



Message from the Director

The Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System celebrates 20 years. This anniversary is an important milestone for our agency. NCJIS is a cooperative project between state and local criminal justice agencies. Growth and accomplishment within NCJIS are due to relationships built with customers, determined staff and our community partners. Last year NCJIS initiated over eight million searches, and now has over 10 thousand users.

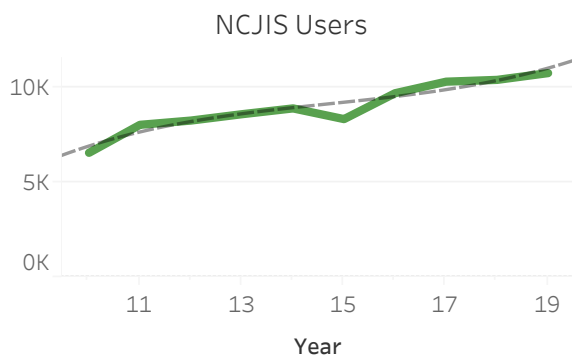
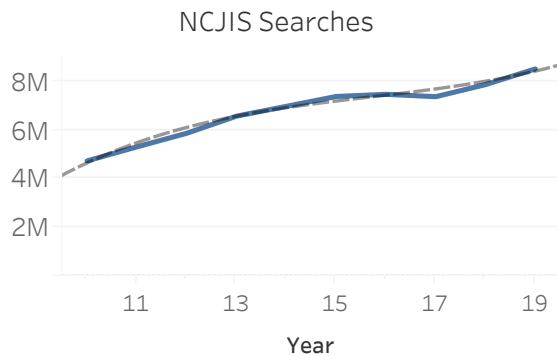
Regards,

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Jails & Victim Notification Services

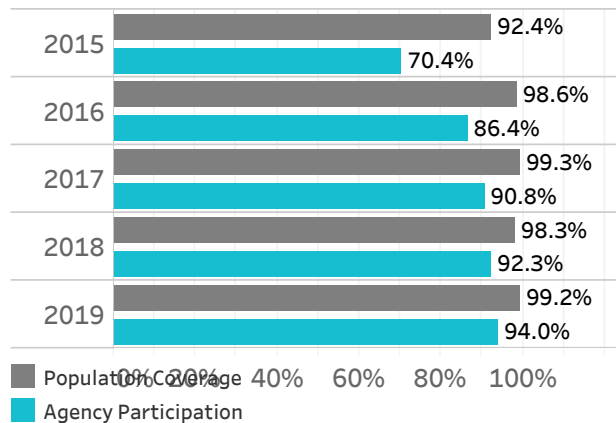
There are 65 inmate holding facilities in the state of Nebraska which are regulated by the Crime Commission Jail Standards Division. This includes most county jails, juvenile detention centers, and the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS). Regulations are in place to ensure that all facilities are compliant with the statewide data specifications for reporting data. These data are used to produce statistics, data integration within NCJIS and victim notification. Below is an overview of facilities and statistics for victim notification services, which are delivered via VINE, the Victim Information and Notification Everyday service. This service is accessible to the public at <https://vinelink.com>

Facilities Online for VINE -----> 63
Monthly NE VINE Site Searches (Feb. 2020) --> 62,851
New NE VINE Registrations (Feb. 2020) -----> 2,364
NE VINE Release Notifications (Feb. 2020) -----> 550



2019 Traffic Stop Report Publication

The 2019 Traffic Stop Report and Agency Level Reports are now available on the Crime Commission website. Overall, data from 367,778 stops were submitted from 193 statewide agencies. See figures below on agency participation and population coverage.





Death in Custody Collection Update

In 2020 we began collecting reports of deaths in law enforcement custody in order to bring the state into compliance with a federal law called the Death in Custody Reporting Act. As of today, we have received reports from nearly 50% of law enforcement agencies in the state as a result of our soft launch while building the reporting feature into NCJIS. This report, called DICRA Reports, went live in February and can be found in NCJIS along with the other reports that we collect. Reporting for the January 2020 through March 2020 (due in April 2020) will be the first to be collected entirely through NCJIS.

There were five deaths in custody reported by three agencies last quarter and this quarter has seen more than twice that number from four agencies with reports due in April. The vast majority of deaths so far have occurred within a correctional setting with only one in-custody death occurring each quarter as a result of a use of force by law enforcement. As most deaths in custody do occur in a correctional setting, we have been looking for ways to lessen the impact on corrections administration. The Death in Custody incident reports, along with information we can collect through the NCJIS system, are sufficient for the Nebraska Crime Commission to take over the Mortality in Correctional Institutions survey for the county jails.

Please address any questions regarding this reporting to Elliott Veal (elliott.veal@nebraska.gov or 402-540-1299).

Law Enforcement Agency Map

Elliott Veal (Research Analyst) has created the map below plotting law enforcement in the State of Nebraska. This map can be found in the documents section of NCJIS, Crime Commission staff will be updating the map quarterly.

