Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Personnel

Data Set Overview and History

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Criminal Justice Statistics Center (CJSC) collects information on the number of funded and not-funded, full-time sworn and non-sworn, male and female law enforcement personnel (LEP) employed by law enforcement agencies (LEA); attorneys, investigators, clerical and other criminal justice personnel (CJP) employed by district attorneys and public defenders; and probation officers and other staff employed by probation departments. The CJSC collects the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Personnel (LECJP) data through two, one-day surveys of each reporting year: criminal justice personnel counts are taken on June 30th and law enforcement personnel counts are taken on October 31st.

Statutory Authority

The DOJ has statutory authority to collect LECJP data pursuant to Government Code sections 13010-13012 and 13020-13023.

Data Characteristics and Known Limitations

1. Prosecution, public defense, and probation department counts reflect all full-time personnel regardless of the funding source. This data provides county level information on law enforcement personnel "funded" by law enforcement budgets only.

2. Inconsistencies in data from year to year may be attributed to individual agency interpretations of personnel classifications. Counts may not match previously reported data because of changes in categories and/or file adjustments.

3. All California Highway Patrol (CHP), Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), and Department of Developmental Centers (DDS) personnel are reported under their respective Sacramento headquarter numbers.

   Bay Area Regional Transit (BART) reports under a Contra Costa County number.

   To avoid including the above mentioned agencies into Sacramento and Contra Costa County law enforcement totals, use fields that begin with "CNTY_", "SO_", and "PD_" only. When tabulating by statewide total, use fields that begin with "ST_".

4. Zeros may indicate that a department or office does not have personnel in that classification, that a department may have closed or merged with another, that a county may not have a police department or a public defender's office, or that data were not reported.

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5. Assembly Bill 196 (Kuehl, 1999) mandated that county-level child support programs previously administered by district attorneys must be operated by local child support agencies. This change accounts for the large decrease in prosecution personnel since 2001.

6. Significant Agency Notes:

- The Alameda County Public Defender did not report data for 2009.

- Prior to 2006, the Fresno County Probation Department incorrectly listed its correctional officers under the "All Other" category.

- The San Francisco County Probation Department did not report data for 2004.

- For 2003, the Alameda County Probation Department reported the number of positions, rather than reporting the number of actual employees.

- Law enforcement personnel data for the BART Police are reported under Contra Costa County, with the exception of 2001, when they reported under Alameda County.

- Law enforcement personnel data for the CHP and DPR are shown as statewide totals.

- Law enforcement personnel data for the California Developmental Centers began reporting as a statewide total in 2003.

- Personnel data for the DOJ and state regulatory agencies are not included in this report.

Data Element and Values Defined

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Cell Location	Data Element	Description/Definition	Value
A	YEAR	The year in which the data was reported.	YYYY
B	COUNTY	The county in which the data was reported for.	Alpha; California county names (Alameda-Yuba)
C	ST_TOTAL	Statewide total of all law enforcement, district attorney, public defense, and probation personnel.	Numeric count (Sum of cells G, Q, T, W, Z, AE, AJ)
D	ST_LE_TOTAL	Statewide total number of law enforcement personnel reported by police, sheriffs, CHP, DPR, DDS, BART, and all others.	Numeric count (Sum of cells G, Q, T, and W)

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E	ST_LE_SWORN	Statewide total number of sworn law enforcement personnel reported by police, sheriffs, CHP, DPR, DDS, BART, and all others.	Numeric count (Sum of cells H, R, U, and X)
F	ST_LE_NONSWORN	Statewide total number of civilian law enforcement personnel reported by police, sheriffs, CHP, DPR, DDS, BART, and all others.	Numeric count (Sum of cells I, S, V, and Y)
G	ST_OTH_FUNDED_TOTAL	Statewide number of law enforcement personnel reported by all "other" types of agencies such as DPR, DDS, BART, schools, State Hospitals, marshals, airports, etc.	Numeric count
H	ST_OTH_FUNDED_SWORN	Statewide number of sworn law enforcement personnel reported by all "other" types of agencies such as DPR, DDS, BART, schools, State Hospitals, marshals, airports, etc.	Numeric count
I	ST_OTH_FUNDED_NONSWORN	Statewide number of civilian law enforcement personnel reported by all "other" types of agencies such as DPR, DDS, BART, schools, State Hospitals, marshals, airports, etc.	Numeric count
J	CNTY_TOTAL	Sum total of county law enforcement, Prosecution, Public Defense, and Probation. (Excludes CHP, DPR, DDS, and BART.)	Numeric count (Sum of cells K, Z, AE, and AJ)
K	CNTY_LE_TOTAL	The total number of law enforcement personnel reported by CNTY_OTH_FUNDED, SO_FUNDED, and PD_FUNDED	Numeric count (Sum of cells N, Q and T)
L	CNTY_LE_SWORN	The total number of sworn law enforcement personnel reported by CNTY_OTH_FUNDED_SWORN, SO_FUNDED_SWORN, and PD_FUNDED_SWORN	Numeric count (Sum of cells O, R and U)
M	CNTY_LE_NONSWORN	The total number of civilian law enforcement personnel reported by CNTY_OTH_FUNDED_NONSWORN, SO_FUNDED_NONSWORN, and PD_FUNDED_NONSWORN	Numeric count (Sum of cells P, S and V)

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N	CNTY_OTH_FUNDED_TOTAL	The total number of law enforcement personnel reported by "other" types of agencies such as schools, State Hospitals, marshals, airports, etc.	Numeric count
O	CNTY_OTH_FUNDED_SWORN	The total number of sworn law enforcement personnel reported by "other" types of agencies such as schools, State Hospitals, marshals, airports, etc.	Numeric count
P	CNTY_OTH_FUNDED_NONSWORN	The total number of civilian law enforcement personnel reported by "other" types of agencies such as schools, State Hospitals, marshals, airports, etc.	Numeric count
Q	SO_FUNDED_TOTAL	The total number of law enforcement personnel reported by county sheriff departments.	Numeric count
R	SO_FUNDED_SWORN	The total number of sworn law enforcement personnel reported by county sheriff departments.	Numeric count
S	SO_FUNDED_NONSWORN	The total number of civilian law enforcement personnel reported by county sheriff departments.	Numeric count
T	PD_FUNDED_TOTAL	The total number of law enforcement personnel reported by police departments.	Numeric count
U	PD_FUNDED_SWORN	The total number of sworn law enforcement personnel reported by police departments.	Numeric count
V	PD_FUNDED_NONSWORN	The total number of civilian law enforcement personnel reported by police departments.	Numeric count
W	CHP_FUNDED_TOTAL	The total number of law enforcement personnel reported by the California Highway Patrol.	Numeric count
X	CHP_FUNDED_SWORN	The total number of sworn law enforcement personnel reported by the California Highway Patrol.	Numeric count
Y	CHP_FUNDED_NONSWORN	The total number of civilian law enforcement personnel reported by the California Highway Patrol.	Numeric count
Z	Prosecution_TOTAL	The total number of criminal justice personnel reported by Prosecution entities.	Numeric count

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			(Sum of cells AA, AB, AC, and AD)
AA	DA_Attorneys	Prosecution: Attorney personnel	Numeric count
AB	DA_Investigators	Prosecution: Investigator personnel	Numeric count
AC	DA_Clerical	Prosecution: Clerical personnel	Numeric count
AD	DA_Other	Prosecution: Other personnel	Numeric count
AE	PublicDefense_TOTAL	The total number of criminal justice personnel reported by Public Defense entities.	Numeric count (Sum of cells AF, AG, AH,and AI)
AF	PD_Attorneys	Public Defense: Attorney personnel	Numeric count
AG	PD_Investigators	Public Defense: Investigator personnel	Numeric count
AH	PD_Clerical	Public Defense: Clerical personnel	Numeric count
AI	PD_Other	Public Defense: Other personnel	Numeric count
AJ	ProbationDept_TOTAL	The total number of criminal justice personnel reported by Probation Departments.	Numeric count (Sum of cells AK and AL)
AK	ProbationOfficers	Probation Department: Officer personnel	Numeric count
AL	PROB_Other	Probation Department: Other personnel	Numeric count

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