

Oklahoma Statistics

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Fact Sheet: Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

- In fiscal year 2002, the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services provided help to 7,038 adults and 2,967 children through its domestic violence and sexual assault division. Of these, approximately 5,500 adults and 2,650 children received domestic violence services; 1,500 adults and 325 children received sexual assault services.
- Intimate partner violence occurs in one out of every six couples.
- A 1999 survey conducted by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services found that 17.4 percent of Oklahoma women over the age of 18 who were married or in marriage-like relationships reported they had been abused in some manner in the 12 months prior to the survey. Among the 135,803 women who reported abuse, 105,049 (77 percent) had emotional abuse with no physical abuse, 6,758 (5 percent) were physically abused, and 23,996 (17.7 percent) reported both emotional and physical abuse.
- In 2001, nearly 24,000 cases of domestic abuse were reported in Oklahoma. That number represents a 52 percent increase from 1992.
- According to a 2002 report from the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, the average age of murdered domestic violence victims was 35 and the average age of perpetrators was 28; 74 percent of the victims were white, 19 percent were black and 7 percent were Native American.
- Also, 67 percent of the homicides occurred at the victim's residence. Nearly 60 percent of victims and perpetrators with children in common had a joint custody arrangement – 50 percent of the homicides occurred during a child exchange.
- Child abuse has been reported in 33-54 percent of families in which adult domestic violence occurs.

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- The Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, in its 2002 report, stated that 60 percent of perpetrators were known to regularly use drugs and alcohol; 45 percent of the victims were intoxicated at the time of homicide; and 41 percent of the perpetrators were intoxicated at the time of homicide.
- The Oklahoma County Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring (ADAM) program found that, in 2000, 77 percent of men and 47 percent of women arrested on domestic violence charges tested positive for “any” drug (cocaine, heroin, marijuana, methamphetamine or PCP) at the time of arrest.
- A 1999 general household survey conducted by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services found that, in Oklahoma, of the number of women surveyed who have experienced domestic violence, 76 percent had abused alcohol in the 18 months prior to the survey.
- Nearly 40 percent of all females are victims of attempted or completed rape during their lifetimes. College women are most at risk, with one in 36 college women a victim of rape or attempted rape each year.
- The number of reported rapes in Oklahoma is increasing. In 2002, the OSBI reported 1,573 rape offenses, up from 1,486 in 2001, 1,422 in 2000 and 1,379 in 1999.
- Nearly 20 percent of Oklahoma high school students reported being hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the past 12 months, compared with 9 percent of students nationwide, notes a study conducted by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. The rate of dating violence for Oklahoma ninth graders is more than three times the national average, at a rate of 26 percent for Oklahoma freshmen, compared to 8 percent nationwide.

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