Table 1.49.2003

Nonlethal weapons authorized for use by sworn personnel in local police departments

By size of population served, United States, 2003

	Percent of agencies authorizing:													
	Chemical agents--personal use				Batons				Other weapons/actions					
Population served	Any type listed in survey	Pepper spray	Tear gas	CS	Any type listed in survey	Collap-sible	Tradi-tional	PR-24	Soft projectile	Electrical devices[a]	Holds/ neck restraints	Rubber bullet	Black-jack	High intensity light
All sizes	99%	98%	16%	14%	95%	88%	49%	42%	28%	23%	13%	8%	5%	1%
1,000,000 or more	94	94	19	19	100	88	56	44	69	75	31	25	6	0
500,000 to 999,999	97	97	19	22	100	89	60	38	48	43	16	16	3	0
250,000 to 499,999	98	95	24	22	100	83	54	44	59	56	39	22	7	2
100,000 to 249,999	99	99	22	24	99	93	56	44	66	50	36	22	2	2
50,000 to 99,999	99	97	25	27	99	92	45	39	72	46	30	22	3	2
25,000 to 49,999	100	100	24	21	99	93	44	39	57	39	12	19	3	1
10,000 to 24,999	99	98	22	17	97	91	47	45	42	31	12	10	3	(b)
2,500 to 9,999	98	98	13	14	94	88	47	41	28	21	9	6	4	0
Less than 2,500	99	98	14	12	93	86	52	42	13	15	13	6	6	1

Note: See Note, table 1.0001.2003.

[a]Includes hand-held direct contact devices (such as stun gun) and hand-held stand-off devices (such as taser).
[b]Less than 0.5%.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, ***Local Police Departments, 2003***, NCJ 210118 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2006), p. 26, Table 57.