



## Office of Criminal Justice Statistics State Incident-Based Reporting System

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### What is Incident-Based Reporting?

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 law enforcement agencies that participate in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, which includes two systems: the Summary Reporting System (SRS) and the Incident-Based Reporting System (SIBRS).

In contrast to traditional summary reporting, incident-based reporting provides more details about crime incidents. In addition to offense information, SIBRS captures information about offenders, victims, and events surrounding incidents of crime.

### **SIBRS is valuable to local law enforcement as they make decisions about funding and resource allocation.**

There is an emphasis at the state and federal level to transition agencies participating in the UCR Program to incident-based reporting. SIBRS participation is beneficial to contributing agencies for many reasons. For instance, the system's crime mapping feature provides agency leaders the capability to identify crime "hot spots."

There are other advantages to SIBRS. Data are collected for 46 crimes (compared to 8 in summary); arrests and clearances are linked to incidents; crimes that were attempted are separated from crimes that were completed; the Hierarchy Rule (counting only the highest offense) does not apply; and the definition of rape was expanded to

remove reference to gender and include the terms "penetration, no matter how slight" and "without the consent of the victim."

### **An estimated 90.2% of agencies that reported crime data in 2018 participated in SIBRS; however, those agencies served just 51.0% of the state's population and accounted for only 33.3% of index crimes reported in 2018.**

Of the 418 reporting agencies, 377 (90.2%) contributed crime information through SIBRS, including 70 of 76 sheriffs' offices (92%) and 273 of 303 police departments (90%).

Based on population estimates provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 51.0% of Oklahomans lived in a SIBRS reporting jurisdiction in 2018, and 33.3% of index crimes reported by law enforcement occurred in a SIBRS jurisdiction. The majority of Oklahoma counties are fully participating in SIBRS, with 48 out of 77 (62.3%) counties contributing.

### **Many agencies that submitted data to SIBRS in 2018 served smaller jurisdictions in Oklahoma.**

Of the 377 SIBRS agencies, 328 served populations of less than 15,000. Fifteen agencies served populations of at least 25,000 – the largest SIBRS reporting agencies were Norman and Edmond Police Departments. Oklahoma's largest jurisdictions (Oklahoma City and Tulsa Police Departments) reported crime data in summary format in 2018, although OCPD has now transitioned to SIBRS.