Office of Criminal Justice Statistics
State Incident-Based Reporting System

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What is the State Incident-Based Reporting System?

The State Incident-Based Reporting System (SIBRS) is an online records management system maintained by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. The web-based program is available to jurisdictions participating in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, which consists of two parts: the Summary Reporting System (SRS) and the Incident-Based Reporting System (SIBRS).

In contrast to traditional summary reporting, incident-based reporting provides a more detailed account of the incident. In addition to offense information, SIBRS captures important information about the offender, victim, and events surrounding the incident.

SIBRS data assist local law enforcement when making decisions about funding and resource allocation.

Overall, the goal is to transition all reporting agencies from traditional summary reporting to incident-based reporting. SIBRS participation is beneficial to contributing agencies for many reasons. The system's crime mapping feature provides agency leaders the capability to identify crime "hot spots," which enables them to focus limited resources in high-crime areas.

Other advantages of SIBRS participation include: data are collected for 46 crimes (compared to eight); arrests and clearances are linked to incidents; attempted crimes are separated from completed crimes; the Hierarchy Rule does not apply; the definition of rape was expanded to include male victims; and a third category, "crimes against society" (e.g., drug crimes and prostitution), was created.

Approximately 80% of contributing agencies participate in SIBRS; however, those agencies served just 39% of the state's population and reported only 22% of index crimes for 2011.

Of the 297 contributing agencies (not including schools/universities or tribal agencies), 234 (79%) contribute data to SIBRS, including 58 of 77 sheriffs' offices (75%) and 176 of 220 police departments (80%).

Based on population estimates provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 39% of Oklahomans lived in a SIBRS jurisdiction in 2011. Twenty-two percent of index crimes reported by law enforcement occurred in a SIBRS jurisdiction.

Many agencies submitting data to SIBRS serve smaller jurisdictions in Oklahoma.

Of the 234 SIBRS agencies, 205 serve populations smaller than 15,000. In fact, only 12 agencies serve populations of at least 25,000 – the largest SIBRS agency is Creek County Sheriff's Office with a population of 37,048. The state's largest jurisdictions (Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Broken Arrow, and Norman) utilize summary reporting, which means the agency counts the total number of occurrences, along with arrests, and submits aggregate data on a monthly basis.

SIBRS participation is increasing, and once the three largest law enforcement agencies - Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Broken Arrow – begin contributing reports, population coverage for SIBRS will increase from 39% to approximately 70%. Also, based on 2011 crime data, it is estimated that 80% of index crimes reported by law enforcement would have been captured in SIBRS.