



Crime in Oklahoma, 2013 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 19,848 incidents of assault and battery, representing 87% of all domestic abuse calls. Domestic abuse resulting in homicide accounted for less than one percent of all reported offenses.

Thirty-six percent of all reports of domestic abuse occurred on the weekend, and a majority occurred in the early to late evening.

Of those reported to law enforcement, 3,652 domestic abuse reports occurred on Sunday, and 3,531 domestic abuse reports occurred on Saturday accounting for a combined 32% of the total domestic abuse reports. Law enforcement responded to the most domestic abuse calls (58%) between 3 pm and 1 am.

Oklahoma law enforcement reported 49 domestic abuse-related homicides in 2013.

Twenty percent of domestic abuse-related homicides occurred on a Monday. Sunday and Thursday were the least deadly in 2013 with five abuse-related homicides reported for each day. Abuse-related homicides were lower than the previous year. There were 53 domestic abuse-related homicides in 2012.

Law enforcement reported 828 incidents of domestic abuse-related sex crimes in 2013.

Sixteen percent (135) of domestic abuse-related sex crimes were reported on Thursday. Domestic abuse-related sex crimes were least likely to be reported on Sunday (10.7%) or Saturday (11.1%).

Law enforcement reported 2,076 incidents of domestic abuse-related assaults in 2013.

Of all incidents of abuse-related assaults, 15.9% (331) were reported on a Monday. Abuse-related assaults reported to law enforcement were lowest on Saturdays, representing 12.8% (266) of all assaults.

Domestic Abuse by Offense, 2013

Offense	Total
Total	22,801
Murder	49
Sex Crimes	828
Assault	2,076
Assault and Battery	19,848