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Law enforcement officers assaulted

By circumstances at scene of incident and type of weapon, United States, 2009^a

Circumstances at scene of incident	Total	Type of weapon			Personal weapon
		Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other dangerous weapon	
Total	57,268	1,994	880	7,801	46,593
Percent of total	100%	3.5	1.5	13.6	81.4
Disturbance calls (family quarrels, bar fights, persons with firearms, etc.)	18,672	746	416	1,794	15,716
Percent	100%	4.0	2.2	9.6	84.2
Burglaries in progress/pursuing burglary suspects	850	50	27	169	604
Percent	100%	5.9	3.2	19.9	71.1
Robberies in progress/pursuing robbery suspects	552	130	11	100	311
Percent	100%	23.6	2.0	18.1	56.3
Attempting other arrests	8,797	186	112	949	7,550
Percent	100%	2.1	1.3	10.8	85.8
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	789	8	3	107	671
Percent	100%	1.0	0.4	13.6	85.0
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	7,274	26	36	660	6,552
Percent	100%	0.4	0.5	9.1	90.1
Investigating suspicious persons/circumstances	5,475	258	77	761	4,379
Percent	100%	4.7	1.4	13.9	80.0
Ambush situations	228	47	1	60	120
Percent	100%	20.6	0.4	26.3	52.6
Handling persons with mental illness	1,146	45	59	137	905
Percent	100%	3.9	5.1	12.0	79.0
Traffic pursuits/stops	5,479	213	36	1,843	3,387
Percent	100%	3.9	0.7	33.6	61.8
All other	8,006	285	102	1,221	6,398
Percent	100%	3.6	1.3	15.3	79.9

Note: These data are based on 11,451 agencies reporting assaults to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program for all 12 months of 2009. These agencies cover approximately 79% of the total U.S. population. In 2009, data for Illinois were not available for inclusion in the tabulations. (Source: <http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2009/officersassaulted.html> and http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2009/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, 2009**, Table 73 [Online]. Available: http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2009/data/table_73.html [Feb. 4, 2011].