

# Crime In Nebraska 2015

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## 9.1% DECREASE IN CRIME IN 2015

The number of crimes reported to Nebraska law enforcement agencies has decreased 9.1% in 2015 compared to 2014. There were 46,605 crimes reported during January through December of 2015, compared to 51,280 reported during the same period of 2014, a decrease of 4,675 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 0.9%. There were 4,807 violent crimes reported in 2015 compared to 4,763 reported in 2014, an increase of 44 crimes.

Property crimes (Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson) decreased 10.1%. There were 41,798 property crimes reported in 2015 compared to 46,517 reported in 2014, a decrease of 4,719 crimes.

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### Crime Index Offenses, 2014 - 2015

Crime Index Offenses	2014	2015	% Change
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>4,763</b>	<b>4,807</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Murder - Manslaughter	54	66	22.2%
Forcible Rape	604	653	8.1%
Robbery	1,043	991	-5.0%
Aggravated Assault	3,062	3,097	1.1%
<b>Property Crimes</b>	<b>46,517</b>	<b>41,798</b>	<b>-10.1%</b>
Burglary	7,692	6,227	-19.0%
Larceny-Theft	34,170	31,384	-8.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	4,449	3,906	-12.2%
Arson	206	281	36.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,280</b>	<b>46,605</b>	<b>-9.1%</b>

The following Population Groups saw changes in their crime rates for 2015 compared to 2014: 400,000 & over decreased 13.5%; 250,000 to 399,999 increased 0.9%; 5,000 to 99,999 decreased 11.6%; Under 5,000 increased 15.2% and Counties decreased 7.1%. State Properties had a decrease in their crime rates from 2014 to 2015 of 25.7%.

**Percent Change - Crime Index Offenses  
January thru December, 2014 - 2015 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>
<b>400,000 &amp; Over</b>	2014	32	180	723	1,523	2,997	12,910	3,146	78	21,589
	2015	48	174	655	1,452	2,160	11,558	2,543	82	18,672
	<b>% Change</b>	50.0%	-3.3%	-9.4%	-4.7%	-27.9%	-10.5%	-19.2%	5.1%	-13.5%
<b>250,000 to 399,999</b>	2014	8	152	205	554	1,305	7,452	325	68	10,069
	2015	2	193	214	617	1,328	7,344	361	100	10,159
	<b>% Change</b>	-75.0%	27.0%	4.4%	11.4%	1.8%	-1.4%	11.1%	47.1%	0.9%
<b>5,000 to 99,999</b>	2014	5	188	94	569	1,965	9,636	535	46	13,038
	2015	6	189	87	505	1,487	8,658	542	52	11,526
	<b>% Change</b>	20.0%	0.5%	-7.4%	-11.2%	-24.3%	-10.1%	1.3%	13.0%	-11.6%
<b>Under 5,000</b>	2014	0	18	0	61	129	664	42	1	915
	2015	2	21	3	77	155	717	70	9	1054
	<b>% Change</b>	N/A	16.7%	N/A	26.2%	20.2%	8.0%	66.7%	800.0%	15.2%
<b>Counties</b>	2014	8	61	19	344	1,268	3,188	386	13	5,287
	2015	7	68	30	440	1,076	2,874	380	35	4,910
	<b>% Change</b>	-12.5%	11.5%	57.9%	27.9%	-15.1%	-9.8%	-1.6%	169.2%	-7.1%
<b>State Property</b>	2014	1	5	2	11	28	318	17	0	382
	2015	1	8	2	6	22	232	10	3	284
	<b>% Change</b>	0.0%	60.0%	0.0%	-45.5%	-21.4%	-27.0%	-41.2%	N/A	-25.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>3,062</b>	<b>7,692</b>	<b>34,168</b>	<b>4,451</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>51,280</b>
	<b>2015</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>3,097</b>	<b>6,228</b>	<b>31,383</b>	<b>3,906</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>46,605</b>
	<b>% Change</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>8.1%</b>	<b>-5.0%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>-19.0%</b>	<b>-8.2%</b>	<b>-12.2%</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>-9.1%</b>

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## Total Arrests Decreased 3.5% in 2015

The total number of persons arrested in Nebraska during 2015 decreased from 73,197 in 2014 to 70,638 in 2015, a decrease of 2,559 arrests. The top five categories in terms of the number of arrests made for specific crimes were: Driving Under the Influence (8,199 arrests), Drug Abuse Violations (12,110), Liquor Law Violations (5,725), Larceny-Theft (8,926), and Simple Assault (7,093). The total number of adult arrests (age 18 and over) decreased 3.8%, from 62,846 in 2014 to 60,445 in 2015. Adult arrests accounted for 85.6% of the total arrests made statewide. The total number of juvenile arrests decreased 1.5%, from 10,351 in 2014 to 10,193 in 2015.

### Total Arrest Trends, 2014 - 2015

Offense	Under 18 Years of Age			18 Years of Age and Over			2014	2015	% Change
	2014	2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change			
Murder - Manslaughter	5	6	20.0%	37	35	-5.4%	42	41	-2.4%
Death by Negligence	0	0	N/A	5	8	60.0%	5	8	60.0%
Forcible Rape	15	22	46.7%	135	180	33.3%	150	202	34.7%
Robbery	64	69	7.8%	225	279	24.0%	289	348	20.4%
Aggravated Assault	109	107	-1.8%	1,581	1,724	9.0%	1,690	1,831	8.3%
Burglary	188	206	9.6%	546	479	-12.3%	734	685	-6.7%
Larceny-Theft	2,247	2,133	-5.1%	7,049	6,793	-3.6%	9,296	8,926	-4.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	87	84	-3.4%	274	291	6.2%	361	375	3.9%
Arson	27	40	48.1%	46	38	-17.4%	73	78	6.8%
Simple Assault	1,405	1,457	3.7%	5,736	5,636	-1.7%	7,141	7,093	-0.7%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	5	8	60.0%	328	339	3.4%	333	347	4.2%
Fraud	81	69	-14.8%	1,341	1,297	-3.3%	1,422	1,366	-3.9%
Embezzlement	9	8	-11.1%	81	63	-22.2%	90	71	-21.1%
Stolen Property Offenses	106	107	0.9%	575	546	-5.0%	681	653	-4.1%
Vandalism	678	686	1.2%	1,583	1,531	-3.3%	2,261	2,217	-1.9%
Weapons Violations	105	115	9.5%	879	991	12.7%	984	1,106	12.4%
Prostitution/Commercial. Vice	0	2	N/A	113	153	35.4%	113	155	37.2%
Sex Offenses	96	108	12.5%	371	345	-7.0%	467	453	-3.0%
Drug Abuse Violations	1,365	1,444	5.8%	10,422	10,666	2.3%	11,787	12,110	2.7%
Gambling	0	0	N/A	3	2	-33.3%	3	2	-33.3%
Offenses Ag. Family/Children	16	7	-56.3%	1,199	1,202	0.3%	1,215	1,209	-0.5%
Driving Under the Influence	105	115	9.5%	8,432	8,084	-4.1%	8,537	8,199	-4.0%
Liquor Law Violations	1,056	952	-9.8%	5,831	4,773	-18.1%	6,887	5,725	-16.9%
Intoxication	0	0	N/A	1	2	N/A	1	2	N/A
Disorderly Conduct	598	568	-5.0%	2,357	2,119	-10.1%	2,955	2,687	-9.1%
Vagrancy / Loitering	0	0	N/A	43	16	-62.8%	43	16	-62.8%
All Other Offenses	1,482	1,415	-4.5%	13,653	12,853	-5.9%	15,135	14,268	-5.7%
Curfew / Loitering (Juveniles Only)	163	142	-12.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A	163	142	-12.9%
Runaways (Juveniles Only)	339	323	-4.7%	N/A	N/A	N/A	339	323	-4.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,351</b>	<b>10,193</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>62,846</b>	<b>60,445</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>	<b>73,197</b>	<b>70,638</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>

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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, 116 agencies submitted at least one quarterly report during 2015 with 110 of those agencies reporting all four quarters.

During 2015, there were a total of 19 incidents reported from 3 agencies involving crimes motivated by hate. There were 46 incidents reported from 7 agencies in 2014. The types of bias motivation are provided below.

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Type of Bias	2014	2015	% Change
<b>Racial</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-70.0%</b>
White	4	0	-100.0%
Black	21	6	-71.4%
American Indian	2	0	-100.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	1	-50.0%
Multi-Racial	1	2	100.0%
<b>Ethnicity / National Origin</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-83.3%</b>
Hispanic	1	1	0.0%
Other Ethnicity	5	0	-100.0%
<b>Religious</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Jewish	0	1	N/A
Islamic	0	0	N/A
Protestant	0	0	N/A
Catholic	0	0	N/A
<b>Sexual</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-20.0%</b>
Male Homosexual	7	2	-71.4%
Female Homosexual	2	1	-50.0%
Anti-Homosexual (LGBT)	1	2	100.0%
Anti-Bisexual	0	2	N/A
Anti-Transgender	0	1	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-58.7%</b>

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

<b>Location</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Church	0	1	<b>N/A</b>
Commercial (Bar, Restaurant, Store)	3	4	<b>0.33</b>
Public Area (Street, Park, etc.)	11	4	<b>-0.64</b>
Residence	18	4	<b>-0.78</b>
School/College	2	4	<b>1</b>
Other	12	2	<b>-0.83</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-0.59</b>

The general types of hate crimes committed are provided below.

<b>Type of Crime</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Aggravated Assault	3	2	<b>-33.3%</b>
Simple Assault	13	7	<b>-46.2%</b>
Intimidation	9	2	<b>-77.8%</b>
Robbery	1	0	<b>-100.0%</b>
Burglary / Theft	1	1	<b>0.0%</b>
Destruction of Property	19	7	<b>-63.2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-58.7%</b>

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