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Federal agencies employing 100 or more full-time officers authorized to carry firearms and make arrests

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Agency	Number of full-time officers ^a
U.S. Customs and Border Protection	27,705
Federal Bureau of Prisons	15,214
Federal Bureau of Investigation	12,424
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement	10,399
U.S. Secret Service	4,769
Drug Enforcement Administration ^b	4,400
Administrative Office of the United States Courts ^c	4,126
U.S. Marshals Service	3,233
U.S. Postal Inspection Service	2,976
Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division	2,777
Veterans Health Administration	2,423
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives	2,373
National Park Service ^d	2,148
U.S. Capitol Police	1,535
Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Diplomatic Security Service ^b	825
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Law Enforcement	708
U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Law Enforcement and Investigations	600
Pentagon Force Protection Agency	482
U.S. Mint	376
Bureau of Indian Affairs	320
Amtrak	317
Department of Energy, Office of Secure Transportation	292
Bureau of Land Management	249
Bureau of Engraving and Printing	234
Environmental Protection Agency	209
Food and Drug Administration	177
Tennessee Valley Authority	168
National Marine Fisheries Service	141
U.S. Supreme Court	125
Library of Congress	116

Note: These data are from the 2004 Census of Federal Law Enforcement Officers conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. This was the first such census conducted since signing of legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security in November 2002. The census covered 65 agencies including 27 offices of inspector general. The data include all supervisory and nonsupervisory personnel with Federal arrest authority who were authorized (but not necessarily required) to carry firearms in the performance of their official duties. The data exclude law enforcement personnel in the U.S. Armed Forces and Federal law enforcement officers stationed in foreign countries. Also, because of classified information restrictions, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Transportation Security Administration's Federal Air Marshals are excluded.

^aExcludes employees in U.S. Territories.

^bData are estimates based on information provided by the agency.

^cIncludes all Federal probation officers employed in Federal judicial districts that allow officers to carry firearms.

^dIncludes 1,536 Park Rangers commissioned as law enforcement officers and 612 U.S. Park Police officers.

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