



Officers Feloniously Killed

The following information concerns law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in 2022 as a result of felonious incidents. The law enforcement officers included met certain criteria, such as they had full arrest powers and they ordinarily wore/carried a badge and firearm.

Overview

- In 2022, 60 law enforcement officers died from injuries incurred in the line of duty during felonious incidents. (See Table 1.)
- Line-of-duty deaths occurred in 27 states and Washington, D.C. (See Table 1.)
- By region, 31 officers were feloniously killed in the South, 12 officers were killed in the West, 11 officers in the Midwest, and 6 officers in the Northeast were feloniously killed in 2022. (See Table 1.)
- Of the officers feloniously killed, 40 were employed by city police departments, including 12 who were members of law enforcement agencies in cities with 10,000 or less inhabitants. (See Table 2.)

Victim profile

- The average age of the officers who were feloniously killed in 2022 was 39 years. (See Table 10.)
- The slain officers' average length of law enforcement service was 7 years. (See Table 11.)
- Of the officers who died due to felonious incidents in 2022, 57 were male, and 3 were female. (See Table 15.)
- By race, 44 of the victim officers were White, 4 were Black/African American, and 1 was Asian. Race was not reported for 11 victim officers. (See Table 15.)

Circumstances encountered by victim officer upon arrival at the scene of the incident (See Table 24.)

- 12 officers died as a result of investigative/enforcement activities.
 - 4 were conducting traffic violation stops.



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- 2 were involved in high-risk traffic stops.
- 2 were involved in investigative activities.
- 2 were making official contact (not arrest situations).
- 2 were investigating suspicious persons or circumstances.
- 12 officers were ambushed (entrapment/premeditation).
- 6 officers were killed in unprovoked attacks.
- 6 officers responded to disorders/disturbances.
 - 3 were responding to disturbances (disorderly subjects, fights, etc.).
 - 3 were responding to domestic disturbances (family quarrels, no assaults).
- 6 officers were involved in tactical situations.
 - 3 were serving/attempting to serve arrest warrants.
 - 2 were involved in barricaded/hostage situations.
 - 1 was involved in an active shooter situation.
- 4 officers were involved in pursuits.
 - 3 were vehicular (anything other than on foot).
 - 1 was on foot.
- 4 officers had encounters with or were assisting emotionally disturbed persons.
- 3 officers responded to crimes in progress.
 - 2 were shootings/shots being fired (not “active shooter” situations).
 - 1 was an active shooter.
- 3 officers were assisting other law enforcement officers.



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- 2 officers were serving/attempting to serve court orders (eviction notices, subpoenas, etc.).
- 1 officer was providing/deploying equipment (flares, traffic cones, etc.).
- 1 officer was involved in an arrest situation.

Assignments (See Table 21.)

- 32 officers were on assigned vehicle patrol when the felonious incidents occurred.
- 11 officers were on tactical assignments (uniformed).
- 6 officers were assigned to investigative/detective duties.
- 3 officers were on special assignments.
- 2 slain officers were off duty but acting in official capacities at the time of the incidents.
- 2 officers were involved in other types of assignments.
- 4 assignment types were not reported.
- 40 on-duty officers who died in 2022 were assisted at the times of the attacks.
- 11 on-duty officers were alone and unassisted at the times of the attacks.

Weapons

- Of the 60 officers feloniously killed in 2022, most (49) were killed with firearms. Of these, 13 were killed with handguns, and 6 were killed with rifles. The type of firearm was not reported in the deaths of 29 of the officers, and the type of firearm was unknown for the death of 1 officer. (See Table 28.)
- 6 officers were killed with firearms when they were 6-10 feet from their offenders, and 3 officers were slain with firearms when they were less than 5 feet from the offenders. This data was not reported for the other 51 officers. (See Table 32.)



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Body armor

- In 2022, 17 of the officers feloniously killed were wearing body armor at the time of the incidents. Body armor usage was not reported for 42 of the officers. (See Table 35.)
- Of these officers, 16 were killed with firearms (see Table 36) and incurred the following wounds:
 - 2 suffered wounds to the front of the head.
 - 1 was shot in the neck/throat.
 - 1 was shot in the front upper torso/chest.
 - 1 was shot in the front lower torso/abdomen.
 - The fatal wound location was not reported for 11 officers.

Months, days, and times of incidents

- More officers (13) died from felonious assaults that occurred in June than in any other month in 2022. (See Table 9.)
- More officers (18) were involved in fatal assaults that occurred on Thursdays than on any other day of the week. (See Table 6.)
- 20 officers were fatally injured in assaults that happened between 12:01 p.m. and midnight. (See Table 7.)
- 14 officers were fatally injured in assaults that happened between 12:01 a.m. and noon. (See Table 7.)
- The times of the assaults were not reported for 26 of the officers. (See Table 7.)

Profile of alleged known assailants

- In 2022, 51 alleged offenders were identified in connection with the 60 law enforcement officers feloniously killed. Of those known offenders, the following characteristics are known:
 - The average age of the alleged offenders was 34 years old. (See Table 40.)



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- The average height was 5 feet 9 inches tall, and the average weight was 184 pounds. (See Table 41.)
- 45 alleged offenders were male, and 0 were female. Sex was not reported for 6 offenders. (See Table 42.)
- 15 of the alleged offenders were White, and 6 were Black/African American. Race was not reported for 30 of the alleged offenders. (See Table 42.)
- 2 of the alleged offenders were under judicial supervision at the time of the incidents. (See Table 45.)
- 1 of the alleged offenders was under the influence of alcohol and/or a controlled substance at the time of the fatal incident. (See Table 45.)