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Percent distribution of law enforcement officers feloniously killed

By selected characteristics of officers, United States, 1984-2010^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)
Sex																
Male	94%	96%	98%	100%	97%	97%	98%	96%	100%	94%	96%	99%	96%	100%	90%	93%
Female	6	4	2	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	4	1	4	0	10	7
Race																
White	85	88	89	90	91	89	80	87	82	86	84	84	80	80	87	88
Black	14	10	11	10	9	11	18	13	16	14	14	12	15	17	11	7
Other ^c	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	4	5	3	2	5
Age																
Under age 25	6	5	8	11	15	4	5	7	6	6	8	8	4	2	11	2
25 to 30 years	28	26	30	26	15	20	14	27	21	37	26	26	35	26	30	24
31 to 40 years	40	35	29	32	40	38	42	37	39	33	38	24	40	35	28	55
Over 40 years	26	35	33	32	30	38	40	30	34	21	28	42	22	37	31	19
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
1 to 4 years of service	30	20	33	22	31	23	26	38	22	34	20	20	38	17	33	26
5 to 10 years of service	40	24	30	29	22	29	26	24	24	24	34	27	33	48	26	38
Over 10 years of service	24	49	32	41	40	44	45	31	44	34	36	41	24	28	36	33
In uniform	75	73	67	79	68	67	63	73	64	81	63	66	78	75	79	74
Wearing protective body armor	24	19	24	25	26	32	25	34	27	56	47	46	56	42	57	64

See notes at end of table.

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By selected characteristics of officers, United States, 1984-2010^a--Continued

Characteristics of officers killed	2000 (N=51)	2001 (N=70 ^b)	2002 (N=56)	2003 (N=52)	2004 (N=57)	2005 (N=55)	2006 (N=48)	2007 (N=58)	2008 (N=41)	2009 (N=48)	2010 (N=56)
Sex											
Male	98%	96%	86%	96%	95%	98%	94%	100%	90%	98%	96%
Female	2	4	14	4	5	2	6	0	10	2	4
Race											
White	76	87	91	79	81	85	79	81	73	88	86
Black	22	11	7	15	18	15	10	15	22	6	12
Other ^c	0	1	2	6	2	0	10	3	5	6	2
Age											
Under age 25	10	9	2	4	5	4	2	12	5	2	5
25 to 30 years	22	24	20	25	16	16	19	12	17	19	21
31 to 40 years	35	40	50	33	37	44	56	44	44	40	39
Over 40 years	33	27	29	38	38	36	23	32	34	40	34
Length of service											
Less than 1 year of service	6	1	0	4	4	4	0	4	0	0	2
1 to 4 years of service	33	26	21	25	21	36 ^d	33 ^d	30 ^d	37 ^d	27 ^d	39 ^d
5 to 10 years of service	22	30	36	35	32	18 ^d	27 ^d	30 ^d	27 ^d	25 ^d	23 ^d
Over 10 years of service	39	43	41	36	40	42	40	37	37	46	36
In uniform	80	69	84	86	74	78	65	71	76	83	84
Wearing protective body armor	61	59	66	67	56	62	56	62	78	75	68

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: **2010** [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/leoka/leoka-2010/methodology_felon_acciden-2010). Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

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. Therefore, the Ns presented above may differ from other tables that include totals subsequently revised by the Source.

^a Percents 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.

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

^c Includes Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, Alaskan Native, and not reported.

^d Beginning in 2005, the Source revised the length of service categories: 1 to 4 years of service was changed to 1 to 5 years of service and 5 to 10 years of service was changed to 6 to 10 years of service. Therefore the figures for 2005 and subsequent years are not directly comparable to previous years.

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); **2009**, Tables 8, 11, and 37 [Online]. Available: <http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2009/feloniouslykilled.html> [Jan. 31, 2011]; **2010**, Tables 7, 8, 11, and 37 [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/leoka/leoka-2010/officers-feloniously-killed/feloniouslykilled> [Oct. 31, 2011]. Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.