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## 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 2023, and who met the appropriate criteria.

### By department (See Table 73)

- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security employed 553 of the federal officers who were assaulted; 147 of these officers were injured.
- The U.S. Department of Defense employed 159 of the officers who were assaulted, and 33 officers were injured.
- The U.S. Department of Justice employed 57 of the officers who were assaulted; 22 were injured.

### Weapons (See Table 74)

- 417 federal officers were assaulted with personal weapons such as hands, fists, or feet, and 159 officers were injured during these assaults.
- 69 federal officers were assaulted with vehicles; of these, 14 officers suffered injuries.
- 59 officers were assaulted with firearms; 6 officers were injured.
- 24 officers were assaulted with blunt instruments, and 8 of those officers were injured.
- 6 officers were assaulted with knives or other cutting instruments; none of the officers were injured.
- 185 officers were assaulted with weapons in the category titled “other,” resulting in 15 officers being injured.

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

- 466 of the federal officers assaulted in 2023 were on patrol or guard duty when they were assaulted.
- 216 officers were assaulted while attempting arrests or serving summonses.
- 39 officers were assaulted while maintaining custody of prisoners.
- 15 officers were assaulted while conducting investigations or searches.
- 11 officers were assigned to office duty when they were assaulted.
- 2 officers were assigned to court duty.
- 16 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 2023:

- 340 officers were in the South.
- 316 officers were in the West.
- 34 officers were in the Midwest.
- 15 officers were in the Northeast.
- 3 officers were in Puerto Rico.

Fifty-two (52) officers were assaulted in foreign locations:

- 26 officers were in Germany.
- 19 officers were in South Korea.
- 2 officers were in Japan.

- 2 officers were in Mexico.
- 2 officers were in Poland.
- 1 officer was in Italy.

### **Dispositional information**

- 497 alleged assailants were identified in connection with the 769 assaults on federal officers. (See Table 71.)
- Of the 497 offenders, dispositional information was reported for 14 of them. (See Table 79.)
  - 9 were found guilty.
  - 3 offenders were found not guilty or the charges were dismissed.
  - 2 offenders were fugitives.

### **Five-year totals**

From 2019 through 2023, there were 8,184 federal officers assaulted; 8 of these officers were killed. (See Table 74.)

Five 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.

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.)