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## STATEWIDE CRIME SUMMARY

The number of crimes reported to Nebraska law enforcement agencies in 2018 decreased 8.1%. There were 44,997 crimes reported in 2018, compared to 48,974 crimes reported during the same period in 2017, resulting in a decrease of 3,977 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 6.8% in 2018. There were 5,368 violent crimes reported in 2018, compared to 5,757 reported in 2017, resulting in a decrease of 389 violent crimes.

Property crimes (Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson) decreased 8.3% in 2018. There were 39,629 property crimes reported in 2018, compared to 43,217 reported in 2017, resulting in a decrease of 3,588 property crimes.

### Crime Index Offenses, 2017 – 2018

	2017	2018	CHANGE
<b>VIOLENT CRIMES</b>	<b>5,757</b>	<b>5,368</b>	<b>-6.8%</b>
Murder-Manslaughter	43	46	+7.0%
Forcible Rape	1,170	1,217	+4.0%
Robbery	951	735	-22.7%
Aggravated Assault	3,593	3,370	-6.2%
<b>PROPERTY CRIMES</b>	<b>43,217</b>	<b>39,629</b>	<b>-8.3%</b>
Burglary	6,265	5,167	-17.5%
Larceny-Theft	31,556	29,398	-6.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	5,188	4,835	-6.8%
Arson	208	229	+10.1%
<b>COMBINED TOTAL</b>	<b>48,974</b>	<b>44,997</b>	<b>-8.1%</b>

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## POPULATION GROUPS

The following population groups saw changes in their 2018 crime rates:

- Populations of 400,000 and over decreased 6.8% overall (violent -9.7% / property -6.3%)
- Populations of 399,999 to 100,000 decreased 6.2% overall (violent -1.6% / property -6.7%)
- Populations of 99,999 to 5,000 decreased 9.9% overall (violent -1.5% / property -10.7%)
- Populations of 4,999 and under decreased 17.5% overall (violent -7.3% / property -18.9%)
- County areas decreased 11.3% overall (violent -12.5% / property -11.1%)
- State properties decreased 8.6% overall (violent +9.4% / property -10.8%)

### Crime Index Offenses by Population Group, 2017 – 2018

POPULATION GROUP		YEAR	Murder - Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Violent (Total)	Burglary	Larceny - Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Property (Total)	Grand Total
POLICE DEPARTMENTS	400,000 AND OVER	2017	31	410	625	1,843	2,909	2,088	11,849	3,500	62	17,499	20,408
		2018	22	403	456	1,747	2,628	1,848	11,343	3,123	83	16,397	19,025
		CHANGE	-29.0%	-1.7%	-27.0%	-5.2%	-9.7%	-11.5%	-4.3%	-10.8%	+33.9%	-6.3%	-6.8%
	399,999 TO 100,000	2017	0	258	192	613	1,063	1,268	7,246	389	52	8,955	10,018
		2018	6	284	162	594	1,046	1,182	6,694	431	44	8,351	9,397
		CHANGE	N/A	+10.1	-15.6%	-3.1%	-1.6%	-6.8%	-7.6%	+10.8%	-15.4%	-6.7%	-6.2%
	99,999 TO 5,000	2017	8	337	99	641	1,085	1,674	8,890	789	67	11,420	12,505
		2018	8	341	93	627	1,069	1,314	8,039	788	52	10,193	11,262
		CHANGE	+0.0%	+1.2%	-6.1%	-2.2%	-1.5%	-21.5%	-9.6%	-0.1%	-22.4%	-10.7%	-9.9%
	4,999 AND UNDER	2017	0	31	5	74	110	158	583	53	0	794	904
		2018	1	33	7	61	102	83	504	50	7	644	746
		CHANGE	N/A	+6.5%	+40.0%	-17.6%	-7.3%	-47.5%	-13.6%	-5.7%	N/A	-18.9%	-17.5%
OTHER	COUNTY AREAS	2017	2	123	24	409	558	1,063	2,748	443	26	4,280	4,838
		2018	8	138	16	326	488	721	2,607	434	42	3,804	4,292
		CHANGE	+300.0%	+12.2%	-33.3%	-20.3%	-12.5%	-32.2%	-5.1%	-2.0%	+61.5%	-11.1%	-11.3%
	STATE AREAS	2017	2	11	6	13	32	14	240	14	1	269	301
		2018	1	18	1	15	35	19	211	9	1	240	275
		CHANGE	-50.0%	+63.6%	-83.3%	+15.4%	+9.4%	+35.7%	-12.1%	-35.7%	+0.0%	-10.8%	-8.6%
TOTAL	2017	43	1,170	951	3,593	5,757	6,265	31,556	5,188	208	43,217	48,974	
	2018	46	1,217	735	3,370	5,368	5,167	29,398	4,835	229	39,629	44,997	
	CHANGE	+7.0%	+4.0%	-22.7%	-6.2%	-6.8%	-17.5%	-6.8%	-6.8%	+10.1%	-8.3%	-8.1%	

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## ARRESTS

There were 70,706 arrests made in 2018, compared to 69,303 in 2017, resulting in an overall increase of 2.0%. The five categories with the highest number of arrests in 2018 were: Drug Abuse Violations (13,808); Simple Assault (8,786); Larceny (7,700); Driving Under the Influence (6,750); and Liquor Law Violations (4,250).

The number of adult arrests (age 18 and over) in 2018 was 62,274, compared to 60,080 in 2017, resulting in an increase of 3.7%. The number of juvenile arrests (age 17 and under) in 2018 was 8,432, compared to 9,223 in 2017, a decrease of 8.6%.

### Total Arrests in Nebraska, 2017 – 2018

	ADULT ARRESTS			JUVENILE ARRESTS			ALL ARRESTS		
	2017	2018	CHANGE	2017	2018	CHANGE	2017	2018	CHANGE
Murder-Manslaughter	34	34	+0.0%	3	8	+166.7%	37	42	+13.5%
Forcible Rape	214	189	-11.7%	51	49	-3.9%	265	238	-10.2%
Robbery	270	192	-28.9%	99	140	+41.4%	369	332	-10.0%
Aggravated Assault	1,361	1,484	+9.0%	80	66	-17.5%	1,441	1,550	+7.6%
Burglary	506	410	-19.0%	151	101	-33.1%	657	511	-22.2%
Larceny	6,193	6,135	-0.9%	2,099	1,565	-25.4%	8,292	7,700	-7.1%
Motor Vehicle Theft	277	307	+10.8%	153	159	+3.9%	430	466	+8.4%
Simple Assault	6,696	7,294	+8.9%	1,524	1,492	-2.1%	8,220	8,786	+6.9%
Arson	31	49	+58.1%	22	37	+68.2%	53	86	+62.3%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	325	320	-1.5%	8	5	-37.5%	333	325	-2.4%
Fraud	1,190	1,299	+9.2%	96	80	-16.7%	1,286	1,379	+7.2%
Embezzlement	60	59	-1.7%	8	10	+25.0%	68	69	+1.5%
Stolen Property Offenses	622	723	+16.2%	106	111	+4.7%	728	834	+14.6%
Vandalism	1,721	1,709	-0.7%	596	517	-13.3%	2,317	2,226	-3.9%
Weapons	999	1,008	+0.9%	103	100	-2.9%	1,102	1,108	-0.5%
Prostitution	89	126	+41.6%	2	0	-100.0%	91	126	+38.5%
Sex Offenses	335	366	+9.3%	78	82	+5.1%	413	448	+8.5%
Drug Abuse Violations	11,780	12,490	+6.0%	1,431	1,318	-7.9%	13,211	13,808	+4.5%
Offense Against Family and Children	1,234	1,224	-0.8%	143	200	+39.9%	1,377	1,424	+3.4%
Driving Under the Influence	6,571	6,670	+1.5%	73	80	+9.6%	6,644	6,750	+1.6%
Liquor Law Violations	3,919	3,606	-8.0%	696	644	-7.5%	4,615	4,250	-7.9%
Disorderly Conduct	2,279	2,095	-8.1%	412	421	+2.2%	2,691	2,516	-6.5%
Vagrancy	17	25	+47.1%	0	0	N/A	17	25	+47.1%
All Other Offenses (except traffic)	13,357	14,460	+8.3%	1,289	1,247	-3.3%	14,646	15,707	+7.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60,080</b>	<b>62,274</b>	<b>+3.7%</b>	<b>9,223</b>	<b>8,432</b>	<b>-8.6%</b>	<b>69,303</b>	<b>70,706</b>	<b>+2.0%</b>

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## A REVIEW OF HATE CRIMES

With the passage of Legislative Bill 90 in 1997, commonly referred to as the Hate Crime Bill, the Nebraska Crime Commission (NCC) developed a system to report hate crimes. The FBI has defined a hate crime as a “criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender’s bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.” Nebraska law enforcement agencies voluntarily submit quarterly reports to the NCC which document the details of hate crimes that have been committed within the jurisdictions of those reporting agencies. Some of the details documented include: the type of crime committed, a general description of the location in which it occurred, and the type of bias or motivation of the offender.

In 2018, 128 law enforcement agencies participated in submitting hate crime data to the Crime Commission. In total, there were 30 incidents reported by 11 agencies statewide that involved crimes motivated by hate or bias. In comparison, 2017 had 117 agencies participate in submitting hate crime data, reporting a total of 39 incidents from 7 agencies statewide, resulting in an overall decrease of 23.1%.

### Types of Bias/Motivations in Hate Crimes, 2017 – 2018

	2017	2018
<b>RACIAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>
Anti-White	3	4
Anti-Black or African American	16	12
Anti-Asian	0	0
Anti-Multiple Races / Groups	7	0
<b>ETHNICITY / NATIONAL ORIGIN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Anti-Hispanic or Latino	0	1
Anti-Arab	0	1
Anti-Other Race / Ethnicity / Ancestry	2	0
<b>RELIGIOUS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
Anti-Jewish	5	2
Anti-Catholic	0	0
Anti-Islamic (Muslim)	0	0
Anti-Protestant	1	0
Anti-Other Religion	0	0
<b>SEX/GENDER</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Anti-Gay (Male)	4	2
Anti-Lesbian (Female)	0	0
Anti-L.G.B.T. (Mixed Group)	0	1
Anti-Transgender	1	3
<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
Anti-Physical Disability	0	0
Anti-Mental Disability	0	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>30</b>

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The general locations where hate crimes occurred in 2017-2018 are provided in the table below:

**Location of Hate Crimes in Nebraska, 2017 – 2018**

	2017	2018
Religious Location (church, synagogue, mosque, etc.)	3	0
Commercial (bar, restaurant, store, etc.)	8	7
Public Area (street, park, etc.)	10	6
Residence	9	16
School / College	4	0
Other	5	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>30</b>

The types of offenses used in hate crimes in 2017-2018 are provided in the table below:

**Types of Offenses Used in Hate Crimes in Nebraska, 2017 – 2018**

	2017	2018
<b>CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>
Kidnapping	0	0
Aggravated Assault	1	2
Simple Assault	5	6
Intimidation	2	4
Robbery	0	0
<b>CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>
Burglary	2	2
Larceny-Theft	1	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1
Fraud Offenses	1	1
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property	27	12
Other	0	0
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