### Table 1.39
Minimum educational requirements for new officer recruits in local police departments

By size of population served, United States, 2000*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Population served</th>
<th>Total with requirements</th>
<th>High school diploma</th>
<th>Some college⁵</th>
<th>2-year college degree</th>
<th>4-year college degree</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>All sizes</td>
<td>98%</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>1%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1,000,000 or more</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>500,000 to 999,999</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>6</td>
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<tr>
<td>250,000 to 499,999</td>
<td>98</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>100,000 to 249,999</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>50,000 to 99,999</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>16</td>
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<tr>
<td>25,000 to 49,999</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>73</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>10,000 to 24,999</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>2,500 to 9,999</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>85</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less than 2,500</td>
<td>97</td>
<td>86</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>(c)</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Note: See Note, table 1.33.

*Percent may not add to total because of rounding.

⁵Nondegree requirements.

*Less than 0.5%.