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### Full-time Law Enforcement Employees

by Population Group  
Percent Male and Female, 2009

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Population group	Total law enforcement employees	Percent law enforcement employees		Total officers	Percent officers		Total civilians	Percent civilians		Number of agencies	2009 estimated population
		Male	Female		Male	Female		Male	Female		
<b>TOTAL AGENCIES:</b>	<b>1,021,456</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>706,886</b>	<b>88.3</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>314,570</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>14,614</b>	<b>289,417,471</b>
<b>TOTAL CITIES</b>	<b>584,672</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>452,037</b>	<b>88.2</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>132,635</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>11,218</b>	<b>195,945,107</b>
GROUP I (250,000 and over)	<b>206,064</b>	71.6	28.4	157,079	83.2	16.8	48,985	34.2	65.8	75	56,942,042
1,000,000 and over (Group I subset)	<b>111,779</b>	70.0	30.0	83,976	81.8	18.2	27,803	34.4	65.6	10	25,873,144
500,000 to 999,999 (Group I subset)	<b>56,824</b>	74.6	25.4	44,603	84.5	15.5	12,221	38.3	61.7	25	17,183,941
250,000 to 499,999 (Group I subset)	<b>37,461</b>	71.7	28.3	28,500	85.4	14.6	8,961	27.9	72.1	40	13,884,957
GROUP II (100,000 to 249,999)	<b>67,620</b>	73.0	27.0	51,236	88.1	11.9	16,384	25.9	74.1	188	27,843,405
GROUP III (50,000 to 99,999)	<b>67,603</b>	76.1	23.9	51,954	90.6	9.4	15,649	27.9	72.1	439	29,972,217
GROUP IV (25,000 to 49,999)	<b>64,238</b>	77.8	22.2	50,701	91.4	8.6	13,537	26.7	73.3	815	27,953,975
GROUP V (10,000 to 24,999)	<b>70,228</b>	79.4	20.6	56,342	92.2	7.8	13,886	27.6	72.4	1,839	29,047,897
GROUP VI (under 10,000)	<b>108,919</b>	79.4	20.6	84,725	91.5	8.5	24,194	37.2	62.8	7,862	24,185,571
METROPOLITAN COUNTIES	<b>303,722</b>	69.2	30.8	177,518	86.5	13.5	126,204	45.0	55.0	1,245	65,937,797
NONMETROPOLITAN COUNTIES	<b>133,062</b>	71.9	28.1	77,331	92.7	7.3	55,731	43.0	57.0	2,151	27,534,567
SUBURBAN AREAS <sup>1</sup>	<b>471,235</b>	72.7	27.3	308,436	88.6	11.4	162,799	42.6	57.4	7,561	122,719,200

<sup>1</sup> Suburban areas include law enforcement agencies in cities with less than 50,000 inhabitants and county law enforcement agencies that are within a Metropolitan Statistical Area (see [Data Declaration](#)). Suburban areas exclude all metropolitan agencies associated with a principal city. The agencies associated with suburban areas also appear in other groups within this table.

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### [Data Declaration](#)

Provides the methodology used in constructing this table and other pertinent information about this table.

## Overview

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- Nationwide in 2009, 88.3 percent of full-time law enforcement officers were males.
- Nationwide, 61.0 percent of full-time civilian law enforcement employees were females.
- Of the city population groups, cities with populations of 10,000 to 24,999 inhabitants employed the highest percentage (92.2) of full-time male officers.
- Cities with populations of 1 million and over employed the highest percentage (18.2) of full-time female officers.
- Among the Nation's civilian law enforcement employees, cities with populations of 100,000 to 249,999 inhabitants had the highest percentage (74.1) of females.
- Metropolitan county agencies had the highest percentage (45.0) of full-time male civilian law enforcement employees.