



Lincoln County

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Youth Level

- Hispanic youth are over-represented in chronic absenteeism as compared to the juvenile population and student population; this over-representation has been fairly consistent over time.
- 10th and 12th graders report more loss of sleep from worry than the state average; 8th and 10th graders report being more depressed than the state average; 8th graders report higher marijuana use than the state average; and 12th graders report higher levels of binge drinking, tobacco use, and vaping compared to the state.
- 8th and 10th graders report more gang involvement than the state average.
- From 2018 to 2019, larceny-theft has declined for all ages, and even more for juveniles. While
 drug possession violations declined for all ages, they increased for juveniles. Liquor laws
 increased for all age groups and curfew violations increased for juveniles.
- Risk assessment data from youth assessed for diversion were highest for the following domains: Family, Peer Relationships, and Personality/Behavior.
- It appears cases may not be funneling to diversion as they could; more juvenile cases should be referred to diversion (currently about 18%), and fewer cases should be funneled to probation (currently about 50%). Once referred to diversion, youth are enrolling and successful at a similar rate as they are referred (total and by race/ethnicity).
- Black youth are over-represented in court filings with multiple charges, RAI overrides to a more sever placement, probation intakes and are not as successful on probation – as compared to the juvenile population of the county (unfortunately, we do not have law enforcement data by race/ethnicity to see if Black youth are being referred to these system point at a rate that is proportional to law enforcement stops of citations/referrals).
- Native American youth are over-represented in probation intakes as compared to the juvenile population of the county; and Hispanic youth are more likely to be successful on probation.

Table 1.

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

Males

Geographic	Total Count	Non- Hispanic	Hispanic or	5	American	Asian or Pacific	2+
Area Name		White	Latino	Black	Indian	Islander	Races
Nebraska	108,494	70.4%	16.2%	5.7%	1.4%	2.0%	4.4%
Lincoln	2,053	83.9%	9.2%	1.8%	0.2%	0.0%	4.8%



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%
Lincoln	2,122	76.4%	13.3%	1.1%	0.6%	0.1%	8.5%

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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-	Lincoln	5764	12.32%	0.45%	0.36%	1.04%	0.16%	82.81%	2.86%
2015	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-	Lincoln	5852	12.56%	0.50%	0.46%	1.04%	0.15%	82.60%	2.68%
2016	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-	Lincoln	5779	12.98%	0.62%	0.45%	1.26%	0.16%	82.14%	2.39%
2017	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-	Lincoln	5784	13.42%	0.54%	0.48%	1.23%	0.14%	81.74%	2.46%
2018	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-	Lincoln	5752	13.94%	0.59%	0.50%	1.37%	0.12%	80.81%	2.66%
2019	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-	Lincoln	930	<mark>21.61%</mark>	*	*	2.04%	*	72.37%	3.98%
2015	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-	Lincoln	969	<mark>20.74%</mark>	*	*	1.24%	*	74.10%	3.92%
2016	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
	Lincoln	863	20.39%	*	1.39%	2.32%	*	71.03%	4.87%

2016-	Nebraska	42,290							
2017			26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-	Lincoln	894	<mark>20.92%</mark>	*	1.57%	2.13%	*	71.36%	4.03%
2018	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-	Lincoln	666	<mark>21.77%</mark>	*	*	2.10%	*	72.52%	3.60%
2019	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
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2014-	Lincoln	5764	14.16%	0.78%	0.88%	40.98%
2015	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-	Lincoln	5852	13.77%	0.80%	1.18%	39.25%
2016	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-	Lincoln	5779	13.69%	0.62%	1.26%	44.99%
2017	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-	Lincoln	5784	15.82%	0.55%	1.49%	47.32%
2018	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-	Lincoln	5752	16.53%	0.38%	1.69%	48.45%
2019	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) °

County	Total in Las	t 5 Years	Yearly Av	Graduation		
	Graduates	Students	Graduates Students		Rate	Rank
Nebraska	100,111	112,857	20,022.2	22,571.4	88.7%	n/a
Lincoln	1,881	2,087	62.7	69.6	<mark>90.1%</mark>	<mark>76</mark>

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) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Lincoln	Loss of sleep from worry	18.8%	<mark>28.7%</mark>	<mark>28.3%</mark>
Nebraska		18.0%	<mark>20.6%</mark>	<mark>21.6%</mark>
Lincoln	Depressed	<mark>35.6%</mark>	<mark>39.5%</mark>	37.1%
Nebraska		<mark>31.1%</mark>	<mark>34.8%</mark>	35.3%
Lincoln	Considered/Attempted suicide	19.3%	20.3%	16.7%
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
Lincoln	Current alcohol	12.5%	19.2%	36.8%
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
Lincoln	Current binge drinking	2.6%	6.2%	<mark>18.6%</mark>
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	<mark>15.0%</mark>
Lincoln	Current marijuana	<mark>6.2%</mark>	7.9%	15.6%
Nebraska		<mark>3.0%</mark>	7.3%	13.9%
Lincoln	Current tobacco	5.9%	9.3%	<mark>21.4%</mark>
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	<mark>15.3%</mark>
Lincoln	Current vaping	13.9%	26.3%	<mark>47.4%</mark>
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	<mark>37.3%</mark>
Lincoln	Hopeful for future (past week)	73.2%	73.9%	75.0%
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 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
Lincoln	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	<mark>7.1%</mark>	<mark>7.9%</mark>	5.5%
Nebraska		<mark>3.8%</mark>	<mark>4.4%</mark>	3.8%

Table 12. Arrest Rates for Adults and Juveniles for 2018 and 2019 with Percent Change ^f

Arrestee Age		All Arres	stee Ages	Under 18				
Summary Arrest Date	2018	2019	2018 - 2019	2018	2019	2018 - 2019		
lumin disting by Or a sure by			Growth %	1.001111	TV	Growth %		
Jurisdiction by Geography	LINCOLN COUNTY							
Arrest Offense								
Total	2,085	1,871	-10.26	230	221	-3.91		
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	4	1	-75.00	2	-	-100.00		
Rape Total	4	7	75.00	-	2	-		
Robbery Total	5	8	60.00	-		-		
Aggravated Assault Total	48	45	-6.25	-	1	-		
Burglary Total	24	7	-70.83	3	2	-33.33		
Larceny-Theft Total	209	188	-10.05	<mark>40</mark>	<mark>14</mark>	<mark>-65.00</mark>		
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	12	8	-33.33	3		-100.00		
Other Assaults	233	213	-8.58	35	26	-25.71		
Arson	1	3	200.00	-	-	-		
Forgery and Counterfeiting	19	25	31.58	0	-	-		
Fraud	73	45	-38.36	2	2	0.00		
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	39	29	-25.64	1	1	0.00		
Vandalism	76	58	-23.68	19	21	10.53		
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	19	24	26.32	0	0	-		
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	5	6	20.00	0	1	-		
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	53	31	-41.51	3	0	-100.00		
Drug Violations - Possession	<mark>434</mark>	<mark>378</mark>	<mark>-12.90</mark>	<mark>19</mark>	<mark>29</mark>	<mark>52.63</mark>		
NIBRS Unable to Classify	1	2	100.00	-	-	-		
Offenses Against Family and Children	38	26	-31.58	0	2	-		
Driving Under the Influence	155	121	-21.94	1	4	300.00		
Liquor Laws	110	151	37.27	<mark>23</mark>	<mark>38</mark>	<mark>65.22</mark>		





Disorderly Conduct	104	69	-33.65	3	4	33.33
Vagrancy	1	-	-100.00	1	1	-
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	390	395	1.28	48	43	-10.42
Curfew and Loitering Law Violations	21	29	38.10	<mark>21</mark>	<mark>29</mark>	<mark>38.10</mark>
Runaways	7	2	-71.43	7	2	-71.43

Table 13. Risk Assessment Domains for Youth Assessed on Diversion (2015 - 2017) ^g

	Li	ncoln	All YLS Counties	
Score	M	SD	M	SD
Family Circumstance/Parenting	<mark>3.09</mark>	1.51	1.20	1.32
Education/Employment	1.82	1.72	1.27	1.35
Peer Relationships	<mark>3.00</mark>	1.41	1.78	1.08
Substance Use	0.91	1.30	1.29	1.40
Leisure/Recreation	1.36	1.36	0.88	0.95
Personality/Behavior	<mark>3.27</mark>	2.24	1.34	1.52
Attitudes/Orientation	1.73	0.91	0.45	0.79
Mean Score	M = 15.18, 3	SD = 4.85, 9-24	$M = 8.23, S_1$	D = 5.22, 0-31

Lincoln County n = 11; Statewide n = 2124



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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	1258							
JAC – Assessment								
Youth referred to diversion	225	0%	0.40%	<mark>2.20%</mark>	8%	0.90%	0%	<mark>88.40%</mark>
Youth enrolled in diversion	163	0%	0.60%	3.10%	8%	1.20%	0%	<mark>87.10%</mark>
Successful completion diversion	127	0%	0.80%	3.10%	8.70%	0.80%	0%	<mark>86.60%</mark>
Youth with multiple charges	49	0%	0%	6.10%	6.10%	0%	4.10%	83.70%
Filed on in adult court	172	0%	0%	1.20%	10.50%	0%	10.50%	77.90%
RAI Override: More Severe	18	0%	0%	<mark>27.80%</mark>	11.10%	5.60%	0%	55.60%
RAI Override: Less Severe	8	0%	0%	12.50%	12.50%	0%	0%	75%
Probation intake	98	<mark>4.10%</mark>	0%	<mark>12.20%</mark>	<mark>13.30%</mark>	2%	0%	68.40%
Successful probation	492	2%	0.20%	<mark>2.40%</mark>	<mark>16.90%</mark>	1.20%	0%	77.20%
Revocation of probation	169	3%	0%	3%	<mark>20.70%</mark>	1.80%	0%	71.60%
Youth in OJS custody								
OJS custody: placed in detention								
Youth booked into detention								
Youth booked into detention more than once				-	1	1		





Family Level

- Poverty (and related measures) does not seem to be a problem in this community as compared to the state average.
- There is a lower rate of people 25+ with bachelor's degrees as compared to the state, which is not an uncommon pattern in rural communities. There is a slightly lower rate of homes with vehicles, as compared to the state.
- 10th graders are less likely to report having a supportive adult at home than the state; while 8th and 10th graders are less likely to report having a supportive adult at school who listens as compared to the state.
- The county has a higher rate of child abuse reports assessed, as well as substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect compared to the state.

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

Measurement		Lincoln	Nebraska
Poverty/SES	Children <18 in Poverty	14.6%	14.8%
	Number of children 12-	698	43,814
	17 below 185% poverty		
	Percent of children 12-	24.7%	28.9%
	17 below 185% poverty		
Educational attainment	Age 25+ with B.D.	<mark>22.1%</mark>	<mark>31.3%</mark>
	County rank	39	-
	Age 25+ with some	27.3%	23.0%
	college, no degree		
	County rank	21	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	93.2%	91.1%
	County Rank	31	-
Technology and computers in the home	% under 18 with a	99.8%	96.9%
	computer at home		
	County rank	21	-
	% under 18 with an	92.1%	91.0%
	internet subscription at		
	home		
	County rank	41	-
	% under 18 with	91.8%	90.8%
	broadband internet		
	access at home		





	County Rank	40	-
Housing	Owner-occupied households	9,780	498,567
	Total households	14,985	754,063
	Owner %	65.3%	66.1%
	Renters	5,205	255,496
	Renter %	34.7%	33.9%
Transportation	Households with no vehicle available	1,031	40,465
	Total households	14,985	754,063
	No vehicle %	<mark>6.9%</mark>	<mark>5.4%</mark>

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

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Lincoln	Adult at home who listens	86.5%	<mark>81.0%</mark>	85.8%
Nebraska		87.3%	<mark>85.0%</mark>	85.6%
Lincoln	Adult at school who listens	<mark>81.7%</mark>	<mark>79.8%</mark>	86.2%
Nebraska		<mark>85.2%</mark>	<mark>85.0%</mark>	87.4%

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

	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Reported	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	Simple Domestic Assaults Reported	Simple Domestics Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means
Lincoln	43	38	72	68
Nebraska	562	402	2512	2019

Table 18. Child Abuse and Neglect Reports ⁱ

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
Lincoln	628	<mark>42%</mark>	<mark>25%</mark>	61%
Nebraska	36,480	<mark>33.4%</mark>	<mark>16.0%</mark>	68.3%

Community Level

- 12th graders report that people in their community find marijuana and cigarettes wrong or very wrong at a lower rate than the state averages.
- 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. In this county, the rates of sealing records is quite low for dropped/dismissed cases across all years. The county should examine whether this is the case for the other types of case closures.
- There are higher levels of missing data at the court level. Data for race and ethnicity at each juvenile justice system point is imperative for an accurate Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED)

Table 19.
Community Violence Measured by Arrests for Violent Crime (2019) ^j

Type of Violence	Lincoln	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	1	34
Rape	7	264
Robbery	8	367
Aggravated Assault	45	1,639
Other Assaults	213	8,782

Table 20. Youth Perceptions of Community Attitudes on Substance Use by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Lincoln	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	91.3%	88.0%	<mark>81.8%</mark>
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	<mark>85.2%</mark>
Lincoln	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	88.8%	83.4%	67.3%
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
Lincoln	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	91.8%	89.2%	<mark>71.6%</mark>
Nebraska		92.9%	89.0%	<mark>78.7%</mark>





Table 21.

Juvenile Court Record Sealing Analysis (2015 – 2019) ^m

see Appendix for yearly data

	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	1499	2797	53.6%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	0	13	0.0%
Filed in Juv. Court	5514	14645	37.7%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	689	1259	54.7%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	3	27	11.1%
Total	7724	19063	40.5%

^{*}Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not always 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 under statute to provide an attorney when a youth is filed on in court, yet the rate is similar to the state average.
- Curfew filings are problematic in this county and continue to increase. Research has
 demonstrated that Juvenile curfews are not effective at reducing juvenile crime and can result
 in net-widening/pulling youth into the system. Curfew violations should be something that is
 referred to diversion, if necessary to the community to have a curfew ordinance.
- There is a high rate of 3B filings for truancy and uncontrollable juveniles (some of the highest we see in the state). The county should refer truancy cases to diversion and/or a truancy program. The county may also benefit from a crisis response program to divert the uncontrollable court filings.
- The diversion program may consider the following:
 - Not always filing on unsuccessful cases (i.e., if youth have met most conditions)
 - o exploring the use of warning letters for low risk youth
 - o ensure fees are similar to court costs or having a sliding scale
 - o using graduated sanctions to give youth who are not completing diversion requirements graduation sanctions before discharging them unsuccessfully.
 - strengthening the process for sealing records in JCMS and with law enforcement (not needed at court-level because it is pre-file).

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

	Lincoln	Nebraska
Access to Counsel	<mark>60.0% 79.9%</mark>	73.5%

<u>Neb. Rev. 43-272</u>. 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 $\underline{43-247}$, counsel shall be appointed for such juvenile.



Table 23. Frequency of Youth with a Curfew Violation (2015 - 2019) $^{\rm m}$

	Lincoln	Nebraska
Curfew Court Filing	<mark>76</mark>	352

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
<mark>4</mark>	<mark>13</mark>	<mark>20</mark>	<mark>14</mark>	<mark>25</mark>	<mark>76</mark>

Table 24. Court Filing for 3A, 3B, and 3C cases $(2015 - 2019)^{m}$

		Lincoln									
Filed Subtype	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total					
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0					
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	1	<mark>12</mark>	9	<mark>12</mark>	8	<mark>42</mark>					
3B - Uncontrollable	8	<mark>15</mark>	<mark>15</mark>	<mark>20</mark>	<mark>13</mark>	<mark>71</mark>					
3C – Mentally III and Dangerous	3	6	2	1	3	15					

		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 III and Dangerous	22	48	37	22	23	306				

Table 25. County Diversion Procedures and Protocols Compared to Statewide Responses (2020) $^\circ$

	Lincoln	Nebraska *
Refer ALL juveniles who are first	Not sure	Yes: 27.3%
time offenders to diversion		No: 63.6%
		Not sure: 9.1%
File a juvenile's charges at the	No	Yes: 18.2%
time of the referral to diversion		No: 70.5%
		Not sure: 11.4%
File a juvenile's charges if they are	Always	Always: 47.7%
unsuccessful on diversion		Sometimes: 47.7%
		Not sure: 4.5%
Allow a juvenile to complete	Yes	Yes: 61.4%
diversion more than once		No: 34.1%





		Not sure: 4.5%
Charges/offenses that make a	Yes; felonies	Yes: 86.4%
juvenile ineligible for diversion		No: 9.1%
		Not sure: 4.5%
Warning letters instead of	No	Yes: 27.3%
intervention		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; \$50 a month (with	Yes: 86.4%
	scholarships for some community	No: 13.6%
	programs)	Not sure: 0.0%
Use of graduated responses prior	Not sure	Yes: 47.7%
to discharge		No: 25.0%
		Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	Not sure; I believe the county	Yes: 59.1%
	attorney does this	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 increased from 2019 to 2020.
- Shared measurement had the lowest mean for the collective impact domains in both 2019 and 2020.
- The community team should be representative of the population of that community but should also include diversity. It might be beneficial to add more Hispanics/Latinos to your team (especially because of the patterns of over and under representation).
- Although the low response rate may affect the results of community team diversity, there could be more representation from other system points not currently represented.
- Only 10% reported (1 person) not feeling heard at team meetings, which is much lower than the state average.

Table 26. Collective Impact Survey Response Rates ^p

	Lin	coln	Nebr	aska
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020
Number of surveys sent	16	18	1407	780
Number of completed surveys	6	11	221	345
Response rate	<mark>37.5%</mark>	<mark>61.1%</mark>	28.3%	24.5%

Table 27.
Collective Impact Survey Scores p

	Lincol	า	Nebra	aska		
Year of survey	2019	2020	2019	2020		
	Mean Score		Mean Score		Mean	Score
Common agenda	5.96	6.45	5.29	5.69		
Mutually reinforcing	6.01	6.27	5.37	5.50		
Shared measurement	<mark>5.90</mark>	<mark>5.91</mark>	5.21	5.45		
Continuous communication	6.02	<mark>5.91</mark>	5.49	5.55		
Backbone agency	6.46	6.45	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 ^q

Table 28.
Community Planning Team Diversity P

	Linc	oln	Neb	raska
	N = 11	(%)	N = 345	(%)
Gender				
Male	5	45.5%	101	29.3%
Female	5	45.5%	229	66.4%
Missing	1	9.1%	15	4.3%
Age				
Under 30			19	5.6%
30-39	1	9.1%	68	19.6%
40-49	4	36.4%	88	25.4%
50-59	4	36.4%	90	25.8%
60 and over	1	9.1%	44	13%
Missing	1	9.1%	36	10.4%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	6	54.5%	230	66.7%
Black			10	2.9%
Hispanic			13	3.8%
Native American	1	9.1%	6	1.7%
Asian			1	0.3%
Other			2	0.6%
Provided town name	3	27.3%	63	18.3%
Missing	1	9.1%	19	5.5%





Previous System Involvement				
Yes	3	27.3%	98	28.4%
No	8	72.7%	242	70.1%
Missing			5	1.4%
System Point *				
Law enforcement	2	16.7%	34	7.8%
County attorney/ juvenile court	1	8.3%	32	7.3%
K-12 or secondary education			65	14.9%
Ministry/faith based			10	2.3%
Diversion	1	8.3%	55	12.6%
Probation	2	16.7%	31	7.1%
Public defender/ defense counsel/	1	8.3%	8	1.8%
guardian ad litem				
DHHS or Child Welfare			13	3.0%
Treatment provider	2	16.7%	40	9.2%
Post adjudication or detention			8	1.8%
Community based program	2	16.7%	109	25.0%
Elected official or government			6	1.4%
Restorative practices			6	1.4%
Backbone or system improvement			3	0.7%
Other	1	8.3%	16	3.7%
Voice on Team				
Feel heard	10	90.9%	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	1	9.1%	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

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	268							
Youth referred to diversion	71	0%	0%	5.60%	8.50%	0%	0%	85.90%
Youth enrolled in diversion	58	0%	0%	6.90%	10.30%	0%	0%	82.80%
Successful completion diversion	48	0%	0%	8.30%	10.40%	0%	0%	81.20%
Youth with multiple charges	3	0%	0%	0%	33.30%	0%	33.30%	33.30%
Filed on in adult court	20	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%	10%	85%
RAI Override: More Severe	8	0%	0%	37.50%	0%	12.50%	0%	50%
RAI Override: Less Severe	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%
Probation intake	20	10%	0%	15%	10%	10%	0%	55%
Successful probation	121	2.50%	0.80%	3.30%	19%	1.70%	0%	72.70%
Revocation of probation	45	2.20%	0%	2.20%	20%	0%	0%	75.60%
Youth in OJS custody								
OJS custody: placed in detention								
Youth booked into detention								
Youth booked into detention more than once								



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System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact								
Youth taken to temporary custody								
Youth issued citation/referral	250				-			
Youth referred to diversion	56	0%	1.80%	1.80%	3.60%	0%	0%	92.90%
Youth enrolled in diversion	36	0%	2.80%	2.80%	2.80%	0%	0%	91.70%
Successful completion diversion	28	0%	3.60%	0%	3.60%	0%	0%	92.90%
Youth with multiple charges	15	0%	0%	20%	0%	0%	0%	80%
Filed on in adult court	49	0%	0%	4.10%	10.20%	0%	2%	83.70%
RAI Override: More Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	33.30%	0%	0%	66.70%
RAI Override: Less Severe	2	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	50%
Probation intake	22	4.50%	0%	4.50%	13.60%	0%	0%	77.30%
Successful probation	77	2.60%	0%	2.60%	16.90%	0%	0%	77.90%
Revocation of probation	40	7.50%	0%	2.50%	25%	5%	0%	60%
Youth in OJS custody					1			-
OJS custody: placed in detention					1			
Youth booked into detention								
Youth booked into detention more than once								



COUNTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FY 2020-2021

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	289							
Youth referred to diversion	45	0%	0%	0%	6.70%	0%	0%	93.30%
Youth enrolled in diversion	33	0%	0%	0%	6.10%	0%	0%	93.90%
Successful completion diversion	23	0%	0%	0%	4.30%	0%	0%	95.70%
Youth with multiple charges	13	0%	0%	0%	7.70%	0%	7.70%	84.60%
Filed on in adult court	40	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%	10%	85%
RAI Override: More Severe	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: Less Severe	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	16	0%	0%	6.20%	12.50%	0%	0%	81.20%
Successful probation	119	0.80%	0%	0.80%	16.80%	0.80%	0%	80.70%
Revocation of probation	22	0%	0%	4.50%	9.10%	0%	0%	86.40%
Youth in OJS custody					-			
OJS custody: placed in detention					1			
Youth booked into detention								
Youth booked into detention more than once								



COUNTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FY 2020-2021

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	230							
Youth referred to diversion	35	0%	0%	0%	8.60%	2.90%	0%	88.60%
Youth enrolled in diversion	21	0%	0%	0%	9.50%	4.80%	0%	85.70%
Successful completion diversion	15	0%	0%	0%	13.30%	0%	0%	86.70%
Youth with multiple charges	7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Filed on in adult court	23	0%	0%	0%	17.40%	0%	13%	69.60%
RAI Override: More Severe	2	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	50%
RAI Override: Less Severe	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%
Probation intake	19	0%	0%	10.50%	26.30%	0%	0%	63.20%
Successful probation	93	3.20%	0%	4.30%	11.80%	1.10%	0%	79.60%
Revocation of probation	31	0%	0%	6.50%	19.40%	0%	0%	74.20%
Youth in OJS custody								
OJS custody: placed in detention								
Youth booked into detention								
Youth booked into detention more than once								



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	221							
Youth referred to diversion	18	0%	0%	0%	22.20%	5.60%	0%	72.20%
Youth enrolled in diversion	15	0%	0%	0%	13.30%	6.70%	0%	80%
Successful completion diversion	13	0%	0%	0%	15.40%	7.70%	0%	76.90%
Youth with multiple charges	11	0%	0%	0%	9.10%	0%	0%	90.90%
Filed on in adult court	40	0%	0%	0%	15%	0%	20%	65%
RAI Override: More Severe	3	0%	0%	33.30%	33.30%	0%	0%	33.30%
RAI Override: Less Severe	5	0%	0%	20%	0%	0%	0%	80%
Probation intake	21	4.80%	0%	23.80%	4.80%	0%	0%	66.70%
Successful probation	82	1.20%	0%	1.20%	19.50%	2.40%	0%	75.60%
Revocation of probation	31	3.20%	0%	0%	25.80%	3.20%	0%	67.70%
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	288	497	57.9%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ			
Filed in Juv. Court	1237	2922	42.3%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	213	318	67.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to			
Juv. Court			
Total	1744	3760	46.4%

2016	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	435	757	57.5%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ			
Filed in Juv. Court	1774	4212	42.1%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	183	315	58.1%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to			
Juv. Court			
Total	2401	5346	44.9%

2017	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	316	559	56.5%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ			
Filed in Juv. Court	1457	2948	49.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	90	235	38.3%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to			
Juv. Court			
Total	1866	3810	49.0%





2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	208	528	39.4%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ			
Filed in Juv. Court	716	2456	29.2%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	76	198	38.4%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to	1	2	50.0%
Juv. Court			
Total	1003	3315	30.3%

2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	252	456	55.3%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	0	13	100.0%
Filed in Juv. Court	330	2107	15.7%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	127	193	65.8%
0	12	0.0%	
Total	710	2832	25.1%