

# Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2019 – Tables

**TABLE 15**

**Law enforcement officers feloniously killed, by race, ethnicity, and sex of victim officer, 2010-2019**

Characteristic	Total	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Total victim officers</b>	511	55	72	49	27	51	41	66	46	56	48
<b>Sex</b>											
Male	485	53	69	44	25	51	38	64	43	53	45
Female	26	2	3	5	2	0	3	2	3	3	3
<b>Race</b>											
White	442	47	68	43	25	47	29	61	35	47	40
Black	55	7	3	6	2	2	8	4	9	7	7
American Indian/ Alaska Native	5	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Asian/Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander <sup>a</sup>	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Asian <sup>a</sup>	6	...	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander <sup>a</sup>	2	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
<b>Ethnicity<sup>b</sup></b>											
Hispanic	62	...	7	9	2	11	4	7	6	5	11
Non-Hispanic	377	...	65	35	24	39	36	57	37	51	33
Not reported	72	55	0	5	1	1	1	2	3	0	4

...Not available.

<sup>a</sup>Prior to 2011, the race categories “Asian” and “Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander” were combined.

<sup>b</sup>Beginning in 2011, ethnicity was added to the data collection.

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2019.

**TABLE 24****Law enforcement officers feloniously killed, by circumstance encountered by victim officer upon arrival at scene of incident, 2015-2019**

Circumstance	Total	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Total victim officers</b>	257	41	66	46	56	48
<b>Administrative assignment</b>	4	1	0	1	2	0
Prisoner transport	4	1	0	1	2	0
Other administrative assignment	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ambush (entrapment/premeditation)</b>	44	7	19	5	11	2
<b>Arrest situation</b>	15	2	4	4	2	3
Attempting to restrain/control/handcuff offender(s)	8	2	0	1	2	3
Attempting to restrain/control/handcuff other individual <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Maintaining custody of prisoner (in vehicle, precinct, etc.) <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Verbal advisement only	7	0	4	3	0	0
<b>Assisting another law enforcement officer</b>	13	2	4	2	2	3
Foot pursuit	4	1	0	0	2	1
High-risk traffic stop <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Officer down (requiring emergency assistance)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Officer requiring emergency assistance (not pursuit)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Providing/deploying flares, traffic cones, etc.	3	1	1	1	0	0
Providing/deploying spike strips/stop sticks <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Traffic control (crash scene, directing traffic, etc.) <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Vehicular pursuit	4	0	1	1	0	2
Other emergency circumstance	1	0	1	0	0	0
Other non-emergency circumstance	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Assisting motorist</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Citizen complaint</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Animal bite	0	0	0	0	0	0
Animal disturbance (barking dog, unleashed dog, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Business check	0	0	0	0	0	0
Check on welfare of citizen	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug complaint	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic complaint	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trespassing <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Verbal complaint of non-criminal violation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other citizen complaint <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
<b>Crime in progress</b>	13	1	2	2	4	4
Active shooter <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	3	0	1	0	2	0
Larceny-theft	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mass casualty <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Motor-vehicle theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Person with firearm (no shots fired)	1	0	0	0	1	0
Robbery	4	0	1	1	0	2
Shooting/shots being fired (not "active shooter" situation)	2	1	0	1	0	0
Tampering with vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**TABLE 24 (continued)****Law enforcement officers feloniously killed, by circumstance encountered by victim officer upon arrival at scene of incident, 2015-2019**

Circumstance	Total	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Other crime against person	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other crime against property	2	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Disorder/disturbance</b>	10	1	2	1	3	3
Civil disorder (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disturbance (disorderly subject, fight, etc.)	5	0	1	0	2	2
Domestic disturbance (family quarrel, no assault)	2	0	1	1	0	0
Domestic violence	3	1	0	0	1	1
<b>Encounter/assist an emotionally disturbed person</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Investigative/enforcement</b>	105	17	28	21	24	15
Active shooter <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Animal cruelty <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Drug-related matter (drug bust, buy, etc.)	4	0	1	1	0	2
Handling person with mental illness	3	2	0	0	1	0
High-risk traffic stop <sup>b</sup>	1	0	0	1	0	0
Investigative activity	21	1	6	2	8	4
Mass casualty <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Motor-vehicle crash	1	0	0	1	0	0
Official contact (not an arrest situation) <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Possible DUI/DWI suspect (operating a vehicle)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serving/attempting to serve search warrant (non-tactical) <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Surveillance activity <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Suspicious package <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Suspicious person/circumstance	26	5	11	6	3	1
Tactical situation <sup>c</sup>	24	4	7	6	7	...
Traffic violation stop	16	4	1	3	2	6
Undercover situation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wanted person	9	1	2	1	3	2
<b>Out of service (court, dining, etc.)<sup>a</sup></b>	0	...	...	...	...	0
<b>Providing/deploying equipment (flares, traffic cones, etc.)<sup>a</sup></b>	0	...	...	...	...	0
<b>Pursuit</b>	23	4	4	6	6	3
Foot	13	2	4	3	4	0
Vehicular (anything other than foot)	10	2	0	3	2	3
<b>Report of crime</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Active shooter <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny-theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mass casualty <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Motor-vehicle theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Person with firearm (no shots fired)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shooting/shots fired (not "active shooter" situation)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tampering with vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other crime against person	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other crime against property	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**TABLE 24 (continued)****Law enforcement officers feloniously killed, by circumstance encountered by victim officer upon arrival at scene of incident, 2015-2019**

Circumstance	Total	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Respond to alarm (audible/silent)</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Medical emergency <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Serving/attempting to serve court order (eviction notice, subpoena, etc.)<sup>a</sup></b>	1	...	...	...	...	1
<b>Tactical situation<sup>c</sup></b>	9	...	...	...	...	9
Active shooter <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Barricaded/hostage situation <sup>a</sup>	3	...	...	...	...	3
Mass casualty <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	0
Serving/attempting to serve arrest warrant <sup>a</sup>	2	...	...	...	...	2
Serving/attempting to serve search warrant <sup>a</sup>	3	...	...	...	...	3
Other tactical situation <sup>a</sup>	1	...	...	...	...	1
<b>Traffic control (crash scene, directing traffic, etc.)</b>	2	1	0	0	1	0
<b>Unprovoked attack</b>	15	3	3	3	1	5
<b>Other</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Not applicable<sup>a</sup></b>	0	...	...	...	...	0

Note: Ten years of data for the topics presented in this table are not available at this time. A 10-year table is expected to be available for the Federal Bureau of Investigation's publication of 2020 data.

...Not available.

<sup>a</sup>Beginning in 2019, this category/subcategory was added as an option to the list of circumstances.

<sup>b</sup>Prior to 2019, the circumstance "High-risk traffic stop" was collected as "Traffic stop (felony traffic stop)."

<sup>c</sup>Prior to 2019, the circumstance "Tactical situation" was collected under the category of "Investigative/enforcement" and did not include subcategories.

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2019.

**TABLE 42****Law enforcement officers feloniously killed, by race, ethnicity, and sex of known offender, 2010-2019**

Characteristic	Total	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total known offenders	537	80	76	51	28	60	37	56	44	56	49
<b>Sex</b>											
Male	523	78	74	50	27	55	37	56	44	54	48
Female	14	2	2	1	1	5	0	0	0	2	1
<b>Race</b>											
White	303	32	44	32	15	43	18	33	26	32	28
Black	199	39	28	17	12	14	18	17	16	23	15
American Indian/ Alaska Native	12	4	2	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	0
Asian/Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander <sup>a</sup>	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Asian <sup>a</sup>	3	...	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander <sup>a</sup>	3	...	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Not reported	15	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	5
<b>Ethnicity<sup>b</sup></b>											
Hispanic	77	...	7	7	3	19	3	9	5	10	14
Non-Hispanic	354	...	68	41	23	39	33	41	38	45	26
Not reported	106	80	1	3	2	2	1	6	1	1	9

...Not available.

<sup>a</sup>Prior to 2011, the race categories "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander" were combined.

<sup>b</sup>Beginning in 2011, ethnicity was added to the data collection.

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2019.

**TABLE 45****Law enforcement officers feloniously killed, by status of known offender at time of incident, 2010-2019**

Status	Total	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Total known offenders</b>	537	80	76	51	28	60	37	56	44	56	49
<b>Under judicial supervision</b>	144	19	19	12	6	12	11	15	18	20	12
Conditional release, pending criminal prosecution	27	1	5	2	2	1	3	1	3	6	3
Escapee from mental institution <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Escapee from penal institution	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Halfway house	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Home confinement/house arrest <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Parole	43	8	4	4	2	5	3	3	5	3	6
Patient in mental institution <sup>a</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Probation	58	9	7	5	2	5	4	10	5	8	3
Serving time in penal institution <sup>b</sup>	1	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Other judicial supervision <sup>b</sup>	10	...	2	1	0	1	1	1	3	1	0
Multiple forms of judicial supervision	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Known to agency as—</b>											
Anti-government/political <sup>c</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Anti-law enforcement <sup>c</sup>	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Controlled-substance dealer	64	7	9	6	4	12	2	4	2	10	8
Controlled-substance possessor	64	12	9	5	2	10	2	9	1	10	4
Controlled-substance user	81	19	13	6	3	8	2	12	4	10	4
Domestic terrorist <sup>d</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Gang member/affiliated with gang member(s) <sup>e</sup>	36	...	8	4	2	7	4	7	0	2	2
Having history of assaulting/threatening law enforcement officer(s) <sup>c</sup>	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
International terrorist <sup>d</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Known or suspected terrorist (domestic or international) <sup>d,e</sup>	2	...	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	...
Militia member <sup>c</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Sovereign citizen <sup>c</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Survivalist <sup>c</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Violent offender <sup>c</sup>	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Other <sup>e</sup>	84	...	11	2	7	6	7	12	15	24	0
<b>Use of alcohol and/or controlled substance</b>											
Under influence	119	17	12	13	4	13	13	16	6	16	9
Alcohol	28	6	4	3	3	2	3	1	1	2	3
Controlled substance <sup>f</sup>	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amphetamines/methamphetamines	14	...	0	0	1	3	0	4	1	2	3
Barbiturates	1	...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cocaine (all forms except crack)	1	...	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crack/cocaine	1	...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hashish/hash oil	0	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heroin	2	...	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0

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**TABLE 45 (continued)**

**Law enforcement officers feloniously killed, by status of known offender at time of incident, 2010-2019**

Status	Total	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Lysergic acid diethylamide (a.k.a. LSD)	0	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana	22	...	2	2	0	3	2	4	2	7	0
Morphine	0	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opium/opiate	0	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phencyclidine (a.k.a. PCP)	1	...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Synthetic cathinones (a.k.a. bath salts) <sup>g</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Other drug/substance	3	...	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Multiple forms of substances	35	1	5	7	0	2	6	6	2	4	2
Type of drug/substance not reported	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Not under influence	47	10	11	3	3	4	2	3	3	4	4
Use of alcohol/controlled substance unknown	330	48	48	28	20	42	19	31	35	33	26
Use of alcohol/controlled substance not reported	41	5	5	7	1	1	3	6	0	3	10
<b>Known to agency as having prior mental disorders</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Relationship between victim officer and offender</b>											
Prior relationship through law enforcement (arrest, investigation, etc.)	51	8	11	4	3	3	4	10	3	5	0
Prior relationship through non-law enforcement (acquaintance, neighbor, relative, etc.)	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
No known relationship	473	66	65	47	23	57	33	45	40	50	47
Not reported	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1

...Not available.

<sup>a</sup>Beginning in 2019, new options were added, including “Escapee from mental institution,” “Home confinement/house arrest,” and “Patient in mental institution.”

<sup>b</sup>Beginning in 2011, new options were added, including “Serving time in penal institution” and “Other judicial supervision.”

<sup>c</sup>Beginning in 2019, new options were added, including “Anti-government/political,” “Anti-law enforcement,” “Having history of assaulting/threatening law enforcement officer(s),” “Militia member,” “Sovereign citizen,” “Survivalist,” and “Violent offender.”

<sup>d</sup>From 2011 through 2018, “Domestic terrorist” and “International terrorist” were combined.

<sup>e</sup>Beginning in 2011, new options were added, including “Gang member/affiliated with gang member(s),” “Known or suspected terrorist (domestic or international),” and “Other.”

<sup>f</sup>Beginning in 2011, new options were added to indicate the type of controlled substance the offender had used at the time of the incident.

<sup>g</sup>Beginning in 2019, a new option was added to the list of controlled substances: “Synthetic cathinones (a.k.a. bath salts).”

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2019.



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