



Office of Criminal Justice Statistics State Incident-Based Reporting System

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What is the State Incident-Based Reporting System?

The State Incident-Based Reporting System (SIBRS) is an online records management system maintained by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. The web-based program is available to jurisdictions participating in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, which consists of two parts: the Summary Reporting System and the Incident-Based Reporting System (SIBRS).

In contrast to traditional summary reporting, incident-based reporting provides a more detailed account of the incident. In addition to offense information, SIBRS captures information about the offender, victim, and events surrounding the incident.

SIBRS data assist local law enforcement when making decisions about funding and resource allocation.

Overall, the goal is to transition all reporting agencies from traditional summary reporting to incident-based reporting. SIBRS participation is beneficial to contributing agencies for many reasons. The system's crime mapping feature provides agency leaders the capability to identify crime "hot spots," which enables them to focus limited resources in high-crime areas.

Other advantages of SIBRS participation include: data are collected for 46 crimes (compared to eight); arrests and clearances are linked to incidents; attempted crimes are separated from completed crimes; the Hierarchy Rule does not apply; the definition of rape was expanded to include male victims; and a third category, "crimes against society" (e.g., drug crimes and prostitution), was created.

At the end of 2014, 83% of contributing agencies participated in SIBRS; however, those agencies served just 42.6% of the State's population.

Of the 297 contributing agencies (not including schools/universities or tribal law enforcement agencies), 83% (247) contributed data to SIBRS, including 65 of 77 sheriffs' offices (84%) and 182 of 220 police departments (83%).

Based on population estimates, 42.6% of Oklahomans lived in a SIBRS jurisdiction in 2014. SIBRS agencies reported just 27.7% of index crimes that occurred in Oklahoma in 2014.

Most SIBRS agencies serve small jurisdictions in Oklahoma.

Of the 247 SIBRS agencies, 215 serve populations of less than 15,000; in fact, just 14 SIBRS agencies serve populations of more than 25,000. The largest SIBRS agency is Stillwater Police Department (47,555). The state's largest jurisdictions (Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Broken Arrow, and Norman) report in summary format, which means they submit aggregate data on a monthly basis.

Even though SIBRS participation continues to increase, the largest law enforcement agencies in Oklahoma still report in summary format. The estimated population coverage would increase from 42.6% to 74% if the largest law enforcement agencies in Oklahoma transition to SIBRS. If the largest law enforcement agencies had reported to SIBRS in 2014, then 73% of index crimes would have been captured in SIBRS.