



Crime in Oklahoma, 2016

Selected Findings

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Domestic Abuse in Oklahoma

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 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 were assault and battery.

Oklahoma law enforcement agencies reported 20,635 incidents of assault and battery, representing 86.2% of all domestic abuse calls. Domestic abuse resulting in homicide accounted for less than one percent of all reported offenses.

Thirty-one percent of all reports of domestic abuse occurred on the weekend.

Of those reported to law enforcement, 3,753 domestic abuse reports occurred on Sunday, and 3,705 domestic abuse reports occurred on Saturday accounting for a combined 31% of the total domestic abuse reports. Over half of domestic abuse calls (61%) occurred between 1 pm and 12 am.

Oklahoma law enforcement reported 54 domestic abuse-related homicides in 2016.

Twenty-four percent of domestic abuse-related homicides occurred on a Tuesday. Thursday and Saturday were the least deadly in 2015 with five and three abuse-related homicides reported for each day respectively. Abuse-related homicides increased 10.2% from 2015.

Law enforcement reported 983 incidents of domestic abuse-related sex crimes in 2016.

Seventeen percent (170) of domestic abuse-related sex crimes were reported on Monday. Saturday had the least amount (96) of reported domestic abuse-related sex crimes in 2016. Abuse-related sex crimes increased 12.6% from the previous year.

Law enforcement reported 2,264 incidents of domestic abuse-related assaults in 2016.

Of all incidents of abuse-related assaults, 16.3% were reported on a Monday. Abuse-related assaults decreased 0.2% from 2015.

Domestic Abuse by Offense, 2016

Offense	Total
Total	23,936
Murder	54
Sex Crimes	983
Assault	2,264
Assault and Battery	20,635