

# Numbers Now.....

## Criminal Justice in Oklahoma

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## Arrest-Related Deaths in Oklahoma

For 2010, SAC staff reported 20 arrest-related deaths to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). According to medical examiners' reports, the manner of death was ruled homicide in 11 cases, suicide in six cases, accident in two cases, and illness in one case. There were 19 males and one female. The average age was 35; the oldest was 71, and the youngest was 20. Eleven of the decedents were White, seven were Black, and two were American Indian. April and July had the highest number of deaths (four deaths each month), while March, September, and December had the lowest number of deaths (one death each month). Of the 20 deaths, ten occurred in Oklahoma City in 2010.

The following table provides a breakdown of arrest-related deaths in Oklahoma since 2003.

Year	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
2003	2	7	5	2	16
2004	8	4	5	3	20
2005	2	5	9	2	18
2006	4	3	2	1	10
2007	0	1	3	2	6
2008	2	4	3	3	12
2009	2	2	2	3	9
2010	6	6	5	3	20
2011*	8	4	**	**	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>119</b>

\* 2011 numbers are preliminary. See full report in spring 2012

\*\* Data not yet available

The Oklahoma SAC collects data for all arrest-related deaths in Oklahoma. Data are submitted annually to the Bureau of Justice Statistics and are also used to prepare state-level summary reports. Staff collects media, police, and medical examiners' reports. The summary report for 2010 Arrest-Related Deaths can be found online.

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## Sources Section: Where to Find Official Criminal Justice Statistics

On average, OCJS staff receives 50 research requests each year from lawmakers, college students, and other researchers. This section of **Numbers Now** provides resources for the most frequently requested information. Please visit our website for additional resources.

### Oklahoma Arrest Data

The OSBI publishes the annual Crime in Oklahoma report, which includes arrest data for person and property crimes. Arrest data are listed by age, sex, ethnicity, and county.

[http://www.ok.gov/osbi/Publications/Crime\\_Statistics.html](http://www.ok.gov/osbi/Publications/Crime_Statistics.html)

### Oklahoma Incarceration Data

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections is responsible for collecting and reporting incarceration statistics.

<http://www.doc.state.ok.us/newsroom/faag.htm>

The Bureau of Justice Statistics also collects incarceration data as part of its National Prisoner Statistics series.

<http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbse&sid=40>

### Neighborhood Crime Statistics

Most police departments provide crime statistics for their jurisdiction. For more information, contact your local police department.

SAC staff recently finished collecting data for the first statewide crime victimization survey.

The report will be available online in the summer.

### Reminder.....

The Office of Criminal Justice Statistics can assist you and your agency with statistics for grant applications or any other research requests. Please visit: [www.ok.gov/osbi/Statistical\\_Analysis\\_Center](http://www.ok.gov/osbi/Statistical_Analysis_Center)

# Baker's Dozen

Angie Baker, SAC Director

April 10-16<sup>th</sup> is **National Crime Victims' Rights Week**, sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime. Listed below are 13 facts about crime victims in Oklahoma and the nation.

1. Crime in the United States is measured by two federal research programs: the National Crime Victimization Survey, conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics; and the Uniform Crime Report, conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
2. Crime in Oklahoma is measured by two state research programs: the Uniform Crime Report and the Statewide Crime Victimization Survey, both of which are conducted by the OSBI;
3. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, only 49% of violent crimes and 40% of property crimes were reported to the police in 2009;
4. According to the National Crime Victimization Compensation Board, victim compensation programs distributed \$478 million in 2009 to victims of crime;
5. In 2009, children 12-24 had the highest rates of victimization;
6. In 2009, an estimated 15,241 persons were murdered in the US, which represents a 7.3 percent decline from 2008;
7. Of female murder victims in 2009, 35 percent were killed by an intimate partner;
8. 121,613 persons over the age of 65 were victims of violent crime in the US in 2009;
9. In 2009, the month of May experienced the most violent crime, with 1,715 incidents reported in Oklahoma; February was the least violent month, with 1,184 incidents reported;
10. In 2009, the month of July experienced the most nonviolent crime, with 12,114 incidents reported in Oklahoma; February was the least nonviolent month, with 8,385 incidents reported;
11. In 2009, a violent crime occurred every 29 minutes in Oklahoma;
12. In 2009, a non-violent crime occurred every 4 minutes in Oklahoma;
13. For more information, please visit [www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org)

Information from the National Center for Victims of Crime ([www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org))

## Mission

To collect, analyze, and disseminate criminal justice-related research to educate and assist law enforcement and the public in Oklahoma.