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Law enforcement officers assaulted

By circumstances at scene of incident and type of weapon, United States, 2008^a

Circumstances at scene of incident	Total	Type of weapon			Personal weapon
		Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other dangerous weapon	
Total	58,792	2,244	935	8,161	47,452
Percent of total	100%	3.8	1.6	13.9	80.7
Disturbance calls (family quarrels, bar fights, persons with firearms, etc.)	18,826	733	457	1,716	15,920
Percent	100%	3.9	2.4	9.1	84.6
Burglaries in progress/pursuing burglary suspects	828	60	18	173	577
Percent	100%	7.2	2.2	20.9	69.7
Robberies in progress/pursuing robbery suspects	558	122	17	95	324
Percent	100%	21.9	3.0	17.0	58.1
Attempting other arrests	8,899	200	98	990	7,611
Percent	100%	2.2	1.1	11.1	85.5
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	686	4	8	97	577
Percent	100%	0.6	1.2	14.1	84.1
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	6,941	15	34	641	6,251
Percent	100%	0.2	0.5	9.2	90.1
Investigating suspicious persons/circumstances	5,466	291	74	789	4,312
Percent	100%	5.3	1.4	14.4	78.9
Ambush situations	227	62	7	55	103
Percent	100%	27.3	3.1	24.2	45.4
Handling persons with mental illness	1,127	61	74	119	873
Percent	100%	5.4	6.6	10.6	77.5
Traffic pursuits/stops	6,090	250	39	2,089	3,712
Percent	100%	4.1	0.6	34.3	61.0
All other	9,144	446	109	1,397	7,192
Percent	100%	4.9	1.2	15.3	78.7

Note: These data are based on 10,110 agencies reporting assaults to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program for all 12 months of 2008. These agencies cover approximately 75% of the total U.S. population. In 2008, data for Illinois, Michigan, and West Virginia were not available for inclusion in the tabulations. (Source: <http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2008/officersassaulted.html> and http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2008/data/table_65.html).

^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, 2008**, Table 73 [Online]. Available: http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2008/data/table_73.html [Dec. 9, 2009].