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Law enforcement officers killed

By circumstances at scene of incident, United States, 1978-95

Circumstances at scene of incident	Total	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Total	1,420	93	106	104	91	92	80	72	78	66	74	78	66	66	71	63	70	76	74
Disturbance calls	226	10	17	12	19	18	15	8	13	7	23	7	13	10	17	11	10	8	8
Bar fights, man with gun, etc.	122	5	13	6	14	11	10	7	6	5	10	4	5	5	8	2	5	4	2
Family quarrels	104	5	4	6	5	7	5	1	7	2	13	3	8	5	9	9	5	4	6
Arrest situations	563	39	47	49	38	36	31	33	29	26	27	33	24	30	14	26	29	31	21
Burglaries in progress/pursuing burglary suspects	64	3	7	8	6	3	4	2	4	1	6	3	0	1	3	5	1	3	4
Robberies in progress/pursuing robbery suspects	207	15	19	22	17	14	11	9	12	9	4	7	8	13	4	10	10	16	7
Drug-related matters	95	6	6	9	2	5	6	4	6	7	4	12	7	5	3	3	3	3	4
Attempting other arrests	197	15	15	10	13	14	10	18	7	9	13	11	9	11	4	8	15	9	6
Civil disorders (mass disobedience, riot, etc.)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	60	7	3	1	1	3	3	3	4	5	6	2	6	2	6	2	1	1	4
Investigating suspicious persons/circumstances	207	8	9	16	10	11	10	12	9	11	5	23	10	9	10	7	15	15	17
Ambush situations	140	12	11	7	9	9	9	8	7	4	4	6	4	8	11	7	4	6	14
Entrapment/premeditation	77	11	8	2	5	7	6	4	5	2	3	2	2	2	5	5	2	0	6
Unprovoked attack	63	1	3	5	4	2	3	4	2	2	1	4	2	6	6	2	2	6	8
Mentally deranged	28	3	4	2	2	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	4	1
Traffic pursuits/stops	195	14	15	17	12	12	11	8	16	10	8	6	7	6	13	10	10	11	9

Note: These data include Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers feloniously killed in the United States, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, and abroad.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 1987*, p. 17; *1990*, p. 17; *1994*, p. 31; *1995*, p. 31; FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: USGPO). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.