

Learning Centers

Southeast Community College | July 2015

As part of the *2015-2019 Strategic Plan*, Southeast Community College (SCC) is making plans to expand program and continuing education opportunities by establishing new learning centers across the 15-county service area. This report provides an overview of the demographic and population statistics of the SCC service area and the rationale for the proposed locations of the learning centers.

The following assumptions were used in identifying potential locations for these centers include:

1. Learning centers should be located to ensure SCC meets the needs of as many individuals as possible within its 15-county service area.
2. Service areas should be within or near the largest cities excluding the cities where SCC already has a campus.
3. The location of learning centers should be geographically distributed across the service area to maximize the number of individuals living within a 30 mile radius from the center.
4. The programming offered at each center will depend on industry and community needs. Programming decisions will be made in collaboration with local communities and employers based on their educational/training needs.

Proposal (as of 7/9/2015)

SCC proposes establishing new learning centers in York, Nebraska City, Plattsmouth, Falls City, Wahoo, and Hebron.

Rationale

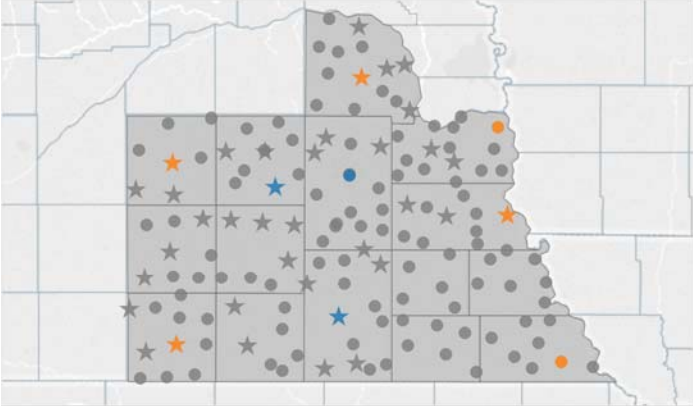
The following was the rationale for the proposal.

1. The most populated cities¹ in the service area without an SCC presence are York, Nebraska City, Crete, Plattsmouth, Falls City, Wahoo, and Fairbury. Using population as the first criterion, these were the first locations considered.
Considered: York, Nebraska City, Crete, Plattsmouth, Falls City, Wahoo, and Fairbury.
2. Crete was removed from consideration because it is near the current SCC campus in Milford and it is home to Doane College. The other cities being considered as possible locations for learning centers are distributed across the service area and at least 20 miles away from a current SCC campus.
Considered: York, Nebraska City, Plattsmouth, Falls City, Wahoo, and Fairbury.
3. Though Fairbury has more population on its own, nearby Hebron would be more easily accessible to other locations via the Highway 81 corridor.
Proposed: York, Nebraska City, Plattsmouth, Falls City, Wahoo, and Hebron.

¹ Source for data was U.S. Census Bureau and the American Community Survey as compiled by the Missouri Census Data Center (<http://mcdc2.missouri.edu>).

The proposed locations are shown in orange on the following map; current SCC campuses are shown in blue; and current Southeast Nebraska Career Academy Partnership (SENCAP) locations are identified with a star.

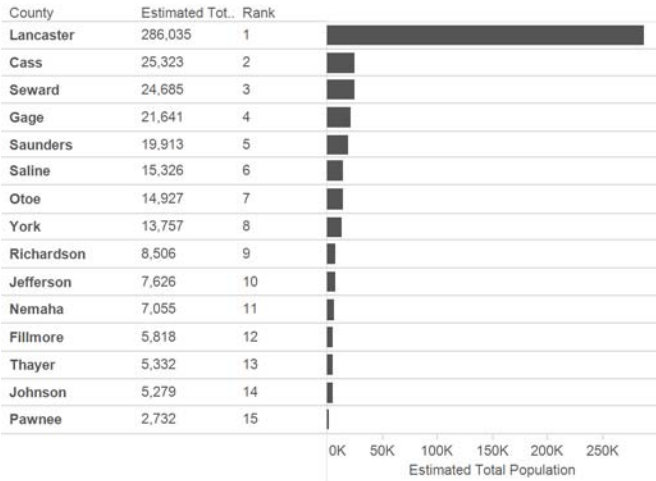
SCC Service Area | With campuses, proposed learning centers, and SENCAP locations



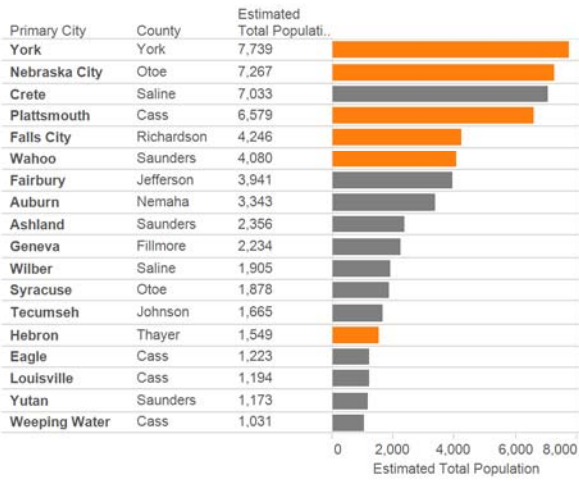
Other higher education in service area

Bellevue University	Lincoln
Concordia University	Lincoln
	Seward
Doane College	Crete
	Lincoln
Nebraska Wesleyan University	Lincoln
Peru State College	Peru
Southeast Community College	Beatrice
	Lincoln
	Milford
Union College	Lincoln
York College	York

County population in service area



Top cities in counties without SCC campus

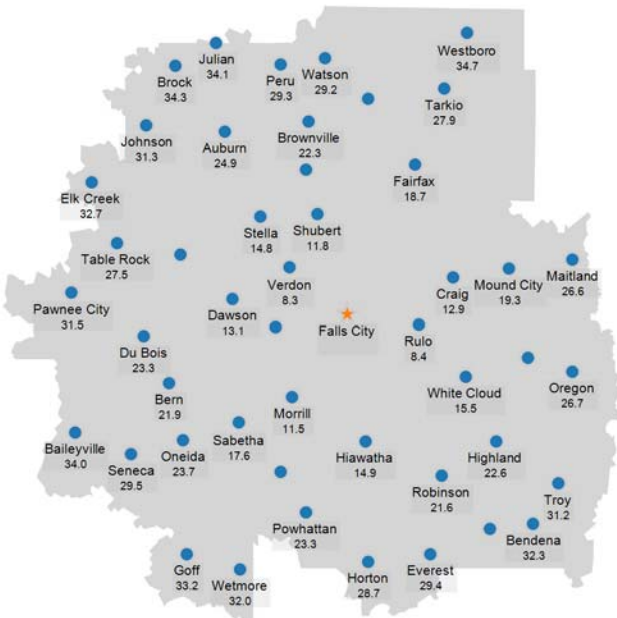


Potential locations include: Falls City, Nebraska City, Plattsmouth, Wahoo, York, and Hebron. The remainder of this document provides information about (1) the population and cities within a 30-mile radius of each proposed location (including areas in adjacent states), (2) a profile of each county in the service area, and (3) comparisons among the counties in the service area on population, age, income, educational attainment, employment, and location of businesses.

The following figures provide locations and approximate population within a radius of **35 miles** (as the crow flies) for each of the proposed learning center locations. Please note that each circle indicates a zip code. With the exception of Lincoln and the Omaha Metro area, most cities have just one zip code.

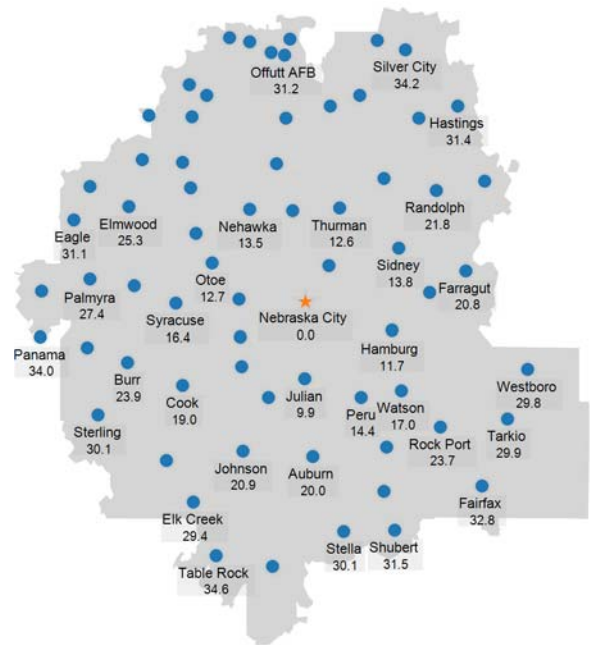
Falls City

The population within 35 miles of Falls City is approximately **53,000**.



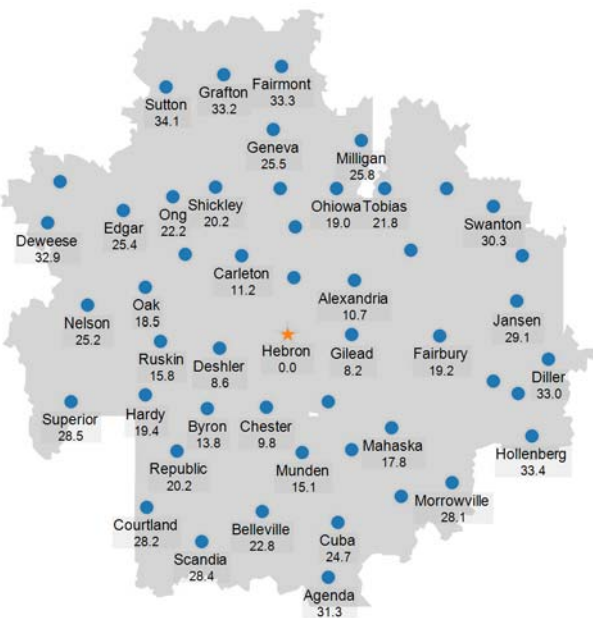
Nebraska City

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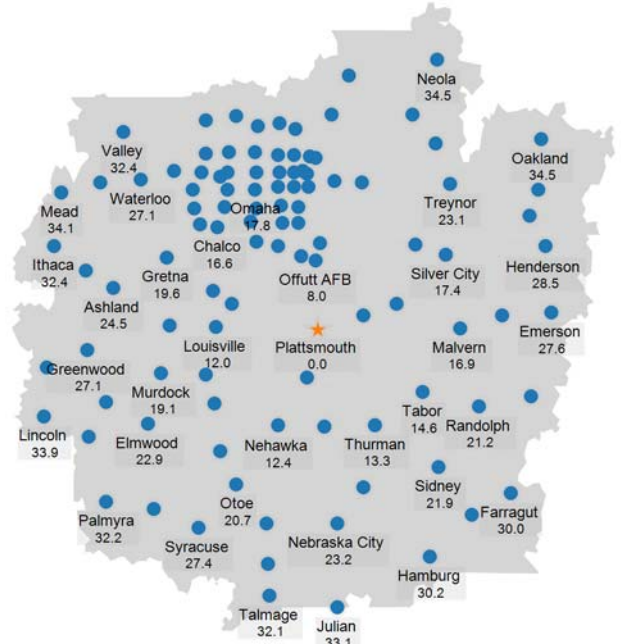
Hebron

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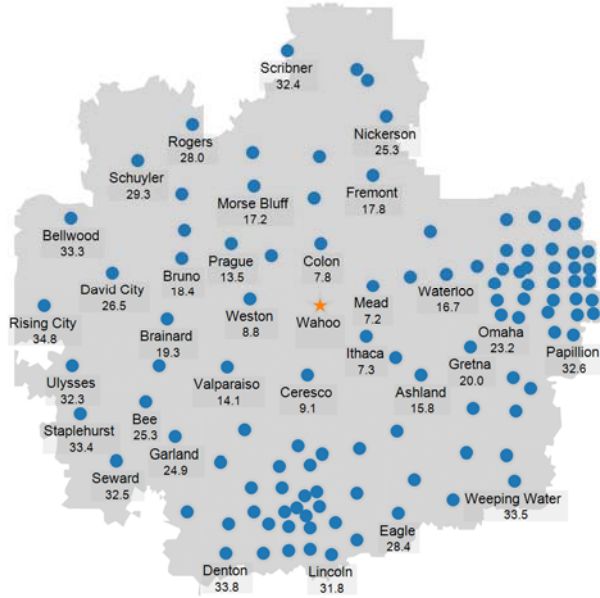
Plattsmouth

The population within 35 miles of Plattsmouth is around **830,000**, including the city of Omaha.



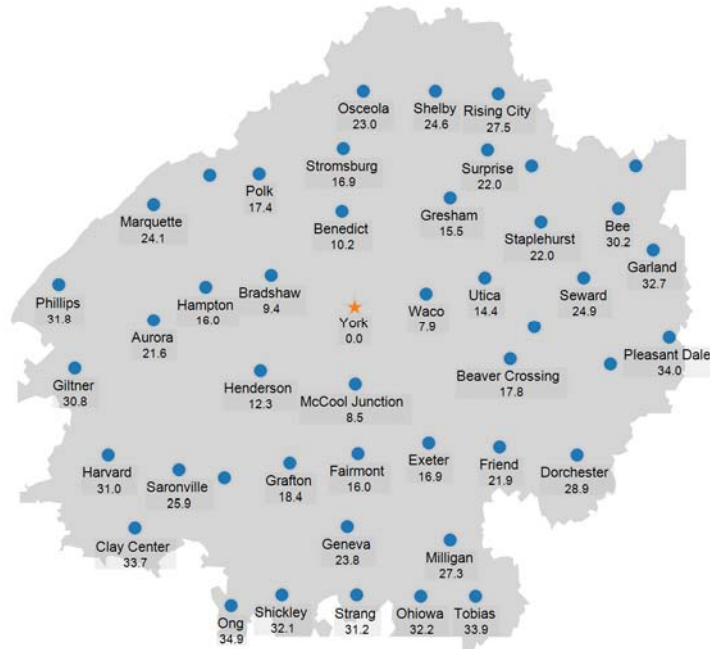
Wahoo

The population within 35 miles of Wahoo is approximately 950,000, including parts of both Omaha and Lincoln.



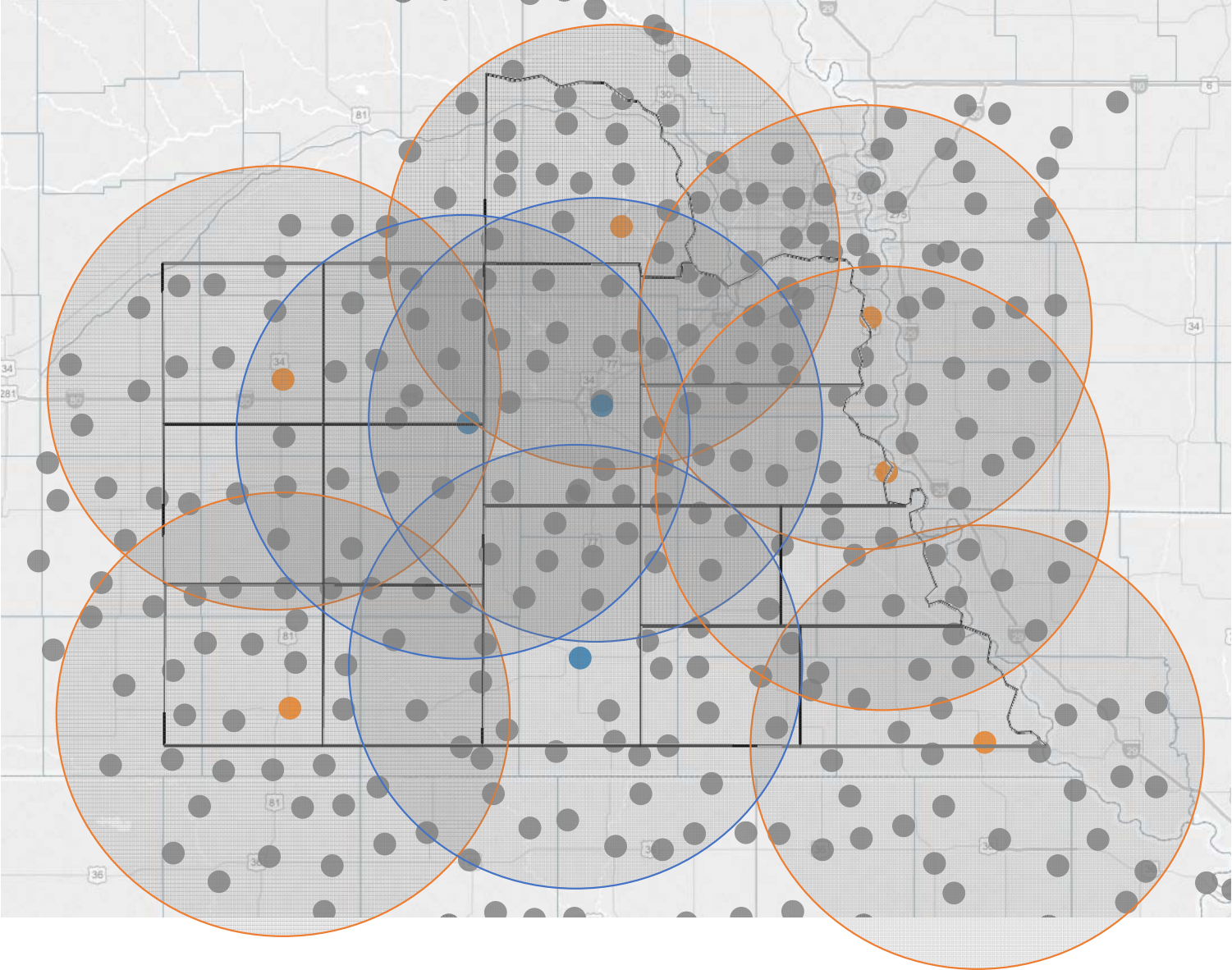
York

The population within 35 miles of York is approximately 66,000.



Locations within 35 miles of SCC Campuses and Proposed Learning Centers

Areas are approximate





County Population |
Cass County

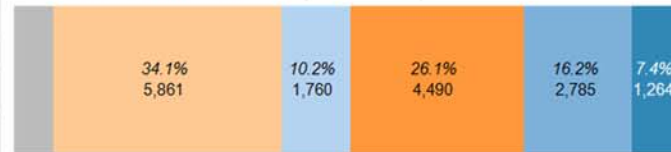
25,323

City population

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Plattsmouth	6,579	12,580
Eagle	1,223	2,361
Louisville	1,194	2,314
Weeping Water	1,031	1,490
Elmwood	698	1,209
Greenwood	613	1,129
Murdock	507	741
Murray	461	803
Cedar Creek	348	369
Avoca	328	618
Union	320	486
Nehawka	304	493
Manley	179	207
South Bend	176	286
Alvo	142	237

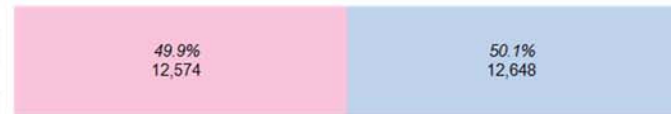
Higher educ presence

Educational attainment | Cass County



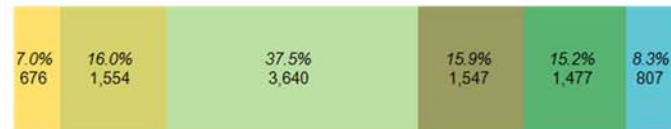
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Gender | Cass County



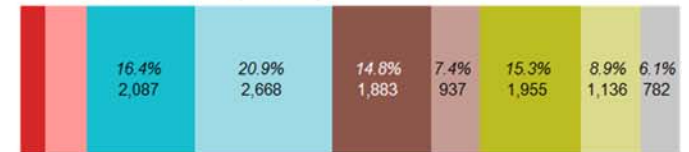
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Income | Cass County



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Industry of employment | Cass County



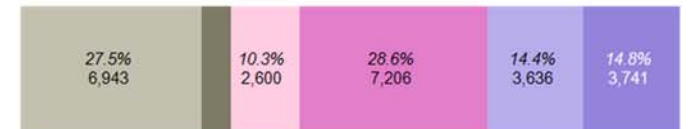
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Employment status | Cass County



- Unemployed
- Not in labor force
- Armed Forces
- Employed

Population by age | Cass County



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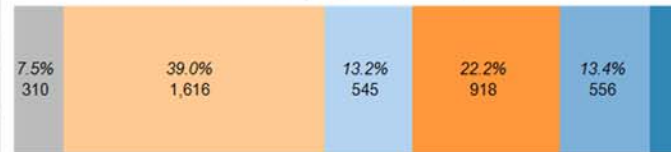
County Population |
Fillmore County

5,818

City population

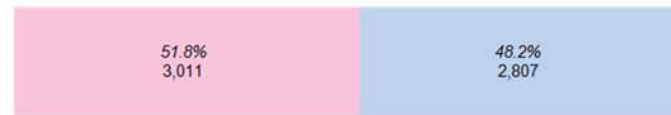
	City only	With outlying areas
Geneva	2,234	2,592
Exeter	616	889
Fairmont	474	711
Milligan	341	548
Shickley	317	540
Grafton	134	260
Ohiova	105	206
Strang	50	72

Educational attainment | Fillmore County



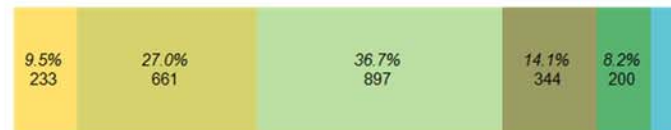
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Higher educ presence

Industry of employment | Fillmore County



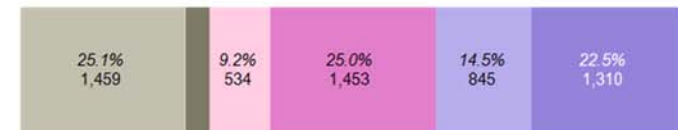
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County Population |
Gage County

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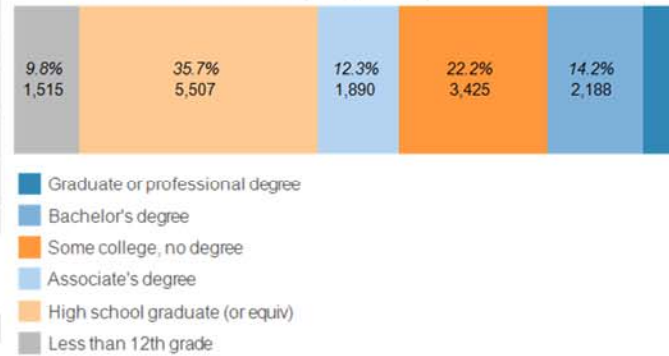
City population

	City only	With outlying areas
Beatrice	12,468	14,549
Wymore	1,510	1,928
Adams	794	1,304
Cortland	485	966
Odell	368	698
Pickrell	278	455
Blue Springs	270	429
Clatonia	247	459
Filley	224	326
Liberty	193	277
Virginia	91	164
Barneston	82	86

Higher educ presence

Southeast Community College

Educational attainment | Gage County



Gender | Gage County



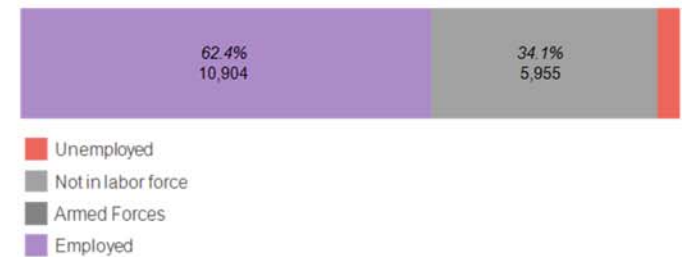
Income | Gage County



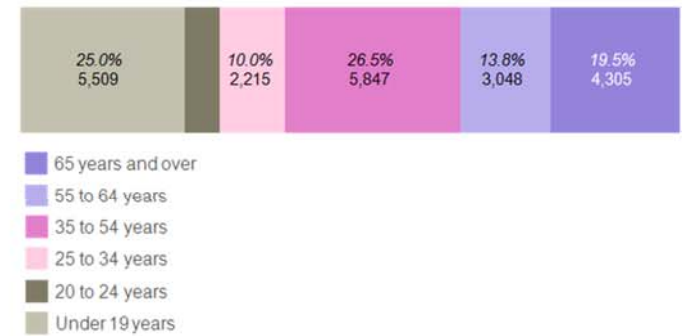
Industry of employment | Gage County



Employment status | Gage County



Population by age | Gage County





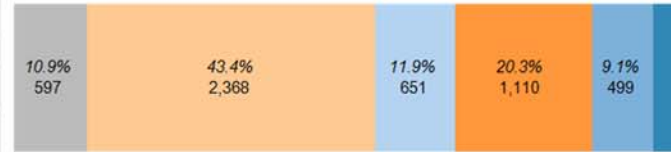
County Population | Jefferson County

7,626

City population

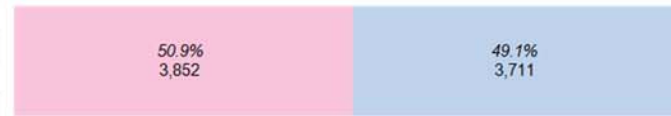
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Steele City	65	118

Educational attainment | Jefferson County



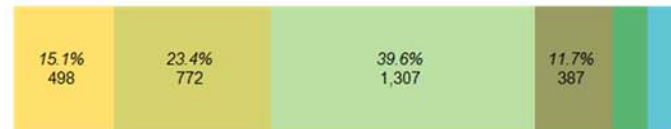
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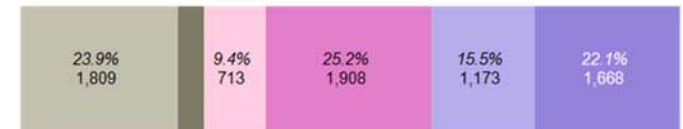
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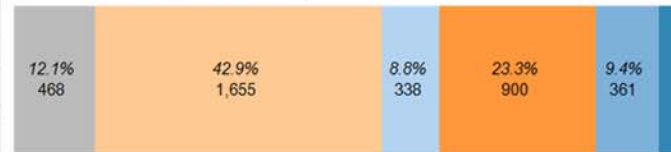
County Population | Johnson County

5,279

City population

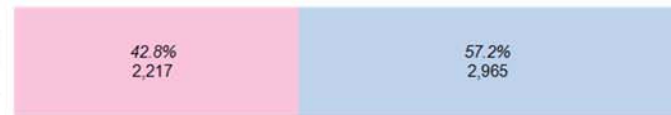
	City only	With outlying areas
Tecumseh	1,665	3,159
Sterling	635	1,165
Cook	336	642
Elk Creek	126	204
Crab Orchard	81	109

Educational attainment | Johnson County



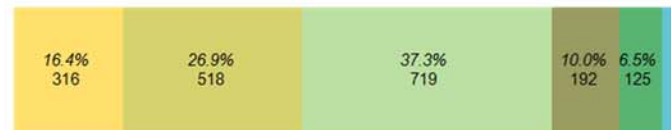
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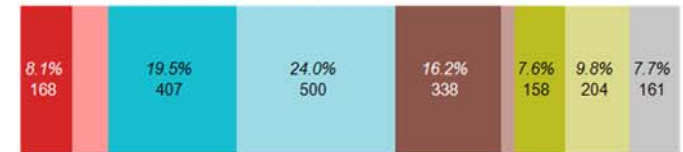
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Higher educ presence

Industry of employment | Johnson County



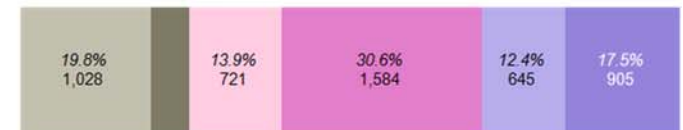
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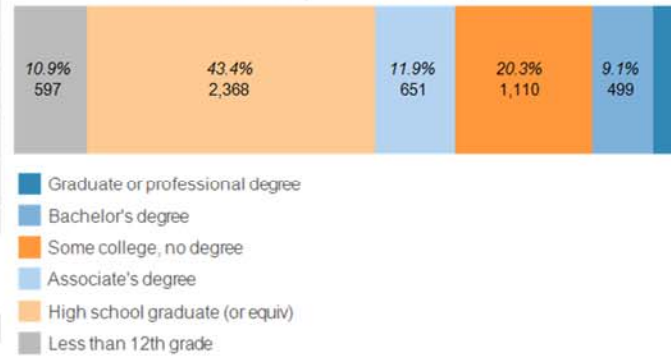
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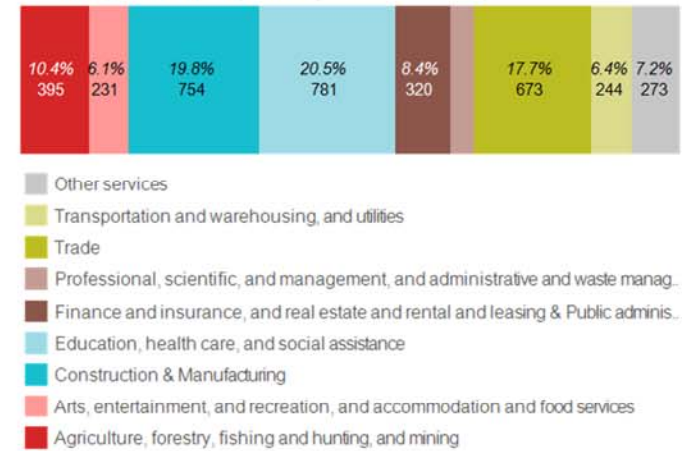
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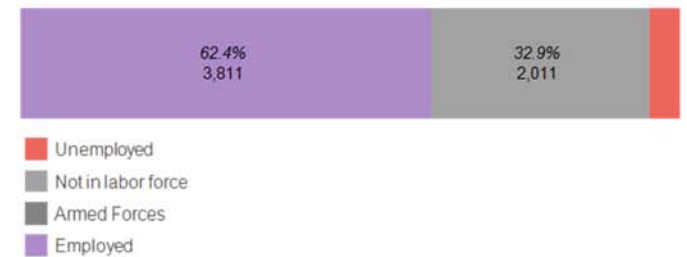
Industry of employment | Jefferson County



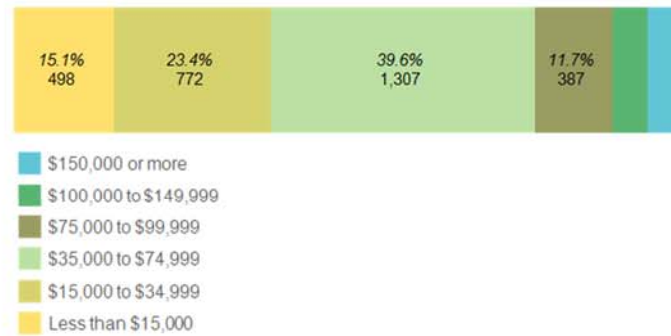
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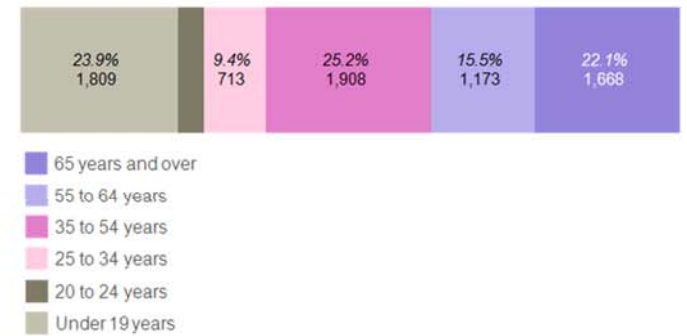
Employment status | Jefferson County



Income | Jefferson County



Population by age | Jefferson County



Higher educ presence



County Population | Lancaster County
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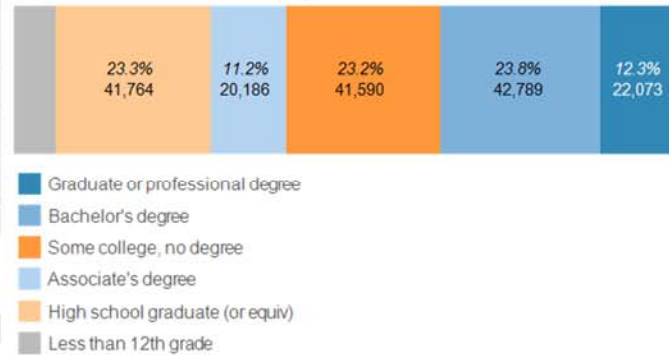
City population

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Lincoln	263,014	267,486
Waverly	3,439	4,017
Hickman	1,788	3,052
Roca	1,297	1,553
Raymond	1,236	1,406
Firth	1,233	1,797
Martell	1,099	1,099
Denton	1,091	1,276
Malcolm	850	1,242
Bennet	778	1,499
Walton	305	374
Panama	290	290
Davey	273	377
Hallam	220	393
Sprague	174	174

Higher educ presence

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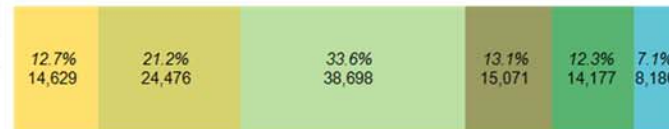
Educational attainment | Lancaster County



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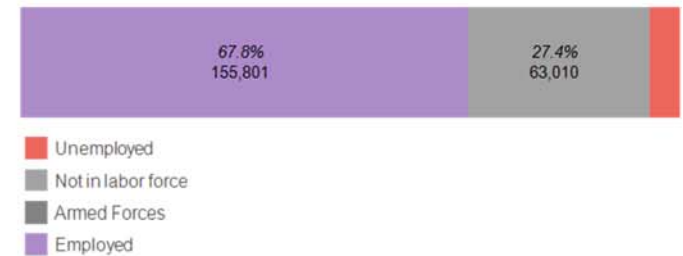
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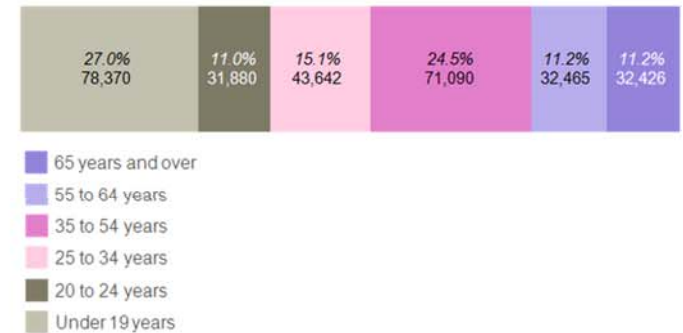
Industry of employment | Lancaster County



Employment status | Lancaster County



Population by age | Lancaster County





County Population |
Nemaha County

7,055

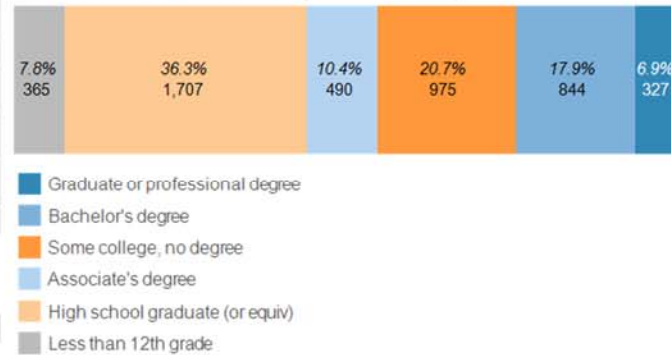
City population

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Auburn	3,343	4,242
Peru	882	1,129
Johnson	415	801
Brock	226	324
Brownville	170	296
Nemaha	130	223
Julian	40	40

Higher educ presence

Peru State College

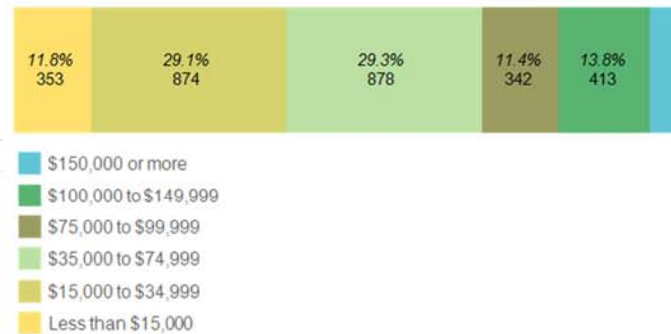
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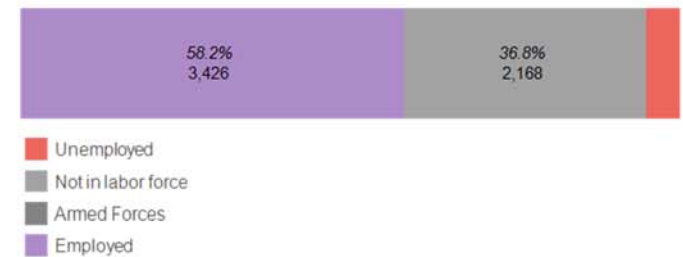
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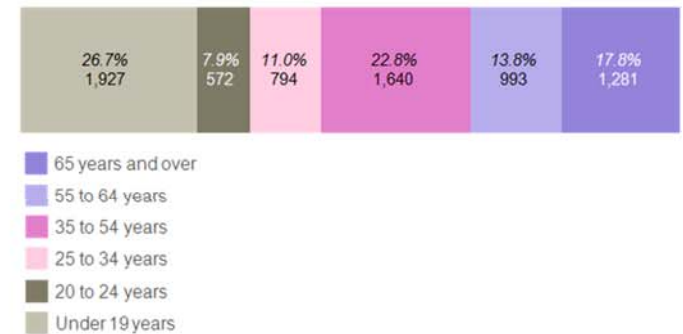
Industry of employment | Nemaha County



Employment status | Nemaha County



Population by age | Nemaha County





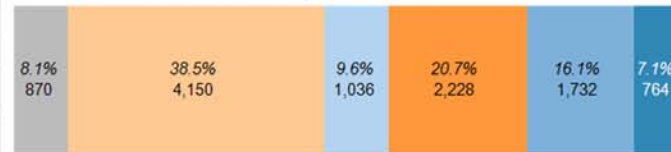
County Population |
Otoe County

14,927

City population

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Nebraska City	7,267	8,692
Syracuse	1,878	2,601
Palmyra	542	1,065
Unadilla	409	814
Douglas	314	516
Dunbar	256	412
Talmage	197	338
Otoe	190	324
Burr	77	115
Lorton	50	50

Educational attainment | Otoe County



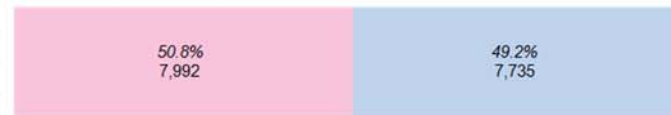
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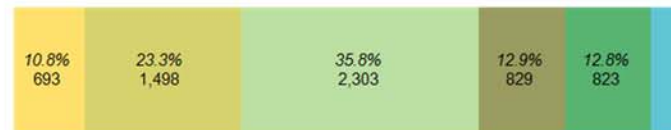
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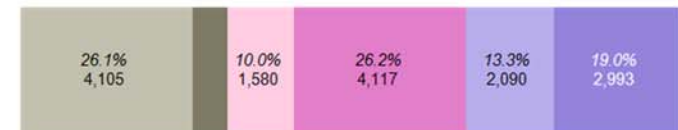
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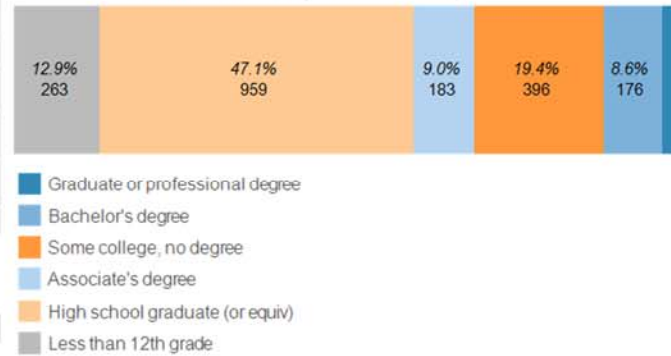
County Population | Pawnee County

2,732

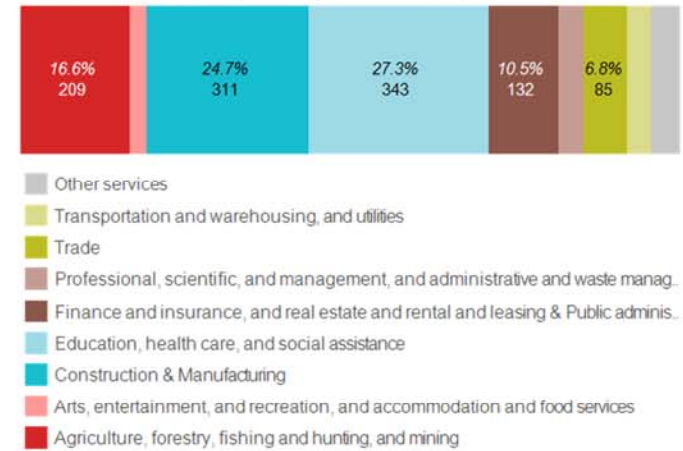
City population

	City only	With outlying areas
Pawnee City	848	1,241
Table Rock	289	498
Steinauer	247	329
Du Bois	165	302
Lewiston	150	179
Burchard	135	183

Educational attainment | Pawnee County



Industry of employment | Pawnee County



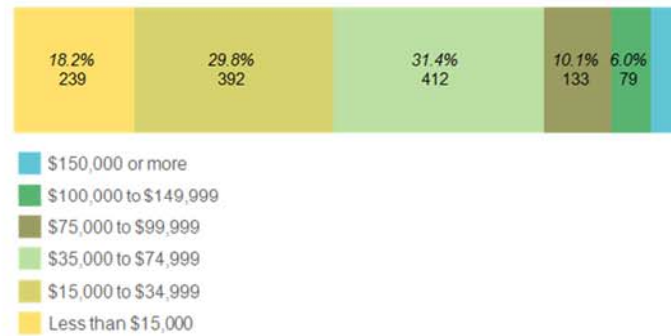
Gender | Pawnee County



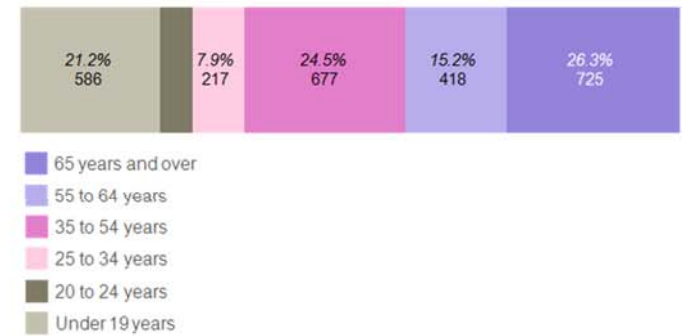
Employment status | Pawnee County



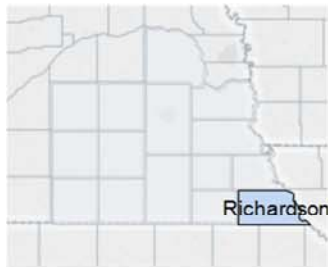
Income | Pawnee County



Population by age | Pawnee County



Higher educ presence



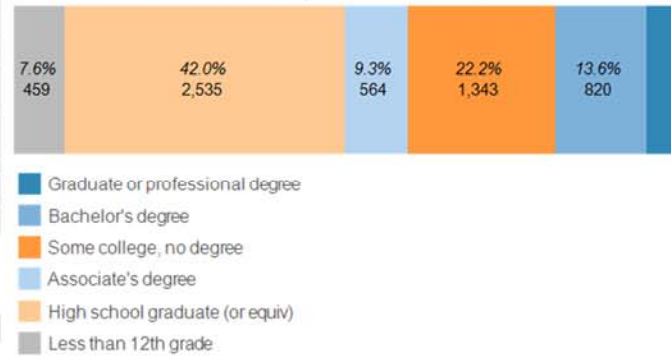
County Population | Richardson County

8,506

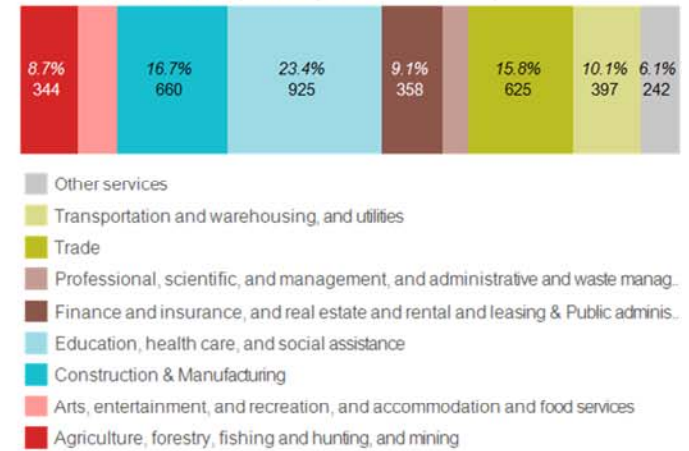
City population

	City only	With outlying areas
Falls City	4,246	5,019
Humboldt	886	1,460
Stella	225	438
Salem	200	346
Dawson	196	316
Verdon	191	381
Rulo	155	303
Shubert	140	243

Educational attainment | Richardson County



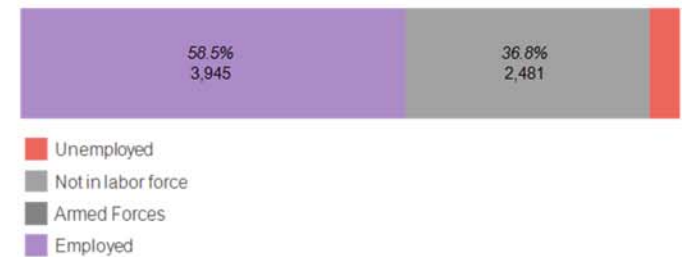
Industry of employment | Richardson County



Gender | Richardson County



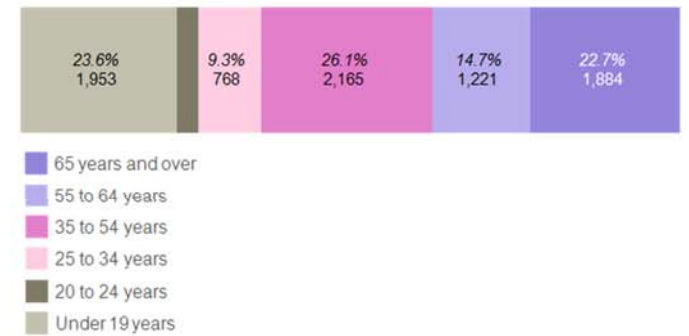
Employment status | Richardson County



Income | Richardson County



Population by age | Richardson County



Higher educ presence



County Population |
Saline County

15,326

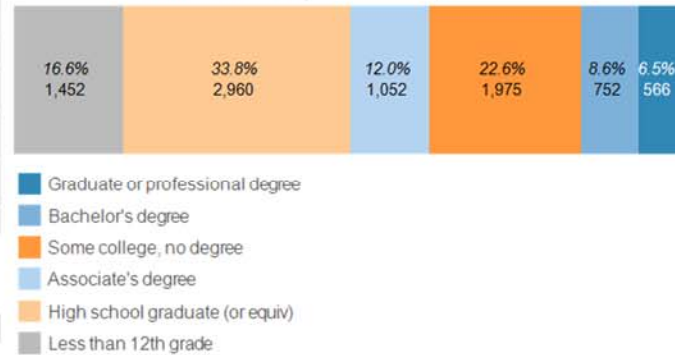
City population

	City only	With outlying areas
Crete	7,033	8,413
Wilber	1,905	2,468
Friend	1,016	1,568
De Witt	501	989
Dorchester	489	877
Tobias	271	416
Western	249	490
Swanton	65	105

Higher educ presence

Doane College

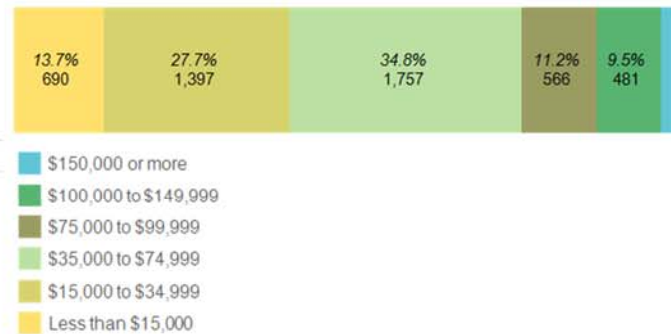
Educational attainment | Saline County



Gender | Saline County



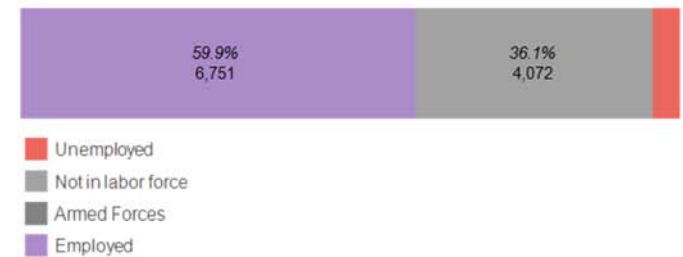
Income | Saline County



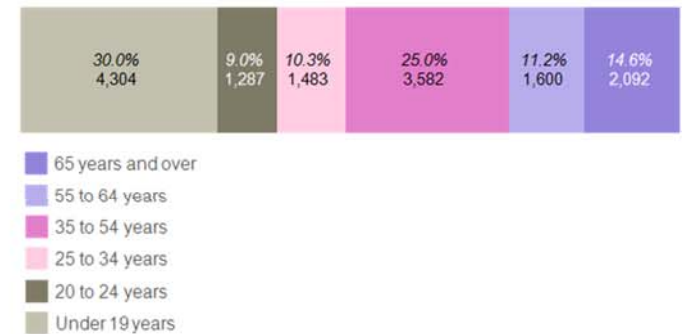
Industry of employment | Saline County

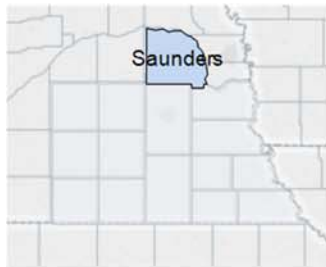


Employment status | Saline County



Population by age | Saline County





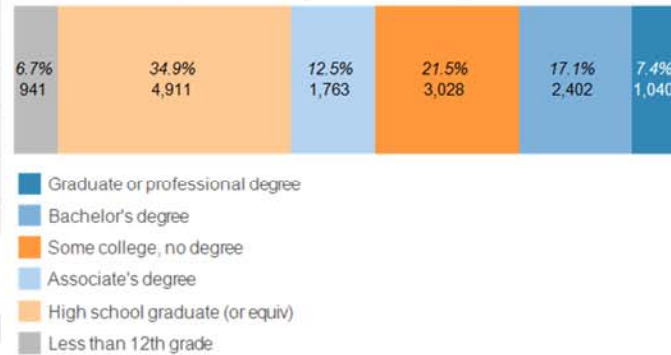
County Population |
Saunders County
19,913

City population

	City only	With outlying areas
Wahoo	4,080	5,106
Ashland	2,356	4,111
Yutan	1,173	1,959
Valparaiso	765	1,228
Ceresco	742	1,413
Cedar Bluffs	601	1,134
Weston	580	947
Mead	560	939
Prague	431	859
Colon	418	531
Malmo	406	601
Morse Bluff	366	507
Ithaca	280	450
Memphis	120	128

Higher educ presence

Educational attainment | Saunders County



Gender | Saunders County



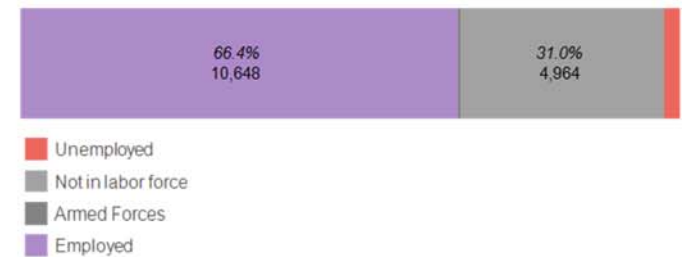
Income | Saunders County



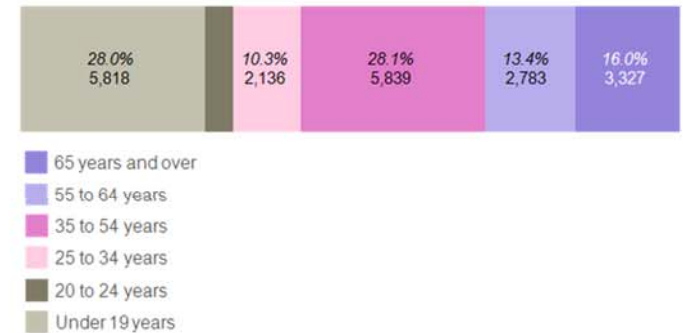
Industry of employment | Saunders County



Employment status | Saunders County



Population by age | Saunders County





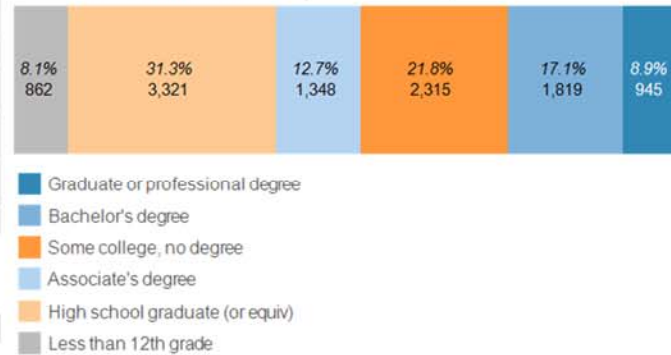
County Population |
Seward County

16,306

City population

	City only	With outlying areas
Seward	6,804	8,379
Milford	2,214	3,448
Utica	837	1,096
Pleasant Dale	660	855
Beaver Crossi..	573	1,038
Staplehurst	298	589
Garland	257	452
Bee	204	375
Goehner	74	74

Educational attainment | Seward County



Industry of employment | Seward County



Gender | Seward County



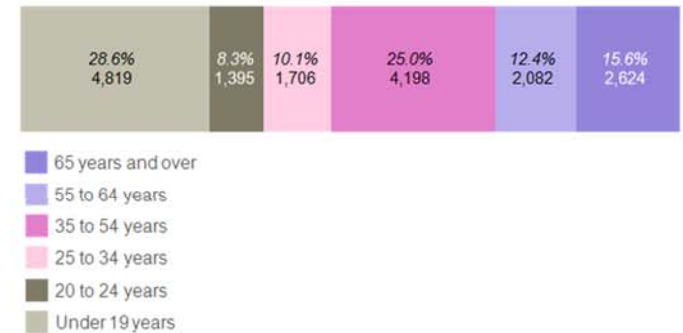
Employment status | Seward County



Income | Seward County

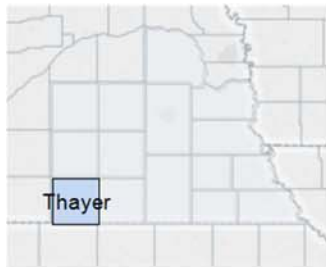


Population by age | Seward County



Higher educ presence

- Concordia University
- Southeast Community College



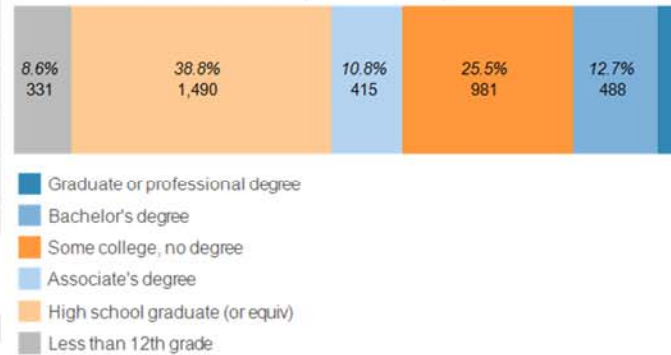
County Population |
Thayer County

5,332

City population

	City only	With outlying areas
Hebron	1,549	2,036
Deshler	803	1,067
Bruning	299	472
Davenport	268	471
Chester	260	335
Carleton	164	263
Alexandria	153	250
Hubbell	99	176
Byron	94	162
Belvidere	47	75
Gilead	21	25

Educational attainment | Thayer County



Industry of employment | Thayer County



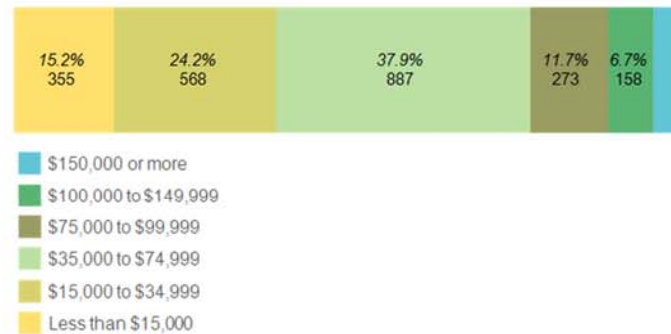
Gender | Thayer County



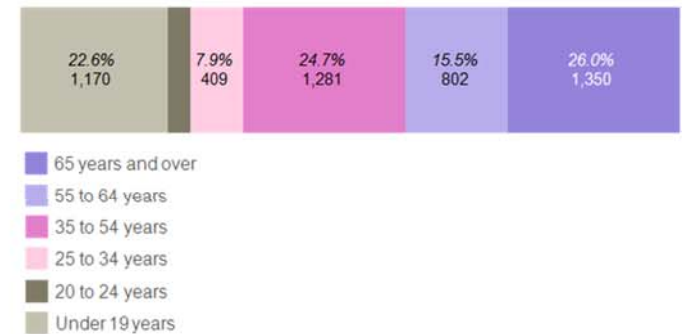
Employment status | Thayer County



Income | Thayer County



Population by age | Thayer County



Higher educ presence



County Population |
York County

13,757

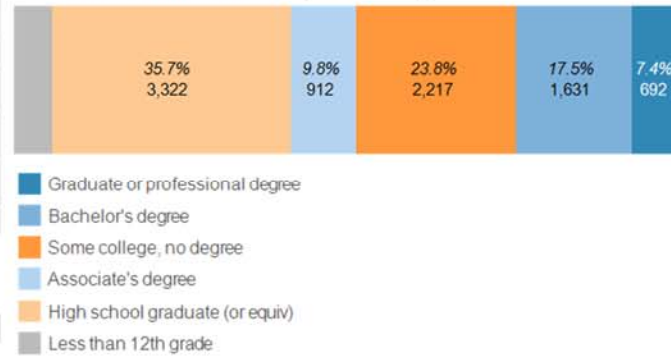
City population

	City only	With outlying areas
York	7,739	9,302
Henderson	970	1,435
Waco	563	905
McCool Juncti..	356	625
Bradshaw	328	650
Gresham	253	490
Benedict	183	350

Higher educ presence

York College

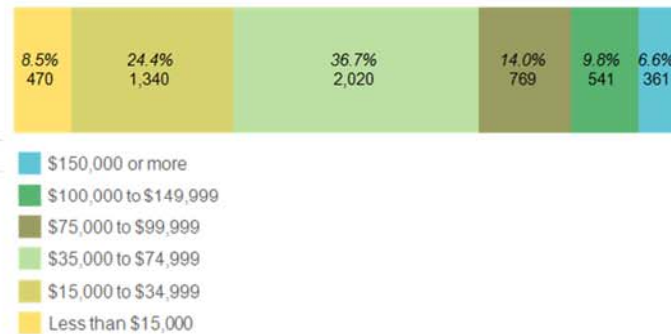
Educational attainment | York County



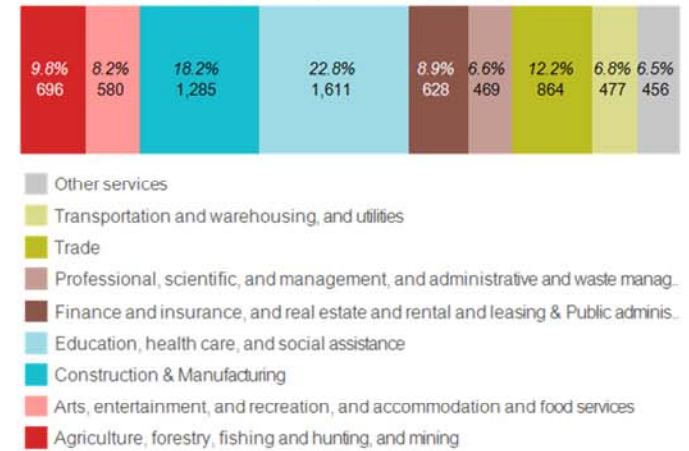
Gender | York County



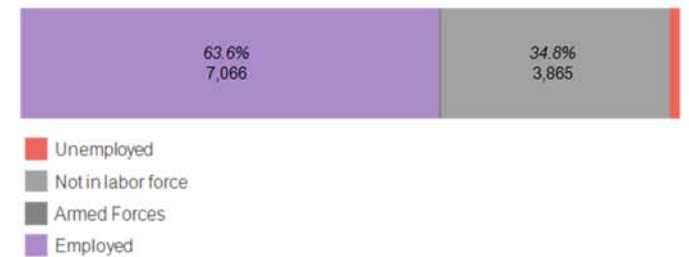
Income | York County



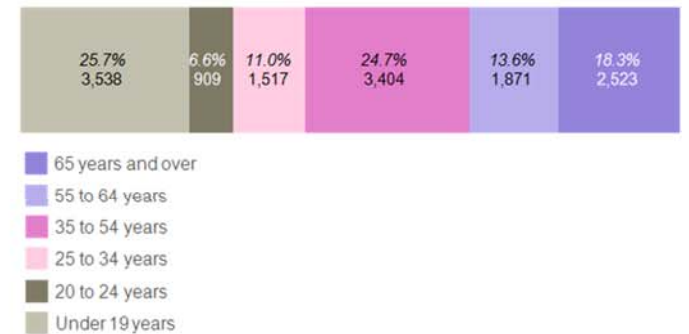
Industry of employment | York County



Employment status | York County



Population by age | York County

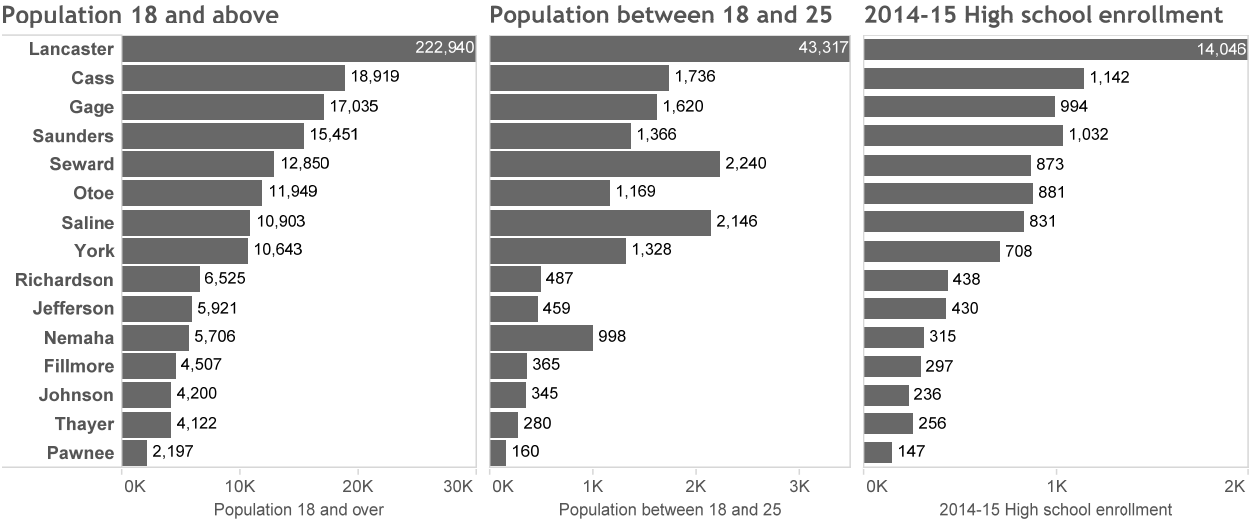


Comparison of Counties

This section includes comparisons by county on a variety of demographic measures².

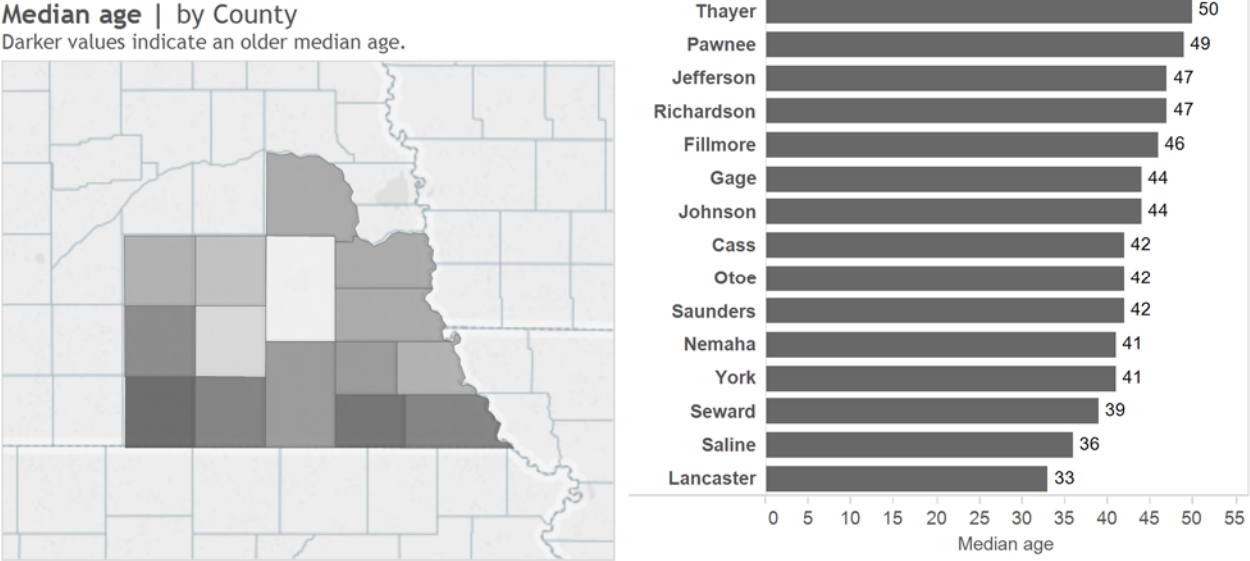
Adult, young adult, and high school age population

This graph shows the count of individuals who are (1) 18 years of age or older, (2) between 18 and 25 years old, and (3) enrolled in grades 9-12 during 2014-15. Because the population of Lancaster County is so much higher than all others, the bars for Lancaster County are not proportional.



Median age

This graph shows the median age by county in the SCC service area.



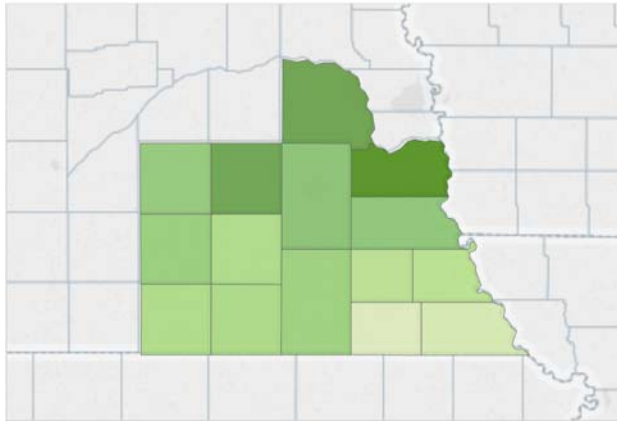
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Income levels

This image shows a map and graph for (1) median income and (2) mean income by county in the SCC service area.

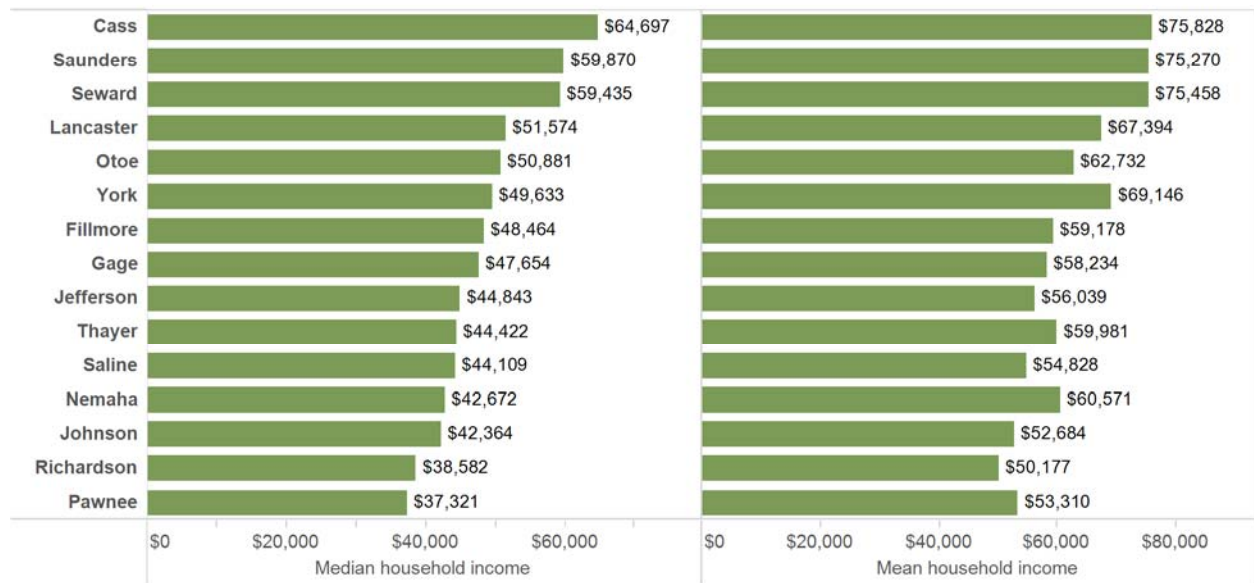
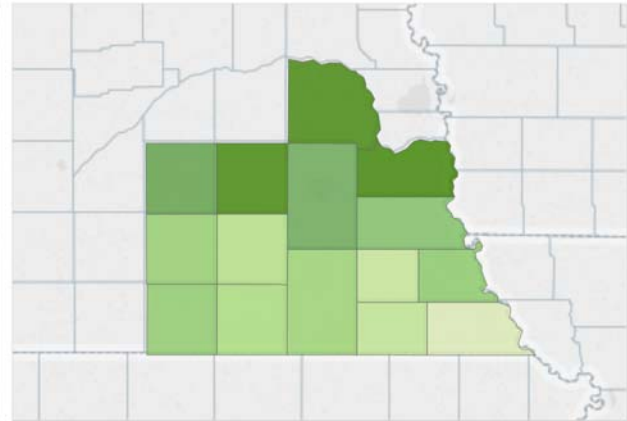
Median income | by County

Darker values indicate a higher median income.



Mean income | by County

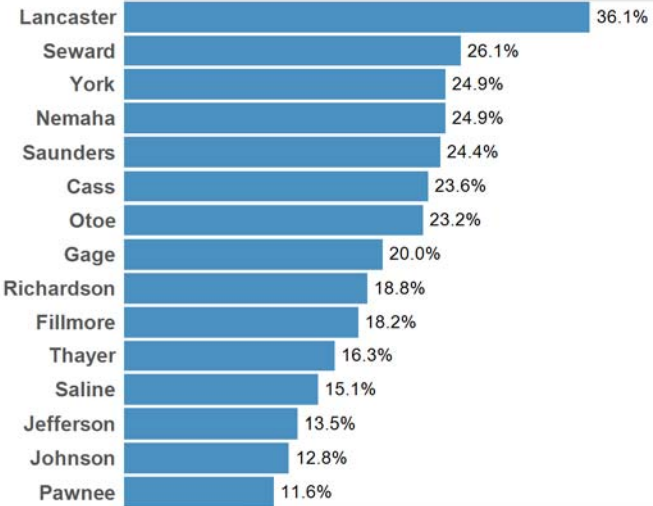
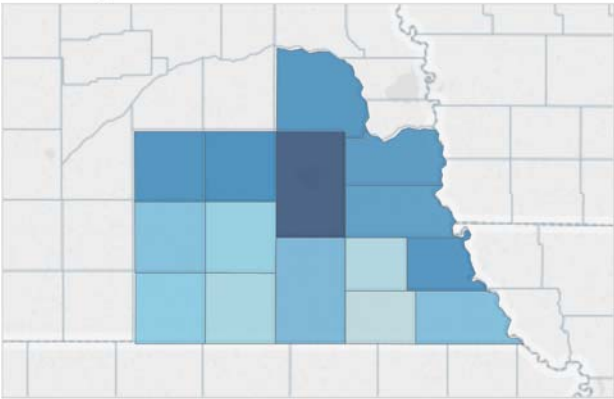
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Educational attainment

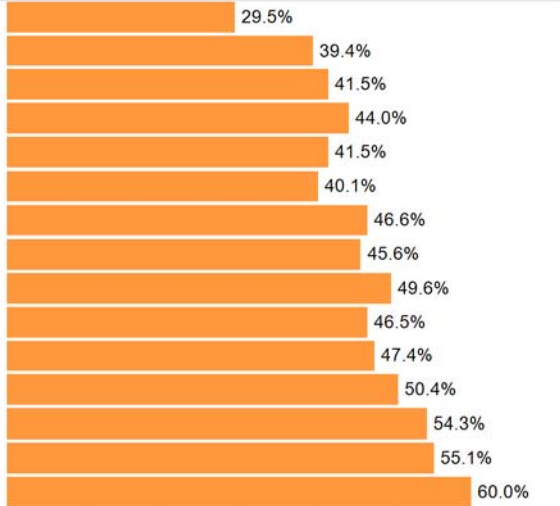
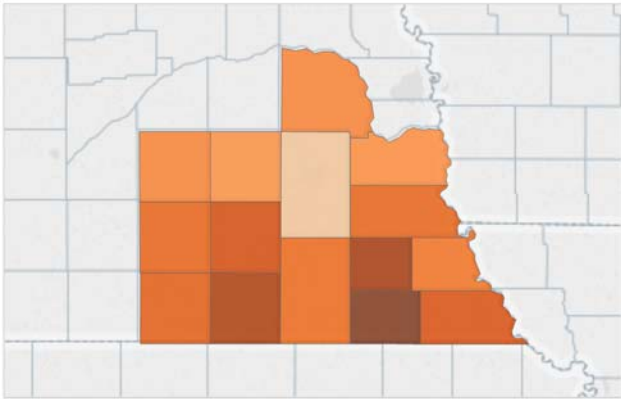
This image shows a map and graph by county for (1) the percent of individuals who were 25 or older who received a bachelor’s degree or an advanced degree (referred to as educational attainment) and (2) the percent of individuals over 25 with no post-secondary experience.

Educational attainment | by County
Darker values indicate higher percentages of bachelor and advanced degree attainment



Educational attainment of those 25 and over

No post-secondary experience | by County
Darker values indicate higher percentages of no post-secondary experience



No post-secondary education of those 25 and over

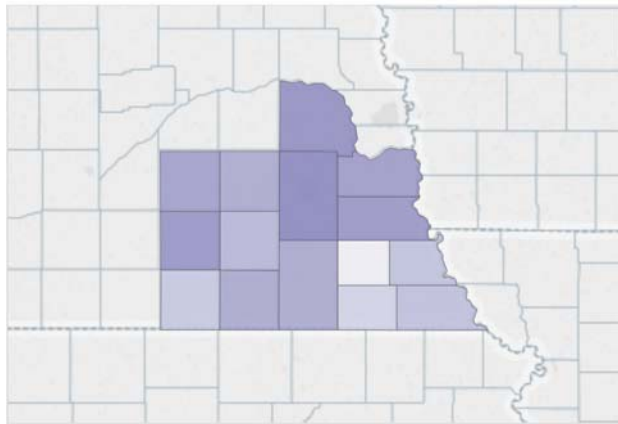
Employment

This image shows a map and graph by county for (1) employment rate and (2) unemployment rate of individuals who are 16 or older. The bottom graph includes the percent of population who are not in the labor force. Generally, these individuals are not in the labor force due to retirement; in Johnson County many are incarcerated.

Values in the bottom graph may not add to 100 percent because the small number of those in the Armed Forces have been excluded. The percent of the population in the Armed Forces does not exceed 0.22% for any county except Cass County, where the value was 0.92%.

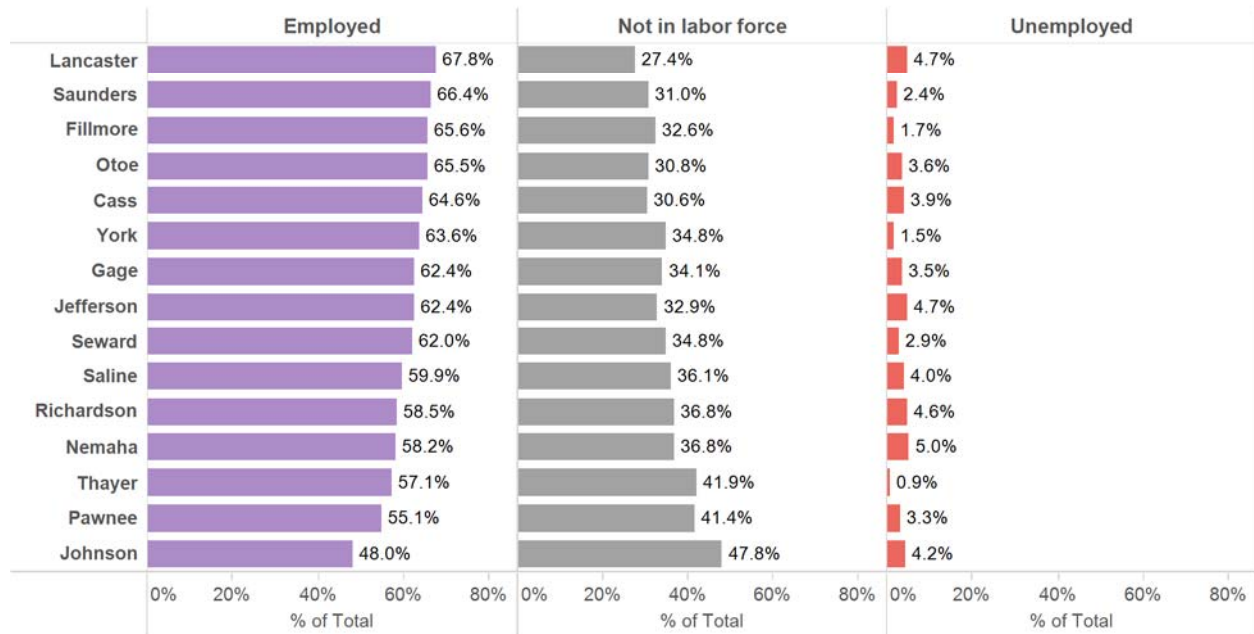
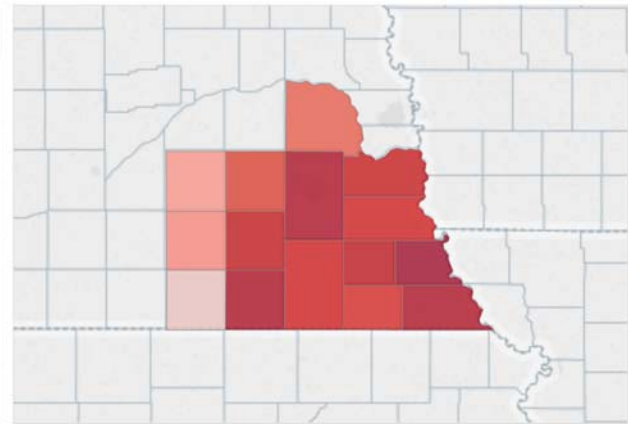
Employment rate (16+) | by County

Darker values indicate a higher rate of employment.



Unemployment rate (16+) | by County

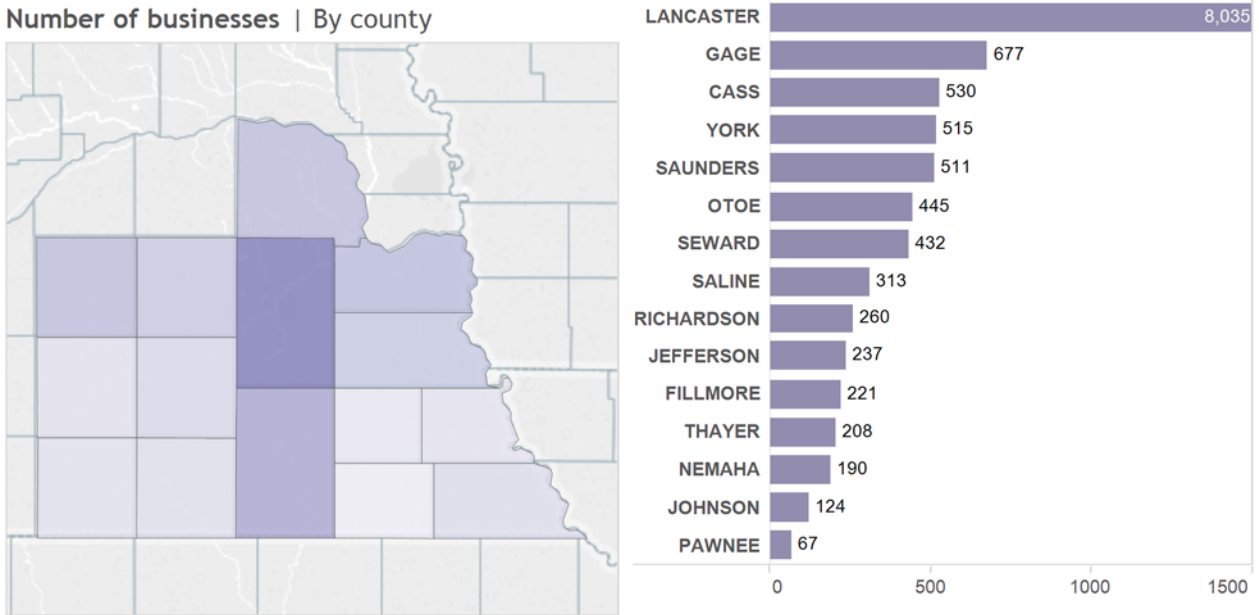
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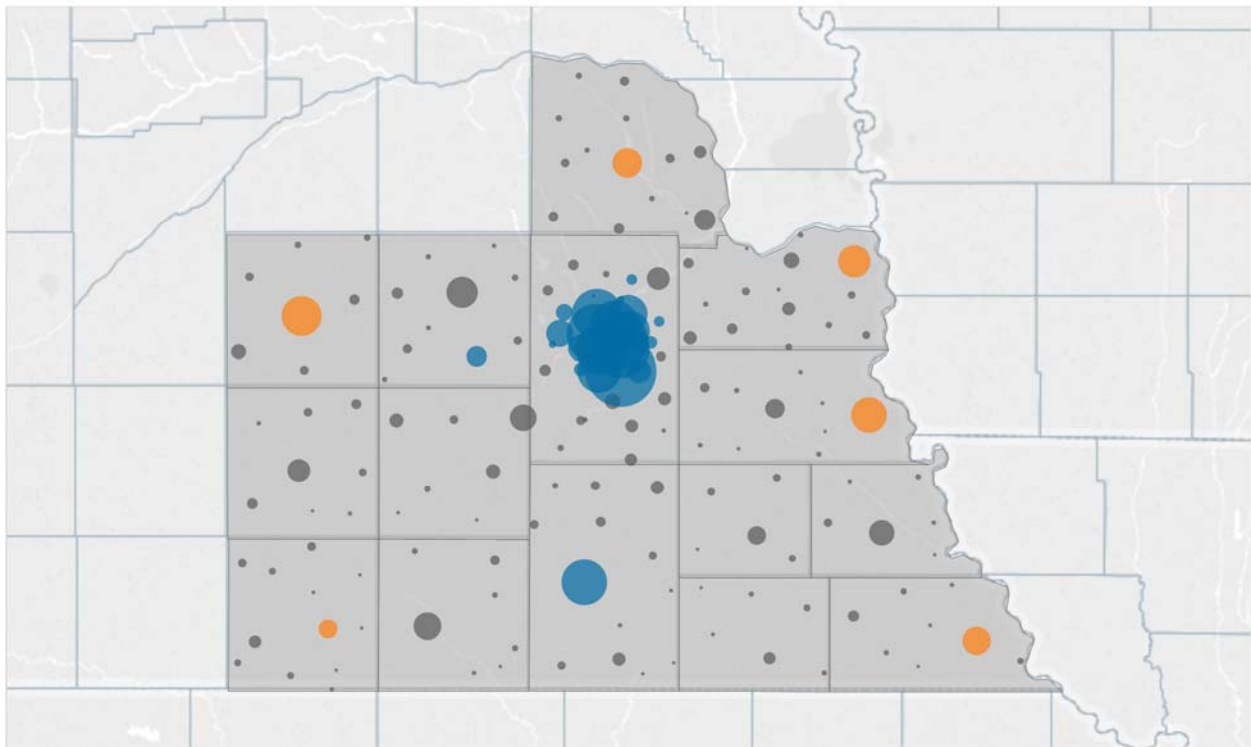
Number of businesses

This page shows (1) a map and graph of the number of business establishments in each county³ and (2) a map of the number of businesses by zip code. Because the number of businesses in Lancaster County is so much higher than all others, the bar for Lancaster County is not proportional.

Number of businesses | By county

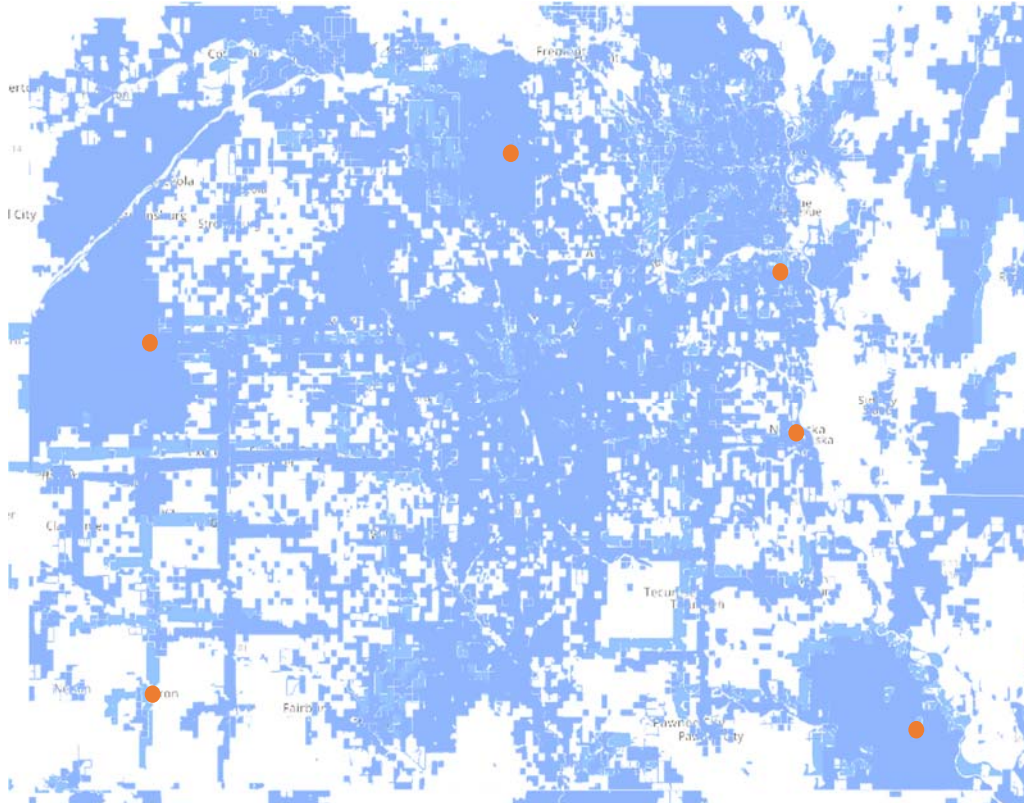


Number of businesses | By zip code and SCC location



³ The source for these data was the *County Business Patterns, 2013* from the U.S. Census Bureau.

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