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**Survey of Campus Law  
Enforcement Agencies, 2004-2005:  
[United States]**

Description

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## **Bibliographic Description**

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## **Scope of Study**

Summary: This survey covered the 2004-2005 academic year and collected data from law enforcement agencies using sworn police officers and those using only non-sworn security officers. Agencies serving 4-year United States universities and colleges with a fall 2004 enrollment of 2,500 or more, and those serving 2-year public colleges with a fall 2004 enrollment of 10,000 or more were surveyed. United States military academies and for-profit institutions were excluded. Data were collected in conjunction with the 2004 BJS Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies. The survey instrument was patterned after the BJS Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics survey. Data were collected describing campus law enforcement agencies, including personnel, expenditures and pay, operations, equipment, computers and information systems, policies, and special programs. BJS conducted an earlier survey of campus law enforcement agencies, covering the 1994-1995 school year. Users can access the data collection from the ICPSR Web site (ICPSR 6846).

Subject Term(s): administration, budgets, colleges, employees, law enforcement, law enforcement agencies, management, personnel, universities, wages and salaries

Geographic Coverage: United States

Time Period: 2004 - 2005

Date(s) of Collection: September 30, 2004

Unit of Observation: agencies

Universe: All four-year institutions of higher education within the United States with 2,500 or more students.

Data Type: survey data

## **Methodology**

Purpose of the Study: n/a

Study Design: The 2004-2005 survey was initially conducted as a web-only data collection. Follow-up efforts provided agencies with fax and mail-in response options. Nearly two-thirds of responses were received electronically through the survey website. The remainder were received by mail or fax. For agencies not responding to the full survey, an abbreviated survey instrument was used, giving agencies the opportunity to provide data on type and number of personnel, use of sworn officers, use of armed officers, physical campus characteristics, and number of crimes reported to campus law enforcement authorities. All non-respondents provided at least some of this information.

Sample: Agencies serving 4-year United States universities and colleges with a fall 2004 enrollment of 2,500 or more, and those serving 2-year public colleges with a fall 2004 enrollment of 10,000 or more were surveyed. United States military academies and for-profit institutions were excluded.

Data Source: self-enumerated questionnaires

Response Rates: The final response rate was 82 percent, with 749 of 913 potential respondents participating in the survey. Nearly two-thirds (65 percent) of responses were received electronically through the survey Web site. The remainder were received by mail or fax. Among 4-year institutions, 606 of 750 agencies responded to the full survey, for a response rate of 81 percent. Among 2-year institutions, 143 of 163 agencies responded to the full survey, for a response rate of 88 percent.

Extent of Processing: Standardized missing values.

Performed recodes and/or calculated derived variables.

Checked for undocumented or out-of-range codes.

## **Access and Availability**

Note: A list of the data formats available for this study can be found in the [summary of holdings](#). Detailed file-level information (such as record length, case count, and variable count) is listed in the [file manifest](#).

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