

Data Declaration

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Full-time Law Enforcement Employees, by Region and Geographic Division by Population Group, Number and Rate per 1,000 Inhabitants, 2008

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

General comments

- This table provides the number and rate 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 county agencies are combined in this table.
- Suburban areas include law enforcement agencies in cities with less than 50,000 inhabitants and county law enforcement agencies that are within a Metropolitan Statistical Area.
- Suburban areas exclude all metropolitan agencies associated with a principal city.
 The agencies associated with suburban areas also appear in other groups within this table.

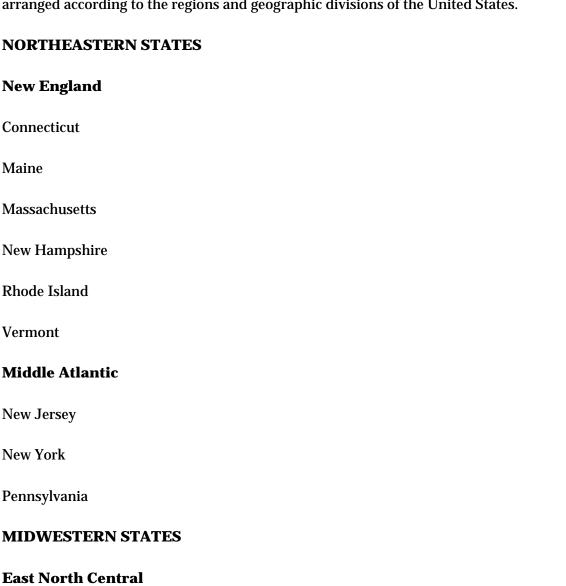
Methodology

- The information in this table is derived from law enforcement employee counts (as of October 31, 2008) submitted by participating agencies.
- 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.

Regions and geographic divisions

The U.S. Census Bureau has established the four regions of the United States along with their nine geographic divisions which are used by the UCR Program to compile the Nation's crime data. The following table lists the 50 states and the District of Columbia arranged according to the regions and geographic divisions of the United States.



Illinois

Indiana	
Michigan	
Ohio	
Wisconsin	
West North Central	
Iowa	
Kansas	
Minnesota	
Missouri	
Nebraska	
North Dakota	
South Dakota	
SOUTHERN STATES	
South Atlantic	
Delaware	
District of Columbia	
Florida	
Georgia	
Maryland	
North Carolina	
South Carolina	

Virginia
West Virginia
East South Central
Alabama
Kentucky
Mississippi
Tennessee
West South Central
Arkansas
Louisiana
Oklahoma
Texas
WESTERN STATES
Mountain
Arizona
Colorado
Idaho
Montana
Nevada
New Mexico
Utah

Wyoming		
Pacific		
Alaska		
California		
Hawaii		
Oregon		
Washington		

Population estimation

For the 2008 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 2000 decennial population counts and 2001 through 2007 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 2007 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2008 population estimate.

If you have questions about this table

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