# Federal Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted

This page provides information regarding federal law enforcement officers who were killed or assaulted in the line of duty in 2021, and who met the appropriate [criteria](file:///C:/Users/cmriley2/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.Outlook/FV5WUUDN/criteria).

## By department (See Table 73)

The U.S. Department of the Interior employed 1,517 of the officers who were assaulted; 199 of these officers were injured.

* The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) employed 772 of the federal officers who were assaulted, and 240 of these officers were injured.
* The U.S. Department of Justice employed 4 officers who were killed and 164 of the officers who were assaulted; 38 were injured.
* The U.S. Department of Defense employed 2 officers that were killed, 154 of the officers who were assaulted, and 24 officers were injured.

**Weapons (See Table 74)**

* 1,168 federal officers were assaulted with personal weapons such as hands, fists, or feet, and 338 officers were injured during these assaults.
* 416 federal officers were assaulted with vehicles; of these, 1 officer was killed and 35 officers suffered injuries.
* 139 officers were assaulted with firearms; 5 officers were killed, and 14 officers were injured.
* 819 officers were assaulted with weapons in the category titled “other,” resulting in 94 officers being injured.
* 64 officers were assaulted with blunt instruments, and 12 of those officers were injured.
* 31 officers were assaulted with knife or other cutting instruments, resulting in 8 of those officers being injured.

**Type of activity (See Table 78)**

* 1,216 of the federal officers assaulted in 2021 were on patrol or guard duty when they were assaulted.
* 643 officers were assaulted while attempting arrests or serving summonses.
* 285 officers were assaulted while maintaining custody of prisoners.
* 230 officers were assaulted while conducting investigations or searches.
* 41 officers were on protection duty at the time of the assaults.
* 14 officers were assigned to court duty.
* 11 officers were assigned to office duty when they were assaulted.
* 197 officers were reported to have been assaulted while performing an activity falling under the category titled “other.”

**Regional and outlying area breakdowns (See Table 76)**

Of the federal law enforcement officers who were assaulted in 2021:

* 1,150 officers were in the West.
* 763 officers were in the Midwest.
* 569 officers were in the South.
* 46 officers were in the Northeast.
* 5 officers were in Puerto Rico.
* 36 officers were in foreign locations:
  + 10 officers were in Mexico.
  + 9 officers were in Hati.
  + 8 officers were in Japan.
  + 5 officers were in Ecuador.
  + 1 officer was in Italy.
  + 1 officer was in Kuwait.
  + 1 officer was in Thailand.
  + 1 officer was in Saudi Arabia.
* Location was not reported for 68 officers.

## Dispositional information

* 1,724 alleged assailants were identified in connection with the 2,637 assaults on federal officers. (See Table 71.)
* Of the 1,724 offenders, dispositional information was reported for 460 of them. (See Table 79.)
  + 253 were found guilty.
  + 77 offenders were fugitives.
  + 71 of the offenders were awaiting trial.
  + 34 offenders’ cases were pending prosecutive opinion.
  + 12 offenders’ prosecutions were declined.
  + 10 offenders were found not guilty or the charges were dismissed.
  + 3 offenders are deceased.

**Five-year totals**

From 2016 through 2021, there were 10,878 federal officers assaulted; 9 of these officers were killed. (See Table 74.)

Seven officers killed were with the U.S. Department of Justice, and two were with the U.S. Department of Defense. Two officers with the U.S. Marshals Service were killed in 2018. One officer with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was killed in 2020. (See Table 73.)