



# BJA

Bureau of Justice Assistance  
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# STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFILE

## FLORIDA



### HIGHLIGHTS

In Florida, Byrne JAG state funding has assisted with numerous innovative initiatives and supports:

- Approximately 54 task forces, multijurisdictional task forces, and 22 specialty and problem-solving courts.
- Pinellas County Jail Diversion Expansion, a 1-year subgrant for assessments, treatment, and case management for the Pinellas County Mentally Ill Jail Diversion Program. The program provides ex-offenders who have mental health and/or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders with treatment and case management assistance immediately upon their release from jail or prison.
- Dade County Intensive Day-Night Treatment Program, a substance abuse treatment center and transitional living facility. The program, through a 1-year subgrant, aims to address the unique needs of females who are arrested and charged with prostitution or are at high risk for prostitution-related offenses and have an identified substance abuse problem.
- Broward Addiction Recovery Center's Youth Force Program. Through a 1-year subgrant, this program serves at-risk youth ages 11 to 15 who exhibit risk factors for substance abuse, risky sexual behavior, criminal activity, or dropping out of school.

Source: National Criminal Justice Association

### STATE ADMINISTERING AGENCY (SAA)

Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Richard L. Swearingen, Commissioner  
<http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/>

### BJA INVESTMENTS

In Fiscal Year 2014, BJA provided more than \$23 million\* in state and local funds to Florida.

Justice Assistance Grant Program—State Formula	\$11,779,285
Justice Assistance Grant Program—98 Local Awards	\$6,658,809
Other Direct Discretionary Funds	\$4,842,038

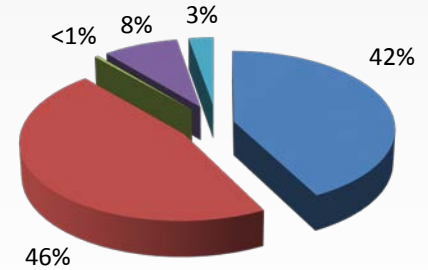
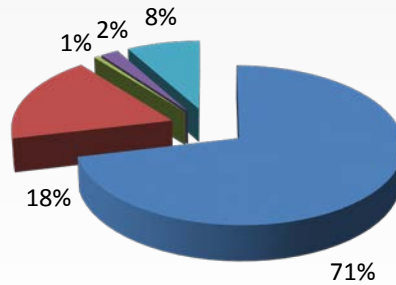
Source: Bureau of Justice Assistance

\*This amount does not include funding for national training and technical assistance programs that benefit all states and territories.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICERS

Law Enforcement Agencies: 345

Sworn Officers: 42,346



■ City ■ County ■ Tribal ■ State ■ Other

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Report \(2013\)](#)

- More than 60% of the 345 law enforcement agencies in Florida have 50 or fewer sworn officers.
- Nearly 82% of sworn officers work for agencies with 100 or more officers.

### OFFICER FATALITIES AND ASSAULTS

Between 2004 and 2013, 34 officers were feloniously killed (2 in 2013) and 34 officers were accidentally killed in the line of duty. In 2013, 6,056 officers were assaulted (12.15% of all officers assaulted in the United States).

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

**Total Population:** 19,552,860  
**Population Under 18:** 4,026,674  
**Population Over 65:** 3,647,617

Source: [U.S. Census \(2013 est.\)](#)

**State Investigative Agency:**

Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
 Richard L. Swearingen, Commissioner

**Local Governments:** 1,650

Source: [U.S. Census \(2012\)](#)

**Federally Recognized Tribes:** 2

Source: [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)

**U.S. Attorneys' Offices:**

Lee Bentley—*Middle District of Florida, Tampa*

Christopher P. Canova—*Northern District of Florida, Tallahassee*

Wifredo A. Ferrer—*Southern District of Florida, Miami*

Source: [U.S. Department of Justice](#)

**Homeland Security Agency:**

Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
 Donna Uzzell, Homeland Security Advisor

<http://www.fdle.state.fl.us>

**Drug Courts:** 117

Source: [National Drug Court Resource Center](#)

**CRIME TRENDS**

According to the FBI Annual Report, nationwide violent crime in 2013 decreased more than 4% from the 2012 estimates. Below are the current crime trends for Florida:

Crime	2012	2013	%
<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>94,087</b>	<b>91,986</b>	<b>-2.23</b>
Murder and Manslaughter	1,009	972	-3.67
Forcible Rape*	5,260	11,482	N/A
Robbery	23,889	23,200	-2.88
Aggravated Assault	63,929	61,054	-4.50
<b>Property Crime</b>	<b>632,988</b>	<b>607,172</b>	<b>-4.08</b>
Burglary	153,563	138,916	-9.54
Larceny-Theft	442,095	433,344	-1.98
Motor Vehicle Theft	37,330	34,912	-6.48

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

\*This state's agencies submitted rape data according to the revised Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) definition of rape.

**ARREST DATA**

In 2013, total arrests (904,135) decreased 5.83% from 2012. Violent-crime arrests decreased 2.51% (40,567), and property-related arrests decreased 2.06% (122,990).

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

\*The arrest category for all other offenses for Florida also includes the arrest counts for offenses against the family and children, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, suspicion, curfew and loitering law violations, and runaways.

**COURT STRUCTURE**

**Court of Last Resort:** Supreme Court  
**Intermediate Appellate:** District Courts of Appeal  
**General Jurisdiction:** Circuit Court  
**Limited Jurisdiction:** County Court

Source: [Bureau of Justice Statistics \(2011\)](#)

**CORRECTIONS**

**Prisoner Admissions:** 33,613  
**Prisoner Releases:** 32,855  
**Total Prisoners:** 103,028

Source: [Bureau of Justice Statistics \(2013\)](#)

**Major Correctional Facilities:** 55

**Recidivism Rate\*:** 26.3%

**Top Offenses:** Burglary, drug offenses, murder/manslaughter (FY 2014)

Source: [Florida Department of Corrections](#)

\*Recidivism is defined as inmates released from Florida prison who return to Florida prison within 3 years. This does not include the number of inmates who return to county jails, federal prisons, or prisons in other states.

**REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEMS® (RISS)**

The Regional Organized Crime Information Center (ROCIC), a RISS Center, serves Florida. There are 125 Florida criminal justice agencies that are members of ROCIC.

Source: [Regional Information Sharing Systems](#)