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Table 1.67.2003

Number and rate (per 1,000 inhabitants) of full-time law enforcement officers

By geographic division and population group, on Oct. 31, 2003

(2003 estimated population)

Geographic region and division	Total (10,658 cities; population 183,400,149)	Population group					
		Group I (71 cities, 250,000 and over; population 53,436,860)	Group II (168 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 25,195,766)	Group III (391 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 26,866,391)	Group IV (757 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 26,172,918)	Group V (1,774 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 28,090,979)	Group VI (7,497 cities, under 10,000; population 23,637,235)
Total cities: 10,658 cities; population 183,400,149:							
Number of officers	421,074	146,274	47,188	47,523	47,536	54,983	77,570
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.3	2.7	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.0	3.3
Northeast: 2,212 cities; population 41,872,637:							
Number of officers	106,936	40,692	8,258	11,708	15,185	16,320	14,773
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.6	3.7	2.7	2.1	2.0	1.8	2.6
New England: 761 cities; population 12,571,444:							
Number of officers	26,866	2,053	3,970	4,893	5,816	5,972	4,162
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.1	3.5	2.8	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.3
Middle Atlantic: 1,451 cities; population 29,301,193:							
Number of officers	80,070	38,639	4,288	6,815	9,369	10,348	10,611
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.7	3.7	2.7	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.7
Midwest: 3,226 cities; population 44,410,558:							
Number of officers	98,595	31,733	8,436	11,009	12,843	15,294	19,280
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.2	3.4	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.6
East North Central: 2,014 cities; population 31,671,139:							
Number of officers	73,938	26,279	5,876	8,003	9,938	11,289	12,553
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.3	3.7	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.6
West North Central: 1,212 cities; population 12,739,419:							
Number of officers	24,657	5,454	2,560	3,006	2,905	4,005	6,727
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	1.9	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.7	2.5
South: 3,887 cities; population 52,243,916:							
Number of officers	138,551	39,530	18,032	15,198	12,623	18,211	34,957
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.7	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.4	4.5
South Atlantic: 1,697 cities; population 21,131,333:							
Number of officers	65,095	15,662	9,106	8,345	6,201	8,622	17,159
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	3.1	3.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.7	5.6
East South Central: 959 cities; population 9,039,418:							
Number of officers	24,908	5,420	3,128	1,529	2,719	4,139	7,973
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.8	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.4	4.1
West South Central: 1,231 cities; population 22,073,165:							
Number of officers	48,548	18,448	5,798	5,324	3,703	5,450	9,825
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.1	3.5
West: 1,333 cities; population 44,873,038:							
Number of officers	76,992	34,319	12,462	9,608	6,885	5,158	8,560
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	1.7	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.6	3.3
Mountain: 562 cities; population 13,355,943:							
Number of officers	24,830	10,001	4,284	2,355	2,160	2,068	3,962
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.9	3.1
Pacific: 771 cities; population 31,517,095:							
Number of officers	52,162	24,318	8,178	7,253	4,725	3,090	4,598
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	1.7	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.5	3.4
Suburban areas:^a 7,265 agencies; population 116,874,267:							
Number of officers	288,522	X	X	X	X	X	X
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.5	X	X	X	X	X	X
County:^b 3,414 agencies; population 90,704,265:							
Number of officers	242,722	X	X	X	X	X	X
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.7	X	X	X	X	X	X

Note: See Note, table 1.66.2003. For a list of States in geographic divisions, see Appendix 3.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 2003* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 2004), p. 367.

^aIncludes law enforcement agencies in cities with less than 50,000 inhabitants and county law enforcement agencies that are within a Metropolitan Statistical Area; excludes all metropolitan agencies associated with a principal city. The agencies associated with suburban areas also will appear in other groups within this table.

^bIncludes both metropolitan and nonmetropolitan counties.