



Statistical Analysis Center

Selected Findings: Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2022

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In the State Incident-Based Reporting System (SIBRS), a law enforcement officer acting in official capacity can be reported as a victim of Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter, Aggravated Assault, Simple Assault, and Intimidation. Incidents where officer(s) are killed or assaulted are collected under the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assault data collection or LEOKA. In 2022, law enforcement agencies reported 1,453 unique officers that were killed or assaulted. Of the 1,453 officers, three officers were killed, and 1,450 officers were assaulted. The type of activity officers were engaged in during a LEOKA incident was collected; the most common types included Handling, Transporting, Custody of Prisoners and Responding to Disturbances (Table 1). Additionally, most officers were assigned to either a One-Man Vehicle – Assisted or a One-Man Vehicle – Assisted (Table 2).

In 2022, May and August had the highest number of officers killed or assaulted, while February and November had the lowest number of officers killed or assaulted (Figure 1). Thursday and Saturday were the most common days of the week reported, while Sunday was the least reported day of the week. Furthermore, Thursdays in September were the most reported day of the week, followed by Saturdays and Sundays in October (Figure 1). Midnight (0000—0059) was the most reported time of day. Beginning at 0600, there was a gradual increase throughout the day, with peaks at 1000—1059, 1200—1259, and 2200—2259 (Figure 2).

Table 1. Number of Officers by Activity

Activity Type	No. of Victims
Handling, Transporting, Custody of Prisoners	328
Responding to Disturbance Call	278
All Other	185
Drug Related	169
Attempting Other Arrests	145
Investigating Suspicious Persons or Circumstances	121
Traffic Pursuits and Stops	107
Mentally Deranged Assailant	53
Burglaries in Progress or Pursuing Burglary Suspects	26
Civil Disorder	24
Ambush/No Warning	14
Robberies in Progress or Pursuing Robbery Suspects	3
Total	1,453

Figure 1. Number of Officers Killed/Assaulted by Month and Day of Week

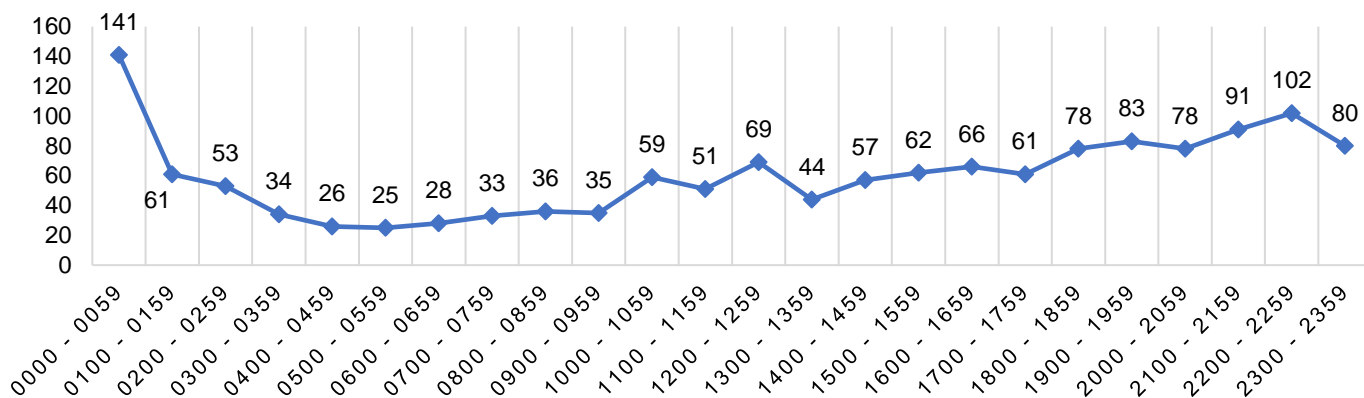
Month	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
January	11	13	12	18	21	18	16	109
February	8	15	21	14	9	14	19	100
March	19	19	17	17	16	17	17	122
April	15	19	22	14	19	25	23	137
May	17	26	27	17	26	18	17	148
June	9	15	17	13	22	19	14	109
July	23	15	18	18	15	16	24	129
August	16	26	14	27	20	20	17	140
September	10	15	20	13	31	15	24	128
October	29	15	11	12	13	18	29	127
November	13	11	11	23	18	5	18	99
December	15	14	13	12	23	13	15	105
Total	185	203	203	198	233	198	233	1,453



Table 2. Number of Officers by Type of Assignment

Type of Assignment	No. of Victims
One-Man Vehicle - Assisted	544
One-Man Vehicle - Alone	461
Other - Assisted	259
Other - Alone	88
Two-Man Vehicle	69
Detective or Special Assign. - Assisted	19
Detective or Special Assign. - Alone	13
Total	1,453

Figure 2. Number of Officers Killed/Assaulted by Time of Day



*The hour of 0000—0059 could indicate an unknown time of occurrence.

Of the 1,453 unique officers killed or assaulted, nearly 60.0% were reportedly Male, and the remaining officers were either Unknown (31.7%) or Female (9.5%). The majority of officers were reported as either White (57.3%) or Unknown (34.6%). Of the three ethnicities that can be reported, 65.0% were Unknown, 32.8% were Non-Hispanic, and 2.3% were Hispanic. The most common age range reported was Unknown (38.7%), but over half of officers were between 20 - 49 years old (Table 3).

In 2022, 1,204 unique offenders were involved in a LEOKA incident. Of these offenders, 898 (74.6%) were arrestees and 306 (25.4%) were suspects. Males accounted for 67.9% of offenders, while 31.7% were Female, and less than 1.0% were Unknown. White, Black, and American Indian/Alaskan Native were the most common races for offenders (Table 3). Over 60.0% of offenders were Non-Hispanic, and the majority of offenders were between the ages of 20 - 49 years old.



Table 3. Number of Officers & Offenders

Category	Victims	Offenders
	Count	Count
<u>Sex</u>		
Female	138	382
Male	854	817
Unknown	461	5
Total	1,453	1,204
<u>Age Range</u>		
Under 18	0	105
18 – 19	2	58
20 – 29	364	355
30 – 39	335	381
40 – 49	131	189
50 – 59	46	84
60 – 69	12	24
70 & Over	1	4
Unknown	562	4
Total	1,453	1,204
<u>Race</u>		
American Indian / Alaskan Native	52	178
Asian	6	10
Black	56	279
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	5
Unknown	503	28
White	833	704
Total	1,453	1,204
<u>Ethnicity</u>		
Hispanic	33	82
Non-Hispanic	476	734
Unknown	944	388
Total	1,453	1,204



In 2022, there were 1,189 unique offenses where officers were either killed or assaulted. The most common premise type groups were Public Transportation/Road Ways, Living Place, Government buildings, and Commercial buildings (Table 4). While Public Transportation/Road Ways was the most common group of premise types, the most reported premise type overall was Residence/Home (337 offenses) in the Living Place premise type group. In 2022, 1,148 weapon types were reported in LEOKA incidents; however, it is important to note that Intimidation does not require a weapon type to be reported. For the offenses of Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter, Aggravated Assault, and Simple Assault, the most common weapon type reported was Physical (i.e., Hands, Fists, Teeth, etc.). Other reported weapon types included Other, Objects, None, and Firearms (Table 5).

Table 4. Number of Offenses by Premise Type Group

Premise Type Group	No. of Offenses
Public Transportation/Road Ways	371
Living Place	358
Government	233
Commercial	131
Miscellaneous	35
Outdoors	18
School/College/Daycare	18
Entertainment	16
Industrial Zones	6
Gathering Places	2
Financial Institutions	1
Total	1,189

Table 5. Number of Weapons Types

Weapon Type	Count
Firearms	36
Firearm (Not Specified)	7
Full Automatic Firearm	1
Handgun	20
Full Automatic Handgun	1
Rifle	3
Full Automatic Rifle	0
Shotgun	1
Full Automatic Shotgun	0
Other Firearm	3
Other Full Automatic Firearm	0
Objects	91
Knife/Cutting Instrument	28
Blunt Object	17
Motor Vehicle	46
Physical	854
Personal Weapons (Hands, Fists, Feet, Teeth, etc.)	854
Asphyxiation	0
Chemicals	0
Poison	0
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	0
Other	120
Explosives	0
Fire/Incendiary Device	1
Other	119
None	44
Unknown	3
Total	1,148