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**Full-time Law Enforcement Employees<sup>1</sup>**  
 by Geographic Region and Division by Population Group  
 Number and Rate per 1,000 Inhabitants, 2005

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Geographic region/division	Number of employees	Total	Group I	Group II	Group III	G
		(10,832 cities; population 187,432,928)	(70 cities, 250,000 and over; population 53,583,154)	(180 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 27,066,683)	(411 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 28,032,707)	(769 ci to population 26,
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>561,844</b>	<b>202,230</b>	<b>66,461</b>	<b>63,134</b>	
	<b>Average number of</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>	

	employees per 1,000 inhabitants				
NORTHEAST	Number of employees	146,430	66,624	9,907	14,948
	Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	3.5	6.0	3.3	2.5
NEW ENGLAND	Number of employees	32,921	2,663	4,660	5,957
	Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	2.6	4.7	3.2	2.4
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	Number of employees	113,509	63,961	5,247	8,991
	Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	3.8	6.1	3.3	2.6
MIDWEST	Number of employees	120,861	37,075	10,221	14,533
	Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants	2.7	4.0	2.3	2.0

EAST NORTH CENTRAL	<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>89,276</b>	<b>29,620</b>	<b>6,858</b>	<b>10,702</b>
	<b>Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>31,585</b>	<b>7,455</b>	<b>3,363</b>	<b>3,831</b>
	<b>Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.7</b>
SOUTH	<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>183,984</b>	<b>50,010</b>	<b>27,170</b>	<b>19,332</b>
	<b>Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>
SOUTH ATLANTIC	<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>88,179</b>	<b>21,355</b>	<b>13,919</b>	<b>10,404</b>
	<b>Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>31,940</b>	<b>6,255</b>	<b>4,895</b>	<b>1,994</b>

	<b>Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>	<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>63,865</b>	<b>22,400</b>	<b>8,356</b>	<b>6,934</b>
	<b>Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>WEST</b>	<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>110,569</b>	<b>48,521</b>	<b>19,163</b>	<b>14,321</b>
	<b>Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>MOUNTAIN</b>	<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>37,913</b>	<b>15,654</b>	<b>6,594</b>	<b>4,004</b>
	<b>Average number of employees per 1,000 inhabitants</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>PACIFIC</b>	<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>72,656</b>	<b>32,867</b>	<b>12,569</b>	<b>10,317</b>
	<b>Average number of employees per</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>

**1,000 inhabitants**

<sup>1</sup> Full-time law enforcement employees include civilians.

<sup>2</sup> The designation county is a combination of both metropolitan and nonmetropolitan counties.

<sup>3</sup> Suburban area includes law enforcement agencies in cities with less than 50,000 inhabitants and county law enforcement agencies that are within a Metropolitan Statistical Area (

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**Data Declaration**

Provides the methodology used in constructing this table and other pertinent information about this table.

**Overview**

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- In the U.S. in 2005, the average number of full-time law enforcement employees in cities (both sworn officers and civilian) was 3.0 per 1,000 inhabitants.
- Within cities in the Northeast, the rate of full-time law enforcement employees per 1,000 inhabitants was 3.5.
- Within cities in the South, the rate of full-time law enforcement employees per 1,000 inhabitants was 3.4.
- Within cities in the Midwest, the rate of full-time law enforcement employees per 1,000 inhabitants was 2.7.
- Within cities in the West, the rate of full-time law enforcement employees per 1,000 inhabitants was 2.4.

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