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Law enforcement officers assaulted

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

Circumstances at scene of incident	Total	Type of assignment						
		2-officer vehicle	1-officer vehicle		Detective, special assignment		Other	
			Alone	Assisted	Alone	Assisted	Alone	Assisted
Total	58,792	10,439	14,740	22,133	976	2,019	2,363	6,122
Percent of total	100%	17.8	25.1	37.6	1.7	3.4	4.0	10.4
Disturbance calls (family quarrels, bar fights, persons with firearms, etc.)	18,826	3,502	4,602	8,592	213	303	436	1,178
Percent	100%	18.6	24.4	45.6	1.1	1.6	2.3	6.3
Burglaries in progress/pursuing burglary suspects	828	152	236	341	9	25	16	49
Percent	100%	18.4	28.5	41.2	1.1	3.0	1.9	5.9
Robberies in progress/pursuing robbery suspects	558	126	149	202	12	25	17	27
Percent	100%	22.6	26.7	36.2	2.2	4.5	3.0	4.8
Attempting other arrests	8,899	1,546	2,164	3,398	172	490	267	862
Percent	100%	17.4	24.3	38.2	1.9	5.5	3.0	9.7
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	686	108	166	225	24	22	48	93
Percent	100%	15.7	24.2	32.8	3.5	3.2	7.0	13.6
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	6,941	749	1,272	2,035	92	201	649	1,943
Percent	100%	10.8	18.3	29.3	1.3	2.9	9.4	28.0
Investigating suspicious persons/circumstances	5,466	1,259	1,443	1,877	129	279	136	343
Percent	100%	23.0	26.4	34.3	2.4	5.1	2.5	6.3
Ambush situations	227	37	64	60	5	17	19	25
Percent	100%	16.3	28.2	26.4	2.2	7.5	8.4	11.0
Handling persons with mental illness	1,127	126	249	595	12	13	20	112
Percent	100%	11.2	22.1	52.8	1.1	1.2	1.8	9.9
Traffic pursuits/stops	6,090	1,257	1,984	2,297	69	196	63	224
Percent	100%	20.6	32.6	37.7	1.1	3.2	1.0	3.7
All other	9,144	1,577	2,411	2,511	239	448	692	1,266
Percent	100%	17.2	26.4	27.5	2.6	4.9	7.6	13.8

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).

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, **Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2008**, Table 69 [Online]. Available: http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2008/data/table_69.html [Dec. 9, 2009].

^aPercents may not add to 100 because of rounding.