

Montana Law Enforcement Employees 2019

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 89 out of 104 police departments and sheriff's offices responded to the 2019 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	777	835	1,612
Police Departments *	36	752	180	932
Total Sheriff's Office & Police Departments	87	1,529	1,015	2,544
University Security	2	36	15	51
Statewide Totals	89	1,565	1,030	2,595

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

Agency	Population	Total Full-time Male Sworn	Total Full-time Female Sworn	Total Full-time Sworn	Full-time Sworn Officers per 1,000
Population Over 50,000					
Flathead	65,053	53	3	56	0.86
Gallatin	52,061	50	5	55	1.06
Totals- 2 Agencies	117,114	103	8	111	0.95
Population 25,000 - 49,000					
Missoula	44,233	56	2	58	1.31
Yellowstone	44,223	52	4	56	1.27
Ravalli	36,484	30	2	32	0.88
Silver Bow	34,985	49	3	52	1.49
Lewis & Clark	34,259	46	2	48	1.40
Totals- 5 Agencies	194,184	233	13	246	1.27
Population 10,000 - 24,999					
Cascade	22,781	36	3	39	1.71
Lake	22,326	21	2	23	1.03
Lincoln	14,937	20	0	20	1.34
Big Horn	13,352	16	1	17	1.27
Jefferson	10,872	13	1	14	1.29
Glacier	10,710	11	1	12	1.12
Totals- 6 Agencies	94,978	117	8	125	1.32
Population 5,000 - 9,999					
Deer Lodge	9,085	21	0	21	2.31
Park	8,950	14	1	15	1.68
Sanders	8,778	10	1	11	1.25
Roosevelt	8,346	14	1	15	1.80
Madison	7,867	9	2	11	1.40
Carbon	7,691	11	0	11	1.43
Stillwater	7,489	11	0	11	1.47
Rosebud	6,742	10	1	11	1.63
Hill	6,585	11	2	13	1.97
Teton	6,155	9	1	10	1.62
Broadwater	6,127	9	1	10	1.63
Blaine	5,544	6	1	7	1.26
Fergus	5,232	7	2	9	1.72
Beaverhead	5,119	8	0	8	1.56
Totals- 14 Agencies	99,710	150	13	163	1.63
Population Under 5,000					
Toole	4,781	12	1	13	2.72
Mineral	4,315	6	0	6	1.39
Valley	4,089	8	1	9	2.20
Powell	4,053	5	0	5	1.23
Phillips	4,040	6	0	6	1.49
Richland	3,780	10	0	10	2.65
Sweet Grass	3,711	7	0	7	1.89
Pondera	3,441	7	0	7	2.03
Sheridan	3,422	7	1	8	2.34

Granite	3,408	7	0	7	2.05
Custer	3,146	6	1	7	2.23
Liberty	2,433	6	0	6	2.47
Judith Basin	1,932	5	0	5	2.59
Meagher	1,859	3	1	4	2.15
Daniels	1,742	2	1	3	1.72
Powder River	1,708	4	0	4	2.34
McCone	1,662	4	0	4	2.41
Garfield	1,274	3	0	3	2.35
Carter	1,244	4	0	4	3.22
Prairie	1,073	3	0	3	2.80
Wibaux	1,035	3	0	3	2.90
Fallon	988	4	0	4	4.05
Golden Valley	818	2	0	2	2.44
Treasure	672	2	0	2	2.98
Totals- 24 Agencies	60,626	126	6	132	2.18
Grand Totals- 51 Agencies	566,612	729	48	777	1.37

Police Department FULL-TIME OFFICERS per 1,000

Agency	Population	Total Full-time Male Sworn	Total Full-time Female Sworn	Total Full-time Sworn	Full-time Sworn Officers per 1,000
Population Over 100,000					
Billings	110,198	138	13	151	1.37
Totals- 1 Agency	110,198	138	13	151	1.37
Population 50,000 - 99,999					
Missoula	75,422	92	14	106	1.41
Great Falls	58,637	81	7	88	1.50
Bozeman	50,152	59	3	62	1.24
Totals- 3 Agencies	184,211	232	24	256	1.39
Population 25,000 - 49,999					
Helena	32,806	44	9	53	1.62
Totals- 1 Agency	32,806	44	9	53	1.62
Population 10,000 - 24,999					
Kalispell	24,473	35	4	39	1.59
Totals- 1 Agency	24,473	35	4	39	1.59
Population 5,000 - 9,999					
Havre	9,738	17	1	18	1.85
Belgrade	9,204	15	1	16	1.74
Miles City	8,393	18	0	18	2.14
Whitefish	8,079	15	1	16	1.98
Livingston	7,884	15	0	15	1.90
Laurel	6,768	13	0	13	1.92
Sidney	6,376	11	1	12	1.88
Lewistown	5,790	13	0	13	2.25
Columbia Falls	5,695	9	1	10	1.76
Polson	5,075	15	1	16	3.15
Totals- 10 Agencies	73,002	141	6	147	2.01
Population Under 5,000					
Hamilton	4,879	13	1	14	2.87
Dillon	4,276	8	2	10	2.34
Glasgow	3,334	6	0	6	1.80
Cut Bank	3,038	7	0	7	2.30
Deer Lodge PD	2,888	5	0	5	1.73
Wolf Point	2,761	6	1	7	2.54
Libby	2,750	6	0	6	2.18
Red Lodge	2,316	7	0	7	3.02
Colstrip	2,271	6	1	7	3.08
Ronan	2,113	6	0	6	2.84

East Helena	2,098	2	1	3	1.43
Stevensville	2,051	2	0	2	0.98
Manhattan	1,865	4	0	4	2.14
Thompson Falls	1,403	4	1	5	3.56
Chinook	1,282	4	0	4	3.12
Plains	1,116	3	0	3	2.69
Ennis	1,019	1	0	1	0.98
Troy	936	2	1	3	3.21
Fairview	884	3	0	3	3.39
Bridger	760	2	1	3	3.95
Totals- 20 Agencies	44,040	97	9	106	2.41
Grand Totals- 36 Agencies	468,730	687	65	752	1.60

Grand Totals PD & SO-87 Agencies	1,035,342	1,416	113	1,529	1.48
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Universities

Montana State University	N/A	17	5	22	N/A
University of Montana	N/A	12	2	14	N/A
Totals- 2 Agencies	N/A	29	7	36	N/A