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Criminal Justice in Oklahoma

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Crime in Oklahoma Reports of Crime Dropped in 2014

In 2014, Oklahoma experienced an 8.8% decrease in reported index crimes. Violent crime (murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) decreased 6.2% in 2014. Non-violent crime (burglary, larceny, and auto theft) also decreased 9.1% in 2014.

Reports of violent crime have decreased over the last three years with one exception: rape. Over the last three years, the number of rapes reported to the OSBI has consistently increased. This may be due, in part, to a change in how rape is defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) – the new definition is more inclusive. Until 2012, the FBI defined rape as the "carnal knowledge of a female forcibly against her will." In 2012, the FBI redefined rape as the "penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim."

Law enforcement clearance rates increased in 2014. Overall, law enforcement cleared 20% of all reported index crimes, compared to 18.2% in 2013. Law enforcement reported a 66.2% clearance rate for murders, 31.8% for rapes, and 31.8% for robbery. Clearance rates for non-violent crimes also increased in 2014 to a three-year high of 16.7%.

OSBI would like to thank the 324 law enforcement agencies who contributed data to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. The full report can be accessed at http://www.ok.gov/osbi/Statistical_Analysis_Center/Publications

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National Night Out

In 1981, Matt Peskin founded the National Association of Town Watch. The non-profit group works with local communities, law enforcement, and other stakeholders to increase awareness of crime prevention techniques. The first National Night Out was observed in August 1984. Today, it is estimated more than 38 million citizens participate in National Night Out activities to promote crime prevention. Community leaders organize block parties, community parades, youth events, and other public events.

National Night Out is observed twice a year on the first Tuesday in either August or October. This year, the following communities have events scheduled on August 4:

Moore, OK - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Claremore, OK (Will Rogers Park) – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Wyandotte, OK (Heritage Acres Park and Splash Pad) – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Broken Arrow, OK - Activities all day

If you would like more information about National Night Out, please visit https://natw.org/.

Recent Unit Publications

Crime in Oklahoma, 2014

Murder in Oklahoma, 2014

Domestic Abuse in Oklahoma, 2014

Law Enforcement Killed and Assaulted in Oklahoma, 2014

SAFE Oklahoma Program Evaluation – Oklahoma City, Year 1

State Incident-Based Reporting System Participation, 2015

Publications can be found at http://www.ok.gov/osbi/Statistical Analysis Center/Publications

Fatal Officer-Involved Shootings in Oklahoma

Table 1. Fatal Officer-Involved Shootings, 2010 - 2015*

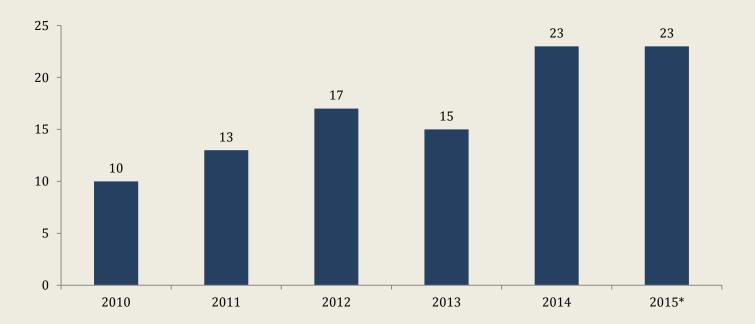


Table 2. Fatal Officer-Involved Shootings in 2015, by month

