



Crime Reporting Offense Definitions

Crime data compiled by the Village of Oak Park are categorized to conform to the Uniform Crime Reporting Information system, which allows for comparisons among jurisdictions. Offenses are divided into two groups – Part I and Part II. Part 1 offenses include crimes that are considered more serious. Offenses listed on the Oak Park Police Crime report maps posted are primarily Part 1 crimes.

Part I Offenses

Aggravated assault – An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Simple assaults are excluded.

Arson – Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft or personal property of another.

Burglary/breaking or entering – The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. Attempted forcible entry is included.

Criminal homicide – Murder and non-negligent manslaughter – the willful, non-negligent killing of one human being by another; deaths caused by negligence, attempts to kill, assaults to kill, suicides, accidental deaths and justifiable homicides are excluded. Justifiable homicides are limited to the killing of a felon by a law enforcement officer in the line of duty, and the killing of a felon, during the commission of a felony, by a private citizen. Manslaughter by negligence – the killing of another person through gross negligence. Traffic fatalities are excluded.

Forcible rape – The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Included are rapes by force and attempts or assaults to rape. Statutory offenses – no force used or victim under age of consent – are excluded.

Larceny/theft (except motor vehicle theft) – The unlawful taking, carrying, leading or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Examples are thefts of bicycles or automobile accessories, shoplifting, pocket-picking, or the stealing of any property or article that is not taken by force and violence or by fraud. Attempted larcenies are included. Offenses such as embezzlement, confidence games, forgery and worthless checks excluded.

Motor vehicle theft – The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. A motor vehicle is self-propelled and runs on the surface and not on rails. Specifically excluded from this category are motorboats, construction equipment, airplanes and farming equipment.

Robbery – The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

The Part II Offenses

All other offenses – All violations of state and/or local laws, except those specifically listed here.

Curfew and loitering laws (persons under age 18) – Offenses relating to violations of local curfew or loitering ordinances where such laws exist.

Disorderly conduct – Breach of the peace.

Driving under the influence – Driving or operating any vehicle or common carrier while drunk or under the influence of liquor or narcotics.

Drug abuse violations – State and/or local offenses relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing and manufacturing of narcotic drugs. The following drug categories are specified: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics, manufactured narcotics that can cause true addiction (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).

Drunkenness – Offenses relating to drunkenness or intoxication. Driving under the influence is excluded.

Embezzlement – Misappropriation or misapplication of money or property entrusted to one's care, custody or control.

Forgery and counterfeiting – Making, altering, uttering or possessing, with intent to defraud, anything false in the semblance of that which is true. Attempts are included.

Fraud – Fraudulent conversion and obtaining money or property by false pretenses. Included are confidence games and bad checks, except forgeries and counterfeiting.

Gambling – Promoting, permitting or engaging in illegal gambling.

Liquor laws – State and/or local liquor law violations, except drunkenness and driving under the influence. Federal violations are excluded.

Offenses against the family and children – Nonsupport, neglect, desertion or abuse of family and children.

Other assaults (simple) – Assaults and attempted assaults where no weapon is used and which do not result in serious or aggravated injury to the victim.

Prostitution and commercialized vice – Sex offenses of a commercialized nature, such as prostitution, keeping a bawdy house, procuring or transporting women for immoral purposes. Attempts are included.

Sex offenses (except forcible rape, prostitution and commercialized vice) – Statutory rape and offenses against chastity, common decency, morals and the like. Attempts are included.

Runaways (persons under age 18) – Limited to juveniles taken into protective custody under provisions of local statutes.

Stolen property (buying, receiving, possessing) – Buying, receiving and possessing stolen property, including attempts.

Suspicion – No specific offense. Suspect released without formal charges being placed.

Vagrancy – Vagabondage, begging and loitering.

Vandalism – Willful or malicious destruction, injury, disfigurement or defacement of any public or private property, real or personal, without consent of the owner or persons having custody or control.

Weapons (carrying, possessing) – All violations of regulations or statutes controlling the carrying, using, possessing, furnishing and manufacturing of deadly weapons or silencers. Included are attempts.