Methodology

The tabular presentation that follows briefly describes the data sources and the methods used to construct Tables 70–81.

(1) Table	(2) Database	(3) Table Construction	(4) General Comments
70	The information in this table is derived from law enforcement employee counts (as of October 31, 2024) submitted by participating agencies.	This table provides the number and rate per 1,000 inhabitants of law enforcement employees broken down by region, geographic division, and population group. The totals for full-time law enforcement employees in metropolitan and nonmetropolitan counties are combined in this table. For the 2024 population estimates used in this table, the FBI computed individual rates of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2020 through 2023 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and added to its 2023 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2024 population estimate.	The UCR Program defines law enforcement officers as individuals who ordinarily carry a firearm and a badge, have full arrest powers, and are paid from governmental funds set aside specifically to pay sworn law enforcement. Civilian employees include full-time agency personnel such as clerks, radio dispatchers, meter attendants, stenographers, jailers, correctional officers, and mechanics.
71	The information in this table is derived from law enforcement officer counts (as of October 31, 2024) submitted by participating agencies.	This table provides the number and rate per 1,000 inhabitants of sworn law enforcement officers broken down by region, geographic division, and population group. The totals for full-time law enforcement officers in metropolitan and nonmetropolitan counties are combined in this table. For the 2024 population estimates used in this table,	The UCR Program defines law enforcement officers as individuals who ordinarily carry a firearm and a badge, have full arrest powers, and are paid from governmental funds set aside specifically to pay sworn law enforcement.

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74	The information in this table is derived from law enforcement employee counts (as of October 31, 2024) submitted by participating agencies.	derive the agency's 2024 population estimate. This table includes the number of reported sworn law enforcement officers and civilian employees broken down by population group. The totals are also broken down by percent male and percent female. For the 2024 population estimates used in this table, the FBI computed individual rates of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2020 through 2023 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and added to its 2023 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2024 population estimate.	The UCR Program defines law enforcement officers as individuals who ordinarily carry a firearm and a badge, have full arrest powers, and are paid from governmental funds set aside specifically to pay sworn law enforcement. Civilian employees include full-time agency personnel such as clerks, radio dispatchers, meter attendants, stenographers, jailers, correctional officers, and mechanics.

75	The information in this table is derived from civilian law enforcement counts (as of October 31, 2024) submitted by participating agencies.	This table includes data about civilian law enforcement employees by population group. For the 2024 population estimates used in this table, the FBI computed individual rates of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2020 through 2023 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and added to its 2023 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2024 population estimate.	Civilian employees include full-time agency personnel such as clerks, radio dispatchers, meter attendants, stenographers, jailers, correctional officers, and mechanics.
76	The information in this table is derived from law enforcement employee counts (as of October 31, 2024) submitted by participating agencies.	This table provides the number of state law enforcement employees, the number of male officers, the number of female officers, the number of male civilian employees, and the number of female civilian employees listed alphabetically by state.	The UCR Program defines law enforcement officers as individuals who ordinarily carry a firearm and a badge, have full arrest powers, and are paid from governmental funds set aside specifically to pay sworn law enforcement. Civilian employees include full-time agency personnel such as clerks, radio dispatchers, meter attendants, stenographers, jailers, correctional officers, and mechanics. Caution should be used when comparing data from one state to that of another. The responsibilities of the various state police, highway patrol, and department of public safety agencies range from full law enforcement duties to only traffic patrol, which can impact both the level of employment for agencies as well as the ratio of sworn officers to

			civilians employed. Any valid comparison must take these factors and the other identified variables affecting crime into consideration.
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78	The information in this table is derived from law enforcement employee counts (as of October 31, 2024) submitted by participating agencies.	This table provides the number of law enforcement officers and civilians employed by city/town law enforcement agencies listed alphabetically by state. For the 2024 population estimates used in this table, the FBI computed individual rates of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2020 through 2023 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and added to its 2023 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2024 population estimate.	The UCR Program defines law enforcement officers as individuals who ordinarily carry a firearm and a badge, have full arrest powers, and are paid from governmental funds set aside specifically to pay sworn law enforcement. Civilian employees include full-time agency personnel such as clerks, radio dispatchers, meter attendants, stenographers, jailers, correctional officers, and mechanics.

79	The information in this table is derived from law enforcement employee counts (as of October 31, 2024) submitted by participating agencies.	This table provides the number of law enforcement officers and civilians employed by universities and colleges listed alphabetically by state. The student enrollment figures provided by the United States Department of Education are for the 2023 school year, the most recent year for which the data are available. The figures include full-time and part-time students.	The UCR Program defines law enforcement officers as individuals who ordinarily carry a firearm and a badge, have full arrest powers, and are paid from governmental funds set aside specifically to pay sworn law enforcement. Civilian employees include full-time agency personnel such as clerks, radio dispatchers, meter attendants, stenographers, jailers, correctional officers, and mechanics.
80	The information in this table is derived from law enforcement employee counts (as of October 31, 2024) submitted by participating agencies.	This table provides the number of law enforcement officers and civilians employed by agencies in metropolitan and nonmetropolitan counties listed alphabetically by state.	The UCR Program defines law enforcement officers as individuals who ordinarily carry a firearm and a badge, have full arrest powers, and are paid from governmental funds set aside specifically to pay sworn law enforcement. Civilian employees include full-time agency personnel such as clerks, radio dispatchers, meter attendants, stenographers, jailers, correctional officers, and mechanics.

81	The information in this table is derived from law enforcement employee counts (as of October 31, 2024) submitted by participating agencies.	This table provides the number of law enforcement officers and civilians employed by state, tribal, and other agencies, listed alphabetically by state.	The UCR Program defines law enforcement officers as individuals who ordinarily carry a firearm and a badge, have full arrest powers, and are paid from governmental funds set aside specifically to pay sworn law enforcement.
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User's note

Because of law enforcement's varied service requirements and functions, as well as the distinct demographic traits and characteristics of each jurisdiction, readers should use caution when drawing comparisons between agencies' staffing levels based on police employment data from the UCR Program. In addition, the data presented here reflect existing staffing levels and should not be interpreted as preferred officer strengths recommended by the FBI. Lastly, it should be noted that the totals given for sworn officers for any particular agency reflect not only the patrol officers on the street, but also the officers assigned to various other duties such as those in administrative and investigative positions and those assigned to special teams.