

## Nebraska's Legislative Planning Database

### Public Safety

This benchmark examines Nebraska's public safety by reviewing five broad areas: Crime, Recidivism, Juvenile intakes, Fiscal sustainability, and emergency preparedness. The most currently available data at the time the data files were put together are used. Additional information can be found from the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' website <http://www.corrections.nebraska.gov/>.

#### Crime

Nebraska reported 10,432 arrests for drug abuse violations in 2008. This was considerably higher than Iowa and Kansas, even though these states have larger populations.

Most of the states in the region reported relatively low violent crime rates in 2008. The violent crime rate in Nebraska of 303.7 crimes per 100,000 persons ranked 31st in the nation and compared to the national rate of 454.5 crimes per 100,000. Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado recorded higher violent crime rates than Nebraska. The murder rate for Nebraska also ranked 31st, with 3.8 murders per 100,000 compared to 5.4 for the United States. Missouri and Kansas had higher murder rates, as Missouri ranked 5th. Looking at property crimes, Nebraska ranked 30th, with 2,878 property crimes per 100,000 persons. This is compared to the nation's rate of 3,212 property crimes per 100,000. Again Missouri and Kansas ranked higher than Nebraska.

#### Recidivism

Between July 2006 and June 2010, it appears that the recidivism rate has increased at the youth rehabilitation and treatment center in Kearney. In 2006-07, the recidivism rate was 18.8 percent, but it increased to 29.3 percent in 2009-10. Even though the recidivism rate in the youth rehabilitation and treatment center in Geneva fluctuated from year-to-year, 2009-10's rate of 18.7 percent was the second highest of the four years.

#### Juvenile Intakes

In 2008, Nebraska ranked relatively high for juvenile arrests for property crime (7th) and drug abuse (10th) and low for violent crime (39th) and weapons (21st). Between 2000 and 2008, the juvenile arrest rate for violent crimes increased, decreased for property crimes and drug abuse, and increased slightly for weapons.

#### Fiscal Sustainability

Nebraska's expenditures for public safety were below the national numbers at both the state and local level. In 2006-07, Nebraska spent \$191 per capita on public safety at the state level and \$341 at the local level. This compares with national figures of \$215 and \$466 respectively. Nebraska's per capita expenditures ranked 28th for state spending and 34th for local spending. Regionally, Nebraska was in the top half for state spending and in the bottom half for local spending.

In FY2009, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services spent \$171 million providing services. The most expensive facility was the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility at \$160.07 per day or \$58,424 per year. Total programs without parole cost an average of \$90.31 per day or \$32,965 per year.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

In the past 5 years Nebraska has experienced 19 federally declared disasters and emergencies. Through June, there were 3 declared disasters totaling more than \$33 million. The largest storm in recent years was in January 2007, affecting 69 counties with damages exceeding \$160 million.

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### Crime

#### Arrests for Drug Abuse Violation: 2008

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice  
([http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table\\_69.html](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table_69.html))

State	Number of Arrests
United States	1,702,537
Colorado	17,851
Iowa	8,497
Kansas	6,854
Minnesota	18,196
Missouri	35,990
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>10,432</b>
North Dakota	1,769
South Dakota	2,395
Wyoming	2,969

#### Violent Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population: 2008

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice  
([http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table\\_69.html](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table_69.html))

State	Violent Crime Rate (Per 100,000 Persons)	Rank
United States	454.5	
Missouri	504.4	14
Kansas	410.6	23
Colorado	343.1	27
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>303.7</b>	<b>31</b>
Iowa	283.8	35
Minnesota	262.8	39
Wyoming	232.0	44
South Dakota	201.4	47
North Dakota	166.5	48

### Murder Rate Per 100,000 Population: 2008

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice  
([http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table\\_69.html](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table_69.html))

State	Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter (Per 100,000 Persons)	Rank
United States	5.4	
Missouri	7.7	5
Kansas	4.0	30
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>31</b>
Colorado	3.2	34
South Dakota	3.2	35
Iowa	2.5	41
Minnesota	2.1	45
Wyoming	1.9	47
North Dakota	0.5	51

### Property Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population: 2008

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice  
([http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table\\_69.html](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table_69.html))

State	Crime (Per 100,000 Persons)	Rank
United States	3,212.50	
Missouri	3,663.70	14
Kansas	3,377.20	21
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>2,878.60</b>	<b>30</b>
Minnesota	2,850.60	31
Colorado	2,849.00	32
Wyoming	2,717.30	35
Iowa	2,420.90	43
North Dakota	1,894.40	50
South Dakota	1,645.60	51

### **Recidivism**

#### **Youth Rehabilitation & Treatment Center - Kearney 4 Year Recidivism Rates (July 2006 - June 2010)**

Fiscal Year	Parole Revocations	Recommitmen ts	Releases	Recidivism
06/07	29	45	393	18.8%
07/08	57	47	528	19.7%
08/09	76	48	493	25.2%
09/10	65	62	434	29.3%
TOTALS	227	202	1848	23.2%

**Youth Rehabilitation & Treatment Center - Geneva 4 Year Recidivism Rates  
(July 2006 - June 2010)**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Parole Revocations</b>	<b>Recommitments</b>	<b>Releases</b>	<b>Recidivism</b>
06/07	8	5	130	10.0%
07/08	20	10	121	24.8%
08/09	5	6	104	10.6%
09/10	9	16	134	18.7%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>16.2%</b>

Note: Recidivism = Parole Violations + Recommitments

**Juvenile Intakes**

**Juvenile Arrests: 2008**

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Juvenile Arrests 2008, released April 2010. (related Internet site <<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/225344.pdf>>)

**Juvenile arrest rate \1 2008**

<b>State</b>	<b>Reporting Coverage (percent)</b>	<b>Violent crime index \2</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Property crime index \3</b>	<b>Rank</b>
United States	<b>82</b>	<b>306</b>		<b>1,398</b>	
Colorado	88	199	28	1,853	12
Iowa	92	252	22	1,792	15
Kansas	68	163	35	1109	38
Minnesota	97	208	26	1,884	11
Missouri	94	274	18	1,928	9
Nebraska	92	139	39	2,013	7
North Dakota	91	117	43	2,107	4
South Dakota	78	79	47	1,640	22
Wyoming	99	132	41	1,977	8

**Juvenile arrest rate \1 2008**

<b>State</b>	<b>Drug abuse</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Weapons</b>	<b>Rank</b>
United States	560		121	
Colorado	763	7	123	15
Iowa	396	38	52	41
Kansas	472	29	59	39
Minnesota	511	24	145	10
Missouri	566	19	121	16
Nebraska	657	10	112	21
North Dakota	477	28	70	35
South Dakota	590	14	83	29
Wyoming	910	4	83	29

## Juvenile Arrests: United States and Nebraska (2000-08)

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Juvenile Arrests 2008, released April 2010. (related Internet site <<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/225344.pdf>>)

Juvenile arrest rate \1					
United States	Reporting Coverage (percentage)	Violent crime index \2	Property crime index \3	Drug abuse	Weapons
2008	82	306	1,398	560	121
2007	81	301	1,293	590	128
2006	78	315	1,256	600	141
2005	79	296	1,289	581	134
2000	72	330	1,686	649	116

Juvenile arrest rate \1					
Nebraska	Reporting Coverage (percentage)	Violent crime index \2	Property crime index \3	Drug abuse	Weapons
2008	92	139	2,013	657	112
2007	85	138	1,823	644	109
2006	87	106	1,892	638	91
2005	90	105	1,935	656	95
2000	91	118	2,483	719	106

\1 Arrest rate is defined as the number of arrests of persons under age 18 for every 100,000 persons ages 10-17.

\2 Violent crime includes murder or nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

\3 Property crimes include burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

## Fiscal Sustainability

### Per Capita State Public Safety Expenditures: 2006-07

Source: The figures are calculated based on the data from 2007 Census of Government Finance and 2000 Population Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau

State	Per Capita Public Safety Expenditures	Rank
United States	\$214.79	
Wyoming	\$334.35	3
Colorado	\$203.51	22
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>\$191.02</b>	<b>28</b>
South Dakota	\$186.09	33
Minnesota	\$163.52	39
Missouri	\$149.66	43
Kansas	\$147.52	44
North Dakota	\$144.25	46
Iowa	\$133.92	50

**Per Capita Local Public Safety Expenditures: 2006-07**

Source: The figures are calculated based on the data from 2007 Census of Government Finance and 2000 Population Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau

State	Per Capita Public Safety Expenditures	Rank
United States	\$466.33	
Wyoming	\$540.37	7
Colorado	\$497.24	10
Minnesota	\$381.11	23
Missouri	\$350.22	29
Kansas	\$347.32	30
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>\$340.60</b>	<b>34</b>
Iowa	\$302.34	42
South Dakota	\$258.01	47
North Dakota	\$251.90	49

**Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Annual Cost Report Fiscal Year 2009**

Facility/Category	Total	Cost/day per inmate	Cost/yr per inmate	Daily avg. inmate pop.	Cost/day without medical
Neb Corr Youth Facility	\$5,711,543	\$160.07	\$58,424	98	\$146.94
Tecumseh Corr Center	\$33,184,329	\$95.92	\$35,012	948	\$82.80
Community Corr Ctr LNK	\$6,259,545	\$45.95	\$16,773	373	\$32.83
Community Corr Ctr OMA	\$3,246,096	\$54.23	\$19,794	164	\$41.11
Neb State Penitentiary	\$36,867,703	\$94.74	\$34,582	1066	\$81.62
Neb Corr Ctr for Women	\$10,286,852	\$103.36	\$37,726	273	\$90.24
Diagnosis & Eval Ctr	\$11,171,197	\$101.27	\$36,965	302	\$88.15
Lincoln Correctional Ctr	\$18,460,391	\$106.54	\$38,889	475	\$93.42
Omaha Correctional Ctr	\$17,245,194	\$69.51	\$25,370	680	\$56.38
Work Ethic Camp*	\$5,287,796	\$58.60	\$21,391	103*	\$48.65
Adult Parole**	\$2,815,218	\$8.04	\$2,936	959**	n/a
Total Programs	\$150,535,864	\$75.81	\$27,671	5441	
Total w/o parole	\$147,720,646	\$90.31	\$32,965	4482	
Federal Surplus Property	\$744,720				
Central Warehouse	\$2,892,478				
Correctional Industries	\$11,400,073				
Subtotal	\$15,037,271				
Community Based Services	\$72,500				
Building Depreciation	\$1,036,260				
County Jail Reimbursement	\$3,910,000				
Construction Programs	\$470,100				
Other Subtotal	\$5,488,860				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$171,061,995</b>				

Notes:

The data represent an allocation of all expenditures for all budgeted fund types for the Department of Correctional Services for the fiscal year.

All direct and indirect expenses are allocated proportionately to the facilities indicated below, except that Education expenses are direct costs at NCYF & NCCW.

The cost per inmate represents an average cost per inmate of all general, cash and federal expenditures excluding General Fund Aid & Depreciation & Capital Construction expenditures.

*\*Includes cost per day/year calculated using number of FY 2009 admissions of 270; other programs calculated using average daily inmate population*

*\*Cost per inmate at WEC calculated based on average number of probationers and inmates times the average length of program, which is five months. Previous year counts were based only on admissions, due to the varied lengths of stay.*

*\*\*The average number of Lifetime Sex Offenders supervised during FY08-09 (46) is included this year in the Parole numbers and calculation of costs. Number of parolees totaled 913.*

### Emergency Preparedness

#### Disasters Declared by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

Date Declared	Type of Disaster	Number of Counties Declared	Est. Public Damages
6/1/2010	Flooding	53	\$16,366,211
4/21/2010	Flooding	35	\$10,785,830
2/25/2010	Winter Storm	48	\$6,010,888
12/16/2009	Winter Storm	7	\$3,638,100
7/31/2009	Tornado/flood	13	\$4,388,370
7/18/2008	Spring Storms	4	\$12,746,400
6/20/2008	Storm/tornado	61	\$35,559,665
5/30/2008	Storm/tornado	5	\$2,296,100
1/11/2008	Winter Storm	8	\$8,040,984
8/29/2007	Storm/flood	6	\$1,297,060
7/24/2007	Storms/flood	15	\$2,937,801
6/6/2007	Storms/flood	19	\$7,303,416
1/7/2007	Winter Storm	69	\$160,749,169
7/29/2006	Sioux Co. Fire	1	\$2,385,620
7/28/2006	Dawes Co. Fire	3	\$1,964,127
7/17/2006	Valentine Fire	1	\$464,323
1/26/2006	Winter Storm	29	\$7,131,762
6/13/2005	Katrina Assist	Statewide	\$485,249
6/23/2005	Storm/flood	11	\$3,195,092

Notes:

The Federal Government has been keeping disaster records since 1960. Between 1960 to today the state has experienced 49 federally declared disasters-emergencies/all of which would have been a local and state declared disaster prior to seeking assistance at the Federal level.

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