

Montana Law Enforcement Employees 2018

The Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) conducts an annual employee survey of the state's law enforcement agencies. The survey is used to determine the number and type of personnel employed by Montana law enforcement agencies as of October 31 of that year.

The law enforcement agencies include police departments (PD), county sheriffs' offices (SO), state agencies whose employees have the power of arrest and university police. Federal employees working in Montana i.e., Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Border Patrol are not included in the survey.

A total of 96 out of 104 police departments and sheriff's offices responded to the 2018 survey. MBCC would not be able to present this information if it weren't for the cooperation of these law enforcement agencies. The effort and time that went into completing the survey are greatly appreciated.

Full-time Law Enforcement Employees				
Agency	Number of Agencies	Sworn Employees	Civilian Employees	Total Full-time Employees
Sheriff's Offices	51	764	781	1,545
Police Departments *	43	776	205	981
Total Sheriff's Office & Police Departments	94	1,540	986	2,526
University Security	2	35	13	48
Statewide Totals	96	1,575	999	2,574

Sheriff's Office FULL-TIME OFFICERS per 1,000

Agency	Population	Total Full-time Male Sworn	Total Full-time Female Sworn	Total Fulltime Sworn	Full-time Sworn Officers per 1,000
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Population Over 50,000

Flathead	64,679	52	4	56	0.87
Totals 1 Agency	64,679	52	4	56	0.87

Population 25,000 - 50,000

Gallatin	50,988	53	5	58	1.14
Missoula	44,631	52	2	54	1.21
Yellowstone	43,765	51	3	54	1.23
Ravalli	36,198	34	1	35	0.97
Silver Bow	34,745	47	4	51	1.47
Lewis & Clark	34,596	46	2	48	1.39
Totals 6 Agencies	244,923	283	17	300	1.22

Population 10,000 - 24,999

Cascade	23,055	34	2	36	1.56
Lake	22,693	19	2	21	0.93
Lincoln	14,742	18	0	18	1.22
Big Horn	13,460	15	1	16	1.19
Jefferson	11,992	12	1	13	1.08
Glacier	10,694	11	2	13	1.22
Totals 6 Agencies	96,636	109	8	117	1.21

Population 5,000 - 9,999

Deer Lodge	9,103	22	0	22	2.42
Park	8,897	0	1	1	0.11
Sanders	8,736	14	1	15	1.37
Roosevelt	8,442	11	1	12	1.78
Stillwater	7,439	11	0	11	1.34
Madison	7,331	10	0	10	1.50
Carbon	7,282	11	0	11	1.51
Rosebud	6,947	12	1	13	1.87
Hill	6,729	10	1	11	1.63
Teton	6,102	10	0	10	1.64

Broadwater	5,995	9	1	10	1.67
Blaine	5,499	9	1	10	1.09
Fergus	5,380	6	0	6	1.86
Beaverhead	5,204	5	0	5	0.96
Totals 14 Agencies	99,086	140	7	147	1.48

Population Under 5,000

Toole	4,837	12	1	13	2.69
Musselshell	4,664	7	1	8	1.72
Chouteau	4,323	9	0	9	2.08
Mineral	4,271	8	0	8	1.40
Valley	4,135	6	0	6	1.93
Phillips	4,110	7	0	7	1.70
Richland	3,881	10	0	10	2.58
Powell	3,880	6	1	7	1.80
Dawson	3,842	7	0	7	1.82
Sweet Grass	3,711	5	1	6	1.89
Sheridan	3,494	7	0	7	1.72
Pondera	3,465	6	0	6	1.73
Granite	3,409	6	0	6	1.76
Custer	3,259	6	1	7	2.15
Wheatland	2,143	6	0	6	2.80
Judith Basin	1,951	5	0	5	2.56
Meagher	1,852	3	0	3	1.62
Powder River	1,758	4	0	4	2.28
McCone	1,718	4	0	4	2.33
Garfield	1,311	2	1	3	2.29
Carter	1,234	3	0	3	2.43
Prairie	1,102	3	0	3	2.72
Fallon	1,075	4	0	4	3.72
Golden Valley	816	2	0	2	2.45
Totals 24 Agencies	70,241	138	6	144	2.05
Grand Totals 50 Agencies	575,565	722	42	764	1.33

Police Department FULL-TIME OFFICERS per 1,000

Agency	Agency Population	Total Full-time Male Sworn	Total Full-time Female Sworn	Total Fulltime Sworn	Full-time Sworn Officers per 1,000
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Population Over 100,000

Billings	110,397	136	12	148	1.34
Totals 1 Agency	110,397	136	12	148	1.34

Population 50,000 - 100,000

Missoula	74,300	90	14	104	1.40
Great Falls	58,828	83	5	88	1.50
Totals 2 Agencies	133,128	173	19	192	1.44

Population 25,000 - 49,999

Bozeman	48,101	54	4	58	1.21
Helena	31,898	45	7	52	1.63
Totals 2 Agencies	79,999	99	11	110	1.38

Population 10,000 - 24,999

Kalispell	23,700	36	5	41	1.73
Totals 1 Agency	23,700	36	5	41	1.73

Population 5,000 - 9,999

Havre	9,821	17	1	18	1.83
Miles City	8,724	13	1	14	2.06
Belgrade	8,496	17	1	18	1.65
Livingston	7,801	14	0	14	2.18
Whitefish	7,608	16	1	17	1.84
Laurel	6,800	13	0	13	1.91
Sidney	6,490	10	1	11	1.69
Lewistown	5,899	13	0	13	2.20
Glendive	5,456	9	0	9	1.65
Columbia Falls	5,132	8	1	9	1.75
Totals 10 Agencies	72,227	130	6	136	1.88

Population Under 5,000

Polson	4,928	14	1	15	3.04
Hamilton	4,794	13	1	14	2.92
Dillon	4,281	9	1	10	2.34

Glasgow	3,325	7	0	7	2.11
Cut Bank	3,013	8	0	8	2.66
Deer Lodge PD	2,902	6	0	6	2.07
Wolf Point	2,782	6	1	7	2.52
Libby	2,698	6	0	6	2.22
Colstrip	2,324	6	1	7	3.01
Red Lodge	2,310	5	0	5	2.16
East Helena	2,110	4	1	5	2.84
Columbus	2,075	7	0	7	2.41
Ronan	2,046	6	0	6	3.42
Baker	2,011	5	0	5	0.99
Stevensville	1,960	2	0	2	2.55
Manhattan	1,787	4	0	4	2.24
Fort Benton	1,450	3	1	4	2.76
West Yellowstone	1,386	5	1	6	3.61
Thompson Falls	1,379	4	1	5	4.35
Chinook	1,256	2	0	2	1.59
Plains	1,101	3	0	3	2.72
Fairview	936	3	1	4	1.07
Ennis	907	1	0	1	3.31
Troy	899	2	1	3	4.45
St. Ignatius	838	2	0	2	2.39
Bridger	760	2	1	3	3.95
Hot Springs	565	2	0	2	3.54
Totals 27 Agencies	56,823	137	12	149	2.62
Grand Totals 43 Agencies	476,274	711	65	776	1.63

Grand Totals PD & SO 93 Agencies	1,051,839	1,433	107	1,540	1.46
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Universities

Montana State University	N/A	14	5	19	N/A
University of Montana	N/A	14	2	16	N/A
Totals 2 Agencies	N/A	28	7	35	N/A