



Crime in Oklahoma, 2015 Selected Findings

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Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted

The Oklahoma Uniform Crime Reporting Program collects data for law enforcement officers killed or assaulted in the line of duty.

According to reporting guidelines, assault on a law enforcement officer includes “any assault or death that occurred while the officer was working in an official capacity (on or off-duty), had full arrest powers, was wearing or carrying a badge and firearm, and was being paid from public funds is included.”

Assaults on law enforcement decreased in 2015.

Oklahoma law enforcement agencies reported 799 assaults on officers, representing a 0.6% decrease compared to 2014. There were no reports of officers killed in 2015.

In comparison, no officers were killed in the line of duty in 2014. In 2012, two officers were killed – one as a result of a felonious act and one as a result of an accident or negligent act.

The highest number of officer assaults occurred at night.

Fifty percent of officer assaults occurred from 6:01 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The highest number of officer assaults (16.1%) occurred from 10:01 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., while the lowest number of assaults (3%) occurred from 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

The highest number of officer assaults occurred during a disturbance call.

Thirty percent of assaults occurred while the officer was reporting to a disturbance call, and 18.6% of officer assaults occurred during prison handling and/or transport.

Ten percent of assaults occurred during a traffic pursuit/stop, representing a 1.3% decrease compared to 2014.

The majority of officers were assaulted with personal weapons.

Seventy-six percent of officers were assaulted with personal weapons (hands, feet, fist), while 16.4% were assaulted with other dangerous weapons, and 4% with firearms. Officers assaulted with a firearm decreased 23.8% from the previous year.

Assault-related injuries decreased in 2015.

Nineteen percent of officers sustained injuries during the assault, representing a 0.7% decrease compared to 2014. In comparison, officer assaults resulted in 153 injuries in 2014 and 123 injuries in 2013.

Officer Assaults in Oklahoma, 2006-2015

