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Law enforcement officers killed

United States, 1961-2008

Total	Officers killed in the line of duty	
	Feloniously	Accidentally
	3,623	2,727
1961	37	34
1962	48	30
1963	55	33
1964	57	31
1965	53	30
1966	57	42
1967	76	47
1968	64	59
1969	86	39
1970	100	46
1971	129	NA
1972	117	NA
1973	134	42
1974	132	47
1975	129	56
1976	111	29
1977	93	32
1978	93	52
1979	106	58
1980	104	61
1981	91	66
1982	92	72
1983	80	72
1984	72	75
1985	78	70
1986	66	67
1987	74	74
1988	78	77
1989	66	79
1990	66	67
1991	71	53
1992	64	66
1993	70	59
1994	79	62
1995	74	59
1996	61	52
1997	70	63
1998	61	81
1999	42	65
2000	51	83
2001	70 ^a	76
2002	56	75
2003	52	81
2004	57	82
2005	55	67
2006	48	66
2007 ^b	57	83
2008 ^b	41	67

Note: These data are from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. Federal, State, city, university and college, county, and tribal law enforcement agencies participating in the UCR Program submit data on any sworn officer killed feloniously or accidentally in the line of duty within their jurisdictions. FBI field divisions and legal attaché offices also report such incidents occurring in the United States and its territories, as well as those in which a United States law enforcement officer dies while assigned to duties in another country (Source: **2007** [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2007/methodologykilled.html>). Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

^a Does not include the deaths of 72 law enforcement officers resulting from the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

^b Preliminary.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970*, Part 1 (Washington, DC: USGPO, 1975), p. 415; and U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Law Enforcement Officers Killed, 1975*, p. 11; **1981**, p. 12; FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: USGPO); *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 1982*, pp. 10, 40; **1992**, pp. 23, 57; **2004**, pp. 9, 55; FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice); **2007**, Table 1 and Table 48 [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2007/data/table_01.html and http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2007/data/table_48.html [Nov. 11, 2008]; **2008 Preliminary**, Press Release, May 11, 2009 [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/pressrel/pressrel09/statistics_051109.htm [June 25, 2009]. Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.