

## **Summary**

This year 4 law enforcement officers were killed while performing their official duties. Over the 5-year period from 1997 to 2001, a total of 9 officers were killed while performing their official duties.

There were 2,913 assaults on police officers this year, representing a 10.3 percent decrease from the 3,249 assaults reported last year. The assault rate per 100 officers decreased to 13.0 from 13.4 last year.

Jurisdictions with populations of 100,000 to 249,999 experienced the highest assault rate (33.2). Statewide, 5 of the population groups had higher rates than last year.