



## Buffalo County

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## Youth Level

- Table 1: Buffalo County has some diversity, but is not as diverse as some regions of the state.
- Table 2-3: Chronic absenteeism – although Buffalo County is lower than the rest of the state, minority youth are still over represented in absenteeism (specifically Hispanic, Native American, and Black.)
- Free and reduced lunch lower than the rest of the state. IDEA plans have risen slightly. HS graduation rates higher than the rest of the state.
- Table 6: Binge drinking becomes a problem by 12<sup>th</sup> grade (15% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders.)
- Suicide is higher for 10-12<sup>th</sup> graders. In addition, (even though this is not higher than the state) 1/3 of 10<sup>th</sup> grade student report feeling depressed, which is still concerning.
- Table 11: More 12<sup>th</sup> graders report gang involvement – higher than the rest of the state.
- Table 12: Crime (assault, possession and larceny went down). Rape (small number) and motor vehicle theft have gone up.
- Table 13. There are empty spaces under Risk Assessment Domains. This is because the MAYSI is used in your county, and it is not a risk assessment tool. A statewide tool is on the horizon. A validated tool can help design interventions (using the 8 domains).
- Table 14: Table DMC/RED: law enforcement data by race would be very beneficial to have a clearer picture of RED. White youth appear more likely to be offered diversion. Hispanic youth are referred to diversion but less likely to enroll. Black youth have a very high override rate, while Hispanic youth seem to benefit from an underide rate.

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>Buffalo</b>	<b>2,599</b>	<b>83.3%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>

### Females

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>Buffalo</b>	<b>2,297</b>	<b>81.8%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>5.8%</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	Buffalo	7696	13.54%	0.92%	0.75%	1.30%	0.01%	82.52%	0.95%
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	Buffalo	7861	14.34%	0.88%	0.73%	1.32%	0.04%	81.81%	0.89%
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	Buffalo	7986	14.29%	1.08%	0.66%	1.80%	0.06%	81.52%	0.59%
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	Buffalo	8204	14.55%	1.01%	0.61%	1.88%	0.09%	81.03%	0.83%
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	Buffalo	8288	14.89%	0.92%	0.53%	1.83%	0.12%	80.76%	0.95%
	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	Buffalo	769	23.54%	*	1.69%	3.51%	*	67.88%	3.38%
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	Buffalo	827	20.68%	*	2.78%	5.32%	*	68.44%	2.78%
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	Buffalo	896	21.76%	*	3.35%	4.91%	*	68.08%	1.90%
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	Buffalo	996	25.10%	*	2.51%	3.01%	*	67.77%	1.61%
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	Buffalo	884	22.29%	*	1.70%	4.30%	*	70.02%	1.70%
	Nebraska	46,356	27.64%	1.76%	4.16%	14.71%	0.23%	46.27%	5.23%

Per the Nebraska Department of Education, the \* represents masked data, which they define as 10 or fewer students, for the confidentiality of the students



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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	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>7696</b>	<b>13.14%</b>	<b>0.53%</b>	<b>3.20%</b>	<b>40.54%</b>
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>7861</b>	<b>12.75%</b>	<b>0.47%</b>	<b>3.74%</b>	<b>40.50%</b>
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>7986</b>	<b>12.81%</b>	<b>0.38%</b>	<b>3.87%</b>	<b>38.94%</b>
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>8204</b>	<b>14.41%</b>	<b>0.79%</b>	<b>3.53%</b>	<b>40.97%</b>
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>8288</b>	<b>14.71%</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>3.43%</b>	<b>39.36%</b>
	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
<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>2,421</b>	<b>2,713</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>67.8</b>	<b>89.2%</b>	<b>79</b>

Data are only for public school districts and their associated high schools. The figures are aggregated based on the location of the school, not the residential location of the student. 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>

		8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Buffalo</b>	Loss of sleep from worry	<b>16.8%</b>	<b>17.0%</b>	<b>16.8%</b>
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
<b>Buffalo</b>	Depressed	<b>27.4%</b>	<b>34.6%</b>	<b>29.6%</b>
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
<b>Buffalo</b>	Considered/Attempted suicide	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>22.3%</b>	<b>19.6%</b>
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
<b>Buffalo</b>	Current alcohol	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>29.7%</b>
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
<b>Buffalo</b>	Current binge drinking	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>



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Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
<b>Buffalo</b>	Current marijuana	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
<b>Buffalo</b>	Current tobacco	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>13.3%</b>
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
<b>Buffalo</b>	Current vaping	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>28.8%</b>	<b>37.0%</b>
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
<b>Buffalo</b>	Hopeful for future (past week)	<b>78.3%</b>	<b>77.2%</b>	<b>79.0%</b>
Nebraska		78.0%	76.1%	77.6%

**\*\*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>
<b>Buffalo</b>	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
Nebraska		3.8%	4.4%	3.8%



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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	BUFFALO COUNTY					
Arrest Offense						
Total	2,842	2,551	-10.24	359	373	3.90
Rape Total	5	10	100.00	2	5	150.00
Robbery Total	2	3	50.00	-	-	-
Aggravated Assault Total	28	21	-25.00	4	1	-75.00
Burglary Total	21	16	-23.81	1	2	100.00
Larceny-Theft Total	228	169	-25.88	38	29	-23.68
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	19	26	36.84	5	16	220.00
Other Assaults	258	251	-2.71	51	50	-1.96
Arson	1	2	100.00	1	2	100.00
Forgery and Counterfeiting	13	10	-23.08	0	-	-
Fraud	46	25	-45.65	2	-	-100.00
Embezzlement	5	1	-80.00	-	-	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	31	15	-51.61	5	5	0.00
Vandalism	122	63	-48.36	18	14	-22.22
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	16	30	87.50	2	3	50.00
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	8	9	12.50	3	3	0.00
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	40	35	-12.50	1	0	-100.00
Drug Violations - Possession	509	477	-6.29	45	33	-26.67
NIBRS Unable to Classify	2		-100.00	-	-	-
Offenses Against Family and Children	137	141	2.92	85	92	8.24
Driving Under the Influence	181	173	-4.42	4	1	-75.00
Liquor Laws	167	111	-33.53	23	28	21.74
Disorderly Conduct	89	65	-26.97	22	21	-4.55
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	913	893	-2.19	46	63	36.96
Curfew and Loitering Law Violations	1	5	400.00	1	5	400.00



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Table 13.

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

	Buffalo			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 2 risk assessment completed

Table 14.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities Descriptives (2015-2019) <sup>l</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	1803*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	636	0.60%	0%	4.90%	12.10%	0.60%	0%	81.80%
Youth enrolled in diversion	485	0.40%	0%	4.70%	9.10%	0.60%	0%	85.20%
Successful completion diversion	389	0.30%	0%	4.40%	9.0%	0.50%	0%	85.90%
Youth with multiple charges	98	3.10%	0%	4.10%	9.20%	0%	23.50%	60.20%



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Filed on in adult court	59	0%	0%	3.40%	23.70%	0%	15.30%	57.60%
RAI Override: More Severe	14	0%	0%	28.60%	0%	0%	0%	71.40%
RAI Underride: Less Severe	16	6.20%	0%	6.20%	43.80%	6.20%	0%	37.50%
Probation intake	150	3.30%	0%	10.70%	20.00%	0.70%	0%	65.30%
Successful probation	291	2.10%	0%	7.20%	15.80%	1.70%	0%	73.20%
Revocation of probation	144	4.90%	0%	6.90%	19.40%	0.70%	0%	68.10%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

\*Ravenna PD did not report to NCC 2015-2019



## Family Level

- Table 15: Buffalo County's rate are very comparable to the rest of the state.
  - Relative high rates of high school graduation,
  - We looked at broadband internet access for purposes of COVID.
  - Slightly lower home owner rates (may be related to University student population.)
- Table 16: Buffalo County youth seems to have more adults listening to them at home and at school.

Table 15.

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

Measurement		Buffalo	Nebraska
<b>Poverty/SES</b>	Children <18 in Poverty	<b>14.5%</b>	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	<b>913</b>	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	<b>26.5%</b>	28.9%
<b>Educational attainment</b>	Age 25+ with B.D.	<b>34.7%</b>	31.3%
	County Rank	<b>5</b>	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	<b>23.8%</b>	23.0%
	County Rank	<b>51</b>	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	<b>93.0%</b>	91.1%
	County Rank	<b>35</b>	-
<b>Technology and computers in the home</b>	% under 18 with a computer at home	<b>99.0%</b>	96.9%
	County Rank	<b>39</b>	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	<b>94.6%</b>	91.0%
	County Rank	<b>25</b>	-
	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	<b>94.3% (COVID)</b>	90.8%
	County Rank	<b>24</b>	-
<b>Housing</b>	Owner-occupied households	<b>12,176</b>	498,567
	Total households	<b>19,165</b>	754,063



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	Owner %	<b>63.5%</b>	66.1%
	Renters	<b>6,989</b>	255,496
	Renter %	<b>36.5%</b>	33.9%
<b>Transportation</b>	Households with no vehicle available	<b>898</b>	40,465
	Total households	<b>19,165</b>	754,063
	No vehicle %	<b>4.7%</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>Buffalo</b>	Adult at home who listens	<b>86.90%</b>	<b>84.80%</b>	<b>86.70%</b>
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
<b>Buffalo</b>	Adult at school who listens	<b>87.90%</b>	<b>85.40%</b>	<b>89.70%</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>Buffalo</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>81</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>Buffalo</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>70%</b>
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%

## Community Level

- Table 19: Fair amount of assaults happening in the community.
- Table 20: Youth view the community as thinking alcohol, marijuana are not appropriate to use (in some communities youth think the adults are accepting of these substances.)
- Table 21: Sealing juvenile records is problematic. 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).

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

Type of Violence	Buffalo	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	34
Rape	10	264
Robbery	3	367
Aggravated Assault	21	1,639
Other Assaults	251	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>Buffalo</b>	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>91.5%</b>	<b>88.7%</b>
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
<b>Buffalo</b>	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	<b>91.0%</b>	<b>86.3%</b>	<b>78.2%</b>
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
<b>Buffalo</b>	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	<b>93.8%</b>	<b>91.3%</b>	<b>84.5%</b>
Nebraska		92.9%	89.0%	78.7%



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Table 21.

Juvenile Court Record Sealing Analysis (2015 – 2019) <sup>m</sup>see [Appendix for yearly data](#)

	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	308	365	57.6%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	1106	2994	36.9%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	163	219	74.4%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	1578	3798	41.5%

\*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



## Policy, Legal and System Level

- Table 22: Access to counsel is relatively high. Despite not being in a county required to provide counsel under statute, access to counsel is similar to the state average.
- Table 23-24: Truancy and uncontrollable have gone down. But there are very few curfew and 3A, 3B, and 3C filings in court so the community is diverting appropriately.
- Table 25: With respect to diversion practices, the community does an excellent job of following EB practice. (i.e. issue warning letter for low level offenses, not filing all unsuccessful cases, if the youth completed most of the diversion plan, Having a process for sealing records for youth on diversion with law enforcement and JCMS, as required by statute.

Table 22.

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

	Buffalo	Nebraska
Access to Counsel	60.0% -- 79.9%	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>

	Buffalo	Nebraska
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Curfew Court Filing	7	352
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Table 24.

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

	Buffalo					
Filed Subtype	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	0	8	7	5	5	25
3B - Uncontrollable	1	5	4	5	2	17
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	2	0	1	0	0	3

	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>

	Buffalo	Nebraska *
Refer ALL juveniles who are first time offenders to diversion	Yes	Yes: 27.3% No: 63.6% Not sure: 9.1%
File a juvenile's charges at the time of the referral to diversion	No	Yes: 18.2% No: 70.5% Not sure: 11.4%
File a juvenile's charges if they are unsuccessful on diversion	Sometimes	Always: 47.7% Sometimes: 47.7% Not sure: 4.5%
Allow a juvenile to complete diversion more than once	Yes	Yes: 61.4% No: 34.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Yes: Felony assault with a weapon, sexual assault, DUI	Yes: 86.4% No: 9.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Warning letters instead of intervention	Yes (do you track this)	Yes: 27.3% No: 61.4% Not sure: 11.4%
Currently drug test	No	Yes: 31.8%



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		No: 65.9% Not sure: 2.3%
Fees beyond restitution	Yes; \$75	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0%
Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	Yes; additional consequences (more community service, drug/alcohol assessments, additional classes)	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	Yes; our office files an affidavit with a JCMS face sheet and sends to law enforcement; seal within JCMS	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

- Table 26-27: A community lead should be able to get roughly a 75% response, to ensure active participation on planning issues, your response rate was quite low, at 8.3%. However, this is likely because it went to a very large team of 109. The nine that reported –gave the team very high mean scores for collective impact.
- Table 28: It might be beneficial to add diversity to your team (especially because of the patterns of over and under representation.)
  - On the survey –no probation, law enforcement, defense counsel in your team – but perhaps they did not respond to the survey.
  - Good representation of person formerly involved in the system.
  - Only one person did not feel heard, but that is likely not representative – due to low response rate.

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

	Buffalo		Nebraska	
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
Number of surveys sent	40	108	1407	780
Number of completed surveys	7	9	221	345
Response rate	17.5%	8.3%	28.3%	24.5%

Table 27.  
Collective Impact Survey Scores

	Buffalo		Nebraska	
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Mean Score		Mean Score	
Common agenda	5.31	6.25	5.29	5.69
Mutually reinforcing	5.54	6.38	5.37	5.50
Shared measurement	5.37	6.13	5.21	5.45
Continuous communication	5.83	6.25	5.49	5.55
Backbone agency	5.77	6.50	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>q</sup>

Table 28.

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

	Buffalo		Nebraska	
	N = 9	(%)	N = 345	(%)
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	2	22.2%	101	29.3%
Female	7	77.8%	229	66.4%
Missing	--	--	15	4.3%
<b>Age</b>				
Under 30	--	--	19	5.6%
30-39	3	33.3%	68	19.6%
40-49	--	--	88	25.4%
50-59	2	22.2%	90	25.8%
60 and over	2	22.2%	44	13%
Missing	2	22.2%	36	10.4%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
White	7	77.8%	230	66.7%
Black	--	--	10	2.9%
Hispanic	1	11.1%	13	3.8%
Native American	--	--	6	1.7%
Asian	--	--	1	0.3%
Other	--	--	2	0.6%
Provided town name	1	11.1%	63	18.3%
Missing	--	--	19	5.5%



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<b>Previous System Involvement</b>				
Yes	3	33.3%	98	28.4%
No	6	66.7%	242	70.1%
Missing	--	--	5	1.4%
<b>System Point *</b>				
Law enforcement	--	--	34	7.8%
County attorney/ juvenile court	1	9.1%	32	7.3%
K-12 or secondary education	2	18.2%	65	14.9%
Ministry/faith based	1	9.1%	10	2.3%
Diversion	1	9.1%	55	12.6%
Probation	--	--	31	7.1%
Public defender/ defense counsel/ guardian ad litem	--	--	8	1.8%
DHHS or Child Welfare	--	--	13	3.0%
Treatment provider	1	9.1%	40	9.2%
Post adjudication or detention	--	--	8	1.8%
Community based program	3	27.3%	109	25.0%
Elected official or government	--	--	6	1.4%
Restorative practices	1	9.1%	6	1.4%
Backbone or system improvement	--	--	3	0.7%
Other	1	9.1%	16	3.7%
<b>Voice on Team</b>				
Feel heard	8	88.9%	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	1	11.1%	75	21.7%

\*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	442	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	183	1.10%	0%	2.70%	18.60%	0%	0%	77.60%
Youth enrolled in diversion	109	0.90%	0%	1.80%	13.80%	0%	0%	83.50%
Successful completion diversion	89	0%	0%	0%	13.50%	0%	0%	86.50%
Youth with multiple charges	11	0%	0%	0%	9.10%	0%	0%	90.90%
Filed on in adult court	8	0%	0%	0%	12.50%	0%	12.50%	75%
RAI Override: More Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Underride: Less Severe	7	0%	0%	14.30%	71.40%	0%	0%	14.30%
Probation intake	37	5.40%	0%	2.70%	35.10%	0%	0%	56.80%
Successful probation	89	1.10%	0%	4.50%	19.10%	0%	0%	75.30%
Revocation of probation	30	6.70%	0%	0%	16.70%	0%	0%	76.70%
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	330	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	114	0.90%	0%	8.80%	14.90%	0.90%	0%	74.60%
Youth enrolled in diversion	77	0%	0%	10.40%	9.10%	1.30%	0%	79.20%
Successful completion diversion	64	0%	0%	9.40%	9.40%	1.60%	0%	79.70%
Youth with multiple charges	14	0%	0%	0%	14.30%	0%	21.40%	64.30%
Filed on in adult court	5	0%	0%	0%	40%	0%	60%	0%
RAI Override: More Severe	4	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	50%
RAI Underride: Less Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	33.30%	0%	0%	66.70%
Probation intake	28	3.60%	0%	21.40%	21.40%	0%	0%	53.60%
Successful probation	49	4.10%	0%	2%	26.50%	2%	0%	65.30%
Revocation of probation	38	0%	0%	21.10%	21.10%	0%	0%	57.90%
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	299	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	101	0%	0%	4%	4%	1%	0%	91.10%
Youth enrolled in diversion	86	0%	0%	2.30%	2.30%	0%	0%	95.30%
Successful completion diversion	71	0%	0%	2.80%	2.80%	0%	0%	94.40%
Youth with multiple charges	40	5%	0%	0%	15%	0%	7.50%	72.50%
Filed on in adult court	27	0%	0%	3.70%	29.60%	0%	3.70%	63%
RAI Override: More Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: Less Severe	2	50%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%
Probation intake	28	3.60%	0%	10.70%	14.30%	0%	0%	71.40%
Successful probation	49	0%	0%	10.20%	10.20%	2%	0%	77.60%
Revocation of probation	32	0%	0%	0%	25%	0%	0%	75%
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	359	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	118	0%	0%	5.10%	8.50%	1.70%	0%	84.70%
Youth enrolled in diversion	101	0%	0%	5.90%	9.90%	2%	0%	82.20%
Successful completion diversion	80	0%	0%	6.20%	10%	1.20%	0%	82.50%
Youth with multiple charges	12	0%	0%	8.30%	0%	0%	41.70%	50%
Filed on in adult court	15	0%	0%	6.70%	20%	0%	20%	53.30%
RAI Override: More Severe	4	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	50%
RAI Underride: Less Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	26	3.80%	0%	11.50%	11.50%	0%	0%	73.10%
Successful probation	53	1.90%	0%	17%	9.40%	0%	0%	71.70%
Revocation of probation	13	0%	0%	0%	15.40%	0%	0%	84.60%
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	373	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	120	0.80%	0%	5%	10%	0%	0%	84.20%
Youth enrolled in diversion	112	0.90%	0%	4.50%	8.90%	0%	0%	85.70%
Successful completion diversion	85	1.20%	0%	4.70%	8.20%	0%	0%	85.90%
Youth with multiple charges	21	4.80%	0%	14.30%	0%	0%	57.10%	23.80%
Filed on in adult court	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%	75%
RAI Override: More Severe	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: Less Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	33.30%	33.30%	0%	33.30%
Probation intake	31	0%	0%	9.70%	12.90%	3.20%	0%	74.20%
Successful probation	51	3.90%	0%	3.90%	11.80%	5.90%	0%	74.50%
Revocation of probation	31	16.10%	0%	6.50%	16.10%	3.20%	0%	58.10%
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	62	129	48.1%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	257	605	42.5%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	56	76	73.7%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	375	810	46.3%

2016	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	38	67	56.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	157	450	34.9%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	15	32	46.9%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	210	576	36.5%

2017	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	73	109	67.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	342	679	50.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	55	59	93.2%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	470	849	55.4%



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2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	51	95	53.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	167	568	29.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	30	35	85.7%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	249	719	34.6%

2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	84	135	62.2%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	183	692	26.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	7	17	41.2%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	274	844	32.5%