



Crime in Oklahoma, 2017

Selected Findings

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Domestic Abuse in Oklahoma

According to Uniform Crime Reporting requirements, domestic abuse is defined as “the threatening, causing or attempting to cause serious physical harm between family members or household members.”

Domestic abuse includes murder, sex crimes, assault, and assault and battery.

Family or household members are defined as “spouses, former spouses, present spouses of former spouses, parents, and foster parents as well as children and other persons otherwise related by blood or marriage. Also included are persons in dating relationships or someone with whom they had a child. It also includes the elderly and handicapped.”

The most common offense for domestic abuse reports were assault and battery.

Oklahoma law enforcement agencies reported 20,767 incidents of assault and battery, representing 84.6% of all domestic abuse calls. Domestic abuse resulting in homicide accounted for less than one percent of all reported offenses.

About thirty-one percent of all reports of domestic abuse occurred on the weekend.

Of those reported to law enforcement, 3,895 domestic abuse reports occurred on Sunday, and 3,693 domestic abuse reports occurred on Saturday accounting for a combined 30.9% of the total domestic abuse reports. Sixty-one percent of domestic abuse calls (61.2%) occurred between 1 pm and 12 am.

Oklahoma law enforcement reported 38 domestic abuse-related homicides in 2017.

Abuse-related homicides decreased 29.6% from 2016. Twenty-six percent of domestic abuse-related homicides occurred on a Thursday. Tuesday and Friday were the least deadly in 2017 with three and two abuse-related homicides reported for each day respectively.

Law enforcement reported 1,145 incidents of domestic abuse-related sex crimes in 2017.

Eighteen percent (210) of domestic abuse-related sex crimes were reported on Monday. Saturday had the least amount (95) of reported domestic abuse-related sex crimes in 2017. Abuse-related sex crimes increased 16.5% from the previous year.

Law enforcement reported 2,593 incidents of domestic abuse-related assaults in 2017.

Abuse-related assaults increased 14.5% from 2016. Of all incidents of abuse-related assaults, 15.9% were reported on a Wednesday.

Domestic Abuse by Offense, 2017

| Offense | Total |
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| Total | 24,543 |
| Murder | 38 |
| Sex Crimes | 1,145 |
| Assault | 2,593 |
| Assault and Battery | 20,767 |