



Office of Criminal Justice Statistics

State Incident-Based Reporting System

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What is Incident-Based Reporting?

The State Incident-Based Reporting System (SIBRS) is an online records management system maintained by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. The web-based program is available to law enforcement agencies that participate in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, which includes two systems: the Summary Reporting System (SRS) and the Incident-Based Reporting System (SIBRS).

In contrast to traditional summary reporting, incident-based reporting provides more details about crime incidents. In addition to offense information, SIBRS captures information about offenders, victims, and events surrounding incidents of crime.

SIBRS is valuable to local law enforcement as they make decisions about funding and resource allocation.

There is an emphasis at the state and federal level to transition agencies participating in the UCR Program to incident-based reporting. By January 2021, the FBI will no longer be accepting UCR SRS data. SIBRS participation is beneficial to contributing agencies for many reasons. For instance, the system's crime mapping feature provides agency leaders the capability to identify crime "hot spots."

There are other advantages to SIBRS. Data are collected for 46 crimes (compared to 8 in summary); arrests and clearances are linked to incidents; crimes that were attempted are separated from crimes that were completed; the Hierarchy Rule (counting only the highest offense) does not apply; and the definition of rape was expanded to remove reference to gender and include the terms "penetration, no matter how slight" and "without the consent of the victim."

As of December 2019, 91.6% of local law enforcement agencies are submitting data into SIBRS, however, those agencies only served 69.7% of Oklahoma's population. SIBRS agencies reported 60.1% of Index Crimes in 2019.

Of agencies reporting, 70 out of 76 sheriff's offices are reporting in SIBRS, 280 out of 304 police departments, 24 out of 29 campus police, 12 out of 12 tribal police, and 5 out of 5 state agencies. Three quarters (75.3%) of Oklahoma's counties are fully SIBRS.

Many SIBRS agencies serve smaller populations in Oklahoma; 84.0% of SIBRS agencies serve populations of 10,000 or less.

Out of the SIBRS agencies, 15.1% serve populations between 10,000-55,000, and only 3 agencies serve populations of 90,000 or more. The agencies serving the largest population include: Edmond Police Department, Norman Police Department, and Oklahoma City Police Department.

As of December 2019, there were 8.4% agencies who are still reporting data via UCR. Of the remaining UCR agencies, 6 serve populations of 55,000 or more.