

Table 1.51.2003

Full-time community policing officers in local police departments

By size of population served, United States, 2003

Population served	Full-time community policing officers		
	Percent of agencies using	Number of officers	Average number of officers ^a
All sizes	58%	54,849	7
1,000,000 or more	100	4,756	287
500,000 to 999,999	89	4,135	120
250,000 to 499,999	85	3,388	94
150,000 to 249,999	89	5,152	33
50,000 to 149,999	88	5,329	14
25,000 to 49,999	80	6,071	10
10,000 to 24,999	62	7,582	7
2,500 to 9,999	55	11,377	5
Less than 2,500	52	7,060	3

Note: See Note, [table 1.0001.2003](#). Community policing promotes and supports organizational strategies to address the causes and reduce the fear of crime and social disorder through problem solving tactics and community partnerships. Balancing responses to calls for service with proactive problem solving, community policing requires police and citizens to join together in identifying and addressing causes of crime and disorder. The implementation of a community policing plan supports and empowers front-line officers, decentralizes command, and encourages innovative problem solving (Source, p. 19). In some jurisdictions these officers may be known as community relations officers, community resource officers, or named for the community policing approach they employ (Source, p. 20).

^aExcludes agencies that did not employ any full-time community policing officers.

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. 20, Table 42.