

Oklahoma earns a D- for its civil forfeiture laws:

- Low bar to forfeit: Prosecutors must prove by preponderance of the evidence that property is connected to a crime.
- Poor protections for the innocent: Third-party owners must prove their own innocence to recover seized property.
- Large profit incentive: Up to 100% of forfeiture proceeds go to law enforcement.

Recent Reforms

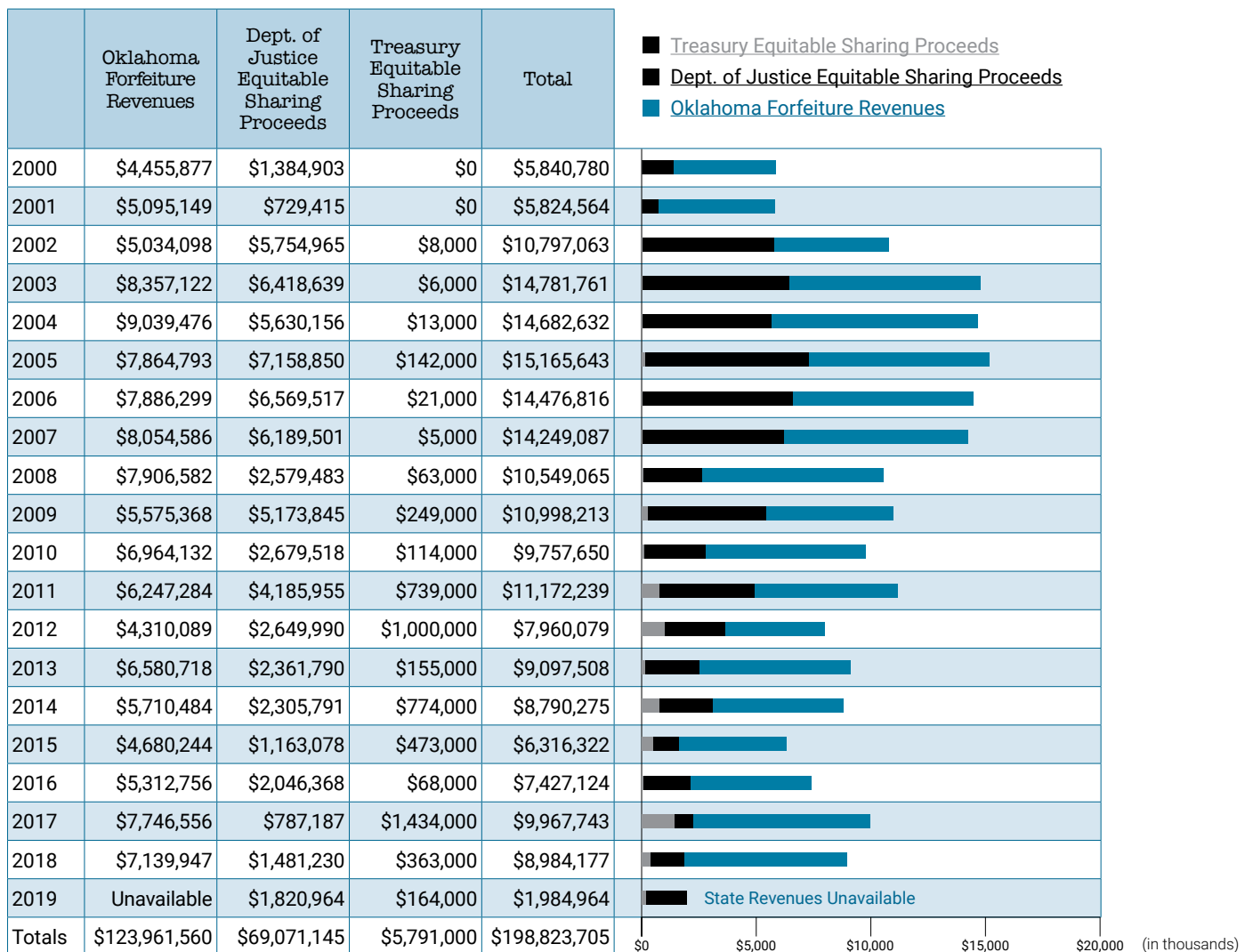
- None.

State and Federal Forfeiture Revenues, 2000–2019

Between 2000 and 2018, Oklahoma law enforcement agencies forfeited nearly \$124 million under state law. Between 2000 and 2019, they generated an additional \$74 million from federal equitable sharing, for a total of at least \$198 million in forfeiture revenue. Oklahoma ranks 14th for its participation in the Department of Justice’s equitable sharing program. The state does not prevent state and local agencies from using equitable sharing to circumvent state forfeiture law.

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All revenue figures include both civil and criminal forfeitures. Revenues are not adjusted for inflation.

Oklahoma's Forfeiture Transparency and Accountability Report Card

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| Tracking Seized Property | D+ | Accessibility of Forfeiture Records | D |
| Accounting for Forfeiture Fund Spending | F | Penalties for Failure to File a Report | Incomplete[†] |
| Statewide Forfeiture Reports | F | Financial Audits of Forfeiture Accounts | F |

[†] No reporting requirements to enforce.

For full transparency and accountability grades, visit www.ij.org/TransparencyReportCards.

Forfeitures Under Oklahoma Law: Key Facts

Median Value



Oklahoma does not report property-level data necessary to calculate median forfeiture value.

Property Types

UNKNOWN

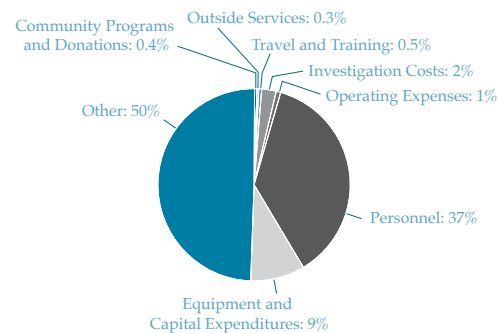
Oklahoma does not report the types of property forfeited.

Civil vs. Criminal

UNKNOWN

Oklahoma does not report whether forfeitures are processed under civil or criminal forfeiture law.

Expenditures



From 2005 to 2018, Oklahoma district attorneys spent nearly \$91 million from forfeiture funds—half on other expenses, mostly interagency transfers.

Data Notes

Data were obtained via public records requests to the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council. Fiscal-year proceeds include cash forfeitures and sold property. All Oklahoma forfeiture proceeds go to DA-managed funds; DAs then transfer seizing agencies their cut. Expenditure figures reported here represent only DAs' expenditures, including those transfers. The data do not indicate how recipient agencies spent those transfers. Equitable sharing data are from DOJ's and Treasury's annual forfeiture reports. Due to differences in reporting and accounting practices, state figures may not match aggregate numbers produced by the state or cover the same 12-month period as the federal data.