



MISSION

The Center for Public Affairs Research collaboratively produces and disseminates high-quality public scholarship about topics that impact the lives of Nebraskans and the region.

VALUES



COLLABORATIVE

Fostering connections between faculty; scholars; students; and community, statewide, and national partners to produce transformative public scholarship.



PURPOSEFUL

Focusing on timely topics in order to provide inclusive and actionable solutions to improve the lives of Nebraskans and the region.



ASPIRATIONAL

Leading in the application of innovative and creative methods to conduct and communicate our research to further its impact in our community.



RESEARCH INTEGRITY

Conducting objective, high-quality research to create an evidence base for decision makers in Nebraska and the region.

CPAR’s formal relationship with the U.S. Census Bureau gives it first-hand knowledge about the decennial census and ongoing survey efforts. CPAR helps Nebraskans learn about the latest population trends and new data products, provides engagement opportunities, and generates statewide connections/collaborations between elected officials, planners, educators, the business community, media, policymakers, and others. We are so thankful for their creative, top quality, and team approach while serving as a key driver in the 2020 Census leading Nebraska to the 4th best self-response in the country.



*Blanca Ramirez-Salazar, partnership specialist
United States Census Bureau*

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“ Dr. Josie Schafer’s leadership brought the Nebraska Tech Workforce Data Dashboard to life. The CPAR team’s expertise in transforming complex data into an accessible, impactful tool empowers stakeholders to drive growth in Nebraska’s tech workforce. This project showcases CPAR’s dedication to using data to create meaningful change. ”

*Shonna Dorsey, executive director
Aksarben Foundation*

To learn more about our staff visit cpar.unomaha.edu/staff.

“ It’s not just the data CPAR provides, but Director Dr. Josie Schafer’s delivery and rapport with attendees that inspires us all to take a good, hard look and do what we can to do better. Fortunately, in the Central Region for the 6 Regions, One Nebraska initiative, the consensus was to tackle housing, childcare, and workforce. While all these issues are not easily remedied, progress can be measured thanks to the data provided by CPAR. We are very fortunate as a Nebraska Initiative and an entire state to have Dr. Schafer and her team working to bring us information to improve the lives of all. ”

*Dena Beck, regional navigator
6 Regions, One Nebraska, Central Region*

SERVICES

- Data Analysis
- Policy Analysis
- Quantitative Evaluations
- Survey Research
- Interactive Dashboards
- Reports
- Infographics
- Data Retrieval, Acquisition, and Organization
- Applied Regression Analysis
- Mapping
- Data Retrieval System Training

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