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**Persons identified in the felonious killing of law enforcement officers**

By demographic characteristics and prior record, United States, 1999-2008 (aggregate) and 2008<sup>a</sup>

Characteristics of persons identified	1999 to 2008 <sup>b</sup>		2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	588	100%	42	100%
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	577	98	40	95
Female	11	2	2	5
<b>Race</b>				
White	330	56	20	48
Black	246	42	21	50
Other <sup>c</sup>	10	2	1	2
Not reported	2	(d)	0	X
<b>Age</b>				
Under age 18	33	6	3	7
18 to 24 years	224	38	8	19
25 to 30 years	114	19	10	24
31 to 40 years	109	18	9	21
Over 40 years	103	18	12	29
Not reported	5	1	0	X
<b>Prior record<sup>e</sup></b>				
Prior criminal arrest	482	82	36	86
Convicted on prior criminal charges	363	62	24	57
Prior arrest for crime of violence	250	42	17	40
On parole or probation at time of killing	133	23	8	19
Prior arrest on murder charge	21	4	1	2
Prior arrest on drug law violation	251	43	20	48
Prior arrest for assaulting an officer or resisting arrest	127	22	7	17
Prior arrest for weapons violation	214	36	14	33
Escapee from penal institution	14	2	0	X

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: **2008** [Online]. Available: <http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2008/methodologykilled.html>). Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Does not include the 14 known assailants involved in the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

<sup>c</sup>Includes Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, and Alaskan Native.

<sup>d</sup>Less than 0.5%.

<sup>e</sup>Offenders may fall into multiple categories for prior record therefore detail will not add to total.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, **Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2008**, Tables 42, 44, 45, and 46 [Online]. Available: [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2008/data/table\\_42.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2008/data/table_42.html), [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2008/data/table\\_44.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2008/data/table_44.html), [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2008/data/table\\_45.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2008/data/table_45.html), and [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2008/data/table\\_46.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2008/data/table_46.html) [Dec. 2, 2009]. Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.