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## STATEWIDE CRIME SUMMARY

The number of crimes reported to Nebraska law enforcement agencies in 2023 increased 33.7%. This jump was the result of onboarding Omaha in August of 2023, who covers approximately 24% of the State’s population. There were 30,625 crimes reported in 2023, compared to 22,914 crimes reported during the same period in 2022, resulting in an increase of 7,711 reported 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.

Reported violent crimes (Murder-Manslaughter, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault) increased 17.9% in 2023. There were 3,088 violent crimes reported in 2023, compared to 2,620 reported in 2022, resulting in an increase of 468 violent crimes.

Reported property crimes (Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson) increased 35.7% in 2023. There were 27,537 property crimes reported in 2023, compared to 20,294 reported in 2022, resulting in an increase of 7,243 property crimes.

**Crime Index Offenses, 2022 – 2023**

	2022	2023	CHANGE
<b>VIOLENT CRIMES</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>3,088</b>	<b>+17.9%</b>
Criminal Homicide	49	56	+14.3%
Forcible Rape	611	614	+0.49%
Robbery	240	348	+45%
Aggravated Assault	1,720	2,070	+20.3%
<b>PROPERTY CRIMES</b>	<b>20,294</b>	<b>27,537</b>	<b>+35.7%</b>
Burglary	2,218	2,389	+7.7%
Larceny-Theft	15,817	20,197	+27.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,055	4,701	+128.8%
Arson	204	250	+22.5%
<b>COMBINED TOTAL</b>	<b>22,914</b>	<b>30,625</b>	<b>+33.7%</b>

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## POPULATION GROUPS

The following population groups saw changes in their 2023 crime rates:

- \*\*Population of 400,000 did not have two consecutive years of data for comparison.
- Populations of 399,999 to 100,000 decreased 6.2% overall (violent -8.9% / property -6.1%)
- Populations of 99,999 to 5,000 decreased 2.7% overall (violent -18.8% / property -0.66%)
- Populations of 4,999 and under decreased 14.6% overall (violent -11.4% / property -15.1%)
- County areas decreased 12.2% overall (violent -19.7% / property -11.3%)
- State properties increased 33.7% overall (violent +57.1% / property +15.2%)

### Crime Index Offenses by Population Group, 2022-2023

POPULATION GROUP		YEAR	Murder- Man- slaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	<b>Violent (Total)</b>	Burglary	Larceny - Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	<b>Property (Total)</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
POLICE DEPARTMENTS	400,000 AND OVER	2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		2023**	20	87	122	589	<b>818</b>	574	5,144	2,495	47	<b>8,260</b>	<b>9,078</b>
		CHANGE	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
	399,999 TO 100,000	2022	18	193	148	735	<b>1,094</b>	888	6,759	854	85	<b>8,586</b>	<b>9,680</b>
		2023	8	183	155	650	<b>996</b>	749	6,297	945	73	<b>8,064</b>	<b>9,060</b>
		CHANGE	-55.6%	-5.2%	+4.7%	-11.6%	<b>-8.9%</b>	-15.7%	-6.8%	+10.7%	-14.1%	<b>-6.1%</b>	<b>-6.2%</b>
	99,999 TO 5,000	2022	12	257	74	632	<b>975</b>	790	6,256	748	59	<b>7,853</b>	<b>8,828</b>
		2023	7	228	52	505	<b>792</b>	614	6,379	757	51	<b>7,801</b>	<b>8,593</b>
		CHANGE	-41.67%	-11.3%	-29.7%	-20.1%	<b>-18.8%</b>	-22.3%	+1.9%	+1.2%	-13.6%	<b>-0.66%</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>
	4,999 AND UNDER	2022	0	24	5	59	<b>88</b>	86	422	57	5	<b>570</b>	<b>658</b>
		2023	2	23	1	52	<b>78</b>	46	384	49	6	<b>485</b>	<b>563</b>
		CHANGE	NA	-4.6%	-80%	-11.9%	<b>-11.4%</b>	-46.5%	-9.2%	-14%	+20%	<b>-15.1%</b>	<b>-14.6%</b>
OTHER	COUNTY AREAS	2022	12	136	12	261	<b>421</b>	453	2376	392	18	<b>3,239</b>	<b>3,660</b>
		2023	13	92	17	216	<b>338</b>	406	1988	452	28	<b>2,874</b>	<b>3,212</b>
		CHANGE	+8.34%	-32.3%	+41.67%	-17.2%	<b>-19.7%</b>	-10.4%	-16.3%	+15.3%	+55.56%	<b>-11.3%</b>	<b>-12.2%</b>
	STATE AREAS	2022	7	1	1	33	<b>42</b>	1	4	4	37	<b>46</b>	<b>89</b>
		2023	6	1	1	58	<b>66</b>	0	5	3	45	<b>53</b>	<b>119</b>
		CHANGE	-14.3%	0%	0%	+75.8%	<b>+57.1%</b>	-100%	+25%	-25%	+21.6%	<b>+15.2%</b>	<b>+33.7%</b>

	YEAR	Murder- Man- slaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	<b>Violent (Total)</b>	Burglary	Larceny – Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	<b>Property (Total)</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2022</b>	49	611	240	1,720	<b>2,620</b>	2,218	15,817	2,055	204	<b>20,294</b>	<b>22,914</b>
	<b>2023*</b>	56	614	348	2,070	<b>3,088</b>	2,389	20,197	4,701	250	<b>27,537</b>	<b>30,625</b>
	<b>CHANGE</b>	<b>+14.3%</b>	<b>+ .49%</b>	<b>+45%</b>	<b>+20.3%</b>	<b>+17.9%</b>	<b>+7.7%</b>	<b>+27.7%</b>	<b>+128.8%</b>	<b>+22.5%</b>	<b>+35.7%</b>	<b>+33.7%</b>

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## ARRESTS

There were 43,099 arrests made in 2023, compared to 38,568 in 2022, resulting in an overall increase of 11.7%. The five categories with the highest number of arrests in 2023 were: Drug Abuse Violations (7,166); Driving Under the Influence (5,343); Larceny (5,036); Simple Assault (4,472); and Liquor Law Violations (2,678).

The number of adult arrests (age 18 and over) in 2023 was 36,962 compared to 33,607 in 2022, resulting in an increase of 9.98%. The number of juvenile arrests (age 17 and under) in 2023 was 6,137, compared to 4,968 in 2022, an increase of 23.5%.

### Total Arrests in Nebraska, 2022 – 2023

	ADULT ARRESTS			JUVENILE ARRESTS			ALL ARRESTS		
	2022	2023	CHANGE	2022	2023	CHANGE	2022	2023	CHANGE
Murder-Manslaughter	29	25	-13.8%	1	3	+200%	30	28	-7.1%
Manslaughter by Negligence	4	6	+50%	0	0	0%	4	6	+50%
Forcible Rape	87	105	+20.7%	17	11	-35.3%	104	116	+11.5%
Robbery	54	95	+75.9%	16	38	+137.5%	70	133	+90%
Aggravated Assault	1,319	1,370	+3.9%	82	83	+1.2%	1,401	1,453	+3.7%
Burglary	206	239	+16%	35	79	+125.7%	241	318	+31.9%
Larceny	2,601	4,009	+54.1%	591	1,027	+73.5%	3,192	5,036	+57.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	122	145	+18.9%	126	134	+6.3%	248	279	+12.5%
Simple Assault	2,752	3,190	+15.9%	1,122	1,282	+14.3%	3,874	4,472	+15.4%
Arson	24	30	+25%	37	15	-59.6%	61	45	-26.2%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	152	111	-26.9%	2	2	0%	154	113	-26.6%
Fraud	114	149	+30.7%	35	36	+2.9%	149	185	+24.2%
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	152	159	+4.6%	4	12	+200%	156	171	+9.6%
Embezzlement	8	16	+100%	6	6	0%	14	22	+57.1%
Stolen Property Offenses	296	327	+10.5%	27	97	+259.3%	323	424	+31.3%
Vandalism	916	1,093	+19.3%	478	507	+5.9%	1,394	1,600	+14.8%
Weapons	556	675	+21.4%	53	87	+64.2%	609	762	+25.1%
Prostitution	6	13	+116.67%	0	0	0%	6	13	+116.67%
Sex Offenses	91	81	-10.9%	34	44	+29.4%	125	125	0%
Pornography/Obscene Material	15	32	+113.34%	30	33	+10%	45	65	+44.45%

Drug Abuse Violations	6,679	6,439	-3.6%	791	727	-8.1%	7,470	7,166	-4.1%
Offense Against Family and Children	368	449	+21.7%	344	379	+10.2%	712	828	+16.3%
Driving Under the Influence	4,774	5,273	+10.5%	72	70	-2.78%	4,846	5,343	+10.3%
Liquor Law Violations	1,862	2,203	+18.3%	378	475	+25.7%	2,240	2,678	+19.6%
Disorderly Conduct	1,485	1,931	+30%	117	309	+164.1%	1,602	2,240	+39.8%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	753	950	+26.2%	54	48	-11.12%	807	998	+23.7%
All Other Offenses (except traffic)	8,182	7,847	-4.1%	516	633	+22.7%	8,698	8,480	-2.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,607</b>	<b>36,962</b>	<b>+9.98%</b>	<b>4,968</b>	<b>6,137</b>	<b>+23.5%</b>	<b>38,568</b>	<b>43,099</b>	<b>+11.7%</b>

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## A REVIEW OF HATE CRIMES

With the passage of Legislative Bill 90 in 1997, commonly referred to as the Hate Crime Bill, the Nebraska Crime Commission (NCC) developed a system to report hate crimes. The FBI has defined a hate crime as a “criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender’s bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.” Nebraska law enforcement agencies voluntarily submit quarterly reports to the NCC which document the details of hate crimes that have been committed within the jurisdictions of those reporting agencies. Some of the details documented include: the type of crime committed, a general description of the location in which it occurred, and the type of bias or motivation of the offender.

In 2023, 162 law enforcement agencies participated in submitting hate crime data to the Crime Commission (101 all 12 months, 61 partial months). In total, there were 46 incidents reported by 9 agencies statewide that involved crimes motivated by hate or bias. In comparison, 2022 had 176 agencies participate in submitting hate crime data, reporting a total of 47 incidents from agencies statewide, resulting in an overall decrease of 2.1%.

**Types of Bias/Motivations in Hate Crimes, 2022 – 2023**

	2022	2023
<b>RACIAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>
Anti-White	6	1
Anti-Black or African American	12	13
Anti-American Indian/Alaska Native	3	1
Anti-Asian	0	0
Anti-Arab	1	2
Anti-Multiple Races / Groups	2	0
<b>ETHNICITY / NATIONAL ORIGIN</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
Anti-Hispanic or Latino	6	0
Anti-Other Race / Ethnicity / Ancestry	1	0
<b>RELIGIOUS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>
Anti-Jewish	0	4
Anti-Catholic	0	0
Anti-Islamic (Muslim)	0	0
Anti-Eastern Orthodox	0	2
Anti-Buddhist	0	1
Anti-Protestant	0	0
Anti-Sikh	0	1
Anti-Other Religion	2	0



Anti-Multiple Religions, Group	0	0
<b>SEX/GENDER</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>
Anti-Gay (Male)	1	6
Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender (Mixed Group)	6	10
Anti-Bisexual	0	0
Anti-Lesbian	2	1
<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Anti-Physical Disability	0	0
Anti-Mental Disability	0	0
<b>GENDER BIAS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Anti-Male	0	1
Anti-Female	2	0
<b>GENDER IDENTITY BIAS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Anti-Transgender	3	3
Anti-Gender Non-Conforming	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>

. \*\*Bias motivation, location and offense counts will not match as one incident may contain more than one victim and offense.

## A REVIEW OF HATE CRIMES

The general locations where hate crimes occurred in 2022-2023 are provided in the table below:

**Location of Hate Crimes in Nebraska, 2022 – 2023**

	2022	2023
Government/Public Building and other	4	8
Commercial (bar, restaurant, store, etc.)	8	5
Public Area (street, park, etc.)	11	13
Residence/Home	16	12
School / College	6	4
Cyberspace	1	0

Church/Synagogue/Temple/Mosque	0	2
Other/Unknown	0	5
Construction/Industrial/Farm	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>

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The types of offenses used in hate crimes in 2022-2023 are provided in the table below:

**Types of Offenses Used in Hate Crimes in Nebraska, 2022 – 2023**

	2022	2023
<b>CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>
Kidnapping	0	1
Murder	0	1
Rape	0	0
Aggravated Assault	4	1
Simple Assault	11	16
Intimidation	13	8
<b>CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>31</b>
Burglary	1	1
Larceny-Theft	5	9
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1
Fraud Offenses	0	1
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property	13	16
Arson	0	3
Other	0	0
Robbery	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>58</b>

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