

Police Department Staffing Level

Portsmouth Police Department Personnel per 1,000 Inhabitants

- The population of Portsmouth in the 2004 Uniform Crime Report was 19,953.
- The number of law enforcement personnel per 1,000 inhabitants in Portsmouth is generated by:
 - dividing 19,953 by 1,000 producing a factor of 19.953
 - dividing 45 law enforcement employees (41 sworn officers and 4 civilians) in the Portsmouth Police Department by the 19.953 equaling **2.25 personnel per 1,000 inhabitants.**

Average Law Enforcement Personnel per 1,000 Inhabitants

Rate:

The national rate of full-time law enforcement employed per 1,000 inhabitants remained at 3.5 in 2004, unchanged from the 2003 rate.

(Source 2004 Uniform Crime Report)

Recommended Number of Officers Based on National Average

- With a *national average of 3.5 law enforcement personnel per 1,000 inhabitants*, Portsmouth would have to employ **69.83** law enforcement personnel (19.953 times 3.5) to equal the national average.
- Of those personnel approximately 23.2% or **16** employees should be civilian and the remaining **54** are sworn personnel.

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- Based on information provided by the Uniform Crime Report, one would conclude the Portsmouth Police Department is understaffed, both in terms of sworn law enforcement officers and civilian support personnel.
- The understaffing has a direct impact on the Portsmouth Police Department's ability to address the drug, crime, and gang problems facing our community.

Establishment of PPD Task Force

- The establishment and employment of 10 additional Officers and 2 additional civilians would bring the total strength of the Portsmouth Police Department to 52 sworn officers and 5 civilians.
- With 57 personnel or 2.8 personnel per 1,000 inhabitants, the Portsmouth Police Department would still be below the national average of 3.5 per 1,000 inhabitants or 70 personnel.