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Law enforcement officers assaulted

By circumstances at scene of incident and type of weapon, United States, 2004^a

Circumstances at scene of incident	Total	Type of weapon			
		Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other dangerous weapon	Personal weapon
Total	59,373	2,109	1,121	8,598	47,545
Percent of total	100%	3.6	1.9	14.5	80.1
Disturbance calls (family quarrels, bar fights, persons with firearms, etc.)	18,234	763	550	1,743	15,178
Percent	100%	4.2	3.0	9.6	83.2
Burglaries in progress/ pursuing burglary suspects	850	59	32	219	540
Percent	100%	6.9	3.8	25.8	63.5
Robberies in progress/ pursuing robbery suspects	544	112	20	104	308
Percent	100%	20.6	3.7	19.1	56.6
Attempting other arrests	9,674	246	119	1,107	8,202
Percent	100%	2.5	1.2	11.4	84.8
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	734	15	9	111	599
Percent	100%	2.0	1.2	15.1	81.6
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	7,748	33	23	590	7,102
Percent	100%	0.4	0.3	7.6	91.7
Investigating suspicious persons/ circumstances	5,532	302	117	844	4,269
Percent	100%	5.5	2.1	15.3	77.2
Ambush situations	189	40	5	49	95
Percent	100%	21.2	2.6	25.9	50.3
Handling mentally deranged persons	1,079	32	80	120	847
Percent	100%	3.0	7.4	11.1	78.5
Traffic pursuits/stops	6,568	209	42	2,428	3,889
Percent	100%	3.2	0.6	37.0	59.2
All other	8,221	298	124	1,283	6,516
Percent	100%	3.6	1.5	15.6	79.3

Note: These data are based on 10,459 agencies reporting assaults to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program for all 12 months of 2004. These agencies cover approximately 77% of the total U.S. population. In 2004, data for Illinois, Vermont, and West Virginia were not available for inclusion in the tabulations. (Source, pp. 69, 71.)

^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, 2004*, FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2005), p. 77, Table 71.