

Crime in Nebraska 2010

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2% DECREASE IN CRIME IN 2010

The number of crimes reported to Nebraska law enforcement agencies decreased 2 percent in 2010 compared to 2009. There were 52,152 crimes reported during January through December of 2010, compared to 53,098 reported during the same period of 2009, a decrease of 946 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) decreased one percent. There were 4,837 violent crimes reported in 2010 compared to 4,892 reported in 2009, a decrease of 55 crimes. Property crimes (Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson) decreased 2 percent. There were 47,315 property crimes reported in 2010 compared to 48,203 reported in 2009, a decrease of 888 crimes.

Crime decreased 5 percent in Omaha. Crime in Lincoln increased 3 percent. Cities of 5,000 to 99,999 population had a 1 percent decrease; cities under 5,000 population had a 7 percent decrease; and county areas reported an 2 percent decrease. Crimes occurring on State property increased 29 percent from 2009.

Crime Index Offenses, 2009 - 2010

<i>Crime Index Offenses</i>	<i>Number of Crime Index Offenses</i>		
	2009	2010	% Change
Violent Crimes	4,892	4,837	- 1
Murder - Manslaughter	41	53	+29
Forcible Rape	580	628	+ 8
Robbery	1,213	1,017	-16
Aggravated Assault	3,058	3,139	+ 3
Property Crimes	48,203	47,315	- 2
Burglary	8,313	7,905	- 5
Larceny-Theft	36,205	35,648	- 2
Motor Vehicle Theft	3,406	3,513	+ 3
Arson	279	249	-11
Total	53,098	52,152	- 2

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**Percent Change - Crime Index Offenses
January thru December, 2009 - 2010 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	2009	30	192	892	1,249	3,228	12,938	2,125	130	20,784
	2010	34	196	723	1,312	3,046	12,091	2,197	119	19,718
	% Change	+13	+2	-19	+5	-6	-7	+3	-8	-5
250,000 to 399,999	2009	5	126	197	838	1,618	8,094	294	2	11,176
	2010	3	143	182	931	1,464	8,406	348	3	11,480
	% Change	-40	+13	-8	+11	-10	+4	+18	+53	+3
5,000 to 99,999	2009	5	176	97	518	1,888	10,468	590	100	13,837
	2010	8	206	87	470	1,878	10,463	567	86	13,765
	% Change	+60	+17	-10	-9	-1	0	-4	-14	-1
Under 5,000	2009	1	20	2	55	222	838	53	5	1,196
	2010	3	23	7	66	173	785	47	9	1,113
	% Change	+200	+15	+250	+20	-22	-6	-11	+80	-7
Counties	2009	0	66	25	391	1,343	3,618	343	42	5,828
	2010	5	57	17	355	1,316	3,585	351	32	5,718
	% Change	--	-14	-32	-9	-2	-1	+2	-24	-2
State Property	2009	0	0	0	7	20	249	1	0	277
	2010	0	3	1	5	28	318	3	0	358
	% Change	0	--	--	-29	+40	+28	+200	0	+29
TOTAL	2009	41	580	1,213	3,058	8,313	36,205	3,406	279	53,098
	2010	53	628	1,017	3,139	7,905	35,648	3,513	249	52,152
	% Change	+29	+8	-16	+3	-5	-2	+3	-11	-2

Total Arrests Decrease 6%

The total number of persons arrested in Nebraska during 2010 decreased from 88,673 in 2009 to 83,860 in 2010, a decrease of 4,813 arrests. The top five categories in terms of the number of arrests made for specific crimes were: Driving under the Influence (12,614 arrests), Liquor Law Violations (10,636), Drug Abuse Violations (10,201), Simple Assault (8,924), and Larceny-Theft (8,703). The total number of adult arrests (age 18 and over) decreased 5% from 73,506 in 2009 to 69,829 in 2010. Adult arrests accounted for 83% of the total arrests made statewide. The total number of juvenile arrests decreased 7%, from 15,167 in 2009 to 14,031 in 2010.

Total Arrest Trends, 2009 - 2010

<i>Offense</i>	<i>Under 18 Years of Age</i>			<i>18 Years of Age and Over</i>			<i>Total All Ages</i>		
	2009	2010	Percent Change	2009	2010	Percent Change	2009	2010	Percent Change
Murder - Manslaughter	3	3	0	33	38	+15	36	41	+14
Death by Negligence	0	0	0	6	8	+33	6	8	+33
Forcible Rape	20	27	+35	142	135	- 5	162	162	0
Robbery	103	76	-26	278	255	- 8	381	331	-13
Aggravated Assault	146	100	-32	1,273	1,399	+10	1,419	1,499	+ 6
Burglary	306	254	-17	631	615	- 3	937	869	- 7
Larceny-Theft	3,273	3,001	- 8	5,836	5,702	- 2	9,109	8,703	- 4
Motor Vehicle Theft	124	104	-16	248	259	+ 4	372	363	- 2
Arson	59	30	-49	42	49	+ 17	101	79	-22
Simple Assault	2,088	1,921	- 8	7,469	7,003	- 6	9,557	8,924	- 7
Forgery and Counterfeiting	9	12	+33	430	470	+ 8	439	482	+10
Fraud	89	85	- 4	1,510	1,403	- 7	1,599	1,488	- 7
Embezzlement	13	3	-77	96	51	- 47	109	54	- 50
Stolen Property Offenses	153	155	+ 1	612	653	+ 7	765	808	+6
Vandalism/Destruction of Property	1,215	1,029	-15	1,817	1,741	- 4	3,032	2,770	- 9
Weapons Violations	133	150	+13	793	721	- 9	926	871	- 6
Prostitution/Commercial. Vice	2	1	- 50	178	147	-17	180	148	-18
Sex Offenses	110	101	- 8	532	514	- 3	642	615	- 4
Drug Abuse Violations	1,161	1,371	+18	8,971	8,830	- 2	10,132	10,201	+ 1
Gambling	0	0	0	13	2	- 85	13	2	- 85
Offenses Ag. Family/Children	35	26	-26	1,470	1,372	- 7	1,505	1,398	- 7
Driving Under the Influence	231	205	-11	13,431	12,409	- 8	13,662	12,614	- 8
Liquor Law Violations	2,033	1,741	-14	9,665	8,895	- 8	11,698	10,636	- 9
Disorderly Conduct	812	737	- 9	3,410	3,015	- 12	4,222	3,752	-11
Vagrancy / Loitering	3	1	- 67	25	34	+36	28	35	+25
All Other Offenses	2,248	2,161	- 4	14,595	14,109	- 3	16,843	16,270	- 3
Curfew / Loitering (Juveniles Only)	332	294	-11				332	294	-11
Runaways (Juveniles Only)	466	443	- 5				466	443	- 5
Total	15,167	14,031	- 7	73,506	69,829	- 5	88,673	83,860	- 6

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, 92 agencies submitted at least one quarterly report during 2010 with 82 of those agencies reporting all four quarters.

During 2010, there were a total of 65 incidents reported involving crimes motivated by hate. This is an 18% decrease from the 79 reported in 2009. The types of bias motivation are provided below.

Type of Bias	Number	Percent
Racial	39	60.0
White	13	
Black	24	
Multi-Racial	2	
Ethnicity / National Origin	10	15.4
Hispanic	5	
Other Ethnicity	5	
Religious	9	13.8
Jewish	5	
Islamic	4	
Sexual	7	10.8
Male Homosexual	5	
Female Homosexual	1	
Homosexual	1	
Total	65	100.0

The general location where the hate crimes occurred and the type of crime committed are provided below. The majority of incidents occurred in a public area, commercial establishment, or school/college. 53% of the hate crimes were carried out through a direct confrontation with the victim and 47% were directed towards the property of the victim.

Location	Number	Percent
Commercial (Bar, Restaurant, Store)	8	12.3
Public Area (Street, Park, etc.)	19	29.2
Residence	21	32.3
School/College	4	6.2
Jail	2	3.1
Office / Government Building	7	10.8
Other	4	6.2
Total	65	100.0

Type of Crime	Number	Percent
Aggravated Assault	3	4.6
Simple Assault	26	40.0
Intimidation	16	24.6
Robbery	1	1.5
Destruction of Property	19	29.2
Total	65	100.0

PLEASE NOTE: Caution should be used when comparing the percent changes presented within this report. A slight shift in the volume of crimes or arrests may result in a large percent change for some offenses, arrests, and population groups.