



## Cuming County

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## Youth Level

- Hispanic and Native American youth are over-represented in chronic absenteeism as compared to enrollment rates in the schools.
- Cuming County students are eligible for free/reduced lunch at higher rates than the state.
- 96% of the students graduated from high school in Cuming County in the last 5 years.
- 12<sup>th</sup> graders report slightly higher rates of considering/attempting suicide compared to the state.
- 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders report higher rates of alcohol use compared to the state; 10<sup>th</sup> graders also report higher levels of binge drinking
- 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders report higher level of tobacco use compared to the state; 10<sup>th</sup> graders also report higher levels of vaping
- 12<sup>th</sup> graders report lower rates of feeling hopeful for the future as compared to the state.
- Arrests for juveniles under 18 are lower in 2019 than 2018 but have increased for the all age category.
  - Drug possession and DUIs increased between 2018 and 2019 for all age groups
- Rates of arrests for Other Assaults, Vandalism, Liquor Laws, and All Other Offenses have increased from 2018 to 2019 for the under 18 age group.
- 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 demographics of Cuming County Native American youth are overrepresented at diversion referrals and Hispanic youth are overrepresented at the point of being filed in adult court, probation overrides, probation intake, successful probation, and probation revocation.
  - Diversion and adult court filings are missing race/ethnicity data.
- The rate at which Native American youth are enrolled in diversion is lower than the rate at which they are referred, but the rates for successful completion of diversion is comparable to enrollment rates.

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	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>Cuming</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>77.3%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>



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## Females

Geographic Area	Total Count	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	102,658	70.4%	16.2%	5.7%	1.4%	2.0%	4.4%
<b>Cuming</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>77.3%</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>5.6%</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>Cuming</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>21.20%</b>	<b>0.06%</b>	<b>3.34%</b>	<b>0.82%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>73.12%</b>	<b>1.45%</b>
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	<b>Cuming</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>22.13%</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>3.29%</b>	<b>0.79%</b>	<b>0.07%</b>	<b>72.27%</b>	<b>1.32%</b>
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	<b>Cuming</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>22.39%</b>	<b>0.07%</b>	<b>3.66%</b>	<b>0.80%</b>	<b>0.07%</b>	<b>72.29%</b>	<b>0.73%</b>
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	<b>Cuming</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>23.67%</b>	<b>0.20%</b>	<b>3.81%</b>	<b>0.88%</b>	<b>0.07%</b>	<b>70.27%</b>	<b>1.09%</b>
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	<b>Cuming</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>22.56%</b>	<b>0.47%</b>	<b>4.74%</b>	<b>1.29%</b>	<b>0.07%</b>	<b>69.85%</b>	<b>1.02%</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>Cuming</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>24.58%</b>	*	<b>12.71%</b>	*	*	<b>62.71%</b>	*
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	<b>Cuming</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>20.91%</b>	*	<b>13.64%</b>	*	*	<b>65.45%</b>	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	<b>Cuming</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>29.25%</b>	*	<b>14.15%</b>	*	*	<b>56.60%</b>	*
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%



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2017-2018	<b>Cuming</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>31.40%</b>	*	<b>22.31%</b>	*	*	<b>46.28%</b>	*
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	<b>Cuming</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>29.84%</b>	*	<b>13.71%</b>	*	*	<b>56.45%</b>	*
	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

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>Cuming</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>13.38%</b>	*	<b>3.09%</b>	<b>50.35%</b>
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	<b>Cuming</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>12.45%</b>	*	<b>3.29%</b>	<b>48.29%</b>
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	<b>Cuming</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>13.32%</b>	*	<b>4.00%</b>	<b>47.97%</b>
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	<b>Cuming</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>14.97%</b>	*	<b>3.74%</b>	<b>51.22%</b>
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	<b>Cuming</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>14.84%</b>	*	<b>5.28%</b>	<b>52.37%</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%	-
<b>Cuming</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>96.2%</b>	<b>29</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>



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		8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Cuming</b>	Loss of sleep from worry	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
<b>Cuming</b>	Depressed	<b>21.0%</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>26.7%</b>
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
<b>Cuming</b>	Considered/Attempted suicide	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>17.2%</b>
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
<b>Cuming</b>	Current alcohol	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>34.7%</b>	<b>25.4%</b>
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
<b>Cuming</b>	Current binge drinking	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
<b>Cuming</b>	Current marijuana	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
<b>Cuming</b>	Current tobacco	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>	<b>22.2%</b>
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
<b>Cuming</b>	Current vaping	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>29.3%</b>	<b>19.0%</b>
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
<b>Cuming</b>	Hopeful for future (past week)	<b>85.2%</b>	<b>85.9%</b>	<b>70.5%</b>
Nebraska		72.1%	74.7%	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>



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		8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Cuming</b>	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
Nebraska		3.8%	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	CUMING COUNTY					
Arrest Offense						
Total	79	104	31.65	20	8	-60.00
Rape Total	-	1	-	-	1	-
Burglary Total	-	2	-	-	-	-
Larceny-Theft Total	4	2	-50.00	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	-	3	-	-	2	-
Other Assaults	20	17	-15.00	6	0	-100.00
Fraud	4	1	-75.00	-	-	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	-	1	-	-	1	-
Vandalism	4	7	75.00	2	2	0.00
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	2	3	50.00	-	0	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	1	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	-	2	-	-	0	-
Drug Violations - Possession	8	22	175.00	3	1	-66.67
Driving Under the Influence	13	30	130.77	1	1	0.00
Liquor Laws	15	9	-40.00	8	0	-100.00
Disorderly Conduct	3	1	-66.67	-	-	-
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	5	3	-40.00	0	0	-



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Table 13.

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

Score	Cuming			All NYS Counties		
	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 did not have any risk assessments completed

Table 14.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities Descriptives (2015-2019) <sup>l</sup>[Click here to see Census and School Population Data](#)

\*Data were not separated by year because there were too few cases

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	55*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	43	7%	0%	0%	9.30%	2.30%	4.70%	76.70%
Youth enrolled in diversion	38	2.60%	0%	0%	10.50%	2.60%	2.60%	81.60%
Successful completion diversion	36	2.80%	0%	0%	11.10%	2.80%	2.80%	80.60%
Youth with multiple charges	10	0%	0%	0%	20%	0%	0%	80%
Filed on in adult court	7	0%	0%	0%	42.90%	0%	14.30%	42.90%
RAI Override: More Severe	7	0%	0%	0%	42.90%	0%	0%	57.10%





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RAI Override: Less Severe	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Probation intake	13	0%	0%	0%	38.50%	0%	0%	61.50%
Successful probation	75	2.70%	0%	0%	34.70%	0%	0%	62.70%
Revocation of probation	14	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	50%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

\*Cuming County sheriff only partially reported in 2018; West Point PD only partially reported in 2017



## Family Level

- Compared to state data, Cuming County has higher rates of children in poverty.
- Number of adults with bachelor's degrees is lower than the state average; it may be possible that residents who go to college outside of Cuming County find employment where they go to school and do not return to Cuming County.
  - The number of adults with high school degrees in Cuming County is slightly lower than the state average.
- Youth in Cuming County have less access to internet in the home compared to the state.
- Cuming County youth of all grades report having adults at home and school who listen to them.

Table 15.

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

Measurement		Cuming	Nebraska
<b>Poverty/SES</b>	Children <18 in Poverty	8.3%	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	318	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	36.9%	28.9%
<b>Educational attainment</b>	Age 25+ with B.D.	23.2%	31.3%
	County rank	27	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	16.7%	23.0%
	County rank	92	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	87.4%	91.1%
	County Rank	85	-
<b>Technology and computers in the home</b>	% under 18 with a computer at home	98.4%	96.9%
	County rank	45	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	84.7%	91.0%
	County rank	74	-
	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	83.8%	90.8%
	County Rank	76	-



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<b>Housing</b>	Owner-occupied households	2,598	498,567
	Total households	3,752	754,063
	Owner %	69.2%	66.1%
	Renters	1,154	255,496
	Renter %	30.8%	33.9%
<b>Transportation</b>	Households with no vehicle available	199	40,465
	Total households	3,752	754,063
	No vehicle %	5.3%	5.4%

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

		8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Cuming</b>	Adult at home who listens	<b>87.3%</b>	<b>89.7%</b>	<b>88.9%</b>
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
<b>Cuming</b>	Adult at school who listens	<b>88.9%</b>	<b>92.2%</b>	<b>96.8%</b>
Nebraska		85.2%	85.0%	87.4%

Table 17.  
Domestic Violence Reports and Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means <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>Cuming</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>
Nebraska	562	402	2512	2019

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

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
<b>Cuming</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>48%</b>
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%

## Community Level

- With regard to how the youth perceive the community attitudes on substance use, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders report lower rates regarding alcohol than the state average; 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders also report lower rates than the state regarding cigarettes.
- 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).
- There are high rates of missing race/ethnicity data at the trial court (JUSTICE) and older diversion data. Data for race and ethnicity at each juvenile justice system point is imperative for an accurate Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) analysis.

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

Type of Violence	Cuming	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	34
Rape	1	264
Robbery	0	367
Aggravated Assault	0	1,639
Other Assaults	17	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>Cuming</b>	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	<b>97.4%</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>90.5%</b>
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
<b>Cuming</b>	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	<b>84.4%</b>	<b>74.4%</b>	<b>61.9%</b>
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
<b>Cuming</b>	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	<b>88.5%</b>	<b>89.7%</b>	<b>66.7%</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](#)

	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	18	31	58.1%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	113	225	50.2%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	13	23	56.5%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	3	0.0%
Total	144	283	50.9%

\*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. Some 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; notably, access to counsel is very low in this community.
- There are few 3A, 3B uncontrollable, and 3C filings in court so the community is diverting appropriately
- 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
  - If drug testing is needed, it should only be used on cases where the youth demonstrates a substance use issue.
  - 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>

	Cuming	Nebraska
Access to Counsel	20.0% -- 39.9%	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>

	Cuming	Nebraska
Curfew Court Filing	0	352

Table 24.  
Court Filing for 3A, 3B, and 3C cases (2015 – 2019) <sup>m</sup>

	Cuming					
Filed Subtype	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	0	0	0	1	5	6
3B - Uncontrollable	0	2	1	0	0	3
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	0	0	0	0	0	0

	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>

	Cuming	Nebraska *
Refer ALL juveniles who are first time offenders to diversion	No	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	Always	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%



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Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Yes; felony charges and traffic offenses	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% Not sure: 2.3%
Fees beyond restitution	Yes; depends on the charge	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0%
Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	Not sure	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	No; the county attorney sends information about sealing records and juveniles/family must arrange for sealing	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 37.0%.
- The rates of collective impact went up for three elements, but down for two. The community team should look at shared measurement and continuous communication amongst the team.
- The community team should be representative of the population of that community but should also include diversity. It might be beneficial to add diverse member to your team (especially because of the patterns of over and under representation.)
- The Northeast Team has good representation of previous system involvement.
- There were no probation, defense counsel, DHHS, ministry/faith based, or detention system point mentioned on your team; it could be that your team does include members at these system points but did not respond to the survey.
- $\frac{3}{4}$  of the team felt heard by the group, but that may not be representative due to low response rate.

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

	Northeast Team		Nebraska	
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
Number of surveys sent	29	46	1407	780
Number of completed surveys	5	17	221	345
Response rate	17.2%	37.0%	28.3%	24.5%

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

	Northeast Team		Nebraska	
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Mean Score		Mean Score	
Common agenda	5.14	5.65	5.29	5.69
Mutually reinforcing	5.25	5.29	5.37	5.50
Shared measurement	5.18	4.94	5.21	5.45



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Continuous communication	5.50	5.41	5.49	5.55
Backbone agency	5.25	5.35	5.52	5.78

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>

	Northeast Team		Nebraska	
	N = 17	(%)	N = 345	(%)
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	8	47.1%	101	29.3%
Female	8	47.1%	229	66.4%
Missing	1	5.9%	15	4.3%
<b>Age</b>				
Under 30	--	--	19	5.6%
30-39	6	35.3%	68	19.6%
40-49	6	35.3%	88	25.4%
50-59	2	11.8%	90	25.8%
60 and over	2	11.8%	44	13%
Missing	1	5.9%	36	10.4%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
White	15	88.2%	230	66.7%
Black	--	--	10	2.9%
Hispanic	--	--	13	3.8%
Native American	--	--	6	1.7%
Asian	1	5.9%	1	0.3%
Other	--	--	2	0.6%



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Provided town name	1	5.9%	63	18.3%
Missing	--	--	19	5.5%
<b>Previous System Involvement</b>				
Yes	7	41.2%	98	28.4%
No	10	58.8%	242	70.1%
Missing	--	--	5	1.4%
<b>System Point *</b>				
Law enforcement	4	19.0%	34	7.8%
County attorney/ juvenile court	5	23.8%	32	7.3%
K-12 or secondary education	7	33.3%	65	14.9%
Ministry/faith based	--	--	10	2.3%
Diversion	2	9.5%	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	4.8%	40	9.2%
Post adjudication or detention	--	--	8	1.8%
Community based program	1	4.8%	109	25.0%
Elected official or government	--	--	6	1.4%
Restorative practices	--	--	6	1.4%
Backbone or system improvement	--	--	3	0.7%
Other	1	4.8%	16	3.7%
<b>Voice on Team</b>				
Feel heard	13	76.5%	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	4	23.5%	75	21.7%

Boone  $n = 1$ , Burt  $n = 1$ , Cuming  $n = 1$ , Madison  $n = 10$ , Stanton  $n = 1$ , Wayne  $n = 1$  (one person 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: Sealed Court Records by Year**

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<b>2015</b>	<b>Number of charges Sealed</b>	<b>Total Number of charges</b>	<b>Sealed (%)</b>
Dismissed or Dropped	0	4	0.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	4	13	30.8%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	8	17	47.1%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35.3%</b>

<b>2016</b>	<b>Number of charges Sealed</b>	<b>Total Number of charges</b>	<b>Sealed (%)</b>
Dismissed or Dropped	3	9	33.3%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	17	48	35.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	2	3	66.7%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>36.7%</b>

<b>2017</b>	<b>Number of charges Sealed</b>	<b>Total Number of charges</b>	<b>Sealed (%)</b>
Dismissed or Dropped	2	3	66.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	19	57	33.3%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	0	1	0.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>34.4%</b>



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2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	4	4	100%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	28	49	57.1%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	2	2	100%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	34	55	61.8%

2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	9	11	81.8%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	45	58	77.6%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	1	1	100%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	2	0.0
Total	55	73	75.3%