

CRIME IN NEBRASKA 2013

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4% DECREASE IN CRIME IN 2013

The number of crimes reported to Nebraska law enforcement agencies decreased 4% percent in 2013 compared to 2012. There were 51,768 crimes reported during January through December of 2013, compared to 53,911 reported during the same period of 2012, a decrease of 2,143 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 2% percent. There were 4,517 violent crimes reported in 2013 compared to 4,587 reported in 2012, a decrease of 70 crimes.
- Property crimes (Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson) decreased 4% percent. There were 47,251 property crimes reported in 2013 compared to 49,324 reported in 2012, a decrease of 2,073 crimes.

Crime Index Offenses, 2012 - 2013

<i>Crime Index Offenses</i>	<i>Number of Crime Index Offenses</i>		
	2012	2013	% Change
Violent Crimes	4,587	4,517	-2
Murder - Manslaughter	52	56	+8
Forcible Rape	664	592	-11
Robbery	1,120	1,031	-8
Aggravated Assault	2,751	2,838	+3
Property Crimes	49,324	47,251	-4
Burglary	8,326	8,485	+2
Larceny-Theft	36,716	34,211	-7
Motor Vehicle Theft	4,051	4,343	+7
Arson	231	212	-8
Total	53,911	51,768	-4

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The following Population Groups saw decreases in their crime rates for 2013 compared to 2012: 400,000 & over showed no change; 250,000 to 399,999 decreased 8%; 5,000 to 99,999 decreased 2%; Under 5,000 decreased 14% and Counties decreased 13%. State Properties had an increase in their crime rates from 2012 to 2013 of 11%.

**Percent Change - Crime Index Offenses
January thru December, 2012 - 2013 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	2012	41	187	815	1,442	3,311	13,120	2,747	73	21,736
	2013	42	184	718	1,505	3,509	12,519	3,080	82	21,639
	% Change	+2	-2	-12	+4	+6	-5	+12	+12	-/+0
250,000 to 399,999	2012	3	182	197	668	1,616	8,244	311	26	11,247
	2013	5	142	212	631	1,423	7,625	306	53	10,397
	% Change	+67	-22	+8	-6	-12	-8	-2	+104	-8
5,000 to 99,999	2012	4	201	84	347	1,889	10,292	608	80	13,505
	2013	3	192	83	399	2,171	9,728	562	53	13,191
	% Change	-25	-4	-1	+15	+15	-5	-8	-34	-2
Under 5,000	2012	0	22	3	59	166	796	43	4	1,093
	2013	0	14	0	59	160	668	39	5	945
	% Change	-/+0	-36	-100	-/+0	-4	-16	-9	+25	-14
Counties	2012	4	71	19	227	1,322	3,916	340	46	5,945
	2013	6	57	15	229	1,183	3,317	342	18	5,167
	% Change	+50	-20	-21	+1	-11	-15	+1	-61	-13
State Property	2012	0	1	2	8	22	348	2	2	385
	2013	0	3	3	15	39	354	14	1	429
	% Change	-/+0	+200	+50	+88	+77	+2	+600	-50	+11
TOTAL	2012	52	664	1,120	2,751	8,326	36,716	4,051	231	53,911
	2013	56	592	1,031	2,838	8,485	34,211	4,343	212	51,768
	% Change	+8	-11	-8	+3	+2	-7	+7	-8	-4

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

Total Arrests Decrease 8% in 2013

The total number of persons arrested in Nebraska during 2013 decreased from 78,637 in 2012 to 72,229 in 2013, a decrease of 6,408 arrests. The top five categories in terms of the number of arrests made for specific crimes were: Driving Under the Influence (9,343 arrests), Drug Abuse Violations (10,558), Liquor Law Violations (7,256), Larceny-Theft (9,160), and Simple Assault (7,570). The total number of adult arrests (age 18 and over) decreased 7%, from 66,438 in 2012 to 61,737 in 2013. Adult arrests accounted for 85% of the total arrests made statewide. The total number of juvenile arrests decreased 14%, from 12,199 in 2012 to 10,492 in 2013.

Total Arrest Trends, 2012 - 2013

Offense	Under 18 Years of Age			18 Years of Age and Over			Total All Ages		
	2012	2013	Percent Change	2012	2013	Percent Change	2012	2013	Percent Change
Murder - Manslaughter	1	1	-/+0	31	44	+42	32	45	+41
Death by Negligence	0	0	-/+0	8	3	-63	8	3	-63
Forcible Rape	27	20	-26	179	140	-22	206	160	-22
Robbery	68	61	-10	266	215	-19	334	276	-17
Aggravated Assault	118	88	-25	1,403	1,395	-1	1,521	1,483	-2
Burglary	206	175	-15	668	602	-10	874	777	-11
Larceny-Theft	2,811	2,259	-20	6,831	6,901	+1	9,642	9,160	-5
Motor Vehicle Theft	75	71	-5	276	264	-4	351	335	-5
Arson	50	39	-22	45	26	-42	95	65	-32
Simple Assault	1,564	1,526	-2	6,339	6,044	-5	7,903	7,570	-4
Forgery and Counterfeiting	8	9	+13	329	385	+17	337	394	+17
Fraud	74	71	-4	1,397	1,319	-6	1,471	1,390	-6
Embezzlement	4	9	+125	70	73	+4	74	82	+15
Stolen Property Offenses	130	125	-4	654	533	-19	784	658	-16
Vandalism	903	685	-24	1,698	1,514	-11	2,601	2,199	-15
Weapons Violations	103	101	-2	815	863	+6	918	964	+5
Prostitution/Commercial. Vice	0	0	-/+0	198	165	-17	198	165	-17
Sex Offenses	115	124	+8	460	388	-16	575	512	-11
Drug Abuse Violations	1,324	1,236	-7	8,194	9,322	+14	10,518	10,558	0
Gambling	0	0	-/+0	2	1	-50	2	1	-50
Offenses Ag. Family/Children	27	13	-52	1,269	1,254	-1	1,296	1,267	-2
Driving Under the Influence	160	126	-21	10,558	9,217	-13	10,718	9,343	-13
Liquor Law Violations	1,518	1,088	-28	7,407	6,168	-17	8,925	7,256	-19
Disorderly Conduct	639	647	+1	2,740	2,254	-18	3,379	2,901	-14
Vagrancy / Loitering	0	2	0	8	45	+463	8	47	+488
All Other Offenses	1,681	1,487	-12	13,593	12,602	-7	15,274	14,089	-8
Curfew / Loitering (Juveniles Only)	241	199	-17			-/+	241	199	-17
Runaways (Juveniles Only)	352	330	-6			-/+	352	330	-6
Total	12,199	10,492	-14	66,438	61,737	-7	78,637	72,229	-8

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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, 93 agencies submitted at least one quarterly report during 2013 with 84 of those agencies reporting all four quarters.

During 2013, there were a total of 30 incidents reported from 7 agencies involving crimes motivated by hate. There were 30 incidents reported from 5 agencies in 2012. The types of bias motivation are provided below.

Type of Bias	2012		2013	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Racial	17	56.7	12	39.9
White	1		0	
Black	15		9	
American Indian	0		0	
Asian/Pacific Islander	1		3	
Multi-Racial	0		0	
Ethnicity / National Origin	5	16.7	5	16.7
Hispanic	2		3	
Other Ethnicity	3		2	
Religious	6	20.0	5	16.7
Jewish	3		3	
Islamic	2		0	
Protestant	0		1	
Catholic	1		1	
Sexual	2	6.7	8	26.7
Male Homosexual	2		6	
Female Homosexual	0		1	
Anti-Homosexual (LGBT)	0		1	
Total	30	100	30	100

The general location where the hate crimes occurred and the type of crime committed are provided below.

Location	2012		2013	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Commercial (Bar, Restaurant, Store)	3	10.0	4	13.4
Public Area (Street, Park, etc.)	8	26.7	9	30.0
Residence	17	56.7	7	23.3
School/College	1	3.3	7	23.3
Other	1	3.3	3	10.0
Total	30	10	30	100.0

The general type of hate crimes committed are provided below.

Type of Crime	2012		2013	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Aggravated Assault	1	3.3	1	3.3
Simple Assault	7	23.3	11	36.7
Intimidation	8	26.7	3	10.0
Robbery	1	3.3	0	0
Burglary / Theft	1	3.3	0	0
Destruction of Property	12	40.0	15	50
Total	30	100	30	100

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.