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STATEWIDE CRIME SUMMARY

The number of crimes reported to Nebraska law enforcement agencies in 2024 increased 18.5%. This jump was the result of onboarding Omaha in August of 2023, who covers approximately 24% of the State's population. There were 36,914 crimes reported in 2024, compared to 31,142 crimes reported during the same period in 2023, resulting in an increase of 5,799 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 31% in 2024. There were 4,120 violent crimes reported in 2024, compared to 3,146 reported in 2023, resulting in an increase of 974 violent crimes.

Reported property crimes (Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson) increased 17.1% in 2024. There were 32,794 property crimes reported in 2024, compared to 27,996 reported in 2023, resulting in an increase of 4,798 property crimes.

Crime Index Offenses, 2023 – 2024

	2023	2024	CHANGE
VIOLENT CRIMES	3,146	4,120	+31%
Criminal Homicide	60	71	+18.34%
Forcible Rape	647	642	-0.77%
Robbery	354	413	+16.67%
Aggravated Assault	2,085	2,994	+43.6%
PROPERTY CRIMES	27,996	32,794	+17.1%
Burglary	2,419	2,908	+20.2%
Larceny-Theft	20,567	24,529	+19.3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	4,758	5,054	+6.2%
Arson	252	258	+2.4%
COMBINED TOTAL	31,142	36,914	+18.5%

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POPULATION GROUPS

The following population groups saw changes in their 2024 crime rates:

- **Population of 400,000 shows marked increase due to onset of reporting in August of 2023
- Populations of 399,999 to 100,000 decreased 7.9% overall (violent -8% / property -6.1%)
- Populations of 99,999 to 5,000 decreased 9.9% overall (violent +1.8% / property -11.2%)
- Populations of 4,999 and under decreased 25.4% overall (violent -13.8% / property -27.3%)
- County areas decreased 12.8% overall (violent +33.2% / property -18.3%)
- State properties decreased 42.9% overall (violent -54.6% / property -28.3%)

Crime Index Offenses by Population Group, 2023-2024

POPULATION GROUP		YEAR	Murder-Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Violent (Total)	Burglary	Larceny – Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Property (Total)	Grand Total
POLICE DEPARTMENTS	400,000 AND OVER	2023	20	93	122	589	824	574	5,158	2,497	48	8,277	9,101
		2024	36	182	225	1,310	1,753	1,073	11,011	3,181	88	15,353	17,106
		CHANGE**	+80%	+96%	+141.9%	+122.4%	+112.7%	+86.9%	+113.5%	+27.4%	+83.34%	+85.5%	+88%
	399,999 TO 100,000	2023	8	192	155	655	1,010	753	6,284	962	73	8,072	9,082
		2024	12	125	121	717	975	775	5,588	952	70	7,385	8,360
		CHANGE	+50%	-34.9%	-21.9%	+9.5%	-3.5%	+2.9%	-11.1%	-1.04%	-4.1%	-8.5%	-7.9%
	99,999 TO 5,000	2023	7	231	54	503	795	618	6,387	762	51	7,818	8,613
		2024	8	204	48	549	809	623	5,753	522	48	6,946	7,755
		CHANGE	+14.3%	-11.7%	-11.1%	+9.2%	+1.8%	+0.8%	-9.9%	-31.5%	-5.9%	-11.2%	-9.9%
	4,999 AND UNDER	2023	2	24	1	53	80	47	392	49	6	494	574
		2024	1	16	1	51	69	35	288	34	2	359	428
		CHANGE	-50%	-33.3%	0%	-3.8%	-13.8%	-25.5%	-26.5%	-30.6%	-66.67%	-27.3%	-25.4%
OTHER	COUNTY AREAS	2023	17	96	18	221	352	419	2,049	462	28	2,958	3,310
		2024	14	102	18	335	469	394	1,665	341	18	2,418	2,887
		CHANGE	+7.7%	+6.3%	0%	+51.6%	+33.2%	-5.9%	-18.7%	-26.2%	-35.7%	-18.3%	-12.8%
	STATE AREAS	2023	6	1	1	58	66	0	5	3	45	53	119
		2024	0	0	0	30	30	0	5	2	31	38	68
		CHANGE	-100%	-100%	-100%	-48.3%	-54.6%	0%	0%	-33.33%	-31.1%	-28.3%	-42.9%

	YEAR	Murder- Man-slaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Violent (Total)	Burglary	Larceny – Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Property (Total)	Grand Total
TOTAL	2023	60	637	351	2,079	3,127	2,411	20,275	4,735	251	27,672	30,799
	2024	71	629	413	2,992	4,105	2,900	24,310	5,032	257	32,499	36,604
	CHANGE	+18.3%	-1.3%	+17.7%	+43.9%	+31.3%	+20.3%	+19.9%	+6.3%	+2.4%	+17.4%	+18.9%

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ARRESTS

There were 50,191 arrests made in 2024, compared to 43,302 in 2023, resulting in an overall increase of 15.9%. The five categories with the highest number of arrests in 2024 were:

All Other Offenses (9,369); Larceny (6,794); Drug Abuse Violations (6,654); Driving Under the Influence (6,202); and Simple Assault (5,434).

The number of adult arrests (age 18 and over) in 2024 was 43,639 compared to 37,147 in 2023, resulting in an increase of 17.5%. The number of juvenile arrests (age 17 and under) in 2024 was 6,522, compared to 6,155 in 2023, an increase of 6.5%.

Total Arrests in Nebraska, 2023 – 2024

	ADULT ARRESTS			JUVENILE ARRESTS			ALL ARRESTS		
	2023	2024	CHANGE	2023	2024	CHANGE	2023	2024	CHANGE
Murder-Manslaughter	25	32	+28%	3	5	+66.67%	28	37	+32.1%
Manslaughter by Negligence	6	17	+183.3%	0	3	NA	6	20	+233.3%
Forcible Rape	106	135	+27.4%	11	19	+72.7%	117	154	+31.6%
Robbery	96	117	+21.9%	38	55	+44.7%	134	172	+28.4%
Aggravated Assault	1,378	1,701	+23.4%	84	153	+82.1%	1,462	1,854	+26.8%
Burglary	242	294	+21.5%	79	65	-17.7%	321	359	+11.8%
Larceny	4,043	5,593	+38.3%	1,031	1,201	+16.5%	5,074	6,794	+33.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	145	165	+13.8%	135	153	+13.3%	280	318	+13.6%
Simple Assault	3,210	4,137	+28.9%	1,287	1,297	0.78%	4,497	5,434	+20.8%
Arson	30	54	+80%	15	12	-20%	45	66	+46.67%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	115	156	+35.7%	2	1	-50%	117	157	+34.2%
Fraud	150	252	+68%	36	20	-44.4%	186	277	+48.9%
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	162	232	+43.2%	12	20	+66.67%	174	252	+44.8%
Embezzlement	16	26	+62.5%	6	5	-16.7%	22	31	+40.9%
Stolen Property Offenses	332	435	+31%	99	99	0%	431	534	+23.9%
Vandalism	1,099	1,786	+62.5%	507	566	+11.6%	1,606	2,352	+46.5%
Weapons	678	807	+19%	87	120	+37.9%	765	927	+21.2%
Prostitution	13	9	-30.8%	0	0	0%	13	9	-30.8%
Sex Offenses	84	134	+59.5%	45	45	0%	129	179	+38.8%
Pornography/Obscene Material	32	42	+31.3%	33	37	+12.1%	65	79	+21.5%

Drug Abuse Violations	6,451	6,050	-6.2%	727	604	-16.9%	7,178	6,654	-7.3%
Offense Against Family and Children	452	710	+57.1%	381	310	-18.6%	833	1,020	+22.5%
Driving Under the Influence	5,317	6,099	+14.7%	71	103	+45.1%	5,388	6,202	+15.1%
Liquor Law Violations	2,203	2,356	+6.9%	470	503	+7%	2,673	2,859	+6.9%
Disorderly Conduct	1,939	2,641	+36.2%	310	393	+26.8%	2,249	3,034	+34.9%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	951	999	+5.1%	49	54	+10.2%	1,000	1,053	+5.3%
All Other Offenses (except traffic)	7,872	8,660	+10%	637	709	+11.3%	8,509	9,369	+10.1%
TOTAL	37,147	43,639	+17.5%	6,155	6,552	+6.5%	43,302	50,191	+15.9%

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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 2024, 176 law enforcement agencies participated in submitting hate crime data to the Crime Commission (102 all 12 months, 74 partial months). In total, there were 44 incidents reported by 14 agencies statewide involved crimes motivated by hate or bias. In comparison, 2023 had 162 agencies participate in submitting hate crime data, reporting a total of 46 incidents from agencies statewide, resulting in an overall decrease of 4.4%.

Types of Bias/Motivations in Hate Crimes, 2023 – 2024

	2023	2024
RACIAL	17	22
Anti-White	1	2
Anti-Black or African American	13	18
Anti-American Indian/Alaska Native	1	1
Anti-Asian	0	0
Anti-Arab	2	1
Anti-Multiple Races / Groups	0	0
ETHNICITY / NATIONAL ORIGIN	0	5
Anti-Hispanic or Latino	0	5
Anti-Other Race / Ethnicity / Ancestry	0	0
RELIGIOUS	9	5
Anti-Jewish	4	3
Anti-Catholic	0	0
Anti-Islamic (Muslim)	0	0
Anti-Eastern Orthodox	2	0
Anti-Buddhist	1	0
Anti-Protestant	0	0
Anti-Sikh	2	0
Anti-Other Religion	0	0
Anti-Multiple Religions, Group	0	0
Anti-Other Christian	0	2

SEX/GENDER	16	7
Anti-Gay (Male)	5	2
Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender (Mixed Group)	10	3
Anti-Bisexual	0	1
Anti-Lesbian	1	1
DISABILITY	0	1
Anti-Physical Disability	0	0
Anti-Mental Disability	0	1
GENDER BIAS	1	0
Anti-Male	1	0
Anti-Female	0	0
GENDER IDENTITY BIAS	3	4
Anti-Transgender	3	3
Anti-Gender Non-Conforming	0	1
TOTAL	46	44

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

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The general locations where hate crimes occurred in 2023-2024 are provided in the table below:

Location of Hate Crimes in Nebraska, 2023 – 2024

	2023	2024
Government/Public Building and other	11	6
Commercial (bar, restaurant, store, etc.)	5	6
Public Area (street, park, etc.)	10	5
Residence/Home	13	17
School / College	3	6
Cyberspace	0	0
Church/Synagogue/Temple/Mosque	2	2
Other/Unknown	5	1
Construction/Industrial/Farm	0	1
TOTAL	48	44

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The types of offenses used in hate crimes in 2023-2024 are provided in the table below:

Types of Offenses Used in Hate Crimes in Nebraska, 2023 – 2024

	2023	2024
CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE	26	29
Kidnapping	1	0
Murder	1	0
Rape	0	0
Aggravated Assault	1	4
Simple Assault	16	15
Intimidation	7	10
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	31	16
Burglary	1	0
Larceny-Theft	9	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0
Fraud Offenses	1	0
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property	16	14
Arson	3	0
Other	0	0
Robbery	0	0
TOTAL	57	45

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