

Table 1.71

Mean and median salaries of county chief law enforcement officials

By county population, region, metro status, and form of government, United States, July-November 2003

	Number of counties	Salary levels			Number of counties	Salary levels	
		Mean	Median			Mean	Median
All counties, total	990	\$60,592	\$55,420	50,000 to 99,999, total	129	\$69,936	\$69,256
<u>Region</u>				<u>Region</u>			
Northeast	46	68,425	60,430	Northeast	8	74,878	69,225
North Central	420	54,186	50,000	North Central	43	71,568	71,712
South	353	63,972	60,447	South	65	68,701	68,490
West	171	67,240	60,000	West	13	67,669	65,100
<u>County type</u>				<u>County type</u>			
Metro	285	85,626	80,801	Metro	64	71,491	71,906
Nonmetro	705	50,471	48,481	Nonmetro	65	68,405	66,000
<u>Form of government</u>				<u>Form of government</u>			
Commission	616	50,346	47,611	Commission	61	64,224	64,865
Council-manager/administrator	193	82,571	75,000	Council-manager/administrator	36	75,869	74,802
Council-elected executive	181	72,024	68,273	Council-elected executive	32	74,150	73,040
Population over 1,000,000, total	11	141,025	125,443	25,000 to 49,999, total	201	59,270	59,295
<u>Region</u>				<u>Region</u>			
South	3	120,477	118,625	Northeast	11	45,064	38,583
West	4	182,917	169,315	North Central	85	56,850	54,997
<u>County type</u>				South	75	61,785	62,103
Metro	11	141,025	125,443	West	30	65,047	62,666
<u>Form of government</u>				<u>County type</u>			
Council-manager/administrator	6	160,334	158,639	Metro	29	63,630	59,804
Council-elected executive	3	114,629	120,284	Nonmetro	172	58,534	57,431
500,000 to 1,000,000, total	27	106,717	107,414	<u>Form of government</u>			
<u>Region</u>				Commission	128	55,306	54,075
Northeast	3	115,429	120,225	Council-manager/administrator	42	68,107	65,546
North Central	9	90,334	98,797	Council-elected executive	31	63,661	61,388
South	10	119,520	115,371	10,000 to 24,999, total	245	50,485	48,369
West	5	105,373	95,004	<u>Region</u>			
<u>County type</u>				North Central	117	48,422	47,770
Metro	27	106,717	107,414	South	95	49,955	50,019
<u>Form of government</u>				West	31	59,825	57,000
Commission	7	107,072	100,000	<u>County type</u>			
Council-manager/administrator	12	113,304	111,621	Metro	15	64,289	61,910
Council-elected executive	8	96,526	104,876	Nonmetro	230	49,585	48,037
250,000 to 499,999, total	39	103,902	99,000	<u>Form of government</u>			
<u>Region</u>				Commission	182	48,004	46,829
Northeast	5	92,943	85,113	Council-manager/administrator	26	60,399	61,579
North Central	10	95,516	97,448	Council-elected executive	37	55,725	53,323
South	14	109,570	107,420	5,000 to 9,999, total	126	40,769	38,477
West	10	109,834	102,816	<u>Region</u>			
<u>County type</u>				North Central	70	38,196	37,636
Metro	39	103,902	99,000	South	29	42,223	38,249
<u>Form of government</u>				West	26	45,724	41,964
Commission	10	86,521	85,311	<u>County type</u>			
Council-manager/administrator	16	117,000	113,272	Nonmetro	125	40,839	38,655
Council-elected executive	13	101,152	97,199	<u>Form of government</u>			
100,000 to 249,999, total	114	84,460	80,737	Commission	107	40,370	38,800
<u>Region</u>				Council-manager/administrator	5	42,752	38,249
Northeast	13	64,550	60,613	Council-elected executive	14	43,110	37,920
North Central	35	81,434	77,937	2,500 to 4,999, total	59	35,229	32,508
South	43	88,751	88,858	<u>Region</u>			
West	23	92,298	83,460	North Central	35	33,228	32,028
<u>County type</u>				South	11	33,304	31,419
Metro	99	85,875	82,010	West	12	43,160	37,204
Nonmetro	15	75,121	74,877	<u>County type</u>			
<u>Form of government</u>				Nonmetro	59	35,229	32,508
Commission	26	72,267	73,830	<u>Form of government</u>			
Council-manager/administrator	47	89,848	90,114	Commission	57	35,290	32,508
Council-elected executive	41	86,017	82,346				

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By county population, region, metro status, and form of government, United States, July-November 2003--Continued

	Number of counties	Salary levels	
		Mean	Median
Under 2,500, total	39	\$34,701	\$34,000
<u>Region</u>			
North Central	14	34,879	32,912
South	8	29,897	29,160
West	17	36,815	34,940
<u>County type</u>			
Nonmetro	39	34,701	34,000
<u>Form of government</u>			
Commission	36	33,601	31,905
Council-manager/administrator	3	47,900	42,000

Note: These data are from a survey of local government officials conducted by the International City/County Management Association beginning in July 2003. Of the 3,040 counties surveyed, 1,116 returned the questionnaires for a response rate of 37%. Classifications having less than three counties reporting are excluded by the Source because meaningful statistics cannot be computed. Consequently, the number reporting in subcategories does not always add to the total reporting. The mean is calculated by dividing the total number of salaries into the total amount paid in salaries. The median is the salary that marks the point below which and above which 50% of all the salaries fall. When there is an even number of observations, the mean of the two middle observations is reported. For definitions of terms, a list of States in regions, and detail of survey response rates, see [Appendix 2](#).

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