

# Law Enforcement Personnel

## **Data Set Overview and History**

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Criminal Justice Statistics Center (CJSC) collects information on the number of funded and not-funded, full-time sworn and non-sworn, male and female law enforcement personnel (LEP) employed by law enforcement agencies (LEA). The CJSC collects the Law Enforcement Personnel data through a one-day survey taken on October 31<sup>st</sup> of each reporting year.

## **Statutory Authority**

The DOJ has statutory authority to collect LEP data pursuant to Government Code sections 13010-13012 and 13020-13023.

## **Data Characteristics and Known Limitations**

1. This data provides information on law enforcement personnel “funded” by law enforcement budgets only.
2. Inconsistencies in data from year to year may be attributed to individual agency interpretations of personnel classifications. Counts may not match previously reported data because of changes in categories and/or file adjustments.
3. Agencies under contract with county sheriff departments report law enforcement personnel under their respective sheriff’s department. When using the law enforcement personnel counts in conjunction with the arrest data, there are a few things to consider. There are contract agencies and agencies with satellite offices that report crime and arrest data under their individual National Crime Information Center (NCIC) numbers but the law enforcement personnel counts are reported under the primary agency handling the contract or the agency headquarters.

### *a) Contract Agency Example:*

Los Angeles Sherriff Department (LASD) has 44 current contract agencies. Each of those individual contract agencies will have arrest and crime data reported under their NCIC number but appear in the law enforcement personnel data to have no officers because LASD reports all the personnel numbers under LASD’s NCIC number.

Counties with contract agencies include: Alameda, Butte, Contra Costa, Imperial, Los Angeles, Napa, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, and Ventura.

b) *Satellite Office Example:*

All CHP personnel for the whole state is reported under the Sacramento CHP's NCIC number because this is where the headquarters are located, but you will find arrest and crime data reported under each individual CHP county NCIC number.

This scenario is true for CHP, Bay Area Regional Transit (BART), Department of Parks and Rec (DPR), Department of Developmental Centers (DDS), and several other counties.

5. Zero's may indicate that a department or office does not have personnel in that classification, that a department may have closed or merged with another, or that data were not reported.

6. Significant Agency Notes:

- Law enforcement personnel data for the BART Police are reported under Contra Costa County, with the exception of 2001, when they reported under Alameda County.
- Law enforcement personnel data for the CHP and DPR are shown as statewide totals and reported under Sacramento County. Therefore, when looking at data by county, these agencies need to be excluded.
- Law enforcement personnel data for the California Developmental Centers began reporting as a statewide total in 2003.
- Personnel data for the DOJ and state regulatory agencies are not included in this report.

**Data Element and Values Defined****Law Enforcement Personnel**

Cell Location	Data Element	Description/Definition	Value
A	YEAR	The year in which the data was reported for	YYYY
B	NCIC_AGENCY	The NCIC Code assigned to the reporting agency	Four digit alpha numeric
C	FUNDED_NON_JAIL_SWORN_MALE	The number of funded, sworn, non-jail employees who are male	Numeric count
D	FUNDED_NON_JAIL_SWORN_FEMALE	The number of funded, sworn, non-jail employees who are female	Numeric count
E	FUNDED_NON_JAIL_SWORN_TOTAL	The total number of male and female LEA personnel who are funded, sworn, non-jail employees.	Numeric count (Sum of cells C-D)
F	FUNDED_NON_JAIL_CIVIL_MALE	The number of funded, civilian, non-jail employees who are male	Numeric count
G	FUNDED_NON_JAIL_CIVIL_FEMALE	The number of funded, civilian, non-jail employees who are female	Numeric count
H	FUNDED_NON_JAIL_CIVIL_TOTAL	The total number of male and female LEA personnel who are funded, civilian, non-jail employees.	Numeric count (Sum of cells F-G)
I	FUNDED_JAIL_SWORN_MALE	The number of funded, sworn, jail employees who are male	Numeric count
J	FUNDED_JAIL_SWORN_FEMALE	The number of funded, sworn, non jail employees who are female	Numeric count
K	FUNDED_JAIL_SWORN_TOTAL	The total number of male and female LEA personnel who are funded, sworn, jail employees.	Numeric count (Sum of cells I-J)
L	FUNDED_JAIL_CIVIL_MALE	The number of funded, civilian, jail employees who are male	Numeric count
M	FUNDED_JAIL_CIVIL_FEMALE	The number of funded, civilian, jail employees who are female	Numeric count
N	FUNDED_JAIL_CIVIL_TOTAL	The total number of male and female LEA personnel who are funded, civilian, jail employees.	Numeric count (Sum of cells L-M)