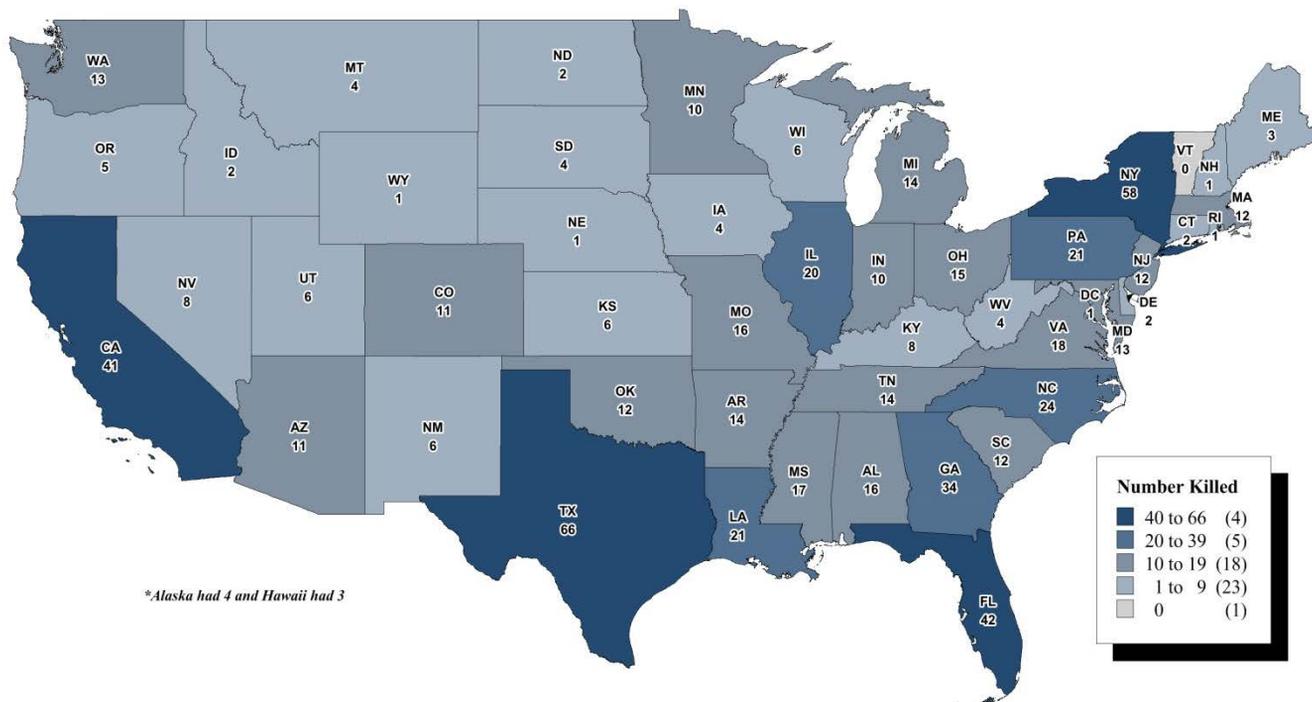


OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE-OF-DUTY, 2009-2013



Number Killed	
40 to 66	(4)
20 to 39	(5)
10 to 19	(18)
1 to 9	(23)
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- Each year, for the last 70 years, more than 100 police officers have been killed in the line-of-duty in the U.S. That number is often much higher, as an average of 145** officers were killed annually from 2009-2013. In Ohio, 15 police officers lost their lives during this 5 year period.
- Below 100 is a national initiative to reduce yearly line-of-duty deaths to below 100, a reduction of more than 30%. To reach this milestone, Below 100 offers training and other materials that focus on 5 key areas for improving officer safety and reducing deaths. These 5 were chosen because they are easy to implement and can reduce line-of-duty deaths significantly. The 5 tenets are:
 - **Wear Your Belt** – This seems obvious, but many law enforcement officers are killed every year in motor vehicle crashes who aren't wearing safety belts. Even in agencies that require safety belt use, officers don't always wear their belts for fear that they won't be able to exit their vehicles quickly.
 - **Wear Your Vest** – Officers need to wear their body armor all day, every day. Not only will a vest offer protection in the case of a shooting or stabbing, they also protect officers involved in motor vehicle crashes. Circumstances can turn dangerous quickly and an officer needs to always be prepared.
 - **Watch Your Speed** – From 2009-2013, vehicle related incidents accounted for 39% of officer deaths. Driving through heavy traffic at a high rate of speed is dangerous and only takes a few minutes off an officer's arrival time. From 2011-2013, speed factors caused nearly one-third of at-fault police vehicle crashes in Ohio.
 - **WIN – What's Important Now?** – Answering this question allows officers to prioritize decisions, choices, actions and events. It forces officers to focus on the present with an eye on the future.
 - **Remember: Complacency Kills** – Officers need to be mentally and physically aware of the dangers they face at all times and be ready to meet them. Being complacent is what causes officers to not wear their safety belts or body armor.

**Includes totals from all U.S. states, territories and possessions. Officer death statistics come from the Officer Down Memorial Page: www.odmp.org. For more information go to Below100.com.