Changing Demographics of Nebraska

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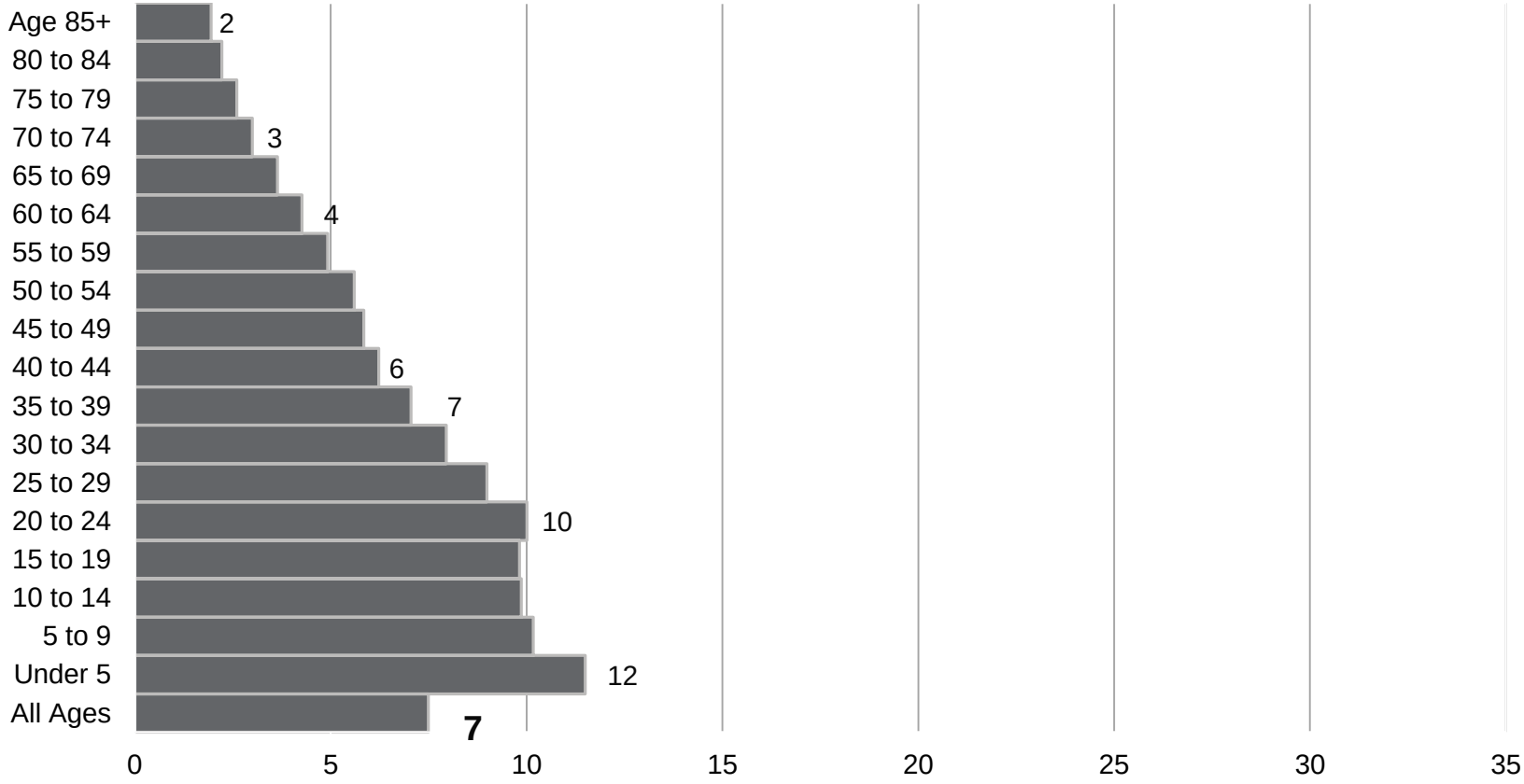
1990 Minority Population

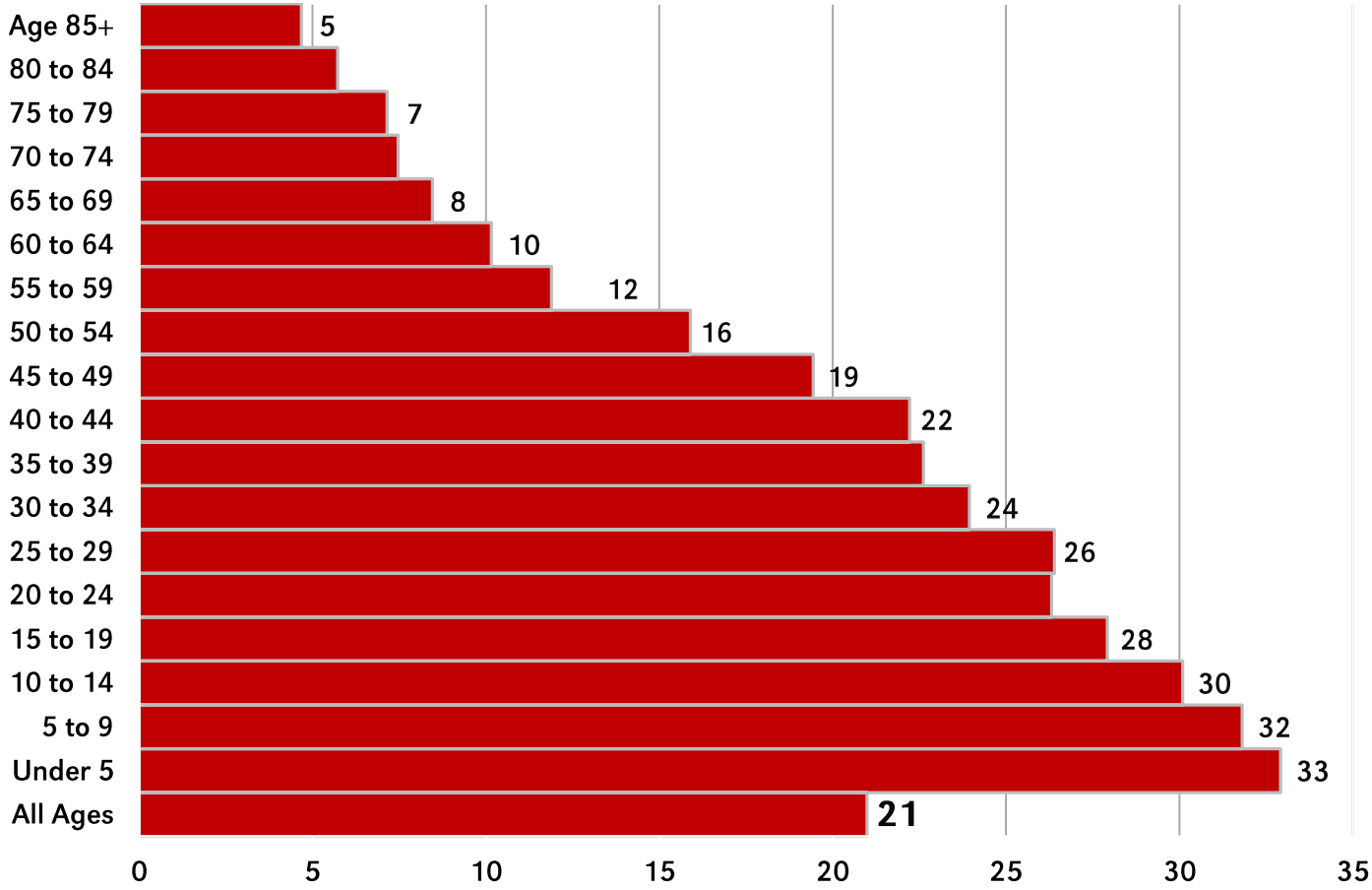
% of Nebraska total population by age group



Source: 1990 Census, U.S.

2017 Minority Population

% of Nebraska total population by age group



2017 Vintage Population Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau

	2010		2017	
Category	**Number under age 5**	**% of Nebraska under age 5**	**Number under age 5**	**% of Nebraska under age 5**
White	91,609	69.4%	89,257	67.1%
Black	7,809	5.9%	7,955	6.0%
American Indian	1,479	1.1%	1,518	1.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2,620	2.0%	3,780	2.8%
2+ Races	5,663	4.3%	5,544	4.2%
Latino	22,728	17.2%	25,007	18.8%
All minority groups	40,299	30.6%	43,804	32.9%
Totals	131,908	100%	133,061	100%

What does increasing racial and ethnic diversity mean for the state budget?

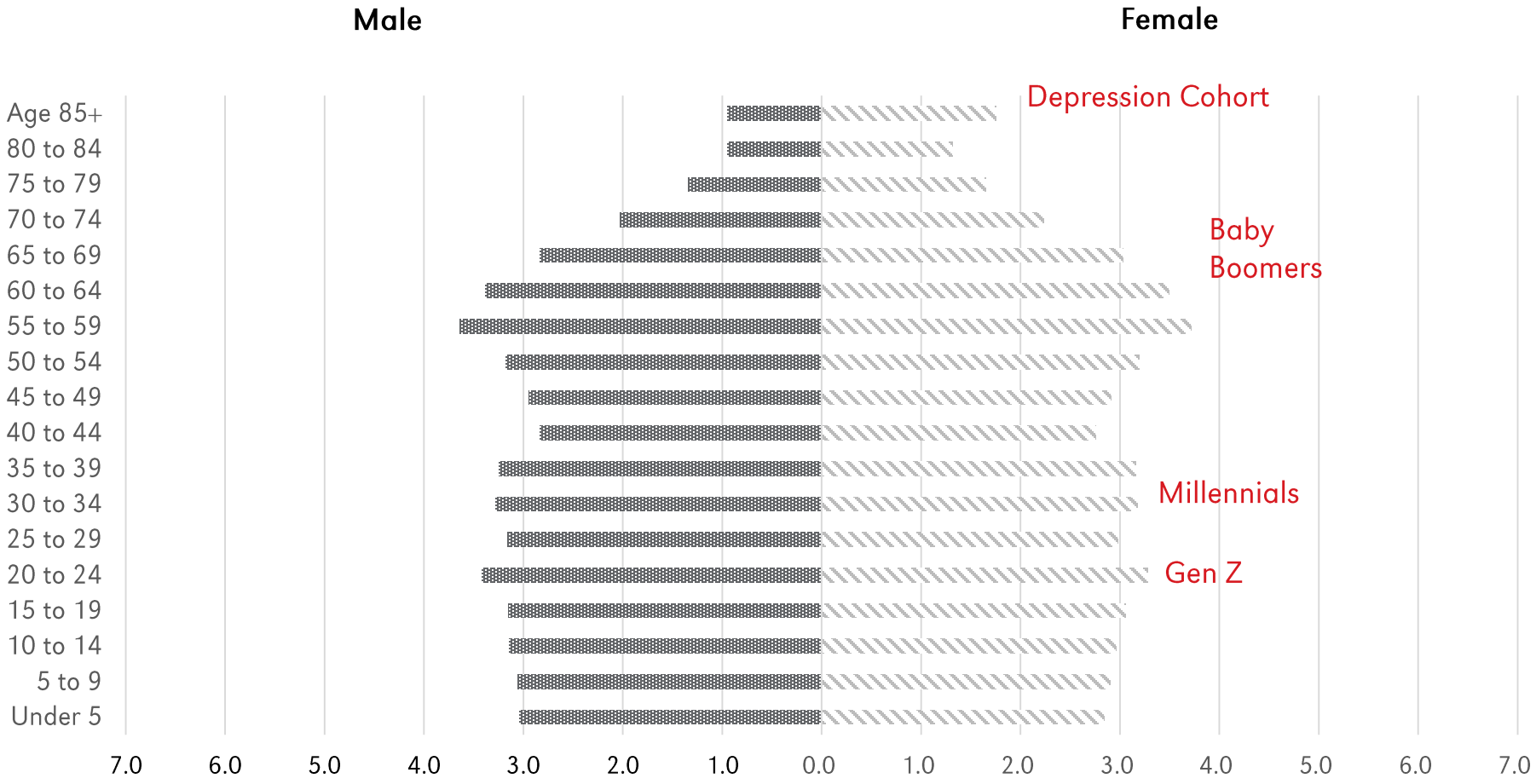
"UNO's Center for Public Affairs Research has found that from 2000 to 2010, 80 percent of Nebraska counties saw their minority populations rise. In two-thirds of counties that experienced population gains during that decade, minority groups contributed more than half the growth.....

As we look ahead, we must stay focused on our commitment to ensuring that the doors of higher education remain open to all — including those who have traditionally been underrepresented." Jeffrey Gold, M.D.
Omaha World Hearald Oct. 21, 2019

Aging population

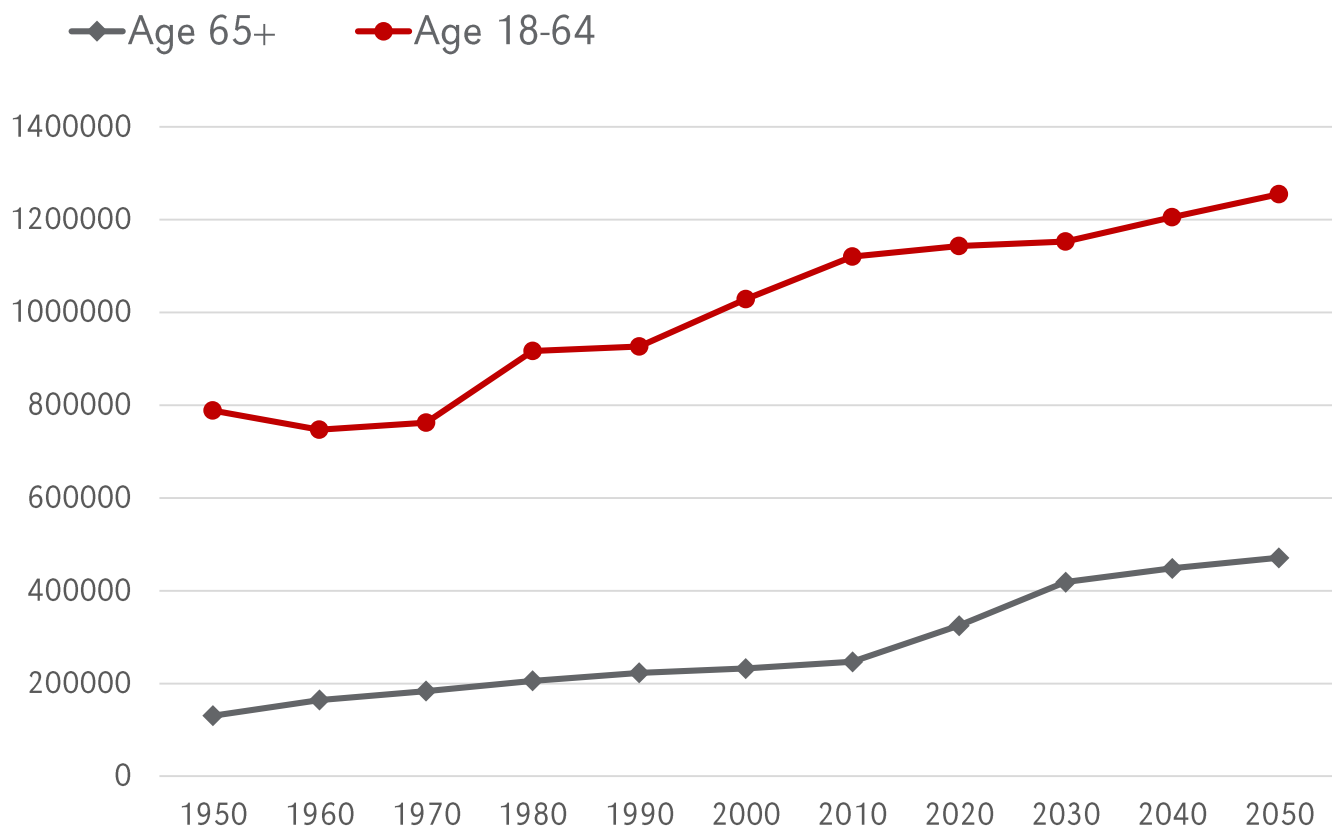
2017 Nebraska Population

% of total population by age and gender



The Nebraska ratio of workforce age to retirement age population was 6:1 in 1950 and will be 3:1 by 2050

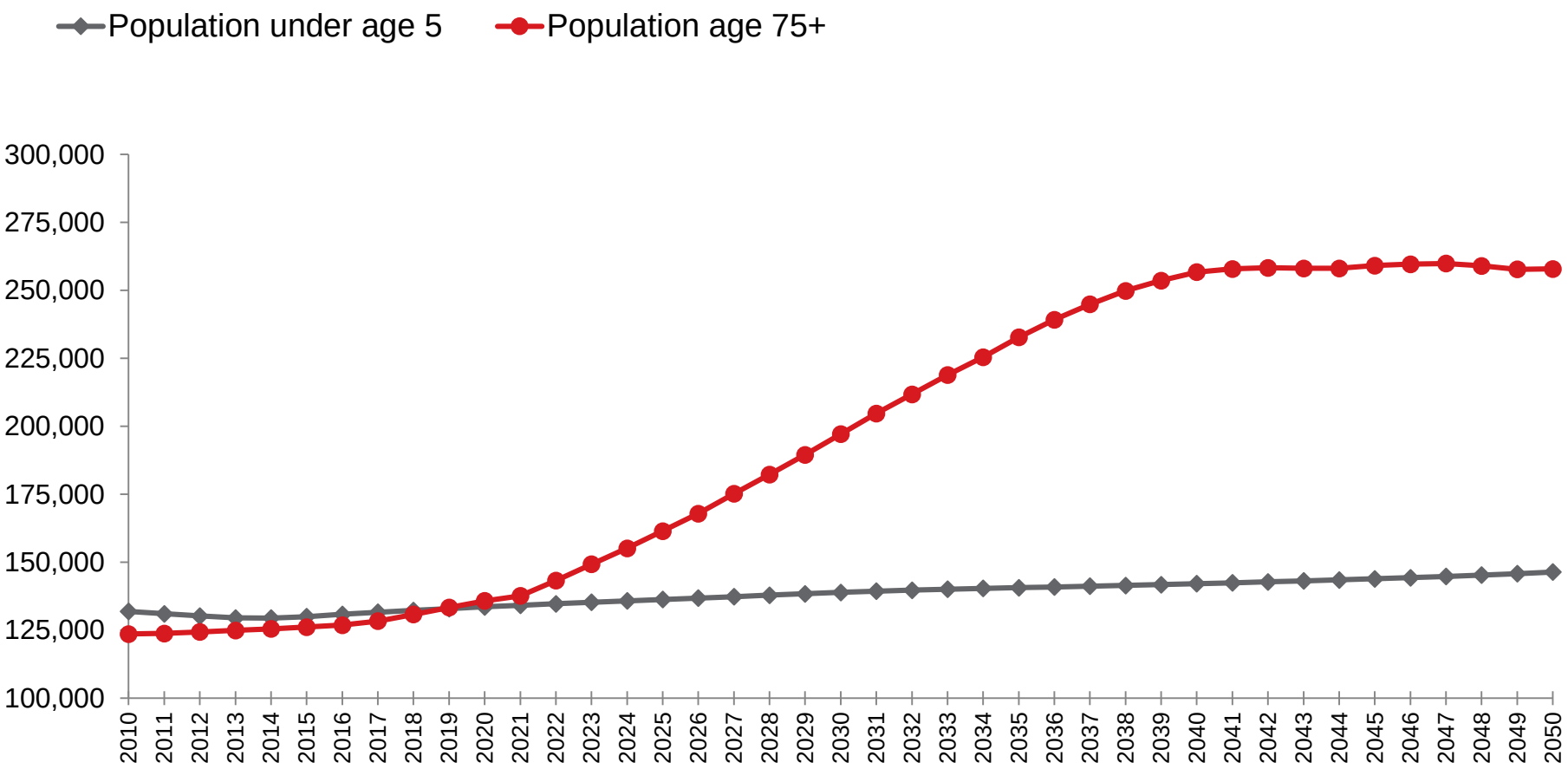
Actual and estimated total population



Year	Ratio of Workforce Age: Retirement Age
1950	6:1
1960	5:1
1970	4:1
1980	5:1
1990	4:1
2000	4:1
2010	5:1
2020	4:1
2030	3:1
2040	3:1
2050	3:1

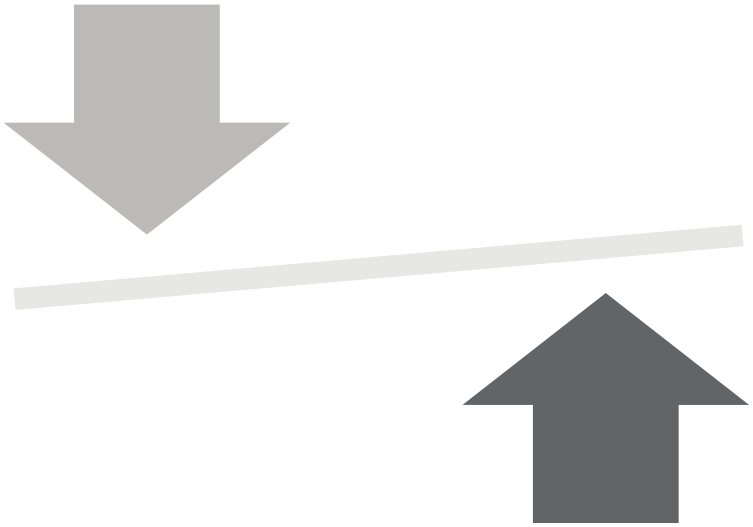
Nebraska population age 75 and over surpassed the population of under age 5 in 2018 and is expected to continue to increase

Real and projected populations



Source: UNO CPAR projections, June 2013

What does an aging population mean for the state budget?

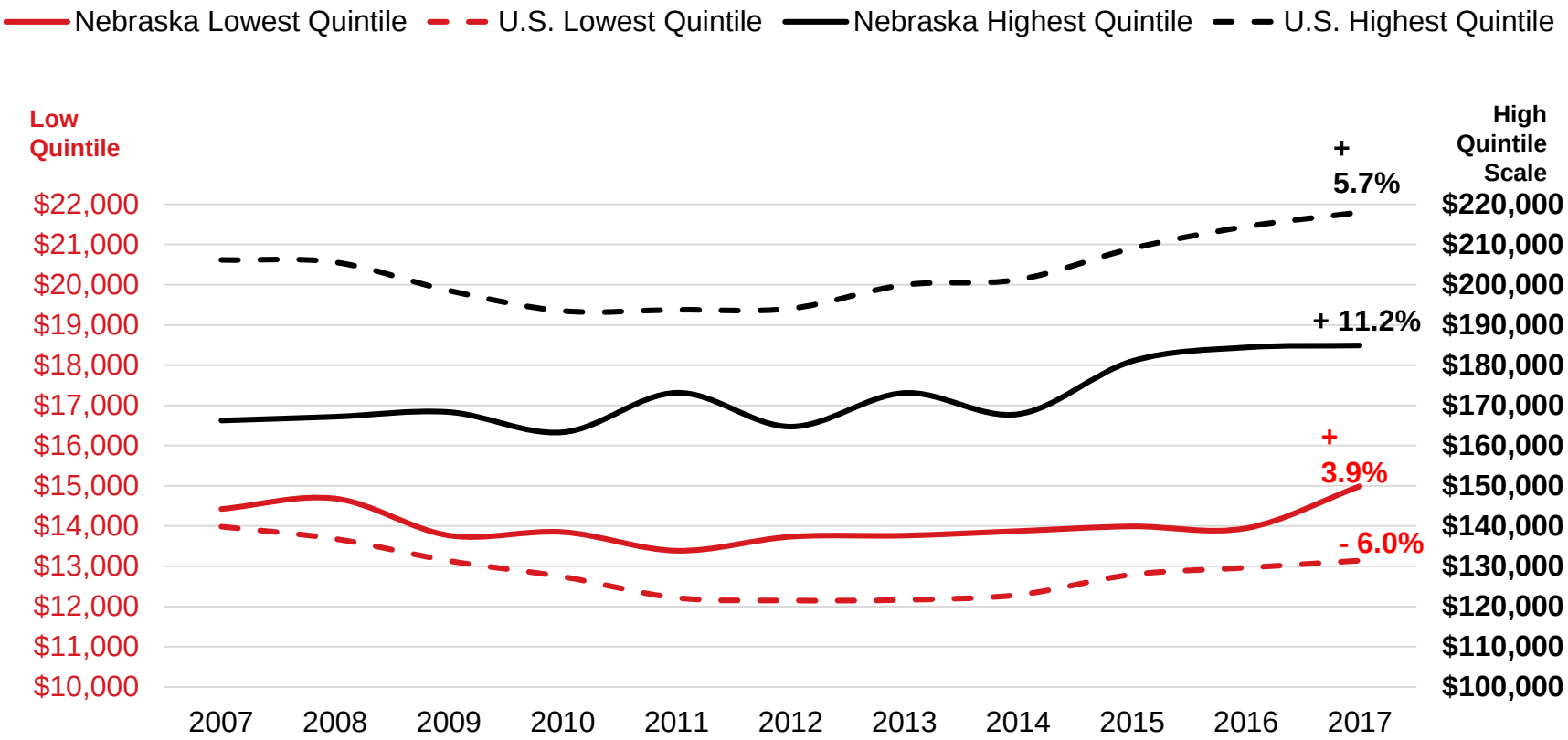


Workforce trends

2.8% Unemployment Rate

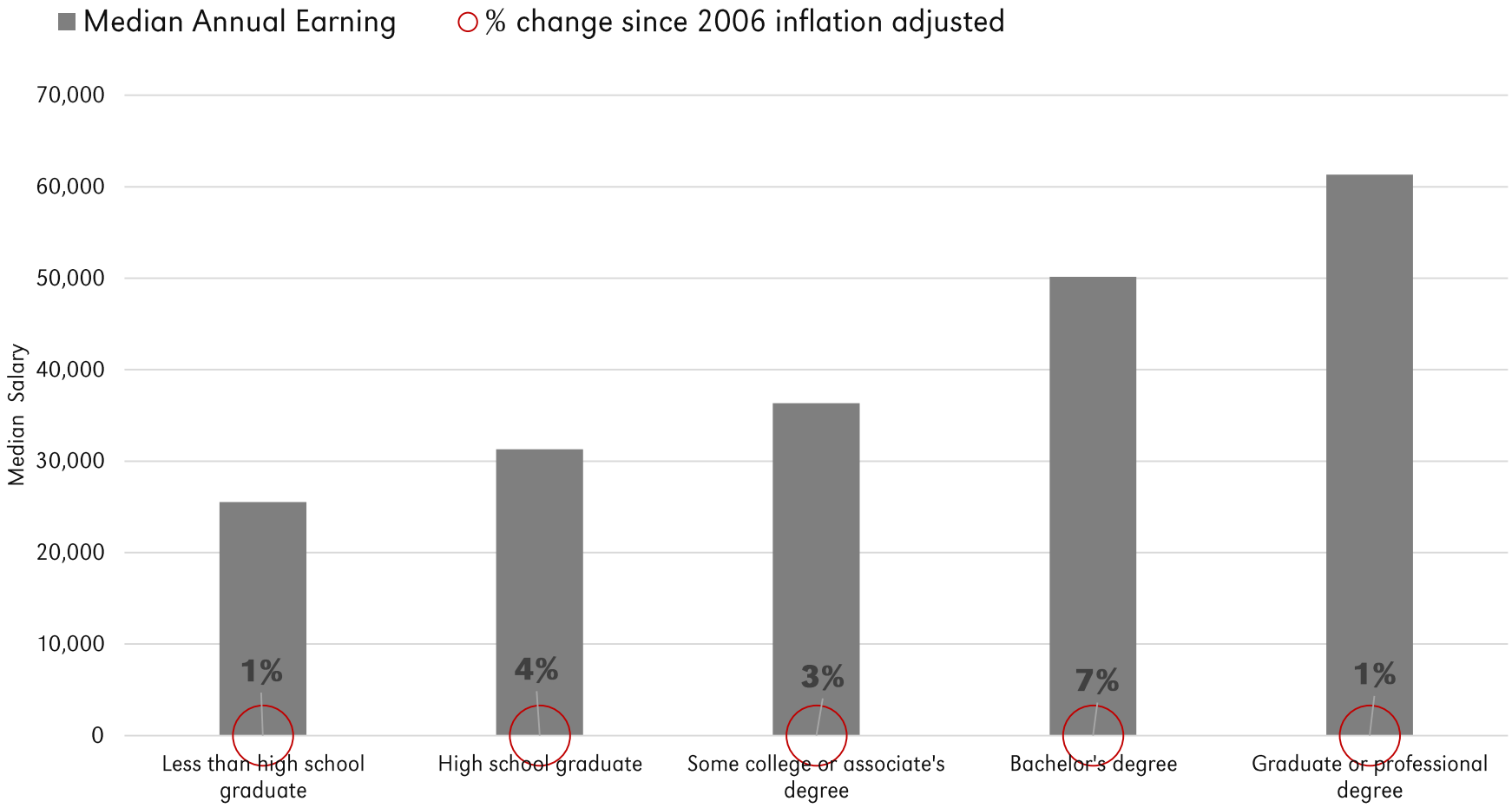
Nebraska growth in mean household income is flat but outpaces U.S.

Inflation adjusted mean household income, 2007 to 2017 with % change



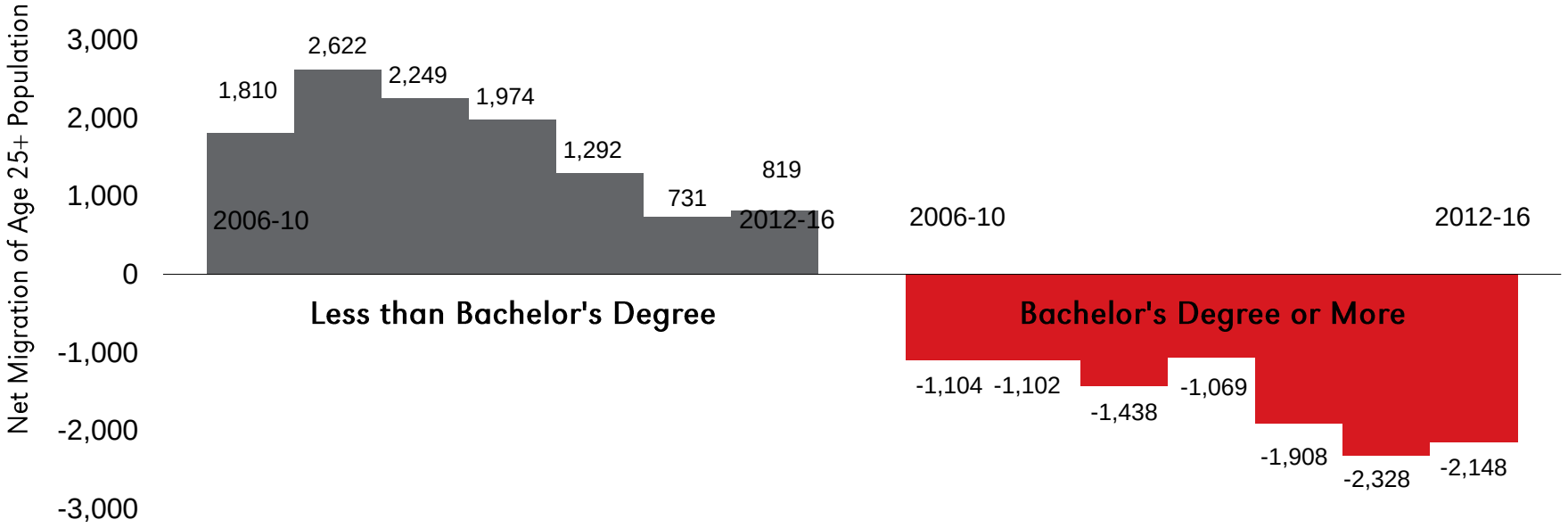
Source: Table B19081, Various American Community Surveys, U.S. Census Bureau

Nebraskans' earnings increase with education



Nebraska net domestic migration is negative for those with more than a bachelors degree and positive for those with less than a bachelor's degree

Ages 25 +, moving five-year time frames: 2006-2010 to 2012-2016



Sources: 2006-2010 to 2012-2016 American Community Surveys: 5-year aggregates, U.S. Census Bureau.

	Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Wholesale trade	Retail trade	Transportation and warehousing, and utilities
United States	13	7	2	11	4	9
Iowa	8	6	2	12	3	7
Kansas	11	6	2	12	4	8
Nebraska	9	6	2	12	3	7

	Information	Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	Professional, scientific, management, administrative and waste management services	Educational services, and health care and social assistance	Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	Other services, except public administration	Public Administration
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Iowa	13	4	5	1	9	11	10
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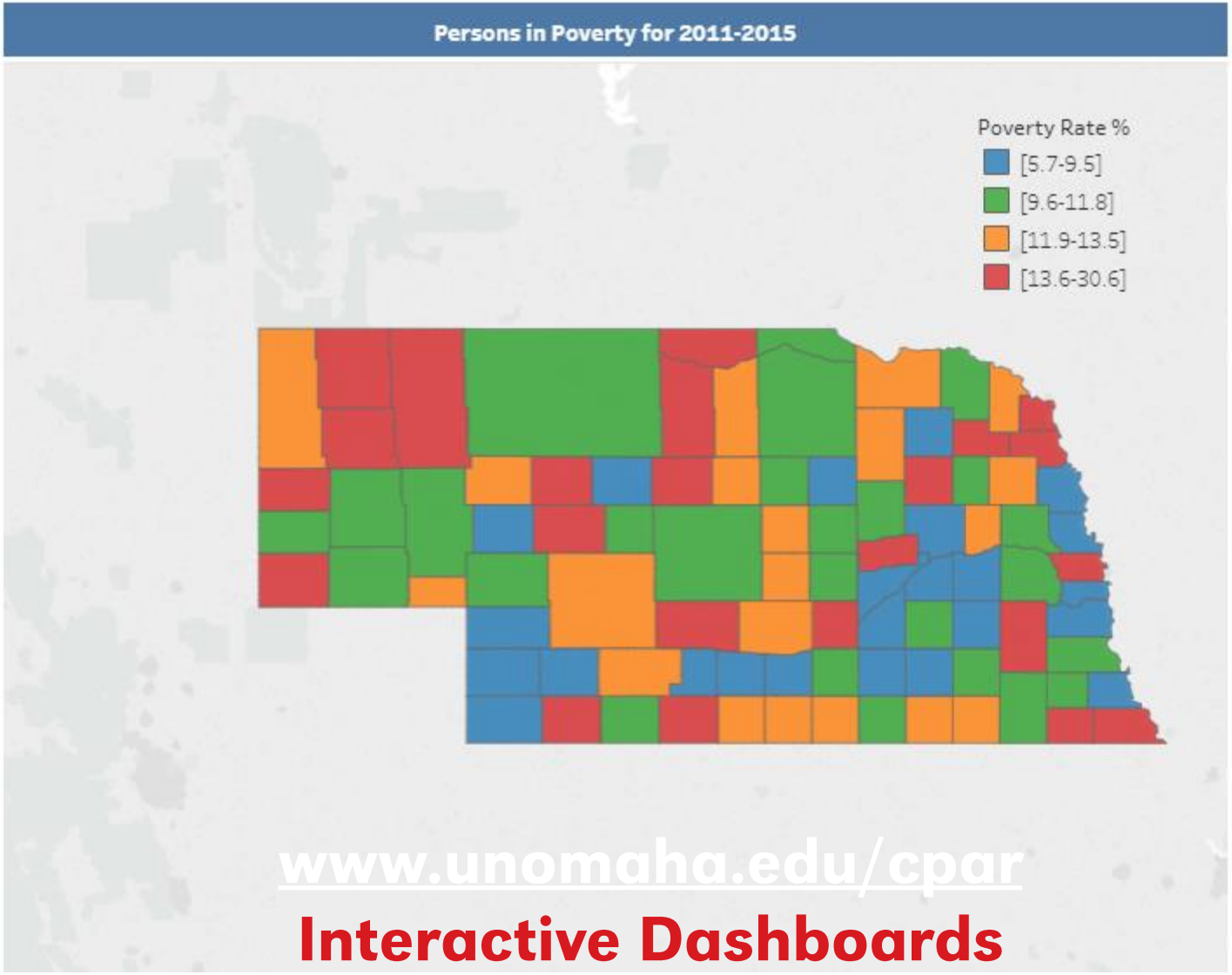
What do the workforce trends tell us about the state budget?

Poverty



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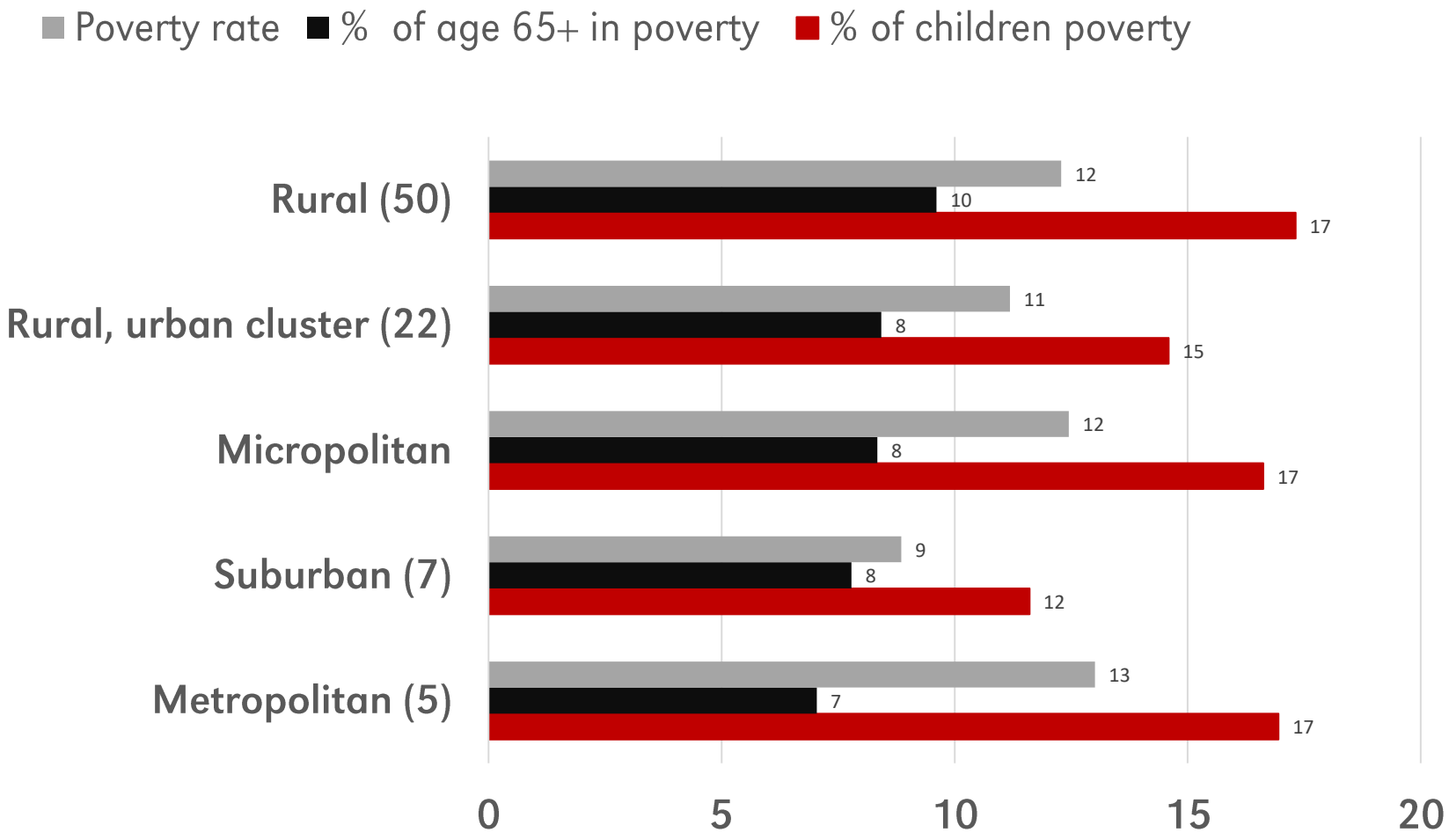
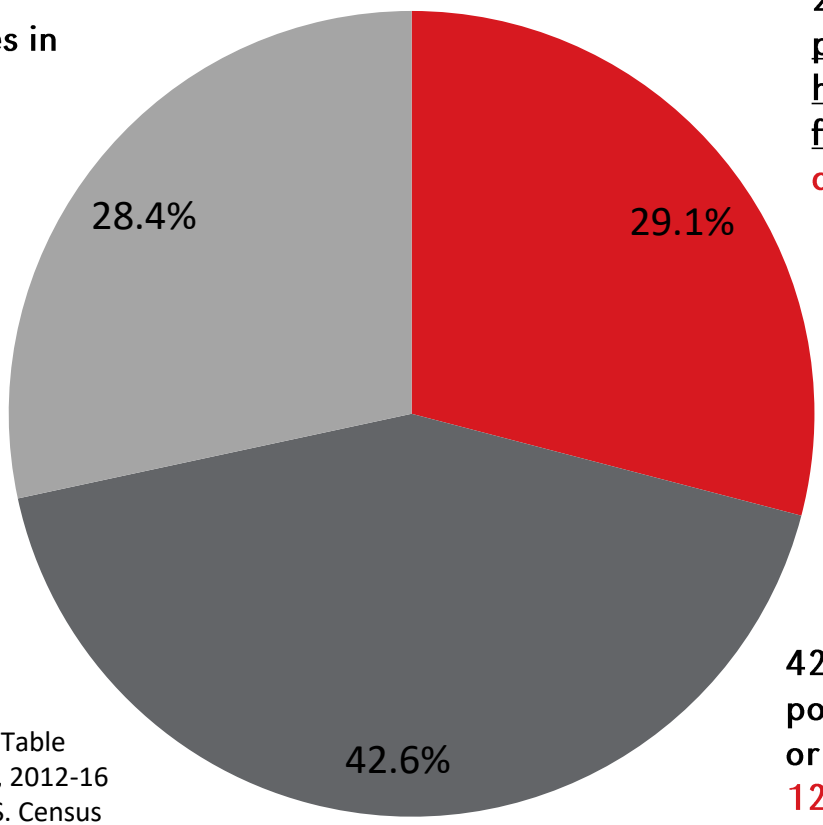
Interactive Dashboards

Poverty is highest, for all groups and overall, in rural counties



Nebraska families in poverty are working

28% Nebraska families in poverty – head of household or spouse does not work. 2nd lowest among all states.

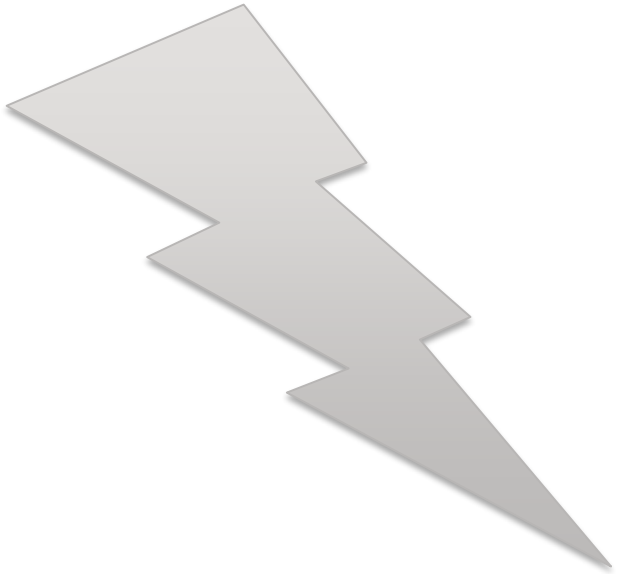


29% of Nebraska families in poverty – head of household or spouse works full time 2nd highest among all states.

42% of Nebraska families in poverty –head of household or spouse works part –time 12th highest among all states.

Source: Table B17016, 2012-16 ACS, U.S. Census Bureau

What does poverty mean for the state budget?



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