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SUMMARY: This dataset was collected by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Justice Statistics. It is a list of law enforcement agencies and contains variables regarding employment categories such as total full-time, part-time, sworn-in and other employees. It also contains FIPS codes and populations. CLASS IV

UNIVERSE: Law enforcement agencies in the United States.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 1 data file  
DATA FORMAT: Logical Record Length

FILE STRUCTURE: rectangular  
CASES: 16,708  
VARIABLES: 20  
RECORD LENGTH: 148  
RECORDS PER CASE: 1

# DIRECTORY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, 1986

## CODEBOOK

	<u>VARIABLE NAME</u>	<u>COLUMN(S)</u>	<u>WIDTH</u>
VAR 1	FORM NUMBER	01-03	3
VAR 2	ID	04-20	17
VAR 3	TELEPHONE	21-30	10
VAR 4	TYPE OF AGENCY	31-32	2
VAR 5	CENSUS	33	1
VAR 6	CENSUS	34	1
VAR 7	CENSUS	35	1
VAR 8	TOTAL EMP	36-41	6
VAR 9	TOTAL FULL-TIME EMP	42-47	6
VAR 10	TOTAL PART-TIME EMP	48-53	6
VAR 11	TOTAL SWORN POLICE	54-59	6
VAR 12	TTL F-T SWORN POLICE	60-65	6
VAR 13	TTL P-T SWORN POLICE	66-71	6
VAR 14	TOTAL OTHER EMP	72-77	6
VAR 15	FULL-TIME OTHER EMP	78-83	6
VAR 16	PART-TIME OTHER EMP	84-89	6
VAR 17	NAME OF AGENCY	90-121	32
VAR 18	FIPS CODE-STATE/COUNTY	122-126	5
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## Documentation Package for Directory Survey of Law Enforcement Agencies

### I. Purpose and Background

The purpose for conducting the Directory Survey of Law Enforcement Agencies was twofold: to update the law enforcement sector of the Justice Agency List and to provide a universe from which a sample of law enforcement agencies could be selected based on number of sworn officers. In the fall of 1985, Census Bureau staff reviewed the existing list of law enforcement agencies, which was last updated in 1977. Using the 1985 National Directory of Law Enforcement Administrators and other secondary sources, they updated addresses, identified and added new agencies, and deleted inactive or abolished law enforcement agencies. They also checked the list against the 1982 Census of Governments Employment File to ensure that all local governments reporting police employment had an agency on the list.

Immediately following the update, a questionnaire (CJ-38) was mailed out to all agencies except coroners for the Directory Survey of Law Enforcement Agencies. The questionnaire was designed to obtain data on type of agency, whether or not they administer a jail or lockup, geographic jurisdiction of the agency and the total number of employees, broken down by sworn and nonsworn. It was also used to verify agency names, addresses and telephone numbers. The information received as to whether or not a law enforcement agency administered a jail was used to update the Directory of Local Jails.

The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Street Act of 1968 as amended (42 U.S.C. 3732) authorized the collection of this information. This request for information was in accordance with the clearance requirement of Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 as amended (31 U.S.C. 3507). The number of sworn police data will be used as the basis for drawing a sample of law enforcement agencies for an ongoing series of data collection on the workload and resources of the Nation's law enforcement agencies.

### II. Methodology

#### Survey period

Employment data were collected on the total number of employees and the number of sworn police with arrest powers for the pay period including March 12, 1986. Those agencies unable to give statistics for the designated period reported for the most recent pay period for which data was available.

### Data Collection

A total of 17,761 questionnaires were mailed from Jeffersonville to individual law enforcement agencies. The survey included state police, sheriffs, county, municipal and township police; and special police at the state and local level. Coroners were excluded. Two mailouts were made to the agencies followed by telephone followup of nonrespondents. During the survey, 694 agencies were found to be no longer in operation and 444 agencies were deleted because they contracted to other agencies for police protection. We also added 84 constables to the state of Texas that were missing from our files. The final count of agencies after the survey was 16,707.

Questionnaires were checked-in, edited and keyed by Census Bureau staff in Jeffersonville, Indiana. A computer edit was run and tables were programmed as requested by BJS. A data tape was sent to the Criminal Justice Archives at the University of Michigan. Core data items were taken from the data file and incorporated into the Law Enforcement Sector of the Justice Agency List. These data items included type of agency, total number of employees and total number of sworn police.

### Time period for Data Collection

The first mailout went out in June 1986 with a second mailout in July 1986. Jeffersonville conducted a nonresponse telephone followup during the latter part of September and early October. We closed out data collection in late October with a 100% response rate.

### Limitations

Data for the Directory Survey of Law Enforcement Agencies was obtained through mail canvass. As with any statistical survey, the survey results are subject to certain limitations. Errors in data could result from estimations of data, the use of different reference dates and misunderstanding of definitions. (One common misunderstanding involved lockups: a number of agencies reported that they administered a lock-up when in fact they only had a cell in their jail assigned for holding or lock-up instead of a physically separate facility).

## Information supplied by

FORM **CJ-38**  
(5-5-86)**DIRECTORY SURVEY  
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

Name

If the agency listed below is no longer in operation, mark (X) here ☐ and return this form.

Title

Official address (Number and street, city, State, ZIP Code)

**1. Telephone**

Area code Number Extension

(Please correct any errors in name and address including ZIP Code)

**RETURN TO****Bureau of the Census  
1201 East Tenth Street  
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47132****2. Type of agency — Mark (X) the one box that best describes the agency appearing in the address box.**

- 01 ☐ Sheriff's Department (county or municipal)  
 02 ☐ County Police Department (including borough and parish)  
 03 ☐ Municipal Police Department (city, town, or township)  
 05 ☐ State Police Department  
 06 ☐ Special Police with general arrest powers, usually limited to a specific geographic area (campus, harbors, parks, etc.) and administratively independent of the regular police force

- ☐ This agency does not operate its own police department. If this box is marked, enter below the name and address of the agency contracted with to provide police services and the name and telephone number of the contact. Do not complete remainder of questionnaire.

Name of agency

Address — Number and street

City, State, ZIP Code

Name of contact

Telephone Area code Number Extension

☐ Other — Specify ☐**3. Does this agency administer one or more jail facilities with legal authority to hold a person beyond arraignment (usually for 48 or more hours)?**1 ☐ No 2 ☐ Yes — One jail 3 ☐ Yes — More than one jail**4. Does this agency administer one or more temporary holding or lockup facilities holding persons only up to arraignment (usually less than 48 hours)?**1 ☐ No 2 ☐ Yes**5. What is the geographic jurisdiction of this agency? Mark (X) one box.**

- 0 ☐ Statewide  
 0 ☐ Two or more counties, boroughs, or parishes  
 Specify names ☐

- 1 ☐ One county, borough, or parish  
 1 ☐ Two or more municipalities (cities or towns)  
 Specify names ☐

- 2 ☐ One municipality (city or town)  
 3 ☐ Township  
 4 ☐ Special district — Specify type ☐

- 5 ☐ School district  
☐ Other — Specify ☐

**6. Agency employment — What was the number of full-time and part-time employees of this agency during the pay period including March 12, 1986? (Include all employees of any jails administered by this agency. Include as part time those employees shared with another government or agency.)**

Type of employees	Total	Full time	Part time
<b>a. Total employees</b> Sum of b + c →			
<b>b. Sworn police, with general arrest power</b>			
<b>c. All other employees</b>			



Directory Survey of Law Enforcement Agencies  
Record Description

<u>Item</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Range</u>
Form Number	F1 (3 char.)	038
Identification	F2 (17 char.)	
Telephone	F3 (10 char.)	
Type of Agency	F4 (2 char.)	01 = Sheriff 02 = County Police 03 = Municipal Police 05 = State Police 06 = Special Police
Jails Administered	F5 (1 char.)	1 = No 2 = Yes, one jail 3 = Yes, > one jail
Holding or Lock-up Administered	F6 (1 char.)	1 = No 2 = Yes
Geographic Jurisdiction	F7 (1 char.)	0 = Statewide/two or more counties 1 = County/two or more municipalities 2 = One municipality 3 = Township 4 = Special District 5 = School District
Total Employees	F8 (6 char.)	
Full-time total	F9 (6 char.)	
Part-time total	F10 (6 char.)	
Total Sworn Police	F11 (6 char.)	
Full-time Sworn Police	F12 (6 char.)	
Part-time Sworn Police	F13 (6 char.)	
Total Other Employees	F14 (6 char.)	
Full-time Other	F15 (6 char.)	
Part-time Other	F16 (6 char.)	

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