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STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFILE

LOUISIANA



HIGHLIGHTS

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

- Twenty-four multijurisdictional drug task forces in 2013 and 28 multijurisdictional drug task forces in 2014 that cover the state's 64 parishes.
- Personnel, operations, and supplies within an adult drug court in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court and a juvenile drug court in the 16th Judicial District.
- Adult and juvenile pretrial diversion intervention program in the 36th Judicial District Attorney's Office. This program serves a rural area with limited community resources and provides drug testing and supervision.
- Prosecutor and support staff positions within the 22nd Judicial District Attorney's Office focusing on drug trafficking investigations.
- Counselor, educator, and social worker positions in a transitional employment program for inmates through the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office.
- Evidence records management system within the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office.
- Forensic software and hardware purchases for the Louisiana Department of Justice Cyber Crime Unit to aid local law enforcement investigators with computer forensic investigations.

Source: National Criminal Justice Association

STATE ADMINISTERING AGENCY (SAA)

Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement
Jim Craft, Executive Director
<http://www.lcle.state.la.us/>

BJA INVESTMENTS

In Fiscal Year 2014, BJA provided more than \$8 million* in state and local funds to Louisiana.

Justice Assistance Grant Program—State Formula	\$3,506,064
Justice Assistance Grant Program—27 Local Awards	\$1,520,590
Other Direct Discretionary Funds	\$3,894,238

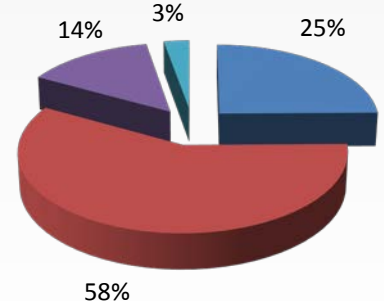
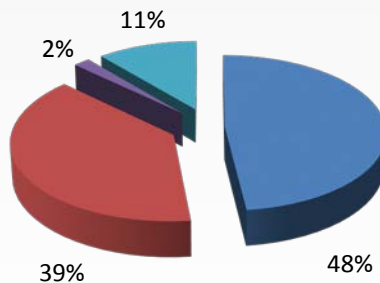
Source: Bureau of Justice Assistance

*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: 54

Sworn Officers: 8,228



■ City ■ County ■ Tribal ■ State ■ Other

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

- More than 53% of the 54 law enforcement agencies in Louisiana have 50 or fewer sworn officers.
- Nearly 84% of sworn officers work for agencies with 100 or more officers.

OFFICER FATALITIES AND ASSAULTS

Between 2004 and 2013, 23 officers were feloniously killed (1 in 2013) and 21 officers were accidentally killed in the line of duty. In 2013, 786 officers were assaulted (1.58% of all officers assaulted in the United States).

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

Total Population: 4,625,470
Population Under 18: 1,112,957
Population Over 65: 613,486
 Source: [U.S. Census \(2013 est.\)](#)

State Investigative Agency:
 Louisiana State Police
 Colonel Michael Edmonson,
 Superintendent

Local Governments: 529
 Source: [U.S. Census \(2012\)](#)

Federally Recognized Tribes: 4
 Source: [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)

U.S. Attorneys' Offices:
 Kenneth A. Polite—*Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans*
 Walt Green—*Middle District of Louisiana, Baton Rouge*
 Stephanie A. Finley—*Western District of Louisiana, Shreveport*
 Source: [U.S. Department of Justice](#)

Homeland Security Agency:
 Governor's Office of Homeland Security
 and Emergency Preparedness
 James Waskom, Director
<http://www.gohsep.la.gov>

Drug Courts: 72
 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 Louisiana:

Crime	2012	2013	%
Violent Crime	22,868	23,984	4.88
Murder and Manslaughter	495	498	0.61
Forcible Rape*	1,158	2,863	N/A
Robbery	5,475	5,548	1.33
Aggravated Assault	15,740	16,319	3.68
Property Crime	162,936	165,686	1.69
Burglary	42,140	41,184	-2.27
Larceny-Theft	112,915	115,342	2.15
Motor Vehicle Theft	7,881	9,160	16.23

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

*Agencies within this state submitted rape data according to both the revised Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) definition of rape and the legacy UCR definition of rape.

ARREST DATA

In 2013, total arrests (149,789) increased 21.85% from 2012. Violent-crime arrests increased 10.62% (8,563), and property-related arrests increased 30.05% (28,322).
 Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

COURT STRUCTURE

Court of Last Resort: Supreme Court
Intermediate Appellate: Courts of Appeal
General Jurisdiction: District Courts; Juvenile and Family Court
Limited Jurisdiction: Justice of the Peace Court; Mayor's Court; City and Parish Courts

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

CORRECTIONS

Prisoner Admissions: 16,770
Prisoner Releases: 17,646
Total Prisoners: 39,299

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

Major Correctional Facilities: 12

Recidivism Rate*: 35.1%

Top Offenses: Data not available

Source: [Louisiana Department of Corrections](#)

*Return to custody following conviction for a new felony or technical revocation of supervision after having been released from incarceration through completed sentence, released on parole, conditional release, or split probation sentence.

REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEMS® (RISS)

The Regional Organized Crime Information Center (ROCIC), a RISS Center, serves Louisiana. There are 139 Louisiana criminal justice agencies that are members of ROCIC.

Source: [Regional Information Sharing Systems](#)