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PREFACE

This annual Census report is the product of a collaborative effort among the Department of Public Instruction, Center for Safer Schools and the multiple law enforcement agencies that willfully support the mission of school safety through the deployment of school resource officers (SROs). The information contained herein is the result of anonymous surveys distributed to each public-school unit and will be used to help identify potential needs such as funding and training advancements for SROs.

This report is submitted in furtherance of legislation established under Session Law 2019-222 as contained in House Bill 75.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

School resource officers (SROs) are law enforcement officers who are assigned to work within the school setting. Officers have the jurisdiction to make arrests and conduct investigations on school grounds; however, these duties account for only a fraction of the functions they perform.

The SRO program is a vital part of any department's community policing philosophy, beginning with the trust that students gain by interacting with an officer. Such relationships can be extremely important in preventing threats of any sort on and off campus.

School resource officers are also called upon to provide some legal or civics lessons to students, teachers and administrators in classroom environments. SROs not only provide a level of deterrence on a school campus, but they also assist the school and first responders to prepare safety canvases of the campus and to plan and prepare for potential critical incidents on campus.

Selecting officers suitable to become SROs is an important first step. Officers should be good at communicating with youth and have a desire to work with school-aged children and youth. They should also be comfortable working in school environments where they will work independently with little to no supervision and where school administration might not fully understand their sworn responsibilities to their sheriff or police chief.

Although they work on a school campus, their primary role is that of a law enforcement officer who uses professional discretion and recognizes the differences between school policy and state law. This discretion is necessary to eliminate unnecessary law enforcement contact with students.

The SRO should not be involved in the enforcement of any school policy. Using discretion to either act or observe helps lessen any threat that might be felt by school administrators due to the SRO's presence.

It is also vital for school administrators to properly utilize the SRO. Schools and school systems generally deal with the delineation of authority through memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with the law enforcement agencies providing the SRO to the schools. These MOUs spell out the expectations of the role of an SRO within the school environment. An assignment as an SRO might be a step in the professional development of a law enforcement officer. To achieve promotion through the departmental ranks, an officer might be required to serve time in many different agency roles – from patrol officer to SRO to investigator – to gain rank, senior status and the salary that such rank provides.

An officer who desires to continue as an SRO for more than a few years might lose the opportunity to move up in their agency's ranks. This dilemma might prevent many officers who are highly effective in the school setting from remaining as SROs. However, some agencies recognize the advantages of having professional officers who can remain in specific assignments for extended periods and allow for rank and command progression within those roles.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

In September 2023, the Center for Safer Schools contacted the school safety directors in all public-school units across North Carolina requesting that they send the survey directly to the SROs serving in their schools. In January 2024, the survey was closed.

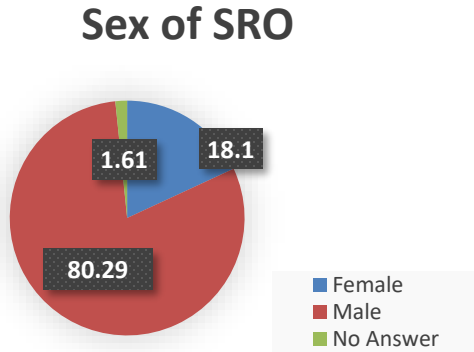
Based on the fluidity of the SRO, there is not an exact SRO count. There is an estimated 1,500 SROs in the state; however, there were 2,446 officers who completed the mandatory SRO training. Please note that there might be officers who are not employed as an SRO who attend the mandatory training.

Of the SROs employed, we received 865 responses in this census, compared to 1,069 last year. While some additional operational questions were asked, House Bill 75 required the collection of the following information: Age, Years of Law Enforcement Experience, What department they work for, Number of SROs in each Public-School Unit, Education levels, Years of SRO Experience, Funding Source, Location of SROs, Percent of SROs assigned to 1 school and Law Enforcement Affiliation.

2024 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CENSUS

Q1: WHAT IS YOUR SEX?

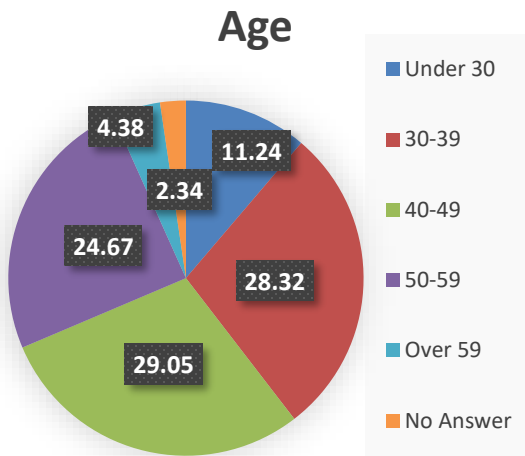
SROs who responded are 80% male, while 18% are female. The number of female SROs remained at 18% since the 2023 census.



| # | | % | Count |
|---|----------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Female | 18.1% | 124 |
| 2 | Male | 80.29% | 550 |
| 4 | Prefer not to answer | 1.61% | 11 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

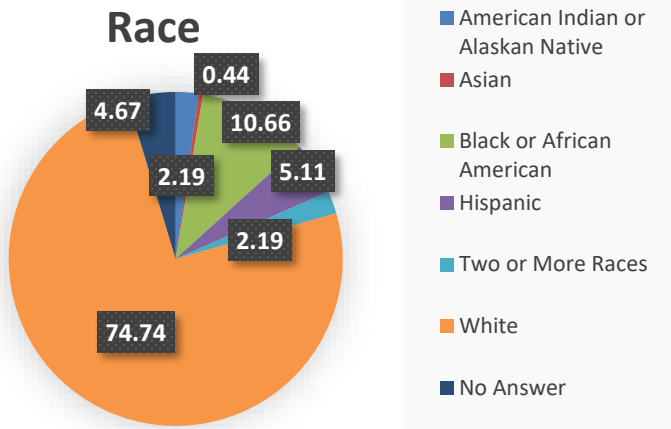
Q2: WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

Question 2 details that most SROs are over the age of 30, with 199 of the 865 responding between 30-39 years of age.



| # | Age | Under 30 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | Over 59 | No Answer |
|---|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-----------|
| 1 | Field | 77 | 194 | 199 | 169 | 30 | 16 |

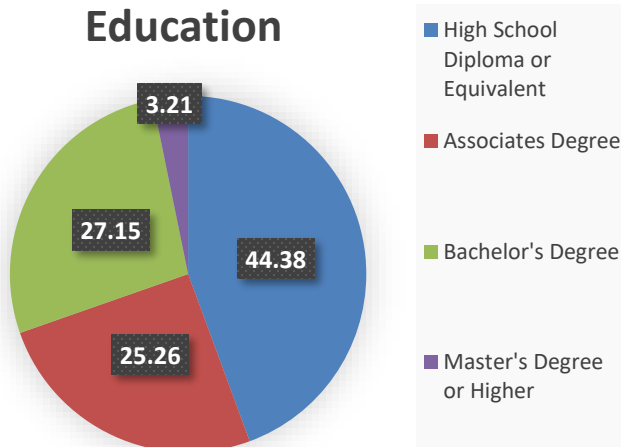
Q3: WHAT IS YOUR RACE? SELECT ONE OR MORE.



| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 2.19% | 15 |
| 2 | Asian | .44% | 3 |
| 3 | Black or African American | 10.66% | 73 |
| 4 | Hispanic | 5.11% | 35 |
| 5 | Two or More Races | 2.19% | 15 |
| 6 | White | 74.74% | 512 |
| 7 | Prefer not to answer | 4.67% | 32 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

Q4: WHAT IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED?

While it is a requirement that every law enforcement officer have a high school diploma for hiring purposes in any law enforcement agency, not all officers have college degrees or higher. According to the 2024 Census results, 44.38% had high school diplomas, while the results show the majority of the respondents have either a two- or four-year degree. Only 3% had a master's degree or higher.

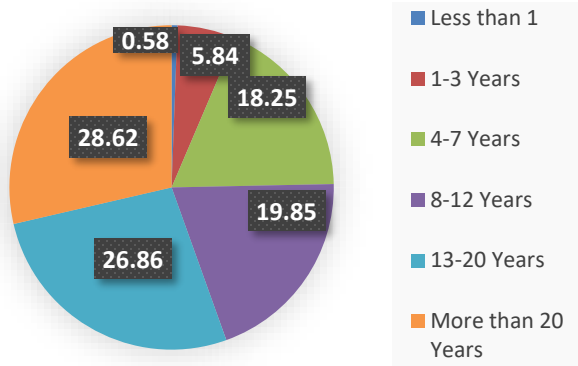


| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|---|--------|-------|
| 1 | High school diploma or equivalent | 44.38% | 304 |
| 2 | Two-year vocational school or community college (Associates Degree) | 25.26% | 173 |
| 3 | Four-year college/university degree (Bachelor's Degree) | 27.15% | 186 |
| 4 | Master's Degree or higher | 3.21% | 22 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

Q5: HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN A SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER?

As you can tell from the information below, the majority of SROs are experienced officers with more than 13 years of experience.

Years as LEO

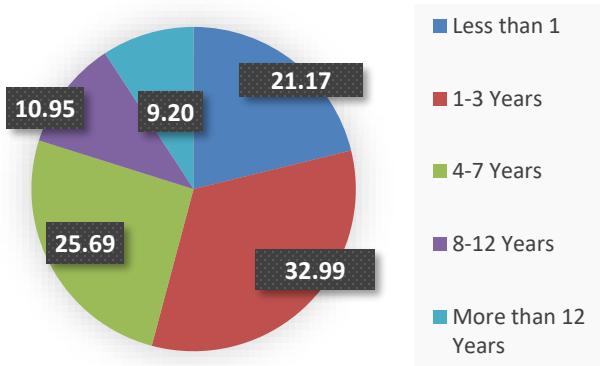


| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|--------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Less than 1 year | .58% | 4 |
| 2 | 1 - 3 years | 5.84% | 40 |
| 3 | 4 - 7 years | 18.25% | 125 |
| 4 | 8 - 12 years | 19.85% | 136 |
| 5 | 13 - 20 years | 26.86% | 184 |
| 6 | More than 20 years | 28.62% | 196 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

Q6: HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU SERVED AS A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)?

Upon the recommendation from the CFSS, we promote placing officers as SROs who want to be in the schools and interact with the students. As you can tell from the information below, the majority of SROs are new to the position.

Years as SRO

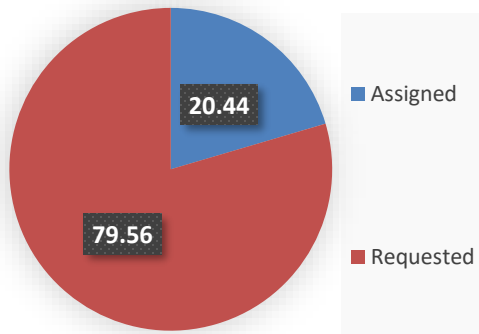


| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|--------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Less than 1 year | 21.17% | 145 |
| 2 | 1 to 3 years | 32.99% | 226 |
| 3 | 4 to 7 years | 25.69% | 176 |
| 4 | 8 to 12 years | 10.95% | 75 |
| 5 | More than 12 years | 9.20% | 63 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

Q7: HOW DID YOU BECOME AN SRO?

Placement of an officer or deputy into a role such as SRO is an important decision. Since the Center for Safer Schools' inception in 2013, we have stressed the importance of placing an SRO who wants to be in a school and working with youth as opposed to "having to be" in the assignment. The majority of our SROs in the schools have requested the assignment.

Becoming an SRO

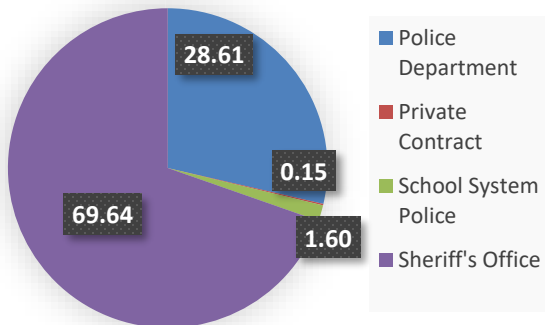


| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Assigned by my agency/organization | 20.44% | 140 |
| 2 | Requested the assignment | 79.56% | 545 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

Q8: WHICH TYPE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY DO YOU WORK FOR?

While sheriff's offices staff many schools throughout the state, local police departments provide staffing for the SRO position as well. The below illustration represents those statistics and identifies other categories such as School System Police Agencies and Private Contractors. Some larger school districts, such as Wake County, utilize 23 different law enforcement agencies to cover their schools using both municipal officers (Raleigh PD, Cary PD, for example) as well as the Wake County Sheriff's Department.

Type of Agency

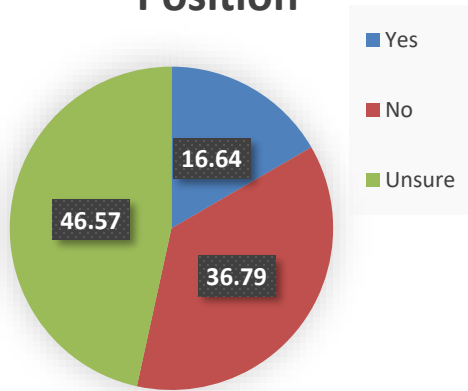


| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Police Department | 28.61% | 196 |
| 2 | Private Contracted Organization | .15% | 1 |
| 3 | School System Police Agency | 1.60% | 11 |
| 4 | Sheriff's Office | 69.64% | 477 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

Q9: IS YOUR POSITION A GRANT-FUNDED POSITION FROM THE NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION?

In 2013, the N.C. General Assembly provided a \$7 million grant to fund elementary and middle school SRO positions throughout the state. There were 210 SROs employed under this recurring grant at that time. In 2018, the General Assembly added an additional \$5 million to the original grant for distribution throughout the state. In 2022, the General Assembly increased funding to \$33 million and was able to fund 801 SROs statewide for elementary and middle schools for this two-year grant. Funding is awarded through an application process where districts and charter schools apply for funding based on their individual needs. There is a mandated match that is required to receive funding. Each application is scored based on the rubric provided in the grant application, and applications are scored twice. The scores are then compared for continuity. Award letters are sent to the applicant informing them of the award received. The SRO might not be aware of the funding source that provides the SRO to the school.

Grant Funded Position



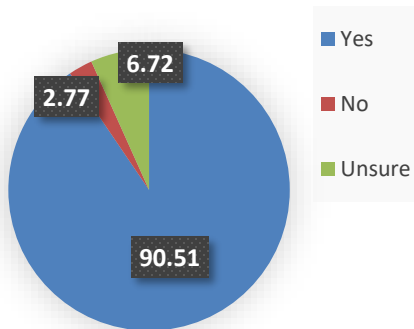
| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Yes | 16.64% | 114 |
| 2 | No | 36.79% | 252 |
| 3 | Unsure | 46.57% | 319 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

(See Appendix A for the SRO Grant award breakdown.)

Q10: DOES YOUR AGENCY HAVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) THAT DETAILS THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SRO AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS?

The CFSS suggests a written MOU between each SRO and the school administrators that outlines expectations, duties and requirements from both parties. We suggest that the MOU is reviewed each year by both the SRO and school administrator as part of back-to-school preparations. This helps prevent miscommunication and provides an understanding of expectations. The data below reflects that the majority SROs and schools have MOUs in place.

MOU In Place

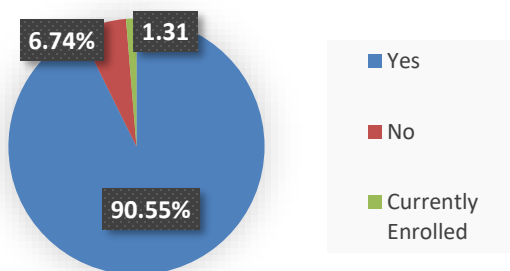


| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Yes | 90.51% | 620 |
| 2 | No | 2.77% | 19 |
| 3 | Unsure | 6.72% | 46 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

Q11: HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE MANDATORY NC JUSTICE ACADEMY'S BASIC SRO TRAINING PROGRAM?

This training is taught by the N.C. Justice Academy with support now from local community colleges. The initial training is 40 hours long and gives the officer or deputy the basic tools he or she needs to enter the education environment as a law enforcement officer and be successful. Each SRO must take the mandatory SRO Inservice annually (1 hour). Most officers complete this training within the first year as legislated. More than 90% of respondents to this survey indicated they have attended this school.

Completed the Basic SRO Training Program



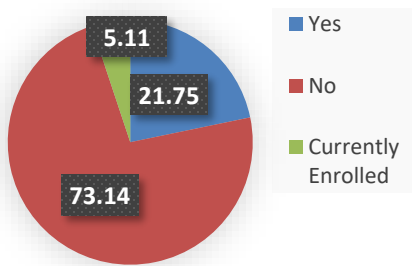
| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|--------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Yes | 92.70% | 635 |
| 2 | No | 5.99% | 41 |
| 3 | Currently Enrolled | 1.31% | 9 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

Q12: HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE NC JUSTICE ACADEMY’S ADVANCED SRO CERTIFICATE PROGRAM?

The School Resource Officer Certificate Program is designed specifically for School Resource Officers who have a desire to increase their training experience and credentials but is not mandatory. The total requirement for completion of the program is 400 class hours.

- Core Classes (80 hours)
- School Resource Officer Training (40 hours)
- School Resource Officer Ethics – Online (32 hours)
- Any Law-Based Course (8 hours or more)
- Electives (320 hours)
 - Any law enforcement course taught and/or coordinated by the North Carolina Justice Academy can be used to fulfill the elective balance.
- All NCJA-coordinated conferences may be utilized (NCASRO, NCGIA, NCJOA, etc.).
- A maximum of 30% of the 400 hours can be accepted from outside sources provided they are vetted by the Program Administrator.
- All course work must have been completed no more than 10 years prior to the conferment of the certification.

Advanced Certificate Completion

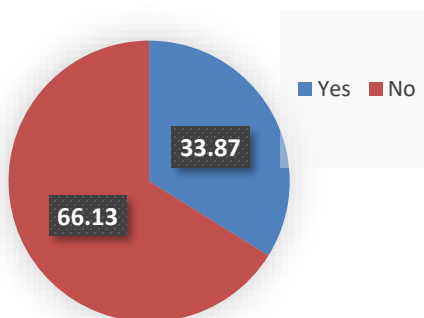


| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|--------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Yes | 21.75% | 149 |
| 2 | No | 73.14% | 501 |
| 3 | Currently Enrolled | 5.11% | 35 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

Q13: HAVE YOU COMPLETED ANY ADVANCED SRO TRAINING SINCE 2022-2023 SURVEY?

It is important to note that most law enforcement training can be applied to the SRO position. The Advanced SRO Training Certificate Program is not mandatory but is a way to celebrate those who go above and beyond in their training.

Recently Trained



| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Yes | 33.87% | 232 |
| 2 | No | 66.13% | 453 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

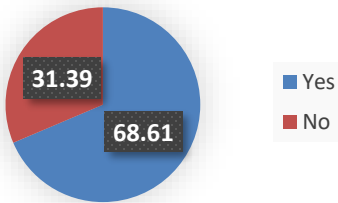
Q14: HAVE YOU COMPLETED CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT) TRAINING?

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training is a community partnership designed to train law enforcement and first responders who encounter individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. With proper training, we can better help individuals get access to appropriate treatment and resources, rather than be placed in the criminal justice system or hospital emergency room.

The training has two fundamental goals: improve officer and citizen safety, and help individuals in a behavioral health crisis receive appropriate help.

The training is designed to help law enforcement identify the signs and symptoms of a behavioral health crisis and how to safely de-escalate the situation. Statistics have shown that communities with a CIT program in place have a decrease in serious and fatal incidents involving individuals with behavioral health issues, officers and the public. Other benefits include positive relationships within the community; improved response to behavioral health crisis calls; safer interventions and reduced unnecessary arrests or use of force; and more efficient use of criminal justice resources.

CIT Trained

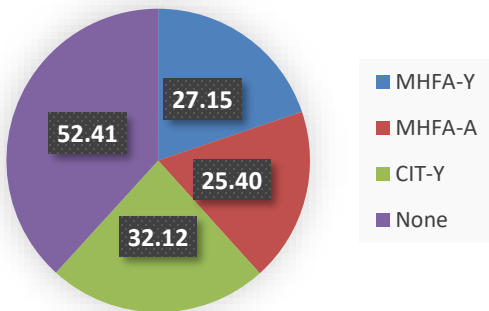


| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Yes | 68.61% | 470 |
| 2 | No | 31.39% | 215 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

Q15: HAVE YOU COMPLETED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TRAINING? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

To increase their effectiveness as an SRO, there are trainings that can help prepare an officer in dealing with someone having a mental health crisis.

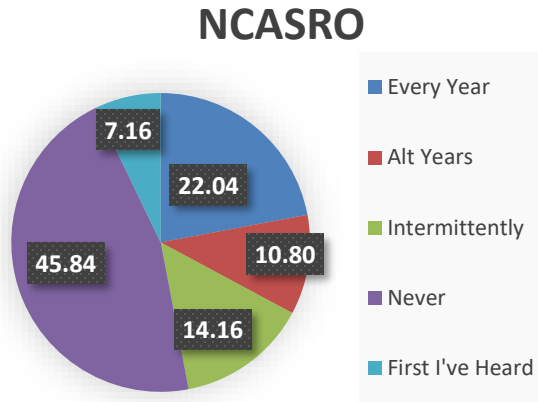
Training Completed



| # | Yes Answer | % | Count |
|---|--|--------|-------|
| 1 | Mental Health First Aid for Youth | 27.15% | 186 |
| 2 | Mental Health First Aid for Adults | 25.40% | 174 |
| 3 | Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) - Youth | 32.12% | 220 |
| 4 | None of the Above | 52.41% | 359 |

Q16: HOW OFTEN DO YOU ATTEND THE NC ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (NCASRO) CONFERENCE?

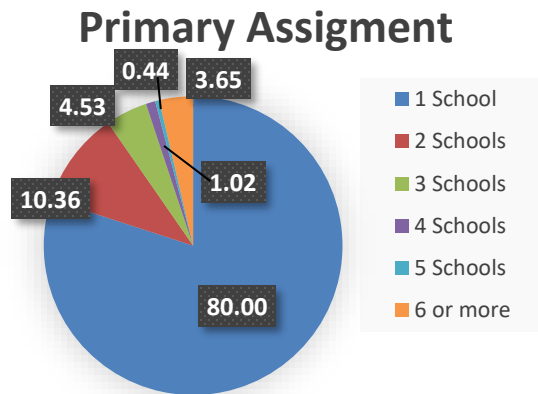
Note that training budgets for most departments remain low and unfortunately not all training requests can be honored as seen below. 45% of SROs who responded to this Census have never been to the SRO conference. The conference is held in the summer, but a high number of officers are assigned back to patrol or other duties for the summer.



| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|--------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Every year | 22.04% | 151 |
| 2 | Alternating years | 10.80% | 74 |
| 3 | Intermittently | 14.16% | 97 |
| 4 | Never | 45.84% | 314 |
| 5 | First I have heard of it | 7.16% | 49 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

Q17: HOW MANY SCHOOLS ARE YOU PRIMARILY ASSIGNED TO AS AN SRO?

Although it is optimal to be able to assign an SRO to only one school, an SRO assignment is often dependent on departmental staffing. While the high majority of SROs are assigned to high schools, they are also assigned to schools as determined by community trends and need. Middle and elementary SROs generally share multiple schools, but it is not uncommon to have a high school SRO assigned to a nearby feeder school such as an elementary or middle school. While 80% of SROs are assigned to one school, the percentage has increased since the last Census.

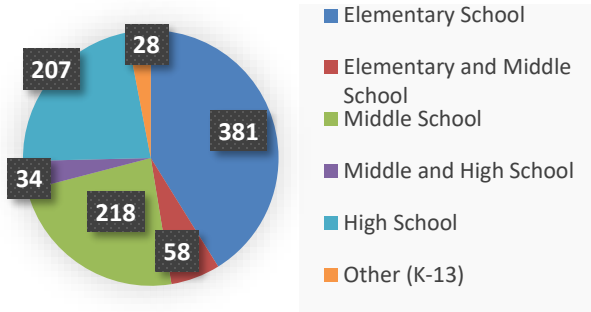


| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|-------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | 1 school | 80% | 548 |
| 2 | 2 schools | 10.36% | 71 |
| 3 | 3 schools | 4.53% | 31 |
| 4 | 4 schools | 1.02% | 7 |
| 5 | 5 schools | .44% | 3 |
| 6 | 6 or more schools | 3.65% | 25 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

Q18: TYPE OF SCHOOL(S) YOU ARE PRIMARILY ASSIGNED.

The majority of SROs who responded to the census are assigned to Elementary Schools. The SRO Grant funds SROs for Elementary and Middle Schools.

Type of School Assigned

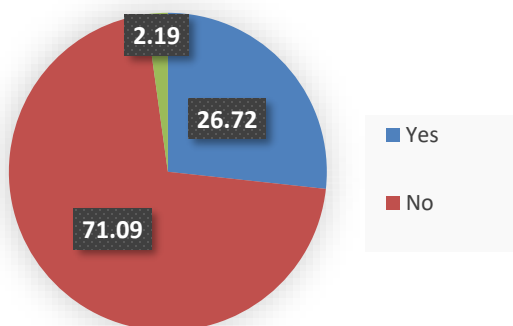


| # | Answer | Number of Schools |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Elementary School | 381 |
| 2 | Elementary and Middle School | 58 |
| 3 | Middle School | 218 |
| 4 | Middle and High School | 34 |
| 5 | High School | 207 |
| 6 | Other (K-13) | 28 |

Q19: DO YOU PERFORM OTHER DUTIES OUTSIDE YOUR OFFICIAL SRO DUTIES AT ANY OF THE SCHOOLS WHERE YOU ARE ASSIGNED, SUCH AS COACHING A SPORT OR MENTORING A SCHOOL CLUB?

SROs often perform additional duties that enable them to mentor and interact with the students in a positive way.

Other Duties

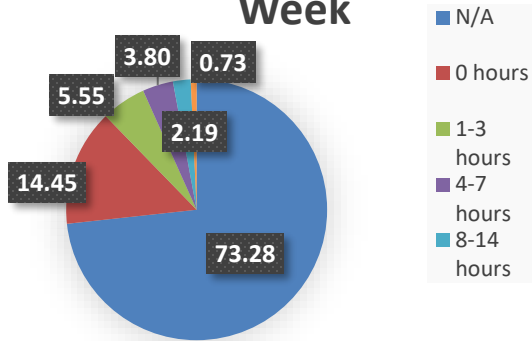


| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|-------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Yes | 26.72% | 183 |
| 2 | No | 71.09% | 487 |
| 3 | No Response | 2.19% | 15 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

Q20: OF THE HOURS OF NON-SRO DUTIES THAT YOU PERFORM EACH WEEK, HOW MANY ARE UNPAID?

Some SROs volunteer at their respective schools, even if they are not financially compensated for their time.

Unpaid Working Time a Week

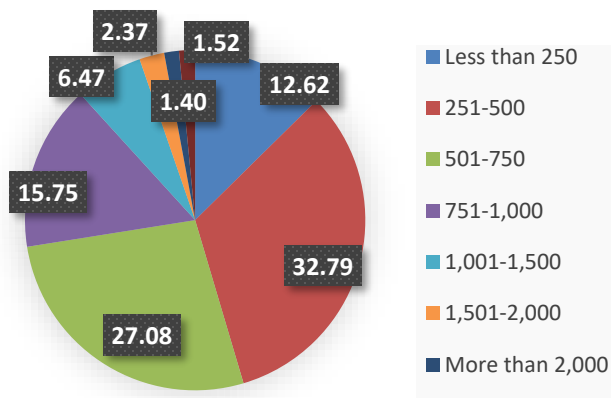


| # | Answer | % | Frequency |
|---|------------------|--------|-----------|
| 1 | N/A | 73.28% | 502 |
| 2 | 0 hours | 14.45% | 99 |
| 2 | 1-3 hours | 5.55% | 38 |
| 3 | 4-7 hours | 3.80% | 26 |
| 4 | 8-14 hours | 2.19% | 15 |
| 5 | 15 or more hours | .73% | 5 |

Q21: HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE AT THE SCHOOL WHERE YOU ARE PRIMARILY ASSIGNED?

Most schools who have SROs have between 251-500 students.

Number of Students

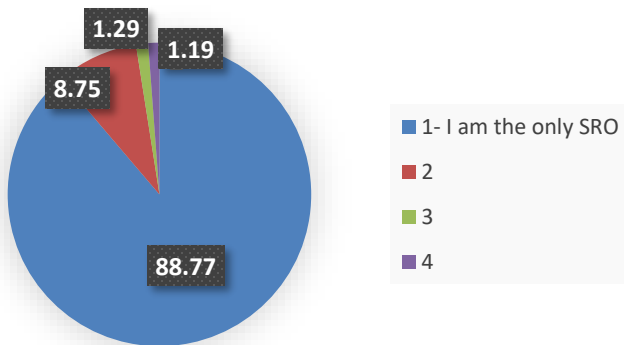


| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|---------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Less than 250 | 12.62% | 117 |
| 2 | 251-500 | 32.79% | 304 |
| 3 | 501-750 | 27.08% | 251 |
| 4 | 751-1,000 | 15.75% | 146 |
| 5 | 1,001-1,500 | 6.47% | 60 |
| 6 | 1,501-2,000 | 2.37% | 22 |
| 7 | More than 2,000 | 1.40% | 13 |
| 8 | Missing Information | 1.52% | 14 |
| | Total | 100% | 927 |

Q22: HOW MANY SROS ARE ASSIGNED TO YOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL?

Over 88% of schools with SROs have only one SRO.

Number of SROs Assigned

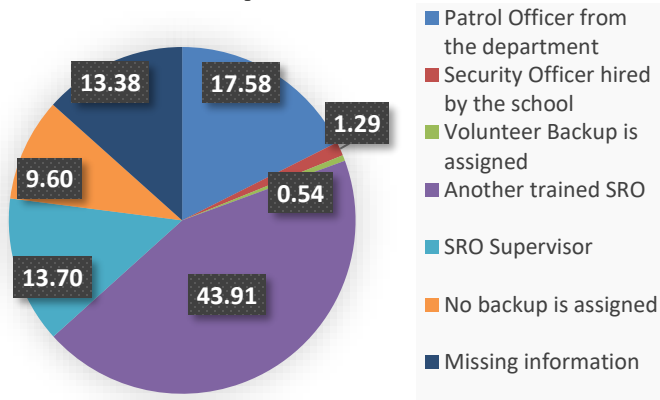


| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|----------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | 1- I am the only SRO | 88.77% | 822 |
| 2 | 2 | 8.75% | 81 |
| 3 | 3 | 1.29% | 12 |
| 4 | 4 | 1.19% | 11 |
| | Total | 100% | 926 |

Q23: WHO IS YOUR BACKUP WHEN YOU ARE AWAY FROM THE SCHOOL?

SROs are sometimes called to testify at court, call out sick and utilize vacation. When this occurs, there must be a backup plan in place to support the schools. It is reported that over 43% are covered by other trained SROs. SROs must be certified and have arresting powers.

Backup Information



| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Patrol Officer from the department | 17.58% | 163 |
| 2 | Security Officer hired by the school | 1.29% | 12 |
| 3 | Volunteer Backup is assigned | .54% | 5 |
| 4 | Another trained SRO | 43.91% | 407 |
| 5 | SRO Supervisor | 13.70% | 127 |
| 6 | No backup is assigned | 9.60% | 89 |
| 7 | Missing information | 13.38% | 124 |
| | Total | 100% | 927 |

Q24: IS THERE A DIFFERENCE IN TYPE OF AGENCY?

It was reported that in police departments, 33% of the time, the backup is a patrol officer; 40% of the time, it is another trained SRO. The sheriff's office reports that 12% of the time, the backup is a patrol officer; 44% of the time, it is another trained SRO.

Q25: WHAT TYPE OF TRAINING WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THAT WOULD BENEFIT YOU THE MOST AS AN SRO?

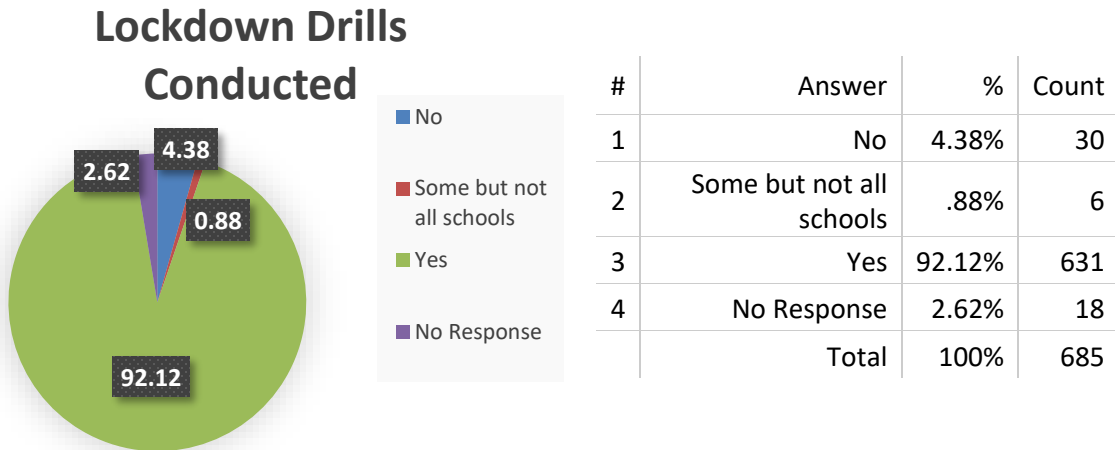
This question allowed the respondents to list training they would like to obtain that might benefit them as an SRO. The top 3 trainings requested are:

1. Juvenile Law related topics
2. Active Shooter Response
3. Cyber Training

For access to the unedited list of trainings, please see this link: [Trainings Most Requested](#)

Q26: DOES THE SCHOOL AT WHICH YOU ARE PRIMARILY ASSIGNED CONDUCT A LOCKDOWN DRILL DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR?

Lockdown drills are mandated by general statute (NCGS 115C-105.49) and are good practice for schools, not only for active shooters but also for local issues that might arise (such as plane crashes, train derailments, hazardous materials incidents as well as weather events). It is also a collaborative effort among local first responders, law enforcement and school personnel.



Q27: WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE THAT WOULD IMPROVE THE JOB AS AN SRO?

This question allowed the respondents to list what they think would improve the job as an SRO. The top three responses are:

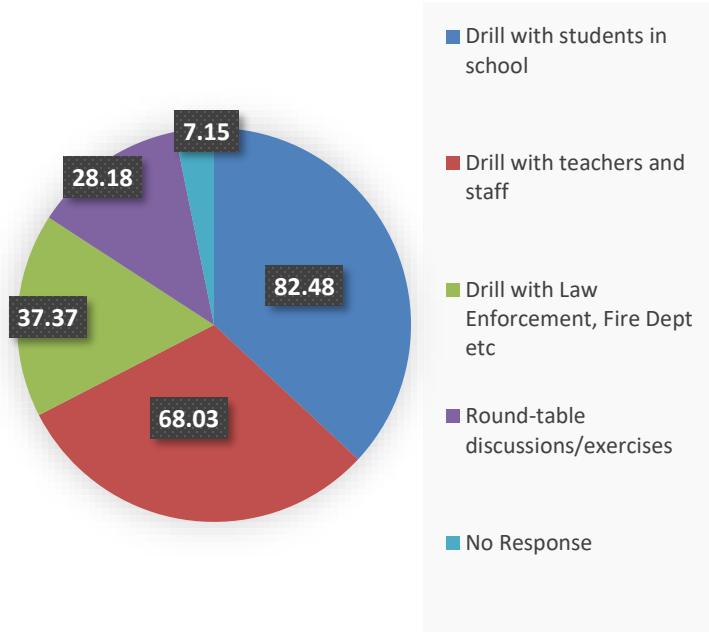
1. More Training
2. Increased Pay/Benefits
3. More Officers

For access to the unedited list of responses, please see this link: [Suggestions from SROs](#)

Q28: WHAT KIND OF LOCKDOWN DRILL IS PRACTICED?

Lockdown drills are mandated by NCGS 115C-105.49 and must be conducted annually along with tabletop exercises. Additional drills include Fire Drill, Tornado Drill and Earthquake Drill.

Kind of Lockdown Drill

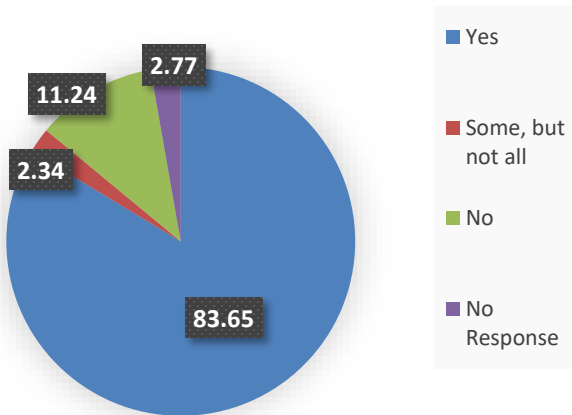


| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|--|--------|-------|
| 1 | Drill with students in school | 82.48% | 565 |
| 2 | Drill with teachers and staff | 68.03% | 466 |
| 3 | Drill with Law Enforcement, Fire Dept etc | 37.37% | 256 |
| 4 | Round-table discussions/tabletop exercises | 28.18% | 193 |
| 5 | No Response | 7.15% | 49 |

Q29: HAVE THE SCHOOL(S) YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO UPDATED THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS WITHIN THE PAST TWO YEARS?

The School Risk Management Plan (SRMP) works in conjunction with the State Emergency Response Application (SERA). Each school must have a plan in SRMP, and it should be updated annually.

Emergency Response Plan Updated

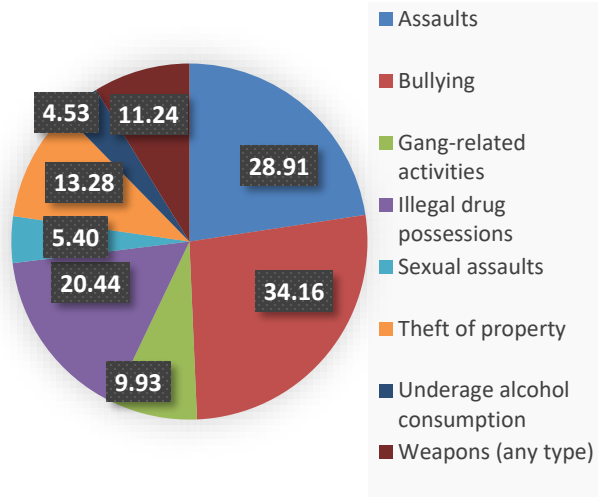


| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|-------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Yes | 83.65% | 573 |
| 2 | Some, but not all | 2.34% | 16 |
| 3 | No | 11.24% | 77 |
| 4 | No Response | 2.77% | 19 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

Q30: OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW, WHICH HAVE YOU NOTED AN INCREASE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CRIMES AT YOUR SCHOOL(S)? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

The SROs report that there has been a slight increase in all the crimes listed. This stresses the importance in maintaining the SRO Program.

Increase in Crime



| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|------------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Assaults | 28.91% | 198 |
| 2 | Bullying | 34.16% | 234 |
| 3 | Gang-related activities | 9.93% | 68 |
| 4 | Illegal drug possessions | 20.44% | 140 |
| 5 | Sexual assaults | 5.40% | 37 |
| 6 | Theft of property | 13.28% | 91 |
| 7 | Underage alcohol consumption | 4.53% | 31 |
| 8 | Weapons (any type) | 11.24% | 77 |
| 9 | None of the above | 0% | 0 |

APPENDIX A

| FY 2022-2024 School Resource Officer Grant Award | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| PSU | Organization Name | SRO Authorized | Number SRO Funded |
| 01F | Alamance Community School | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 010 | Alamance-Burlington Schools | \$ 880,000.00 | 20 |
| 020 | Alexander County Schools | \$ 308,000.00 | 7 |
| 030 | Alleghany County Schools | \$ 73,332.00 | 2 |
| 51C | American Leadership Academy - Johnston | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 65F | American Leadership Academy-Coastal | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 040 | Anson County Schools | \$ 88,000.00 | 2 |
| 90F | Apprentice Academy HS of NC | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 69A | Arapahoe Charter School | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 60N | Aristotle Preparatory Academy | \$ 33,333.00 | 1 |
| 050 | Ashe County Schools | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 761 | Asheboro City Schools | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 060 | Avery County Schools | \$ 109,998.00 | 3 |
| 070 | Beaufort County Schools | \$ 396,000.00 | 9 |
| 080 | Bertie County Schools | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 79A | Bethany Community School | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 090 | Bladen County Schools | \$ 264,000.00 | 6 |
| 61V | Bonnie Cone Classical Academy | \$ 3,333.00 | 1 |
| 88A | Brevard Academy | \$ 4,000.00 | 1 |
| 100 | Brunswick County Schools | \$ 548,365.00 | 15 |
| 110 | Buncombe County Schools | \$ 916,650.00 | 25 |
| 120 | Burke County Schools | \$ 528,000.00 | 12 |
| 130 | Cabarrus County Schools | \$ 1,149,978.00 | 33 |
| 140 | Caldwell County Schools | \$ 452,000.00 | 10 |
| 150 | Camden County Schools | \$ 132,000.00 | 3 |
| 93Q | Carolina Charter Academy: CFA | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 13A | Carolina International School | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 160 | Carteret County Public Schools | \$ 513,324.00 | 14 |
| 92R | Casa Esperanza Montessori | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 170 | Caswell County Schools | \$ 176,000.00 | 4 |
| 180 | Catawba County Schools | \$ 219,996.00 | 6 |
| 681 | Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools | \$ 283,330.00 | 5 |
| 190 | Chatham County Schools | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 200 | Cherokee County Schools | \$ 352,000.00 | 8 |
| 54A | Children's Village Academy | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 10B | Classical Charter Schools of Southport | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 220 | Clay County Schools | \$ 73,332.00 | 2 |
| 230 | Cleveland County Schools | \$ 792,000.00 | 18 |

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|-----|--|-----------------|-----|
| 821 | Clinton City Schools | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 01C | Clover Garden | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 240 | Columbus County Schools | \$ 396,000.00 | 9 |
| 36G | Community Public Charter | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 60I | Community School of Davidson | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 250 | Craven County Schools | \$ 549,990.00 | 15 |
| 260 | Cumberland County Schools | \$ 572,000.00 | 13 |
| 65Z | D.C. Virgo Preparatory Academy | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 280 | Dare County Schools | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 290 | Davidson County Schools | \$ 1,144,000.00 | 25 |
| 300 | Davie County Schools | \$ 176,000.00 | 4 |
| 96C | Dillard Academy | \$ 15,266.00 | 1 |
| 310 | Duplin County Schools | \$ 440,000.00 | 10 |
| 92G | East Wake Academy | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 210 | Edenton-Chowan Schools | \$ 110,748.00 | 4 |
| 330 | Edgecombe County Public Schools | \$ 185,000.00 | 7 |
| 700 | Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools | \$ 158,208.00 | 3 |
| 861 | Elkin City Schools | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 80C | Faith Academy | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 39A | Falls Lake Academy | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 350 | Franklin County Schools | \$ 528,000.00 | 12 |
| 360 | Gaston County Schools | \$ 1,587,600.00 | 42 |
| 370 | Gates County Schools | \$ 88,000.00 | 2 |
| 32M | Global Scholars Academy | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 298 | Governor Morehead School for the Blind | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 390 | Granville County Schools | \$ 132,000.00 | 3 |
| 400 | Greene County Schools | \$ 220,000.00 | 5 |
| 41C | Guilford Preparatory Academy | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 420 | Halifax County Schools | \$ 176,000.00 | 4 |
| 430 | Harnett County Schools | \$ 220,000.00 | 5 |
| 440 | Haywood County Schools | \$ 293,328.00 | 8 |
| 450 | Henderson County Schools | \$ 18,333.00 | 0.5 |
| 460 | Hertford County Schools | \$ 186,000.00 | 4 |
| 181 | Hickory City Schools | \$ 146,664.00 | 4 |
| 470 | Hoke County Schools | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 480 | Hyde County Schools | \$ 73,332.00 | 2 |
| 60Q | Invest Collegiate | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 11C | Invest Collegiate - Imagine | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 65D | Island Montessori Charter | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 500 | Jackson County Public Schools | \$ 133,332.00 | 4 |
| 510 | Johnston County Public Schools | \$ 1,408,000.00 | 32 |
| 520 | Jones County Schools | \$ 220,000.00 | 5 |
| 132 | Kannapolis City Schools | \$ 176,000.00 | 4 |
| 66A | KIPP Gaston College Preparatory | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 81B | Lake Lure Classical Academy | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |

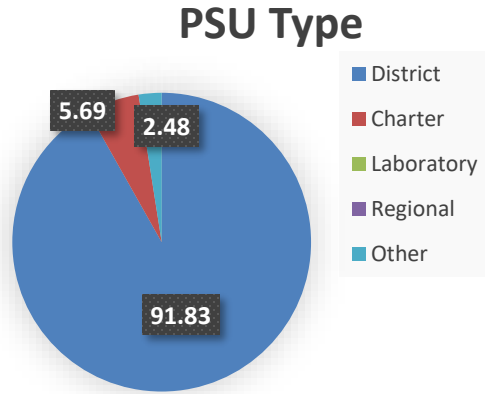
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| 60D | Lake Norman Charter | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 530 | Lee County Schools | \$ 506,000.00 | 11.5 |
| 540 | Lenoir County Public Schools | \$ 132,000.00 | 3 |
| 55A | Lincoln Charter School | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 550 | Lincoln County Schools | \$ 146,664.00 | 4 |
| 560 | Macon County Schools | \$ 73,332.00 | 2 |
| 570 | Madison County Schools | \$ 132,000.00 | 3 |
| 61Q | Mallard Creek STEM Academy | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 580 | Martin County Schools | \$ 176,000.00 | 4 |
| 590 | McDowell County Schools | \$ 484,000.00 | 11 |
| 610 | Mitchell County Schools | \$ 220,000.00 | 5 |
| 90D | Monroe Charter Academy | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 620 | Montgomery County Schools | \$ 264,000.00 | 6 |
| 630 | Moore County Schools | \$ 219,996.00 | 6 |
| 491 | Mooresville Graded School District | \$ 90,232.00 | 2 |
| 79Z | Moss Street Partnership School | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 862 | Mount Airy City Schools | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 36C | Mountain Island Charter | \$ 33,333.00 | 1 |
| 61T | Movement Charter School | \$ 34,000.00 | 1 |
| 62K | Movement School Eastland | \$ 34,000.00 | 1 |
| 62P | Movement School Southwest | \$ 34,000.00 | 1 |
| 640 | Nash County Public Schools | \$ 616,000.00 | 14 |
| 34H | NC Leadership Charter Academy | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 51A | Neuse Charter School | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 650 | New Hanover County Schools | \$ 403,326.00 | 11 |
| 182 | Newton Conover City Schools | \$ 113,998.00 | 3 |
| 33A | North East Carolina Preparatory School | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 660 | Northampton County Schools | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 70A | Northeast Academy of Aerospace & AdvTech | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 670 | Onslow County Schools | \$ 528,000.00 | 12 |
| 680 | Orange County Schools | \$ 366,660.00 | 10 |
| 39B | Oxford Preparatory School | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 690 | Pamlico County Schools | \$ 132,000.00 | 3 |
| 710 | Pender County Schools | \$ 88,000.00 | 2 |
| 720 | Perquimans County Schools | \$ 88,000.00 | 2 |
| 730 | Person County Schools | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 36B | Piedmont Community Charter | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 49E | Pine Lake Preparatory | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 93N | Pine Springs Preparatory Academy | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 23A | Pinnacle Classical Academy | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 740 | Pitt County Schools | \$ 968,000.00 | 22 |
| 750 | Polk County Schools | \$ 183,330.00 | 5 |
| 760 | Randolph County School System | \$ 176,000.00 | 4 |
| 770 | Richmond County Schools | \$ 264,000.00 | 6 |
| 36F | Ridgeview Charter School | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |

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| 421 | Roanoke Rapids City Schools | \$ 132,000.00 | 3 |
| 790 | Rockingham County Schools | \$ 599,900.00 | 13 |
| 800 | Rowan-Salisbury Schools | \$ 731,500.00 | 16 |
| 73B | Roxboro Community School | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 810 | Rutherford County Schools | \$ 484,000.00 | 11 |
| 820 | Sampson County Schools | \$ 572,000.00 | 13 |
| 63B | Sandhills Theatre Arts Renaiss | \$ 33,333.00 | 1 |
| 830 | Scotland County Schools | \$ 88,000.00 | 2 |
| 44A | Shining Rock Classical Academy: CFA | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 62J | Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 840 | Stanly County Schools | \$ 403,326.00 | 11 |
| 850 | Stokes County Schools | \$ 176,000.00 | 4 |
| 50A | Summit Charter | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 860 | Surry County Schools | \$ 264,000.00 | 6 |
| 870 | Swain County Schools | \$ 132,000.00 | 3 |
| 12A | The New Dimensions School | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 24B | Thomas Academy | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 81A | Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 292 | Thomasville City Schools | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 62A | Tillery Charter Academy | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 890 | Tyrrell County Schools | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 90A | Union Academy Charter School | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 900 | Union County Public Schools | \$ 586,656.00 | 16 |
| 61K | United Community School | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 76A | Uwharrie Charter Academy | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 910 | Vance County Schools | \$ 440,000.00 | 10 |
| 32L | Voyager Academy | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 35C | Wake Preparatory Academy | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 940 | Washington County Schools | \$ 44,000.00 | 1 |
| 950 | Watauga County Schools | \$ 109,998.00 | 3 |
| 960 | Wayne County Public Schools | \$ 484,000.00 | 11 |
| 422 | Weldon City Schools | \$ 88,000.00 | 2 |
| 241 | Whiteville City Schools | \$ 132,000.00 | 3 |
| 970 | Wilkes County Schools | \$ 132,000.00 | 3 |
| 980 | Wilson County Schools | \$ 36,666.00 | 1 |
| 990 | Yadkin County Schools | \$ 220,000.00 | 5 |
| 995 | Yancey County Schools | \$ 219,996.00 | 6 |

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| | TOTALS | \$32,991,658.00 | 801 |
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APPENDIX B

The SRO grant provides SROs to districts as well as charter, laboratory and regional schools.



| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | District | 91.83% | 629 |
| 2 | Charter | 5.69% | 39 |
| 3 | Laboratory | 0% | 0 |
| 4 | Regional | 0% | 0 |
| 5 | Other | 2.48% | 17 |
| | Total | 100% | 685 |

| PSU | Frequency | Percent |
|--|-----------|---------|
| Alamance-Burlington Schools - 010 | 14 | 2.04 |
| Alexander County Schools - 020 | 12 | 1.75 |
| Anson County Schools - 040 | 1 | 0.15 |
| Arapahoe Charter School - 69A | 2 | 0.29 |
| Asheboro City Schools - 761 | 1 | 0.15 |
| Avery County Schools - 060 | 4 | 0.58 |
| Bethany Community School - 79A | 2 | 0.29 |
| Brevard Academy - 88A | 1 | 0.15 |
| Brunswick County Schools - 100 | 31 | 4.53 |
| Buncombe County Schools - 110 | 2 | 0.29 |
| Cabarrus County Schools - 130 | 42 | 6.13 |
| Caldwell County Schools - 140 | 9 | 1.31 |
| Carteret County Public Schools - 160 | 23 | 3.36 |
| Casa Esperanza Montessori - 92R | 1 | 0.15 |
| Caswell County Schools - 170 | 1 | 0.15 |
| Catawba County Schools - 180 | 22 | 3.21 |
| Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools - 681 | 2 | 0.29 |
| Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools - 600 | 1 | 0.15 |
| Chatham County Schools - 190 | 1 | 0.15 |
| Cherokee County Schools - 200 | 5 | 0.73 |
| Classical Charter Schools of Leland - 10A | 1 | 0.15 |
| Classical Charter Schools of Southport - 10B | 3 | 0.44 |
| Clay County Schools - 220 | 3 | 0.44 |
| Cleveland County Schools - 230 | 15 | 2.19 |
| Clinton City Schools - 821 | 3 | 0.44 |

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| Clover Garden - 01C | 2 | 0.29 |
| Dare County Schools - 280 | 4 | 0.58 |
| Davidson County Schools - 290 | 23 | 3.36 |
| Deaf and Blind Schools - 298 | 4 | 0.58 |
| Duplin County Schools - 310 | 2 | 0.29 |
| Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools - 700 | 5 | 0.73 |
| Elkin City Schools - 861 | 2 | 0.29 |
| Faith Academy - 80C | 1 | 0.15 |
| Franklin County Schools - 350 | 11 | 1.61 |
| Gaston County Schools - 360 | 29 | 4.23 |
| Gates County Schools - 370 | 1 | 0.15 |
| Global Scholars Academy - 32M | 1 | 0.15 |
| Graham County Schools - 380 | 1 | 0.15 |
| Granville County Schools - 390 | 9 | 1.31 |
| Gray Stone Day School - 84B | 1 | 0.15 |
| Haywood County Schools - 440 | 15 | 2.19 |
| Henderson County Schools - 450 | 16 | 2.34 |
| Hickory City Schools - 181 | 2 | 0.29 |
| Hoke County Schools - 470 | 6 | 0.88 |
| Johnston County Public Schools - 510 | 11 | 1.61 |
| KIPP Gaston College Preparatory - 66A | 1 | 0.15 |
| Lake Norman Charter - 60D | 1 | 0.15 |
| Langtree Charter Academy - 49F | 2 | 0.29 |
| Lincoln Charter School - 55A | 3 | 0.44 |
| Lincoln County Schools - 550 | 21 | 3.07 |
| Mitchell County Schools - 610 | 7 | 1.02 |
| Moore County Schools - 630 | 3 | 0.44 |
| Mooresville Graded School District - 491 | 6 | 0.88 |
| Mount Airy City Schools - 862 | 1 | 0.15 |
| Mountain Island Charter - 36C | 1 | 0.15 |
| Neuse Charter School - 51A | 2 | 0.29 |
| Newton Conover City Schools - 182 | 3 | 0.44 |
| North Carolina Virtual Public School - 299 | 1 | 0.15 |
| North East Carolina Preparatory School - 33A | 1 | 0.15 |
| Old Main Stream - 78C | 1 | 0.15 |
| Onslow County Schools - 670 | 27 | 3.94 |
| Oxford Preparatory School - 39B | 1 | 0.15 |
| Pamlico County Schools - 690 | 4 | 0.58 |
| Pender County Schools - 710 | 16 | 2.34 |
| Perquimans County Schools - 720 | 2 | 0.29 |
| Piedmont Community Charter - 36B | 3 | 0.44 |

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| Pine Lake Preparatory - 49E | 1 | 0.15 |
| Pine Springs Preparatory Academy - 93N | 2 | 0.29 |
| Pinnacle Classical Academy - 23A | 1 | 0.15 |
| Pitt County Schools - 740 | 26 | 3.8 |
| Polk County Schools - 750 | 4 | 0.58 |
| Public Schools of Robeson County - 780 | 15 | 2.19 |
| Randolph County School System - 760 | 19 | 2.77 |
| Richmond County Schools - 770 | 1 | 0.15 |
| Roanoke Rapids City Schools - 421 | 2 | 0.29 |
| Rockingham County Schools - 790 | 19 | 2.77 |
| Rowan-Salisbury Schools - 800 | 7 | 1.02 |
| Rutherford County Schools - 810 | 21 | 3.07 |
| Scotland County Schools - 830 | 7 | 1.02 |
| Stanly County Schools - 840 | 19 | 2.77 |
| Surry County Schools - 860 | 13 | 1.9 |
| Swain County Schools - 870 | 1 | 0.15 |
| Union Academy Charter School - 90A | 1 | 0.15 |
| Union County Public Schools - 900 | 5 | 0.73 |
| United Community School - 61K | 1 | 0.15 |
| Voyager Academy - 32L | 1 | 0.15 |
| Watauga County Schools - 950 | 6 | 0.88 |
| Wayne County Public Schools - 960 | 14 | 2.04 |
| West Lake Preparatory Academy - 55B | 1 | 0.15 |
| Wilson County Schools - 980 | 3 | 0.44 |
| Winston Salem / Forsyth County Schools - 340 | 17 | 2.48 |
| Yancey County Schools - 995 | 6 | 0.88 |
| Other | 17 | 2.48 |

SUMMARY

The SRO Grant Program has increased the presence of officers in schools. For the second year, the grant program has aided in the funding of over 800 officers and placed them in elementary and middle schools across the state.

The funding is critical; without it there would be districts that are unable to provide that type of protection for their students.

With the increase in criminal behavior, the SRO plays an important role in the schools. Not only does the SRO enforce laws and maintain order, they also build positive relationships with students, some of which would not have any positive interaction with law enforcement.

SROs take on the role of mentor, as many are training in Crisis Intervention Team youth training that provides them the skills to recognize a mental health crisis and respond appropriately. SROs also are the initial first responders to their schools.

The Center for Safer Schools recommends the SRO Grant funding increase. We also recommend the continued placement of SROs in schools, as well as increased funding to provide more training.