



About *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted*

The FBI publishes data from the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) Data Collection each year to provide information about officers who were killed, feloniously or accidentally, and officers who were assaulted while performing their duties. Under the umbrella of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, 2023 LEOKA data is available exclusively on the FBI's Law Enforcement Data Explorer (a subset of the Crime Data Explorer [CDE]) at

<https://cde.ucr.cjis.gov/LATEST/webapp/#/pages/le/leoka>.

History

Beginning in 1937, LEOKA line-of-duty death statistics were collected and published in the annual UCR publication, *Crime in the United States*. Statistics regarding assaults on officers were added in 1960. In June 1971, executives from the law enforcement conference, "Prevention of Police Killings," called for an increase in the FBI's involvement in preventing and investigating officers' deaths. In response to this directive, the UCR Program expanded its collection of LEOKA data to include more details about the incidents in which law enforcement officers were killed and assaulted.

Using this comprehensive set of data, the FBI began in 1972 to produce two reports annually, the *Law Enforcement Officers Killed Summary* and the *Analysis of Assaults on Federal Officers*. These two reports were combined in 1982 to create the annual hard copy publication, *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted*.

Beginning with the 2005 edition, the FBI began producing *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted* exclusively as a Web publication on FBI.gov.

Release schedule

This year, 2023 LEOKA data will be delivered in two installments:

Information included in the Spring 2024 release:

- [Special Report: Officers Killed and Assaulted in the Line of Duty, 2023](#)

Information included in the September 2024 release:

- Data tables concerning officers who were feloniously killed in the line of duty, officers who were accidentally killed in the line of duty, and officers who were assaulted in the line of duty.
- Topics pages, methodologies, officer criteria information, figures, narratives about the incidents in which some officers were feloniously killed, LEOKA definitions, and tables by title.

Data considerations

When reviewing the tables, charts, and summaries presented in this data release, readers should be aware of certain features of the LEOKA data collection process that could affect their interpretation of the information.

- The data in the tables and charts reflect the number of victim officers, not the number of incidents or weapons used.
- The UCR Program considers any parts of the body that can be used as weapons (such as hands, fists, or feet) to be personal weapons and designates them as such in its data.
- Law enforcement agencies use a different methodology for collecting and reporting data about officers who were killed than the methodology used for those who were assaulted. As a result, information about officers killed and information about officers assaulted reside in two separate databases, and the data are not comparable.
- Because the information in the tables of this publication is updated each year, the FBI cautions readers against making comparisons between the data in this publication and those in prior editions.

Caution against comparisons with data from other organizations.

The FBI's LEOKA Data Collection is one of a number of data releases issuing information about line-of-duty deaths and/or assaults of law enforcement officers in the United States. Each organization has its own purpose and may use different methods to collect and report information or focus on somewhat different aspects of these important topics. Therefore, care should be taken not to compare LEOKA data to data provided by other entities, such as the Officer Down Memorial Page, National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, and others. Refer to the Officer Criteria page for the requirements that determine which officers are included in this report.

Portable Document Format (PDF) file available

Included on the CDE's LEOKA page is a link to a PDF file of summaries of incidents in which law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty.

What you won't find on this page

Raw data. The data presented in the LEOKA portion of the CDE provide information about law enforcement officers killed and assaulted in the nation broken down by state and region. More detailed data (including the source data from which this publication is created) may be obtained by contacting the FBI's LEOKA staff via e-mail at leoka.statistics@fbi.gov.

LEOKA data for 2024.

The LEOKA data collected for 2024 will be released in 2025.

Questions?

To submit questions about this information or for Web assistance, contact the FBI's LEOKA Program at leoka.statistics@fbi.gov.