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Dawson County

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Youth Level

- Hispanic youth are over-represented in chronic absenteeism as compared to their representation in the population and student population in 2018 to 2019.
- A higher proportion of youth are limited English proficiency and eligible for free and reduced lunch, as compared to the state.
- All graders report higher levels of depression, 10th and 12th graders report a higher level of loss of sleep from worry, than the state averages. 10th graders report higher suicidal ideation than the state average.
- 10th graders report more alcohol, tobacco and tobacco vaping use than the state average. 12th graders report more tobacco vaping than the state average.
- Local PD report that gang activity is no longer an issue in Lexington.
- Juvenile crime increased slightly, even though crime for all ages decreased slightly. Larceny-theft and vandalism increased and other assaults decreased.
- 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
- Only about 17% of citations are being referred to diversion and far more are being put on probation. The goal should be to divert most youth from the system.
- Once referred to diversion, youth are enrolling and successfully completing the program at an appropriate rate.
- Law enforcement data by race and ethnicity would be very beneficial to have a clearer picture of RED.
- Black youth are over-represented in being filed on with multiple charges. Black and Hispanic youth are over-represented in probation intakes, RAI overrides, and revocation of probation.

Table 1.

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

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%
Dawson	1,576	42.7%	48.1%	6.9%	0.8%	1.2%	0.3%



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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%
Dawson	1,254	47.9%	48.9%	1.0%	0.7%	0.0%	1.5%

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Table 2.

School Membership by Race/ Ethnicity and School Year (2014-2019) ^b

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	Dawson	5421	45.84%	0.46%	0.65%	3.78%	0.06%	47.45%	1.77%
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	Dawson	5415	45.80%	0.46%	0.65%	3.73%	0.06%	47.63%	1.68%
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	Dawson	5468	46.07%	0.75%	0.62%	4.15%	0.05%	46.45%	1.90%
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	Dawson	5436	46.08%	0.66%	0.53%	4.69%	0.09%	46.25%	1.69%
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	Dawson	5442	46.31%	0.81%	0.55%	5.55%	0.11%	44.93%	1.75%
	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) ^b

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	Dawson	499	48.50%	*	*	4.01%	*	45.29%	2.20%
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	Dawson	507	56.21%	*	*	6.71%	*	37.08%	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
	Dawson	470	52.34%	*	*	5.32%	*	42.34%	*



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2016-2017	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	Dawson	499	47.09%	*	*	4.61%	*	48.30%	*
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	Dawson	424	52.12%	*	*	4.25%	*	43.63%	*
	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) ^b

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	IDEA	504 Plan	Limited English Proficiency	Free/Reduced Lunch
2014-2015	Dawson	5421	10.63%	0.94%	19.50%	59.56%
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	Dawson	5415	10.71%	0.83%	18.67%	61.39%
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	Dawson	5468	11.25%	0.60%	18.62%	62.44%
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	Dawson	5436	13.32%	0.48%	19.32%	62.25%
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	Dawson	5442	12.72%	0.86%	19.00%	63.80%
	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) ^c

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
Dawson	1,810	1,929	72.4	77.2	93.8%	55

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%.



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Table 6.

Youth Who Report Mental Health Symptoms and Substance Use by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Dawson	Loss of sleep from worry	19.2%	29.3%	25.6%
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
Dawson	Depressed	37.3%	45.1%	42.2%
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
Dawson	Considered/Attempted suicide	17.1%	23.9%	17.8%
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
Dawson	Current alcohol	11.3%	21.5%	36.7%
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
Dawson	Current binge drinking	1.5%	7.6%	15.6%
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
Dawson	Current marijuana	3.4%	9.7%	7.9%
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
Dawson	Current tobacco	2.7%	11.8%	20.0%
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
Dawson	Current vaping	9.8%	29.0%	38.9%
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
Dawson	Hopeful for future (past week)	77.1%	75.0%	81.1%
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 ^e

Table 8.

Juveniles Referred to Services by Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Mental Health Diagnosis ^e

Table 9.

Juveniles Who Utilized Services ^e

Table 10.

Types of Services Utilized ^e

Table 11.

Youth Who Report Gang Involvement by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Dawson	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	3.7%	3.2%	4.4%
Nebraska		3.8%	4.4%	3.8%



Table 11b.

Estimated Gang Involvement by Local Law Enforcement

Per Chief Tracy Wolf of the Lexington Police Department via phone and email on August 27, 2020:

There used to be an issue with gang activity in Lexington, but has not been a concern the last few years. They have implemented GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training) in the elementary schools in 2014 and placed School Resource Officers in the schools before that which they believe have made a positive impact on the young people in their community. Investigators and officers that Chief Wolf spoke to feel there are currently no identified gangs in Lexington.

Table 12.

Arrest Rates for Adults and Juveniles for 2018 and 2019 with Percent Change ^f

Arrestee Age	All Arrestee Ages			Under 18		
Summary Arrest Date	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %
Jurisdiction by Geography	DAWSON COUNTY					
Arrest Offense						
Total	1,150	1,033	-10.17	114	134	17.54
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	-	2	-	-	-	-
Rape Total	4	4	0.00	-	-	-
Aggravated Assault Total	9	20	122.22	-	1	-
Burglary Total	7	7	0.00	0	1	-
Larceny-Theft Total	45	70	55.56	6	12	100.00
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	5	1	-80.00	-	1	-
Other Assaults	133	104	-21.80	25	19	-24.00
Forgery and Counterfeiting	2	1	-50.00	-	-	-
Fraud	9	12	33.33	1	1	0.00
Embezzlement	-	1	-	-	-	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	10	4	-60.00	2	1	-50.00
Vandalism	36	51	41.67	7	35	400.00
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	9	8	-11.11	1	0	-100.00
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	3	4	33.33	-	-	-
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	9	15	66.67	0	0	-
Drug Violations - Possession	220	259	17.73	6	9	50.00
Offenses Against Family and Children	15	17	13.33	7	4	-42.86
Driving Under the Influence	103	70	-32.04	2	1	-50.00
Liquor Laws	89	62	-30.34	16	17	6.25



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Disorderly Conduct	19	29	52.63	3	1	-66.67
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	422	292	-30.81	37	31	-16.22
Runaways	1	-	-100.00	1	-	-100.00

Table 13.

Risk Assessment Domains for Youth Assessed on Diversion (2015 - 2017) ⁹

Score	Dawson			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	<i>M</i> = --, <i>SD</i> = --, --			<i>M</i> = 5.64, <i>SD</i> = 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) ¹[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	866	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	151	1.30%	0%	3.30%	47.70%	2.60%	9.30%	35.80%
Youth enrolled in diversion	140	1.40%	0%	2.90%	51.40%	2.90%	2.90%	38.60%



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Successful completion diversion	115	1.70%	0%	3.50%	49.60%	1.70%	3.50%	40%
Youth with multiple charges	64	0%	0%	10.90%	45.30%	0%	15.60%	28.10%
Filed on in adult court	21	0%	4.80%	4.80%	42.90%	0%	23.80%	23.80%
RAI Override: More Severe	17	0%	0%	17.60%	52.90%	0%	0%	29.40%
RAI Override: Less Severe	18	11.10%	0%	5.60%	61.10%	0%	0%	22.20%
Probation intake	68	4.40%	0%	11.80%	55.90%	2.90%	0%	25%
Successful probation	529	0.60%	0%	5.50%	65.40%	0.40%	0%	28.20%
Revocation of probation	155	0%	0%	8.40%	78.70%	0%	0%	12.90%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



Family Level

- Rates of poverty are higher than the state average
- 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 the County find employment where they go to school and do not return to the County.
- Fewer 10th graders report having a supportive adult at home as compared to the state average.

Table 15.

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

Measurement		Dawson	Nebraska
Poverty/SES	Children <18 in Poverty	19.2%	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	781	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	37.3%	28.9%
Educational attainment	Age 25+ with B.D.	15.6%	31.3%
	County rank	89	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	20.1%	23.0%
	County rank	87	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	77.9%	91.1%
	County Rank	91	-
Technology and computers in the home	% under 18 with a computer at home	98.2%	96.9%
	County rank	48	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	92.3%	91.0%
	County rank	39	-
	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	92.2%	90.8%
	County Rank	36	-
Housing	Owner-occupied households	6,097	498,567
	Total households	8,997	754,063



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	Owner %	67.8%	66.1%
	Renters	2,900	255,496
	Renter %	32.2%	33.9%
Transportation	Households with no vehicle available	542	40,465
	Total households	8,997	754,063
	No vehicle %	6.0%	5.4%

Table 16.
Youth Who Report Supportive Adults by Grade (2018) ^d

		8th	10th	12th
Dawson	Adult at home who listens	87.6%	82.6%	87.5%
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
Dawson	Adult at school who listens	85.9%	86.2%	95.6%
Nebraska		85.2%	85.0%	87.4%

Table 17.
Domestic Violence Reports and Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means (2019) ^h

	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
Dawson	10	10	35	32
Nebraska	562	402	2512	2019

Table 18.
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (2018) ⁱ

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
Dawson	415	41%	21%	56%
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%



Community Level

- 10th graders indicate their community does not find alcohol or marijuana wrong or very wrong, as compared to the state average.
- 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). Yearly data is available in the Appendix to see if the rate has improved because of legislation, but newer cases should naturally have lower rates of sealing than older cases.
- 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.

Table 19.

Community Violence Measured by Arrests for Violent Crime (2019) ^j

Type of Violence	Dawson	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	2	34
Rape	4	264
Robbery	0	367
Aggravated Assault	20	1,639
Other Assaults	104	8,782

Table 20.

Youth Perceptions of Community Attitudes on Substance Use by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Dawson	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	92.2%	84.6%	90.9%
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
Dawson	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	89.3%	76.9%	69.3%
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
Dawson	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	93.1%	87.9%	79.5%
Nebraska		92.9%	89.0%	78.7%



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Table 21.

Juvenile Court Record Sealing Analysis (2015 – 2019) ^msee [Appendix for yearly data](#)

	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	235	417	56.4%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	1287	2300	56.0%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	77	119	64.7%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	8	0.0%
Total	1599	2860	55.9%

*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 required to provide counsel at the time of filing and the rates for access to counsel is about the state average.
- There are many curfew filings, which can lead to net-widening even though curfews are not evidenced-based. It appears most of these were in the past.
- There are a high number of court filings for “uncontrollable juvenile”. These are offenses that should go to diversion. This may also demonstrate a need for a Crisis Response service.
- With respect to diversion practices, the community may want to consider a few things:
 - Allowing warning letters for the lowest risk youth
 - Having a process for sealing records for youth on diversion with law enforcement and JCMS, as required by statute.
 - ensure fees are similar to court costs (even with the sliding scale)
 - use graduated sanctions, where youth are given incremental consequences or rewards, as opposed to discharging them unsuccessfully as a first response.

Table 22.

Percent of Youth in Juvenile Court Who Had Access to Counsel (2018) ⁿ

	Dawson	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) ^m

	Dawson	Nebraska
Curfew Court Filing	31	352

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
18	12	1	0	0	31

Table 24.
Court Filing for 3A, 3B, and 3C cases (2015 – 2019) ^m

	Dawson					
Filed Subtype	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	1	0	0	0	1
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	0	3	0	1	0	4
3B - Uncontrollable	2	8	7	6	5	28
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) ^o

	Dawson	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%



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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	No	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	No	Yes: 31.8% No: 65.9% Not sure: 2.3%
Fees beyond restitution	Yes; \$150 with a sliding scale	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	Not sure	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.
- The response rate for the collective impact survey decreased from 2019 to 2020. With the low response rate, the collective impact domains and diversity of the team are not reliable.
- The community team should be representative of the community; however, there should be representation from groups that are over-represented in the juvenile justice system (i.e., Hispanic/Latino and Black).

Table 26.
Collective Impact Survey Response Rates ^P

	Custer Team		Nebraska	
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
Number of surveys sent	30	34	1407	780
Number of completed surveys	3	2	221	345
Response rate	10.0%	5.9%	28.3%	24.5%

Table 27.
Collective Impact Survey Scores ^P

	Custer Team		Nebraska	
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Mean Score		Mean Score	
Common agenda	4.55	5.00	5.29	5.69
Mutually reinforcing	5.04	4.50	5.37	5.50
Shared measurement	5.00	4.50	5.21	5.45
Continuous communication	5.30	5.00	5.49	5.55
Backbone agency	5.33	5.00	5.52	5.78

The five elements of Collective Impact are:



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- **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 ^q

Table 28.

Community Planning Team Diversity ^p

	Custer Team		Nebraska	
	N = 2	(%)	N = 345	(%)
Gender				
Male	1	50.0%	101	29.3%
Female	1	50.0%	229	66.4%
Missing	--	--	15	4.3%
Age				
Under 30	--	--	19	5.6%
30-39	--	--	68	19.6%
40-49	1	50.0%	88	25.4%
50-59	1	50.0%	90	25.8%
60 and over	--	--	44	13%
Missing	--	--	36	10.4%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	1	50.0%	230	66.7%
Black	--	--	10	2.9%
Hispanic	--	--	13	3.8%
Native American	--	--	6	1.7%
Asian	--	--	1	0.3%
Other	--	--	2	0.6%
Provided town name	1	50.0%	63	18.3%
Missing	--	--	19	5.5%
Previous System Involvement				
Yes	1	50.0%	98	28.4%



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No	1	50.0%	242	70.1%
Missing	--	--	5	1.4%
System Point *				
Law enforcement	--	--	34	7.8%
County attorney/ juvenile court	--	--	32	7.3%
K-12 or secondary education	1	50.0%	65	14.9%
Ministry/faith based	--	--	10	2.3%
Diversion	--	--	55	12.6%
Probation	--	--	31	7.1%
Public defender/ defense counsel/ guardian ad litem	--	--	8	1.8%
DHHS or Child Welfare	1	50.0%	13	3.0%
Treatment provider	--	--	40	9.2%
Post adjudication or detention	--	--	8	1.8%
Community based program	--	--	109	25.0%
Elected official or government	--	--	6	1.4%
Restorative practices	--	--	6	1.4%
Backbone or system improvement	--	--	3	0.7%
Other	--	--	16	3.7%
Voice on Team				
Feel heard	2	100%	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	--	--	75	21.7%

Custer $n = 2$

*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	166	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%
Youth enrolled in diversion	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%
Successful completion diversion	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%
Youth with multiple charges	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
Filed on in adult court	6	0%	0%	16.70%	66.70%	0%	16.70%	0%
RAI Override: More Severe	9	0%	0%	0%	66.70%	0%	0%	33.30%
RAI Override: Less Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	14	0%	0%	7.10%	42.90%	0%	0%	50%
Successful probation	128	0%	0%	3.10%	71.10%	0.80%	0%	25%
Revocation of probation	25	0%	0%	8%	80%	0%	0%	12%
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	283	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	45	2.20%	0%	2.20%	53.30%	2.20%	17.80%	22.20%
Youth enrolled in diversion	39	2.60%	0%	2.60%	61.50%	2.60%	5.10%	25.60%
Successful completion diversion	32	3.10%	0%	3.10%	62.50%	3.10%	6.20%	21.90%
Youth with multiple charges	11	0%	0%	9.10%	54.50%	0%	18.20%	18.20%
Filed on in adult court	6	0%	0%	0%	16.70%	0%	50%	33.30%
RAI Override: More Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	33.30%	0%	0%	66.70%
RAI Override: Less Severe	5	0%	0%	20%	80%	0%	0%	0%
Probation intake	13	0%	0%	7.70%	69.20%	0%	0%	23.10%
Successful probation	113	0%	0%	1.80%	71.70%	0.90%	0%	25.70%
Revocation of probation	33	0%	0%	9.10%	75.80%	0%	0%	15.20%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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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	169	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	43	0%	0%	2.30%	34.90%	2.30%	14%	46.50%
Youth enrolled in diversion	39	0%	0%	2.60%	38.50%	2.60%	5.10%	51.30%
Successful completion diversion	34	0%	0%	2.90%	32.40%	0%	5.90%	58.80%
Youth with multiple charges	24	0%	0%	20.80%	45.80%	0%	4.20%	29.20%
Filed on in adult court	4	0%	0%	0%	75%	0%	25%	0%
RAI Override: More Severe	4	0%	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%
RAI Override: Less Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	66.70%	0%	0%	33.30%
Probation intake	12	0%	0%	33.30%	58.30%	0%	0%	8.30%
Successful probation	108	0%	0%	8.30%	65.70%	0%	0%	25.90%
Revocation of probation	52	0%	0%	9.60%	78.80%	0%	0%	11.50%
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	114	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	35	2.90%	0%	2.90%	54.30%	2.90%	0%	37.10%
Youth enrolled in diversion	35	2.90%	0%	2.90%	54.30%	2.90%	0%	37.10%
Successful completion diversion	29	3.40%	0%	3.40%	51.70%	0%	0%	41.40%
Youth with multiple charges	6	0%	0%	0%	66.70%	0%	0%	33.30%
Filed on in adult court	3	0%	33.30%	0%	33.30%	0%	0%	33.30%
RAI Override: More Severe	1	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
RAI Override: Less Severe	4	25%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	25%
Probation intake	13	15.40%	0%	7.70%	38.50%	7.70%	0%	30.80%
Successful probation	89	0%	0%	10.10%	53.90%	0%	0%	36%
Revocation of probation	29	0%	0%	0%	96.60%	0%	0%	3.40%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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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	134	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	28	0%	0%	7.10%	50%	3.60%	0%	39.30%
Youth enrolled in diversion	27	0%	0%	3.70%	51.90%	3.70%	0%	40.70%
Successful completion diversion	20	0%	0%	5%	55%	5%	0%	35%
Youth with multiple charges	20	0%	0%	5%	40%	0%	20%	35%
Filed on in adult court	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: More Severe	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%
RAI Override: Less Severe	5	20%	0%	0%	60%	0%	0%	20%
Probation intake	16	6.20%	0%	6.20%	68.80%	6.20%	0%	12.50%
Successful probation	91	3.30%	0%	5.50%	60.40%	0%	0%	30.80%
Revocation of probation	16	0%	0%	18.80%	50%	0%	0%	31.20%
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	68	75	89.5%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	583	795	73.3%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	47	54	87.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	698	925	75.5%

2016	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	64	94	68.1%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	312	585	53.3%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	19	21	90.5%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	1	0.0%
Total	395	707	55.9%

2017	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	29	84	34.5%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	184	440	41.8%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	4	5	80.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	5	0.0%
Total	217	534	40.6%



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2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	53	68	77.9%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	130	208	62.5%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	7	22	31.8%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	2	0.0%
Total	190	303	62.7%

2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	21	95	22.1%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	78	272	28.7%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	0	17	0.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	99	391	25.3%