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Table 1.67.2004

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

By geographic division and population group, on Oct. 31, 2004

(2004 estimated population)

| Geographic region and division | Total (10,822 cities; population 185,926,671) | Population group | | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | Group I (69 cities, 250,000 and over; population 52,558,631) | Group II (174 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 26,030,515) | Group III (409 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 28,064,440) | Group IV (785 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 27,052,123) | Group V (1,783 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 28,246,568) | Group VI (7,602 cities, under 10,000; population 23,974,394) |
| Total cities: 10,822 cities; population 185,926,671: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 429,630 | 149,267 | 48,435 | 49,335 | 48,859 | 54,814 | 78,920 |
| Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants | 2.3 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 3.3 |
| Northeast: 2,297 cities; population 42,803,832: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 115,549 | 47,296 | 8,263 | 12,660 | 15,537 | 16,233 | 15,560 |
| Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants | 2.7 | 4.3 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2.6 |
| New England: 767 cities; population 12,575,681: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 26,811 | 2,036 | 3,974 | 4,936 | 5,686 | 5,900 | 4,279 |
| Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants | 2.1 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.3 |
| Middle Atlantic: 1,530 cities; population 30,228,151: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 88,738 | 45,260 | 4,289 | 7,724 | 9,851 | 10,333 | 11,281 |
| Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants | 2.9 | 4.3 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.7 |
| Midwest: 3,243 cities; population 43,612,502: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 95,446 | 28,359 | 8,277 | 11,522 | 12,706 | 15,348 | 19,234 |
| Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants | 2.2 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.6 |
| East North Central: 2,021 cities; population 30,785,159: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 70,557 | 22,943 | 5,641 | 8,429 | 9,766 | 11,332 | 12,446 |
| Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants | 2.3 | 3.8 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.6 |
| West North Central: 1,222 cities; population 12,827,343: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 24,889 | 5,416 | 2,636 | 3,093 | 2,940 | 4,016 | 6,788 |
| Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants | 1.9 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 2.5 |
| South: 3,948 cities; population 53,839,648: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 141,250 | 39,489 | 19,263 | 15,363 | 13,564 | 18,086 | 35,485 |
| Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 4.5 |
| South Atlantic: 1,740 cities; population 22,271,779: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 67,218 | 15,942 | 10,053 | 8,324 | 6,674 | 8,801 | 17,424 |
| Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 5.5 |
| East South Central: 941 cities; population 9,130,741: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 25,159 | 5,406 | 3,216 | 1,529 | 3,106 | 3,939 | 7,963 |
| 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: 1,267 cities; population 22,437,128: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 48,873 | 18,141 | 5,994 | 5,510 | 3,784 | 5,346 | 10,098 |
| Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants | 2.2 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 3.6 |
| West: 1,334 cities; population 45,670,689: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 77,385 | 34,123 | 12,632 | 9,790 | 7,052 | 5,147 | 8,641 |
| Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 3.3 |
| Mountain: 578 cities; population 13,946,410: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 25,785 | 10,243 | 4,328 | 2,823 | 2,277 | 2,075 | 4,039 |
| Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 3.1 |
| Pacific: 756 cities; population 31,724,279: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 51,600 | 23,880 | 8,304 | 6,967 | 4,775 | 3,072 | 4,602 |
| Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 3.5 |
| Suburban areas:^a 7,337 agencies; population 119,055,079: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 294,112 | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants | 2.5 | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| County:^b 3,432 agencies; population 92,506,392: | | | | | | | |
| Number of officers | 246,104 | 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 1.66.2004. 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, 2004* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 2005), p. 372.

^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.