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KBI releases 2020 statewide crime statistics

TOPEKA – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) has released the [2020 Kansas Crime Index Report](#). The report compiles crime statistics reported to the KBI by state and local law enforcement agencies throughout Kansas.

Violent crime analysis

The *2020 Kansas Crime Index Report* indicated that violent crime in Kansas increased by 9.5% from 2019. A total of 13,896 violent crimes were reported in Kansas in the categories of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault and battery. The violent crime rate is currently 24.4% above the 10-year average.

Notably, in 2020, the number of murders committed in Kansas hit a record at 193, surpassing any year since 1959, when the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) first began publishing national crime statistics.

Aggravated assaults and batteries increased by 13.8% in 2020, while reported rapes and robberies both declined from 2019.

Property crime analysis

Overall, property crimes declined in 2020 by 1.2%. Kansas experienced a 9.4% increase in motor vehicle thefts, which was the only property crime offense to increase.

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Multi-year Index Crime Comparison

	Part I Crimes	10 Yr. Average	2017	2018	% Change	2018	2019	% Change	2019	2020	% Change
VIOLENT CRIME	Murder	135	176	146	-17.0	146	130	-11	130	193	48.5
	Rape	1,144	1,214	1,346	10.9	1,346	1,297	-3.6	1,297	1,190	-8.2
	Robbery	1,521	1,747	1,599	-8.5	1,599	1,422	-11.1	1,422	1,312	-7.7
	Aggravated Assault/Battery	8,366	8,605	9,276	7.8	9,276	9,845	6.1	9,845	11,201	13.8
	Total Violent Offenses	11,166	11,742	12,367	5.3	12,367	12,694	2.6	12,694	13,896	9.5
	Violent Crime Rate/1,000	3.8	4.0	4.2	5.0	4.2	4.3	2.4	4.3	4.7	9.3
PROPERTY CRIME	Burglary	14,422	13,392	12,459	-7.0	12,459	11,277	-9.5	11,277	11,267	-0.1
	Theft	58,043	59,725	58,885	-1.4	58,885	54,990	-6.6	54,990	53,381	-2.9
	Motor Vehicle Theft	7,434	8,232	8,351	1.4	8,351	8,047	-3.6	8,047	8,802	9.4
	Total Property Offenses	79,899	81,349	79,695	-2.0	79,695	74,314	-6.8	74,314	73,450	-1.2
	Property Crime Rate/1,000	27	27.5	27.2	-1.1	27.2	25.0	-8.1	25.0	25.0	--
	Arson	638	599	624	4.2	624	463	-25.8	463	574	24.0

For the full 2020 *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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