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Persons identified in the felonious killing of law enforcement officers

By demographic characteristics and prior record, United States, 1998-2007 (aggregate) and 2007^a

Characteristics of persons identified	1998 to 2007 ^b		2007	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	624	100%	62	100%
Sex				
Male	614	98	62	100
Female	10	2	0	X
Race				
White	357	57	35	56
Black	252	40	24	39
Other ^c	13	2	3	5
Not reported	2	(d)	0	X
Age				
Under age 18	39	6	6	10
18 to 24 years	246	39	25	40
25 to 30 years	121	19	10	16
31 to 40 years	111	18	10	16
Over 40 years	102	16	10	16
Not reported	5	1	1	2
Prior record^e				
Prior criminal arrest	509	82	58	94
Convicted on prior criminal charges	375	60	45	73
Prior arrest for crime of violence	261	42	30	48
On parole or probation at time of killing	133	21	17	27
Prior arrest on murder charge	26	4	2	3
Prior arrest on drug law violation	261	42	37	60
Prior arrest for assaulting an officer or resisting arrest	127	20	19	31
Prior arrest for weapons violation	224	36	28	45
Escapee from penal institution	14	2	0	X

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 Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

^b Does not include the 14 known assailants involved in the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

^c Includes Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, and Alaskan Native.

^d Less than 0.5%.

^e Offenders may fall into multiple categories for prior record therefore detail will not add to total.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2007*, Tables 42, 44, 45, and 46 [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2007/data/table_42.html, http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2007/data/table_44.html, http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2007/data/table_45.html, and http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2007/data/table_46.html [Nov. 19, 2008]. Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.