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OSBI Releases Statewide Crime Statistics for 2015

The 2015 Crime in Oklahoma report is now available online. This report includes the most accurate and current crime data for the State. Data in this report are based on offenses reported to law enforcement.

Reports of violent crime increased 3.7% in 2015, while property crime decreased 4.8%. Oklahoma law enforcement reported 241 murders in 2015, representing a 35.4% increase compared to 2014. Clearance rates for violent crimes dropped in 2015, while clearance rates for property crimes remained the same (16.8%) Juveniles accounted for 11% of all arrests reported by law enforcement. Law enforcement reported 799 assaults against law enforcement, which is a 0.6% decrease compared to 2014. There were 49 domestic abuse murders in 2015 (compared to 47 in 2014).

Of the 308 reporting agencies (not including schools/universities, state agencies, or tribal agencies), 256 (83%) contributing crime data using the State Incident-Based Reporting System. This includes 83% of all sheriffs' offices and 83% of all police departments.

Based on population estimates provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 41.1% of Oklahomans lived in a SIBRS reporting jurisdiction in 2015, and 27.1% of index crimes reported by law enforcement occurred in a SIBRS jurisdiction. The largest agencies in Oklahoma reported crime data in the traditional summary format.

To view the full report, visit:

https://www.ok.gov/osbi/Statistical_Analysis_Center/Publications/index.html

This Issue:

National Internet Safety Month

Law Enforcement Program Spotlight:

Internet Crimes Against Children

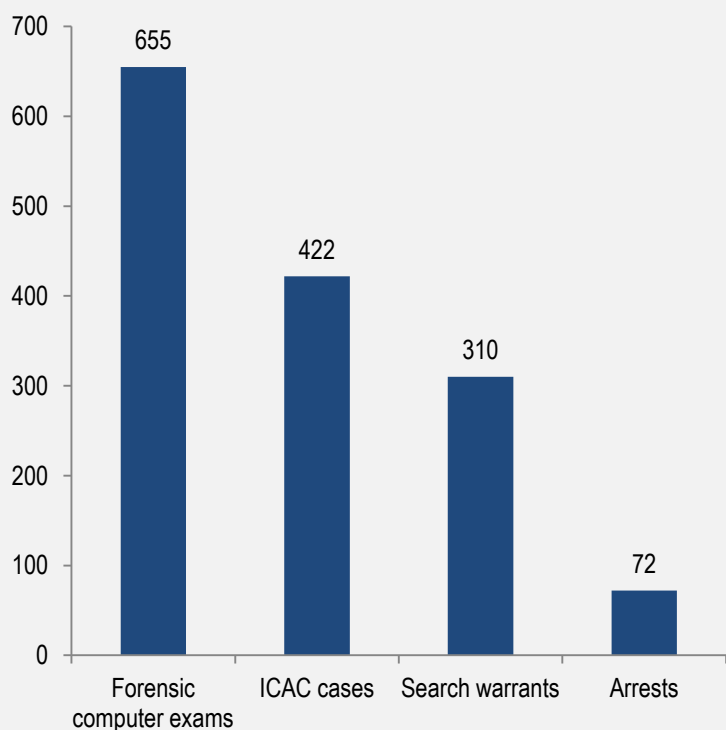
The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit, housed at OSBI, is a group of trained agents who investigate those exploiting children through the use of technology. Agents conduct undercover investigations and respond to ICAC complaints. OSBI is the lead agency for the Oklahoma ICAC Task Force, which is part of the national ICAC Task Force. Funding is provided by the Department of Justice. The ICAC Unit partners with law enforcement agencies across Oklahoma, including police departments, sheriffs' offices, district attorneys, and other state law enforcement agencies.

The Oklahoma ICAC Task Force opened 442 ICAC cases, served 310 search warrants/court orders, arrested 72, and conducted 655 forensic computer exams in 2014. Agents investigated complaints related to pornography, enticement, and obscenity directed at minors. While the number of ICAC cases declined by 23% in 2015, the number of arrests and forensic exams increased 47%.

For more information, please visit:

https://www.ok.gov/osbi/Investigative/Internet_Crimes_Against_Children/index.html

ICAC Unit: By the Numbers



Keep Your Children Safe Online

- Do not allow children unrestricted or private access to the Internet, mobile apps, or gaming systems;
- Instruct children to communicate only with people they know and trust;
- Instruct children not to post personal information or pictures that identify schools, home addresses, family, or friends;
- Monitor your children's browser history and downloaded content for suspicious activities;

The Office of Criminal Justice Statistics

The Office of Criminal Justice Statistics (OCJS) is the research and statistics unit for the OSBI. Housed in Administration, OCJS provides research assistance to the criminal justice community in Oklahoma by identifying crime trends, evaluating the effectiveness of programs, and answering research requests from around the state. The unit includes a research director and three statistical research specialists.

The Oklahoma Statistical Analysis Center is also located in OCJS. Originally created in 1989, the SAC receives federal funding from the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) to assist the criminal justice community in Oklahoma by providing research and technical assistance to local, state, and tribal officials. Among other duties, the Oklahoma SAC is charged with providing technical assistance and consultation, obtaining information from criminal justice agencies in the state for analysis of criminal justice issues, and facilitating information and networking among criminal justice agencies (22 O.S. § 1517).

Over the years, the SAC has been housed in multiple locations, including the Department of Corrections, the Department of Public Safety, and the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center. SAC duties were transferred to the OSBI in August 2009. This move led to a shift in focus from felony sentence practices, fiscal impact statements for proposed legislation, and prison projections to research focused on policing strategies, crime across the states, and crime victimization. This change in research priorities was facilitated by the abundance of data available at OSBI, including criminal history records and crime report data.

The Oklahoma Statistical Analysis Center is one of 13 states that conducts a statewide crime victimization survey. This survey is important to both policy makers and the public because researchers ask citizens about those crimes that go unreported to law enforcement. The unit also responsible for the Crime in Oklahoma report. Additionally, researchers conduct program evaluations and answer research requests throughout the year. On average, OCJS receives 150 research requests each year from lawmakers, law enforcement, other state and federal agencies, universities, media, victim service providers, and the public.

Upcoming Publications

Oklahoma Crime Victimization
Survey, 2016

Crime in Oklahoma, 2015

An Evaluation of Oklahoma's Drug
and Violent Crime Task Forces

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

Mission

To collect, analyze, and publish criminal justice research and statistics to assist in ensuring the safety and security of the citizens of Oklahoma.