

OKLAHOMA MISDEMEANORS BY THE NUMBERS

Total number of county court misdemeanors filed in Oklahoma per year.*

53,483

*Municipal courts (both of and not of record) are not included here as the data is not public. This number is an under-calculation but reflects county case filings in thirteen counties where data was available and then using population to extrapolate the total.

TIME COST



2.5

Average # of hours a prosecutor spends on each misdemeanor case

7.94

Average # of hours a public defender or appointed attorney spends per misdemeanor case

6

of hours police spend booking someone into jail on a misdemeanor charge

20

Average number of minutes for county court to accept a plea of guilty for a misdemeanor

HUMAN COST

TYPES OF PEOPLE SERVING MISDEMEANOR TIME IN JAIL:

PEOPLE PRESUMED INNOCENT SERVING IN PRE-TRIAL DETENTION

PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT MENTALLY COMPETENT TO ENTER A PLEA OR GO TO TRIAL

PEOPLE SERVING MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES

668

of people serving misdemeanor jail time **each night** in Oklahoma

FINES AND FEES COST



\$1,141

Average assessed fines and fees per misdemeanor case to defendant

33%

Percent of fines and fees that are collected in Oklahoma

\$1.17

67%

Amount of court fines & fees that go uncollected in Oklahoma

Cost to State to collect each dollar of court debt*

*Based on a study by the Brennan Center focusing on counties in Texas and New Mexico.

FINANCIAL COST



\$22.7+ MILLION

Total cost of misdemeanor system in OK

\$8.9 MILLION

Labor cost to **book** misdemeanors into jail statewide

\$4.7 MILLION

Cost to **incarcerate** misdemeanor cases annually in Oklahoma

\$3.6 MILLION

Cost to **prosecute** all misdemeanor cases annually in Oklahoma

\$4.3 MILLION

Cost to **defend** indigent misdemeanor cases annually in Oklahoma

\$1.4 MILLION

Judiciary costs of misdemeanors annually in Oklahoma