

Tables of Oversight Agency Budgets and Complaints

The Executive Committee asked for additional information about comparable agency budgets and number of complaints. MNCO research staff used the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement's (NACOLE) Civilian Oversight Agency Directory in the FY23 budget request to identify agencies listed as having an investigative function that also have less than 5,000 officers in their jurisdiction. In this document, we supplement the directory with the number of complaints collected from agency annual reports. We intentionally aimed to select a year other than 2020 since many agencies had an unusual number of complaints filed due to protests.

The Civilian Oversight Agency Directory data were collected between 2016 and 2019 and were reported in NACOLE's DOJ Community Oriented Policing Services report. Direct budget comparisons are challenging because agencies vary in size and responsibilities. For instance, few agencies conduct investigations or reviews of police shootings. Some jurisdictions only investigate cases that are also being investigated by the police department. Other jurisdictions focus only on discourtesy or professionalism complaints while the police department investigates uses of force. Agencies also have different policies for deciding how many complaints to investigate. For instance, Seattle's Office of Professional Accountability investigated only 30% of complaints made to their office. Additionally, many oversight agencies are under resourced and have challenges completing their mandates.

The NACOLE data reported in this table are pre-2020 and may not reflect current budgets or staffing levels for agencies. NACOLE identifies oversight agencies having 1% of the budget of the overseen law enforcement agency as a trend that is becoming more common for oversight agencies in recent years. Five of the 19 (26%) investigative agencies listed here have budgets over 1% while, according to NACOLE, 9% of all agencies of all oversight models have budgets over 1%.

¹ Vitoroulis, Michael, Cameron McEllhiney, and Liana Perez. 2021. Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement: Report on the State of the Field and Effective Oversight Practices. Washington, DC: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Investigative oversight agencies with jurisdictions less than 5,000 officers

Agency Name	City	Entity Overseen	Year Created	Oversight Budget	Oversight Budget % of Overseen Agency	# Officers per Investigator	Staff Investigators	Staff Attorney	Staff Analysts	Staff Outreach
Community Oversight Board	Nashville, TN	Municipal police department	2019	1,565,800	0.64	517	3	1	2	1
Department of Police Accountability	San Francisco, CA	Municipal police department	1982	7,533,817	1.21	103	24	6	2	1
Seattle Office of Police Accountability	Seattle, WA	Municipal police department	2017	3,599,865	1.09	172	8	1	2	3
Berkeley Police Review Commission	Berkeley, CA	Municipal police department	1973	722,180	1.08	178	1	0	0	0
BART Office of the Independent Police Auditor	Oakland, CA	Special police agency (e.g. transportation police)	2011	732,000	1.05	185	1	0	0	0
Community Police Review Agency	Oakland, CA	Municipal police department	2017	2,889,821	1	156	5	1	1	0
Independent Police Review	Portland, OR	Municipal police department	2001	2,095,887	0.99	136	7	0	1	1
Office of Professional Standards	Cleveland, OH	Municipal police department	1984	1,290,000	0.99	180	9	0	1	1
Office of Professional Accountability	Richmond, CA	Municipal police department	2016	553,000	0.83	89	2	0	0	0
Civilian Investigative Panel	Miami, FL	Municipal police department	2002	1,170,000	0.58	550	2	1	1	0
Independent Citizen Police Review Board	Pittsburgh PA	Municipal police department	1997	658,939	0.57	225	4	0	0	0
Albuquerque Civilian Police Oversight Agency	Albuquerque, NM	Municipal police department	2014	1,000,090	0.51	225	4	1	1	1
Citizen Complaint Authority	Cincinnati OH	Municipal police department	2003	670,510	0.46	537	2	1	0	0
Office of Police	Washington DC	Municipal police	2001	2,400,000	0.44	308	13	1	1	1

Complaints										
		Special police								
		agency (e.g.								
		transportation								
		police)								
Atlanta Citizen		Municipal police	2007	017.640	0.41	525		0	0	
Review Board	Atlanta, GA	department	2007	917,649	0.41	525	4	0	0	1
Salt Lake City		Municipal jail								
Police/Civilian	Salt Lake City,	Municipal police	1999	200,000	0.28	501	1	1	1	1
Review Board	UT	department	1777	200,000	0.20	301	1	1	1	1
St. Louis City		M:-:11:								
Civilian Oversight	St. Louis, MO	Municipal police	2016	319,000	0.23	675	2	1	0	0
Board		department								
Citizen Police		Municipal police								
Complaint	Long Beach, CA	department	1990	489,000	0.23	400	2	1	0	0
Commission		Municipal jail								
Honolulu Police	Honolulu, HI	Municipal police	1937	588,918	0.21	677	3	0	0	0
Commission	Honorara, Hi	department	1937	366,916	0.21	077	3	U	0	<u> </u>
		County sheriff								
Citizens' Law		Special police								
Enforcement Review	San Diego, CA	agency (e.g.	1990	675,000	0.06	1800	2	0	0	0
Board (CLERB)		transportation								
		police)								

Total complaints for investigative oversight agencies with jurisdictions with fewer than 5,000 officers

Agency Name	City	Entity Overseen	Staff Investigators	Total complaints	Year of Total Complaints observation	Complaints per investigator
Community Oversight Board	Nashville, TN	Municipal police department	3	75	2021	25.0
Department of Police Accountability	San Francisco, CA	Municipal police department	24	740	2021	30.8
Seattle Office of Police Accountability	Seattle, WA	Municipal police department	8	928	2019	116.0
Berkeley Police Review Commission	Berkeley, CA	Municipal police department	1	19	2019	19.0
BART Office of the Independent Police Auditor	Oakland, CA	Special police agency (e.g. transportation police)	1	100	2021	100.0
Community Police Review Agency	Oakland, CA	Municipal police department	5	500	2019	100.0
Independent Police Review	Portland, OR	Municipal police department	7	226	2021	32.3
Office of Professional Standards	Cleveland, OH	Municipal police department	9	220	2019	24.4
Office of Professional Accountability	Richmond, CA	Municipal police department	2	Not available		
Civilian Investigative Panel	Miami, FL	Municipal police department	2	277	2017	138.5
Independent Citizen Police Review Board	Pittsburgh PA	Municipal police department	4	290	2017	72.5
Albuquerque Civilian Police Oversight Agency	Albuquerque, NM	Municipal police department	4	372	2019	93.0
Citizen Complaint Authority	Cincinnati OH	Municipal police department	2	285	2019	142.5
Office of Police Complaints	Washington DC	Municipal police department Special police agency (e.g. transportation police)	13	827	2021	63.6
Atlanta Citizen Review Board	Atlanta, GA	Municipal police department Municipal jail	4	153	2019	38.3

Salt Lake City Police/Civilian Review Board	Salt Lake City, UT	Municipal police department	1	Only investigates parallel to IA		
St. Louis City Civilian Oversight Board	St. Louis, MO	Municipal police department	2	38	2019	19.0
Citizen Police Complaint Commission	Long Beach, CA	Municipal police department Municipal jail	2	173	2019	86.5
Honolulu Police Commission	Honolulu, HI	Municipal police department	3	117	2019	39.0
Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board (CLERB)	San Diego, CA	County sheriff Special police agency (e.g. transportation police)	2	150	2019	75.0