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Scotts Bluff County

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Youth Level

- Table 1: Scotts Bluff County has a larger Hispanic youth population as compared to the rest of the state. Census data reflects an Asian/ Pacific Islander male population of 3.0%, higher than the rest of the state. Hispanic youth account for 30.7%.
- Table 2: Dept. of Education data show that an even higher percent of youth enrolled are Hispanic. Interestingly – Asian youth is a much smaller percent than the census. Why are Asian youth so underrepresented in school enrollment?
- Table 3: Hispanic and Native American youth are over represented in the population chronically absent. (We could not get data for chronic absenteeism for Asian, Black or Native Hawaiian because the frequency was too low to report.
- Table 4: IDEA rates are lower than the rest of the state. However, the percent of youth on free and reduced lunch is higher than the rest of the state.
- High school graduation rates are slightly higher than the overall state average.
- Table 6: Scotts Bluff County 8th, 10th and 12th graders reporter higher rate of loss of sleep from worry, and depression. Slightly more 8th graders reported attempting or considering suicide as compared to the state average. Youth who report using alcohol is higher than the rest of the state. (19.3% of 8th graders report current alcohol use, compared to 9.8% statewide; 23.8 % of 10th graders and 38.4% of seniors! Slightly higher percent of youth report marijuana use. Twice as many 8th graders are vaping compared to the state.
- Slightly fewer 8th and 12th graders report feeling hopeful.
- Table 11: Reports of gang involvement are slightly higher than the state.
- Table 12: Overall, juvenile crime was down almost 89%. The community should **verify** the law enforcement data: Larceny-theft went from 33 in 2018 to 1 in 2019. Was there a change in definitions? Filing? County attorney? Other assaults also went down from 21 to 2? Drug Violations – Possession, Driving under the Influence, Liquor Laws, and Disorderly Conduct, runaway –all down dramatically. This could be a reporting issue.
- Table 13: Many of the youth assessed on diversion did not score across any domains.
- Table 14: Minority youth move through the diversion program at very equitable rates- this is great to see! Hispanic youth are more likely to have multiple charges filed and be filed on through the adult system.
 - Probation outcomes: Native America youth make up 14% of intakes, and are likely to have an override. Hispanic youth are represented equitably across probation points.

Table 1.

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

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%



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Scotts Bluff	2,113	58.2%	30.7%	0.6%	1.2%	3.0%	6.3%
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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%
Scotts Bluff	2,058	58.3%	29.7%	3.3%	2.2%	1.3%	5.2%

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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	Scotts Bluff	6,620	37.28%	0.69%	2.27%	0.71%	0.06%	57.02%	1.96%
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	Scotts Bluff	6,638	37.48%	0.56%	2.23%	0.63%	0.11%	56.96%	2.03%
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	Scotts Bluff	6,668	37.55%	0.58%	2.31%	0.63%	0.04%	56.97%	1.90%
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	Scotts Bluff	6,720	37.28%	0.52%	2.19%	0.63%	0.07%	57.16%	2.16%
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	Scotts Bluff	6748	37.15%	0.50%	2.07%	0.58%	0.06%	57.57%	2.06%
	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	Scotts Bluff	976	47.03%	*	6.05%	*	*	44.16%	2.77%
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	Scotts Bluff	1,039	45.91%	*	5.49%	*	*	44.75%	3.85%
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	Scotts Bluff	1,085	48.76%	*	4.70%	*	*	44.15%	2.40%
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	Scotts Bluff	1,201	47.79%	*	5.08%	*	*	44.38%	2.75%
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	Scotts Bluff	1,251	49.24%	*	5.52%	*	*	42.77%	2.48%
	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



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Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	IDEA	504 Plan	Limited English Proficiency	Free/Reduced Lunch
2014-2015	Scotts Bluff	6,620	10.14%	1.75%	4.11%	54.08%
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	Scotts Bluff	6,638	10.09%	1.97%	3.77%	55.65%
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	Scotts Bluff	6,668	10.06%	2.22%	3.99%	56.87%
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	Scotts Bluff	6,720	11.74%	2.29%	3.99%	58.53%
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	Scotts Bluff	6,748	12.54%	*	4.19%	57.93%
	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%	-
Scotts Bluff	2,062	2,280	82.5	91.2	90.4%	74

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
Scotts Bluff	Loss of sleep from worry	28.5%	26.7%	27.6%
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
Scotts Bluff	Depressed	44.7%	48.9%	42.5%
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
Scotts Bluff	Considered/Attempted suicide	25.1%	18.6%	14.0%
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
Scotts Bluff	Current alcohol	19.3%	23.8%	38.4%
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
Scotts Bluff	Current binge drinking	4.4%	9.2%	15.5%
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
Scotts Bluff	Current marijuana	6.0%	9.2%	16.3%
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
Scotts Bluff	Current tobacco	7.8%	9.2%	14.0%
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%



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Scotts Bluff	Current vaping	21.2%	25.4%	36.0%
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
Scotts Bluff	Hopeful for future (past week)	69.0%	74.0%	75.9%
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

		8th	10th	12th
Scotts Bluff	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	4.3%	4.0%	4.1%
Nebraska		3.8%	4.4%	3.8%

Table 11b.

Estimated Gang Involvement by Local Law Enforcement

Per Scotts Bluff Police Department Captain Brain Wasson via phone on September 9, 2020:

When Captain Wasson began working with the Scotts Bluff Police Department in 1997, gangs were present in the city, but then died down for about 10-15 years, and have started back up again. The Police Department does not have a lot of statistics at this time, but they are starting to see gangs forming in the high school. These are not really organized, and they are not using criminal activity to support themselves with the current gang-related criminal activity being centered on fighting in the schools and claiming affiliations/turf. During disturbance investigations is when police officers wind up identifying gang members. They currently have 11



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identified gangs with about five to 10 identified members in each gang (although they are just starting identification of members). There are some females involved with the gangs, but 98% of the identified members are male. All current gangs have Caucasian members, some are Hispanic, no identified black gang members at this time. The only gang in Scotts Bluff that is also found nationally is the Sureños, and this year they are seeing less activity from them and no ties to other Sureños groups. Captain Wasson provided the following names of active gangs: East Side Pure Bloods, Scotts Bluff Bloods, Trained to Bust, and Them Terry Town Boys (or Them Trainer Boys per some members). They have a zero-tolerance policy at the schools for gang involvement/activity and the School Resource Officers will cite for gang related activity in the schools in an attempt to control gangs/gang activity.

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	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY					
Arrest Offense						
Total	1,873	943	-49.65	253	28	-88.93
Rape Total	2	2	0.00	-	-	-
Robbery Total	3	1	-66.67	-	-	-
Aggravated Assault Total	26	21	-19.23		0	-
Burglary Total	17	14	-17.65	3	2	-33.33
Larceny-Theft Total	157	36	-77.07	33	1	-96.97
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	13	3	-76.92	8	-	-100.00
Other Assaults	203	182	-10.34	21	2	-90.48
Forgery and Counterfeiting	10	2	-80.00	-	-	-
Fraud	6	3	-50.00	-	-	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	5	4	-20.00	-	-	-
Vandalism	26	17	-34.62	3		-100.00
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	17	3	-82.35	1	1	0.00
Prostitution	7	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	1	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	4	1	-75.00	-	-	-
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	15	25	66.67	-	0	-
Drug Violations - Possession	413	271	-34.38	32	3	-90.63
NIBRS Unable to Classify	1	-	-100.00	-	-	-
Offenses Against Family and Children	1	-	-100.00	0	-	-



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Driving Under the Influence	114	153	34.21	5	1	-80.00
Liquor Laws	228	25	-89.04	41	0	-100.00
Disorderly Conduct	68	38	-44.12	16	0	-100.00
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	480	129	-73.13	34	5	-85.29
Runaways	56	13	-76.79	56	13	-76.79

Table 13.

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

Score	Scotts Bluff			All NYS Counties		
	0	1	2	0	1	2
Family Circumstance/Parenting	84.4%	6.5%	9.1%	60.1%	26.7%	13.1%
Education/Employment	72.7%	11.7%	15.6%	43.0%	44.0%	13.1%
Peer Relationships	74.0%	23.4%	2.6%	44.7%	46.6%	8.6%
Substance Use	78.9%	11.8%	9.2%	61.4%	30.3%	8.3%
Leisure/Recreation	54.5%	32.5%	13.0%	50.6%	33.0%	16.5%
Personality/Behavior	61.0%	32.5%	6.5%	50.1%	39.4%	10.4%
Attitudes/Orientation	85.7%	11.7%	2.6%	61.3%	33.7%	5.0%
Mean Score	$M = 3.75, SD = 2.59, 1-12$			$M = 5.64, SD = 3.65, 0-17$		

Scotts Bluff County $n = 77$; Statewide $n = 1512$

Table 14.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities Descriptives (2015-2019) ⁱ[Click here to see Census and School Population Data](#)



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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	1089*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	343	3.50%	0%	1.50%	40.50%	0.30%	1.50%	52.80%
Youth enrolled in diversion	330	3.30%	0%	1.50%	40%	0.30%	1.50%	53.30%
Successful completion diversion	266	3.40%	0%	1.50%	37.20%	0.40%	1.50%	56%
Youth with multiple charges	92	4.30%	0%	1.10%	16.30%	0%	45.70%	32.60%
Filed on in adult court	44	0%	0%	6.80%	34.10%	0%	22.70%	36.40%
RAI Override: More Severe	43	18.60%	0%	0%	48.80%	2.30%	0%	30.20%
RAI Override: Less Severe	11	27.30%	0%	0%	45.50%	0%	0%	27.30%
Probation intake	191	14.10%	0%	2.60%	50.30%	2.10%	0%	30.90%
Successful probation	637	10%	0%	1.40%	45.50%	2.70%	0%	40.30%
Revocation of probation	220	18.60%	0%	0.90%	49.50%	2.70%	0%	28.20%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

*Mitchell PD only partially reported in 2017; Morrill PD only partially reported in 2018 and did not report 2015 - 2017

Family Level



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- Table 15: Scotts Bluff County's rate are of poverty compared to the rest of the state (18.7% compared to 14.8%). This county also has very high rates (almost 36%) of extreme poverty (185% below poverty level.)
 - Relative high rates of high school graduation,
 - We looked at broadband internet access for purposes of COVID. Many youth have access to a computer (98.1%), but fewer have an internet subscription at home (may have gone up in 2020).
 - Higher percent of home owner rates compared to the entire state.
- Table 16: Scotts Bluff County youth report fewer adults at home who listen, but 12th graders appear to have an adult at school who listens.
- Table 18: Of the CPS complaints assessed, only 10% were found to be "substantiated," which is lower than the rest of the state.

Table 15.

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

Measurement		Scotts Bluff	Nebraska
Poverty/SES	Children <18 in Poverty	18.7%	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	1,108	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	35.8%	28.9%
Educational attainment	Age 25+ with B.D.	22.4%	31.3%
	County rank	35	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	26.1%	23.0%
	County rank	26	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	87.5%	91.1%
	County Rank	84	-
Technology and computers in the home	% under 18 with a computer at home	98.1%	96.9%
	County rank	51	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	89.7%	91.0%
	County rank	57	-
	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	89.6%	90.8%
	County Rank	55	-



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Housing	Owner-occupied households	10,082	498,567
	Total households	14,613	754,063
	Owner %	69.0%	66.1%
	Renters	4,531	255,496
	Renter %	31.0%	33.9%
Transportation	Households with no vehicle available	750	40,465
	Total households	14,613	754,063
	No vehicle %	5.1%	5.4%

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

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Scotts Bluff	Adult at home who listens	83.0%	83.7%	83.1%
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
Scotts Bluff	Adult at school who listens	77.0%	80.2%	93.3%
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
Scotts Bluff	18	10	120	84
Nebraska	562	402	2512	2019

Table 18.
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports ⁱ

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
Scotts Bluff	825	41%	10%	77%
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%

Community Level



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Table 19: Measures of community violence were not bad compared to other counties, but there were a fair amount of assaults happening in the community.

- Table 20: Youth view the community as thinking alcohol, marijuana are not appropriate to use (in some communities youth think the adults are accepting of these substances.)
- Table 21: Sealing juvenile records is problematic. Juvenile record sealing is not “automatic” even if statute requires it to seal. Sealing a record requires administrative staff to initiate the process. Dismissed or dropped cases should be sealed at a rate of 100%. All others should be sealed at the rate to which youth successfully complete their court requirements (completion of diversion, probation, restorative practice, or other treatment).

Table 19.

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

Type of Violence	Scotts Bluff	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	34
Rape	2	264
Robbery	1	367
Aggravated Assault	21	1,639
Other Assaults	182	8,782

Table 20.

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

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Scotts Bluff	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	89.5%	90.6%	83.1%
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
Scotts Bluff	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	85.0%	81.3%	68.7%
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
Scotts Bluff	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	90.6%	87.4%	75.9%
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	502	746	67.3%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	1100	2394	45.9%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	138	236	58.5%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	14	0.0%
Total	1740	3420	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.



Policy, Legal and System Level

- Table 22: Despite not being in a county required to provide counsel under statute, it appears that some youth have access to counsel, but still lower than ideal.
- Table 23-24: There are few curfew and 3A, and 3C filings in court so the community is diverting appropriately. 3B cases – absenteeism and truancy cases appear to be on the rise.
- Table 25: with respect to diversion practices, the community may want to consider a few things:
 - 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.
 - Consider possible felony offenses (i.e. damage over \$250.)

Table 22.

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

	Scotts Bluff	Nebraska
Access to Counsel	40.0% -- 59.9%	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

	Scotts Bluff	Nebraska
Curfew Court Filing	2	352

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
0	0	1	0	1	2



Table 24.

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

	Scotts Bluff					
Filed Subtype	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	0	0	0	1	1
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	16	41	29	34	54	174
3B - Uncontrollable	5	5	5	2	1	18
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous						

	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

	Scotts Bluff	Nebraska *
Refer ALL juveniles who are first time offenders to diversion	Yes	Yes: 27.3% No: 63.6% Not sure: 9.1%
File a juvenile's charges at the time of the referral to diversion	No	Yes: 18.2% No: 70.5% Not sure: 11.4%
File a juvenile's charges if they are unsuccessful on diversion	Sometimes	Always: 47.7% Sometimes: 47.7% Not sure: 4.5%
Allow a juvenile to complete diversion more than once	Yes	Yes: 61.4% No: 34.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Yes; case-by-case basis but normally do not take felonies	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; \$75--\$100	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6%



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		Not sure: 0.0%
Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	Not sure; we will add services if not successful on current plan but not additional restrictions or punishment	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	Yes; All juveniles released satisfactorily from diversion have their records "sealed". We do not pre-file, so the only thing we need to seal is the citation/police report. We notify the department that wrote the citation or report by email to tell them to seal the record as soon as the juvenile completes diversion--usually within days.	Yes: 59.1% No: 22.7% Not sure: 18.2%

*responses included 44 juvenile diversion programs; representing 68 counties/tribe (91.9% response rate)



Community Team Level

- Table 26: 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%.
- Table 27: In most instance, you had slightly lower collective impact scores than the rest of the state. Your average went down from 2019 to 2020.
- Table 28: 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. (Could be that people just didn't respond.) On the survey –no probation, law enforcement, county attorney, defense counsel, government official on your team.
 - Good representation of persons formerly involved in the system.
 - 25% of the people who responded, reported “not feeling heard,” in meeting.

Table 26.
Collective Impact Survey Response Rates ^P

	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 ^P

	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
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:



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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

	Panhandle		Nebraska	
	N = 16	(%)	N = 345	(%)
Gender				
Male	2	12.5%	101	29.3%
Female	13	81.3%	229	66.4%
Missing	1	6.3%	15	4.3%
Age				
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%
Race/Ethnicity				
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%
Provided town name	4	25.0%	63	18.3%
Missing	2	12.5%	19	5.5%
Previous System Involvement				
Yes	5	31.3%	98	28.4%



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No	11	68.8%	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	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%
Voice on Team				
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: RED Descriptives

2015

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino 30%	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	246*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	48	0%	0%	2.10%	39.60%	0%	0%	58.30%
Youth enrolled in diversion	48	0%	0%	2.10%	39.60%	0%	0%	58.30%
Successful completion diversion	34	0%	0%	2.90%	35.30%	0%	0%	61.80%
Youth with multiple charges	5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	80%	20%
Filed on in adult court	5	0%	0%	0%	40%	0%	0%	60%
RAI Override: More Severe	22	27.30%	0%	0%	40.90%	0%	0%	31.80%
RAI Override: Less Severe	1	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Probation intake	55	21.80%	0%	3.60%	40%	3.60%	0%	30.90%
Successful probation	94	10.60%	0%	0%	48.90%	1.10%	0%	39.40%
Revocation of probation	48	18.80%	0%	2.10%	52.10%	0%	0%	27.10%
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	234*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	58	3.40%	0%	1.70%	34.50%	1.70%	1.70%	56.90%
Youth enrolled in diversion	52	3.80%	0%	1.90%	28.80%	1.90%	1.90%	61.50%
Successful completion diversion	45	4.40%	0%	2.20%	31.10%	2.20%	2.20%	57.80%
Youth with multiple charges	17	0%	0%	5.90%	17.60%	0%	58.80%	17.60%
Filed on in adult court	12	0%	0%	8.30%	50%	0%	8.30%	33.30%
RAI Override: More Severe	4	0%	0%	0%	25%	0%	0%	75%
RAI Override: Less Severe	0	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	NA%	0%	NA%
Probation intake	37	10.80%	0%	0%	54.10%	0%	0%	35.10%
Successful probation	146	13%	0%	0%	45.20%	5.50%	0%	36.30%
Revocation of probation	46	30.40%	0%	0%	47.80%	4.30%	0%	17.40%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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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	328*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	75	4%	0%	2.70%	37.30%	0%	1.30%	54.70%
Youth enrolled in diversion	75	4%	0%	2.70%	37.30%	0%	1.30%	54.70%
Successful completion diversion	62	3.20%	0%	1.60%	37.10%	0%	0%	58.10%
Youth with multiple charges	19	0%	0%	0%	15.80%	0%	31.60%	52.60%
Filed on in adult court	5	0%	0%	0%	40%	0%	20%	40%
RAI Override: More Severe	6	16.70%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	33.30%
RAI Override: Less Severe	5	40%	0%	0%	40%	0%	0%	20%
Probation intake	32	15.60%	0%	0%	56.20%	0%	0%	28.10%
Successful probation	107	2.80%	0%	0%	42.10%	1.90%	0%	53.30%
Revocation of probation	46	15.20%	0%	0%	45.70%	0%	0%	39.10%
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	253*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	90	5.60%	0%	1.10%	36.70%	0%	2.20%	54.40%
Youth enrolled in diversion	89	5.60%	0%	1.10%	37.10%	0%	2.20%	53.90%
Successful completion diversion	74	6.80%	0%	1.40%	33.80%	0%	2.70%	55.40%
Youth with multiple charges	27	7.40%	0%	0%	11.10%	0%	55.60%	25.90%
Filed on in adult court	9	0%	0%	0%	11.10%	0%	33.30%	55.60%
RAI Override: More Severe	4	25%	0%	0%	75%	0%	0%	0%
RAI Override: Less Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	66.70%	0%	0%	33.30%
Probation intake	32	15.60%	0%	0%	50%	3.10%	0%	31.20%
Successful probation	124	13.70%	0%	1.60%	48.40%	0%	0%	36.30%
Revocation of probation	43	9.30%	0%	2.30%	55.80%	9.30%	0%	23.30%
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	28*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	72	2.80%	0%	0%	54.20%	0%	1.40%	41.70%
Youth enrolled in diversion	66	1.50%	0%	0%	56.10%	0%	1.50%	40.90%
Successful completion diversion	51	0%	0%	0%	49%	0%	2%	49%
Youth with multiple charges	24	8.30%	0%	0%	25%	0%	29.20%	37.50%
Filed on in adult court	13	0%	0%	15.40%	30.80%	0%	38.50%	15.40%
RAI Override: More Severe	7	0%	0%	0%	71.40%	14.30%	0%	14.30%
RAI Override: Less Severe	2	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	50%
Probation intake	35	2.90%	0%	8.60%	57.10%	2.90%	0%	28.60%
Successful probation	166	9%	0%	4.20%	44%	3.60%	0%	39.20%
Revocation of probation	37	18.90%	0%	0%	45.90%	0%	0%	35.10%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Appendix: Sealed Court Records by Year

*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.

2015	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	66	126	52.4%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	257	517	49.7%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	28	69	40.6%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	3	0.0%
Total	351	723	48.5%

2016	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	110	133	82.7%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	241	412	58.5%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	38	61	62.3%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	389	606	64.2%

2017	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	107	188	56.9%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	245	533	46.0%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	35	40	87.5%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	387	768	50.4%



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2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	84	125	67.2%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	222	479	46.3%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	19	31	61.3%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	1	100%
Total	325	637	51.0%

2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	135	174	77.6%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	135	453	29.8%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	18	35	51.4%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	0	10	0.0%
Total	288	686	42.0%