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Law enforcement officers assaultedBy circumstances at scene of incident and type of weapon, United States, 2002^a

Circumstances at scene of incident	Total	Type of weapon			Personal weapon
		Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other dangerous weapon	
Total	58,066	1,889	1,056	8,326	46,795
Percent of total	100%	3.3	1.8	14.3	80.6
Disturbance calls (family quarrels, bar fights, persons with firearms, etc.)	18,063	554	486	1,766	15,257
Percent	100%	3.1	2.7	9.8	84.5
Burglaries in progress/ pursuing burglary suspects	820	33	14	193	580
Percent	100%	4.0	1.7	23.5	70.7
Robberies in progress/ pursuing robbery suspects	505	111	11	100	283
Percent	100%	22.0	2.2	19.8	56.0
Attempting other arrests	9,464	207	117	1,109	8,031
Percent	100%	2.2	1.2	11.7	84.9
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	656	10	2	90	554
Percent	100%	1.5	0.3	13.7	84.5
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	7,759	26	55	616	7,062
Percent	100%	0.3	0.7	7.9	91.0
Investigating suspicious persons/ circumstances	5,702	289	100	911	4,402
Percent	100%	5.1	1.8	16.0	77.2
Ambush situations	199	53	6	42	98
Percent	100%	26.6	3.0	21.1	49.2
Mentally deranged assailants	982	68	87	127	700
Percent	100%	6.9	8.9	12.9	71.3
Traffic pursuits/stops	6,412	271	50	2,222	3,869
Percent	100%	4.2	0.8	34.7	60.3
All other	7,504	267	128	1,150	5,959
Percent	100%	3.6	1.7	15.3	79.4

Note: These data are based on 9,987 agencies reporting assaults to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program for all 12 months of 2002. These agencies cover approximately 75% of the total U.S. population. In 2002, data for Illinois, Montana, Vermont, and West Virginia were not available for inclusion in the tabulations. (Source, pp. 73, 75.)

^aPercents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2002*, FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2003), p. 83.