



Data Declaration

Table 73

Full-time Law Enforcement Officers, Range in Rate per 1,000 Inhabitants by Population Group, 2012

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

General comments

- This table provides the number of agencies that fall within specified rate ranges of employment for law enforcement officers within a particular population group.
- Agencies with no resident population (i.e., those associated with universities and colleges [see Table 79], other agencies [see Table 81], and some state agencies) are excluded from this table. Therefore, the total number of agencies used in this table differs from those provided in other law enforcement officer tables.

Methodology

- The information in this table is derived from law enforcement officer counts (as of October 31, 2012) 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 government 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 officers 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.

Population estimation

The FBI calculated 2012 state growth rates using the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011 and 2012 provisional state/national population estimates. The FBI then estimated population figures for city and county jurisdictions by applying the 2012 state growth rate to the updated 2011 U.S. Census Bureau data.