



# Arrest-Related Deaths, 2003-2009 - Statistical Tables

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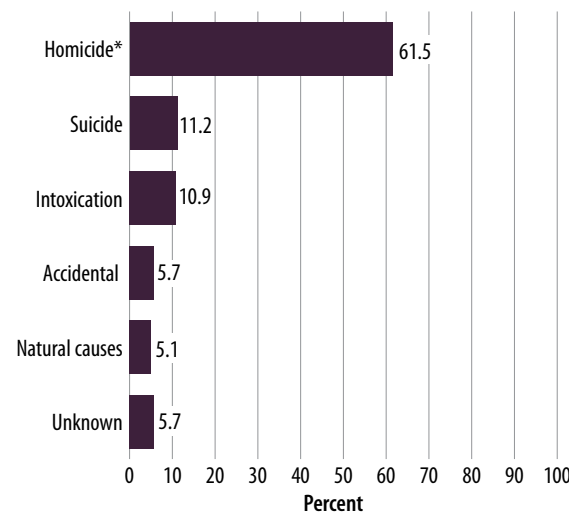
From 2003 through 2009, a total of 4,813 deaths were reported to the Bureau of Justice Statistics' (BJS) Arrest-Related Deaths (ARD) program. Of these, about 6 in 10 deaths (2,931) were classified as homicide by law enforcement personnel, and 4 in 10 (1,882) were attributed to other manners of death. Suicide and death by intoxication each accounted for 11% of reported arrest-related deaths, accidental injury for 6%, and natural causes for 5% (figure 1). Deaths with manners classified as undetermined or those in which manners were unknown represented about 6% of reported arrest-related deaths.

During the same period, the FBI estimated nearly 98 million arrests in the United States. While men comprised about 76% of reported arrests, they represented 95% of persons who died during the process of arrest (figure 2). As a group, arrest-related decedents tended to be older than the arrest population. Those under the age of 25 accounted for 45% of reported arrests but less than a quarter (22%) of arrest-related deaths.

The ARD program is a national collection of persons who die in the custody or under the restraint of state or local law enforcement personnel. Deaths are reportable to the program without considering whether physical custody had been established or whether a formal arrest process had been initiated prior to the time of death. The ARD collection also includes the deaths of persons attempting to elude law enforcement during the course of apprehension. Data collected from January 2003 through December 2009 detail the percent and type of arrest-related deaths, as well as the demographic characteristics of decedents and the law enforcement agencies involved in the death.

Arrest-related deaths are under-reported. BJS did not attempt to estimate for partial or non-responding jurisdictions. Data are more representative of the nature of arrest-related deaths than the volume at which they occur. Due to variation in reporting, caution should be used in comparing counts from year to year.

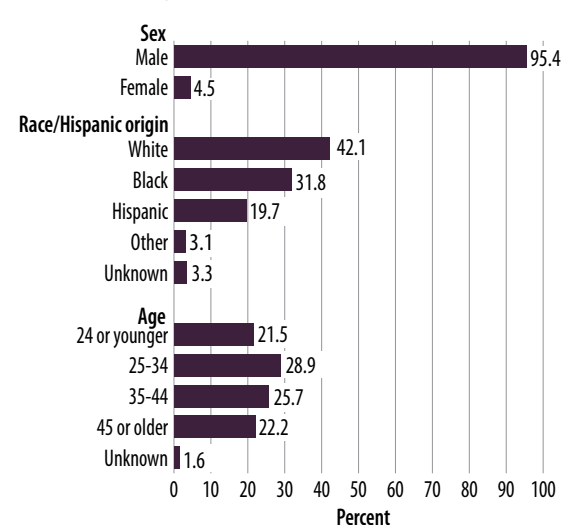
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Reported arrest-related deaths, by manner of death, 2003-2009



Note: Detail does not sum to total due to rounding.

\*Includes homicide by law enforcement and other persons.

**FIGURE 2**  
Reported arrest-related deaths, by demographic characteristics, 2003-2009



Note: Detail does not sum to total due to rounding and missing data.

# Highlights

## Manner of death

- Homicide by law enforcement personnel accounted for 2,931(61%) of reported arrest-related deaths from 2003 through 2009 (table 1).
- Suicide and death by intoxication each accounted for about 11% of reported arrest-related deaths (table 2).
- Deaths due to natural causes were the least common type of arrest-related death, comprising 5% (244) of all reported deaths.
- Of all arrest-related deaths reported from 2003 through 2009, about 6% (273) had manners of death that were either classified as undetermined or were unreported.

## Decedent characteristics

- From 2003 through 2009, males comprised 95% of all reported deaths during the process of arrest (table 4).
- Whites accounted for 42% of reported arrest-related deaths, 32% were black, and 20% were Hispanic.
- More than half (55%) of all persons who died during the process of arrest were between the ages of 25 and 44.

## Manner of death and decedent characteristics

- Among reported arrest-related suicides, 60% of decedents were white, 20% were Hispanic, and 15% were black (table 6).
- Of all arrest-related deaths by intoxication, blacks were 41% of reported decedents, whites were 34%, and Hispanics were 21%.
- Among males, homicide accounted for 62% of reported arrest-related deaths. Of all females, homicide represented 49% of arrest-related deaths (table 7).
- A higher percentage of female arrest-related deaths than male deaths were attributed to intoxication (16% compared to 11%) and natural causes (12% compared to 5%).

- Adults between ages 25 and 44 represented 70% of all reported arrest-related deaths due to intoxication.
- Juveniles (persons under the age of 18) comprised 3% (127) of all arrest-related deaths reported from 2003 through 2009. Most juvenile deaths (78%) were homicides.

## Incident circumstances

- The FBI estimated state and local law enforcement officers made 97.9 million arrests from 2003 through 2009. During the same period, 4,813 arrest-related deaths were reported to BJS (table 12).
- Of reported arrest-related deaths, 45% of decedents allegedly engaged in assault either immediately prior to or during the process of arrest (table 13).
- No criminal charges were intended to be filed against 163 (3%) persons who died during the process of arrest.
- Among arrest-related deaths attributed to homicide, 75% of decedents allegedly engaged in violent offenses (table 14).

## Law enforcement agency characteristics

- Nationwide, 7% (1,187) of state and local law enforcement agencies with 100 or more full-time sworn personnel employed 64% of these law enforcement personnel and accounted for 75% (3,613) of all reported arrest-related deaths (table 15).
- State and local law enforcement agencies employing fewer than 10 full-time sworn personnel (8,796) represented 49% of all agencies nationwide, employed 5% (34,497) of all full-time sworn personnel, and accounted for about 2% (117) of reported arrest-related deaths.

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**TABLE 1**  
**Number of reported arrest-related deaths, by manner of death, 2003-2009**

Manner of death	2003-2009	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
All manners	4,813	627	673	689	721	745	629	729
Homicide —								
by law enforcement	2,931	376	375	377	447	455	404	497
by other persons	27	3	4	4	2	7	3	4
Suicide	541	60	84	82	67	78	76	94
Intoxication	525	83	83	90	76	89	54	50
Accidental injury	272	53	41	47	39	35	28	29
Natural causes	244	26	46	32	34	42	33	31
Unknown	273	26	40	57	56	39	31	24

Note: Due to variation in reporting, caution should be used in comparing counts from year to year. See *Methodology* for information on missing data by state for each year. Counts may differ from previous publication due to additional information.

**TABLE 2**  
**Percent of reported arrest-related deaths, by manner of death, 2003-2009**

Manner of death	2003-2009	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
All manners	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Homicide —								
by law enforcement	60.9%	60.0%	55.7%	54.7%	62.0%	61.1%	64.2%	68.2%
by other persons	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.5
Suicide	11.2%	9.6%	12.5%	11.9%	9.3%	10.5%	12.1%	12.9%
Intoxication	10.9%	13.2%	12.3%	13.1%	10.5%	11.9%	8.6%	6.9%
Accidental injury	5.7%	8.5%	6.1%	6.8%	5.4%	4.7%	4.5%	4.0%
Natural causes	5.1%	4.1%	6.8%	4.6%	4.7%	5.6%	5.2%	4.3%
Unknown	5.7%	4.1%	5.9%	8.3%	7.8%	5.2%	4.9%	3.3%
Number of deaths	4,813	627	673	689	721	745	629	729

Note: See *Methodology* for information on missing data by state for each year. Percentages may differ from previous publication due to additional information.

**TABLE 3**  
**Number of reported arrest-related deaths, by demographic characteristics, 2003-2009**

Demographic characteristics	2003-2009	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total	4,813	627	673	689	721	745	629	729
Sex								
Male	4,594	595	645	666	688	708	600	692
Female	218	32	28	22	33	37	29	37
Unknown	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Race/Hispanic origin								
White, non-Hispanic	2,026	286	274	283	302	283	258	340
Black, non-Hispanic	1,529	196	215	222	212	249	217	218
Hispanic	949	109	145	136	164	159	106	130
Other*	150	30	23	24	22	18	14	19
Unknown	159	6	16	24	21	36	34	22
Age								
17 or younger	127	18	19	13	19	20	18	20
18-24	909	118	126	141	122	146	124	132
25-34	1,391	177	186	190	239	210	182	207
35-44	1,238	184	179	190	174	192	143	176
45-54	752	94	101	83	117	119	117	121
55 or older	317	30	55	51	30	45	41	65
Unknown	79	6	7	21	20	13	4	8

\*Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islander, and persons of two or more races.

**TABLE 4**  
**Percent of reported arrest-related deaths, by demographic characteristics, 2003-2009**

Demographic characteristics	2003-2009	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Total</b>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	95.4%	94.9	95.8%	96.7%	95.4%	95.0%	95.4%	94.9%
Female	4.5	5.1	4.2	3.2	4.6	5.0	4.6	5.1
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>								
White, non-Hispanic	42.1%	45.6%	40.7%	41.1%	41.9%	38.0%	41.0%	46.6%
Black, non-Hispanic	31.8	31.3	31.9	32.2	29.4	33.4	34.5	29.9
Hispanic	19.7	17.4	21.5	19.7	22.7	21.3	16.9	17.8
Other*	3.1	4.8	3.4	3.5	3.1	2.4	2.2	2.6
Unknown	3.3	1.0	2.4	3.5	2.9	4.8	5.4	3.0
<b>Age</b>								
17 or younger	2.6%	2.9%	2.8%	1.9%	2.6%	2.7%	2.9%	2.7%
18-24	18.9	18.8	18.7	20.5	16.9	19.6	19.7	18.1
25-34	28.9	28.2	27.6	27.6	33.1	28.2	28.9	28.4
35-44	25.7	29.3	26.6	27.6	24.1	25.8	22.7	24.1
45-54	15.6	15.0	15.0	12.0	16.2	16.0	18.6	16.6
55 or older	6.6	4.8	8.2	7.4	4.2	6.0	6.5	8.9
Unknown	1.6	1.0	1.0	3.0	2.8	1.7	0.6	1.1
<b>Number of deaths</b>	4,813	627	673	689	721	745	629	729

\*Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

**TABLE 5**  
**Number of reported arrest-related deaths, by manner of death and demographic characteristics, 2003-2009**

Demographic characteristics	All manners	Homicide	Suicide	Intoxication	Accident	Natural causes	Unknown
<b>Total</b>	4,813	2,958	541	525	272	244	273
<b>Sex</b>							
Male	4,594	2,851	517	490	259	218	259
Female	218	107	24	35	13	26	13
Unknown	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White, non-Hispanic	2,026	1,233	327	178	95	110	83
Black, non-Hispanic	1,529	937	80	217	111	85	99
Hispanic	949	599	110	109	55	29	47
Other*	150	107	12	17	4	4	6
Unknown	159	82	12	4	7	16	38
<b>Age</b>							
17 or younger	127	99	6	5	13	0	4
18-24	909	685	80	53	54	10	27
25-34	1,391	893	140	177	65	41	75
35-44	1,238	658	159	190	78	66	87
45-54	752	390	105	84	45	75	53
55 or older	317	188	44	11	12	52	10
Unknown	79	45	7	5	5	0	17

\*Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

**TABLE 6****Percent of reported arrest-related deaths, by manner of death and demographic characteristics, 2003-2009**

Demographic characteristics	All manners	Homicide	Suicide	Intoxication	Accident	Natural causes	Unknown
<b>Total</b>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Sex</b>							
Male	95.4%	96.4%	95.6%	93.3%	95.2%	89.3%	94.9%
Female	4.5	3.6	4.4	6.7	4.8	10.7	4.8
Unknown	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White, non-Hispanic	42.1%	41.7%	60.4%	33.9%	34.9%	45.1%	30.4%
Black, non-Hispanic	31.8	31.7	14.8	41.3	40.8	34.8	36.3
Hispanic	19.7	20.3	20.3	20.8	20.2	11.9	17.2
Other*	3.1	3.6	2.2	3.2	1.5	1.6	2.2
Unknown	3.3	2.8	2.2	0.8	2.6	6.6	13.9
<b>Age</b>							
17 or younger	2.6%	3.3%	1.1%	1.0%	4.8%	0.0%	1.5%
18-24	18.9	23.2	14.8	10.1	19.9	4.1	9.9
25-34	28.9	30.2	25.9	33.7	23.9	16.8	27.5
35-44	25.7	22.2	29.4	36.2	28.7	27.0	31.9
45-54	15.6	13.2	19.4	16.0	16.5	30.7	19.4
55 or older	6.6	6.4	8.1	2.1	4.4	21.3	3.7
Unknown	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.8	0.0	6.2
<b>Number of deaths</b>	4,813	2,958	541	525	272	244	273

\*Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

**TABLE 7****Percent of reported arrest-related deaths, by demographic characteristics and manner of death, 2003-2009**

Demographic characteristics	Number of deaths	All manners	Homicide	Suicide	Intoxication	Accident	Natural causes	Unknown
<b>Total</b>	4,813	100%	61.5%	11.2%	10.9%	5.7%	5.1%	5.7%
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	4,594	100%	62.1%	11.3%	10.7%	5.6%	4.7%	5.6%
Female	218	100%	49.1	11.0	16.1	6.0	11.9	6.0
Unknown	1	100%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>								
White, non-Hispanic	2,026	100%	60.9%	16.1%	8.8%	4.7%	5.4%	4.1%
Black, non-Hispanic	1,529	100%	61.3	5.2	14.2	7.3	5.6	6.5
Hispanic	949	100%	63.1	11.6	11.5	5.8	3.1	5.0
Other*	150	100%	71.3	8.0	11.3	2.7	2.7	4.0
Unknown	159	100%	51.6	7.5	2.5	4.4	10.1	23.9
<b>Age</b>								
17 or younger	127	100%	78.0%	4.7%	3.9%	10.2%	0.0%	3.1%
18-24	909	100%	75.4	8.8	5.8	5.9	1.1	3.0
25-34	1,391	100%	64.2	10.1	12.7	4.7	2.9	5.4
35-44	1,238	100%	53.2	12.8	15.3	6.3	5.3	7.0
45-54	752	100%	51.9	14.0	11.2	6.0	10.0	7.0
55 or older	317	100%	59.3	13.9	3.5	3.8	16.4	3.2
Unknown	79	100%	57.0	8.9	6.3	6.3	0.0	21.5

\*Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

**TABLE 8**  
**Number of reported arrest-related deaths, by jurisdiction, 2003-2009**

Region and jurisdiction	2003-2009	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Total</b>	4,813	627	673	689	721	745	629	729
<b>Northeast</b>	668	71	99	91	108	110	106	83
Connecticut	31	0	5	4	4	3	5	10
Maine	22	3	1	2	3	5	5	3
Massachusetts	42	9	6	8	2	3	10	4
New Hampshire	10	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
New Jersey	81	6	14	17	7	13	9	15
New York <sup>a</sup>	239	28	39	30	45	42	41	14
Pennsylvania	218	21	30	26	36	40	30	35
Rhode Island	19	2	2	1	6	3	5	0
Vermont	6	1	0	1	3	0	0	1
<b>Midwest</b>	822	131	124	116	101	117	105	128
Illinois	210	29	28	23	20	33	37	40
Indiana	52	9	7	10	7	7	9	3
Iowa	48	4	9	9	3	8	6	9
Kansas	41	5	6	7	9	4	4	6
Michigan	141	26	24	22	18	17	15	19
Minnesota	43	8	9	3	3	7	5	8
Missouri	26	9	3	2	2	2	3	5
Nebraska	17	5	4	1	1	3	3	/
North Dakota	7	3	2	2	0	0	0	0
Ohio	175	20	25	26	26	19	21	38
South Dakota	9	3	1	1	0	2	2	0
Wisconsin	53	10	6	10	12	15	/	/
<b>South</b>	1,848	217	228	252	234	309	291	317
Alabama	28	2	0	6	2	4	4	10
Arkansas <sup>b</sup>	6	/	0	1	3	1	/	1
Delaware	15	1	1	1	5	2	4	1
District of Columbia	20	2	4	4	2	8	/	/
Florida	523	55	68	78	76	75	81	90
Georgia <sup>b</sup>	8	/	/	/	/	3	2	3
Kentucky	38	3	2	4	2	6	9	12
Louisiana	54	/	1	10	12	10	7	14
Maryland <sup>b</sup>	19	/	/	/	/	7	9	3
Mississippi	18	/	1	0	2	5	7	3
North Carolina	143	16	19	22	/	17	34	35
Oklahoma	64	15	20	4	/	4	12	9
South Carolina	61	6	3	10	15	10	7	10
Tennessee	28	/	0	4	3	12	3	6
Texas	696	105	89	96	90	122	96	98
Virginia	113	10	17	10	22	23	11	20
West Virginia	14	2	3	2	0	0	5	2
<b>West</b>	1,475	208	222	230	278	209	127	201
Alaska	14	0	1	2	1	2	5	3
Arizona	238	26	46	52	57	31	8	18
California	775	106	112	93	154	118	73	119
Colorado	75	21	12	12	11	7	2	10
Hawaii	22	0	5	5	2	2	7	1
Idaho	23	2	1	1	1	8	5	5
Montana	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Nevada <sup>c</sup>	12	2	/	/	/	/	2	8
New Mexico <sup>c</sup>	51	15	9	8	10	5	/	4
Oregon	77	12	13	17	12	8	8	7
Utah	69	6	9	6	9	15	8	16
Washington	118	17	14	34	21	13	9	10
Wyoming	1	1	/	/	/	/	/	/

Note: Counts include deaths reported by states and identified by BJS staff. Due to variation in reporting practices, caution should be used in comparing jurisdictions from year to year.

/Not reported.

<sup>a</sup>The New York City Police Department submits data independent of the State of New York and did not submit data in 2009.

<sup>b</sup>Arkansas and New Mexico cases identified by BJS staff in 2009; Georgia and Maryland cases identified by BJS staff in 2007, 2008, and 2009.

<sup>c</sup>In 2008, detailed data were available for 2 of the 8 records known to BJS.

**TABLE 9**  
**Number of reported arrest-related deaths, by jurisdiction and manner of death, 2003-2009**

Region and jurisdiction	All manners	Homicide	Suicide	Intoxication	Accident	Natural causes	Unknown
<b>Total</b>	4,813	2,958	541	525	272	244	273
<b>Northeast</b>	668	387	79	92	35	58	17
Connecticut	31	21	4	1	1	3	1
Maine	22	14	4	2	1	0	1
Massachusetts	42	18	3	13	1	6	1
New Hampshire	10	7	2	1	0	0	0
New Jersey	81	47	7	9	6	8	4
New York <sup>a</sup>	239	118	30	38	19	28	6
Pennsylvania	218	149	27	24	5	10	3
Rhode Island	19	10	1	4	1	2	1
Vermont	6	3	1	0	1	1	0
<b>Midwest</b>	822	566	88	63	43	36	26
Illinois	210	142	25	18	11	11	3
Indiana	52	50	0	0	0	2	0
Iowa	48	30	12	0	4	1	1
Kansas	41	22	3	5	2	3	6
Michigan	141	94	14	15	8	7	3
Minnesota	43	33	0	4	3	1	2
Missouri	26	15	5	2	0	1	3
Nebraska	17	11	1	0	2	2	1
North Dakota	7	2	3	2	0	0	0
Ohio	175	120	15	16	10	8	6
South Dakota	9	7	2	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	53	40	8	1	3	0	1
<b>South</b>	1,848	1,061	232	232	115	93	115
Alabama	28	14	5	3	0	5	1
Arkansas <sup>b</sup>	6	1	0	3	0	1	1
Delaware	15	13	0	1	0	0	1
District of Columbia	20	15	2	1	0	1	1
Florida	523	356	31	36	36	9	55
Georgia <sup>b</sup>	8	4	0	0	0	1	3
Kentucky	38	26	7	1	3	1	0
Louisiana	54	34	2	5	3	5	5
Maryland <sup>b</sup>	19	13	0	0	0	3	3
Mississippi	18	11	2	0	4	1	0
North Carolina	143	74	26	15	16	7	5
Oklahoma	64	51	7	3	3	0	0
South Carolina	61	34	5	10	4	2	6
Tennessee	28	17	0	5	1	2	3
Texas	696	308	127	144	40	50	27
Virginia	113	85	14	3	3	5	3
West Virginia	14	5	4	2	2	0	1
<b>West</b>	1,475	944	142	138	79	57	115
Alaska	14	9	4	0	1	0	0
Arizona	238	146	41	23	13	8	7
California	775	493	31	89	45	39	78
Colorado	75	41	13	6	7	3	5
Hawaii	22	8	0	4	2	4	4
Idaho	23	19	3	0	1	0	0
Montana	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Nevada <sup>c</sup>	12	9	1	1	0	1	0
New Mexico <sup>b</sup>	51	25	17	5	2	1	1
Oregon	77	67	6	1	3	0	0
Utah	69	49	16	1	0	0	3
Washington	118	78	10	8	5	1	16
Wyoming	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

Note: Counts include deaths reported by states and deaths identified by BJS staff. Due to variation in reporting practices, caution should be used in comparing jurisdictions from year to year.

/Not reported.

<sup>a</sup>The New York City Police Department submits data independent of the State of New York and did not submit data in 2009.

<sup>b</sup>Arkansas and New Mexico cases identified by BJS staff in 2009; Georgia and Maryland cases identified by BJS staff in 2007, 2008, and 2009.

<sup>c</sup>In 2008, detailed data were available for 2 of the 8 records known to BJS.



**TABLE 10**  
**Percent of reported arrest-related deaths, by jurisdiction and manner of death, 2003-2009**

Region and jurisdiction	Number of deaths	All manners	Homicide	Suicide	Intoxication	Accident	Natural causes	Unknown
<b>Total</b>	4,813	100%	61.5	11.2	10.9	5.7	5.1	5.7
<b>Northeast</b>	668	100%	57.9	11.8	13.8	5.2	8.7	2.5
Connecticut	31	100%	67.7	12.9	3.2	3.2	9.7	3.2
Maine	22	100%	63.6	18.2	9.1	4.5	0.0	4.5
Massachusetts	42	100%	42.9	7.1	31.0	2.4	14.3	2.4
New Hampshire	10	100%	70.0	20.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New Jersey	81	100%	58.0	8.6	11.1	7.4	9.9	4.9
New York <sup>a</sup>	239	100%	49.4	12.6	15.9	7.9	11.7	2.5
Pennsylvania	218	100%	68.3	12.4	11.0	2.3	4.6	1.4
Rhode Island	19	100%	52.6	5.3	21.1	5.3	10.5	5.3
Vermont	6	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
<b>Midwest</b>	822	100%	68.9	10.7	7.7	5.2	4.4	3.2
Illinois	210	100%	67.6	11.9	8.6	5.2	5.2	1.4
Indiana	52	100%	96.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.0
Iowa	48	100%	62.5	25.0	0.0	8.3	2.1	2.1
Kansas	41	100%	53.7	7.3	12.2	4.9	7.3	14.6
Michigan	141	100%	66.7	9.9	10.6	5.7	5.0	2.1
Minnesota	43	100%	76.7	0.0	9.3	7.0	2.3	4.7
Missouri	26	100%	57.7	19.2	7.7	0.0	3.8	11.5
Nebraska	17	100%	64.7	5.9	0.0	11.8	11.8	5.9
North Dakota	7	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Ohio	175	100%	68.6	8.6	9.1	5.7	4.6	3.4
South Dakota	9	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Wisconsin	53	100%	75.5	15.1	1.9	5.7	0.0	1.9
<b>South</b>	1,848	100%	57.4	12.6	12.6	6.2	5.0	6.2
Alabama	28	100%	50.0	17.9	10.7	0.0	17.9	3.6
Arkansas <sup>b</sup>	6	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Delaware	15	100%	86.7	0.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	6.7
District of Columbia	20	100%	75.0	10.0	5.0	0.0	5.0	5.0
Florida	523	100%	68.1	5.9	6.9	6.9	1.7	10.5
Georgia <sup>b</sup>	8	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Kentucky	38	100%	68.4	18.4	2.6	7.9	2.6	0.0
Louisiana	54	100%	63.0	3.7	9.3	5.6	9.3	9.3
Maryland <sup>b</sup>	19	100%	68.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.8	15.8
Mississippi	18	100%	61.1	11.1	0.0	22.2	5.6	0.0
North Carolina	143	100%	51.7	18.2	10.5	11.2	4.9	3.5
Oklahoma	64	100%	79.7	10.9	4.7	4.7	0.0	0.0
South Carolina	61	100%	55.7	8.2	16.4	6.6	3.3	9.8
Tennessee	28	100%	60.7	0.0	17.9	3.6	7.1	10.7
Texas	696	100%	44.3	18.2	20.7	5.7	7.2	3.9
Virginia	113	100%	75.2	12.4	2.7	2.7	4.4	2.7
West Virginia	14	100%	35.7	28.6	14.3	14.3	0.0	7.1
<b>West</b>	1,475	100%	64.0	9.6	9.4	5.4	3.9	7.8
Alaska	14	100%	64.3	28.6	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.0
Arizona	238	100%	61.3	17.2	9.7	5.5	3.4	2.9
California	775	100%	63.6	4.0	11.5	5.8	5.0	10.1
Colorado	75	100%	54.7	17.3	8.0	9.3	4.0	6.7
Hawaii	22	100%	36.4	0.0	18.2	9.1	18.2	18.2
Idaho	23	100%	82.6	13.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0
Montana	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Nevada <sup>c</sup>	12	100%	75.0	8.3	8.3	0.0	8.3	0.0
New Mexico <sup>b</sup>	51	100%	49.0	33.3	9.8	3.9	2.0	2.0
Oregon	77	100%	87.0	7.8	1.3	3.9	0.0	0.0
Utah	69	100%	71.0	23.2	1.4	0.0	0.0	4.3
Washington	118	100%	66.1	8.5	6.8	4.2	0.8	13.6
Wyoming	1	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

/Not reported.

:Not calculated for jurisdictions reporting fewer than 10 deaths during 2003-2009.

<sup>a</sup>The New City Police Department submits data independent of the State of New York and did not submit data 2009.

<sup>b</sup>Arkansas and New Mexico cases identified by BJS staff in 2009; Georgia and Maryland cases identified by BJS staff in 2007, 2008, and 2009.

<sup>c</sup>In 2008, detailed data were available for 2 of 8 records known to BJS.

**TABLE 11****Number of arresting agencies with at least one reported arrest-related death, by jurisdiction, 2003-2009**

Region and jurisdiction	Number of agencies in the jurisdiction*	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Total</b>	17,985	355	372	403	388	413	361	417
<b>Northeast</b>	3,152	40	50	50	48	46	55	49
Connecticut	143	0	4	4	4	3	5	9
Maine	146	3	1	2	3	3	5	3
Massachusetts	357	8	5	5	2	2	10	2
New Hampshire	208	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
New Jersey	550	6	13	10	6	11	7	11
New York	514	8	11	9	10	11	8	9
Pennsylvania	1,117	11	12	16	13	13	14	13
Rhode Island	48	2	2	1	5	2	5	0
Vermont	69	1	0	1	3	0	0	1
<b>Midwest</b>	5,572	77	80	78	68	80	61	86
Illinois	877	10	12	12	12	12	13	21
Indiana	482	8	6	6	5	6	7	2
Iowa	392	3	7	6	3	6	6	9
Kansas	371	5	4	6	7	3	3	5
Michigan	571	16	17	15	13	16	10	16
Minnesota	448	5	6	3	2	7	5	7
Missouri	576	4	3	2	2	1	3	3
Nebraska	225	4	1	1	1	1	2	/
North Dakota	114	3	2	2	0	0	0	0
Ohio	832	9	16	18	16	15	11	23
South Dakota	155	1	1	1	0	2	1	0
Wisconsin	529	9	5	6	7	11	/	/
<b>South</b>	7,190	131	130	158	142	172	170	188
Alabama	417	2	0	5	2	4	4	9
Arkansas	367	/	0	1	3	1	0	1
Delaware	49	1	1	1	3	2	1	1
District of Columbia	4	1	1	1	1	1	/	/
Florida	387	33	37	43	44	41	35	46
Georgia	628	/	/	/	/	3	2	3
Kentucky	388	3	1	4	2	4	6	7
Louisiana	348	/	1	8	9	8	7	13
Maryland	142	/	/	/	/	4	1	2
Mississippi	342	/	1	0	1	4	7	3
North Carolina	504	15	16	19	/	14	25	30
Oklahoma	481	12	11	3	/	2	11	5
South Carolina	272	6	3	10	13	9	7	8
Tennessee	375	/	0	3	3	7	3	6
Texas	1,913	50	42	48	47	53	46	39
Virginia	340	6	13	10	14	15	11	13
West Virginia	233	2	3	2	0	0	4	2
<b>West</b>	2,071	107	112	117	130	115	75	94
Alaska	50	0	1	2	1	2	3	1
Arizona	141	12	13	16	21	12	3	8
California	509	48	50	46	63	55	35	42
Colorado	246	9	9	11	8	4	1	8
Hawaii	7	0	2	2	2	1	3	1
Idaho	117	1	1	1	1	8	5	4
Montana	119	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Nevada	76	2	/	/	/	/	2	2
New Mexico	146	7	9	7	6	4	/	3
Oregon	174	9	9	9	8	7	8	7
Utah	136	5	9	6	6	9	6	12
Washington	260	13	9	17	14	13	9	6
Wyoming	90	1	/	/	/	/	/	/

Note: Due to variation in reporting practices, caution should be used in comparing jurisdictions from year to year.

/Not reported.

\*Includes local police departments, sheriff offices, primary state agencies, special police agencies, and constables/marshals as reported in the 2008 Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies. See appendix table 6, *Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, 2008*, July 2011, [www.bjs.gov](http://www.bjs.gov).

**TABLE 12**  
**Demographic characteristics of all reported arrests and persons who died in the process of arrest, 2003-2009**

Demographic characteristics	All arrests <sup>a</sup>	Persons who died <sup>b</sup>
Total	100%	100%
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	75.9%	95.4%
Female	24.1	4.5
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>		
White	69.8%	42.1%
Black	27.8	31.8
Hispanic <sup>c</sup>	...	19.7
Other <sup>d</sup>	2.4	3.1
<b>Age</b>		
17 or younger	15.4%	2.6%
18-24	29.2	18.9
25-34	23.8	28.9
35-44	18.0	25.7
45-54	10.3	15.6
55 or older	3.2	6.6
<b>Offense type</b>		
Violent	14.4%	59.8%
Property	17.4	6.4
Drug	12.6	6.4
Public order	28.2	14.5
Other	27.4	~
No charges intended	~	3.4
Unknown criminal behavior	~	9.5
<b>Number of arrests and deaths</b>	97,954,000	4,813

Note: Detail does not sum to total due to missing data.

...Not available.

~Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>The total number of arrests and offense type, by demographic characteristics, was estimated nationally from data reported in table 29 in Crime in the United States (2003-2009). Arrests were estimated by applying the annual percents in tables 38, 42, and 43 to the annual estimated number of arrests and summed for all years and then converted into percentages.

<sup>b</sup>The total number of arrest-related deaths apply to jurisdictions reporting to the program.

<sup>c</sup>Table 43 in the FBI's Crime in the United States presents data characterized by race, not ethnicity.

<sup>d</sup>Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

**TABLE 13**  
**Reported arrest-related deaths, by incident circumstances, 2003-2009**

Incident circumstances	Number	Percent
All circumstances	4,813	100.0%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	2,878	59.8%
Homicide	233	4.8
Sexual assault <sup>a</sup>	49	1.0
Robbery	255	5.3
Assault	2,184	45.4
Other violent	157	3.3
<b>Property offenses</b>	308	6.4%
Burglary	108	2.2
Larceny	43	0.9
Motor vehicle theft	49	1.0
Other property <sup>b</sup>	108	2.2
<b>Drug offenses</b>	307	6.4%
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	696	14.5%
Obstruction of justice	184	3.8
Weapons	95	2.0
Traffic violations, driving while intoxicated	151	3.1
Drunkenness, disorderly conduct	154	3.2
Other public-order	112	2.3
<b>No criminal charges intended</b>	163	3.4%
Mental health transport	89	1.8
Medical transport	28	0.6
Unspecified	46	1.0
<b>Offense not reported</b>	461	9.6%

<sup>a</sup>Includes rape and other sexual assault.

<sup>b</sup>Includes arson and possession of stolen property.

**TABLE 14****Percent of reported arrest-related deaths, by incident circumstances and manner of death, 2003-2009**

Incident circumstances	All manners	Homicide	Suicide	Intoxication	Accident	Natural causes	Unknown
All circumstances	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	59.8%	75.3%	53.6%	27.2%	26.8%	25.4%	30.8%
Homicide	4.8	5.4	12.2	0.0	1.1	0.4	0.7
Sexual assault <sup>a</sup>	1.0	0.9	3.3	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.4
Robbery	5.3	7.0	4.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.8
Assault	45.4	58.2	29.2	23.6	23.2	20.1	25.3
Other violent	3.3	3.7	4.1	1.9	1.1	2.5	2.6
<b>Property offenses</b>	6.4%	3.3%	8.5%	11.4%	12.9%	16.0%	10.6%
Burglary	2.2	1.3	3.0	4.4	4.0	3.3	4.8
Larceny	0.9	0.4	1.7	1.7	1.1	3.3	0.4
Motor vehicle theft	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.4	3.7	1.2	0.7
Other property <sup>b</sup>	2.2	0.8	2.8	5.0	4.0	8.2	4.8
<b>Drug offenses</b>	6.4%	2.7%	4.1%	20.2%	16.2%	11.9%	9.2%
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	14.5%	7.9%	21.8%	24.2%	32.0%	33.6%	17.6%
Obstruction of justice	3.8	2.3	4.4	5.7	12.9	3.3	7.3
Wapons	2.0	2.4	2.6	0.8	0.4	1.6	0.4
Traffic violations, driving while intoxicated	3.1	1.1	6.3	5.1	9.9	11.5	0.7
Drunkness, disorderly conduct	3.2	0.7	4.4	10.3	4.4	11.1	6.2
Other public-order	2.3	1.5	4.1	2.3	4.4	6.1	2.9
<b>No criminal charges intended</b>	3.4%	1.6%	5.0%	9.0%	1.5%	7.4%	7.3%
Mental health transport	1.8	0.7	3.1	4.4	1.5	3.7	5.1
Medical transport	0.6	0.1	1.3	2.7	0.0	0.8	0.7
Unspecified	1.0	0.7	0.6	1.9	0.0	2.9	1.5
<b>Offense not reported</b>	9.6%	9.2%	7.0%	8.0%	10.7%	5.7%	24.5%
<b>Number of deaths</b>	4,813	2,958	541	525	272	244	273

Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

<sup>a</sup>Includes rape and other sexual assault.

<sup>b</sup>Includes arson and possession of stolen property.

**TABLE 15****Number of law enforcement agencies, full-time sworn personnel, and reported arrest-related deaths, by agency characteristics, 2003-2009**

Characteristics of agencies	Law enforcement agencies		Full-time sworn personnel		Arrest-related deaths	
	Number <sup>a</sup>	Percent <sup>b</sup>	Number <sup>a</sup>	Percent <sup>b</sup>	Number <sup>c</sup>	Percent
<b>Total</b>	17,985	100.0%	765,246	100.0%	4,813	100.0%
<b>Type of agency involved in arrest</b>						
Local police department	12,501	69.5%	461,063	60.3%	3,529	73.3%
Sheriff's office	3,063	17.0	182,979	23.9	946	19.7
State police/highway patrol	50	0.3	60,772	7.9	273	5.7
Special jurisdiction police	1,733	9.6	56,968	7.4	44	0.9
Constables	638	3.5	3,464	0.5	10	0.2
<b>Number of full-time sworn personnel employed by the agency involved</b>						
1-9	8,796	48.9%	34,497	4.5%	117	2.4%
10-24	4,300	23.9	67,132	8.8	248	5.2
25-49	2,402	13.4	83,349	10.9	355	7.4
50-99	1,300	7.2	89,999	11.8	458	9.5
100-249	778	4.3	115,535	15.1	694	14.4
250-499	237	1.3	83,851	11.0	610	12.7
500-999	89	0.5	60,124	7.9	466	9.7
1,000 or more	83	0.5	230,759	30.2	1,843	38.3

Note: In cases involving multiple arresting agencies, only the characteristics of the primary agency are reported.

<sup>a</sup>Based on the 2008 Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies. Excludes agencies employing less than one full-time officer.

<sup>b</sup>Detail may not sum to total due to rounding.

<sup>c</sup>Detail does not sum to total due to missing data. Excludes 11 deaths in which type of agency was unknown and 22 deaths in which the number of full-time sworn personnel employed by the agency involved was unknown.

**TABLE 16****Number of reported arrest-related deaths, by characteristics of the law enforcement agency involved and manner of death, 2003-2009**

Characteristics of agencies	All manners	Homicide	Suicide	Intoxication	Accident	Natural causes	Unknown
All reported deaths	4,813	2,958	541	525	272	244	273
<b>Type of agency involved in arrest</b>							
Local police department	3,529	2,164	369	425	194	187	190
Sheriff's office	946	583	124	78	52	38	71
State police/highway patrol	273	174	43	17	21	8	10
Special jurisdiction police	44	28	1	3	4	7	1
Constables	10	6	0	1	1	1	1
Unknown	11	3	4	1	0	3	0
<b>Number of full-time sworn personnel employed by the agency involved</b>							
1-9	117	57	24	14	7	10	5
10-24	248	134	55	27	10	12	10
25-49	355	204	61	31	21	26	12
50-99	458	253	73	53	29	18	32
100-249	694	427	64	83	38	37	45
250-499	610	399	49	64	34	26	38
500-999	466	299	43	44	32	18	30
1,000 or more	1,843	1,176	168	208	100	90	101
Unknown	22	9	4	1	1	7	0

Note: In cases involving multiple arresting agencies, only the characteristics of the primary agency are reported.

**TABLE 17****Percent of reported arrest-related deaths, by characteristics of the law enforcement agency involved and manner of death, 2003-2009**

Characteristics of agencies	All manners	Homicide	Suicide	Intoxication	Accident	Natural causes	Unknown
All reported deaths	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Type of agency involved in arrest</b>							
Local police department	73.3%	73.2%	68.2%	81.0%	71.3%	76.6%	69.6%
Sheriff's office	19.7	19.7	22.9	14.9	19.1	15.6	26.0
State police/highway patrol	5.7	5.9	7.9	3.2	7.7	3.3	3.7
Special jurisdiction police	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.6	1.5	2.9	0.4
Constables	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Unknown	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.0	1.2	0.0
<b>Number of full-time sworn personnel employed by the agency involved</b>							
1-9	2.4%	1.9%	4.4%	2.7%	2.6%	4.1%	1.8%
10-24	5.2	4.5	10.2	5.1	3.7	4.9	3.7
25-49	7.4	6.9	11.3	5.9	7.7	10.7	4.4
50-99	9.5	8.6	13.5	10.1	10.7	7.4	11.7
100-249	14.4	14.4	11.8	15.8	14.0	15.2	16.5
250-499	12.7	13.5	9.1	12.2	12.5	10.7	13.9
500-999	9.7	10.1	7.9	8.4	11.8	7.4	11.0
1,000 or more	38.3	39.8	31.1	39.6	36.8	36.9	37.0
Unknown	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.4	2.9	0.0
<b>Number of deaths</b>	<b>4,813</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>273</b>

Note: In cases involving multiple arresting agencies, only the characteristics of the primary agency are reported.

## Methodology

The Arrest-Related Deaths (ARD) data collection cycle begins January 1 and ends December 31 of the calendar year. State Reporting Coordinators (SRC) assist the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) in collecting information regarding arrest-related deaths. The role of each SRC is to identify deaths reportable to the ARD program, compile information from valid sources regarding the circumstances related to the death, complete CJ-11 and CJ-11A data collection forms (<http://www.bjs.gov>), and submit data to BJS quarterly or annually. Annual data are available from 2003 through 2009 in aggregate form. All information identifying individual decedents is kept confidential.

### Defining deaths “in the process of arrest”

Although the *Deaths in Custody Reporting Act* of 2000 (DICRA), Public Law 106-297, mandated that all in custody deaths be counted, the legislation did not specify the meaning of the phrase “in the process of arrest.” BJS staff consulted with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA), and criminal justice researchers to identify which circumstances involved an arrest process. For this data collection, BJS defines “in the process of arrest” to include all circumstances in which a person is in the custody or under the restraint of law enforcement officers. This definition includes situations in which a formal arrest process was neither initiated nor intended. It includes instances in which law enforcement personnel actively pursues or attempts to apprehend a criminal suspect, regardless of whether physical custody was established. In addition, it includes deaths that involved law enforcement assistance in restraining and transporting individuals in need of medical or mental health care.

### Exclusions

Deaths that occurred in a jail or other long-term holding facility and deaths that occurred in the custody of federal law enforcement officers were outside the scope of the ARD program and excluded from the analysis. All records submitted to the ARD program were cross-referenced with records submitted to BJS’s Deaths in Custody Reporting Program - Jails collection in order to ensure cases were not duplicated across collections. If the death was recorded in both collections, the Jails component took priority and the record was removed from the ARD collection. The DICRA did not apply to federal law enforcement agencies. Deaths occurring in the presence of officers from federal agencies (i.e., FBI, DEA, or Marshals Service) were only reportable to the ARD program if an officer from either a state or local law enforcement agency was also present during the event causing the death. Arrest-related deaths that did not involve either a state or local law enforcement agency were excluded from the collection.

### Role of State Reporting Coordinators

Participation in the ARD program is voluntary. SRCs may select any methodology—or a combination of approaches—that achieves a reliable measure of arrest-related deaths. Some methods for identifying arrest-related deaths include surveying all police departments in the state, surveying all county medical examiners or coroner’s offices in the state, extracting data from other collections (i.e., FBI’s Uniform Crime Reports and CDC’s National Violent Death Reporting System), and conducting multi-media searches. BJS recommends SRCs do not solely rely on a system of voluntary self-reporting by state and local law enforcement agencies.

Once a reportable death is identified, the SRC is responsible for obtaining information regarding the death and completing an arrest-related death incident report (CJ-11A). Most SRCs use multiple data sources to compile information required to complete the CJ-11A incident reports. A survey of SRCs conducted in 2007 indicated that of the 47 states participating in the ARD program at some point between 2003 and 2006, 42 used multiple sources to obtain information on arrest-related deaths, while 30 states reported at least 3 different sources of data.

State and local law enforcement agencies were the most common source of data used by SRCs. Law enforcement agencies voluntarily reported arrest-related deaths to 40 data providers. In California and Texas, law enforcement agencies were required by state law to submit arrest-related deaths. The SRCs were asked to work with the law enforcement agency involved in the death to collect the information requested on the CJ-11A form. In instances where the law enforcement agency involved in the death did not complete the CJ-11A form, the SRC was asked to obtain information from official source documents (such as a police report or death certificate) or indirectly through oral communication, press releases from the involved law enforcement agency or medical office, legal proceedings, or other vetted sources of information. Media accounts of the event and death were not considered sources of official information.

**APPENDIX TABLE 1**  
**Agencies reporting arrest-related death records, 2006**

Agencies	Number of agencies
All data providers	48
State criminal justice commission	22
State attorney general	8
State police/highway patrol	8
State department of correction	5
State medical examiner	3
State department of public safety	1
State office of financial management	1

Subsequently, SRCs were discouraged from using media accounts of the event as their primary source of information when completing the CJ-11A form. In the event that the SRC could not obtain information from any other source, BJS authorized the use of media accounts to supplement incomplete CJ-11A forms.

**Program Coverage**

The ARD program was initiated in order to comply with requirements set forth in the DICRA. The legislation required the U.S Department of Justice to begin a quarterly collection of individual death records for all persons incarcerated in local jails, state prisons, juvenile correctional facilities, as well as “any person who is in the process of arrest.” Since the expiration of the DICRA legislation in 2006, BJS has continued to collect ARD data, but no longer requires quarterly submissions.

As the statistical agency for the Justice Department, BJS began implementing the ARD data collection in 2003. When the DICRA was enacted, only California and Texas (each pursuant to state law) conducted a statewide count of all arrest-related deaths. In the remaining 48 states and the District of Columbia, the ARD program was the first attempt to perform a comprehensive count of all deaths occurring during the process of arrest. The attorneys general of California and Texas agreed to complete statewide reports of arrest-related deaths for submission to BJS. In all other jurisdictions, BJS worked with state officials to determine which agency would collect arrest-related death reports.

During reporting year 2006, a state criminal justice commission, commonly administered by the governor’s office was the most common data reporting contact (22 states), followed by the state attorney general and state police department (8 states each) (see appendix table 1). In five states, the department of corrections took a lead role in compiling records. In over 30 states, the reporting office also served as a state criminal justice Statistical Analysis Center (SAC).

While every state identified a data provider, three states—Georgia, Maryland, and Montana—did not submit records during the 2003-2009 collection periods. Forty-seven states and the District of Columbia participated in the collection at some point, but the participation of some states varied by year. (See appendix table 2 for a summary of state reporting participation.) Although a jurisdiction may not have participated in the ARD program in a given year, arrest-related deaths may have been identified and reported by BJS staff.

In an effort to increase the ARD program’s national coverage, BJS began exploring the use of internet-based searches to retrospectively identify arrest-related deaths occurring from 2007 through 2009. BJS staff conducted online media searches based on 12 key terms and identified websites dedicated to either in-custody deaths or deaths associated with the usage of specific weapons, such as conductive energy devices. Once an arrest-related death was identified, all available information was sent to the appropriate SRC for verification and follow-up. The SRC was asked to complete a CJ-11A form using official source documents and then return the form to BJS.

More detailed information is available at [www.bjs.gov](http://www.bjs.gov).

**APPENDIX TABLE 2**  
**States not reporting arrest-related deaths in all years, 2003–2009**

Region and jurisdiction	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Arkansas	/	■	■	■	■	/	/
District of Columbia	■	■	■	■	■	/	/
Georgia	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Louisiana	/	■	■	■	■	■	■
Maryland	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Mississippi	/	■	■	■	■	■	■
Montana	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Nebraska	■	■	■	■	■	■	/
Nevada	■	/	/	/	/	■	■
New Mexico	■	■	■	■	■	/	/
New York*	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
North Carolina	■	■	■	/	■	■	■
Oklahoma	■	■	■	/	■	■	■
Tennessee	/	■	■	■	■	■	■
Wisconsin	■	■	■	■	■	/	/
Wyoming	■	/	/	/	/	/	/

■ Reported.

/Not reported.

\*The New York City Police Department did not submit data to the State of New York in 2009.

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