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Number and rate (per 1,000 inhabitants) of full-time law enforcement employees^a

By geographic division and population group, on Oct. 31, 2003

(2003 estimated population)

Geographic region and division	Total (10,658 cities; population 183,400,149)	Population group					
		Group I (71 cities, 250,000 and over; population 53,436,860)	Group II (168 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 25,195,766)	Group III (391 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 26,866,391)	Group IV (757 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 26,172,918)	Group V (1,774 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 28,090,979)	Group VI (7,497 cities, under 10,000; population 23,637,235)
Total cities: 10,658 cities; population 183,400,149:							
Number of employees	546,920	193,530	62,624	61,788	60,637	69,084	99,257
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	3.0	3.6	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.5	4.2
Northeast: 2,212 cities; population 41,872,637:							
Number of employees	134,956	56,197	9,875	13,894	18,130	19,486	17,374
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	3.2	5.1	3.2	2.5	2.4	2.2	3.0
New England: 761 cities; population 12,571,444:							
Number of employees	32,595	2,645	4,721	5,649	6,966	7,321	5,293
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	2.6	4.5	3.3	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.9
Middle Atlantic: 1,451 cities; population 29,301,193:							
Number of employees	102,361	53,552	5,154	8,245	11,164	12,165	12,081
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	3.5	5.1	3.2	2.6	2.5	2.2	3.1
Midwest: 3,226 cities; population 44,410,558:							
Number of employees	122,175	38,342	10,452	13,998	16,470	19,263	23,650
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	2.8	4.1	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.3	3.2
East North Central: 2,014 cities; population 31,671,139:							
Number of employees	90,653	30,856	7,179	10,208	12,731	14,238	15,441
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	2.9	4.4	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.3	3.2
West North Central: 1,212 cities; population 12,739,419:							
Number of employees	31,522	7,486	3,273	3,790	3,739	5,025	8,209
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	2.5	3.4	2.2	1.8	1.9	2.2	3.1
South: 3,887 cities; population 52,243,916:							
Number of employees	181,641	51,150	24,239	20,055	16,346	23,437	46,414
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	3.5	3.3	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.1	6.0
South Atlantic: 1,697 cities; population 21,131,333:							
Number of employees	85,343	20,756	12,164	11,023	8,069	10,956	22,375
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	4.0	4.3	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.4	7.3
East South Central: 959 cities; population 9,039,418:							
Number of employees	32,521	7,294	4,279	1,991	3,363	5,349	10,245
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	3.6	3.1	3.5	3.2	2.9	3.1	5.3
West South Central: 1,231 cities; population 22,073,165:							
Number of employees	63,777	23,100	7,796	7,041	4,914	7,132	13,794
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	2.9	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.7	5.0
West: 1,333 cities; population 44,873,038:							
Number of employees	108,148	47,841	18,058	13,841	9,691	6,898	11,819
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	2.4	2.7	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.2	4.6
Mountain: 562 cities; population 13,355,943:							
Number of employees	35,472	14,848	6,120	3,252	3,020	2,767	5,465
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	2.7	2.8	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.6	4.3
Pacific: 771 cities; population 31,517,095:							
Number of employees	72,676	32,993	11,938	10,589	6,671	4,131	6,354
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	2.3	2.7	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	4.8
Suburban areas:^b 7,265 agencies; population 116,874,267:							
Number of employees	432,107	X	X	X	X	X	X
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	3.7	X	X	X	X	X	X
County:^c 3,414 agencies; population 90,704,265:							
Number of employees	402,022	X	X	X	X	X	X
Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	4.4	X	X	X	X	X	X

Note: These data are collected annually by the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program. "Full-time law enforcement employees" includes both law enforcement officers and civilian employees. Law enforcement officers include all "full-time, sworn personnel with full arrest powers." This excludes persons performing guard or protection duties (e.g., school crossing guards) who are not paid from police funds. "Civilian employees" includes persons such as clerks, radio dispatchers, meter attendants, stenographers, and mechanics. Persons not paid from police funds are excluded. Employees on leave with pay also are excluded. (U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 1984), pp. 71, 72.) These data are for employees who were on the payroll on Oct. 31, 2003. For a list of States in geographic divisions, see [Appendix 3](#).

^aIncludes civilians.
^bIncludes law enforcement agencies in cities with less than 50,000 inhabitants and county law enforcement agencies that are within a Metropolitan Statistical Area; excludes all metropolitan agencies associated with a principal city. The agencies associated with suburban areas also will appear in other groups within this table.
^cIncludes both metropolitan and nonmetropolitan counties.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 2003* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 2004), p. 366.