



Who We Are



The Allegan County Sheriff's Office is comprised of approximately 64 sworn law enforcement officers, 36 corrections officers, and 12 civilian personnel who, along with the Michigan State Police, are responsible for providing law enforcement services to roughly 85% of the county's citizens. The remainder are served by local Police Departments, including:

- Saugatuck Police Department
- Holland Police Department
- Allegan City Police Department
- Hopkins Police Department
- Wayland Police Department
- Otsego Police Department,
- Plainwell Department of Public Safety

The Allegan County's Sheriff's Office averages one officer for every 2,100 residents (not including contracted officers). The national average in a comparable county is one officer for every 370 residents.*

**Crime in the U.S., 2001*

The Allegan County Sheriff's Office and Jail Complex is housed in a building at the intersection of Hubbard and Walnut Sts. in Allegan, Michigan that was built in 1962 to house 60 inmates. At that time, the Sheriff and his family had living quarters in the facility, in an apartment on the second floor of the jail, where his wife cooked meals for the inmates. Since that time, the facilities have been expanded and remodeled several times, the apartment is gone, and there is now bed space for 173 inmates. The facility is frequently over capacity, and inmate programs as well as early releases have been utilized to keep the population down.