



LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DEATHS

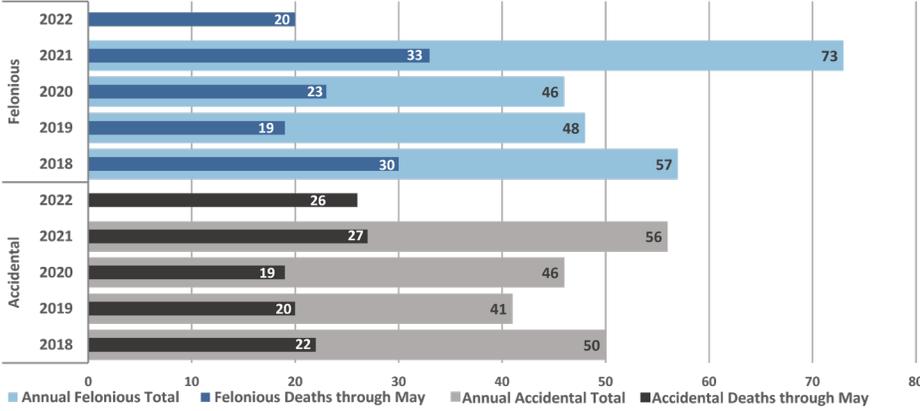
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This is a graphic presentation of data regarding line-of-duty deaths, both felonious and accidental, collected from law enforcement agencies across the United States and U.S. territories by the FBI's Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted Data Collection. This preliminary information is provided for officer safety studies, training, and other initiatives. The data are also published annually in the *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted* publication.

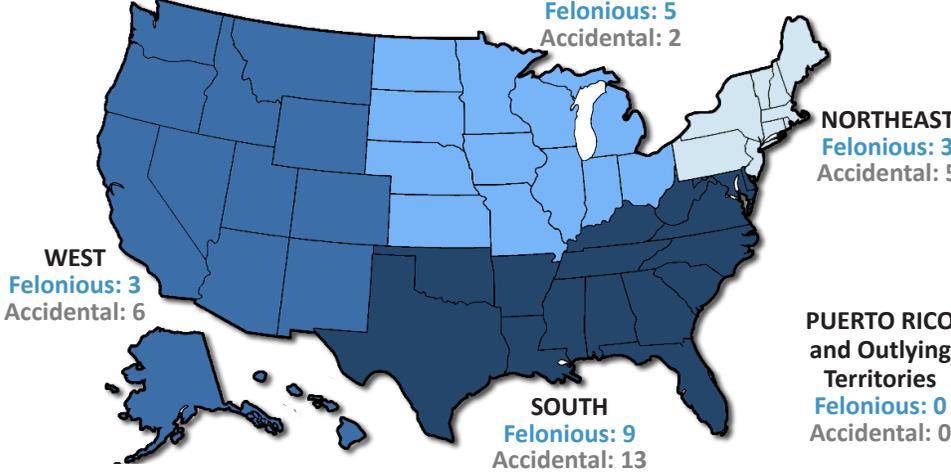
KEY OBSERVATIONS

The 20 law enforcement officers feloniously killed in the first five months of 2022 represent a 39.4 percent decrease compared to the 33 officers killed during the same period in 2021. Firearms were used in 18 of the 20 felonious deaths in 2022, while 2 deaths involved the use of vehicles as weapons. The leading circumstances surrounding officers' deaths included activities related to ambushes on officers (6), disorder/disturbances (4), investigative/enforcement (3), and unprovoked attacks on officers (3). To date, there have been no occurrences of multiple officers feloniously killed during a single incident or due to a single offender's actions in 2022. Accidental law enforcement deaths decreased 3.7 percent when comparing the first five months of 2022 (26) with those of 2021 (27). The accidental deaths in 2022 were due to motor vehicle accidents (16), pedestrian officers being struck by vehicles (7), an accidental firearm-related incident (1), a fall (1), and an airplane crash (1). The sharp rise in accidental deaths witnessed in the first quarter of 2022 have leveled off and returned to rates of accidental deaths consistent with previous years. The southern region has the most law enforcement deaths in 2022 with 22 deaths total (9 felonious, 13 accidental). Although not represented in the below graphic, 57 officers have died from the following medical conditions in 2022: 50 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty from illnesses related to COVID-19, 4 officers died due to heart attacks, and 3 officers died due to other natural causes.

Officer Deaths by Year



Officer Deaths by Region



Circumstances of Officer Deaths

20 Felonious

- 0 Administrative assignment
- 6 Ambush (entrapment/premeditation)
- 0 Arrest situation
- 0 Assisting another law enforcement officer
- 0 Assisting motorist
- 0 Citizen complaint
- 1 Crime in progress (robbery, burglary, etc.)
- 4 Disorder/disturbance (domestic disturbance, civil disorder, etc.)
- 1 Encounter/assist an emotionally disturbed person
- 3 Investigative/enforcement (Drug-related matter, wanted person, traffic violation stop)
- 0 Out of service (court, dining, etc.)
- 2 Providing/deploying equipment (flares, traffic cones, etc.)
- 0 Pursuit
- 0 Report of crime (robbery, burglary, etc.)
- 0 Respond to alarm (audible/silent)
- 0 Serving/attempting to serve court order (eviction notice, subpoena, etc.)
- 0 Tactical situation
- 0 Traffic control (crash scene, directing traffic, etc.)
- 3 Unprovoked attack
- 0 Other



26 Accidental

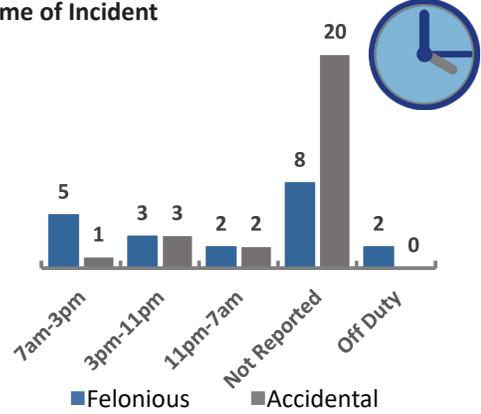
- 16 Motor vehicle crash
 - 0 Assisting/investigating vehicle crash
 - 1 Assisting motorist
 - 1 Engaging in vehicle pursuit
 - 0 Escorting dignitary or funeral
 - 0 Overseeing work zone
 - 4 Patrolling
 - 0 Performing traffic control
 - 0 Performing traffic stop
 - 2 Responding to emergency
 - 4 Responding to nonemergency
 - 0 Training
 - 4 Other
- 7 Pedestrian officer struck by vehicle
 - 0 Assisting/investigating vehicle crash
 - 0 Assisting motorist
 - 0 Providing/deploying equipment
 - 0 Engaging in foot pursuit
 - 0 Overseeing work zone
 - 0 Patrolling
 - 4 Performing traffic control
 - 1 Performing traffic stop
 - 0 Training
 - 2 Other
- 0 Drowning
- 1 Fall
- 1 Firearm-related incident
- 1 Aircraft crash



Officer Deaths by Month

Month	Felonious		Accidental	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
Jan	6	3	6	10
Feb	6	4	4	4
Mar	6	9	6	6
Apr	8	2	4	1
May	7	2	7	5
Jun	4		5	
Jul	8		3	
Aug	5		4	
Sep	4		3	
Oct	8		8	
Nov	5		2	
Dec	6		4	

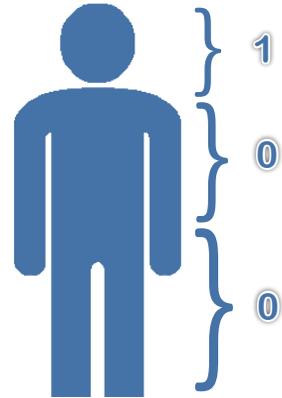
Time of Incident



Location of Fatal Firearm Wound

Felonious Killing

- 0 Front head
- 0 Rear head
- 0 Side head
- 1 Neck/throat
- 0 Shoulder (upper torso) area
- 0 Front upper torso/chest
- 0 Rear upper torso/back
- 0 Front lower torso/abdomen
- 0 Rear lower torso/back
- 0 Front below waist/groin area
- 0 Rear below waist/buttocks
- 0 Arms/hands
- 0 Front legs/feet
- 0 Front legs
- 0 Rear legs
- 0 Feet
- 0 Multiple locations, unable to determine fatal wound
- 17 Fatal wound location not reported



9 Officers Confirmed Wearing Body Armor

Weapons Used by Offender

20 Felonious Killings

- 18 Officers killed with firearms
 - 8 Handguns
 - 1 Rifles
 - 0 Shotguns
 - 9 Not reported
 - 0 Unknown
- 2 Vehicles
- 0 Knives/cutting instruments
- 0 Personal weapons (hands, fists, etc.)
- 0 Blunt instrument (club, brick, etc.)



Distance from Firearm

Felonious Killings

- 0 - 5 ft: 3
- 6 - 10 ft: 4
- 11 - 20 ft: 0
- 21 - 50 ft: 1
- 51+ ft: 0
- Not reported: 9
- Unknown: 1



Clearances of Incidents

Felonious Killings

- 19 Cleared
- 1 Uncleared

95%

Incidents and Victims

Felonious Killings

- 20 Incidents
- 20 Victims

