

Table 3.155

Law enforcement officers feloniously killed

By circumstances at scene of incident, United States, 1979-2002

Circumstances at scene of incident	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total	106	104	91	92	80	72	78	66	74	78	66	66	71	64	70	80	74	61	71	61	42	51	70 ^a	56
Disturbance calls	17	12	19	18	15	8	13	7	23	7	13	10	17	11	10	8	8	4	14	16	7	8	14	9
Bar fights, persons with firearms, etc.	13	6	14	11	10	7	6	5	10	4	5	5	8	2	5	4	2	1	3	7	6	4	5	4
Family quarrels	4	6	5	7	5	1	7	2	13	3	8	5	9	9	5	4	6	3	11	9	1	4	9	5
Arrest situations	47	49	38	36	31	33	29	26	27	33	24	30	14	27	28	34	21	26	22	16	12	12	24	10
Burglaries in progress/pursuing burglary suspects	7	8	6	3	4	2	4	1	6	3	0	1	3	5	1	4	4	3	5	0	0	3	3	0
Robberies in progress/pursuing robbery suspects	19	22	17	14	11	9	12	9	4	7	8	13	4	11	9	18	7	12	11	3	4	1	4	4
Drug-related matters	6	9	2	5	6	4	6	7	4	12	7	5	3	3	3	4	4	3	1	7	2	3	8	3
Attempting other arrests	15	10	13	14	10	18	7	9	13	11	9	11	4	8	15	8	6	8	5	6	6	5	9	3
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	3	1	1	3	3	3	4	5	6	2	6	2	6	2	1	1	4	0	4	4	2	2	2	0
Investigating suspicious persons/circumstances	9	16	10	11	10	12	9	11	5	23	10	9	10	7	15	15	17	13	10	6	7	6	8	8
Ambush situations	11	7	9	9	9	8	7	4	4	6	4	8	11	7	5	8	14	6	12	10	6	10	10	15
Entrapment/premeditation	8	2	5	7	6	4	5	2	3	2	2	2	5	5	3	1	6	2	5	4	4	2	3	4
Unprovoked attack	3	5	4	2	3	4	2	2	1	4	2	6	6	2	2	7	8	4	7	6	2	8	7	11
Mentally deranged assailants	4	2	2	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	4
Traffic pursuits/stops	15	17	12	12	11	8	16	10	8	6	7	6	13	10	10	10	9	11	8	9	8	13	9	10

Note: See Note, table 3.154. These data include Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers feloniously killed in the line of duty. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted*, 1987, p. 17; 1997, p. 29; 2002, p. 22; FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.

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