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

By size of population served, United States, 2003

Population served	Average base starting salary ^a					
	Entry-level officer		Sergeant or equivalent		Chief	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
All sizes	\$28,200	\$35,300	\$36,600	\$42,400	\$48,800	\$56,900
1,000,000 or more	37,700	57,800	60,200	73,500	113,000	157,100
500,000 to 999,999	36,600	54,900	58,000	69,600	109,700	143,200
250,000 to 499,999	38,300	53,500	54,600	66,900	94,400	129,200
100,000 to 249,999	39,600	54,000	56,000	68,000	95,000	123,100
50,000 to 99,999	37,400	51,200	54,500	65,300	85,500	106,900
25,000 to 49,999	35,900	48,600	53,400	62,400	77,700	94,500
10,000 to 24,999	33,000	45,000	47,400	55,200	65,900	77,800
2,500 to 9,999	29,000	36,200	37,400	43,600	48,900	56,200
Less than 2,500	23,400	26,800	27,100	30,800	32,700	36,500

Note: See Note, [table 1.0001.2003](#). 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, 2003*, NCJ 210118 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2006), p. 11, Table 20.