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Federal agencies employing 100 or more full-time officers authorized to carry firearms and make arrests

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Agency	Number of officers
Immigration and Naturalization Service	12,403
Federal Bureau of Prisons	11,329
Federal Bureau of Investigation	10,389
U.S. Customs Service	9,749
Internal Revenue Service	3,784
U.S. Postal Inspection Service	3,576
U.S. Secret Service	3,185
Drug Enforcement Administration	2,946
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts	2,777
U.S. Marshals Service	2,650
National Park Service	2,148
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms	1,869
U.S. Capitol Police	1,031
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	869
General Services Administration, Federal Protective Service	643
U.S. Forest Service	619
Bureau of Diplomatic Security	367
Amtrak	342
Bureau of Indian Affairs	339
U.S. Mint	224
Bureau of Land Management	208
Tennessee Valley Authority	194
Bureau of Engraving and Printing	165
Environmental Protection Agency	151
Food and Drug Administration	128
National Marine Fisheries Service ^a	117
Library of Congress	108

Note: These data were provided by Federal agencies in response to a survey conducted in 1996 by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. The data include all personnel (including supervisory) with Federal arrest authority who were authorized to carry firearms in the performance of their duties. The survey did not include law enforcement personnel of the U.S. Armed Forces, the U.S. Coast Guard, and Federal officers serving in foreign countries or U.S. territories. The survey does include Federal correctional officers.

Many Federal agencies also have internal offices of inspector general responsible for handling violations, fraud, and abuse related to Federal programs, operations, and employees. Some personnel of these offices are authorized to carry firearms and make arrests, however they are not included in the data presented.

^aA component of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Federal Law Enforcement Officers, 1996*, Bulletin NCJ-164617 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, December 1997), p. 2; p. 4, Table 2. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.