

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, 2009

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.

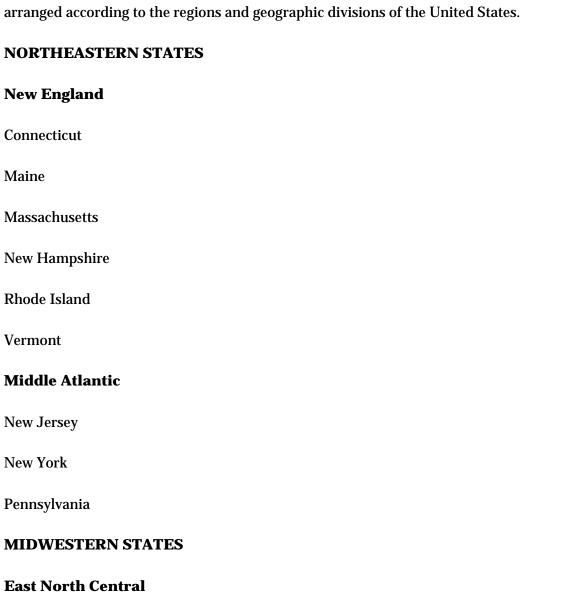
Methodology

- The information in this table is derived from law enforcement employee counts (as of October 31, 2009) 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 2009 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 2008 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 2008 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2009 population estimate.