



# Crime in Oklahoma, 2011

## Selected Findings

December 2012

## 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 20,972 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-three percent of all reports of domestic abuse occurred on the weekend; and a majority occurred in the early to late evening.**

A total of 3,979 domestic abuse reports occurred on Sunday, and 3,904 domestic abuse reports occurred on Saturday accounting for a combined 33% of the total domestic abuse reports. Law enforcement responded to the most domestic abuse calls (58%) between 3 pm and 1 am.

**Oklahoma law enforcement responded to 47 domestic abuse-related homicides in 2011.**

Twenty-one percent of abuse-related homicides occurred on a Saturday. Fridays were the least deadly in 2011 with two abuse-related homicides reported. Abuse-related homicides were slightly lower than the two previous years. There were 60 abuse-related homicides in 2009 and 51 in 2010.

**Victims reported 680 incidents of domestic abuse-related sex crimes in 2011.**

In 2011, incidents of reported sex crimes increased on Tuesdays with 17.5% (119 incidents), followed by Fridays with 16.2% (110 incidents). Abuse-related sex crimes were lowest on Saturdays, accounting for 10.1% of all incidents reported to law enforcement.

**Law enforcement responded to 2,542 incidents of domestic abuse-related assaults in 2011.**

Of all reported incidents of abuse-related assaults, 14.9% (380) occurred on a Friday. Abuse-related assaults reported to law enforcement were lowest on Wednesdays, with 12.7% (323) of all assaults.

### Domestic Abuse by Offense, 2011

Offense	Total
Total	24,241
Murder	47
Sex Crimes	680
Assault	2,542
Assault and Battery	20,972