Our Changing Landscape

Over the past several decades in Nebraska, where and how people live has changed dramatically. In 1900, 67% of Nebraskans lived in nonmetropolitan counties. By 2020 we project 66% will live in metropolitan counties. The transformation in where people live in Nebraska reveals changes in how people live as well. For instance, in this infographic you can see that metropolitan Nebraska is younger, more diverse and more educated. However, while there are differences between metropolitan and nonmetropolitan Nebraska, there are some attributes of life in Nebraska that transcend county borders. For instance, the high rate of labor force participation and relatively low poverty rates.