

Nebraska County Populations: 1860 to 2010

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State/ County	2010 ⁴	2000 ⁴	1990 ²	1980	1970	1960	1950	1940	1930	1920	1910	1900	1890 ⁵	1880 ³	1870 ³	1860 ³
Nebraska ¹	1,826,341	1,711,265	1,578,417	1,569,825	1,485,333	1,411,330	1,325,510	1,315,834	1,377,963	1,296,372	1,192,214	1,066,300	1,062,656	452,402	122,993	28,841
Adams	31,364	31,151	29,625	30,656	30,553	28,944	28,855	24,576	26,275	22,621	20,900	18,840	24,303	10,235	19	0
Antelope	6,685	7,452	7,965	8,675	9,047	10,176	11,624	13,289	15,206	15,243	14,003	11,344	10,399	3,953	0	0
Arthur	460	444	462	513	606	680	803	1,045	1,344	1,412	0	0	91	0	0	0
Banner	690	819	852	918	1,034	1,269	1,325	1,403	1,676	1,435	1,444	1,114	2,435	0	0	0
Blaine	478	583	675	867	847	1,016	1,203	1,538	1,584	1,778	1,672	603	1,146	0	0	0
Boone	5,505	6,259	6,667	7,391	8,190	9,134	10,721	12,127	14,738	14,146	13,145	11,689	8,683	4,170	0	0
Box Butte	11,308	12,158	13,130	13,696	10,094	11,688	12,279	10,736	11,861	8,407	6,131	5,572	5,494	0	0	0
Boyd	2,099	2,438	2,835	3,331	3,752	4,513	4,911	6,060	7,169	8,243	8,826	7,332	695	0	0	0
Brown	3,145	3,525	3,657	4,377	4,021	4,436	5,164	5,962	5,772	6,749	6,083	3,470	4,359	0	0	0
Buffalo	46,102	42,259	37,447	34,797	31,222	26,236	25,134	23,655	24,338	23,787	21,907	20,254	22,162	7,531	193	114
Burt	6,858	7,791	7,868	8,813	9,247	10,192	11,536	12,546	13,062	12,559	12,726	13,040	11,069	6,937	2,847	388
Butler ⁴	8,395	8,767	8,601	9,330	9,461	10,312	11,432	13,106	14,410	14,606	15,403	15,703	15,454	9,194	1,290	27
Cass	25,241	24,334	21,318	20,297	18,076	17,821	16,361	16,992	17,684	18,029	19,786	21,330	24,080	16,683	8,151	3,369
Cedar	8,852	9,615	10,131	11,375	12,192	13,368	13,843	15,126	16,427	16,225	15,191	12,467	7,028	2,899	1,032	246
Chase	3,966	4,068	4,381	4,758	4,129	4,317	5,176	5,310	5,484	4,939	3,613	2,559	4,807	70	0	0
Cherry	5,713	6,148	6,307	6,758	6,846	8,218	8,397	9,637	10,898	11,753	10,414	6,541	6,428	0	0	0
Cheyenne	9,998	9,830	9,494	10,057	10,778	14,828	12,081	9,505	10,187	8,405	4,551	5,570	5,693	1,558	190	0
Clay	6,542	7,039	7,123	8,106	8,266	8,717	8,700	10,445	13,571	14,486	15,729	15,735	16,310	11,294	54	165
Colfax	10,515	10,441	9,139	9,890	9,498	9,595	10,010	10,627	11,434	11,624	11,610	11,211	10,453	6,588	1,424	0
Cuming	9,139	10,203	10,117	11,664	12,034	12,435	12,994	13,562	14,327	13,769	13,782	14,584	12,265	5,569	2,964	67
Custer	10,939	11,793	12,270	13,877	14,092	16,517	19,170	22,591	26,189	26,407	25,668	19,758	21,677	2,211	0	0
Dakota	21,006	20,253	16,742	16,573	13,137	12,168	10,401	9,836	9,505	7,694	6,564	6,286	5,386	3,213	2,040	819
Dawes	9,182	9,060	9,021	9,609	9,761	9,536	9,708	10,128	11,493	10,160	8,254	6,215	9,722	0	0	0
Dawson	24,326	24,365	19,940	22,304	19,771	19,405	19,393	17,890	17,875	16,004	15,961	12,214	10,129	2,909	103	16
Deuel	1,941	2,098	2,237	2,462	2,717	3,125	3,330	3,580	3,992	3,282	1,786	2,630	2,893	0	0	0
Dixon	6,000	6,339	6,143	7,137	7,453	8,106	9,129	10,413	11,586	11,815	11,477	10,535	8,084	4,177	1,345	247
Dodge	36,691	36,160	34,500	35,847	34,782	32,471	26,265	23,799	25,273	23,197	22,145	22,298	19,260	11,263	4,212	309
Douglas	517,110	463,585	416,444	397,038	389,455	343,490	281,020	247,562	232,982	204,524	168,546	140,590	158,008	37,645	19,982	4,328
Dundy	2,008	2,292	2,582	2,861	2,926	3,570	4,354	5,122	5,610	4,869	4,098	2,434	4,012	37	0	0
Fillmore	5,890	6,634	7,103	7,920	8,137	9,425	9,610	11,417	12,971	13,671	14,674	15,087	16,022	10,204	238	0
Franklin	3,225	3,574	3,938	4,377	4,566	5,449	7,096	7,740	9,094	10,067	10,303	9,455	7,693	5,465	26	0
Frontier	2,756	3,099	3,101	3,647	3,982	4,311	5,282	6,417	8,114	8,540	8,572	8,781	8,497	934	0	0
Furnas	4,959	5,324	5,553	6,486	6,897	7,711	9,385	10,098	12,140	11,657	12,083	12,373	9,840	6,407	0	0
Gage	22,311	22,993	22,794	24,456	25,731	26,818	28,052	29,588	30,242	29,721	30,325	30,051	36,344	13,164	3,359	421

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Garden	2,057	2,292	2,460	2,802	2,929	3,472	4,114	4,680	5,099	4,572	3,538	0	0	0	0	0
Garfield	2,049	1,902	2,141	2,363	2,411	2,699	2,912	3,444	3,207	3,496	3,417	2,127	1,659	0	0	0
Gosper	2,044	2,143	1,928	2,140	2,178	2,489	2,734	3,687	4,287	4,669	4,933	5,301	4,816	1,673	0	0
Grant	614	747	769	877	1,019	1,009	1,057	1,327	1,427	1,486	1,097	763	458	0	484	0
Greeley	2,538	2,714	3,006	3,462	4,000	4,595	5,575	6,845	8,442	8,685	8,047	5,691	4,869	1,461	0	0
Hall	58,607	53,534	48,925	47,690	42,851	35,757	32,186	27,523	27,117	23,720	20,361	17,206	16,513	8,572	1,057	116
Hamilton	9,124	9,403	8,862	9,301	8,867	8,714	8,778	9,982	12,159	13,237	13,459	13,330	14,096	8,267	130	0
Harlan	3,423	3,786	3,810	4,292	4,357	5,081	7,189	7,130	8,957	9,220	9,578	9,370	8,158	6,086	0	0
Hayes	967	1,068	1,222	1,356	1,530	1,919	2,404	2,958	3,603	3,327	3,011	2,708	3,953	119	0	0
Hitchcock	2,908	3,111	3,750	4,079	4,051	4,829	5,867	6,404	7,269	6,045	5,415	4,409	5,799	1,012	0	0
Holt	10,435	11,551	12,599	13,552	12,933	13,722	14,859	16,552	16,509	17,151	15,545	12,224	13,672	3,287	0	0
Hooker	736	783	793	990	939	1,130	1,061	1,253	1,180	1,378	981	432	426	0	0	0
Howard ²	6,274	6,567	6,057	6,773	6,807	6,541	7,226	8,422	10,020	10,739	10,783	10,343	9,430	4,391	0	0
Jefferson	7,547	8,333	8,759	9,817	10,436	11,620	13,623	15,532	16,409	16,140	16,852	15,196	14,850	8,096	2,440	0
Johnson	5,217	4,488	4,673	5,285	5,743	6,281	7,251	8,662	9,157	8,940	10,187	11,197	10,333	7,595	3,429	528
Kearney	6,489	6,882	6,629	7,053	6,707	6,580	6,409	6,854	8,094	8,583	9,106	9,866	9,061	4,072	58	474
Keith	8,368	8,875	8,584	9,364	8,487	7,958	7,449	8,333	6,721	5,294	3,692	1,951	2,556	194	0	0
Keya Paha	824	983	1,029	1,301	1,340	1,672	2,160	3,235	3,203	3,594	3,452	3,076	3,920	0	0	0
Kimball	3,821	4,089	4,108	4,882	6,009	7,975	4,283	3,913	4,675	4,498	1,942	758	959	0	0	0
Knox ²	8,701	9,374	9,564	11,457	11,723	13,300	14,820	16,478	19,110	18,894	18,358	14,343	8,582	3,666	261	152
Lancaster	285,407	250,291	213,641	192,884	167,972	155,272	119,742	100,585	100,324	85,902	73,793	64,835	76,395	28,090	7,074	153
Lincoln	36,288	34,632	32,508	36,455	29,538	28,491	27,380	25,425	25,627	23,420	15,684	11,416	10,441	3,632	17	0
Logan	763	774	878	983	991	1,108	1,357	1,742	2,014	1,596	1,521	960	1,378	0	0	0
Loup	632	712	683	859	854	1,097	1,348	1,777	1,818	1,946	2,188	1,305	1,662	0	0	0
McPherson	539	533	546	593	623	735	825	1,175	1,358	1,692	2,470	517	401	0	0	0
Madison	34,876	35,226	32,655	31,382	27,402	25,145	24,338	24,269	26,037	22,511	19,101	16,976	13,669	5,589	1,133	0
Merrick ²	7,845	8,204	8,049	8,945	8,751	8,363	8,812	9,354	10,619	10,763	10,379	9,255	8,758	5,341	557	109
Morrill	5,042	5,440	5,423	6,085	5,813	7,057	8,263	9,436	9,950	9,151	4,584	0	0	0	0	0
Nance	3,735	4,038	4,275	4,740	5,142	5,635	6,512	7,653	8,718	8,712	8,926	8,222	5,773	1,212	44	0
Nemaha	7,248	7,576	7,980	8,367	8,976	9,099	10,973	12,781	12,356	12,547	13,095	14,952	12,930	10,451	7,593	3,139
Nuckolls	4,500	5,057	5,786	6,726	7,404	8,217	9,609	10,446	12,629	13,236	13,019	12,414	11,417	4,235	8	22
Otoe	15,740	15,396	14,252	15,183	15,576	16,503	17,056	18,994	19,901	19,494	19,323	22,288	25,403	15,727	12,345	4,211
Pawnee	2,773	3,087	3,317	3,937	4,473	5,356	6,744	8,514	9,423	9,578	10,582	11,770	10,340	6,920	4,171	882
Perkins	2,970	3,200	3,367	3,637	3,423	4,189	4,809	5,197	5,834	3,967	2,570	1,702	4,364	0	0	0
Phelps	9,188	9,747	9,715	9,769	9,553	9,800	9,048	8,452	9,261	9,900	10,451	10,772	9,869	2,447	0	0
Pierce	7,266	7,857	7,827	8,481	8,493	8,722	9,405	10,211	11,080	10,681	10,122	8,445	4,864	1,202	152	0
Platte ⁴	32,237	31,662	29,820	28,852	26,544	23,992	19,910	20,191	21,181	19,464	19,006	17,747	15,437	9,511	1,899	782
Polk ²	5,406	5,639	5,668	6,320	6,468	7,210	8,044	8,748	10,092	10,714	10,521	10,542	10,817	6,846	136	19
Red Willow ⁴	11,055	11,450	11,705	12,615	12,191	12,940	12,977	11,951	13,859	11,434	11,056	9,604	8,837	3,044	0	0
Richardson	8,363	9,531	9,937	11,315	12,277	13,903	16,886	19,178	19,826	18,968	17,448	19,614	17,574	15,031	9,780	2,835

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Rock	1,526	1,756	2,019	2,383	2,231	2,554	3,026	3,977	3,366	3,703	3,627	2,809	3,083	0	0	0
Saline	14,200	13,843	12,715	13,131	12,809	12,542	14,046	15,010	16,356	16,514	17,866	18,252	20,097	14,491	3,106	39
Sarpy	158,840	122,595	102,583	86,015	66,200	31,281	15,693	10,835	10,402	9,370	9,274	9,080	6,875	4,481	2,913	1,201
Saunders	20,780	19,830	18,285	18,716	17,018	17,270	16,923	17,892	20,167	20,589	21,179	22,085	21,577	15,810	4,547	0
Scotts Bluff	36,970	36,951	36,025	38,344	36,432	33,809	33,939	33,917	28,644	20,710	8,355	2,552	1,888	0	0	0
Seward	16,750	16,496	15,450	15,789	14,460	13,581	13,155	14,167	15,938	15,867	15,895	15,690	16,140	11,147	2,953	0
Sheridan	5,469	6,198	6,750	7,544	7,285	9,049	9,539	9,869	10,793	9,625	7,328	6,033	8,687	0	0	0
Sherman	3,152	3,318	3,718	4,226	4,725	5,382	6,421	7,764	9,122	8,877	8,278	6,550	6,399	2,061	0	0
Sioux	1,311	1,475	1,549	1,845	2,034	2,575	3,124	4,001	4,667	4,528	5,599	2,055	2,452	699	0	0
Stanton	6,129	6,455	6,244	6,549	5,758	5,783	6,387	6,887	7,809	7,756	7,542	6,959	4,619	1,813	636	0
Thayer	5,228	6,055	6,635	7,582	7,779	9,118	10,563	12,262	13,684	13,976	14,775	14,325	12,738	6,113	0	0
Thomas	647	729	851	973	954	1,078	1,206	1,553	1,510	1,773	1,191	628	517	0	0	0
Thurston	6,940	7,171	6,936	7,186	6,942	7,237	8,590	10,243	10,462	9,589	8,704	6,517	3,176	109	31	0
Valley	4,260	4,647	5,169	5,633	5,783	6,590	7,252	8,163	9,533	9,823	9,480	7,339	7,092	2,324	0	0
Washington	20,234	18,780	16,607	15,508	13,310	12,103	11,511	11,578	12,095	12,180	12,738	13,086	11,869	8,631	4,452	1,249
Wayne	9,595	9,851	9,364	9,858	10,400	9,959	10,129	9,880	10,566	9,725	10,397	9,862	6,169	813	182	0
Webster	3,812	4,061	4,279	4,858	5,396	6,224	7,395	8,071	10,210	10,922	12,008	11,619	11,210	7,104	16	0
Wheeler	818	886	948	1,060	1,051	1,297	1,526	2,170	2,335	2,531	2,292	1,362	1,683	644	0	0
York	13,665	14,598	14,428	14,798	13,685	13,724	14,346	14,874	17,239	17,146	18,721	18,205	17,279	11,170	604	0

¹ The state counts are final resident counts. In December 2010, the Census Bureau released Nebraska's reapportionment count at 1,831,825. This number includes persons who are U.S. military or federal employees and their dependents stationed overseas and who listed Nebraska as their home state.

² The 1990 population totals for Nebraska as well as Howard, Knox, Merrick, and Polk Counties are corrected counts. The Census Bureau issued corrected population counts for these areas after the original 1990 counts and associated data products were published. Other detailed population tabulations were not revised to reflect the corrections, so the final counts reported here will differ slightly from the population totals in other tabulations.

³ The state total is more than the sum of the counties because several areas never had a legal existence and were dropped or reorganized in subsequent years.

⁴ The 2000 Census figure for Red Willow County was corrected, resulting in an increase of 2 people. The 2000 population counts listed do not reflect a change in the boundary between Platte and Butler Counties which took effect Jan. 1, 2001. This boundary change would effect the Census figures as follows: Butler gains 96 people while Platte loses 96. The 2010 Census counts reflect the Platte and Butler County boundary change.

⁵ The 1890 Nebraska population count includes population (3,746 persons) of Indian reservations specially enumerated, not distributed to specific counties. Thus, the population sum of the counties only equals 1,058,910. The population of old Arthur County (91) was annexed to McPherson County between 1890 and 1900.