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Level of government and one-month payroll period	Total employees				Level of government and one-month payroll period	Total employees			
	Total justice system	Police protection	Judicial and legal	Corrections		Total justice system	Police protection	Judicial and legal	Corrections
<u>All governments</u>					<u>State</u>				
1980	NA	714,660	NA	270,647	1980	292,588	75,896	53,022	163,670
1981	NA	716,600	NA	280,593	1981	302,245	76,477	55,455	170,313
1982	1,270,342	723,923	247,697	298,722	1982	341,010	77,538	79,825	183,647
1983	1,313,831	733,070	261,436	319,325	1983	358,528	77,387	83,546	197,595
1984	1,373,354	746,974	277,578	348,802	1984	387,398	83,539	88,869	214,990
1985	1,422,718	757,000	293,025	372,693	1985	407,792	83,603	93,543	230,646
1986	1,464,070	771,917	300,126	392,027	1986	425,292	85,158	96,934	243,200
1987	1,524,976	792,831	312,331	419,814	1987	451,633	87,571	100,108	263,954
1988	1,583,713	804,658	323,641	455,414	1988	478,885	90,300	102,901	285,684
1989	1,636,895	811,528	336,872	488,495	1989	505,143	90,648	107,620	306,875
1990	1,710,413	825,417	350,761	534,235	1990	528,677	89,302	110,093	329,282
1991	1,760,563	837,038	362,178	561,347	1991	542,650	87,011	111,823	343,816
1992	1,797,704	857,593	373,611	566,500	1992	548,139	86,606	113,548	347,985
1993	1,825,953	865,002	375,266	585,685	1993	570,934	86,613	117,264	367,057
1994	1,901,773	890,384	390,731	620,658	1994	599,452	87,270	123,088	389,094
1995	1,983,747	926,086	401,444	656,217	1995	634,692	91,252	130,169	413,271
1997	2,078,192	950,877	419,072	708,243	1997	690,807	93,945	138,674	458,188
1998	2,133,240	976,394	433,493	723,353	1998	705,512	94,628	143,650	467,234
1999	2,189,477	1,017,922	454,982	716,573	1999	704,902	99,686	148,463	456,753
2000	2,243,056	1,040,708	473,756	728,592	2000	724,687	103,133	157,814	463,740
2001	2,295,423	1,060,219	488,143	747,061	2001	741,007	104,657	162,982	473,368
2002	2,304,201	1,065,078	488,841	750,282	2002	742,373	110,925	164,624	466,824
2003	2,361,193	1,118,936	494,007	748,250	2003	733,570	105,933	164,051	463,586
2004	2,366,707	1,120,040	497,692	748,975	2004	737,442	104,687	168,064	464,691
2005	2,389,881	1,131,055	503,587	755,239	2005	742,612	104,470	169,043	469,099
<u>Federal</u>					<u>Local, total<sup>b</sup></u>				
1980	NA	55,505	NA	9,636	1980	NA	582,292	NA	97,052
1981	NA	56,472	NA	9,925	1981	NA	584,618	NA	100,644
1982	94,555	55,922	28,588	10,045	1982	834,777	590,463	139,284	105,030
1983	103,842	63,898	29,834	10,110	1983	851,461	591,785	148,056	111,620
1984	106,926	65,173	31,216	10,537	1984	879,030	598,262	157,493	123,275
1985	110,653	66,024	33,168	11,461	1985	904,273	607,373	166,314	130,586
1986	112,375	66,735	33,584	12,056	1986	926,403	620,024	169,608	136,771
1987	121,321	72,793	35,668	12,860	1987	952,022	632,467	176,555	143,000
1988	130,446	78,755	37,808	13,883	1988	974,382	635,603	182,932	155,847
1989	134,546	78,702	39,733	16,111	1989	997,206	642,178	189,519	165,509
1990	139,799	77,608	43,285	18,906	1990	1,041,937	658,507	197,383	186,047
1991	150,098	81,798	46,824	21,476	1991	1,067,815	668,229	203,531	196,055
1992	162,202	87,616	50,768	23,818	1992	1,087,363	683,371	209,295	194,697
1993	161,786	86,229	50,722	24,835	1993	1,093,233	692,160	207,280	193,793
1994	161,058	84,048	50,872	26,138	1994	1,141,263	719,066	216,771	205,426
1995	167,115	86,087	52,535	28,493	1995	1,181,940	748,747	218,740	214,453
1997	176,739	94,294	52,636	29,809	1997	1,210,646	762,638	227,762	220,246
1998	185,140	100,257	54,447	30,436	1998	1,242,588	781,509	235,396	225,683
1999	191,169	104,096	56,099	30,974	1999	1,293,406	814,140	250,420	228,846
2000	193,522	105,638	56,222	31,662	2000	1,324,847	831,937	259,720	233,190
2001	197,263	106,337	57,953	32,973	2001	1,357,153	849,225	267,208	240,720
2002	203,099	109,278	59,576	34,245	2002	1,358,729	844,875	264,641	249,213
2003	253,367	153,607	61,984	34,776	2003	1,374,256	856,396	267,972	249,888
2004	255,936	160,073	60,902	34,961	2004	1,373,329	855,280	268,726	249,323
2005	254,080	157,492	61,395	35,193	2005	1,393,189	869,093	273,149	250,947

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<b>Counties<sup>b</sup></b>					<b>Municipalities<sup>b</sup></b>				
1980	NA	131,645	NA	77,451	1980	NA	450,647	NA	19,601
1981	NA	135,919	NA	80,006	1981	NA	448,699	NA	20,638
1982	319,690	137,082	98,291	84,317	1982	515,087	453,381	40,993	20,713
1983	331,071	137,893	104,034	89,144	1983	520,390	453,892	44,022	22,476
1984	351,175	139,417	113,688	98,070	1984	527,855	458,845	43,805	25,205
1985	368,500	142,785	120,627	105,088	1985	535,773	464,588	45,687	25,498
1986	382,711	148,493	123,640	110,578	1986	543,692	471,531	45,968	26,193
1987	396,743	153,704	128,106	114,933	1987	555,279	478,763	48,449	28,067
1988	416,955	156,598	134,703	125,654	1988	557,427	479,005	48,229	30,193
1989	432,748	159,143	141,011	132,594	1989	564,458	483,035	48,508	32,915
1990	462,130	164,717	146,691	150,722	1990	579,807	493,790	50,692	35,325
1991	480,003	168,979	151,864	159,160	1991	587,812	499,250	51,667	36,895
1992	492,993	178,534	156,593	157,866	1992	594,370	504,837	52,702	36,831
1993	495,557	182,765	155,471	157,321	1993	597,676	509,395	51,809	36,472
1994	524,908	192,481	162,446	169,981	1994	616,355	526,585	54,325	35,445
1995	543,272	199,492	163,939	179,841	1995	638,668	549,255	54,801	34,612
1997	556,669	203,022	170,757	182,890	1997	653,977	559,616	57,005	37,356
1998	575,661	207,470	178,124	190,067	1998	666,927	574,039	57,272	35,616
1999	606,645	223,281	190,418	192,946	1999	686,761	590,859	60,002	35,900
2000	NA	NA	NA	NA	2000	NA	NA	NA	NA
2001	NA	NA	NA	NA	2001	NA	NA	NA	NA
2002	NA	NA	NA	NA	2002	NA	NA	NA	NA
2003	NA	NA	NA	NA	2003	NA	NA	NA	NA
2004	NA	NA	NA	NA	2004	NA	NA	NA	NA
2005	NA	NA	NA	NA	2005	NA	NA	NA	NA

Note: These data were collected from government documents and from the annual surveys of government finances and employment conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Justice data are extracted from these sources by the Census Bureau for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. The Federal Government, all State governments, and a sample of county, municipal, and township governments were included in the surveys. Since not all local governments were included in the surveys, these data are subject to sampling variation. Duplicative transactions between levels of government are excluded from the total for all governments and the local total. Such intergovernmental expenditure consists of payments from one government to another and eventually will show up as a direct expenditure of a recipient government.

The U.S. Census Bureau changed the reference month for employment and payroll data from October to March after the 1995 data collection. Data for 1995 and previous years refer to the month of October. No data were collected during the period of transition, consequently, there are no 1996 employment and payroll data. Beginning in 1997, employment and payroll data are for the month of March. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see [Appendix 1](#).

<sup>a</sup>Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Data for local governments are estimates subject to sampling variation.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Trends in Justice Expenditure and Employment*, NCJ 178274, Table 7 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/data/eetrd07.wk1> [Mar. 27, 2002]; *2000 Justice Expenditure and Employment Extracts*, NCJ 194802, Table 2 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/sheets/cjee00.zip>, file cjee0002.wk1 [Dec. 8, 2005]; *2001 Extracts*, NCJ 202792, Table 2 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/sheets/cjee01.zip>, file cjee0102.wk1 [Dec. 8, 2005]; *2002 Extracts*, NCJ 209179, Table 2 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/sheets/cjee02.zip>, file cjee0202.csv [Oct. 18, 2005]; *2003 Extracts*, NCJ 212350, Table 2 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/sheets/cjee03.zip>, file cjee0302.csv [Aug. 24, 2006]; *2004 Extracts*, NCJ 215648, Table 2 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/sheets/cjee04.zip>, file cjee0402.csv [May 22, 2007]; *2005 Extracts*, NCJ 219370, Table 2 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/sheets/cjee05.zip>, file cjee0502.csv [Nov. 26, 2007]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.