



## COUNTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FY 2020-2021

## Adams County

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## Youth Level

- Hispanic and Black youth are over-represented in chronic absenteeism compared to Adams County demographics and school enrollment.
- More youth have IDEA plans than the state comparison across all years.
- Adams County has higher than state averages of youth who qualify for free/reduced lunch, a little over ½ of the students in the last two years.
- More youth report losing sleep from worry and being depressed, compared to the state.
- More 8<sup>th</sup> graders report current alcohol use compared to the state, more 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders report higher marijuana compared to the state, and youth in all 3 grades report higher tobacco and vaping compared to the state.
- 10.1% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders report gang involvement.
- Juvenile arrests for other assaults, vandalism, drug possession, and runaway all increased from 2018-2019.
- JJI did not have risk assessment scores for diversion from the 2015-2017 assessment evaluation to include. If the county is not using a validated assessment tool, then it should begin doing so (there will be a statewide tool coming in July 2021). If the county does have assessment data in digital format for JJI to analyze, we would be happy to update this table.
- Law enforcement data by race and ethnicity would be very beneficial to have a clearer picture of RED. Compared to the overall population of Adams County, Black and Hispanic youth are overrepresented in all system points (except adult court filings with Black youth). American Indian youth are also overrepresented with RAI overrides and probation intakes.
  - 25% of the juvenile cases filed in adult court are missing race/ethnicity data.
- Once referred, youth of all race/ethnicity are enrolling and successfully completing diversion at the rate to which they were referred.

Table 1.

Distribution of the Population Age 10-17 by Race/Ethnicity and Gender (5-year estimates, 2014-2018) <sup>a</sup>

### Males

Geographic Area Name	Total Count	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	108,494	70.4%	16.2%	5.7%	1.4%	2.0%	4.4%
<b>Adams</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>75.7%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

### Females



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Geographic Area Name	Total Count	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	102,658	69.9%	15.8%	5.2%	1.2%	2.5%	5.4%
<b>Adams</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>79.4%</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>

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Table 2.

School Membership by Race/ Ethnicity and School Year (2014-2019) <sup>b</sup>

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	<b>Adams</b>	<b>5061</b>	<b>15.65%</b>	<b>1.07%</b>	<b>0.55%</b>	<b>1.56%</b>	<b>0.10%</b>	<b>79.04%</b>	<b>2.04%</b>
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	<b>Adams</b>	<b>5081</b>	<b>15.80%</b>	<b>0.98%</b>	<b>0.37%</b>	<b>1.67%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>79.00%</b>	<b>2.05%</b>
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	<b>Adams</b>	<b>5144</b>	<b>16.64%</b>	<b>0.93%</b>	<b>0.37%</b>	<b>1.65%</b>	<b>0.21%</b>	<b>78.34%</b>	<b>1.85%</b>
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	<b>Adams</b>	<b>5187</b>	<b>16.75%</b>	<b>0.93%</b>	<b>0.56%</b>	<b>1.64%</b>	<b>0.15%</b>	<b>77.79%</b>	<b>2.18%</b>
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	<b>Adams</b>	<b>5138</b>	<b>16.80%</b>	<b>0.99%</b>	<b>0.49%</b>	<b>1.40%</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>77.93%</b>	<b>2.26%</b>
	Nebraska	325,984	19.13%	2.83%	1.33%	6.63%	0.15%	66.02%	3.91%

Table 3.

Chronic Absenteeism by Race/Ethnicity and School Year (2014 - 2019) <sup>b</sup>

Year	Geographic Area	Total Youth with Chronic Absenteeism	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	<b>Adams</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>23.23%</b>	*	*	<b>3.66%</b>	*	<b>70.54%</b>	<b>2.58%</b>
	Nebraska	35,638	<b>24.54%</b>	1.64%	4.42%	<b>12.93%</b>	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	<b>Adams</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>25.73%</b>	*	*	<b>3.60%</b>	*	<b>68.78%</b>	<b>1.89%</b>
	Nebraska	38,812	<b>25.73%</b>	1.55%	4.27%	<b>13.68%</b>	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	<b>Adams</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>30.67%</b>	*	*	<b>2.84%</b>	*	<b>64.01%</b>	<b>2.48%</b>
	Nebraska	42,290	<b>26.90%</b>	1.66%	4.40%	<b>14.22%</b>	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	<b>Adams</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>25.83%</b>	*	*	<b>2.83%</b>	*	<b>68.00%</b>	<b>3.33%</b>
	Nebraska	46,365	<b>26.81%</b>	1.77%	4.18%	<b>14.49%</b>	0.22%	47.37%	2389
	<b>Adams</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>30.26%</b>	*	*	<b>2.20%</b>	*	<b>62.93%</b>	<b>4.61%</b>



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2018-2019	Nebraska	46,356	27.64%	1.76%	4.16%	14.71%	0.23%	46.27%	5.23%
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Per the Nebraska Department of Education, the \* represents masked data, which they define as 10 or fewer students, for the confidentiality of the students

Table 4.

Disabilities, English Proficiency, Eligibility for Free/Reduced Lunch and School Year (2014 – 2019) <sup>b</sup>

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	IDEA	504 Plan	Limited English Proficiency	Free/Reduced Lunch
2014-2015	Adams	5061	19.03%	*	4.84%	49.83%
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	Adams	5081	17.81%	*	4.96%	49.26%
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	Adams	5144	17.46%	0.33%	6.18%	50.39%
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	Adams	5187	21.25%	0.31%	5.65%	50.86%
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	Adams	5138	22.60%	0.19%	5.02%	51.63%
	Nebraska	325,984	16.13%	0.85%	6.78%	45.42%

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Table 5.

Nebraska Public High School 4-Year Graduation Rates by County (5-year estimates, 2015-2019) <sup>c</sup>

County	Total in Last 5 Years		Yearly Averages		Graduation Rate	Rank
	Graduates	Students	Graduates	Students		
Nebraska	100,111	112,857	20,022.2	22,571.4	88.7%	n/a
Adams	1,652	1,834	82.6	91.7	90.1%	78

Data are only for public school districts and their associated high school students. The figures are aggregated based on the location of the school, not the residential location of the students. The figures for Dawes County are impacted by a vocational school where graduation rates are less than 25%; in the rest of the county graduation rates equal 93%.

Table 6.

Youth Who Report Mental Health Symptoms and Substance Use by Grade (2018) <sup>d</sup>



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		8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Adams</b>	Loss of sleep from worry	<b>22.5%</b>	<b>25.4%</b>	<b>22.2%</b>
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
<b>Adams</b>	Depressed	<b>37.3%</b>	<b>44.0%</b>	<b>37.8%</b>
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
<b>Adams</b>	Considered/Attempted suicide	<b>24.3%</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>17.0%</b>
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
<b>Adams</b>	Current alcohol	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>19.9%</b>	<b>26.9%</b>
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
<b>Adams</b>	Current binge drinking	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
<b>Adams</b>	Current marijuana	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>17.2%</b>
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
<b>Adams</b>	Current tobacco	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>14.2%</b>	<b>29.4%</b>
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
<b>Adams</b>	Current vaping	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>33.1%</b>	<b>53.5%</b>
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
<b>Adams</b>	Hopeful for future (past week)	<b>75.4%</b>	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>81.4%</b>
Nebraska		72.1%	74.4%	78.4%

**\*\*JJI is currently waiting for the legal team at DHHS to approve providing this data**

Table 7.

Juveniles Referred to Services <sup>e</sup>

Table 8.

Juveniles Referred to Services by Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Mental Health Diagnosis <sup>e</sup>

Table 9.

Juveniles Who Utilized Services <sup>e</sup>

Table 10.

Types of Services Utilized <sup>e</sup>

Table 11.

Youth Who Report Gang Involvement by Grade (2018) <sup>d</sup>

		8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
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<b>Adams</b>	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
Nebraska		<b>3.8%</b>	4.4%	3.8%

Table 12.

Arrest Rates for Adults and Juveniles for 2018 and 2019 with Percent Change <sup>f</sup>

Arrestee Age	All Arrestee Ages			Under 18		
Summary Arrest Date	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %
Jurisdiction by Geography	ADAMS COUNTY					
Arrest Offense						
Total	1,272	1,377	8.25	201	250	24.38
Rape Total	1	-	-100.00	1	-	-100.00
Robbery Total	-	3	-	-	-	-
Aggravated Assault Total	13	11	-15.38	1	1	0.00
Burglary Total	9	13	44.44	4	4	0.00
Larceny-Theft Total	130	122	-6.15	21	20	-4.76
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	18	12	-33.33	12	2	-83.33
Other Assaults	223	221	-0.90	54	73	35.19
Forgery and Counterfeiting	7	11	57.14	-	-	-
Fraud	19	14	-26.32	2	-	-100.00
Embezzlement	-	2	-	-	2	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	5	10	100.00	-	-	-
Vandalism	74	85	14.86	21	39	85.71
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	14	10	-28.57	0	1	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	2	7	250.00	2	1	-50.00
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	3	9	200.00	0	2	-
Drug Violations - Possession	152	223	46.71	18	28	55.56
Offenses Against Family and Children	6	6	0.00	-	-	-
Driving Under the Influence	130	124	-4.62	1	2	100.00
Liquor Laws	83	65	-21.69	16	10	-37.50
Disorderly Conduct	17	14	-17.65	3	-	-100.00
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	358	393	9.78	37	43	16.22
Curfew and Loitering Law Violations	2	1	-50.00	2	1	-50.00
Runaways	6	21	250.00	6	21	250.00



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Table 13.

Risk Assessment Domains for Youth Assessed on Diversion (2015 - 2017) <sup>9</sup>

	Adams			All NYS Counties		
Score	0	1	2	0	1	2
Family Circumstance/Parenting	--	--	--	60.1%	26.7%	13.1%
Education/Employment	--	--	--	43.0%	44.0%	13.1%
Peer Relationships	--	--	--	44.7%	46.6%	8.6%
Substance Use	--	--	--	61.4%	30.3%	8.3%
Leisure/Recreation	--	--	--	50.6%	33.0%	16.5%
Personality/Behavior	--	--	--	50.1%	39.4%	10.4%
Attitudes/Orientation	--	--	--	61.3%	33.7%	5.0%
Mean Score	$M = --, SD = --, --$			$M = 5.64, SD = 3.65, 0-17$		

Could not compute because county only had 1 NYS assessment completed

Table 14.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities Descriptives (2015-2019) <sup>1</sup>[Click here to see Census and School Population Data](#)See [Appendix for yearly data](#)

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	1083	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	228	1.3%	0.4%	4.4%	19.7%	3.5%	0.9%	69.7%
Youth enrolled in diversion	208	1.0%	0.5%	4.3%	19.7%	3.8%	1.0%	69.7%
Successful completion diversion	153	1.3%	0.7%	4.6%	16.3%	3.3%	0.7%	73.2%
Youth with multiple charges	34	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	23.5%	0.0%	5.9%	64.7%
Filed on in adult court	16	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	25.0%	50.0%





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RAI Override: More Severe	32	9.4%	0.0%	6.2%	31.2%	0.0%	0.0%	53.1%
RAI Override: Less Severe	16	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	37.5%	12.5%	0.0%	37.5%
Probation intake	218	6.4%	0.0%	11.5%	25.7%	5.0%	0.0%	51.4%
Successful probation	332	2.1%	0.3%	8.4%	20.5%	0.0%	0.0%	68.7%
Revocation of probation	201	2.5%	0.0%	7.5%	24.9%	3.0%	0.0%	62.2%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



## Family Level

- Adams County has a higher rate of poverty compared to the state
- Number of people with bachelor's degrees is lower compared to the state; this could be a result of residents going to college in a different community and not returning to Adams County.
- 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders report feeling less supported by adults at home compared to the state.

Table 15.

Poverty/SES, Educational Attainment, Technology and Computers in Home, Housing, and Transportation (5-year estimates, 2014-2018) <sup>a</sup>

Measurement		Adams	Nebraska
<b>Poverty/SES</b>	Children <18 in Poverty	<b>17.2%</b>	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	<b>803</b>	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 above 185% poverty	<b>33.6%</b>	28.9%
<b>Educational attainment</b>	Age 25+ with B.D.	<b>24.9%</b>	31.3%
	County rank	<b>22</b>	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	<b>24.8%</b>	23.0%
	County rank	<b>37</b>	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	<b>90.0%</b>	91.1%
	County Rank	<b>70</b>	-
<b>Technology and computers in the home</b>	% under 18 with a computer at home	<b>98.0%</b>	96.9%
	County rank	<b>52</b>	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	<b>93.7%</b>	91.0%
	County rank	<b>27</b>	-
	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	<b>93.2%</b>	90.8%
	County Rank	<b>26</b>	-
<b>Housing</b>	Owner-occupied households	<b>8,674</b>	498,567



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	Total households	<b>12,710</b>	754,063
	Owner %	<b>68.2%</b>	66.1%
	Renters	<b>4,036</b>	255,496
	Renter %	<b>31.8%</b>	33.9%
<b>Transportation</b>	Households with no vehicle available	<b>705</b>	40,465
	Total households	<b>12,710</b>	754,063
	No vehicle %	<b>5.5%</b>	5.4%

Table 16.  
Youth Who Report Supportive Adults by Grade (2018) <sup>d</sup>

		<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Adams</b>	Adult at home who listens	<b>83.5%</b>	<b>83.3%</b>	<b>84.2%</b>
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
<b>Adams</b>	Adult at school who listens	<b>82.0%</b>	<b>83.7%</b>	<b>85.6%</b>
Nebraska		85.2%	85.0%	87.4%

Table 17.  
Domestic Violence Reports and Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means (2019) <sup>h</sup>

	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Reported	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	Simple Domestic Assaults Reported	Simple Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means
<b>Adams</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>59</b>
Nebraska	562	402	2512	2019

Table 18.  
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (2018) <sup>i</sup>

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
<b>Adams</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>67%</b>
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%



## Community Level

- Youth perceptions of community attitudes on marijuana use and cigarettes are lower than the state for 8th and 10th graders.
- Juvenile record sealing is not “automatic” even if statute requires it to seal. Sealing a record requires administrative staff to initiate the process. Dismissed or dropped cases should be sealed at a rate of 100%. All others should be sealed at the rate to which youth successfully complete their court requirements (completion of diversion, probation, restorative practice, or other treatment).
- Data for race and ethnicity at each juvenile justice system point is imperative for an accurate Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) analysis. The court trial database (JUSTICE) has a high rate of missing data by race/ethnicity in this county.

Table 19.  
Community Violence Measured by Arrests for Violent Crime (2019) <sup>i</sup>

Type of Violence	Adams	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	34
Rape	0	264
Robbery	3	367
Aggravated Assault	11	1,639
Other Assaults	221	8,782

Table 20.  
Youth Perceptions of Community Attitudes on Substance Use by Grade (2018) <sup>d</sup>

		8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Adams</b>	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	<b>91.5%</b>	<b>88.5%</b>	<b>86.0%</b>
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
<b>Adams</b>	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	<b>88.5%</b>	<b>81.0%</b>	<b>87.0%</b>
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
<b>Adams</b>	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	<b>86.0%</b>	<b>75.4%</b>	<b>81.1%</b>
Nebraska		92.9%	89.0%	78.7%

Table 21.  
Juvenile Court Record Sealing Analysis (2015 – 2019) <sup>m</sup>

see [Appendix for yearly data](#)



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	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	236	320	73.8%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	1338	2433	55.0%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	70	118	59.3%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	1	0.0%
Total	1252	1644	2896

\*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. Many cases filed in adult court and transferred to juvenile court overlapped with cases that were filed in adult court as a misdemeanor or infraction; as such, they were omitted from analysis



## Policy, Legal and System Level

- This county is not a county required to provide counsel under statute; however, access to counsel is lower in this community than in the state.
- 3b absenteeism and uncontrollable filings have gone down over the last 5 years.
- With respect to diversion practices, the community may want to consider a few things:
  - Not filing all unsuccessful cases, if the youth completed most of the diversion plan
  - Allowing warning letters for the lowest risk youth
  - Comparing diversion fees to court costs so they are comparable. With a higher proportion of children <18 in poverty, perhaps offering scholarships.
  - Having a process for sealing records for youth on diversion with law enforcement and JCMS, as required by statute.
  - It is not clear why all first time offenders are not referred to diversion but perhaps this is due to the ineligible offenses.

Table 22.

Percent of Youth in Juvenile Court Who Had Access to Counsel (2018) <sup>n</sup>

	Adams	Nebraska
Access to Counsel	40.0 -- 59.9%	73.5%

**Neb. Rev. 43-272.** Right to counsel; appointment; payment; guardian ad litem; appointment; when; duties; standards for guardians ad litem; standards for attorneys who practice in juvenile court.

(1)(a) In counties having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, when any juvenile shall be brought without counsel before a juvenile court, the court shall advise such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian of their right to retain counsel and shall inquire of such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian as to whether they desire to retain counsel.

(b) In counties having a population of one hundred fifty thousand or more inhabitants, when any juvenile court petition is filed alleging jurisdiction of a juvenile pursuant to subdivision (1), (2), (3)(b), or (4) of section [43-247](#), counsel shall be appointed for such juvenile.

Table 23.

Frequency of Youth with a Curfew Violation (2015 – 2019) <sup>m</sup>

	Adams	Nebraska
Curfew Court Filing	0	352



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Table 24.

Court Filing for 3A, 3B, and 3C cases (2015 – 2019) <sup>m</sup>

	Adams					
Filed Subtype	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	1	0	0	0	1
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	1	18	10	8	5	42
3B - Uncontrollable	2	3	10	7	3	25
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	1	13	3	3	1	21

	Nebraska					
Filed Subtype	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	2	0	2	3	7
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	96	510	493	423	475	1997
3B - Uncontrollable	47	118	125	119	82	491
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	22	48	37	22	23	306

Table 25.

County Diversion Procedures and Protocols Compared to Statewide Responses (2020) <sup>o</sup>

	Adams	Nebraska *
Refer ALL juveniles who are first time offenders to diversion	Not Sure	Yes: 27.3% No: 63.6% Not sure: 9.1%
File a juvenile's charges at the time of the referral to diversion	Not Sure	Yes: 18.2% No: 70.5% Not sure: 11.4%
File a juvenile's charges if they are unsuccessful on diversion	Always	Always: 47.7% Sometimes: 47.7% Not sure: 4.5%
Allow a juvenile to complete diversion more than once	No	Yes: 61.4% No: 34.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Yes: Sexual Assault, Possession of drugs other than marijuana/tobacco	Yes: 86.4% No: 9.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Warning letters instead of intervention	No	Yes: 27.3% No: 61.4% Not sure: 11.4%
Currently drug test	Yes	Yes: 31.8% No: 65.9%



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		Not sure: 2.3%
Fees beyond restitution	Yes; \$25 per month (for 4 months, unless extended)	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0%
Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	No	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	No	Yes: 59.1% No: 22.7% Not sure: 18.2%

\*responses included 44 juvenile diversion programs; representing 68 counties/tribe (91.9% response rate)





## Community Team Level

- A community lead should be able to get roughly a 75% response, to ensure active participation on planning issues, your response rate was 57.1%.
  - This is an increase from 2019's response rate.
- Mean score on Collective Impact is lower than in 2019 and lower than the state average in all areas
- The community team should be representative of the population of that community but should also include diversity. It maybe that the low response rate affected the results of the community team diversity, but if not, it is beneficial to add diverse members to your team.
  - Good diversity on system points
- Almost half of the responders indicated they did not feel heard on the team.

Table 26.  
Collective Impact Survey Response Rates <sup>P</sup>

	South Central Team		Nebraska	
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
Number of surveys sent	56	28	1407	780
Number of completed surveys	10	16	221	345
Response rate	17.9%	57.1%	28.3%	24.5%

Table 27.  
Collective Impact Survey Scores <sup>P</sup>

	South Central Team		Nebraska	
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Mean Score		Mean Score	
Common agenda	5.64	5.63	5.29	5.69
Mutually reinforcing	5.61	5.13	5.37	5.50
Shared measurement	5.53	5.31	5.21	5.45
Continuous communication	5.89	5.25	5.49	5.55
Backbone agency	6.00	5.88	5.52	5.78



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The five elements of Collective Impact are:

- **Common agenda:** Participants have a shared vision and common understanding of both the problem and potential solutions to that problem.
- **Mutually reinforcing activities:** Participant activities must be differentiated while still being coordinated through a mutually reinforcing plan of action.
- **Shared measurement:** Collecting data and measuring results consistently across all participants ensures efforts remain aligned and participants hold each other accountable.
- **Continuous communication:** Consistent and open communication is needed across stakeholders to build trust, assure mutual objectives, and create common motivation.
- **Backbone support:** Creating and managing Collective Impact often requires a separate organization(s) with staff and a specific set of skills to serve as the backbone for the entire initiative and to coordinate participating organizations <sup>9</sup>

Table 28.

Community Planning Team Diversity <sup>P</sup>

	South Central Team		Nebraska	
	N = 16	(%)	N = 345	(%)
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	2	12.5%	101	29.3%
Female	14	87.5%	229	66.4%
Missing	--	--	15	4.3%
<b>Age</b>				
Under 30	4	25.0%	19	5.6%
30-39	1	6.3%	68	19.6%
40-49	5	31.3%	88	25.4%
50-59	3	18.8%	90	25.8%
60 and over	2	12.5%	44	13%
Missing	1	6.3%	36	10.4%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
White	13	81.3%	230	66.7%
Black	1	6.3%	10	2.9%
Hispanic	--	--	13	3.8%
Native American	--	--	6	1.7%
Asian	--	--	1	0.3%
Other	--	--	2	0.6%
Provided town name	2	12.5%	63	18.3%
Missing	--	--	19	5.5%



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<b>Previous System Involvement</b>				
Yes	3	18.8%	98	28.4%
No	12	75.0%	242	70.1%
Missing	1	6.3%	5	1.4%
<b>System Point *</b>				
Law enforcement	1	5.0%	34	7.8%
County attorney/ juvenile court	2	10.0%	32	7.3%
K-12 or secondary education	2	10.0%	65	14.9%
Ministry/faith based	1	5.0%	10	2.3%
Diversion	2	10.0%	55	12.6%
Probation	1	5.0%	31	7.1%
Public defender/ defense counsel/ guardian ad litem	--	--	8	1.8%
DHHS or Child Welfare	1	5.0%	13	3.0%
Treatment provider	4	20.0%	40	9.2%
Post adjudication or detention	--	--	8	1.8%
Community based program	5	25.0%	109	25.0%
Elected official or government	--	--	6	1.4%
Restorative practices	1	5.0%	6	1.4%
Backbone or system improvement	--	--	3	0.7%
Other	--	--	16	3.7%
<b>Voice on Team</b>				
Feel heard	9	56.3%	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	7	43.8%	75	21.7%

Adams  $n = 13$ , Clay  $n = 4$ , Fillmore  $n = 3$ , Franklin  $n = 2$ , Harlan  $n = 2$ , Kearney  $n = 1$ , Nuckolls  $n = 3$ , Phelps  $n = 2$ , Webster  $n = 3$  (five people named more than one county they represent).

\*note. Team members could have selected more than one system point; as such, they do not add up to 100%



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## Appendix: RED Descriptives

2015

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	231	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	26	0%	0%	11.50%	15.40%	0%	0%	73.10%
Youth enrolled in diversion	25	0%	0%	8%	16%	0%	0%	76%
Successful completion diversion	21	0%	0%	9.50%	9.50%	0%	0%	81%
Youth with multiple charges	5	0%	0%	0%	20%	0%	20%	60%
Filed on in adult court	3	0%	0%	0%	33.30%	0%	33.30%	33.30%
RAI Override: More Severe	15	6.70%	0%	13.30%	13.30%	0%	0%	66.70%
RAI Override: Less Severe	4	0%	0%	25%	50%	0%	0%	25%
Probation intake	50	8%	0%	10%	22%	2%	0%	58%
Successful probation	59	1.70%	1.70%	3.40%	13.60%	0%	0%	79.70%
Revocation of probation	46	0%	0%	4.30%	28.30%	0%	0%	67.40%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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2016

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	210	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	60	0%	0%	6.70%	16.70%	0%	0%	76.70%
Youth enrolled in diversion	55	0%	0%	7.30%	18.20%	0%	0%	74.50%
Successful completion diversion	49	0%	0%	6.10%	14.30%	0%	0%	79.60%
Youth with multiple charges	12	0%	0%	8.30%	16.70%	0%	8.30%	66.70%
Filed on in adult court	5	0%	0%	0%	40%	0%	40%	20%
RAI Override: More Severe	5	20%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	80%
RAI Override: Less Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Probation intake	39	15.40%	0%	12.80%	15.40%	0%	0%	56.40%
Successful probation	68	1.50%	0%	14.70%	16.20%	0%	0%	67.60%
Revocation of probation	42	0%	0%	2.40%	31%	4.80%	0%	61.90%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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2017

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	191	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	58	5.20%	0%	0%	25.90%	3.40%	0%	65.50%
Youth enrolled in diversion	48	4.20%	0%	0%	25%	4.20%	0%	66.70%
Successful completion diversion	33	6.10%	0%	0%	21.20%	6.10%	0%	66.70%
Youth with multiple charges	5	0%	0%	0%	60%	0%	0%	40%
Filed on in adult court	2	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	50%
RAI Override: More Severe	5	20%	0%	0%	60%	0%	0%	20%
RAI Override: Less Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	66.70%	0%	0%	33.30%
Probation intake	36	5.60%	0%	8.30%	30.60%	0%	0%	55.60%
Successful probation	69	2.90%	0%	8.70%	23.20%	0%	0%	65.20%
Revocation of probation	61	4.90%	0%	11.50%	11.50%	1.60%	0%	70.50%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--





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2018

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	201	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	33	0%	3%	0%	21.20%	9.10%	6.10%	60.60%
Youth enrolled in diversion	32	0%	3.10%	0%	18.80%	9.40%	6.20%	62.50%
Successful completion diversion	22	0%	4.50%	0%	13.60%	4.50%	4.50%	72.70%
Youth with multiple charges	7	0%	0%	0%	14.30%	0%	0%	85.70%
Filed on in adult court	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: More Severe	6	0%	0%	0%	66.70%	0%	0%	33.30%
RAI Override: Less Severe	6	0%	0%	0%	16.70%	33.30%	0%	50%
Probation intake	40	2.50%	0%	2.50%	32.50%	7.50%	0%	55%
Successful probation	67	3%	0%	11.90%	14.90%	0%	0%	70.10%
Revocation of probation	23	4.30%	0%	13%	17.40%	0%	0%	65.20%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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2019

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	250	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	51	0%	0%	5.90%	17.60%	5.90%	0%	70.60%
Youth enrolled in diversion	48	0%	0%	6.20%	18.80%	6.20%	0%	68.80%
Successful completion diversion	28	0%	0%	7.10%	21.40%	7.10%	0%	64.30%
Youth with multiple charges	5	0%	0%	20%	20%	0%	0%	60%
Filed on in adult court	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%	50%
RAI Override: More Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
RAI Override: Less Severe	2	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	50%
Probation intake	53	1.90%	0%	20.80%	28.30%	13.20%	0%	35.80%
Successful probation	69	1.40%	0%	2.90%	33.30%	0%	0%	62.30%
Revocation of probation	29	3.40%	0%	6.90%	44.80%	10.30%	0%	34.50%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



## Appendix: Sealed Court Records by Year

\*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. All cases filed in adult court and transferred to juvenile court overlapped with cases that were filed in adult court as a misdemeanor or infraction; as such, they were omitted from analysis

2015	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	.57	79	72.2%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	236	432	54.6%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	26	46	56.5%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	319	559	57.1%

2016	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	52	60	86.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	392	538	72.9%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	10	17	58.8%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	454	636	71.4%

2017	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	48	60	80.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	352	582	60.5%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	21	27	77.8%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	421	669	62.9%



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2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	41	7	71.9%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	222	511	43.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	8	10	80.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	1	--
Total	271	580	46.7%

2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	38	64	59.4%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	136	370	36.8%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	5	18	27.8%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	179	452	39.6%