



Montana Law Enforcement Employees Survey 2020

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) 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. State law enforcement agencies, such as the Montana Highway Patrol, are not included within the survey.

103 out of 104 statewide agencies responded to the 2020 survey. MBCC would not be able to present this information if it were not for the cooperation of these law enforcement agencies. The effort and time that went into completing the survey are greatly appreciated.

Data is separated between full time, part time and reserve personnel. Full-time is defined as an employee who works a full work week. Part-time is defined as an employee who works less than full-time. While agencies may vary, part-time law enforcement officers historically are compensated monetarily while reserve personnel are volunteers.

Full-time Law Enforcement Employees				
Agency	Number of Agencies	Sworn Employees	Civilian Employees	Total Full-time Employees
Sheriff's Offices	55	830	1,052	1,882
Police Departments	45	804	216	1,020
University Police	3	42	19	64
Total:	103	1,676	1,287	2,966

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	65,914	57	3	60	0.91
Gallatin	53,275	60	5	65	1.22
Total Agencies: 2	119,189	117	8	125	1.04

Population 25,000 - 50,000

Yellowstone	46,267	53	4	57	1.23
Missoula	44,579	53	1	54	1.21
Ravalli	37,239	33	4	37	0.99
Silver Bow	35,068	48	3	51	1.45
Lewis & Clark	34,526	47	1	48	1.39
Total Agencies: 5	197,679	234	13	247	1.24

Population 10,000 - 24,999

Cascade	23,184	36	3	39	1.68
Lake	22,630	20	8	28	1.23
Lincoln	14,887	21	0	21	1.41
Big Horn	13,395	12	2	14	1.04
Jefferson	11,055	12	1	13	1.17
Glacier	10,746	12	0	12	1.11

Total Agencies: 6	95,897	113	14	127	1.32
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Population 5,000 - 9,999

Deer Lodge	9,144	20	1	21	2.29
Sanders	9,048	10	2	12	1.32
Park	8,868	16	1	17	1.91
Roosevelt	8,350	14	1	15	1.79
Carbon	7,741	12	0	12	1.55
Madison	7,714	12	2	14	1.81
Stillwater	7,624	12	0	12	1.57
Hill	6,738	10	1	11	1.63
Rosebud	6,674	13	0	13	1.94
Broadwater	6,323	10	2	12	1.89
Teton	6,168	9	1	10	1.62
Blaine	5,456	7	0	7	1.28
Fergus	5,244	9	1	10	1.90
Beaverhead	5,179	6	0	6	1.15
Total Agencies: 14	100,271	160	12	172	1.71

Population Under 5,000

Toole	4,683	12	1	13	2.77
Musselshell	4,652	6	0	6	1.28
Mineral	4,427	8	0	8	1.80
Chouteau	4,199	9	0	9	2.14
Valley	4,088	8	1	9	2.20
Powell	4,069	5	0	5	1.22
Phillips	3,931	6	1	7	1.78
Richland	3,810	10	0	10	2.62
Sweet Grass	3,759	8	0	8	2.12
Dawson	3,689	7	1	8	2.16
Pondera	3,439	8	0	8	2.32
Granite	3,422	5	0	5	1.46
Sheridan	3,310	5	1	6	1.81
Custer	3,146	6	1	7	2.22
Wheatland	2,128	5	0	5	2.34
Judith Basin	2,004	5	0	5	2.49

Meagher	1,864	3	0	3	1.60
Daniels	1,688	3	1	4	2.36
Powder River	1,680	4	0	4	2.38
McCone	1,659	4	0	4	2.41
Garfield	1,269	3	0	3	2.36
Carter	1,266	4	0	4	3.15
Prairie	1,068	4	0	4	3.74
Wibaux	967	3	0	3	3.10
Fallon	941	4	0	4	4.25
Golden Valley	817	2	1	3	3.67
Treasure	696	2	0	2	2.87
Petroleum	488	2	0	2	4.09
Total Agencies: 28	73,159	151	8	159	2.17
Grand Total Agencies: 55	586,195	775	55	830	1.41

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	110,157	142	14	156	1.41
Total Agencies: 1	110,157	142	14	156	1.41

Population 50,000 - 100,000

Missoula	76,468	100	16	116	1.51
Great Falls	58,345	81	6	87	1.49
Bozeman	51,460	56	4	60	1.16
Total Agencies: 3	186,273	237	26	263	1.41

Population 25,000 - 49,999

Helena	33,629	41	6	47	1.39
Kalispell	25,125	38	3	41	1.63
Total Agencies: 2	58,754	79	9	88	1.49

Population 5,000 - 9,999

Havre	9,820	19	1	20	2.03
Belgrade	9,762	17	2	19	1.94
Whitefish	8,523	15	2	17	1.99

Miles City	8,250	16	0	16	1.93
Livingston	7,892	14	0	14	1.77
Laurel	6,732	13	1	14	2.07
Sidney	6,279	11	0	11	1.75
Columbia Falls	6,023	10	0	10	1.66
Lewistown	5,772	13	0	13	2.25
Polson	5,115	14	1	15	2.93
Glendive	4,908	8	2	10	2.03
Total Agencies: 11	79,076	150	9	159	2.01

Population Under 5,000

Hamilton	4,970	13	1	14	2.81
Dillon	4,318	9	1	10	2.31
Glasgow	3,326	6	0	6	1.80
Cut Bank	3,075	7	0	7	2.27
Deer Lodge	2,822	6	0	6	2.12
Libby	2,797	6	0	6	2.14
Wolf Point	2,744	5	1	6	2.18
Conrad	2,458	5	0	5	2.03
Red Lodge	2,324	7	0	7	3.01
Colstrip	2,249	6	1	7	3.11
Ronan	2,141	6	0	6	2.80
East Helena	2,113	3	1	4	1.89
Columbus	2,100	4	0	4	1.90
Stevensville	2,100	3	0	3	1.42
Manhattan	1,955	4	0	4	2.04
Baker	1,907	4	0	4	2.09
Thompson Falls	1,439	4	0	4	2.77
Fort Benton	1,429	3	1	4	2.79
Eureka	1,407	4	0	4	2.84
West Yellowstone	1,388	4	1	5	3.60
Boulder	1,287	3	0	3	2.33
Chinook	1,260	4	0	4	3.17
Plains	1,149	2	0	2	1.74
Ennis	1,012	1	0	1	0.98

Troy	966	3	1	4	4.14
Fairview	867	3	0	3	3.46
Bridger	760	2	1	3	3.94
Hot Springs	587	2	0	2	3.40
Total Agencies: 28	56,950	129	9	138	2.42
Grand Total: 45 Agencies	491,210	737	67	804	1.63

Grand Total of PD & SO: 100 Agencies	1,077,405	1,512	122	1,634	1.51
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University Police Department FULL-TIME OFFICERS

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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Montana State University - Bozeman	N/A	14	5	19	N/A
Montana State University - Billings	N/A	8	0	8	N/A
University of Montana - Missoula	N/A	13	2	15	N/A
Total Agencies: 3	N/A	35	7	42	N/A

Police Department & Sheriff's Office PART-TIME OFFICERS

Agency	Agency Population	Total Part-time Male Sworn	Total Part-time Female Sworn	Total Part-time Sworn
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University of Montana PD – Missoula	N/A	4	3	7
Ravalli County Sheriff's Office	37,239	3	1	4
Teton County Sheriff's Office	6,168	4	0	4
Columbus Police Department	2,100	3	0	3
Powell County Sheriff's Office	4,069	1	2	3
Madison County Sheriff's Office	7,714	3	0	3
Whitefish Police Department	8,523	3	0	3

Richland County Sheriff's Office	3,810	2	0	2
Bozeman Police Department	51,460	0	2	2
Thompson Falls Police Department	1,429	1	1	2
Hot Springs Police Department	587	2	0	2
Fairview Police Department	867	1	1	2
Baker Police Department	1,907	1	0	1
Hill County Sheriff's Office	6,738	1	0	1
Powder River County Sheriff's Office	1,680	1	0	1
Chouteau County Sheriff's Office	4,199	1	0	1
McCone County Sheriff's Office	1,659	1	0	1
Broadwater County Sheriff's Office	6,323	1	0	1
Meagher County Sheriff's Office	1,864	1	0	1
Conrad Police Department	2,458	1	0	1
Carbon County Sheriff's Office	7,741	1	0	1
Pondera County Sheriff's Office	3,439	1	0	1
Ennis Police Department	1,012	0	1	1
Golden Valley County Sheriff's Office	817	1	0	1
Gallatin County Sheriff's Office	53,275	1	0	1
Montana State University - Bozeman	N/A	1	0	1
Wibaux County Sheriff's Office	867	0	1	1
Havre Police Department	9,820	1	0	1
Totals Agencies: 28	-	41	12	53

Police Department & Sheriff's Office RESERVE OFFICERS

Agency	Agency Population	Total Reserve Male Sworn	Total Reserve Female Sworn	Total Reserve Sworn
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Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office	34,526	23	4	27
Custer County Sheriff's Office	3,146	20	1	21
Carbon County Sheriff's Office	7,741	17	1	18
Missoula County Sheriff's Office	44,579	15	2	17
Yellowstone County Sheriff's	46,267	13	1	14

Ravalli County Sheriff's Office	37,239	14	0	14
Sweet Grass County Sheriff's Office	3,759	13	0	13
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office	11,055	10	2	12
Flathead County Sheriff's Office	65,914	12	0	12
Laurel Police Department	6,732	7	4	12
Powell County Sheriff's Office	4,069	9	1	10
Sanders County Sheriff's Office	9,048	6	1	7
Stillwater County Sheriff's Office	7,624	7	0	7
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	14,887	6	1	7
Park County Sheriff's Office	8,868	6	0	6
Dawson County Sheriff's Office	3,689	6	0	6
Treasure County Sheriff's Office	696	4	1	5
Troy Police Department	966	4	1	5
Cascade County Sheriff's Office	23,184	5	0	5
Bridger Police Department	760	4	0	4
Phillips County Sheriff's Office	3,931	2	2	4
Petroleum County Sheriff's Office	488	4	0	4
Hill County Sheriff's Office	6,738	4	0	4
Hot Springs Police Department	587	4	0	4
Meagher County Sheriff's Office	1,864	4	0	4
Roosevelt County Sheriff's Office	8,350	3	0	3
Polson Police Department	5,115	3	0	3
Carter County Sheriff's Office	1,266	3	0	3
Golden Valley County Sheriff's Office	817	3	0	3
Mineral County Sheriff's Office	4,427	3	0	3
Wheatland County Sheriff's Office	2,128	2	1	3

Rosebud County Sheriff's Office	6,674	2	0	2
Sheridan County Sheriff's Office	3,310	2	0	2
Havre Police Department	9,820	2	0	2
Garfield County Sheriff's Office	1,269	2	0	2
Ronan Police Department	2,141	2	0	2
Glacier County Sheriff's Office	10,746	2	0	2
Granite County Sheriff's Office	3,422	2	0	2
Stevensville Police Department	2,100	2	0	2
Teton County Sheriff's Office	6,168	1	0	1
Cut Bank Police Department	3,075	1	0	1
Kalispell Police Department	25,125	0	1	1
Deer Lodge Police Department	2,822	1	0	1
Beaverhead County Sheriff's Office	5,179	1	0	1
Dillon Police Department	4,318	1	0	1
East Helena Police Department	2,113	1	0	1
Lake County Sheriff's Office	22,630	1	0	1
Toole County Sheriff's Office	4,683	1	0	1
Miles City Police Department	8,250	1	0	1
Total Agencies: 49	-	261	25	286