

Table 3.158

Percent distribution of law enforcement officers feloniously killed

By selected characteristics of officers, United States, 1984-2002^a

Characteristics of officers killed	1984 (N=72)	1985 (N=78)	1986 (N=66)	1987 (N=73)	1988 (N=78)	1989 (N=66)	1990 (N=65)	1991 (N=71)	1992 (N=62)	1993 (N=70)	1994 (N=76)	1995 (N=74)	1996 (N=55)	1997 (N=65)	1998 (N=61)	1999 (N=42)	2000 (N=51)	2001 (N=70 ^b)	2002 (N=56)
Sex																			
Male	94%	96%	98%	100%	97%	97%	98%	96%	100%	94%	96%	99%	96%	100%	90%	93%	98%	96%	86%
Female	6	4	2	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	4	1	4	0	10	7	2	4	14
Race																			
White	85	88	89	90	91	89	80	87	82	86	84	84	80	80	87	88	76	87	91
Black	14	10	11	10	9	11	18	13	16	14	14	12	15	17	11	7	22	11	7
Other ^c	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	4	5	3	2	5	0	1	2
Age																			
Under age 25	6	5	8	11	15	4	5	7	6	6	8	8	4	2	11	2	10	9	2
25 to 30 years	28	26	30	26	15	20	14	27	21	37	26	26	35	26	30	24	22	24	20
31 to 40 years	40	35	29	32	40	38	42	37	39	33	38	24	40	35	28	55	35	40	50
Over 40 years	26	35	33	32	30	38	40	30	34	21	28	42	22	37	31	19	33	27	29
Length of service																			
Less than 1 year of service	4	6	3	8	4	3	3	6	6	3	11	12	4	6	3	2	6	1	0
1 to 4 years of service	30	20	33	22	31	23	26	38	22	34	20	20	38	17	33	26	33	26	21
5 to 10 years of service	40	24	30	29	22	29	26	24	24	24	34	27	33	48	26	38	22	30	36
Over 10 years of service	24	49	32	41	40	44	45	31	44	34	36	41	24	28	36	33	39	43	41
In uniform	75	73	67	79	68	67	63	73	64	81	63	66	78	75	79	74	80	69	84
Wearing protective body armor	24	19	24	25	26	32	25	34	27	56	47	46	56	42	57	64	61	59	66

Note: See Notes, tables 3.154 and 3.155. The Ns presented and the distribution of characteristics are based on the known number of victim officers at the time the initial FBI report is published. The Ns presented above may therefore differ from other tables that include totals subsequently revised by the Source.

^aPercents may not add to 100 because of rounding. Also, for some years, age, race, or length of service was not reported for a small number of cases. Percents are computed on total number of cases and therefore may not total 100.

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

^cIncludes Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, and Alaskan Native.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted*, 1984, p. 20; 1985, p. 21; 1986, p. 22; 1987, p. 20; 1988, p. 20; 1989, p. 21; 1990, p. 20; 1991, p. 31; 1992, p. 35; 1993, p. 35; 1994, p. 37; 1995, p. 35; 1996, p. 35; 1997, p. 35; 1998, p. 39; 1999, p. 37; 2000, p. 37; 2001, p. 41; 2002, p. 14; p. 15, Table 7; and p. 16, Table 9; FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice). Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.