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Law enforcement officers assaulted

By circumstances at scene of incident and type of weapon, United States, 2003^a

Circumstances at scene of incident	Total	Type of weapon			Personal weapon
		Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other dangerous weapon	
Total	57,841	1,866	1,074	8,059	46,842
Percent of total	100%	3.2	1.9	13.9	81.0
Disturbance calls (family quarrels, bar fights, persons with firearms, etc.)	17,676	737	475	1,640	14,824
Percent	100%	4.2	2.7	9.3	83.9
Burglaries in progress/ pursuing burglary suspects	785	35	29	160	561
Percent	100%	4.5	3.7	20.4	71.5
Robberies in progress/ pursuing robbery suspects	540	92	15	125	308
Percent	100%	17.0	2.8	23.1	57.0
Attempting other arrests	9,567	187	103	1,069	8,208
Percent	100%	2.0	1.1	11.2	85.8
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	738	9	10	97	622
Percent	100%	1.2	1.4	13.1	84.3
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	7,216	30	39	543	6,604
Percent	100%	0.4	0.5	7.5	91.5
Investigating suspicious persons/ circumstances	5,629	200	119	837	4,473
Percent	100%	3.6	2.1	14.9	79.5
Ambush situations	191	60	9	55	67
Percent	100%	31.4	4.7	28.8	35.1
Handling mentally deranged persons	997	27	92	110	768
Percent	100%	2.7	9.2	11.0	77.0
Traffic pursuits/stops	6,431	213	49	2,241	3,928
Percent	100%	3.3	0.8	34.8	61.1
All other	8,071	276	134	1,182	6,479
Percent	100%	3.4	1.7	14.6	80.3

Note: These data are based on 10,141 agencies reporting assaults to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program for all 12 months of 2003. These agencies cover approximately 74% of the total U.S. population. In 2003, data for Illinois, Vermont, and West Virginia were not available for inclusion in the tabulations. (Source, pp. 63, 65.)

^aPercents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2003*, FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2004), p. 72.