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### Slight Increase in Crime in Nebraska in 2012

(AP-KLZA) A new report says the number of crimes reported in Nebraska increased 1 percent in 2012, compared to the previous year.

The Nebraska Crime Commission said in its annual report Thursday that 53,911 crimes were reported to law enforcement agencies in 2012. In 2011, agencies received 53,317 reports.

The report says 4,587 violent crimes were recorded last year, a 4 percent increase. The number of murder and manslaughter cases fell to 987, a 22 percent decline. Reported robberies increased 14 percent, to 1,120. Aggravated assault cases increased 2 percent, to 2,751. The number of forcible rapes dropped 1 percent, to 664.

Commission executive director Michael Behm says Nebraska saw a 1 percent increase in property crimes, to 49,324. The nation saw a 1 percent decline.

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