Data and Research Series for Community Impact

PART ONE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2024
9 A.M. – 12 P.M.
IN-PERSON (limited to 90 attendees) AND VIRTUAL
University of Nebraska at Omaha Dodge Campus

$80 for in-person or virtual
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PART TWO
DECEMBER 19, 2024
9:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.
VIRTUAL ONLY

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**CPAR Data and Research Series Agenda**

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Part One is designed to empower government and nonprofit professionals to access, analyze, and disseminate valuable insights from the U.S. Census Bureau. Then learn from experts in the field on best practices to work with and share your data.

9-9:15 A.M. – NETWORKING  
9:15-9:20 A.M. – WELCOME  
9:30-10:30 A.M. – THE GEOGRAPHY OF DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE IN NEBRASKA

In this overview presentation of demographic and economic shifts in Nebraska, we utilize the most recent data available from the U.S. Census Bureau. Additionally, our analysis will explore key trends across various geographies, including places, counties, and regions, to examine how geography may contribute to explaining the demographic and economic changes. This approach offers valuable insights into the economic and community development imperatives for Nebraska.

• Josie Schafer, director, University of Nebraska at Omaha Center for Public Affairs Research

10:30-10:45 A.M. — BREAK

10:45-11 A.M. — 6 REGIONS, ONE NEBRASKA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

At the request of statewide partners — the Governor of Nebraska, the Director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, and the President of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry — UNO CPAR was asked to compile data from numerous data contributors and analyze the data to provide actionable insights for regional economic and community development. In this session, hear from one of the architects of this project about the importance of data to achieving the goals of the initiative.

• K.C. Belitz, director, Nebraska Department of Economic Development

11 A.M.-12 P.M. – RELIABILITY AND APPLICATION OF DATA

To effectively utilize data for economic and community development, it must be reliable. Although data reliability is a statistical concept, it also includes building trust and understanding for data. This panel will delve into both the statistical and practical aspects of ensuring data reliability, featuring insights from experts in Nebraska. Attendees will gain valuable perspectives on how to verify and utilize data effectively in decision-making processes.

• Alex Brodersen, assistant director for research and evaluation, Nebraska Statewide Workforce & Educational Reporting System (NSWERS)  
• Katie Bass, data and policy research advisor, First Five Nebraska  
• Lina Traslaviña Stover, executive director, Heartland Workers Center  
• John McCoy, associate economist in regional affairs, Omaha Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City  
• Moderator: Josie Gatti Schafer, director, University of Nebraska at Omaha Center for Public Affairs Research

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Part Two will follow the release of the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey 5-year estimates. This rich resource provides demographics, social, economic, and housing data for various geographies in Nebraska.

9:30 A.M.-12 P.M. – ACCESSING U.S. CENSUS BUREAU DATA AND INSIGHTS FROM THE RELEASE OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

In this timely session you will learn how to access the most recent data resources available from the U.S. Census Bureau and learn about the most recent trends in Nebraska.

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