Data Declaration

Table 71

Full-time Law Enforcement Officers, by Region and Geographic Division by Population Group, Number and Rate per 1,000 Inhabitants, 2017

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

General comments

- 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 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.

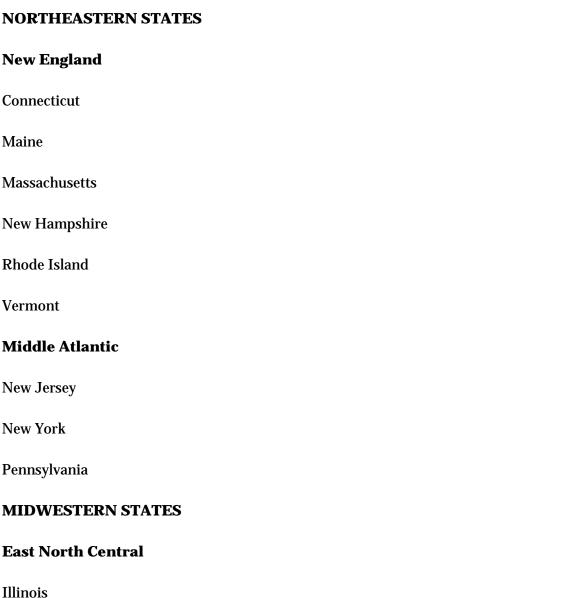
Methodology

- The information in this table is derived from law enforcement officer counts (as
 of October 31, 2017) 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.
- The FBI derived the rate of full-time law enforcement officers per population group by first dividing the aggregated total of personnel for the group by the

aggregated estimated populations covered by the contributing agencies within the group and then multiplying the resulting figure by 1,000.

Regions and geographic divisions

The U.S. Census Bureau established the four regions of the United States along with their nine geographic divisions that 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.



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

Pacific
Alaska
California
Hawaii
Oregon
Washington
Population groups
The LICR Program uses the following population group designations:

Population Group	Political Label	Population Range
I	City	250,000 and more
П	City	100,000 to 249,999
III	City	50,000 to 99,999
IV	City	25,000 to 49,999
V	City	10,000 to 24,999
VI ^{1, 2}	City	Less than 10,000
VIII (Nonmetropolitan County) ²	County	N/A
IX (Metropolitan County) ²	County	N/A

Wyoming

¹Includes universities and colleges to which no population is attributed.

²Includes state police to which no population is attributed.

Population estimation

For the 2017 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 2010 decennial population counts and 2011 through 2016 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 2016 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2017 population estimate.