

Summary

This year 7 law enforcement officers were killed while performing their official duties. Over the 5-year period from 2000 to 2004, a total of 17 officers were killed while performing their official duties.

There were 2,865 assaults on police officers this year, representing a 12.0 percent increase from the 2,559 assaults reported last year. The assault rate per 100 officers increased to 11.6 from 10.0 last year.

Pittsburgh experienced the highest assault rate (31.0). Statewide, 7 of the population groups had higher rates than last year.