

# Crime In Nebraska 2014

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## 1.8% DECREASE IN CRIME IN 2014

The number of crimes reported to Nebraska law enforcement agencies decreased 1.8% in 2014 compared to 2013. There were 51,217 crimes reported during January through December of 2014, compared to 52,155 reported during the same period of 2013, a decrease of 938 crimes. These numbers include only the crimes of Murder-Manslaughter, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson which serve as the *Crime Index* used to measure crime statewide.

Violent crimes (Murder-Manslaughter, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault) increased 5.4%. There were 4,775 violent crimes reported in 2014 compared to 4,530 reported in 2013, an increase of 245 crimes.

Property crimes (Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson) decreased 2.5%. There were 46,442 property crimes reported in 2014 compared to 47,625 reported in 2013, a decrease of 1183 crimes.

### Crime Index Offenses, 2013 - 2014

Crime Index Offenses	Number of Crime Index Offenses		
	2013	2014	% Change
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>4,530</b>	<b>4,775</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
Murder - Manslaughter	57	54	-5.3%
Forcible Rape	595	597	0.3%
Robbery	1,032	1,041	0.9%
Aggravated Assault	2,846	3,083	8.3%
<b>Property Crimes</b>	<b>47,625</b>	<b>46,442</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>
Burglary	8,583	7,664	-10.7%
Larceny-Theft	34,464	34,139	-0.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	4,365	4,433	1.6%
Arson	213	206	-3.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,155</b>	<b>51,217</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>

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The following Population Groups saw decreases in their crime rates for 2014 compared to 2013: 400,000 & over decreased 0.2%; 250,000 to 399,999 decreased 3.2%; 5,000 to 99,999 decreased 2.2%; Under 5,000 decreased 3.2% and Counties increased 3.6%. State Properties had a decrease in their crime rates from 2013 to 2014 of 10.0%.

**Percent Change - Crime Index Offenses  
January thru December, 2013 - 2014 by Population Groups\***

<i>Population Group</i>		<i>Murder, Man-slaughter</i>	<i>Forcible Rape</i>	<i>Robbery</i>	<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Larceny Theft</i>	<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	<i>Arson</i>	<i>Total</i>
400,000 & Over	2013	43	184	718	1,505	3,509	12,519	3,080	82	21,640
	2014	32	180	723	1,523	2,997	12,910	3,146	78	21,589
	<b>% Change</b>	-25.6%	-2.2%	0.7%	1.2%	-14.6%	3.1%	2.1%	-4.9%	-0.2%
250,000 to 399,999	2013	5	142	212	631	1,423	7,625	306	53	10,397
	2014	8	152	205	554	1,305	7,452	325	68	10,069
	<b>% Change</b>	60.0%	7.0%	-3.3%	-12.2%	-8.3%	-2.3%	6.2%	28.3%	-3.2%
5,000 to 99,999	2013	3	193	83	398	2,187	9,798	568	53	13,283
	2014	5	182	92	590	1,939	9,618	524	46	12,996
	<b>% Change</b>	66.7%	-5.7%	10.8%	48.2%	-11.3%	-1.8%	-7.7%	-13.2%	-2.2%
Under 5,000	2013	0	14	0	59	160	668	39	5	945
	2014	0	18	0	62	129	663	42	1	915
	<b>% Change</b>	N/A	28.6%	N/A	5.1%	-19.4%	-0.7%	7.7%	-80.0%	-3.2%
Counties	2013	6	59	16	238	1,265	3,500	358	19	5,461
	2014	8	60	19	343	1,265	3,175	379	13	5,262
	<b>% Change</b>	33.3%	1.7%	18.8%	44.1%	0.0%	-9.3%	5.9%	-31.6%	-3.6%
State Property	2013	0	3	3	15	39	354	14	1	429
	2014	1	5	2	11	29	321	17	0	386
	<b>% Change</b>	N/A	66.7%	-33.3%	-26.7%	-25.6%	-9.3%	21.4%	-100.0%	-10.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>2,846</b>	<b>8,583</b>	<b>34,464</b>	<b>4,365</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>52,155</b>
	<b>2014</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>3,083</b>	<b>7,664</b>	<b>34,139</b>	<b>4,433</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>51,217</b>
	<b>% Change</b>	<b>-5.3%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>-10.7%</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>

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## Total Arrests Increased 2.2% in 2014

The total number of persons arrested in Nebraska during 2014 increased from 72,884 in 2013 to 74,461 in 2014, an increase of 1,577 arrests. The top five categories in terms of the number of arrests made for specific crimes were: Driving Under the Influence (8,617 arrests), Drug Abuse Violations (12,022), Liquor Law Violations (7,017), Larceny-Theft (9,477), and Simple Assault (7,285). The total number of adult arrests (age 18 and over) increased 2.6%, from 72,884 in 2013 to 74,461 in 2014. Adult arrests accounted for 86% of the total arrests made statewide. The total number of juvenile arrests increased 0.2%, from 10,541 in 2013 to 10,518 in 2014.

### Total Arrest Trends, 2013 - 2014

Offense	Under 18 Years of Age			18 Years of Age and Over			Total All Ages		
	2013	2014	% Change	2013	2014	% Change	2013	2014	% Change
Murder - Manslaughter	1	5	400.0%	44	37	-15.9%	45	42	-6.7%
Death by Negligence	0	0	N/A	3	5	66.7%	3	5	66.7%
Forcible Rape	21	16	-23.8%	145	134	-7.6%	166	150	-9.6%
Robbery	61	64	4.9%	215	228	6.0%	276	292	5.8%
Aggravated Assault	91	113	24.2%	1,403	1,609	14.7%	1,494	1,722	15.3%
Burglary	185	201	8.6%	623	546	-12.4%	808	747	-7.5%
Larceny-Theft	2,261	2,287	1.1%	6,920	7,190	3.9%	9,181	9,477	3.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	71	87	22.5%	267	271	1.5%	338	358	5.9%
Arson	40	28	-30.0%	26	46	76.9%	66	74	12.1%
Simple Assault	1,535	1,425	-7.2%	6,089	5,860	-3.8%	7,624	7,285	-4.4%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	9	6	-33.3%	384	329	-14.3%	393	335	-14.8%
Fraud	71	81	14.1%	1,326	1,357	2.3%	1,397	1,438	2.9%
Embezzlement	9	9	0.0%	73	81	11.0%	82	90	9.8%
Stolen Property Offenses	125	107	-14.4%	543	583	7.4%	668	690	3.3%
Vandalism	687	686	-0.1%	1,521	1,623	6.7%	2,208	2,309	4.6%
Weapons Violations	101	107	5.9%	876	891	1.7%	977	998	2.1%
Prostitution/Commercial. Vice	0	0	N/A	165	113	-31.5%	165	113	-31.5%
Sex Offenses	124	101	-18.5%	386	378	-2.1%	510	479	-6.1%
Drug Abuse Violations	1,240	1,389	12.0%	9,389	10,633	13.2%	10,629	12,022	13.1%
Gambling	0	0	N/A	1	3	200.0%	1	3	200.0%
Offenses Ag. Family/Children	13	16	23.1%	1,260	1,234	-2.1%	1,273	1,250	-1.8%
Driving Under the Influence	127	106	-16.5%	9,332	8,511	-8.8%	9,459	8,617	-8.9%
Liquor Law Violations	1,100	1,062	-3.5%	6,206	5,955	-4.0%	7,306	7,017	-4.0%
Intoxication	0	0	N/A	0	1	N/A	0	1	N/A
Disorderly Conduct	650	611	-6.0%	2,270	2,420	6.6%	2,920	3,031	3.8%
Vagrancy / Loitering	2	8	300.0%	45	50	11.1%	47	58	23.4%
All Other Offenses	1,488	1,499	0.7%	12,829	13,834	7.8%	14,317	15,333	7.1%
Curfew / Loitering (Juveniles Only)	199	163	-18.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	162	N/A
Runaways (Juveniles Only)	330	335	1.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	330	335	1.5%
Unknown	0	6	N/A	2	21	N/A	2	27	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,541</b>	<b>10,518</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>62,343</b>	<b>63,943</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>72,884</b>	<b>74,461</b>	<b>2.2%</b>

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## A REVIEW OF HATE CRIMES IN NEBRASKA

With the passage of Legislative Bill 90 in 1997, commonly referred to as the Hate Crime Bill, the Crime Commission developed a system for reporting hate crimes. Law enforcement agencies voluntarily submit quarterly reports to the Commission on the number of hate crime incidents. If a hate crime has been committed, they report the type of crime committed a general description of the location, and the type of bias motivation. Of the 165 law enforcement agencies asked to participate in hate crime reporting, 116 agencies submitted at least one quarterly report during 2014 with 110 of those agencies reporting all four quarters.

During 2014, there were a total of 46 incidents reported from 6 agencies involving crimes motivated by hate. There were 30 incidents reported from 7 agencies in 2013. The types of bias motivation are provided below.

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Type of Bias	2013	2014	% Change
<b>Racial</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>150.0%</b>
White	0	4	N/A
Black	9	21	133.3%
American Indian	0	2	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	2	-33.3%
Multi-Racial	0	1	N/A
<b>Ethnicity / National Origin</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
Hispanic	3	1	-66.7%
Other Ethnicity	2	5	150.0%
<b>Religious</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>
Jewish	3	0	-100.0%
Islamic	0	0	N/A
Protestant	1	0	-100.0%
Catholic	1	0	-100.0%
<b>Sexual</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25.0%</b>
Male Homosexual	6	7	16.7%
Female Homosexual	1	2	100.0%
Anti-Homosexual (LGBT)	1	1	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>53.3%</b>

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The general location where the hate crimes occurred and the type of crime committed are provided below.

<b>Location</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Commercial (Bar, Restaurant, Store)	4	3	-25.0%
Public Area (Street, Park, etc.)	9	11	22.2%
Residence	7	18	157.1%
School/College	7	2	-71.4%
Other	3	12	300.0%
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The general types of hate crimes committed are provided below.

<b>Type of Crime</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Aggravated Assault	1	3	200.0%
Simple Assault	11	13	18.2%
Intimidation	3	9	200.0%
Robbery	0	1	N/A
Burglary / Theft	0	1	N/A
Destruction of Property	15	19	26.7%
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