

# Numbers Now....

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## OCJS Completes Domestic Violence Research Project

Researchers completed the first research project using Oklahoma's State Incident-Based Reporting System (SIBRS) data. The goal of the project was to demonstrate the utility of using SIBRS data. Historically, law enforcement has lacked the means to effectively use data for planning and problem solving. Incident-based reporting data have great value for police departments that collect and analyze these data in a practical manner.

Using resources through the American Statistical Association's Committee on Law and Justice Statistics Small Grants Program, researchers analyzed incident-based reporting data to identify characteristics and trends in domestic violence cases. Researchers incorporated findings into a statistical resource guide that will be distributed to law enforcement as a tool for handling future domestic violence incidents.

For this project, researchers reviewed 1,509 incidents of domestic violence that occurred in Muskogee, Oklahoma in 2009 and 2010. As part of the project, researchers calculated descriptive statistics, conducted a content analysis of narratives, and mapped domestic violence incidents.

### Key Findings:

- In 2009 and 2010, 13.5% of individuals were repeat victims and 14.9% were repeat offenders;
- The majority (67.3%) of domestic violence incidents were simple assaults;
- Law enforcement responded to the most calls between 9:00 pm and 11:59 pm;
- Personal weapons were the most common weapon used during the incident (69.4%);
- The majority of incidents (39.7%) involved boyfriend/girlfriend relationships;
- The victim was female in 72% of reported incidents;
- The offender was male in 74% of reported incidents;
- The average age of the victim was 31; and
- The average age of the offender was 33.

For more information about the report, please visit the SAC link on the main OSBI Website at <http://www.ok.gov/osbi>.

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## Victim Services Spotlight: Oklahoma Crime Victims Compensation Program

Since its inception in 1981, the Crime Victims' Compensation Program has been helping compensate violent crime victims for out-of-pocket expenses with funds administered by the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council (DAC). After the Crime Victims' Compensation Act was enacted, the program set eligibility and reimbursement requirements to help compensate victims of crimes from October 19, 1981 to the present.

Funding for victims comes from federal and state offenders, collected through fines and penalty assessments. The State Legislature and Governor also increased revenue sources for the program's available funds. All victims may file a claim, even if an arrest has not yet occurred. To be eligible for the program, victims are required to comply with law enforcement through the processes of offender apprehension, investigation, and prosecution.

Victims who meet eligibility criteria may seek compensation for funeral expenses, future economic loss, traditional American Indian services, income loss, medical/dental bills, rehabilitation, counseling, and crime scene cleanup. Victims may download the official claimant form or view eligibility requirements online at [http://www.ok.gov/dac/Victims\\_Services/Victims\\_Compensation\\_Program/](http://www.ok.gov/dac/Victims_Services/Victims_Compensation_Program/)

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### Crime Trends in Oklahoma

The Crime in Oklahoma report for 2012 is now online. Index crimes increased 1.8% in 2012, with violent crime (murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) increasing by 3.6%. Non-violent crime (burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft) increased 1.6% in Oklahoma.

Two law enforcement officers were killed in 2012 – one died as the result of a felonious act and one died as a result of an accident. Assaults on law enforcement increased 4.4% from 2011. Finally, the clearance rate increased slightly from 2011, with an overall reported clearance rate of 17.9%.

Participation in the State Incident-Based Reporting System (SIBRS) continues to increase. In 2012, 61 agencies began submitting reports into SIBRS. Approximately 80% of all contributing agencies now participate in SIBRS; however, those agencies serve 39% of the state's population and report 22% of all index crimes in Oklahoma.

### Recent Publications

Crime in Oklahoma, 2012

Arrest-Related Deaths, 2012

### Reminder

The Office of Criminal Justice Statistics can assist you and your agency with statistics for grant applications or other research requests.

[www.ok.gov/osbi/Statistical\\_Analysis\\_Center](http://www.ok.gov/osbi/Statistical_Analysis_Center)

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# Baker's Dozen

*Angie Baker, SAC Director*

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The purpose of the public awareness campaign is to remind us that domestic violence is still a social problem across the nation. Throughout the month, domestic violence advocates, service providers, and survivors organize community events to increase awareness and honor the memory of those killed by their abuser. The OSBI collects domestic violence statistics annually – select statistics are provided below. According to the 2012 *Crime in Oklahoma* report:

1. Oklahoma defines domestic abuse as “threatening, causing, or attempting to cause physical harm between family or household members”;
2. Domestic abuse includes the following offenses: murder, sex crimes, assault, and assault and battery;
3. Family and household members include spouses (current and former), parents (birth and foster), children, persons otherwise related by blood or marriage, and those living in the same household (or formally living in the same household);
4. In 2012, reporting jurisdictions reported 25,280 domestic abuse incidents;
5. The most common offense reported was assault and battery;
6. Reports of domestic abuse were highest on Sundays;
7. Law enforcement responded to the most calls (1,767) between 12:01 and 1:00 a.m.;
8. Agencies reported 931 sex crimes related to domestic abuse in 2012, representing a 36.9% increase;
9. Agencies reported 2,354 incidents of assault, representing a 7.4% decrease;
10. Agencies reported 21,942 incidents of assault and battery, representing a 4.6% increase;
11. In 2012, there were 53 domestic abuse-related murders (compared to 47 in 2011 and 51 in 2010);
12. Of those 53 deaths, 12 occurred on a Tuesday while five occurred on a Friday;
13. For more information, please visit: <http://www.osbi.ok.gov>

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*To collect, analyze, and disseminate criminal justice research to educate and assist law enforcement and the citizens of Oklahoma.*