

Table 3.157

Percent distribution of law enforcement officers killed

By selected characteristics of officers, United States, 1979-95<sup>a</sup>

Characteristics of officers killed	1979 (N=106)	1980 (N=104)	1981 (N=91)	1982 (N=92)	1983 (N=80)	1984 (N=72)	1985 (N=78)	1986 (N=66)	1987 (N=73)	1988 (N=78)	1989 (N=66)	1990 (N=65)	1991 (N=71)	1992 (N=62)	1993 (N=70)	1994 (N=76)	1995 (N=74)
<b>Race</b>																	
White	88%	86%	85%	84%	84%	85%	88%	89%	90%	91%	89%	80%	87%	82%	86%	84%	84%
Black	9	13	14	15	13	14	10	11	10	9	11	18	13	16	14	14	12
Other <sup>b</sup>	3	0	1	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	4
<b>Sex</b>																	
Male	99	99	98	97	100	94	96	98	100	97	97	98	96	100	94	96	99
Female	1	1	2	3	0	6	4	2	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	4	1
<b>Age<sup>c</sup></b>																	
Under age 25	9	12	13	9	10	6	5	8	11	15	4	5	7	6	6	8	8
25 to 30 years	20	26	23	24	30	28	26	30	26	15	20	14	27	21	37	26	26
31 to 40 years	41	43	42	44	45	40	35	29	32	40	38	42	37	39	33	38	24
41 years and older	30	19	22	23	15	26	35	33	32	30	38	40	30	34	21	28	42
<b>Length of service<sup>d</sup></b>																	
Less than 1 year of service	10	2	4	4	4	4	6	3	8	4	3	3	6	6	3	11	12
1 to 4 years of service	24	29	34	25	38	30	20	33	22	31	23	26	38	22	34	20	20
5 to 10 years of service	40	42	33	38	32	40	24	30	29	22	29	26	24	24	24	34	27
Over 10 years of service	26	27	29	32	26	24	49	32	41	40	44	45	31	44	34	36	41
In uniform	71	69	80	52	80	75	73	67	79	68	67	63	73	64	81	63	66
Wearing protective body armor	NA	NA	12	15	25	24	19	24	25	26	32	25	34	27	56	47	46

Note: See Note, table 3.154.

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Includes Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, and Alaskan Native.

<sup>c</sup>For 1993, age was not reported for two cases. Percents are computed on total number of cases and therefore may not total 100.

<sup>d</sup>For some years, length of service was not reported for as many as three cases. Percents are computed on total number of cases and therefore may not total 100.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Law Enforcement Officers Killed, 1979*, p. 22; *1980*, p. 23; *1981*, p. 18; FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: USGPO); *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 1982*, FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 1983), p. 20; *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 1983*, p. 20; *1984*, p. 20; FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: USGPO); *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 1985*, FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 1986), p. 21; *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 1986*, p. 22; *1987*, p. 20; *1988*, p. 20; *1989*, p. 21; *1990*, p. 20; *1991*, p. 31; *1992*, p. 35; *1993*, p. 35; *1994*, p. 37; *1995*, p. 35; FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: USGPO). Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.