



# Oklahoma Statistical Analysis Center

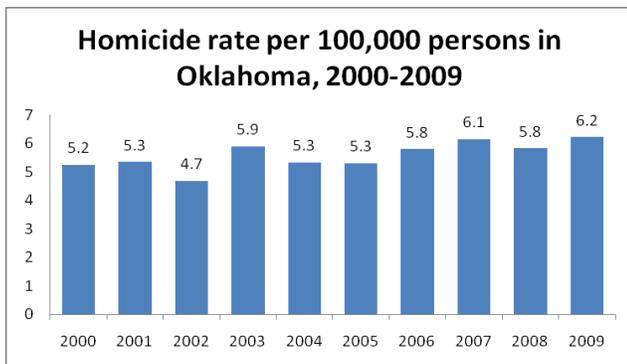
## Selected Findings

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# Homicide Trends in Oklahoma, 2000-2009

**The homicide rate in Oklahoma has increased over the last 10 years.**

The number of homicides reported statewide has increased from 181 in 2000 to 229 in 2009. During the same time period, the state's population increased from 3.5 million in 2000 to 3.7 million in 2009. The statewide homicide rate increased from 5.2 per 100,000 persons in 2000 to 6.2 per 100,000 in 2009 (an increase of 18.5% - see figure below).



**High homicide rates are found in both urban and rural counties.**

Although Tulsa and Oklahoma Counties dramatically exceed other counties in population size (together they comprise more than one third of the state's total population), they do not have the highest homicide rates. However, they are among the top ten counties for highest homicide rates, and they are the only counties with over 100 homicides reported for the past 10 years.

The county with the highest rate is McCurtain, with 42 homicides in a population of 33,370. The county with the lowest rate is Kingfisher, with 0 homicides in a population of 14,384. The average number of homicides for the 77 counties was 25.7.

Total number of homicides and average annual homicide rate in Oklahoma by county, 2000-2009

County	Total number of homicides, 2000-2009	Annual homicide rate per 100,000 persons*	County	Total number of homicides, 2000-2009	Annual homicide rate per 100,000 persons*
<b>OK Total</b>	1,979	5.4			
McCurtain	42	12.6	Kay	16	3.5
Choctaw	16	10.8	Osage	15	3.2
Okfuskee	11	10.1	Ottawa	10	3.2
Seminole	22	9.1	Lincoln	10	3.1
Tulsa	550	9.1	Custer	8	3.0
Coal	5	8.5	McCain	10	3.0
Oklahoma	571	8.0	Roger Mills	1	2.9
Adair	17	7.8	Johnston	3	2.9
Hughes	10	7.2	Atoka	4	2.8
Harmon	2	7.0	Texas	6	2.8
McIntosh	13	6.6	Logan	11	2.8
Comanche	68	6.0	Craig	4	2.6
Muskogee	43	6.0	Wagoner	18	2.6
Jackson	15	5.9	Woods	2	2.4
Pontotoc	22	5.9	Dewey	1	2.3
Beckham	12	5.7	Creek	16	2.3
Love	5	5.5	Canadian	23	2.1
Carter	26	5.4	Woodward	4	2.0
Okmulgee	21	5.3	Latimer	2	1.9
Le Flore	26	5.2	Rogers	16	1.9
Greer	3	5.1	Payne	14	1.8
Pushmataha	6	5.1	Washita	2	1.7
Bryan	21	5.1	Jefferson	1	1.6
Cotton	3	4.8	Blaine	2	1.6
Cherokee	22	4.8	Garfield	9	1.5
Delaware	19	4.7	Major	1	1.4
Marshall	7	4.7	Cleveland	34	1.4
Kiowa	4	4.4	Washington	6	1.2
Caddo	13	4.3	Stephens	5	1.1
Grady	22	4.3	Nowata	1	0.9
Mayes	17	4.2	Noble	1	0.9
Pittsburg	19	4.2	Murray	1	0.8
Garvin	11	4.1	Cimarron	0	0.0
Haskell	5	4.0	Harper	0	0.0
Sequoyah	16	3.9	Ellis	0	0.0
Beaver	2	3.8	Grant	0	0.0
Tillman	3	3.8	Alfalfa	0	0.0
Pawnee	6	3.7	Kingfisher	0	0.0
Pottawatomie	26	3.7			

\*Calculated using 2009 Census Bureau population estimates and the average number of homicides per year during 2000-2009.