

Numbers Now

Criminal Justice in Oklahoma

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Crime on College Campuses in Oklahoma

In 2015, campus law enforcement reported 989 index crimes to the OSBI. The University of Oklahoma, our state's largest university, reported 306 index crimes (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny (theft), and auto theft). Oklahoma State University reported 233 index crimes, followed by OU Health Sciences Center (161), and Langston University (114). The majority (96.2%) of index crimes reported by campus law enforcement were property crimes. Campus law enforcement reported 37 violent index crimes, including 15 rapes, 13 assaults, and 9 robberies.

Colleges and universities in Oklahoma continue to find innovative ways to ensure the safety of students, staff, faculty, and visitors. The University of Oklahoma offers online programs to increase awareness about sexual assault and stalking. Oklahoma State University also educates students about bystander responsibilities, alcohol awareness, and sexual violence. Schools across Oklahoma have also implemented *Safe Walk* programs and installed blue-light phones in strategic locations.

Colleges and universities also offer phone apps to students. Oklahoma State University deployed *Orange Shield*, which is an app that allows students to connect to police immediately, request a public service officer, view bus routes, and access other safety resources. The University of Oklahoma has a similar app for students.

To access the *Crime in Oklahoma* annual report, please visit:

https://www.ok.gov/osbi/Publications/Crime_Statistics.html

This Issue

National Campus Safety Awareness Month

OSBI Research Staff Studies Crime Victimization in Oklahoma

Angie Baker, Research Director

The Oklahoma Statistical Analysis Center completed its third statewide crime victimization survey this summer. The purpose of the Oklahoma Crime Victimization Survey is to generate crime estimates for Oklahoma. Victimization surveys are designed to collect information from citizens about crime – both reported and unreported. Survey results are often used to complement data collected by the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Criminal justice practitioners and policy makers use findings from crime victimization surveys to make informed decisions about criminal justice programming and funding. This year's survey results were based on a sample of 736 Oklahomans. The survey, funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, was administered by the University of Oklahoma's Public Opinion Learning Laboratory. Results will be published online in September.

To access the report, please visit https://www.ok.gov/osbi/Statistical_Analysis_Center/Publications/index.html

NCJA National Forum

In August, staff attended the 2016 National Forum on Criminal Justice in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Sponsored each year by the National Criminal Justice Association, the Justice Research and Statistics Association, and the IJIS Institute, the Forum provides an opportunity for local, state, federal, and tribal criminal justice service providers to learn about promising practices and emerging technologies in criminal justice.

Presenters discussed the importance of sharing information, addressing the needs of the mentally ill in the criminal justice system, and finding alternatives to incarceration.

For more information about the Forum, please visit: <http://www.national-forum.net/home>

Need Data?

We are here to help. The Office of Criminal Justice Statistics offers:

- Criminal justice research
- Crime statistics
- Grant writing assistance
- Program evaluation services
- Survey design
- Presentations

We have already answered 95 research requests this year. If you need technical assistance or research support, please let us know.

Please contact Angie Baker, Research Director, at angie.baker@osbi.ok.gov, or by phone at (405) 858-5271.

Fatal Officer-Involved Shootings Down Compared to 2015

Fatal officer-involved shootings decreased 43.5% compared to this time last year. There have been 13 fatal officer-involved shootings this year, including four in July. An officer involved-shooting death is defined as “the discharge of a service weapon by an officer that results in the death of a civilian.” Deaths due to tasers, car accidents, or medical incidents are not included. In-custody and jail deaths are also reported by other criminal justice agencies.

Fatal Officer-Involved Shootings, 2016

	Number	Percent
January	2	15.4%
February	1	7.7
March	0	0.0
April	1	7.7
May	2	15.4
June	3	23.1
July	4	30.8

The Office of Criminal Justice Statistics publishes an annual report on fatal officer-involved shootings. For more information, please visit https://www.ok.gov/osbi/Statistical_Analysis_Center/Publications/index.html

Did you know?

The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced it will transition to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) by 2021. In contrast to traditional summary reporting, incident-based reporting provides law enforcement, policy makers, and researchers with detailed information about reported crime.

The State Incident-Based Reporting System (SIBRS) is the state’s online records management system maintained by the OSBI. Crime incidents collected in SIBRS are reported to NIBRS. An estimated 83% of agencies that reported crime data in 2015 participated in SIBRS; however, those agencies served just 41.7% of the state’s population and captured just 27.1% of all index crimes reported in Oklahoma.

Local law enforcement may be eligible to apply for federal funding and technical assistance through the National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X) Program. For more information about the NCS-X Program, please visit:

http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ncsx_bjs_flyer.pdf