

Table 1.33

Local police departments and full-time personnel

By size of population served, United States, 2000^a

Population served	Agencies		Full-time sworn personnel		Full-time civilian personnel	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All sizes	12,666	100%	440,920	100%	124,995	100%
1,000,000 or more	15	0.1	96,675	21.9	28,330	22.7
500,000 to 999,999	38	0.3	46,017	10.4	13,093	10.5
250,000 to 499,999	41	0.3	31,845	7.2	11,443	9.2
100,000 to 249,999	182	1.4	49,906	11.3	16,626	13.3
50,000 to 99,999	388	3.1	47,314	10.7	14,093	11.3
25,000 to 49,999	771	6.1	48,224	10.9	13,311	10.6
10,000 to 24,999	1,826	14.4	56,237	12.8	14,712	11.8
2,500 to 9,999	4,108	32.4	46,695	10.6	11,014	8.8
Less than 2,500	5,297	41.8	18,007	4.1	2,373	1.9

Note: These data are from the 2000 Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics (LEMAS) survey and were collected for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services by the U.S. Census Bureau. The LEMAS survey collects data from a nationally representative sample of publicly funded State and local law enforcement agencies in the United States. A total of 881 State and local law enforcement agencies with 100 or more sworn officers were included in the survey. For agencies with fewer than 100 sworn officers, a nationally representative sample was drawn. A stratified random sample based on type of agency (local police or sheriff), size of population served, and number of sworn personnel was used. A total of 2,985 agencies responded to the survey yielding a 97.4% response rate. The final database includes responses from 1,975 local police departments, 961 sheriffs' offices, and the 49 primary State police agencies. Hawaii does not have a State police agency. These data, however, exclude State and local law enforcement agencies that serve special jurisdictional areas or have limited enforcement responsibilities. Data from agencies with fewer than 100 sworn personnel were derived from a sample and therefore are subject to sampling variation. The reference date for the survey was June 30, 2000.

A "local police" department was defined as a general purpose police department operated by a municipal, county, tribal, or regional (multijurisdiction) government. "Sheriffs" offices included were those operated by county or independent city governments. A "State police" department was defined as the general purpose police agency operated by the State. "Sworn" employees are those with general arrest powers.

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Local Police Departments 2000*, NCJ 196002 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2003), p. 3, Table 3.