879	2,114	2,157	2,278
Knife/cutting instrument	1,647	1,356	1,015	1,168	1,061	1,084	1,123	1,059	1,047
Other dangerous weapon	7,423	6,414	8,132	8,233	8,526	8,180	8,645	8,379	8,512
Personal weapons ²	59,370	47,638	47,502	46,221	48,012	47,457	47,810	46,225	46,797

— Represents zero. ¹ The 72 felonious³ deaths that resulted from the events of September 11, 2001, are included in this table. ² Includes hands, fists, feet, etc. ³ Represents the number of persons covered by agencies shown.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted*, annual. <<http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2006/index.html>>.