



## Portland Police Bureau Strategic Services Division



In 2017, there were a total of **8,050** assault offenses reported to the Portland Police Bureau. Assault offenses include three specific National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) offense types.

- 1) **Aggravated assault:** An unlawful attack by one person on another involving a weapon and/or severe injury to the victim.
- 2) **Simple assault:** An unlawful attack by one person on another not involving a weapon or severe injury to the victim.
- 3) **Intimidation:** To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threats or other conduct without the display of a weapon or actual physical attack. Includes stalking and threats.

### A REPORTED OFFENSE IS NOT THE SAME AS A CASE

The Portland Police Bureau counts **1** offense for each victim of assault on a case. In 2017, there were **7,267** cases with a reported assault offenses.

**8,050** reported assault offense → **7,267** cases with an assault offense

### How many of the 2017 assault cases have been investigated or cleared?

A case was considered investigated or cleared if:

- 1) An arrest including an assault charge was associated with the case
- 2) The case was assigned for investigation to detectives or another investigative unit. Assault cases can be assigned to detectives in the Assault Detail, but sometimes these cases are assigned to investigators in other units including Domestic Violence Reduction Unit, Gang Enforcement Team, and other units within the Detectives Division.
- 3) The case status indicates a referral for prosecution or to another agency, arrest by another agency, or an exceptional clearance

**51%** of 2017 assault case were investigated or cleared

**59%** of cases with an aggravated assault offense were investigated or cleared

**52%** of cases with a simple assault offense were investigated or cleared

**43%** of cases with an intimidation offense were investigated or cleared