

CRIME IN NEBRASKA 2011

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2% INCREASE IN CRIME IN 2011

The number of crimes reported to Nebraska law enforcement agencies increased 2 percent in 2011 compared to 2010. There were 53,285 crimes reported during January through December of 2011, compared to 51,992 reported during the same period of 2010, an increase of 1,293 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 eight percent. There were 4,420 violent crimes reported in 2011 compared to 4,817 reported in 2010, a decrease of 397 crimes. Property crimes (Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson) increased 4 percent. There were 48,865 property crimes reported in 2011 compared to 47,175 reported in 2010, an increase of 1,690 crimes.

Crime increased 7 percent in Omaha and decreased 3 percent in Lincoln. Cities of 5,000 to 99,999 population had less than 1% change; cities under 5,000 population had an 8 percent decrease; and county areas reported a 5 percent increase. Crimes occurring on State property had a zero percent change from 2010.

Crime Index Offenses, 2010 - 2011

<i>Crime Index Offenses</i>	<i>Number of Crime Index Offenses</i>		
	2010	2011	% Change
Violent Crimes	4,817	4,420	- 8
Murder - Manslaughter	54	65	+20
Forcible Rape	627	663	+ 6
Robbery	1,018	989	- 3
Aggravated Assault	3,118	2,703	-13
Property Crimes	47,175	48,865	+4
Burglary	7,866	8,218	+ 4
Larceny-Theft	35,539	36,459	+ 3
Motor Vehicle Theft	3,508	3,972	+13
Arson	262	216	-18
Total	51,992	53,285	+ 2

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**Percent Change - Crime Index Offenses
January thru December, 2010 - 2011 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	2010	34	196	723	1,312	3,046	12,091	2,197	119	19,718
	2011	43	220	696	1,350	3,321	12,793	2,650	88	21,161
	% Change	+27	+11	- 4	+ 3	+ 9	+ 6	+21	-26	+ 7
250,000 to 399,999	2010	3	143	182	931	1,464	8,406	348	17	11,494
	2011	4	166	177	619	1,401	8,424	364	25	11,180
	% Change	+33	+16	- 3	-34	- 4	0	+ 5	+47	- 3
5,000 to 99,999	2010	8	204	87	466	1,858	10,405	565	86	13,679
	2011	11	181	90	436	1,986	10,372	522	70	13,668
	% Change	+38	-11	+ 3	- 6	+ 7	0	- 8	-19	0
Under 5,000	2010	3	22	7	68	172	786	46	9	1,113
	2011	1	25	3	41	184	711	46	8	1,019
	% Change	-67	+14	-57	-40	+ 7	-10	0	-11	- 8
Counties	2010	6	59	18	336	1,295	3,536	349	31	5,630
	2011	6	68	23	236	1,297	3,863	384	23	5,900
	% Change	0	+15	+28	-30	0	+ 9	+10	-26	+ 5
State Property	2010	0	3	1	5	31	315	3	0	358
	2011	0	3	0	21	29	296	6	2	357
	% Change	0	0	-100	+320	- 6	- 6	+100	--	0
TOTAL	2010	54	627	1,018	3,118	7,866	35,539	3,508	262	51,992
	2011	65	663	989	2,703	8,218	36,459	3,972	216	53,285
	% Change	+20	+ 6	- 3	-13	+ 4	+ 3	+13	-18	+ 2

* Some agencies are excluded from the trends because of incomplete reporting during the two years.

Total Arrests Decrease 1%

The total number of persons arrested in Nebraska during 2011 decreased from 84,087 in 2010 to 83,290 in 2011, a decrease of 797 arrests. The top five categories in terms of the number of arrests made for specific crimes were: Driving under the Influence (12,207 arrests), Drug Abuse Violations (10,491), Liquor Law Violations (10,368), Larceny-Theft (9,756), and Simple Assault (8,477). The total number of adult arrests (age 18 and over) increased less than 1%, from 70,008 in 2010 to 70,147 in 2011. Adult arrests accounted for 84% of the total arrests made statewide. The total number of juvenile arrests decreased 7%, from 14,079 in 2010 to 13,143 in 2011.

Total Arrest Trends, 2010 - 2011

<i>Offense</i>	<i>Under 18 Years of Age</i>			<i>18 Years of Age and Over</i>			<i>Total All Ages</i>		
	2010	2011	Percent Change	2010	2011	Percent Change	2010	2011	Percent Change
Murder - Manslaughter	3	7	+133	38	45	+18	41	52	+27
Death by Negligence	0	0	0	8	2	- 75	8	2	-75
Forcible Rape	27	30	+11	135	185	+37	162	215	+33
Robbery	76	62	-18	257	293	+14	333	355	+ 7
Aggravated Assault	100	97	- 3	1,401	1,411	+ 1	1,501	1,508	+ 1
Burglary	259	269	+ 4	618	651	+ 5	877	920	+ 5
Larceny-Theft	3,008	3,025	+ 1	5,713	6,731	+18	8,721	9,756	+12
Motor Vehicle Theft	105	95	-10	261	270	+ 3	366	365	0
Arson	30	61	+103	49	28	- 3	79	89	+13
Simple Assault	1,926	1,629	-15	7,028	6,848	-43	8,954	8,477	- 5
Forgery and Counterfeiting	12	13	+ 8	472	291	-38	484	304	-37
Fraud	87	57	-35	1,412	1,195	-15	1,499	1,252	-17
Embezzlement	3	4	+33	51	72	+41	54	76	+41
Stolen Property Offenses	155	116	-25	654	587	-10	809	703	-13
Vandalism	1,033	877	-15	1,751	1,729	- 1	2,784	2,606	- 6
Weapons Violations	150	117	-22	724	726	0	874	843	- 4
Prostitution/Commercial. Vice	1	0	-100	147	141	- 4	148	141	- 5
Sex Offenses	104	129	+24	518	441	-15	622	570	- 8
Drug Abuse Violations	1,374	1,319	- 4	8,867	9,172	+ 3	10,241	10,491	+ 2
Gambling	0	0	0	2	1	- 50	2	1	-50
Offenses Ag. Family/Children	26	17	-19	1,377	1,351	- 2	1,403	1,368	- 3
Driving Under the Influence	202	163	-20	12,434	12,044	- 3	12,636	12,207	- 3
Liquor Law Violations	1,740	1,769	+ 2	8,899	8,599	- 3	10,639	10,368	- 3
Disorderly Conduct	737	766	+ 4	3,022	3,028	0	3,759	3,794	+ 1
Vagrancy / Loitering	1	1	0	34	16	- 53	35	17	-51
All Other Offenses	2,181	1,900	-13	14,136	14,290	+ 1	16,317	16,190	- 1
Curfew / Loitering (Juveniles Only)	295	224	-24				295	224	-24
Runaways (Juveniles Only)	444	396	-11				444	396	-11
Total	14,079	13,143	- 7	70,008	70,147	0	84,087	83,290	- 1

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, 89 agencies submitted at least one quarterly report during 2011 with 84 of those agencies reporting all four quarters.

During 2011, there were a total of 39 incidents reported involving crimes motivated by hate. This is a 40% decrease from the 65 reported in 2010. The types of bias motivation are provided below.

Type of Bias	Number	Percent
Racial	26	66.7
White	4	
Black	21	
American Indian	0	
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	
Multi-Racial	0	
Ethnicity / National Origin	5	12.8
Hispanic	5	
Other Ethnicity	0	
Religious	2	5.1
Jewish	1	
Catholic	1	
Sexual	6	15.4
Male Homosexual	5	
Homosexual	1	
Heterosexual	0	
Total	39	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. 67% of the hate crimes were carried out through a direct confrontation with the victim and 33% were directed towards the property of the victim.

Location	Number	Percent
Commercial (Bar, Restaurant, Store)	8	20.5
Public Area (Street, Park, etc.)	8	20.5
Residence	15	38.5
School/College	7	17.9
Other	1	2.6
Total	39	100.0

Type of Crime	Number	Percent
Aggravated Assault	1	2.6
Simple Assault	17	43.6
Intimidation	6	15.4
Robbery	2	5.1
Burglary / Theft	1	2.6
Destruction of Property	12	30.8
Total	39	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.