

# Dying Inside

## THE DATA BEHIND JAIL DEATHS IN AMERICA

FOCUS ON

## Oklahoma

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**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

Reuters filed more than 1,500 public records requests to collect data on inmate populations, inmate health care and inmate deaths from more than 500 of the nation's local jails or jail systems. They included every jail in the country with an average daily population of 750 or more inmates, as well as the 10 largest jails or jail systems in each state. The data does not include six states -- five where all detention facilities are managed by unified state corrections agencies (Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Rhode Island and Vermont), and Alaska, which uses a hybrid model that also relies largely on state-run facilities.

**SEE THE STORIES AND MORE DATA HERE:**

<https://www.reuters.com/investigates/section/usa-jails/>

Reuters compiled deaths from 2008-2019; 2008 is excluded from this analysis because of limited data. Death rates reflect only jails for which complete data was available on average daily inmate population (ADP) and deaths, but counts for total deaths include all deaths over the period. News media reports were used to identify some deaths that jails did not report to Reuters, or to augment information the jails did provide. Totals of causes of death may not always equal total deaths, because cause of death was not always available. Medical services were considered "public" if the jail maintained management control of its healthcare. Blanks indicate data was not provided. More information is available online about individual deaths from all years.

**SEE MORE INFORMATION ON METHODOLOGY:**

<https://www.reuters.com/investigates/special-report/usa-jails-deaths/#sidebar-methodology>

# Oklahoma

<b>TOTAL JAIL DEATHS 2009-2019</b>	<b>148</b>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF JAILS SURVEYED*</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>TOTAL AVG. INMATE POPULATION</b>	<b>5,992</b>
<b>DEATHS BY CAUSE</b>	
Suicides	37
Homicides	7
Drugs/Alcohol	12
Illness	72
Accidents	8
<b>AVERAGE DEATH RATE 2009-2019, PER 1,000</b>	
Oklahoma	2.16
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>1.46</b>

## NOTES

\*Reuters gathered data from the 10 largest jails in each state, as well as any other jail with an average inmate population of 750 or more.

## Oklahoma JAILS DATA, 2009-2019

### Cleveland County Cleveland County Detention Center

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
TOTAL DEATHS	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	0
AVG DAILY INMATES				357	453	468	473	481	525	427	391
DEATH RATE, PER 1,000				0	2.21	4.27	0	2.08	1.91	2.34	0
SUICIDES	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
HOMICIDES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUGS/ALCOHOL	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
ILLNESS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

MEDICAL PROVIDER: ESW Correctional Healthcare (2009,2010,2011,2012,2013,2014); Turn-Key Health (2015,2016,2017,2018,2019);

Notes: Source of deaths: the jail; Oklahoma Health Department; and Oklahoma Chief Medical Examiner

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### Comanche County Comanche County Detention Center

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
TOTAL DEATHS	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
AVG DAILY INMATES	290	281	282	283	283	295	295	302	345	300	315
DEATH RATE, PER 1,000	0	0	3.55	3.53	0	0	3.39	0	0	3.33	0
SUICIDES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOMICIDES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUGS/ALCOHOL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLNESS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

MEDICAL PROVIDER: public

Notes: Source of deaths: the jail; Oklahoma Health Department; and Oklahoma Chief Medical Examiner

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**Oklahoma JAILS DATA, 2009-2019**

Creek County  
**Creek County Jail**

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
TOTAL DEATHS	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
AVG DAILY INMATES											
DEATH RATE, PER 1,000											
SUICIDES	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
HOMICIDES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUGS/ALCOHOL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLNESS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MEDICAL PROVIDER: unknown (2009,2010,2011,2012); Advanced Correctional Healthcare (2013,2014); Turn-Key Health (2015,2016,2017,2018,2019);

Garfield County  
**Garfield County Jail**

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
TOTAL DEATHS	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
AVG DAILY INMATES	216	237	241	238	269	255	238	242	260	246	
DEATH RATE, PER 1,000	4.63	0	0	0	7.43	0	0	4.13	0	0	
SUICIDES	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
HOMICIDES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DRUGS/ALCOHOL	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
ILLNESS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	

MEDICAL PROVIDER: Advanced Correctional Healthcare (2009,2010,2011,2012,2013,2018); Advanced Correctional Healthcare/Turn-Key Health (2014); Turn-Key Health (2015,2016); Turn-Key Health/Advanced Correctional Healthcare (2017); unknown (2019);

Notes: Source of deaths: the jail; Oklahoma Health Department; and Oklahoma Chief Medical Examiner

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**Oklahoma JAILS DATA, 2009-2019**

Le Flore County  
**Le Flore County Detention Center**

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
TOTAL DEATHS	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
AVG DAILY INMATES	79	86	64	64	61	64	62	55	56	59	146
DEATH RATE, PER 1,000	0	0	15.63	0	0	0	16.13	0	0	0	0
SUICIDES	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
HOMICIDES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUGS/ALCOHOL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLNESS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MEDICAL PROVIDER: public (2009,2010,2011,2012,2013,2014,2015,2016,2017,2018); Stigler Health and Wellness Center (2019);

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Muskogee County  
**Muskogee County/City Detention Center**

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
TOTAL DEATHS	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0
AVG DAILY INMATES	530	526	588	589	562	563	573	635	563	300	280
DEATH RATE, PER 1,000	0	0	1.7	0	1.78	0	1.75	3.15	0	3.33	0
SUICIDES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOMICIDES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUGS/ALCOHOL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
ILLNESS	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

MEDICAL PROVIDER: public (2009,2010,2011,2012,2013,2014,2015,2018); Turn-Key Health (2016,2017); unknown (2019);

Notes: Source of deaths: the jail; Oklahoma Health Department; and Oklahoma Chief Medical Examiner

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**Oklahoma JAILS DATA, 2009-2019**

Oklahoma County Oklahoma County Jail											
	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
TOTAL DEATHS	6	7	6	1	3	6	4	15	12	7	6
AVG DAILY INMATES	2,313	2,209	2,160	2,259	2,601	2,603	2,556	2,369	2,175	1,851	1,745
DEATH RATE, PER 1,000	2.59	3.17	2.78	0.44	1.15	2.31	1.56	6.33	5.52	3.78	3.44
SUICIDES	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	6	3		3
HOMICIDES	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2		0
DRUGS/ALCOHOL	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
ILLNESS	4	4	4	0	0	4	3	9	3	5	1
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2

MEDICAL PROVIDER: Wellpath/Armor Correctional Health Services (2009); Armor Correctional Health Services (2010,2011,2012,2013,2014,2015,2016,2017); Armor Correctional Health Services/Turn-Key Health (2018); Turn-Key Health (2019);

Okmulgee County Okmulgee County Jail											
	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
TOTAL DEATHS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
AVG DAILY INMATES	192	204	221	234	262	279	251	272	315	275	255
DEATH RATE, PER 1,000	0	0	4.52	0	0	0	0	3.68	0	0	0
SUICIDES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOMICIDES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUGS/ALCOHOL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLNESS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MEDICAL PROVIDER: public

Notes: Source of deaths: the jail; Oklahoma Health Department; and Oklahoma Chief Medical Examiner

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**Oklahoma JAILS DATA, 2009-2019**

Pottawatomie County  
**Pottawatomie County Public Safety Center Trust**

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
TOTAL DEATHS	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
AVG DAILY INMATES	190	239	305	347	371	297	342	378	379	354	309
DEATH RATE, PER 1,000	5.26	8.37	0	5.76	0	3.37	0	0	0	2.82	3.24
SUICIDES	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOMICIDES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DRUGS/ALCOHOL	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ILLNESS	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MEDICAL PROVIDER: public (2009,2010,2011,2012,2013); public/Turn-Key Health (2014); Turn-Key Health (2015,2016,2017,2018,2019);

Tulsa County

**David L. Moss Criminal Justice Center**

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
TOTAL DEATHS	2	7	3	1	4	3	3	4	4	2	1
AVG DAILY INMATES	1,580	1,537	1,595	1,621	1,777	1,746	1,612	1,532	1,582	1,472	1,365
DEATH RATE, PER 1,000	1.27	4.55	1.88	0.62	2.25	1.72	1.86	2.61	2.53	1.36	0.73
SUICIDES	1	1		0	2	1	0	1	1	2	0
HOMICIDES	0	0		0	0		0	1	0	0	0
DRUGS/ALCOHOL	0	0		0	0		0	1	0	0	0
ILLNESS	1	6	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	0	1
ACCIDENTS	0	0		0	1		0	0	0	0	0

MEDICAL PROVIDER: Wellpath (2009,2010,2011,2012); Wellpath/Armor Correctional Health Services (2013); Armor Correctional Health Services (2014,2015); Armor Correctional Health Services/Turn-Key Health (2016); Turn-Key Health (2017,2018,2019);

Notes: Source of deaths: the jail; Oklahoma Health Department; and Oklahoma Chief Medical Examiner

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**Oklahoma JAILS DATA, 2009-2019**

Washington County  
**Washington County Jail**

	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
TOTAL DEATHS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
AVG DAILY INMATES				160	205	193	180	197	208	174	277
DEATH RATE, PER 1,000				0	0	5.18	0	0	0	11.49	0
SUICIDES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOMICIDES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUGS/ALCOHOL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLNESS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

MEDICAL PROVIDER: public