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**State and local law enforcement agencies and employees**

By type of agency, United States, 2008

Type of agency	Number of agencies	Number of employees					
		Full-time			Part-time		
		Total	Sworn	Nonsworn	Total	Sworn	Nonsworn
Total	17,985	1,133,915	765,246	368,669	100,340	44,062	56,278
Local police	12,501	593,003	461,063	131,949	58,129	27,810	30,319
Sheriff	3,063	353,461	182,979	170,482	26,052	11,334	14,718
Primary State	50	93,148	60,772	32,376	947	54	893
Special jurisdiction	1,733	90,262	56,968	33,294	14,681	4,451	10,230
Constable, marshal	638	4,031	3,464	567	531	413	118

Note: These data are from the 2008 Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies. The data were collected for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau. The 2008 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 reference date for all data was Sept. 30, 2008. The final database includes responses from 12,501 general purpose local police departments, 3,063 sheriffs' offices, 50 primary State police departments, 1,733 special jurisdiction police agencies, and 638 other agencies, primarily county constable offices in Texas.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, 2008*, Bulletin NCJ 233982 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, July 2011), p. 2, Table 1. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.