



## **Federal Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted**

This page provides information regarding federal law enforcement officers who were killed or assaulted in the line of duty in 2019 and who met the appropriate criteria.

### **Overview**

In 2019, no federal officers were killed, but a total of 2,136 federal law enforcement officers were assaulted. Of the 2,136 officers who were assaulted, 372 were injured. (See Tables 73 and 74.) By department:

- The U.S. Department of the Interior employed 978 of the officers who were assaulted; 107 of these officers were injured. (See Table 73.)
- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) employed 733 of the federal officers who were assaulted, and 240 of these officers were injured. (See Table 73.)
- The U.S. Department of Justice employed 369 of the officers who were assaulted; 19 were injured. (See Table 73.)
- The U.S. Department of Defense employed 47 of the officers who were assaulted, and 1 officer was injured. (See Table 73.)
- The U.S. Postal Service employed 5 officers who were assaulted, and 4 of these officers were injured. (See Table 73.)
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture employed 4 officers who were assaulted, and 1 officer was injured. (See Table 73.)

### **Weapons (See Table 74)**

- 1,117 federal officers were assaulted with personal weapons such as hands, fists, or feet, and 240 officers were injured during these assaults.

- 216 federal officers were assaulted with vehicles; of these, 19 officers suffered injuries.
- 180 officers were assaulted with firearms, and 20 officers were injured.
- 24 officers were assaulted with blunt instruments resulting in 9 officers being injured.
- 23 officers were assaulted with knives or other cutting instruments resulting in 5 officers suffering injuries.
- 576 officers were reported to have been assaulted with a weapon in the category titled “other” resulting in 79 officers being injured.

**Type of activity (See Table 78)**

- 1,125 of the federal officers assaulted in 2019 were on patrol or guard duty when they were assaulted.
- 500 officers were assaulted while attempting arrests or serving summonses.
- 120 officers were assaulted while maintaining custody of prisoners.
- 60 officers were assaulted while conducting investigations or searches.
- 24 officers were on protection duty at the time of the assaults.
- 23 officers were assaulted while on court duty.
- 14 officers were assigned to office duty when they were assaulted.
- 270 officers were reported to have been assaulted while performing an activity falling under the category titled “other.”

**Regional and outlying area breakdowns (See Table 76)**

Of the federal law enforcement officers who were assaulted in 2019:

- 1,003 officers were in the West.

- 565 officers were in the South.
- 272 officers were in the Midwest.
- 95 officers were in the Northeast.
- 22 officers were in foreign locations:
  - 15 officers were in Okinawa, Japan.
  - 4 officers were in Iwakuni, Japan.
  - 2 officers were in Mexico.
  - 1 officer was in Ecuador.
- 5 officers were in Puerto Rico.
- 4 officers were in the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- The National Park Service Rangers did not provide location data for 170 of its victim officers.

### **Dispositional information**

- 1,469 alleged assailants were identified in connection with the 2,136 assaults on federal officers. (See Table 71.)
- Of the 1,469 offenders, dispositional information was reported for 265 of them. (See Table 79.)
  - 82 offenders' cases were pending prosecutive opinion.
  - 71 of the offenders were awaiting trial.
  - 66 were found guilty.
  - 26 offenders' prosecutions were declined.
  - 14 offenders were found not guilty or the charges were dismissed.

- 4 offenders are deceased.
- 2 offenders were fugitives.

### **Five-year totals**

From 2015 through 2019, there were 8,475 federal officers assaulted; 4 of these officers were killed. (See Table 74.)

All 4 of the officers killed were with the U.S. Department of Justice and were employed by the U.S. Marshals Service. One officer was killed in 2015, another in 2016, and 2 officers were killed in 2018. (See Table 73.)