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Mean and median salaries of county chief law enforcement officials

By county population, region, metro status, and form of government, United States, July-December 2007

	Number of counties	Salary levels			Number of counties	Salary levels	
		Mean	Median			Mean	Median
All counties, total	334	\$65,753	\$62,546				
<u>Region</u>				<u>Form of government</u>			
Northeast	6	87,980	72,232	County commission	20	\$65,504	\$67,277
North Central	187	64,375	62,571	Council-manager/administrator	11	90,255	101,998
South	108	67,066	59,547	Council-elected executive	8	81,996	80,352
West	33	65,221	59,166	25,000 to 49,999, total	62	65,992	69,463
<u>County type</u>				<u>Region</u>			
Metro	92	91,251	89,843	North Central	43	71,123	73,300
Nonmetro	242	56,059	53,349	South	18	52,370	43,624
<u>Form of government</u>				<u>County type</u>			
County commission	238	56,958	53,349	Metro	14	72,030	74,128
Council-manager/administrator	58	92,328	87,842	Nonmetro	48	64,231	66,853
Council-elected executive	38	80,273	76,406	<u>Form of government</u>			
Population over 1,000,000, total	4	142,088	125,246	County commission	44	62,461	59,855
<u>County type</u>				Council-manager/administrator	14	73,426	73,004
Metro	4	142,088	125,246	Council-elected executive	4	78,811	78,816
500,000 to 1,000,000, total	8	113,657	118,805	10,000 to 24,999, total	105	58,279	57,174
<u>Region</u>				<u>Region</u>			
North Central	5	107,121	112,831	North Central	63	59,458	61,915
<u>County type</u>				South	32	55,052	46,789
Metro	8	113,657	118,805	West	9	59,523	50,375
<u>Form of government</u>				<u>County type</u>			
Council-manager/administrator	5	110,332	124,779	Metro	9	66,615	63,613
250,000 to 499,999, total	18	110,820	108,266	Nonmetro	96	57,497	55,260
<u>Region</u>				<u>Form of government</u>			
North Central	6	113,958	118,043	County commission	85	55,572	53,796
South	8	117,602	115,504	Council-manager/administrator	11	76,070	74,800
West	3	101,603	98,610	Council-elected executive	9	62,094	67,470
<u>County type</u>				5,000 to 9,999, total	39	48,535	46,059
Metro	18	110,820	108,266	<u>Region</u>			
<u>Form of government</u>				North Central	25	48,228	46,059
County commission	7	89,602	94,167	South	7	40,047	33,588
Council-manager/administrator	6	125,958	127,432	West	6	57,250	50,547
Council-elected executive	5	122,361	114,790	<u>County type</u>			
100,000 to 249,999, total	21	90,261	91,846	Nonmetro	39	48,535	46,059
<u>Region</u>				<u>Form of government</u>			
North Central	6	87,967	90,063	County commission	35	48,031	47,717
South	13	92,649	91,846	Council-elected executive	4	52,952	43,011
<u>County type</u>				2,500 to 4,999, total	24	40,983	35,213
Metro	19	88,187	90,798	<u>Region</u>			
<u>Form of government</u>				North Central	14	36,365	35,020
County commission	9	80,191	80,844	South	6	32,115	32,513
Council-manager/administrator	8	110,313	99,814	West	4	70,448	56,182
Council-elected executive	4	72,815	71,462	<u>County type</u>			
50,000 to 99,999, total	39	75,868	76,386	Nonmetro	24	40,983	35,213
<u>Region</u>				<u>Form of government</u>			
North Central	15	83,324	82,621	County commission	24	40,983	35,213
South	20	70,663	70,314	Under 2,500, total	14	39,107	35,895
West	3	70,073	67,080	<u>Region</u>			
<u>County type</u>				North Central	8	35,636	33,448
Metro	20	81,961	81,044	West	5	45,853	42,471
Nonmetro	19	69,454	71,275	<u>County type</u>			
				Nonmetro	14	39,107	35,895
				<u>Form of government</u>			
				County commission	12	37,328	33,572

Note: These data are from a survey of local government officials conducted by The Waters Consulting Group, Inc. for the International City/County Management Association beginning in July 2007. Of the 3,040 counties surveyed, 538 returned the questionnaires for a response rate of 18%. 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 sala-

ries 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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