



## Dawes County

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## Youth Level

- Hispanic and American Indian youth are overrepresented in chronic absenteeism compared to school enrollment.
- This community has not participated in the NRPFS since 2014 and should consider participating in the next survey year (2020) to get youth-level data on mental health, gangs, supportive adults and community perceptions of substance use.
- Graduation rates include Job Corp as well, which may result in a misrepresentation of Dawes County public schools graduation rates.
- 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. Based on census and school enrollment data:
  - American Indian youth are overrepresented in all court system points, and all probation system points except probation overrides
  - Hispanic youth are overrepresented with multiple charges and adult court filings, and at probation intake and successful probation completion
  - Race/ethnicity data is missing or unspecified at the court level for 14.3% and 16.7% of the cases.

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>Dawes</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>83.8%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>

### Females

Geographic Area	Total Count	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races



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Nebraska	102,658	70.4%	16.2%	5.7%	1.4%	2.0%	4.4%
<b>Dawes</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>79.2%</b>	<b>18.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</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>Dawes</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>3.01%</b>	<b>0.82%</b>	<b>5.19%</b>	<b>1.28%</b>	<b>3.19%</b>	<b>81.60%</b>	<b>4.92%</b>
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>3.07%</b>	<b>1.36%</b>	<b>5.88%</b>	<b>1.18%</b>	<b>2.89%</b>	<b>81.65%</b>	<b>3.98%</b>
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>4.41%</b>	<b>1.06%</b>	<b>5.46%</b>	<b>1.23%</b>	<b>2.73%</b>	<b>80.88%</b>	<b>4.23%</b>
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>3.76%</b>	<b>0.79%</b>	<b>6.47%</b>	<b>0.96%</b>	<b>1.31%</b>	<b>82.50%</b>	<b>4.20%</b>
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>3.74%</b>	<b>0.53%</b>	<b>7.56%</b>	<b>1.25%</b>	<b>0.80%</b>	<b>81.85%</b>	<b>4.27%</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 <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>Dawes</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>12.37%</b>	*	<b>14.43%</b>	*	*	<b>73.20%</b>	*
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>112</b>	*	*	<b>20.54%</b>	*	*	<b>79.46%</b>	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>11.61%</b>	*	<b>16.07%</b>	*	*	<b>72.32%</b>	*
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>9.42%</b>	*	<b>28.26%</b>	*	*	<b>62.32%</b>	*
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>7.22%</b>	*	<b>29.38%</b>	*	*	<b>63.40%</b>	*
	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	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>9.29%</b>	<b>0.91%</b>	<b>5.56%</b>	<b>51.73%</b>
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>9.22%</b>	*	<b>7.14%</b>	<b>51.90%</b>
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>9.43%</b>	*	<b>6.34%</b>	<b>55.15%</b>
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>11.99%</b>	*	<b>4.72%</b>	<b>49.96%</b>
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>12.37%</b>	*	<b>1.07%</b>	<b>44.75%</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>Dawes</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>53.8%</b>	<b>93</b>

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>

		8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Dawes</b>	Loss of sleep from worry	--	--	--



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Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
<b>Dawes</b>	Depressed	--	--	--
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
<b>Dawes</b>	Considered/Attempted suicide	--	--	--
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
<b>Dawes</b>	Current alcohol	--	--	--
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
<b>Dawes</b>	Current binge drinking	--	--	--
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
<b>Dawes</b>	Current marijuana	--	--	--
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
<b>Dawes</b>	Current tobacco	--	--	--
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
<b>Dawes</b>	Current vaping	--	--	--
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
<b>Dawes</b>	Hopeful for future (past week)	--	--	--
Nebraska		72.1%	74.7%	78.4%

\*Dawes County did not participate in the Nebraska Risk and Protective factors survey (last was 2014)

\*\*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>

		<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Dawes</b>	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	--	--	--



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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		
	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %
<b>Summary Arrest Date</b>						
<b>Jurisdiction by Geography</b>	DAWES COUNTY					
<b>Arrest Offense</b>						
Total	311	349	12.22	37	31	-16.22
Robbery Total	1	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Aggravated Assault Total	6	2	-66.67	1	-	-100.00
Burglary Total	-	1	-	-	-	-
Larceny-Theft Total	27	23	-14.81	9	8	-11.11
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	-	6	-	-	5	
Other Assaults	33	49	48.48	2	6	200.00
Fraud	-	2	-	-	-	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	1	2	100.00	-	-	-
Vandalism	8	3	-62.50	2	1	-50.00
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	3	1	-66.67	-	0	-
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	2	6	200.00	-	-	-
Drug Violations - Possession	78	76	-2.56	7	0	-100.00
NIBRS Unable to Classify	1	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Offenses Against Family and Children	5	4	-20.00	0	0	-
Driving Under the Influence	59	39	-33.90	1	1	0.00
Liquor Laws	51	89	74.51	13	9	-30.77
Disorderly Conduct	7	16	128.57	1	0	-100.00
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	29	30	3.45	1	1	0.00

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

Score	Dawes			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) <sup>1</sup>

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\*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	155	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth enrolled in diversion	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Successful completion diversion	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth with multiple charges	21	47.60%	0%	0%	14.30%	0%	14.30%	23.80%
Filed on in adult court	6	16.70%	0%	16.70%	0%	0%	16.70%	50%
RAI Override: More Severe	1	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
RAI Override: Less Severe	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%





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Probation intake	8	62.50%	0%	12.50%	12.50%	12.50%	0%	0%
Successful probation	25	16%	0%	20%	8%	0%	0%	56%
Revocation of probation	25	44%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	56%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



## Family Level

- The percentage of children under 18 in poverty is slightly higher than the state average.
- The percentage of adults with bachelor's degrees is higher than the state average.
- The percentage of youth without a computer at home is slightly lower than the state average, but internet access is higher than the state.
- The percentage of renters is slightly higher than the state average – this may be partially because of college students renting while in college.
- 70% of abuse/neglect calls are unfounded.

Table 15.  
Poverty/SES, Educational Attainment, Technology and Computers in Home, Housing, and Transportation (5-year estimates, 2014-2018) <sup>a</sup>

Measurement		Dawes	Nebraska
<b>Poverty/SES</b>	Children <18 in Poverty	<b>17.2%</b>	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	<b>101</b>	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	<b>20.3%</b>	28.9%
<b>Educational attainment</b>	Age 25+ with B.D.	<b>37.0%</b>	31.3%
		<b>4</b>	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	<b>24.8%</b>	23.0%
		<b>36</b>	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	<b>95.3%</b>	91.1%
	<b>12</b>	-	
<b>Technology and computers in the home</b>	% under 18 with a computer at home	<b>94.8%</b>	96.9%
		<b>81</b>	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	<b>93.3%</b>	91.0%
		<b>29</b>	-
	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	<b>92.1%</b>	90.8%
	<b>37</b>	-	



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<b>Housing</b>	Owner-occupied households	<b>2,343</b>	498,567
	Total households	<b>3,623</b>	754,063
	Owner %	<b>64.7%</b>	66.1%
	Renters	<b>1,280</b>	255,496
	Renter %	<b>35.3%</b>	33.9%
<b>Transportation</b>	Households with no vehicle available	<b>195</b>	40,465
	Total households	<b>3,623</b>	754,063
	No vehicle %	<b>5.4%</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>Dawes</b>	Adult at home who listens	--	--	--
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
<b>Dawes</b>	Adult at school who listens	--	--	--
Nebraska		85.2%	85.0%	87.4%

\*Dawes County did not participate in the Nebraska Risk and Protective factors survey (last was 2014)

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>Dawes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>
Nebraska	562	402	2512	2019

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

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
<b>Dawes</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>70%</b>
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%



### Community Level

- There are not many violent arrests in this community.
- 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.

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

Type of Violence	Dawes	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	34
Rape	0	264
Robbery	0	367
Aggravated Assault	2	1,639
Other Assaults	49	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>Dawes</b>	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	--	--	--
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
<b>Dawes</b>	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	--	--	--
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
<b>Dawes</b>	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	--	--	--
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	86	142	60.6%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	173	493	35.1%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	10	21	47.6%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	269	656	41.0%

\*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

- Despite not being in a county required to provide counsel under statute, access to counsel is similar to the state average, but still lower than ideal
- There are few curfew and 3A, 3B, and 3C filings in court.
- Dawes County does not have a diversion program, as such did not complete the diversion procedure and protocol survey.

Table 22.  
 Percent of Youth in Juvenile Court Who Had Access to Counsel (2018) <sup>n</sup>

	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>
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>

	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>
Curfew Court Filing	0	352

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



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

	<b>Nebraska</b>					
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) °

	<b>Dawes</b>	<b>Nebraska *</b>
Refer ALL juveniles who are first time offenders to diversion	Did not complete survey	Yes: 27.3% No: 63.6% Not sure: 9.1%
File a juvenile's charges at the time of the referral to diversion	Did not complete survey	Yes: 18.2% No: 70.5% Not sure: 11.4%
File a juvenile's charges if they are unsuccessful on diversion	Did not complete survey	Always: 47.7% Sometimes: 47.7% Not sure: 4.5%
Allow a juvenile to complete diversion more than once	Did not complete survey	Yes: 61.4% No: 34.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Did not complete survey	Yes: 86.4% No: 9.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Warning letters instead of intervention	Did not complete survey	Yes: 27.3% No: 61.4% Not sure: 11.4%
Currently drug test	Did not complete survey	Yes: 31.8% No: 65.9% Not sure: 2.3%
Fees beyond restitution	Did not complete survey	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0%



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Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	Did not complete survey	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	Did not complete survey	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 11.7%.
  - This is a decrease from the 2019 survey, but more people completed the survey; the number of people the survey was sent to increased.
  - The 2020 mean score for Collective Impact is lower than both the Panhandle 2019 response and overall Nebraska mean score, except for shared measurement.
- 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. This includes age of team members.
  - There were 4 responses (25%) to race/ethnicity that had town name and two that are missing (12.5), so there may be more diversity than the survey revealed.
- Survey results show no probation, law enforcement, or attorneys on your team, but this may be due to the low response rate.

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

	Panhandle		Nebraska	
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
Number of surveys sent	24	137	1407	780
Number of completed surveys	12	16	221	345
Response rate	50.0%	11.7%	28.3%	24.5%

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

	Panhandle		Nebraska	
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Mean Score		Mean Score	
Common agenda	5.33	5.27	5.29	5.69
Mutually reinforcing	5.52	5.13	5.37	5.50
Shared measurement	5.57	5.60	5.21	5.45



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Continuous communication	5.98	5.15	5.49	5.55
Backbone agency	6.16	5.64	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>

	Panhandle		Nebraska	
	N = 16	(%)	N = 345	(%)
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	2	12.5%	101	29.3%
Female	13	81.3%	229	66.4%
Missing	1	6.3%	15	4.3%
<b>Age</b>				
Under 30	--	--	19	5.6%
30-39	--	--	68	19.6%
40-49	3	18.9%	88	25.4%
50-59	8	50.2%	90	25.8%
60 and over	3	18.9%	44	13%
Missing	2	12.5%	36	10.4%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
White	9	56.3%	230	66.7%
Black	--	--	10	2.9%
Hispanic	--	--	13	3.8%
Native American	1	6.3%	6	1.7%
Asian	--	--	1	0.3%
Other	--	--	2	0.6%



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Provided town name	4	25.0%	63	18.3%
Missing	2	12.5%	19	5.5%
<b>Previous System Involvement</b>				
Yes	5	31.3%	98	28.4%
No	11	68.8%	242	70.1%
Missing	--	--	5	1.4%
<b>System Point *</b>				
Law enforcement	--	--	34	7.8%
County attorney/ juvenile court	--	--	32	7.3%
K-12 or secondary education	5	29.4%	65	14.9%
Ministry/faith based	1	5.9%	10	2.3%
Diversion	3	17.6%	55	12.6%
Probation	--	--	31	7.1%
Public defender/ defense counsel/ guardian ad litem	--	--	8	1.8%
DHHS or Child Welfare	1	5.9%	13	3.0%
Treatment provider	1	5.9%	40	9.2%
Post adjudication or detention	--	--	8	1.8%
Community based program	5	29.4%	109	25.0%
Elected official or government	--	--	6	1.4%
Restorative practices	--	--	6	1.4%
Backbone or system improvement	1	5.9%	3	0.7%
Other			16	3.7%
<b>Voice on Team</b>				
Feel heard	12	75.0%	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	4	25.0%	75	21.7%

Banner  $n = 3$ , Box Butte  $n = 3$ , Cheyenne  $n = 5$ , Dawes  $n = 5$ , Deuel  $n = 3$ , Garden  $n = 3$ , Kimball  $n = 3$ , Morrill  $n = 2$ , Scotts Bluff  $n = 7$ , Sioux  $n = 2$ , Sheridan  $n = 2$  (three 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: 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	30	33	90.9%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	29	64	53.7%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	0	2	0.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	59	89	66.3%

2016	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	19	34	55.9%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	68	89	76.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	4	10	40.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	91	133	68.4%

2017	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	8	14	57.1%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	24	67	35.8%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	--	--	--
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	32	81	39.5%

2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	12	31	38.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--



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Filed in Juv. Court	27	131	20.6%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	3	3	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	42	165	25.5%

2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	17	30	56.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	25	152	16.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	3	6	50.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	45	188	23.9%