



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 2022, and who met the appropriate criteria.

By department (See Table 73.)

- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security employed 787 of the federal officers who were assaulted; 1 of these officers was killed, and 243 of these officers were injured.
- The U.S. Department of the Interior employed 137 of the officers who were assaulted; 22 of these officers were injured.
- The U.S. Department of Justice employed 103 of the officers who were assaulted; 28 were injured.
- The U.S. Department of Defense employed 76 of the officers who were assaulted, and 12 officers were injured.
- The U.S. Capitol Police employed 19 of the officers who were assaulted, and 8 officers were injured.

Weapons (See Table 74)

- 584 federal officers were assaulted with personal weapons such as hands, fists, or feet, and 243 officers were injured during these assaults.
- 149 federal officers were assaulted with vehicles; of these, 59 officers suffered injuries.
- 100 officers were assaulted with firearms; 1 officer was killed, and 26 officers were injured.

- 23 officers were assaulted with knives or other cutting instruments, resulting in 7 of those officers being injured.
- 19 officers were assaulted with blunt instruments, and 7 of those officers were injured.
- 247 officers were assaulted with weapons in the category titled “other,” resulting in 101 officers being injured.

Type of activity (See Table 78)

- 787 of the federal officers assaulted in 2022 were on patrol or guard duty when they were assaulted.
- 166 officers were assaulted while attempting arrests or serving summonses.
- 32 officers were on protection duty at the time of the assaults.
- 31 officers were assaulted while conducting investigations or searches.
- 30 officers were assaulted while maintaining custody of prisoners.
- 13 officers were assigned to office duty when they were assaulted.
- 9 officers were assigned to court duty.
- 54 officers were reported to have been assaulted while performing activities falling under the category titled “other.”

Regional and outlying area breakdowns (See Table 76)

Of the federal law enforcement officers who were assaulted in 2022:

- 527 officers were in the West.
- 448 officers were in the South.
- 66 officers were in the Northeast.
- 42 officers were in the Midwest.

- 7 officers were in Puerto Rico and other outlying areas.
 - 5 officers were in Puerto Rico.
 - 2 officers were in the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 32 officers were in foreign locations:
 - 13 officers were in South Korea.
 - 9 officers were in Germany.
 - 6 officers were in Mexico.
 - 3 officers were in Haiti.
 - 1 officer was in Italy.

Dispositional information

- 689 alleged assailants were identified in connection with the 1,122 assaults on federal officers. (See Table 71.)
- Of the 689 offenders, dispositional information was reported for 110 of them. (See Table 79.)
 - 78 offenders were found not guilty or the charges were dismissed.
 - 12 were found guilty.
 - 10 offenders' prosecutions were declined.
 - 8 of the offenders were awaiting trial.
 - 1 offender was a fugitive.
 - 1 offender is deceased.

Five-year totals

From 2018 through 2022, there were 9,163 federal officers assaulted; 10 of these officers were killed. (See Table 74.)

Seven officers killed were with the U.S. Department of Justice, two were with the U.S. Department of Defense, and one was with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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. Three officers with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, one officer with the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, one officer with the Department of the Army, and one officer with U.S. Drug Enforcement were killed in 2021. One officer with U.S Customs and Border Protection, Office of Air and Marine was killed in 2022. (See Table 73.)