



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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**BLAINE, CANADIAN, GARFIELD, GRANT,
AND KINGFISHER COUNTIES**

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

I hope you find our Annual Report informative. Its purpose is to help fulfill our mission of serving the public in an efficient and transparent manner. It is meant to provide valuable information for those interested in the justice system and the services we provide.

Serving as the District Attorney for Blaine, Canadian, Garfield, Grant, and Kingfisher Counties is an honor and a blessing. The communities we represent are great places to live, raise families, work, and visit. With the help of our law enforcement agencies and community partners, we will do everything possible to keep the district safe and thriving.



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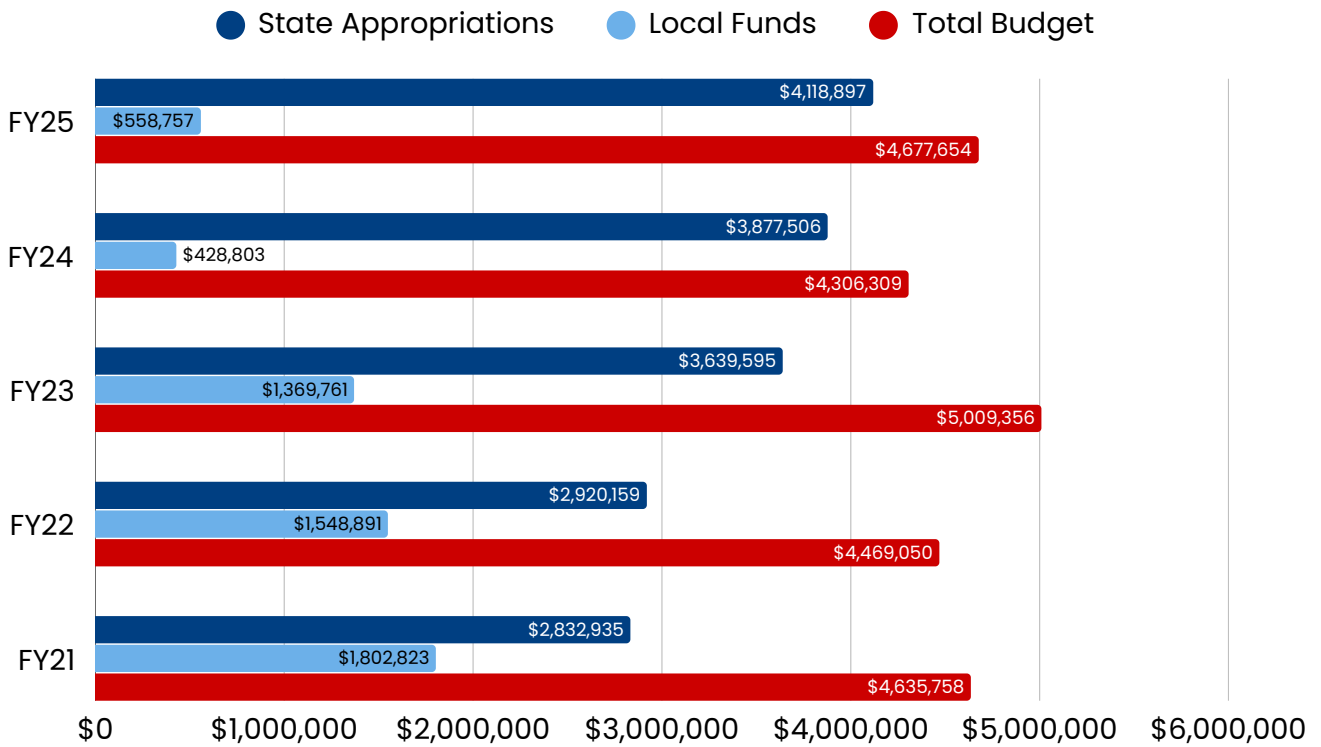
MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to protect the public by aggressively prosecuting violent crime, advocating for and supporting crime victims, and directing appropriate offenders toward treatment and rehabilitation. We are committed to upholding the highest standards of ethics, efficiency, and professionalism to ensure the health, safety and well-being of the communities we serve.

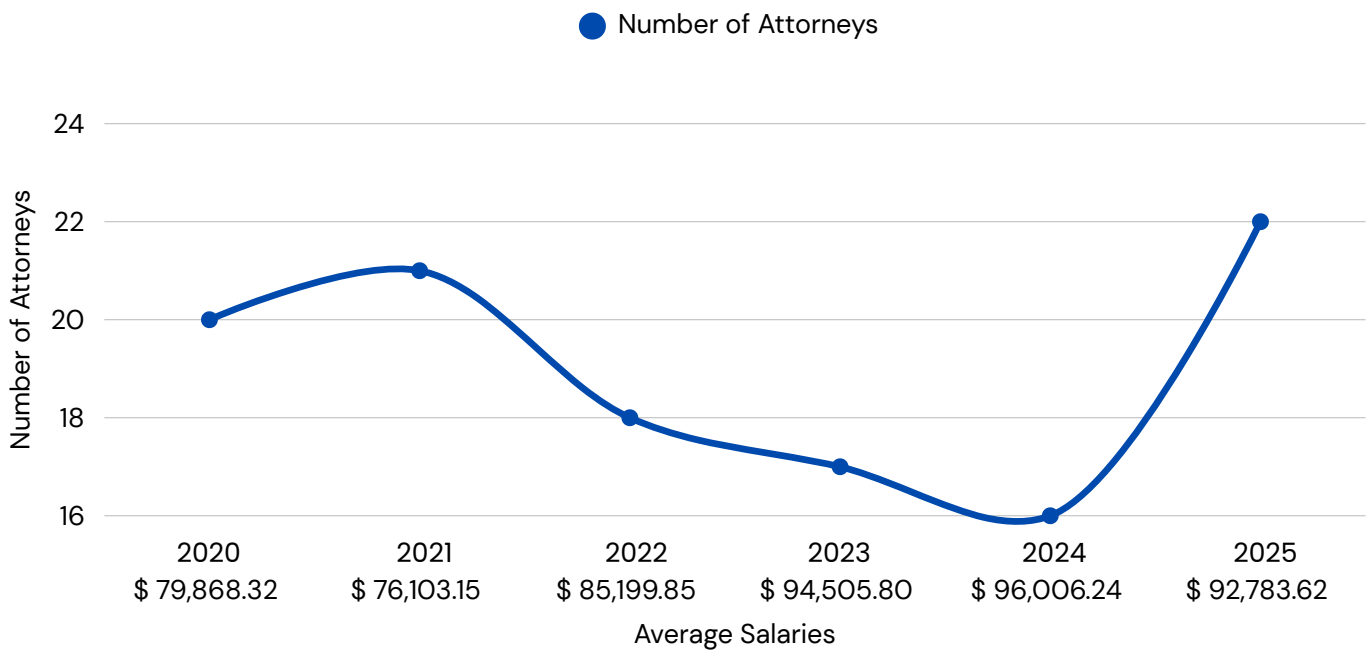
VALUES

- ▶ **Safety:** We are dedicated to protecting the public and promoting community well-being by pursuing justice responsibly and ensuring that our work enhances safety without compromising civil liberties.
- ▶ **Integrity:** We uphold the highest ethical standards, ensuring that every decision is guided by fairness, impartiality, and a steadfast commitment to justice. We do what is right, even when no one is watching.
- ▶ **Excellence:** We strive for excellence in all aspects of our work, from case preparation to courtroom advocacy, through continuous learning, rigorous legal analysis, and a deep commitment to the pursuit of justice.
- ▶ **Communication:** We foster respectful, timely, and clear communication with victims, defendants, law enforcement, the judiciary, and the public, recognizing that meaningful dialogue strengthens trust and justice.
- ▶ **Transparency:** We are committed to openness and accountability in our processes, decisions, and outcomes, ensuring the public understands how and why prosecutorial actions are taken.
- ▶ **Efficiency:** We use our resources wisely and make decisions that ensure swift and fair justice, minimizing delays while maintaining due process and the integrity of our legal system.

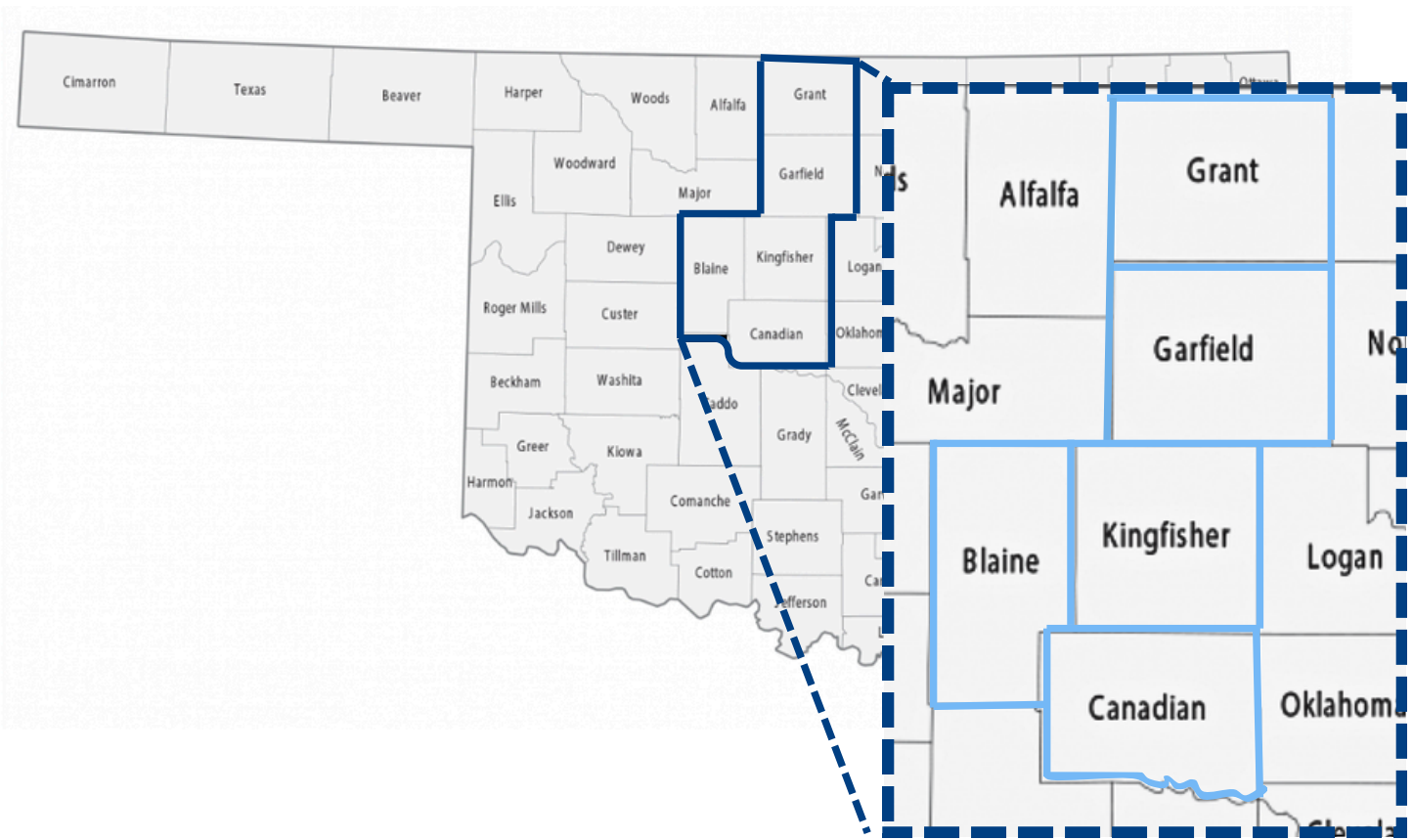
ANNUAL BUDGETS



Average Salaries of Attorneys



POPULATIONS SERVED



Blaine

8,573

Grant

4,123

Canadian

181,760

Kingfisher

15,820

Garfield

62,007

District-Wide

272,283

Data Source: 2024 Census Estimate

DISTRICT 4 CASES

Criminal Felonies

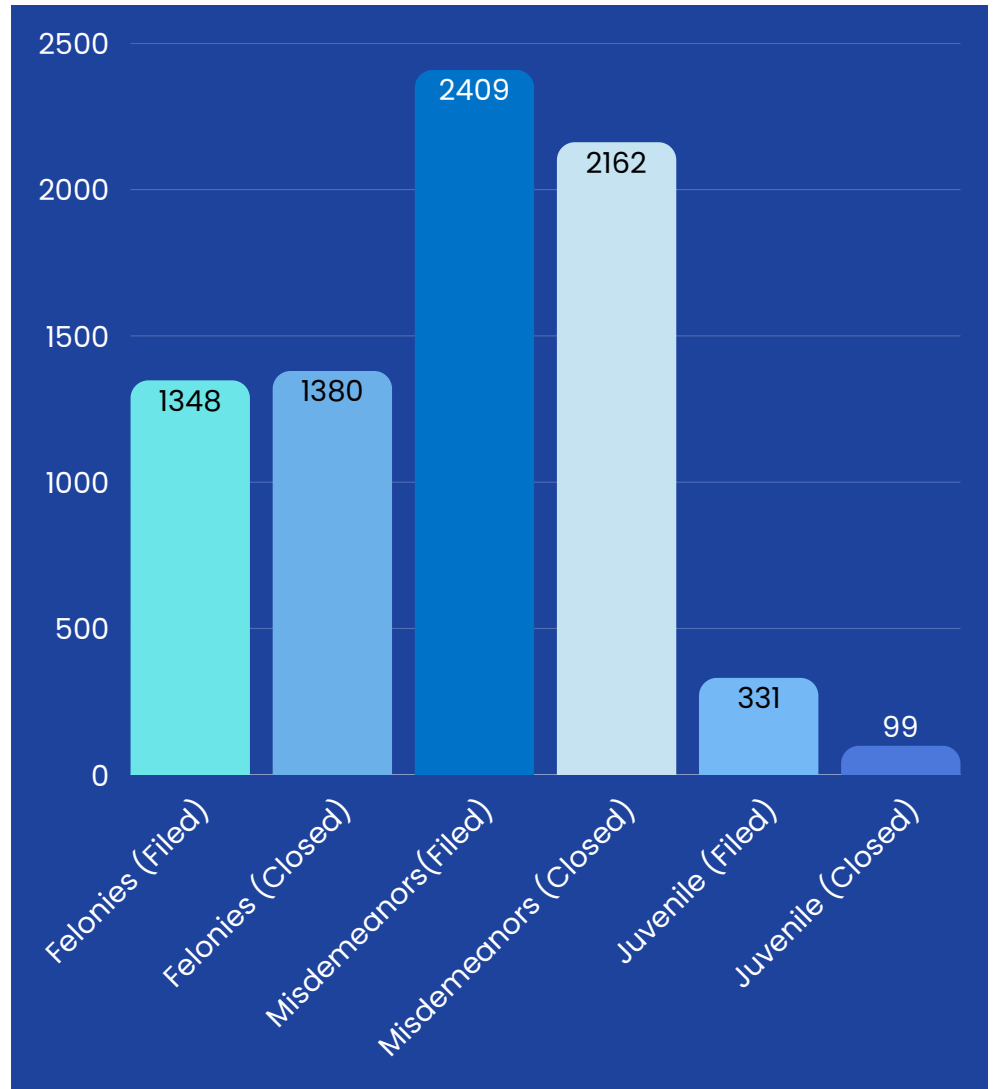
Filed: 1348
Closed: 1380

Criminal Misdemeanors

Filed: 2409
Closed: 2162

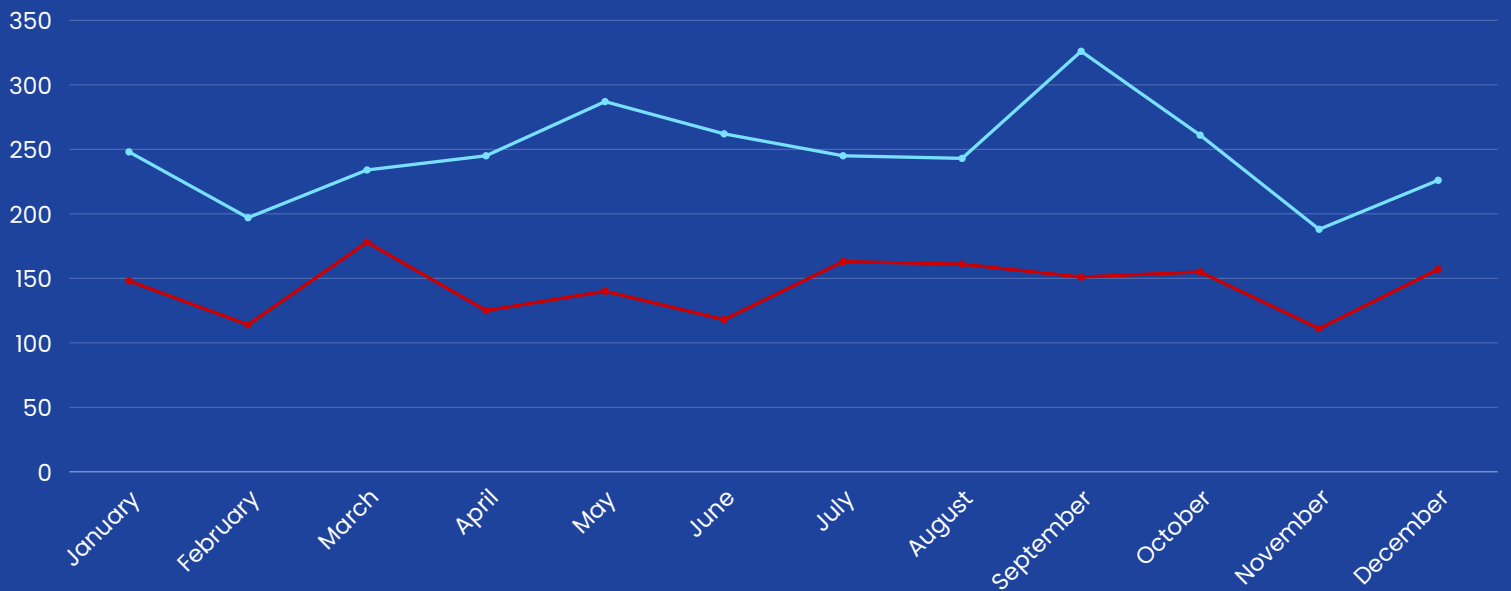
Juvenile

Filed: 331
Closed: 99



Received from Law Enforcement

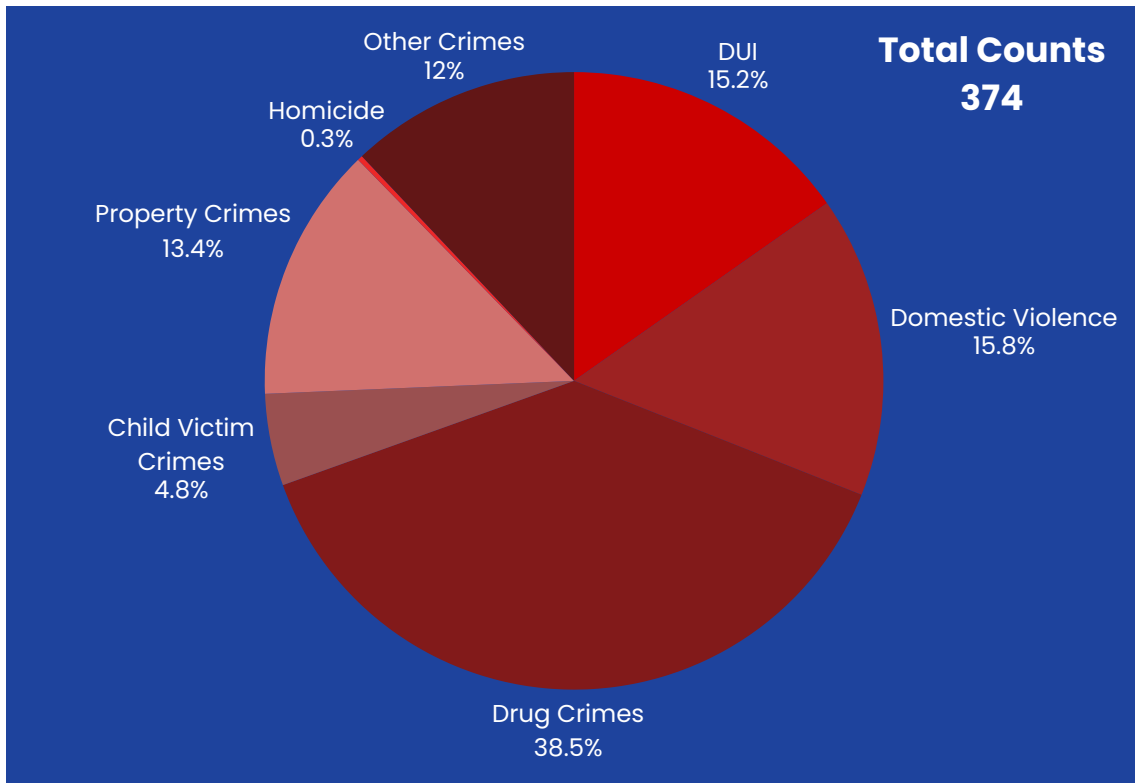
Felonies Misdemeanors



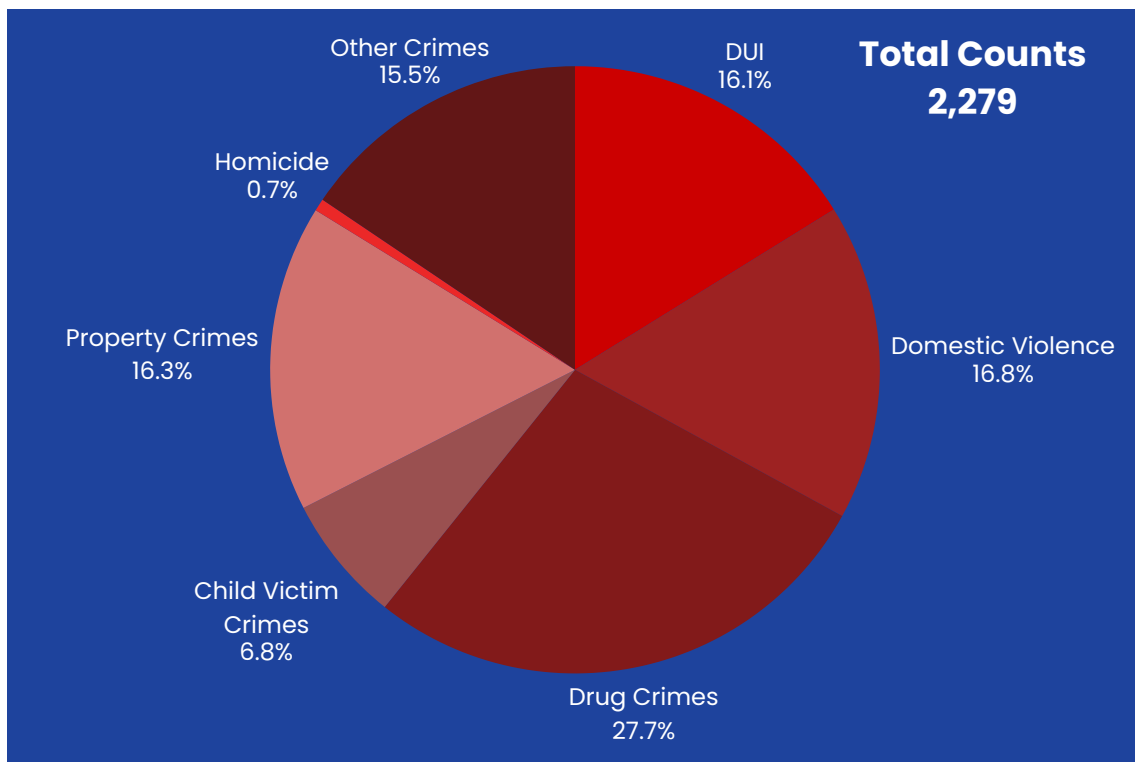
CRIMES BY COUNTY

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Blaine County



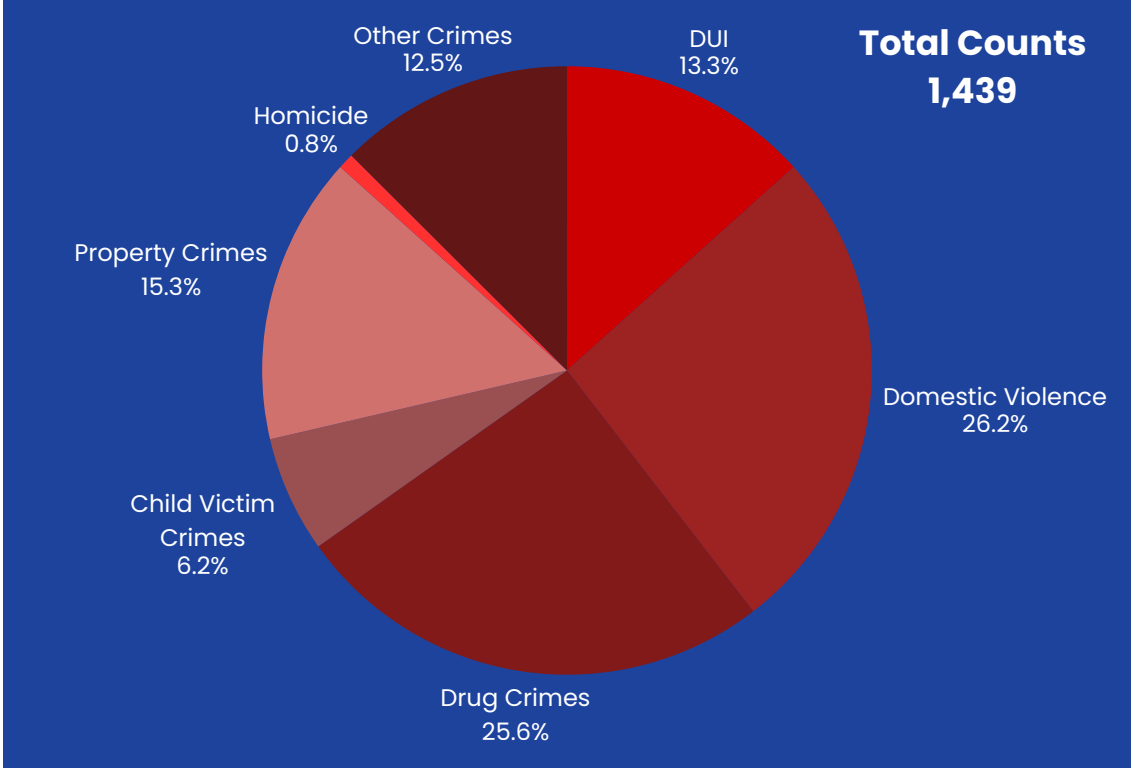
Canadian County



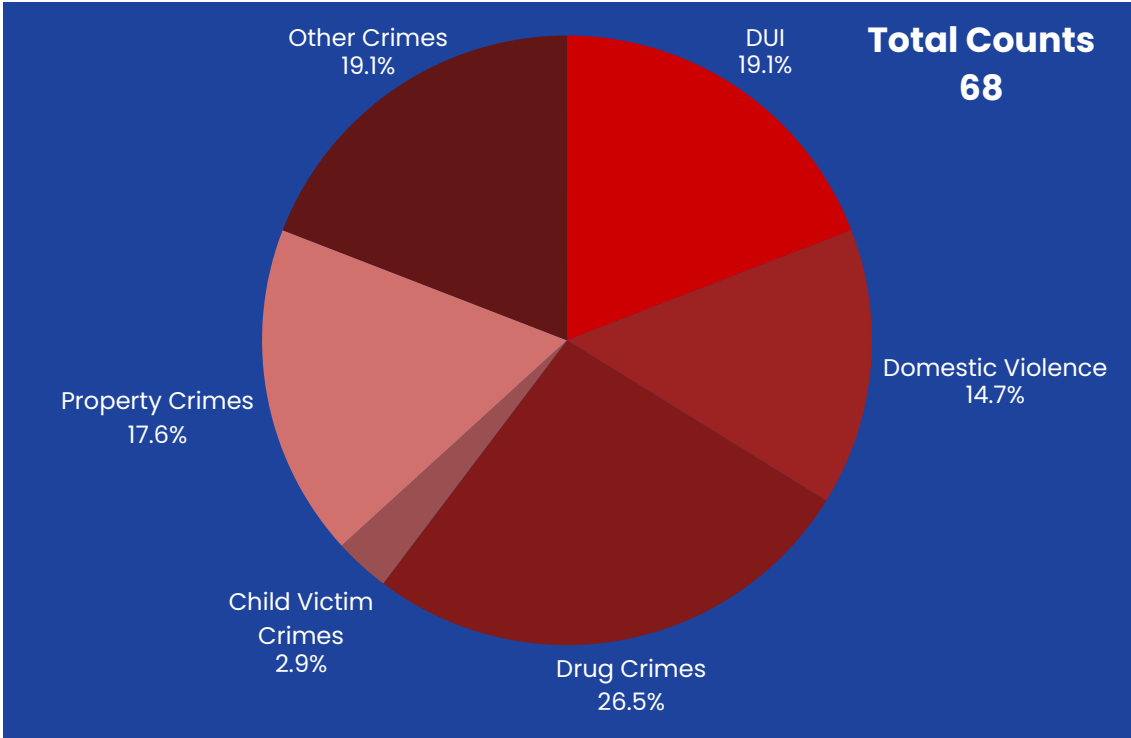
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Garfield County



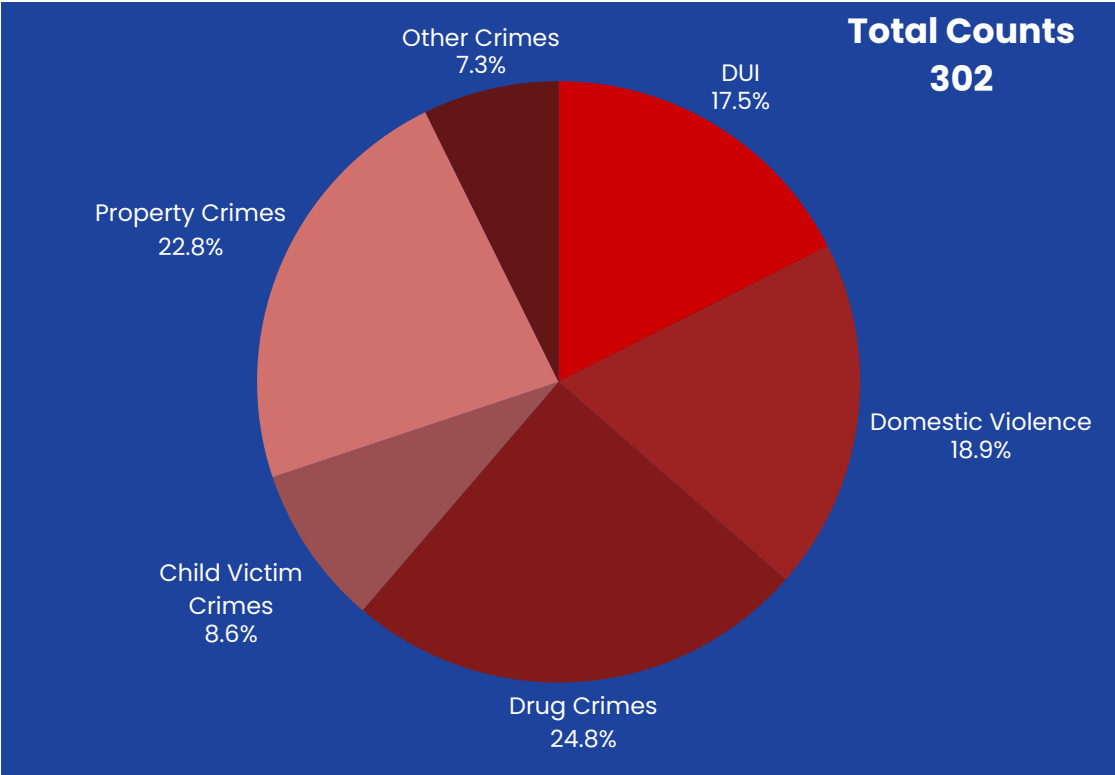
Grant County



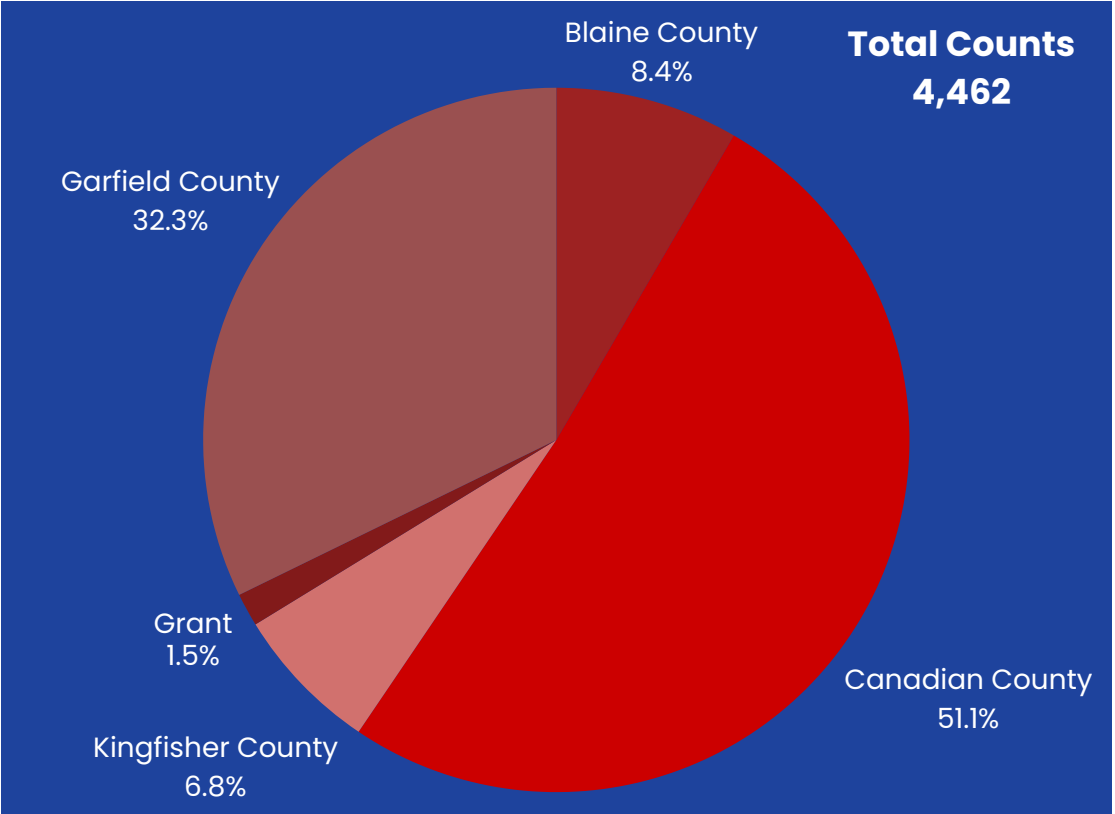
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Kingfisher County



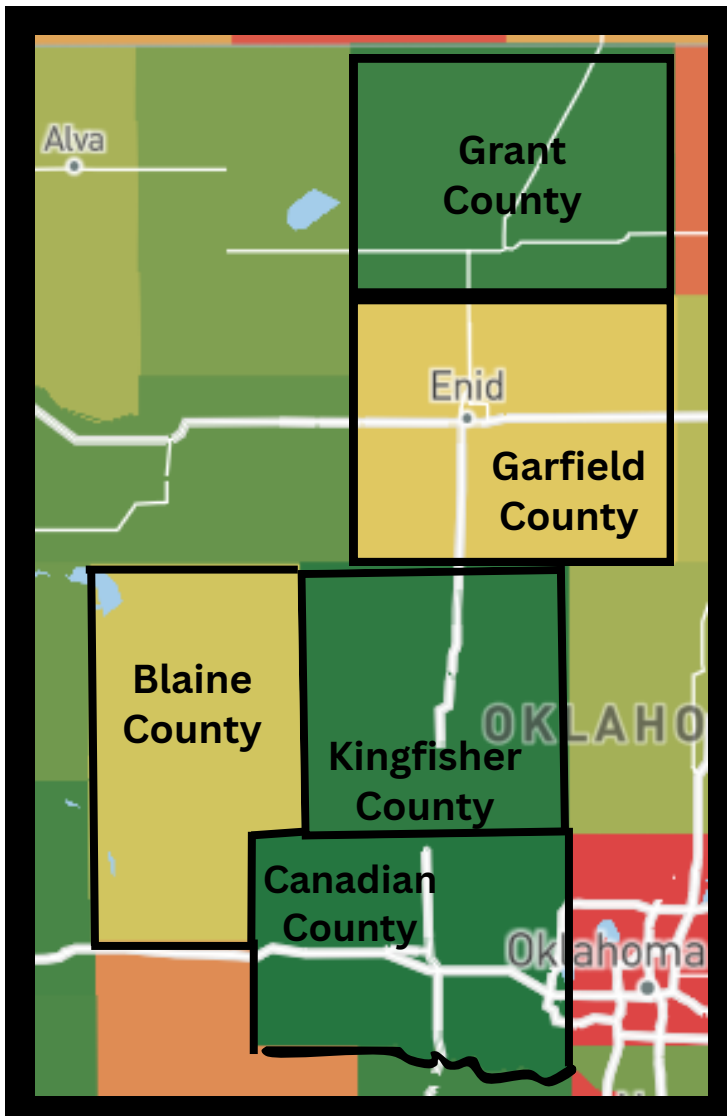
Total Crimes By County



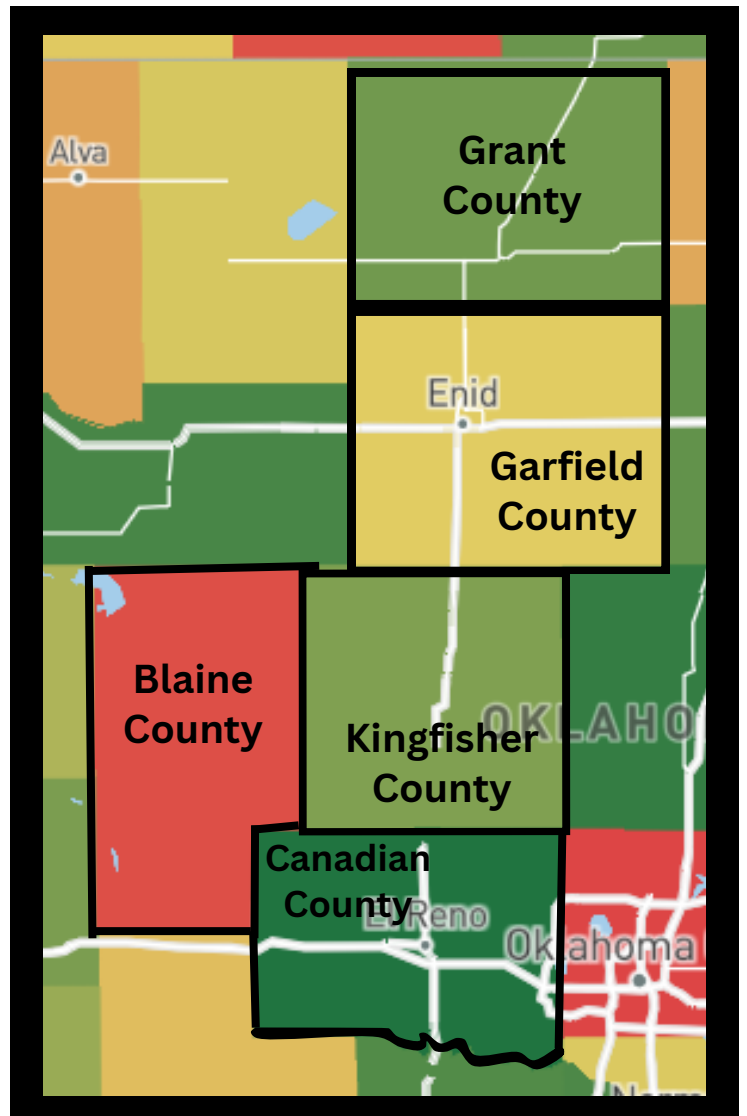
3RD PARTY CRIME GRADES BY COUNTY

Crimegrade.org provides nationwide, easy-to-understand crime data by combining millions of reports with advanced modeling to help people better understand and compare safety in their communities.

Violent Crime



Overall Crime



Crime Grades



A+ (dark green) areas are safest

VICTIM SERVICES

Our victim services staff in each county serves as the primary point of contact between our office and the victims we support. Their role is to ensure that all crime victims receive comprehensive, meaningful assistance by:

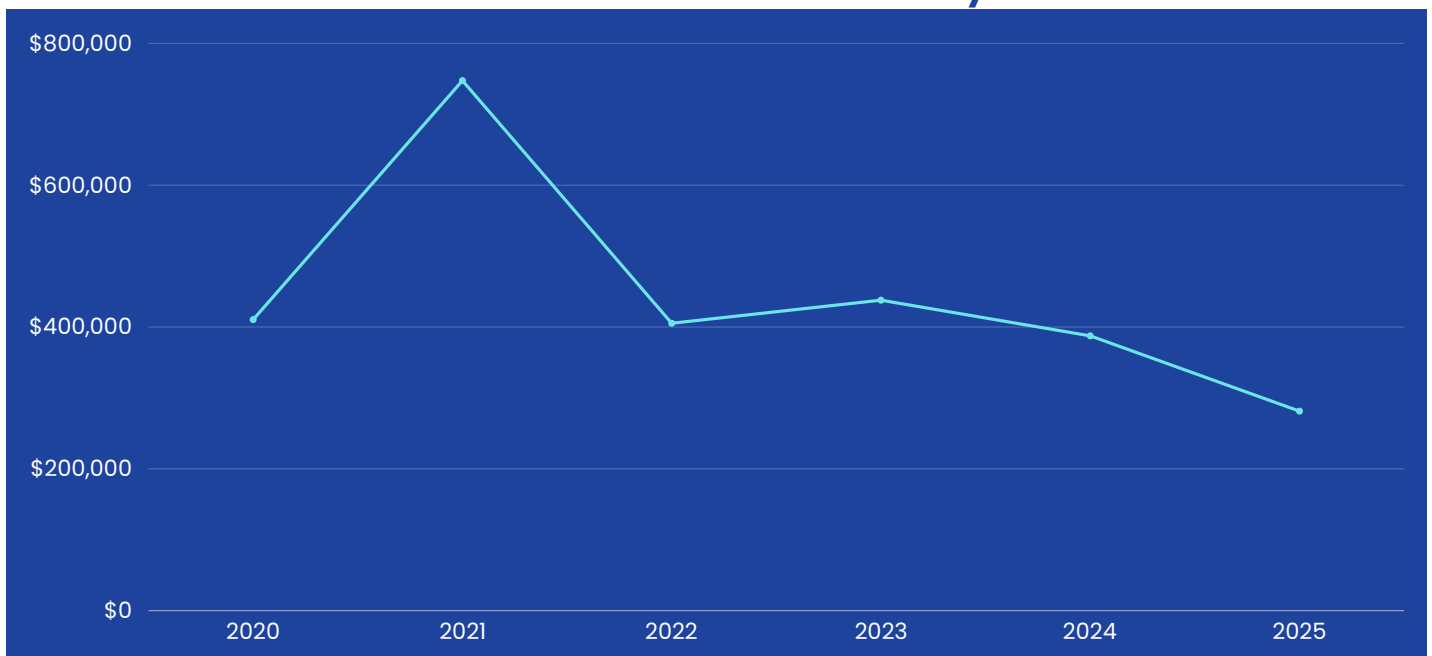
- Explaining and supporting victims' rights.
- Assisting with navigation of the criminal justice system, including court-ordered restitution recovery and submission of Crime Victim Compensation (CVC) claims.
- Providing information and referrals to local, state, and national resources.
- Offering guidance on protective orders and safety planning.
- Coordinating and attending meetings between prosecutors and victims.
- Accompanying victims and witnesses during hearings and trials.

COURT-ORDERED RESTITUTION

If a victim is owed restitution in a case, the court can order the restitution to be paid to the victim through the District Attorney's office.

In 2025, District 4 collected **\$281,377.94** for victims in our communities.

Amount of Restitution Collected by Year



CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION

Victims of certain crimes, dependents of a deceased victim, or a person authorized to act on behalf of the victim, may be eligible for compensation for expenses as a direct result of criminal acts. A victim is eligible for compensation regardless of whether charges are filed.

Victim services staff in District 4 can assist individuals in submitting Crime Victim Compensation Claims. In 2025, our team helped secure **\$149,385.00** in compensation through the CVC program.

2025 Claim Activity

Received

40 Claims

Denied

17 Claims

Completed

45 Claims

Outstanding

14 Claims

Awarded

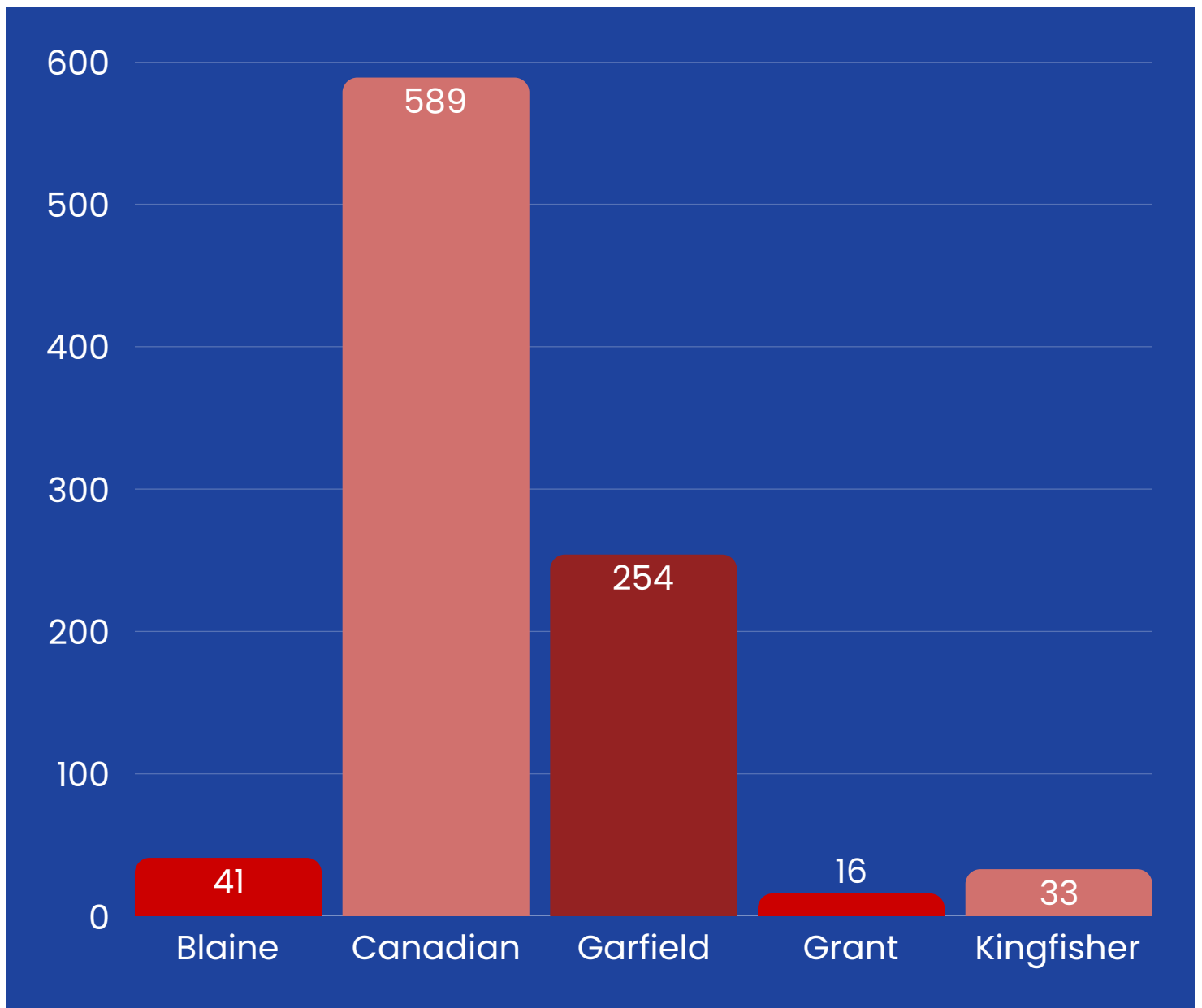
14 Claims

Prior Years' Pending

164 Claims

PROTECTIVE ORDERS FILED IN 2025

The District Attorney's office crime victim advocates are trained to assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking with obtaining protective orders. However, these figures also include protective orders facilitated by partner agencies.



DISTRICT 4 TOTAL: 933

SUPERVISED PROBATION

As an alternative to incarceration, eligible defendants may be placed in the District Attorney Supervision Program. Under this form of supervised probation, participants are generally required to report monthly as directed, maintain regular contact with the District Attorney's office, and provide proof of residence and employment. They must refrain from possessing firearms or other weapons, report any contact with law enforcement, and abstain from the use of drugs and alcohol.

Participants are also monitored to ensure compliance with all court-ordered treatment programs, classes, and assessments. A supervision fee of \$40 per month is assessed for all cases in the program.

UNSUPERVISED PROBATION

Defendants who are not placed on supervised probation with the District Attorney's office may instead be ordered by the Court to participate in the District Attorney's 991 Program, which carries a monthly fee of \$40.

Defendants assigned to the 991 Program must report to the District Attorney's office within 72 hours of sentencing. After this initial reporting, no further reporting is required.

Amount of Fees Collected by Year



In 2025, District 4 collected **\$442,986.45** in District Attorney supervision fees and **\$132,441.23** in District Attorney 991 fees. These funds do not remain local, but instead are deposited to the State General Fund to be appropriated by the Legislature.

DISTRICT GOALS

These goals reflect our commitment to justice that is firm, fair, and worthy of the public's trust. They serve as a benchmark for our work today and a roadmap for the future of my offices.



PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH SMART PROSECUTION

We prioritize cases that pose the greatest risk to public safety, directing resources toward violent crimes, repeat offenders, and offenses that significantly impact community well-being. Through data-driven strategies and sound prosecutorial judgment, we aim to achieve outcomes that reduce recidivism and promote long-term public safety.



ENSURE FAIRNESS, ETHICS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Justice requires more than convictions; it requires fairness. We are committed to ethical prosecution, upholding constitutional protections, and maintaining transparency at every stage of the process. Our office regularly reviews its policies, training, and case practices to ensure that all decisions are guided by the law, the evidence, and the highest standards of professional responsibility.



SUPPORT AND RESPECT CRIME VICTIMS

Victims deserve to be heard, informed, and treated with dignity. We are committed to providing clear communication, timely updates, and meaningful access to services and resources. Our goal is to ensure victims understand the process and feel supported as their cases move through the justice system.



STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY TRUST AND ENGAGEMENT

Public confidence is essential to effective prosecution. We strive to build trust through open communication, community outreach, and collaboration with local organizations, schools, and civic leaders. By listening to community concerns and clearly explaining our role, we aim to make the justice system more accessible and understandable.



INVEST IN PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Our attorneys and staff are our most valuable assets. We are committed to ongoing training, mentorship, and the use of modern tools and technology to enhance efficiency and accuracy. By fostering a culture of professionalism and continuous improvement, we ensure our office is well-equipped to meet evolving legal and community challenges.



USE RESOURCES RESPONSIBLY

As stewards of public resources, we are committed to efficiency and accountability. This includes thoughtful case screening, the responsible use of technology, and policies that promote consistency and sustainability in our operations.

FUTURE PLANS

Crime Mapping

We plan to launch a crime mapping feature on our website to better identify and communicate crime trends across our district. The feature will initially cover Canadian County, with plans to expand to additional counties in the near future.

Increased Transparency

We will enhance transparency by systematically tracking and documenting case filings, case outcomes, and recidivism rates. This effort will provide the public with clearer insight into how cases are handled and resolved within their communities.

Case Management Software

This year, our district was the first to go live with a new statewide case management system. We will continue enhancing our case management technology to improve access for all users - expanding victim access to the victim portal, attorney access to the discovery portal, and law enforcement access to the case submission portal. Testing of new text messaging capabilities within the case management system is also planned.

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



New Garfield County Office Location



OSBI Forensic Academy



VOID - Victims of Impaired Drivers awareness event



Garfield County Republican Women's Meeting



OCU Criminal Law Association Discussion Panel



Cardinal Point Honoring Hope Luncheon



CARE Campus Gala



OU College of Law Recruitment Event

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



ODAA Legislative Awards:
Representative John Pfeiffer



ODAA Legislative Awards:
Senator Kristen Thompson



ODAA Legislative Awards:
Senator Chuck Hall



ODAA Legislative Awards:
Senator Lonnie Paxton



Mike Fields Guardian Award
- Ben Bowers, Garfield
County



Years of Service Recognition
- RexAnn Kretchmar, Grant
County



MADD Gala - Outstanding
prosecutors Epplin & Murrey



District 4 Awards

Left to right: Ben Bowers, Garfield County; Ebelin Spencer, Canadian County Juvenile Justice Center; Emily Mitchell, Kingfisher County; Lisa Benson, District; Tommy Humphries, DA; Angela Terrell, Garfield County; Jenna Brown, Canadian County Juvenile Justice Center; Walter Mengden, Blaine County; RexAnn Kretchmar, Grant County. Not pictured: Baleigh Herring, Garfield County; Cathryn Lind, Canadian County; Shelby Newton, Blaine County.

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