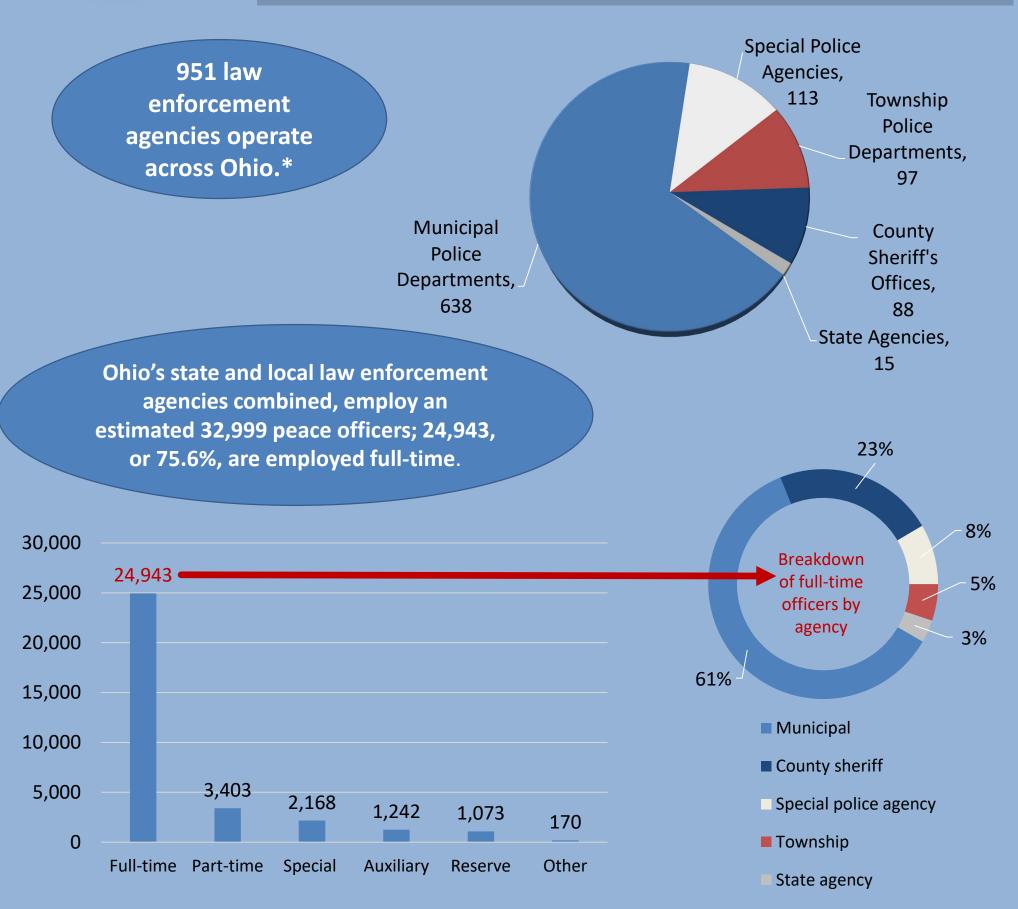


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Local budget process

- The appropriation and funding process for local police activities is managed at the local level (e.g. county commissioners, city/village council, or township trustees).
- A local police department's budget often begins with both a payroll and benefits forecast and an assessment of bargaining agreements.

State support for local agencies

- The state does not directly subsidize the general operations of local law enforcement agencies.
- Local jurisdictions may receive funding via the state's Local Government Fund (LGF) that are then allocated across the jurisdiction's departments and programs.
- Local law enforcement agencies routinely apply for and receive competitively awarded project-specific grants, most frequently from the Department of Public Safety and the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Subsidy funding may also be made available from time to time.

Local funding sources

Local funding and revenue sources differ by county, township, and municipality. Law enforcement agencies receive funding from a variety of revenue sources.



Typical law enforcement agency expenses

Personnel costs comprise the largest expense category for local law enforcement agencies.

Personnel (pay and benefits) Information technology (IT) services and equipment

Uniforms and training

Contractual services