

Table 1.40

**Minimum educational requirements for new officer recruits in sheriffs' offices**

By size of population served, United States, 2000<sup>a</sup>

Population served	Total with requirements	Percent of agencies requiring a minimum of:			
		High school diploma	Some college <sup>b</sup>	2-year college degree	4-year college degree
All sizes	97%	86%	5%	6%	(c)
1,000,000 or more	87	71	12	3	0%
500,000 to 999,999	100	87	9	3	2
250,000 to 499,999	98	86	4	9	0
100,000 to 249,999	96	79	7	10	0
50,000 to 99,999	98	77	12	9	0
25,000 to 49,999	98	86	4	7	1
10,000 to 24,999	97	89	3	5	0
Less than 10,000	95	91	1	3	0

Note: See Note, [table 1.33](#).

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to total because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Nondegree requirements.

<sup>c</sup>Less than 0.5%.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Sheriffs' Offices 2000*, NCJ 196534 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2003), p. 6, Table 10.