

Table 1.40.2003

Minimum educational requirements for new officer recruits in sheriffs' offices

By size of population served, United States, 2003^a

Population served	Total with requirements	Percent of agencies requiring a minimum of:			
		High school diploma	Some college ^b	2-year college degree	4-year college degree
All sizes	99%	89%	4%	5%	(c)
1,000,000 or more	100	85	4	12	0%
500,000 to 999,999	98	74	7	10	7
250,000 to 499,999	99	91	4	3	2
100,000 to 249,999	98	88	10	1	0
50,000 to 99,999	100	86	12	2	0
25,000 to 49,999	99	89	4	6	0
10,000 to 24,999	98	89	2	7	0
Less than 10,000	98	93	0	5	0

Note: See Note, [table 1.0001.2003](#).

^aPercents may not add to total because of rounding.

^bNondegree requirements.

^cLess than 0.5%.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Sheriffs' Offices, 2003*, NCJ 211361 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2006), p. 9, Table 16.