

Table 1.45

Average base minimum and maximum annual salaries for selected positions in local police departments

By size of population served, United States, 2000

Population served	Average base starting salary ^a					
	Entry-level officer		Sergeant or equivalent		Chief	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
All sizes	\$25,500	\$30,300	\$35,100	\$39,600	\$43,700	\$49,200
1,000,000 or more	33,900	51,300	53,700	65,300	104,400	136,400
500,000 to 999,999	33,400	47,500	50,000	59,000	99,600	116,000
250,000 to 499,999	34,200	48,400	49,000	59,400	85,000	111,600
100,000 to 249,999	34,700	46,800	49,100	58,900	84,400	104,300
50,000 to 99,999	34,100	44,300	49,800	57,300	78,300	92,700
25,000 to 49,999	32,800	42,500	46,700	54,000	70,100	82,200
10,000 to 24,999	29,700	36,600	41,800	46,700	58,000	65,800
2,500 to 9,999	25,900	30,900	34,200	38,200	43,300	48,700
Less than 2,500	20,900	22,900	26,000	29,200	30,200	32,600

Note: See Note, table 1.33. Salary figures have been rounded to the nearest \$100.

^aComputations of average salary exclude agencies with no full-time employees in that position.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Local Police Departments 2000*, NCJ 196002 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2003), p. 8, Table 14.