

# 2020 CENSUS RESULTS

LOCAL POPULATION COUNTS AND REDISTRICTING DATA

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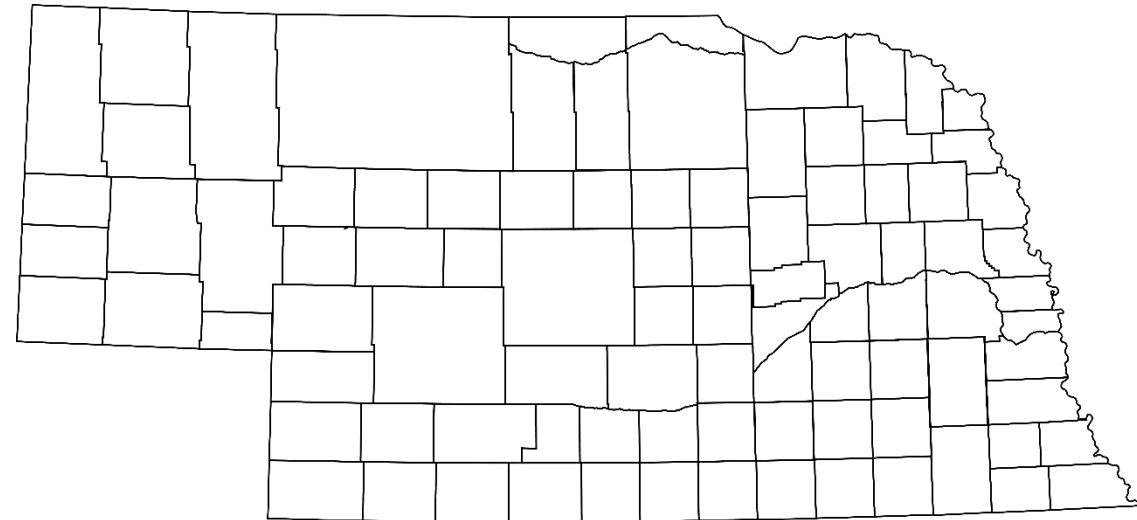
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# Presentation Roadmap

1. What was and was not released today
2. Highlights for Nebraska
3. Data for counties, metros, cities, Congressional districts, and Unicameral districts
4. Information about future 2020 Census data releases



# Today's Release of 2020 Census Data



- Includes:
  - Information for all geographies down to the block level
    - Total population including population in group quarters (dorms, prisons) and households
    - Total housing units including occupied and vacant
    - Under age 18 and age 18+
    - Total population and under/over age 18 by race/ethnicity
- Does not include:
  - Detailed demographic data (specific ages, sex, home ownership, etc.)
  - Any socioeconomic data (now collected on American Community Survey)

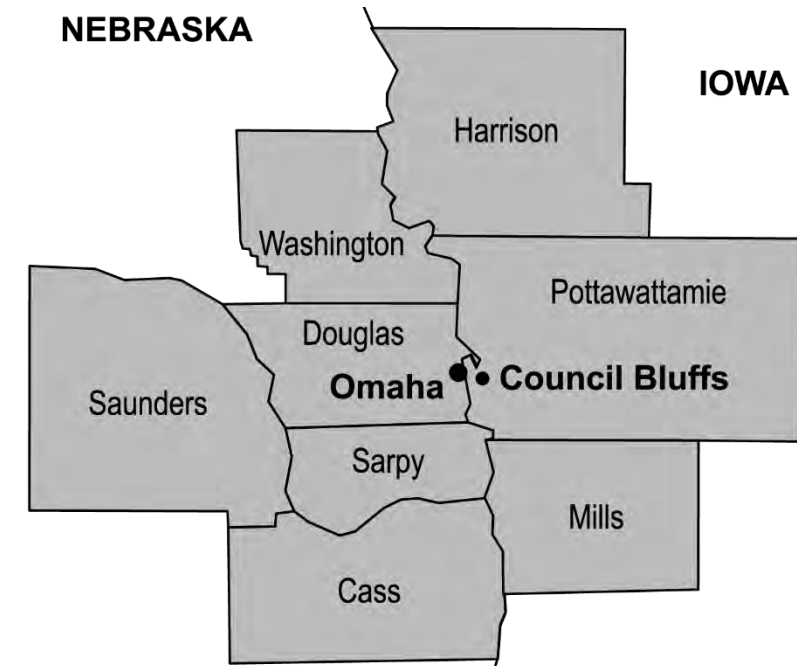


# Highlights from Today's Release

- Of Nebraska's 93 counties, **24 or 26%** had population growth in the 2010s
  - Same as the 2000s when 24 grew but less than 40 in the 1990s
- Nebraska's more populated counties tend to rank as the fastest growing
  - The five most populated counties comprise the top five for population growth rates
- Nebraska's "Big 3" most populated counties of Douglas, Sarpy, and Lancaster now contain **56.0%** of the state's population
  - Has steadily increased over time (was 31.4% in 1950)
  - Suggests the "Big 3" counties will hold 27 of 49 seats in Unicameral after redistricting

# Highlights from Today's Release

- The population of the 8-County Omaha metro stands at **967,604**
  - Increased 11.8% from 865,350 in 2010
  - With 2010s growth averaging **10,225** per year, Omaha metro expected to hit 1 million in **2024**
- Lincoln metro of Lancaster and Seward Counties has **340,217** people
  - Gained 12.6% from 302,157 in 2010; growth of about 3,800 per year



# Highlights from Today's Release

- Nebraska's 2020 population of 1,961,504 equals an average congressional district size of 653,835.
  - Lincoln-based 1st District: 659,816      5,981 above average
  - Omaha-based 2nd District: 701,005      47,170 above average
  - Rural-based 3rd District: 600,683      53,152 below average
- Nebraska's 49 Unicameral Districts have an average size of 40,031
  - Redrawn districts cannot vary by > 10%: range of 38,029 to 42,033 if  $\pm$  5%
  - Most populated: #39 (Elkhorn) 59,542 people (49% above average)
  - Least populated: #47 (Panhandle) 33,841 people (15% below average)



# Population Changes by Decade for Nebraska's 93 Counties

Decade	Population Growth	Natural Increase	Net Immigration
1950s	23	93	5
1960s	25	89	7
1970s	42	72	28
1980s	10	76	3
1990s	40	52	42
2000s	24	49	14
2010s	24	52	23

The number of Nebraska counties with net immigration in the 2010s is toward the high end of the range of recent decades.

Counties experiencing natural increase (births > deaths) have declined over time.

# Top 15 Best and Worst Nebraska Counties for 2010-2020 Rate of Population Change



Nebraska's  
5 most  
populated  
counties



County	Total Population:		2010-2020 Change:		
	2010	2020	Number	Percent	Rank
Sarpy	158,840	190,604	31,764	20.0%	1
Douglas	517,110	584,526	67,416	13.0%	2
Lancaster	285,407	322,608	37,201	13.0%	3
Buffalo	46,102	50,084	3,982	8.6%	4
Hall	58,607	62,895	4,288	7.3%	5
Saunders	20,780	22,278	1,498	7.2%	6
Platte	32,237	34,296	2,059	6.4%	7
Cass	25,241	26,598	1,357	5.4%	8
Seward	16,750	17,609	859	5.1%	9
Thomas	647	669	22	3.4%	10
York	13,665	14,125	460	3.4%	11
Hamilton	9,124	9,429	305	3.3%	12
Howard	6,274	6,475	201	3.2%	13
Washington	20,234	20,865	631	3.1%	14
Kearney	6,489	6,688	199	3.1%	15

County	Total Population:		2010-2020 Change:		
	2010	2020	Number	Percent	Rank
Blaine	478	431	-47	-9.8%	79
Hitchcock	2,908	2,616	-292	-10.0%	80
Kimball	3,821	3,434	-387	-10.1%	81
Harlan	3,423	3,073	-350	-10.2%	82
Franklin	3,225	2,889	-336	-10.4%	83
Dawes	9,182	8,199	-983	-10.7%	84
Webster	3,812	3,395	-417	-10.9%	85
Hayes	967	856	-111	-11.5%	86
Garfield	2,049	1,813	-236	-11.5%	87
Sioux	1,311	1,135	-176	-13.4%	88
Boyd	2,099	1,810	-289	-13.8%	89
Greeley	2,538	2,188	-350	-13.8%	90
Rock	1,526	1,262	-264	-17.3%	91
Dundy	2,008	1,654	-354	-17.6%	92
McPherson	539	399	-140	-26.0%	93

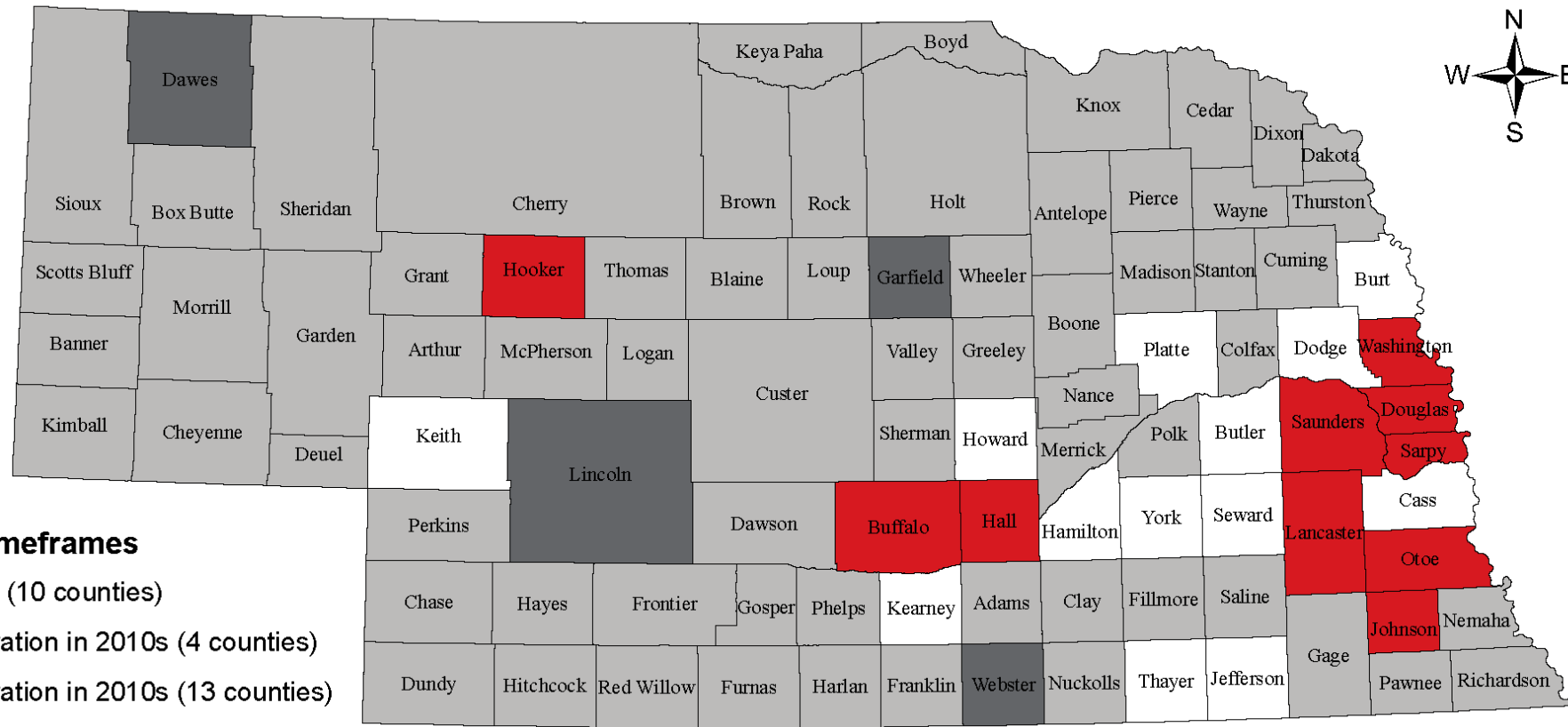




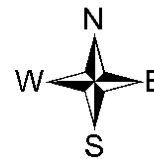
# Net Immigration Occurs Primarily in Eastern Nebraska

Net Migration in Nebraska Counties | 2000 to 2010 and 2010 to 2020

Many counties switch from net outmigration to net immigration.



- Nebraska had net immigration in both timeframes**
- Net immigration in both 2000s and 2010s (10 counties)
  - Net immigration in 2000s, but net outmigration in 2010s (4 counties)
  - Net outmigration in 2000s, but net immigration in 2010s (13 counties)
  - Net outmigration in both 2000s and 2010s (66 counties)



# Nebraska Metro Areas and their Counties 2010-2020 Population Change



County	Total Population:		2010-2020 Change:	
	2010	2020	Number	Percent
Sarpy, NE	158,840	190,604	31,764	20.0%
Douglas, NE	517,110	584,526	67,416	13.0%
Saunders, NE	20,780	22,278	1,498	7.2%
Cass, NE	25,241	26,598	1,357	5.4%
Washington, NE	20,234	20,865	631	3.1%
Pottawattamie, IA	93,158	93,667	509	0.5%
Harrison, IA	14,928	14,582	-346	-2.3%
Mills, IA	15,059	14,484	-575	-3.8%
<b>Omaha metro total</b>	<b>865,350</b>	<b>967,604</b>	<b>102,254</b>	<b>11.8%</b>
Lancaster, NE	285,407	322,608	37,201	13.0%
Seward, NE	16,750	17,609	859	5.1%
<b>Lincoln metro total</b>	<b>302,157</b>	<b>340,217</b>	<b>38,060</b>	<b>12.6%</b>

County	Total Population:		2010-2020 Change:	
	2010	2020	Number	Percent
Union, SD	14,399			
Woodbury, IA	102,172	105,941	3,769	3.7%
Dakota, NE	21,006	21,582	576	2.7%
Dixon, NE	6,000	5,606	-394	-6.6%
<b>Sioux City metro total</b>	<b>143,577</b>			
<i>We had trouble accessing the South Dakota data.</i>				
Hall, NE	58,607	62,895	4,288	7.3%
Howard, NE	6,274	6,475	201	3.2%
Merrick, NE	7,845	7,668	-177	-2.3%
<b>Grand Island metro total</b>	<b>72,726</b>	<b>77,038</b>	<b>4,312</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
<b>NE metro counties (12)</b>	<b>1,144,094</b>	<b>1,289,314</b>	<b>145,220</b>	<b>12.7%</b>
NE nonmetro counties	682,247	672,190	-10,057	-1.5%

# Population Data for Nebraska's Cities with 10,000 or More Residents



City	2020 Population	Rank
Omaha	486,051	1
Lincoln	291,082	2
Bellevue	64,176	3
Grand Island	53,131	4
Kearney	33,790	5
Fremont	27,141	6
Hastings	25,152	7
Norfolk	24,955	8
Papillion	24,159	9
Columbus	24,028	10
North Platte	23,390	11
La Vista	16,746	12
Scottsbluff	14,436	13
South Sioux City	14,043	14
Beatrice	12,261	15
Lexington	10,348	16

City	Total Population:		2010-2020 Change:	
	2010	2020	Number	Percent
Bellevue	50,137	64,176	14,039	28.0%
Papillion	18,894	24,159	5,265	27.9%
Omaha	408,958	486,051	77,093	18.9%
Lincoln	258,379	291,082	32,703	12.7%
Kearney	30,787	33,790	3,003	9.8%
Grand Island	48,520	53,131	4,611	9.5%
Columbus	22,111	24,028	1,917	8.7%
La Vista	15,758	16,746	988	6.3%
South Sioux City	13,353	14,043	690	5.2%
Norfolk	24,210	24,955	745	3.1%
Fremont	26,397	27,141	744	2.8%
Lexington	10,230	10,348	118	1.2%
Hastings	24,907	25,152	245	1.0%
Beatrice	12,459	12,261	-198	-1.6%
Scottsbluff	15,039	14,436	-603	-4.0%
North Platte	24,733	23,390	-1,343	-5.4%

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# Comparing Congressional District Population Change: 2000s vs. 2010s



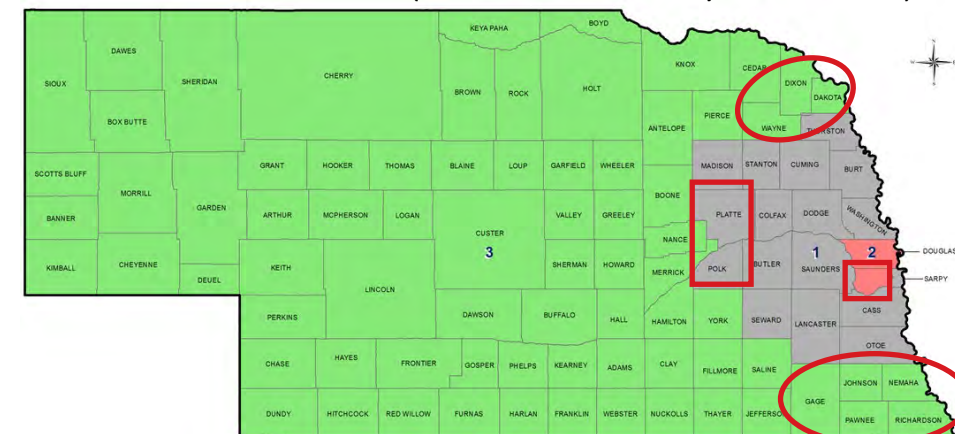
Area	Total Population:		2000-2010 Change:	
	2000	2010	Number	Percent
Congress Dist. 1	570,421	626,092	55,671	9.8%
Congress Dist. 2	570,421	638,871	68,450	12.0%
Congress Dist. 3	570,421	561,378	-9,043	-1.6%
Nebraska	1,711,263	1,826,341	115,078	6.7%

Old Boundaries after 2000 Census Redistricting



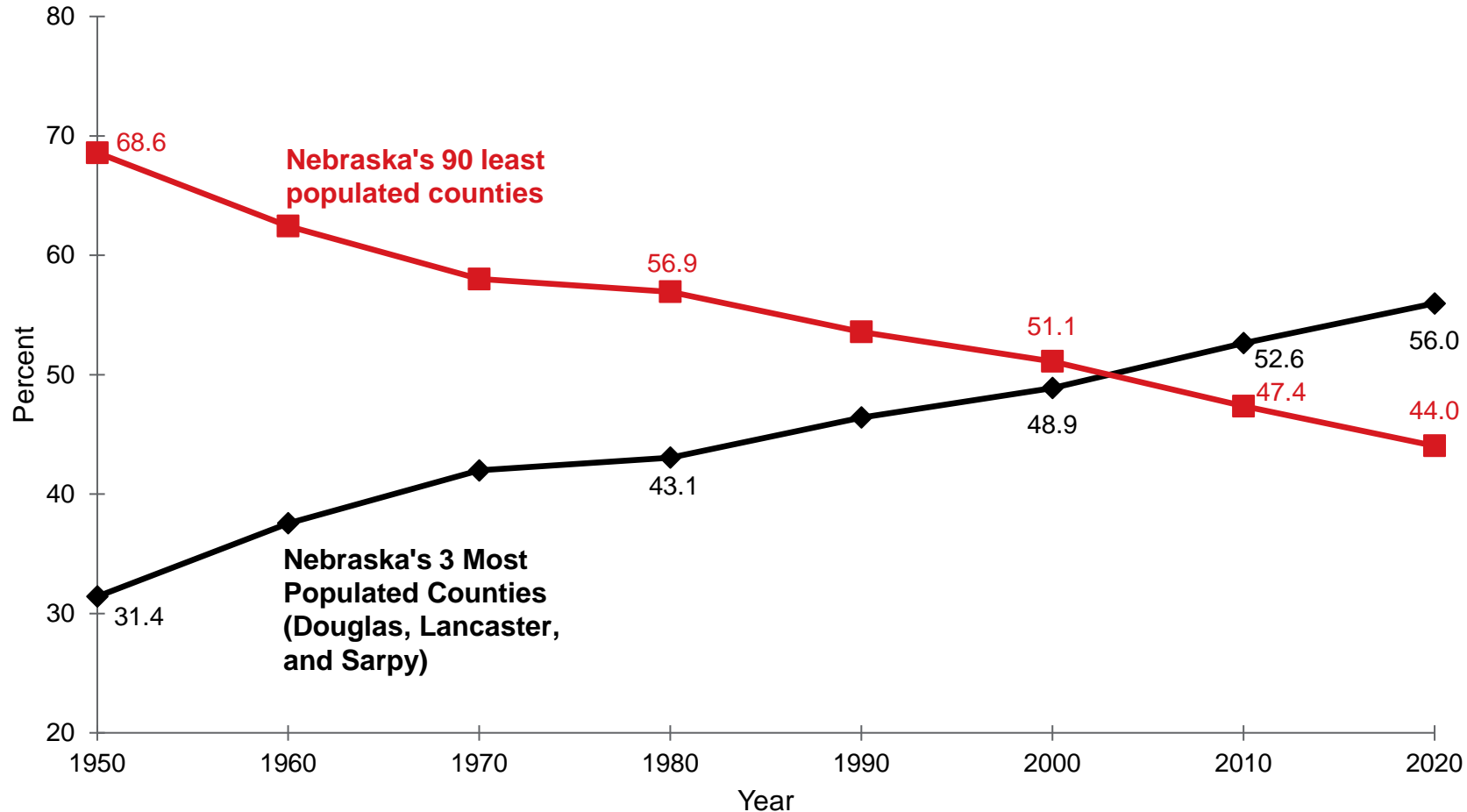
Area	Total Population:		2010-2020 Change:	
	2010	2020	Number	Percent
Congress Dist. 1	608,780	659,816	51,036	8.4%
Congress Dist. 2	608,781	701,005	92,224	15.1%
Congress Dist. 3	608,780	600,683	-8,097	-1.3%
Nebraska	1,826,341	1,961,504	135,163	7.4%

Current Boundaries (took effect May 27, 2011)



# Nebraska's "Big 3" Counties have Increased their Share of the State's Population

Percentage of Nebraska population in major county types | 1950 to 2020



“Big 3” Portion of Nebraska’s Population and 49 Unicameral Seats:

2000: 48.9% = **24.0**  
 2010: 52.6% = **25.8**  
 2020: 56.0% = **27.4**



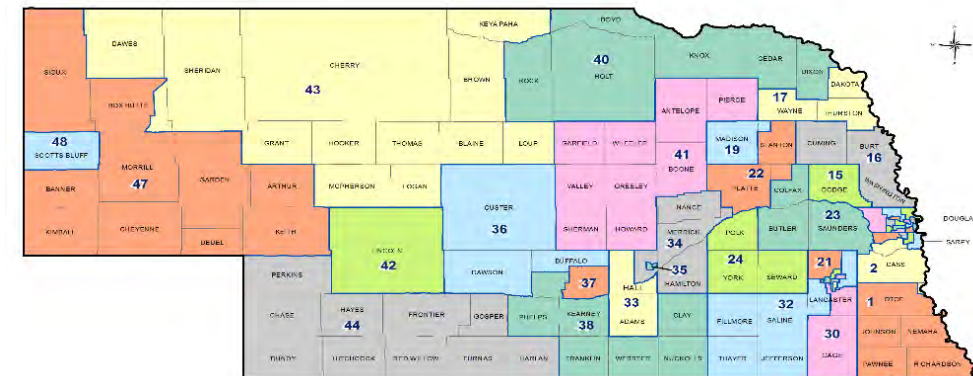
# Recent Composition of Nebraska Unicameral

County	After 2000 Census:		After 2010 Census:	
	Full Districts	Partial Districts	Full Districts	Partial Districts
Douglas	11	4	14	--
Lancaster	6	2	7	2
Sarpy	3	4	4	1
<b>"Big 3" Counties</b>	<b>21 full plus 3 majority</b>	<b>3 other partials</b>	<b>25 full</b>	<b>3</b>

In 2000, the "Big 3" had **48.9%** of the state's population. They controlled 24 districts or **49.0%** of districts.

In 2010, the "Big 3" had **52.6%** of the state's population. 25 full = 51.0% of districts but they comprised **52.6%** of districts with partials.

Nebraska Legislative Districts - LB 703 (2011)  
(Districts took effect May 27, 2011)



# Top Unicameral District Populations in 2020

District	County or County Type	2020 Population	Difference vs. 40,031 avg.	Difference as a %	Rank
39	Douglas	59,542	19,511	48.7%	1
49	Sarpy	52,488	12,457	31.1%	2
10	Douglas	52,319	12,288	30.7%	3
21	Lancaster	44,284	4,253	10.6%	4
30	Gage/Lancaster	43,804	3,773	9.4%	5
25	Lancaster	43,794	3,763	9.4%	6
26	Lancaster	43,400	3,369	8.4%	7
3	Sarpy	42,431	2,400	6.0%	8
14	Sarpy	42,246	2,215	5.5%	9
27	Lancaster	42,234	2,203	5.5%	10

All are located fully or partially in the “Big 3” Counties of Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy

# Bottom Unicameral District Populations in 2020

District	County or County Type	2020 Population	Difference vs. 40,031 avg.	Difference as a %	Rank
8	Douglas	36,805	-3,226	-8.1%	40
33	Hall/Adams	36,714	-3,317	-8.3%	41
16	Rural/Metro	36,600	-3,431	-8.6%	42
48	Scotts Bluff	36,084	-3,947	-9.9%	43
1	Rural	36,011	-4,020	-10.0%	44
40	Rural	35,576	-4,455	-11.1%	45
43	Rural	35,345	-4,686	-11.7%	46
44	Rural	34,700	-5,331	-13.3%	47
42	Lincoln	34,676	-5,355	-13.4%	48
47	Rural	33,841	-6,190	-15.5%	49

Most of the lowest population districts are in rural areas.

# Timeline for Future 2020 Census Data Releases



- 2020 Census Demographic Profile: expected by Dec. 31, 2021
  - Commonly used statistics: age groups by sex, household type, home ownership
- Detailed data (Summary File 1): expected early 2022
  - Cross tabulations such as age by sex for specific race groups
  - Specific races/ancestry
    - Asian race detail (e.g. Burmese)
    - First decennial data for Sudanese, Somali, etc.

# Timeline for Future Census Data Releases

- Socio-economic data from American Community Survey
  - 2020 annual info is delayed due to quality concerns
    - Expected November 2021 in limited form
  - 2016-2020 five-year dataset not as covid-influenced and expected in usual form December 2021
- July 1, 2021 state population estimates: by Dec. 31, 2021
  - First look at figures beyond the April 1, 2020 Census counts
  - Will be basis for showing pandemic-related changes (e.g. migration)

# Notes on Citations

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- CPAR is Nebraska’s liaison to the Census Bureau
  - Nebraska’s Lead Agency of State Data Center Program
  - Disseminate a range of Census data products
- Fulfill data requests and provide insights
  - Compile figures you need; give comments/quotes
- Conferences and Trainings
  - Population trends and redistricting covered Aug. 26
  - See [cpar.unomaha.edu/conference](http://cpar.unomaha.edu/conference)

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# 2020 Census Redistricting Data Release

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