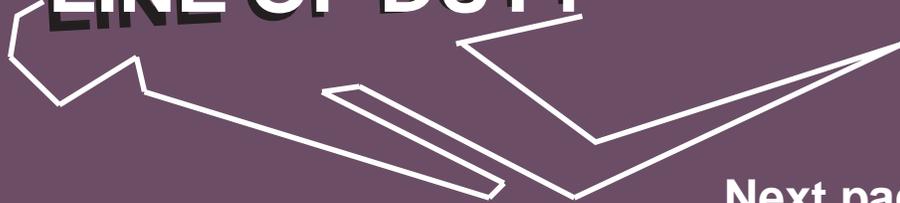


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Information about peace officers killed in the line of duty was obtained from the Homicide File. Only sworn officers *feloniously* killed in the line of duty are included. (Sworn officers accidentally killed in the line of duty and non-sworn officers, such as security guards, are excluded.)

Data in Tables N-2 and N-3 show that:

- From 1994 to 2003, there were 60 peace officers killed in the line of duty. The average number of peace officers killed annually was 6.
- In 2003, 6 peace officers were killed in the line of duty. Three of these peace officers were killed by the offenders' handgun, 1 peace officer was killed by the offender's rifle, 1 peace officer was bludgeoned to death by his police baton, and 1 peace officer was deliberately struck and killed by the offender's vehicle.

Table N-2
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1994-2003

Year(s)	Number of officers killed
Total	60
2003	6
2002	4
2001	6
2000	2
1999	4
1998	7
1997	7
1996	5
1995	10
1994	9

Table N-3
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2003
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Offender's	Officer's
Total	6	5	1
Handgun	3	3	0
Rifle	1	1	0
Police baton	1	0	1
Vehicle	1	1	0

Table N-4
 PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
 IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2003
 Race/Ethnic Group of Officer by Gender of Officer

Race/ethnic group	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Total	6	6	0
White	5	5	0
Hispanic	0	0	0
Black	0	0	0
Asian	1	1	0

Data in Table N-4 show that:

- In 2003, all 6 peace officers killed in the line of duty were male; 5 were white and 1 was Asian.

When homicide rates for the general population were compared to homicide rates for peace officers killed in the line of duty, it was found that:

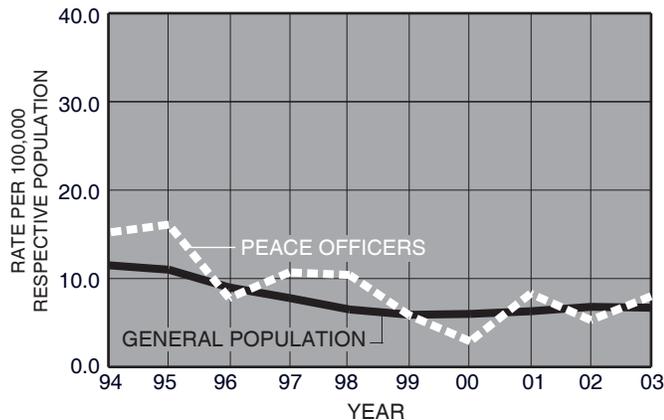
In 2003,

- The general population homicide rate was 6.7 per 100,000 respective population. The homicide rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty was 8.0 per 100,000 respective population.

Comparing 1994 to 2003:

- The general population homicide rate decreased 41.7 percent (11.5 to 6.7). The homicide rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty decreased 47.4 percent (15.2 to 8.0).

Figure 47
 HOMICIDE CRIMES AND PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
 IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1994-2003
 Homicide Rate per 100,000 Respective Population



Source: Table 37.

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