



LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED AND ASSAULTED - 2006

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On October 29, 2007, the FBI released its annual *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted* for 2006. The report is based on data submitted to the FBI from agencies participating in the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Program, FBI Field Division and Legal Attaché Office Reports and the Bureau of Justice Assistance Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program. Data is grouped by officers feloniously killed, officers accidentally killed, and officers assaulted, with narrative descriptions provided for incidents where officers were feloniously killed.

National statistics

- Forty-eight law enforcement officers were feloniously killed in the line of duty in 2006. The deaths occurred in 47 separate incidents in 25 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. In 2005, 55 officers were feloniously killed.
- Characteristics of the feloniously killed officer in 2006:
 - Average age was 38.
 - Average length of service was 11 years.
 - Forty-five officers were male, three were female.
 - Thirty-eight officers were white, five were black, one was an Asian-Pacific Islander, and one was an American Indian/Alaskan Native. Race was not reported for three officers.
- Characteristics of the incident surrounding the murder:
 - 21 percent occurred in ambush situations.
 - 25 percent occurred in arrest situations.
 - 17 percent occurred during the investigation of disturbance calls.
 - 12 percent occurred while investigating suspicious persons/circumstances.
 - 17 percent occurred during traffic stops/pursuits.
 - 4 percent occurred during high-risk tactical situations.
 - 2 percent occurred while handling persons with mental illness.
 - 2 percent occurred while handling prisoners.
- Forty-six of the 48 victim officers were killed by a firearm, the majority of which were handguns. Eighteen officers fired or attempted to fire their own weapon during the incidents. Sixty-eight percent of firearm deaths of officers occurred when the distance between the victim and offender was 10 feet or less.
- Two of the 48 victim officers were intentionally hit by vehicles.
- The average age of identified offenders was 29 years. Ninety-eight percent were male, 53 percent were black. Seventy-six percent had prior criminal arrests, and 27 percent were under some form of judicial supervision at the time of the felonious incident.
- There were 66 accidental deaths of law enforcement officers in the line of duty in 2006. Forty-nine of the 66 died as the result of a vehicle-related accident, including car, aircraft, or

motorcycle mishaps. Thirteen were struck by vehicles (directing or stopping traffic, assisting motorists). Four were killed by accidental shootings.

- There were 58,634 officers assaulted in the line of duty, and 27 percent of these resulted in an injury.
- Over a 10-year period, 39 percent of felonious killings of officers occurred in the a.m. hours between midnight and noon, while the remaining 61 percent occurred in the p.m. hours. The six-hour stretch between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. accounted for 36 percent of such incidents. Similarly, these were the most active hours for assaults on officers, as 42 percent of all assaults occurred between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m.

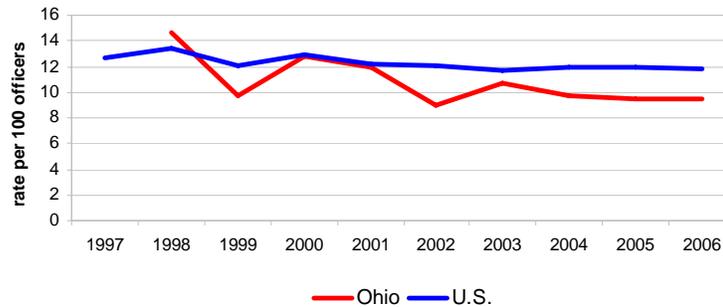
Ohio statistics

- In Ohio, one officer was feloniously killed in 2006.

Cleveland Police Department. On August 30, 2006, a 37-year-old officer was shot and killed while attempting to make an arrest. The officer had 10 years of law enforcement experience. The suspect, a 37-year old known drug dealer with an extensive criminal history, surrendered to officers at the scene and was arrested and charged with aggravated murder, having weapons while under disability, tampering with evidence, rape, gross sexual imposition, kidnapping, felonious assault, and aggravated burglary.

- Since 1997, there have been 16 felonious killings in Ohio.
- Three Ohio officers were accidentally killed in automobile accidents in 2006, one officer in Fairfield County and two officers from the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Since 1997, 14 officers have been accidentally killed.
- During 2006, 150 Ohio agencies reported 495 assaults on officers. Eighty-one percent of the assaults were committed with a personal weapon. One percent of assaults were committed with a firearm.
- The rate of assault per 100 officers in Ohio in 2005 was 9.5, which is below the U.S. rate of 11.8 per 100 officers.

**Assaults on Ohio Law Enforcement Officers
Rate per 100 officers**



*complete data for Ohio are unavailable for 1997