

Table 1.27

State and local law enforcement agencies and employees

By type of agency, United States, 2000

Type of agency	Number of agencies	Number of employees					
		Full-time			Part-time		
		Total	Sworn	Nonsworn	Total	Sworn	Nonsworn
Total	17,784	1,019,496	708,022	311,474	99,731	42,803	56,928
Local police	12,666	565,915	440,920	124,995	62,110	27,323	34,787
Sheriff	3,070	293,823	164,711	129,112	22,737	10,300	12,437
Primary State	49	87,028	56,348	30,680	817	95	722
Special jurisdiction	1,376	69,650	43,413	26,237	13,583	4,667	8,916
Texas constable	623	3,080	2,630	450	484	418	66

Note: These data are from the 2000 Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies. The data were collected for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services by the U.S. Census Bureau. The 2000 Census included all State and local agencies employing at least one full-time sworn officer (or the equivalent in part-time officers) with general arrest powers. The pay period that included June 30, 2000 was the reference date for all data. The final database includes responses from 12,666 general purpose local police departments, 3,070 sheriffs' offices, 49 primary State police departments, 1,376 special jurisdiction police agencies, and the 623 county constable offices in Texas. Hawaii does not have a State police agency; the Hawaii Department of Public Safety primarily provides court support services.

A local police department was defined as a general purpose police department operated by a municipal, county, tribal, or regional (multijurisdiction) government. A State police department was defined as the general purpose police agency operated by the State. Included among special police agencies are both State and local agencies policing special geographic jurisdictions such as airports, parks, transit systems, public schools, colleges and universities, and public housing. Also included are agencies with special enforcement responsibilities such as those pertaining to natural resource conservation or alcoholic beverage control and special investigative units such as those operated by prosecutors' offices. Texas constables are elected officials who are responsible for providing services for the justice, county, and district courts. About half of constable offices also performed law enforcement functions. Of the approximately 760 county constable offices in Texas, 623 employed sworn personnel as of June 2000.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, 2000*, Bulletin NCJ 194066 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, October 2002), p. 2.