

# Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office

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### *2020 Annual Report Released*

The 2020 Sheriff's Office Annual Report is now complete. "We are very grateful to see the year 2020 in our rearview mirror!" says Sheriff Tony Thompson. "As you can see in the statistics, most every number you'd like to see down is up, and everything you'd wish was trending down is on the uptick this past year." Though calls for service and jail bookings were down (likely due to the pandemic) many crimes saw an increase in activity. Most notably, burglaries, drug violations, sexual offenses and drunk driving all saw measurable increases in 2020. "Several of these categories of crime will also find their increases attributable to the COVID-19 virus" indicates Sheriff Thompson. "When people are couped up, held more closely together for longer periods of time, assaults, substance abuse crimes and sexual assaults can be anticipated to increase. Our staff also increased their attention on drugs and drunken driving arrests to ensure roadway safety this past 12 months."

### UCR Reportable Offenses:

<b>"A" Offenses:</b>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<b>"B" Offenses:</b>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Arson	1	2	Liquor Law Violation	0	7
Agg Assault	2	6	OWI	100	214
Assault Domestic	11	12	Public Intox	11	11
Assault Simple	20	10	Family Offenses	2	3
Burglary	67	74	Runaway	3	9
Criminal Mischief	38	42	Suspicion	5	6
Drug Violations	213	295	Bad Checks	16	20
Kidnapping	1	2	Trespass	5	2
Robbery	0	0	All Other Offenses	8	13
Murder	0	1			
Sexual Offenses	3	16			
Thefts	79	51	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>816</b>
Larceny of Mot. Veh.	13	19			
Entice/Exploit Child	1	1			

**A CRIMINAL CHARGE IS MERELY AN ACCUSATION AND THE DEFENDANT IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL AND UNLESS PROVEN GUILTY.**

**Other Notable Statistics:**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Sheriff's Office Calls for Service:	8,473	6,906
Total Dispatch Center Calls:	106,595	99,270
Arrests:	3,863	2,675
Fatal Traffic Accidents:	4	2
Injury Traffic Accidents:	48	27
Property Damage Accidents:	272	164
Citations Issued:	2,933	2,739
Civil Processes Served:	12,414	8,926
Warrants Served:	408	1,367
Average Daily Jail Population:	266.5	222
Jail Bookings:	6,565	4,952

The rest of the reported statistics are available in the 2020 Annual Report at: [www.bhcsso.org](http://www.bhcsso.org) (also attached).

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