

Summary

This year 2 law enforcement officers were killed while performing their official duties. Over the 5-year period from 1998 to 2002, a total of 10 officers were killed while performing their official duties.

There were 2,601 assaults on police officers this year, representing a 11.0 percent decrease from the 2,923 assaults reported last year. The assault rate per 100 officers decreased to 11.0 from 12.6 last year.

Pittsburgh experienced the highest assault rate (33.5). Statewide, 3 of the population groups had higher rates than last year.