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

By geographic division and population group, on Oct. 31, 2008

(2008 estimated population)

Geographic region and division	Total (10,915 cities; population 193,548,068)	Population group					
		Group I (75 cities, 250,000 and over; population 55,781,739)	Group II (189 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 27,940,012)	Group III (437 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 29,817,070)	Group IV (807 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 27,597,191)	Group V (1,807 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 28,634,261)	Group VI (7,600 cities, Under 10,000; population 23,777,795)
Total cities: 10,915 cities; population 193,548,068:							
Number of officers	449,896	156,445	52,273	52,341	50,650	55,767	82,420
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.3	2.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	3.5
Northeast: 2,448 cities; population 43,249,515:							
Number of officers	119,002	47,705	8,054	13,395	15,690	16,695	17,463
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.8	4.2	2.9	2.2	2.0	1.9	2.8
New England: 760 cities; population 12,565,101:							
Number of officers	28,247	2,213	3,929	5,178	5,850	5,989	5,088
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.2	3.7	2.7	2.1	1.9	1.8	3.0
Middle Atlantic: 1,688 cities; population 30,684,414:							
Number of officers	90,755	45,492	4,125	8,217	9,840	10,706	12,375
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	3.0	4.3	3.0	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.7
Midwest: 3,302 cities; population 44,263,045:							
Number of officers	98,163	29,689	7,425	11,318	13,435	15,624	20,672
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.2	3.3	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.8
East North Central: 2,072 cities; population 31,160,435:							
Number of officers	72,070	23,779	5,134	8,031	10,717	11,213	13,196
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.3	3.7	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.8
West North Central: 1,230 cities; population 13,102,610:							
Number of officers	26,093	5,910	2,291	3,287	2,718	4,411	7,476
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.0	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.9
South: 3,817 cities; population 57,241,561:							
Number of officers	148,143	40,836	23,278	16,119	14,135	18,315	35,460
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.6	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	4.7
South Atlantic: 1,524 cities; population 23,422,121:							
Number of officers	69,370	15,846	12,756	8,517	6,939	8,473	16,839
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	3.0	3.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.6	6.0
East South Central: 978 cities; population 9,738,647:							
Number of officers	26,480	5,595	3,395	1,817	3,349	4,328	7,996
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	4.1
West South Central: 1,315 cities; population 24,080,793:							
Number of officers	52,293	19,395	7,127	5,785	3,847	5,514	10,625
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.0	3.7
West: 1,348 cities; population 48,793,947:							
Number of officers	84,588	38,215	13,516	11,509	7,390	5,133	8,825
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	1.7	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.6	3.4
Mountain: 583 cities; population 15,768,765:							
Number of officers	29,303	12,692	4,376	3,275	2,900	1,857	4,203
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.9	3.2
Pacific: 765 cities; population 33,025,182:							
Number of officers	55,285	25,523	9,140	8,234	4,490	3,276	4,622
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	1.7	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5	3.7
Suburban areas: ^a 7,412 agencies; population 121,966,483:							
Number of officers	309,689	X	X	X	X	X	X
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.5	X	X	X	X	X	X
County: ^b 3,254 agencies; population 92,689,393:							
Number of officers	258,673	X	X	X	X	X	X
Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants	2.8	X	X	X	X	X	X

Note: These data are collected annually by the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Law enforcement officers include all "full-time, sworn personnel with full arrest powers." This excludes persons performing guard or protection duties (e.g., school crossing guards) who are not paid from police funds. Employees on leave with pay also are excluded. (U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook*, p. 127 [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/handbook/ucrhandbook04.pdf> [Nov. 20, 2009].) These data are for employees who were on the payroll on Oct. 31, 2008. No 2008 police employee data were received from West Virginia. For a list of States in geographic divisions, see [Appendix 3](#).

^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.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 2008*, Table 71 [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table_71.html [Nov. 20, 2009].