

Table 1.49

Mean and median salaries of county chief law enforcement officials

By county population, region, and metro status, United States, July 1, 1997

	Number of counties	Salary levels			Number of counties	Salary levels	
		Mean	Median			Mean	Median
All counties, total	1,206	\$47,969	\$43,875	25,000 to 49,999, total	228	\$46,861	\$46,266
<u>Region</u>				<u>Region</u>			
Northeast	89	53,257	45,145	Northeast	22	36,354	37,021
North Central	460	43,139	39,592	North Central	86	46,126	44,272
South	468	49,966	47,900	South	98	48,903	49,008
West	189	52,287	42,000	West	22	51,144	47,996
<u>County type</u>				<u>County type</u>			
Metro	331	66,943	63,750	Metro	31	50,170	50,256
Nonmetro	875	40,791	38,344	Nonmetro	197	46,340	45,651
Population over 1,000,000, total	12	103,808	93,915	10,000 to 24,999, total	321	39,982	38,270
<u>Region</u>				<u>Region</u>			
North Central	3	94,830	93,818	Northeast	3	39,407	42,000
West	5	124,966	108,455	North Central	136	38,138	37,933
<u>County type</u>				South	141	41,112	42,577
Metro	12	103,808	93,915	West	41	42,250	39,254
500,000 to 1,000,000, total	34	90,708	93,226	<u>County type</u>			
<u>Region</u>				Metro	16	47,080	46,474
Northeast	9	78,249	82,835	Nonmetro	305	39,609	38,100
North Central	8	82,748	82,956	5,000 to 9,999, total	148	33,402	31,907
South	11	99,226	103,541	<u>Region</u>			
West	6	104,394	103,714	Northeast	3	42,862	38,868
<u>County type</u>				North Central	77	31,296	29,599
Metro	34	90,708	93,226	South	45	35,227	34,000
250,000 to 499,999, total	50	79,219	82,647	West	23	35,643	33,675
<u>Region</u>				<u>County type</u>			
Northeast	10	70,177	68,453	Nonmetro	147	33,340	31,815
North Central	10	73,676	70,581	2,500 to 4,999, total	71	28,434	27,319
South	20	83,410	85,683	<u>Region</u>			
West	10	85,421	89,903	North Central	33	27,138	25,580
<u>County type</u>				South	18	26,769	25,711
Metro	50	79,219	82,647	West	20	32,070	28,800
100,000 to 249,999, total	125	66,064	63,839	<u>County type</u>			
<u>Region</u>				Nonmetro	71	28,434	27,319
Northeast	18	59,885	49,331	Under 2,500, total	42	30,801	28,800
North Central	47	60,982	60,000	<u>Region</u>			
South	47	68,399	65,000	North Central	16	26,584	26,927
West	13	84,557	78,804	South	5	28,681	32,000
<u>County type</u>				West	21	34,520	28,800
Metro	114	65,889	63,660	<u>County type</u>			
Nonmetro	11	67,879	64,554	Nonmetro	42	30,801	28,800
50,000 to 99,999, total	175	54,440	53,700				
<u>Region</u>							
Northeast	22	47,061	44,451				
North Central	44	54,781	53,370				
South	81	54,906	53,857				
West	28	58,357	57,833				
<u>County type</u>							
Metro	73	54,863	53,616				
Nonmetro	102	54,138	53,760				

Note: These data are from a mail survey of local government officials conducted by the International City/County Management Association in July 1997. Of the 3,052 counties surveyed, 1,371 returned the questionnaires for a response rate of 44.9%. Classifications having less than three counties reporting were excluded because meaningful statistics cannot be computed. Consequently, the number reporting in subcategories does not always add to the total reporting. The mean is calculated by dividing the total number of salaries into the total amount paid in salaries. The median is the salary that marks the point

below which and above which 50% of all the salaries fall. When there is an even number of observations, the mean of the two middle observations is reported. For definitions of terms, a list of States in regions, and detail of survey response rates, see Appendix 2.

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