

CRIME IN NEBRASKA 2012

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1% INCREASE IN CRIME IN 2012

The number of crimes reported to Nebraska law enforcement agencies increased 1 percent in 2012 compared to 2011. There were 53,911 crimes reported during January through December of 2012, compared to 53,317 reported during the same period of 2011, an increase of 594 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) increased four percent. There were 4,587 violent crimes reported in 2012 compared to 4,420 reported in 2011, an increase of 167 crimes. Property crimes (Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson) increased one percent. There were 49,324 property crimes reported in 2012 compared to 48,899 reported in 2011, an increase of 425 crimes.

Crime increased 3 percent in Omaha and 1 percent in Lincoln. Cities of 5,000 to 99,999 population had a less than 1% decrease; cities under 5,000 population had a less than 1% increase; and county areas reported a less than 1% decrease. Crimes occurring on State property decreased 6 percent from 2011.

Crime Index Offenses, 2011 - 2012

<i>Crime Index Offenses</i>	<i>Number of Crime Index Offenses</i>		
	2011	2012	% Change
Violent Crimes	4,420	4,587	+ 4
Murder - Manslaughter	67	52	-22
Forcible Rape	671	664	- 1
Robbery	987	1,120	+14
Aggravated Assault	2,695	2,751	+ 2
Property Crimes	48,899	49,324	+ 1
Burglary	8,201	8,326	+ 2
Larceny-Theft	36,506	36,716	+ 1
Motor Vehicle Theft	3,977	4,051	+ 2
Arson	215	231	+ 7
Total	53,317	53,911	+ 1

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**Percent Change - Crime Index Offenses
January thru December, 2011 - 2012 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	2011	43	220	696	1,350	3,321	12,793	2,650	88	21,161
	2012	41	187	815	1,442	3,311	13,120	2,747	73	21,736
	% Change	- 5	-15	+17	+ 7	0	+ 3	+ 4	-17	+ 3
250,000 to 399,999	2011	4	166	177	619	1,401	8,424	364	25	11,180
	2012	3	182	197	668	1,616	8,244	311	26	11,247
	% Change	-25	+10	+11	+ 8	+15	- 2	-15	+ 4	+ 1
5,000 to 99,999	2011	11	185	88	414	1,939	10,284	517	69	13,507
	2012	4	201	84	347	1,889	10,292	608	80	13,505
	% Change	-64	+ 9	- 5	-16	- 3	0	+18	+16	0
Under 5,000	2011	1	27	3	50	190	760	52	8	1,091
	2012	0	22	3	59	166	796	43	4	1,093
	% Change	-100	-19	0	+18	-13	+ 5	-17	-50	0
Counties	2011	7	70	23	239	1,320	3,900	387	23	5,969
	2012	4	71	19	227	1,322	3,916	340	46	5,945
	% Change	-43	+ 1	-17	- 5	0	0	-12	+100	0
State Property	2011	1	3	0	21	30	345	7	2	409
	2012	0	1	2	8	22	348	2	2	385
	% Change	-100	-67	--	- 62	-27	+ 1	-71	0	- 6
TOTAL	2011	67	671	987	2,695	8,201	36,506	3,977	215	53,317
	2012	52	664	1,120	2,751	8,326	36,716	4,051	231	53,911
	% Change	-22	- 1	+14	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1	+ 2	+ 7	+ 1

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

Total Arrests Decrease 4%

The total number of persons arrested in Nebraska during 2012 decreased from 81,474 in 2011 to 78,637 in 2012, a decrease of 2,837 arrests. The top five categories in terms of the number of arrests made for specific crimes were: Driving under the Influence (10,718 arrests), Drug Abuse Violations (10,518), Liquor Law Violations (8,925), Larceny-Theft (9,642), and Simple Assault (7,903). The total number of adult arrests (age 18 and over) decreased 3%, from 68,488 in 2011 to 66,438 in 2012. Adult arrests accounted for 84% of the total arrests made statewide. The total number of juvenile arrests decreased 6%, from 12,986 in 2011 to 12,199 in 2012.

Total Arrest Trends, 2011 - 2012

<i>Offense</i>	<i>Under 18 Years of Age</i>			<i>18 Years of Age and Over</i>			<i>Total All Ages</i>		
	2011	2012	Percent Change	2011	2012	Percent Change	2011	2012	Percent Change
Murder - Manslaughter	7	1	-86	48	31	-35	55	32	-42
Death by Negligence	0	0	0	2	8	+300	2	8	+300
Forcible Rape	30	27	-10	185	179	- 3	215	206	- 4
Robbery	62	68	+10	294	266	-10	356	334	- 6
Aggravated Assault	97	118	+22	1,397	1,403	0	1,494	1,521	+ 2
Burglary	269	206	-23	650	668	+ 3	919	874	- 5
Larceny-Theft	3,019	2,811	- 7	6,737	6,831	+ 1	9,756	9,642	- 1
Motor Vehicle Theft	94	75	-20	270	276	+ 2	364	351	- 4
Arson	60	50	-17	28	45	+61	88	95	+ 8
Simple Assault	1,598	1,564	- 2	6,757	6,339	- 6	8,355	7,903	- 5
Forgery and Counterfeiting	13	8	-39	290	329	+13	303	337	+11
Fraud	57	74	+30	1,193	1,397	+17	1,250	1,471	+18
Embezzlement	4	4	0	72	70	- 3	76	74	- 3
Stolen Property Offenses	116	130	+12	579	654	+13	695	784	+13
Vandalism	861	903	+ 5	1,715	1,698	- 1	2,576	2,601	+ 1
Weapons Violations	107	103	- 4	697	815	+17	804	918	+14
Prostitution/Commercial. Vice	0	0	0	141	198	+40	141	198	+40
Sex Offenses	128	115	-10	441	460	+ 4	569	575	+ 1
Drug Abuse Violations	1,317	1,324	+ 1	8,728	9,194	+ 5	10,045	10,518	+ 5
Gambling	0	0	0	1	2	+100	1	2	+100
Offenses Ag. Family/Children	17	27	+59	1,331	1,269	- 5	1,348	1,296	- 4
Driving Under the Influence	159	160	+ 1	11,941	10,558	-12	12,100	10,718	-11
Liquor Law Violations	1,706	1,518	-11	8,133	7,407	- 9	9,839	8,925	- 9
Disorderly Conduct	762	639	-16	2,983	2,740	- 8	3,745	3,379	-10
Vagrancy / Loitering	1	0	-100	16	8	- 50	17	8	-53
All Other Offenses	1,873	1,681	-10	13,859	13,593	- 2	15,732	15,274	- 3
Curfew / Loitering (Juveniles Only)	232	241	+ 4				232	241	+ 4
Runaways (Juveniles Only)	397	352	-11				397	352	-11
Total	12,986	12,199	- 6	68,488	66,438	- 3	81,474	78,637	- 4

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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, 91 agencies submitted at least one quarterly report during 2012 with 86 of those agencies reporting all four quarters.

During 2012, there were a total of 30 incidents reported involving crimes motivated by hate. This is a 23% decrease from the 39 reported in 2011. The types of bias motivation are provided below.

Type of Bias	Number	Percent
Racial	17	56.7
White	1	
Black	15	
American Indian	0	
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	
Multi-Racial	0	
Ethnicity / National Origin	5	16.7
Hispanic	2	
Other Ethnicity	3	
Religious	6	20.0
Jewish	3	
Islamic	2	
Catholic	1	
Sexual	2	6.7
Male Homosexual	2	
Total	30	100.0

The general location where the hate crimes occurred and the type of crime committed are provided below. The location of hate crimes was almost evenly split between a public location and a residence. 57% of the hate crimes were carried out through a direct confrontation with the victim and 43% were directed towards the property of the victim.

Location	Number	Percent
Commercial (Bar, Restaurant, Store)	3	10.0
Public Area (Street, Park, etc.)	8	26.7
Residence	17	56.7
School/College	1	3.3
Other	1	3.3
Total	30	100.0

Type of Crime	Number	Percent
Aggravated Assault	1	3.3
Simple Assault	7	23.3
Intimidation	8	26.7
Robbery	1	3.3
Burglary / Theft	1	3.3
Destruction of Property	12	40.0
Total	30	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.