



# Crime in Oklahoma, 2012

## Selected Findings

December 2013

### Domestic Abuse

According to Uniform Crime Reporting requirements, domestic abuse is defined as “the threatening, causing or attempting to cause serious physical harm between family members or household members.”

Domestic abuse includes offenses such as murder, sex crimes, assault, and assault and battery.

Family or household members are defined as spouses, former spouses, present spouses of former spouses, parents, and foster parents as well as children and other persons otherwise related by blood or marriage. Also included are persons in dating relationships or someone with whom they had a child. It also includes the elderly and handicapped.

**The most common offense for domestic abuse reports is assault and battery.**

Oklahoma law enforcement agencies reported 21,942 incidents of assault and battery, which represents 87% of all domestic abuse calls. Domestic abuse resulting in homicide accounted for less than one percent of all reported offenses.

**Thirty-two percent of all reports of domestic abuse occurred on the weekend and a majority occurred in the early to late evening.**

A total of 4,265 domestic abuse reports occurred on Sunday, and 3,946 domestic abuse reports occurred on Saturday accounting for a combined 32% of the total domestic abuse reports. Law enforcement responded to the most domestic abuse calls (58%) between 3 p.m. and 1 a.m.

**Oklahoma law enforcement responded to 53 domestic abuse-related homicides in 2012.**

Seventeen percent of abuse-related homicides occurred on a Saturday. Fridays were the least deadly in 2012 with five abuse-related homicides reported. Abuse-related homicides were slightly higher than the two previous years. There were 51 abuse-related homicides in 2010 and 47 in 2011.

**Victims reported 931 incidents of domestic abuse-related sex crimes in 2012.**

In 2012, incidents of reported sex crimes increased on Thursdays with 18.2% (170), followed by Mondays with 15.7% (146). Abuse-related sex crimes were lowest on Saturdays, accounting for 9.2% of all incidents reported to law enforcement.

**Law enforcement responded to 2,354 incidents of domestic abuse-related assaults in 2012.**

Of all reported incidents of abuse-related assaults, 15.2% (359) occurred on a Monday. Abuse-related assaults reported to law enforcement were lowest on Thursdays, with 13.2% (311) of all assaults.

#### Domestic Abuse by Offense, 2012

Offense	Total
Total	25,280
Murder	53
Sex Crimes	931
Assault	2,354
Assault and Battery	21,942