



# Crime in Oklahoma, 2018

## 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.”

**Assault and battery consistently remains the most common offense for domestic abuse reports by a high margin.**

Oklahoma law enforcement agencies reported 21,384 incidents of assault and battery, representing 82.7% of all domestic abuse calls. A homicide resulting from domestic abuse occurred in only 0.2% of reports.

**Thirty percent of all domestic abuse reports occurred on the weekend, with Sunday being the most common day that domestic abuse was reported, and 9-10 p.m. being the most commonly reported time of day.**

Of those reported to law enforcement, 3,927 domestic abuse reports occurred on Sunday, and 3,785 domestic abuse reports occurred on Saturday, comprising 30% of all reports. Domestic reports increased in frequency from the least common reported time of day (6-7 a.m.) to the most common reported time of day (9-10 p.m.). After 1:00 a.m., domestic abuse reports were less common; only 23% of domestic abuse reports occurred between 1:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

**Law enforcement in Oklahoma reported 52 domestic abuse-related homicides in 2018, an increase of 36.8% from 2017.**

Over half (53.8%) of all domestic abuse-related homicides occurred on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, with Sunday being the deadliest day of the week and accounting for 11 reports. Domestic abuse-related homicides were reported the least on Monday, with only 4 reports.

**There were 1,180 incidents of domestic abuse-related sex crimes reported to law enforcement in 2018.**

About half (50.6%) of domestic abuse-related sex crime reports occurred between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**Oklahoma law enforcement reported 3,248 incidents of domestic abuse-related assaults in 2018, an increase of 25.3% from 2017.**

The frequency of reports of domestic abuse-related assaults did not vary significantly between each day of the week.

### Domestic Abuse in Oklahoma, 2009-2018

