



# **Report: Body-Worn Cameras in Law Enforcement Agencies**

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*Bureau of Justice Statistics*

Nearly half of state and local law enforcement agencies in the United States had acquired body-worn cameras by 2016, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Findings in the

report, [Body-Worn Cameras in Law Enforcement Agencies, 2016](#), are from the 2016 Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics - Body-Worn Camera Supplement, which found that 47 percent of the 15,328 general-purpose state and local law enforcement agencies had acquired body-worn cameras.

Local police departments and sheriffs' offices reported the top reasons for acquiring the cameras were to improve officer safety, improve evidence quality, reduce civilian complaints and reduce agency liability.

Data from agencies with the cameras include number acquired, deployment, policy coverage, access to footage and obstacles to use. For agencies without the cameras, data include alternate types of recording devices and primary reasons for not obtaining the cameras.

To read the report, go [here](#).

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