

**Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online**

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**Law enforcement officers feloniously killed**

By circumstances at scene of incident, United States, 1979-2012

Circumstances at scene of incident	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Total	106	104	91	92	80	72	78	66	74	78	66	66	71	64	70	80	74	61	70	61	42
Disturbance calls	17	12	19	18	15	8	13	7	23	7	13	10	17	11	10	8	8	4	13	16	5
Bar fights, persons with firearms, etc.	13	6	14	11	10	7	6	5	10	4	5	5	8	2	5	4	2	1	3	7	4
Domestic (family quarrels)	4	6	5	7	5	1	7	2	13	3	8	5	9	9	5	4	6	3	10	9	1
Arrest situations	47	49	38	36	31	33	29	26	27	33	24	30	14	27	28	34	16	26	22	15	9
Burglaries in progress/pursuing burglary suspects	7	8	6	3	4	2	4	1	6	3	0	1	3	5	1	4	4	3	5	0	0
Robberies in progress/pursuing robbery suspects	19	22	17	14	11	9	12	9	4	7	8	13	4	11	9	18	6	12	11	3	3
Drug-related matters	6	9	2	5	6	4	6	7	4	12	7	5	3	3	3	4	3	3	1	7	2
Attempting other arrests	15	10	13	14	10	18	7	9	13	11	9	11	4	8	15	8	3	8	5	5	4
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	3	1	1	3	3	3	4	5	6	2	6	2	6	2	1	1	4	1	3	4	2
Investigating suspicious persons/circumstances	9	16	10	11	10	12	9	11	5	23	10	9	10	7	15	15	16	13	8	5	7
Ambush situations	11	7	9	9	9	8	7	4	4	6	4	8	11	7	5	8	16	6	12	10	6
Entrapment/premeditation	8	2	5	7	6	4	5	2	3	2	2	2	5	5	3	1	5	2	5	4	4
Unprovoked attack	3	5	4	2	3	4	2	2	1	4	2	6	6	2	2	7	11	4	7	6	2
Investigative activities (surveillance, searches, interviews, etc.)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	0	2	0	0
Handling persons with mental illness	4	2	2	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	4	1	1	1	0	0
Traffic pursuits/stops	15	17	12	12	11	8	16	10	8	6	7	6	13	10	10	10	9	10	8	10	8
Felony vehicle stops	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3	6	3	5	4
Traffic violation stops	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	6	4	5	5	4
Tactical situations (barricaded offender, hostage taking, high-risk entry, etc.)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	0	1	1	5

See notes at end of table.

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By circumstances at scene of incident, United States, 1979-2012--Continued

Circumstances at scene of incident	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	51	70 <sup>a</sup>	56	52	57	55	48	58	41	48	56	72	47
Disturbance calls	8	13	9	10	10	7	8	5	1	6	6	7	4
Bar fights, persons with firearms, etc.	4	5	4	5	1	2	6	3	1	4	2	5	2
Domestic (family quarrels)	4	8	5	5	9	5	2	2	0	2	4	2	2
Arrest situations	12	24	10	8	13	8	12	17	9	8	14	23	7
Burglaries in progress/pursuing burglary suspects	3	3	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	3	0	1
Robberies in progress/pursuing robbery suspects	1	4	4	1	7	4	6	7	1	3	6	5	2
Drug-related matters	3	8	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	2
Attempting other arrests	5	9	3	5	4	3	4	8	5	4	4	18	2
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	2	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	3
Investigating suspicious persons/circumstances	6	8	6	4	7	7	6	4	7	4	8	5	12
Ambush situations	10	9	17	9	15	8	10	16	6	15	15	15	5
Entrapment/premeditation	2	3	4	6	6	4	1	9	1	6	2	2	4
Unprovoked attack	8	6	13	3	9	4	9	7	5	9	13	13	1
Investigative activities (surveillance, searches, interviews, etc.)	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	1	2	0	2	1	2
Handling persons with mental illness	0	3	4	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Traffic pursuits/stops	13	8	10	14	6	15	8	11	8	8	7	11	8
Felony vehicle stops	4	5	6	4	0	5	0	5	5	2	3	6	NA
Traffic violation stops	9	3	4	10	6	10	8	6	3	6	4	5	NA
Tactical situations (barricaded offender, hostage taking, high-risk entry, etc.)	0	3	0	3	3	3	2	3	7	5	3	9	5

Note: These data are from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. Federal, State, city, university and college, county, and tribal law enforcement agencies participating in the UCR Program submit data on any sworn officer killed feloniously or accidentally in the line of duty within their jurisdictions. FBI field divisions and legal attaché offices also report such incidents occurring in the United States and its territories, as well as those in which a United States law enforcement officer dies while assigned to duties in another country (Source: **2011**. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/leoka/2011/officers-feloniously-killed/methodology-law-enforcement-officers-killed>). Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

<sup>a</sup>Does not include the deaths of 72 law enforcement officers resulting from the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted*, 1987, p. 17; 1997, p. 29; 2004, p. 20; FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice); 2010, Table 19 [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/leoka/leoka-2010/tables/table19-leok-feloniously-circumstance-01-10.xls> [Oct. 31, 2011]; 2011, Table 19. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/leoka/2011/tables/table-19> [May 29, 2013]; 2012 Preliminary Statistics for Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-releases-2012-preliminary-statistics-for-law-enforcement-officers-killed-in-the-line-of-duty>. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.