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KBI releases Kansas crime statistics for 2019

TOPEKA – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) has released the [2019 Kansas Crime Index Report](#). The report compiles crime statistics reported to the KBI by state and local law enforcement agencies across Kansas.

Violent crime analysis

The *2019 Kansas Crime Index Report* indicated that violent crime in Kansas increased by 2.6% in 2019. A total of 12,694 violent crimes were reported in Kansas in the categories of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault and battery. The violent crime rate is currently 17.3% above the 10-year average.

In 2019, aggravated assaults and batteries increased by 6.1%, which drove the violent crime rate up. Yet, fortunately, the state saw a decline in the number of murders, rapes, and robberies. Across Kansas 130 murders, 1,297 rapes, and 1,422 robberies were reported.

Property crime analysis

According to the 2019 crime report, total property crime offenses in Kansas declined by 6.8%. Even motor vehicle theft, which has been on the rise for several years, declined statewide in 2019.



Multi-year Index Crime Comparison

Part I Crimes		10 Yr. Average	2016	2017	% Change	2017	2018	% Change	2018	2019	% Change
VIOLENT CRIME	Murder	127	148	176	18.9	176	146	-17.0	146	130	-11
	Rape	1,136	1,125	1,214	7.9	1,214	1,346	10.9	1,346	1,297	-3.6
	Robbery	1,552	1,693	1,747	3.2	1,747	1,599	-8.5	1,599	1,422	-11.1
	Aggravated Assault/Battery	8,005	8,075	8,605	6.6	8,605	9,276	7.8	9,276	9,845	6.1
	Total Violent Offenses	10,820	11,041	11,742	6.3	11,742	12,367	5.3	12,367	12,694	2.6
	Violent Crime Rate/1,000	3.7	3.7	4.0	8.1	4.0	4.2	5.0	4.2	4.3	2.4
PROPERTY CRIME	Burglary	15,164	13,620	13,392	-1.7	13,392	12,459	-7.0	12,459	11,277	-9.5
	Theft	58,942	58,377	59,725	2.3	59,725	58,885	-1.4	58,885	54,990	-6.6
	Motor Vehicle Theft	7,149	7,552	8,232	9.0	8,232	8,351	1.4	8,351	8,047	-3.6
	Total Property Offenses	81,255	79,549	81,349	2.3	81,349	79,695	-2.0	79,695	74,314	-6.8
	Property Crime Rate/1,000	27.6	26.8	27.5	2.6	27.5	27.2	-1.1	27.2	25	-8.1
	Arson	666	597	599	0.3	599	624	4.2	624	463	-25.6

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For the full *2019 Kansas Crime Index report* and previous year's statistics:
http://www.accesskansas.org/kbi/stats/stats_crime.shtml

NOTE: Data from the *Kansas Crime Index report* is derived from standard offense and arrest reports submitted to the Kansas Incident Based Reporting System (KIBRS) by local law enforcement agencies across Kansas. It is dependent on victims reporting crimes. The report is compiled to provide a historical assessment and snapshot of crime trends. It is often not possible to draw further interpretations or conclusions from the data. The KBI cautions against using data to make direct comparisons between jurisdictions. Often these comparisons are not valid as the factors influencing crime vary widely between communities.

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