



# Oklahoma Statistical Analysis Center

## Selected Findings

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### Crime Victimization in Oklahoma, 2010

The Oklahoma Statistical Analysis Center recently conducted the first statewide crime victimization survey. As part of the survey, staff asked respondents about their personal experience with crime. The full report is located on the SAC website, which is at [www.osbi.ok.gov](http://www.osbi.ok.gov).

**An estimated 500,000 crimes occurred in Oklahoma in 2010, at an approximate cost of one billion dollars in damaged and stolen property**

Twenty-four percent of Oklahomans reported that they were the victim of at least one crime incident in 2010 (table 1). Last year, Oklahomans lost an estimated one billion dollars due to crime, including \$868 million in stolen property, \$70 million in vandalized property, and \$98 million in damaged property (other than vandalism).

**Most crimes that occurred in Oklahoma were reported to law enforcement; overall, the victim filed a police report 50% of the time**

According to respondents, an estimated 62% of violent and property crimes were reported to law enforcement in 2010, including 100% of motor vehicle thefts\*, 89% of burglaries, 54% of simple assaults, and 38% of larceny/thefts.

Crime victims filed a police report 47% of the time. In 68% of reported incidents, the police came to the scene of the crime. The victim went to the local law enforcement agency in another 16% of reported crimes.

**Most of the time, local law enforcement arrived on the scene of the crime in less than an hour; the first officer to arrive rarely arrested a suspect for the crime**

Once dispatched, the officer's response time was less than an hour in 80% of incidents, including response times of less than five minutes in approximately 8% of

incidents. Once they arrived, officers completed a crime report 100% of the time. Police questioned witnesses or suspects 59% of the time, and they collected evidence (e.g., fingerprints or inventory) 28% of the time. An estimated 26% of crimes required further investigation.

During the initial response, officers arrested a suspect one percent of the time. Overall, victims reported that an offender(s) had been arrested 10% of the time. In another 12% of incidents, victims did not know if an arrest had been made or charges filed.

**Table 1. Criminal victimization in Oklahoma, numbers and rates, by type of crime, 2010**

Type of crime	Number of victimizations	Rate <sup>a</sup>
<b>All crimes <sup>b</sup></b>	564,254	~
<b>Violent crimes</b>	96,248	34.1
Simple assault	96,248	34.1
Domestic abuse	17,004 <sup>^</sup>	6.0
<b>Property crimes <sup>c</sup></b>	468,006	320.5
Motor vehicle theft	50,361 <sup>^</sup>	34.5
Burglary	139,948	95.8
Larceny (theft)	277,697	190.1
Vandalism	119,352	81.7

Note: Total population age 18 or older was 2,821,685. Total number of households was 1,450,460.

~Not applicable.

<sup>^</sup>Estimate is based on five or fewer sample cases.

<sup>a</sup>Victimization rates are per 1,000 persons age 18 or older or per 1,000 households.

<sup>b</sup>Includes simple assault, motor vehicle theft, burglary, and larceny (theft).

<sup>c</sup>Includes motor vehicle theft, burglary, and larceny (theft).

\*Motor vehicle thefts based on 5 or fewer cases