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- collecting and analyzing data about Nebraska, including, but not limited to, demographics, workforce, education, wages, wealth, tax structure, revenue, natural resources, assets, challenges, trends, and growth and efficiency of government;
- identifying long-term issues significant to the state;
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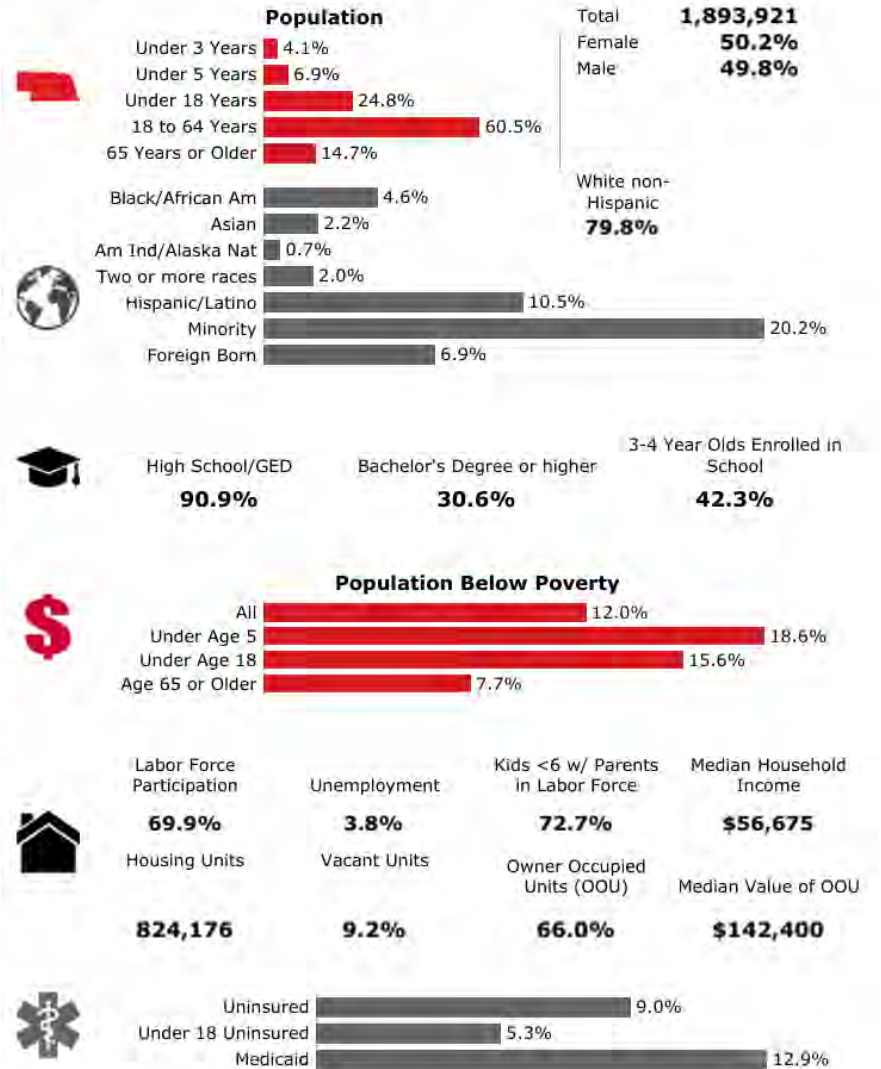
to access Nebraska
Legislative Districts by the
Numbers

and over 30 policy briefs
in 9 different topic areas

2017 Quick Facts for Nebraska

Geography
Nebraska

Period
2017



Nebraska
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates | Prepared by the University of Nebraska at Omaha Center for Public Affairs Research | Best viewed and printed from non-mobile version.



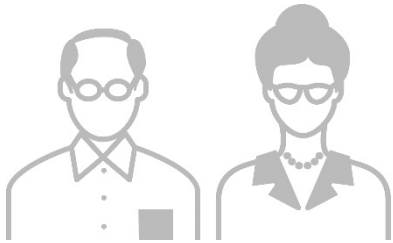
Population

58% of Senators
Said Topic was Extremely
Important or Important



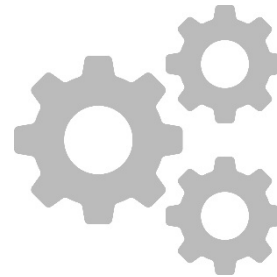
Education

76% of Senators
Said Topic was Extremely
Important or Important



Aging

76% of Senators
Said Topic was Extremely
Important or Important



Workforce

82% of Senators
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Important or Important



Diversity & Demographics

60% of Senators
Said Topic was Extremely
Important or Important

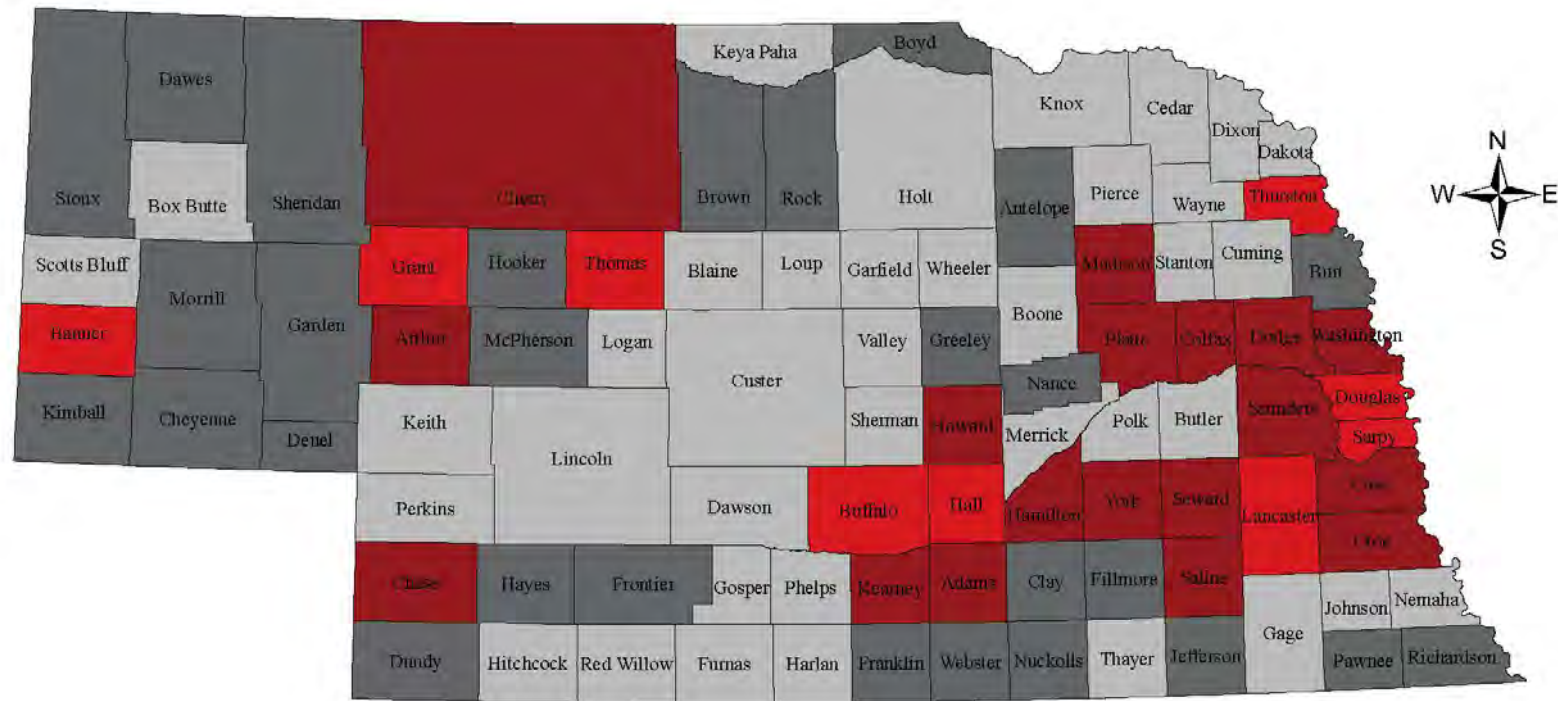


Public Safety

* Not surveyed

Since 2010, Nebraska's population has increased about 5% but 66 counties have lost population

Percent change in population 2010 - 2018

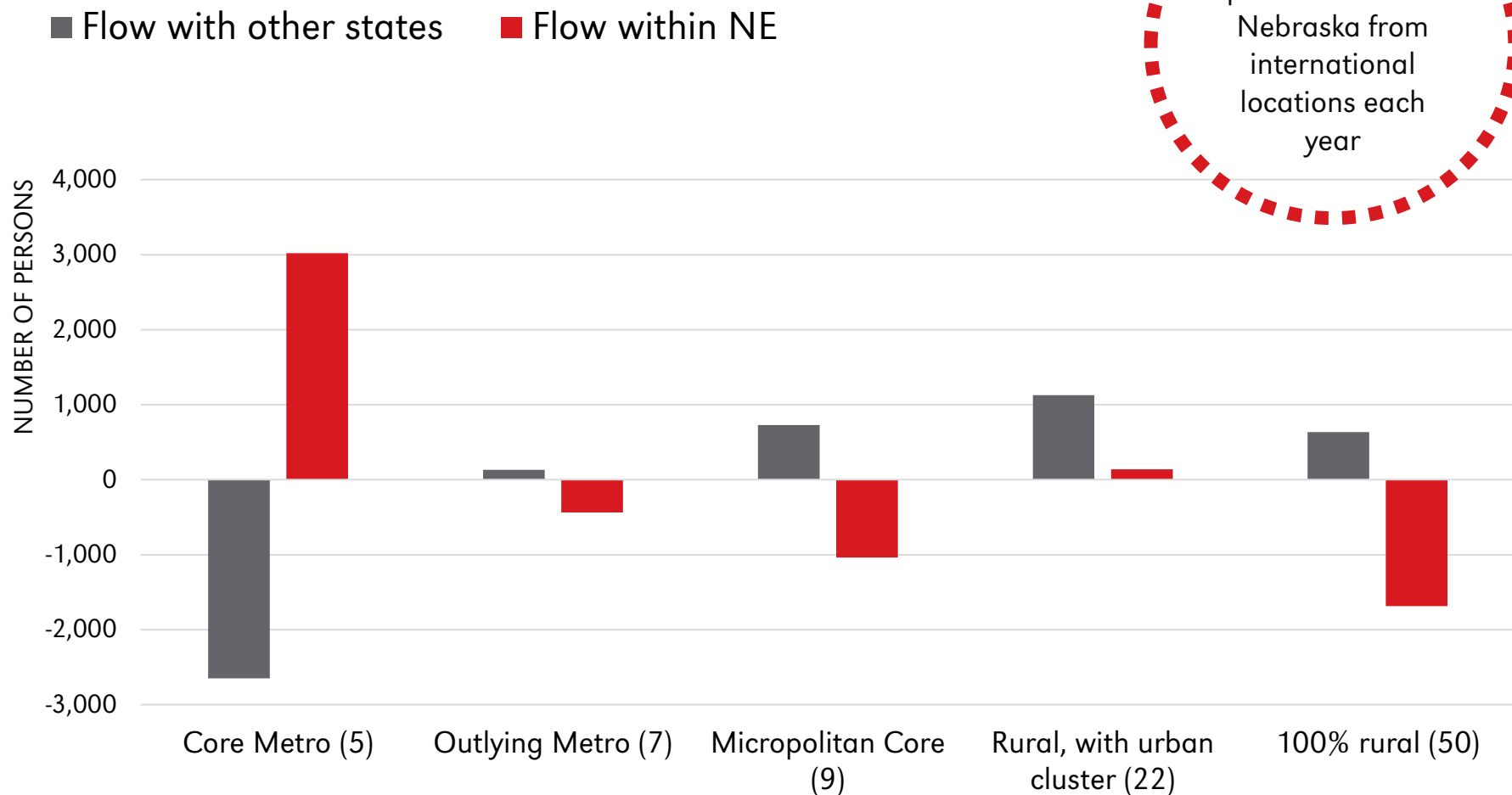


Note: Nebraska population overall increased 5.6%

- Population decrease of 5.0% or more (28 counties)
- Population decrease of less than 5.0% (38 counties)
- Population increase of less than 5.0% (18 counties)
- Population increase of 5.0% or more (9 counties)

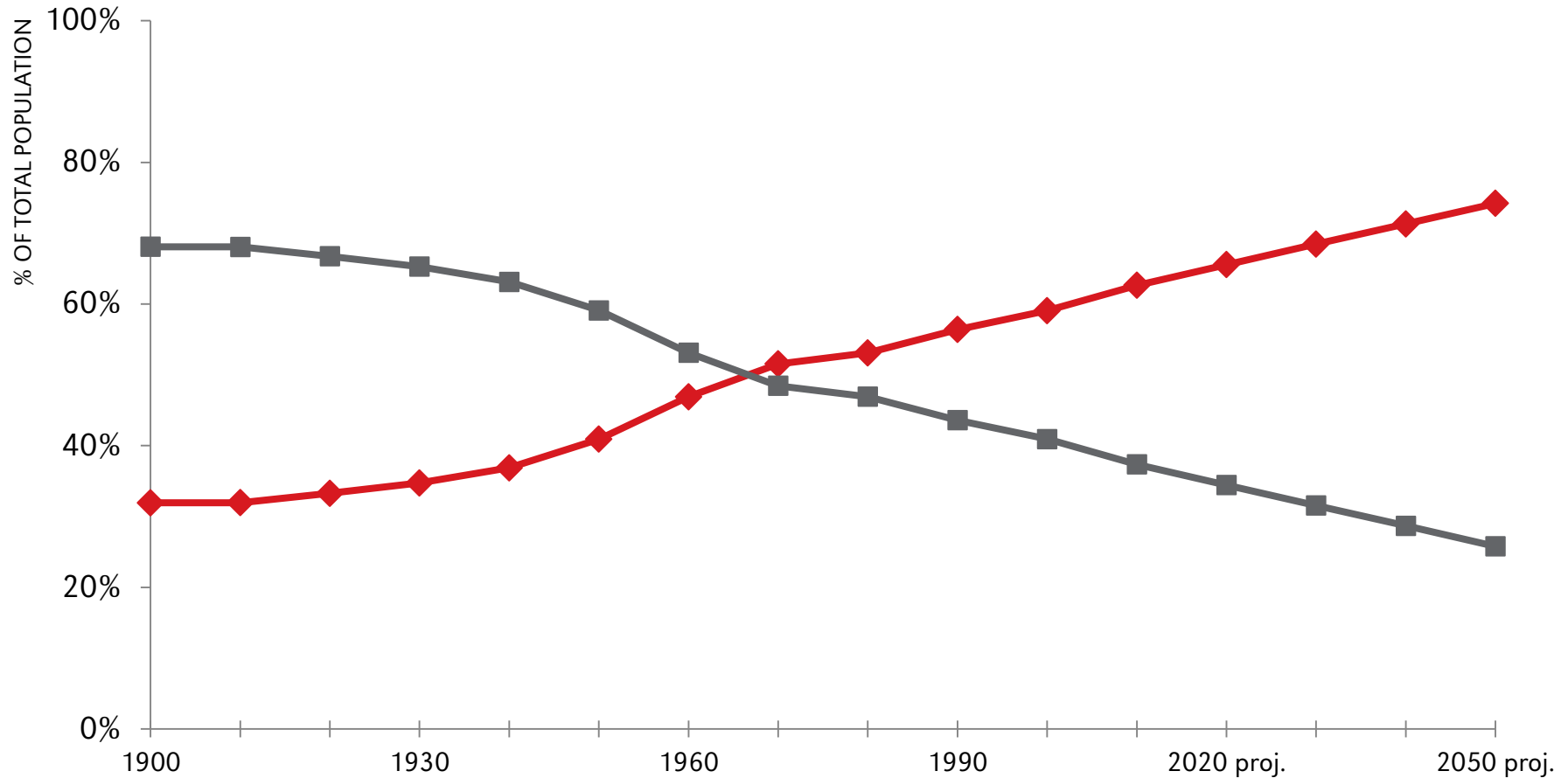
Nebraska is losing about 2,000 people a year to other states

Persons age 1 and older by area (no. of counties) 2017

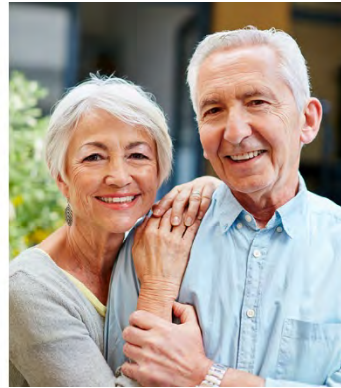


65% of Nebraska's population will live in a metro by 2020

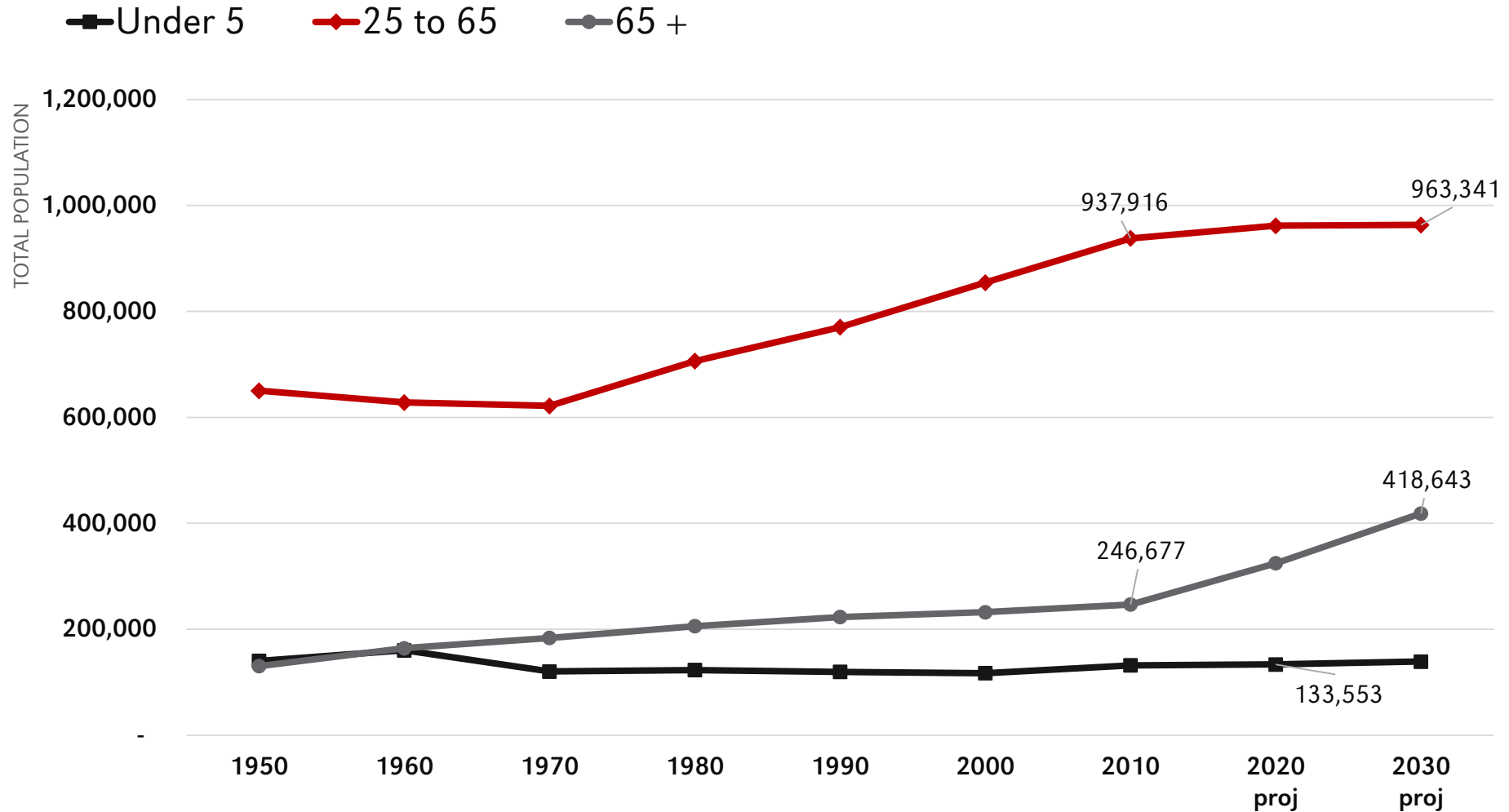
◆ Metro counties (12) ■ Nonmetro counties (81)



Aging

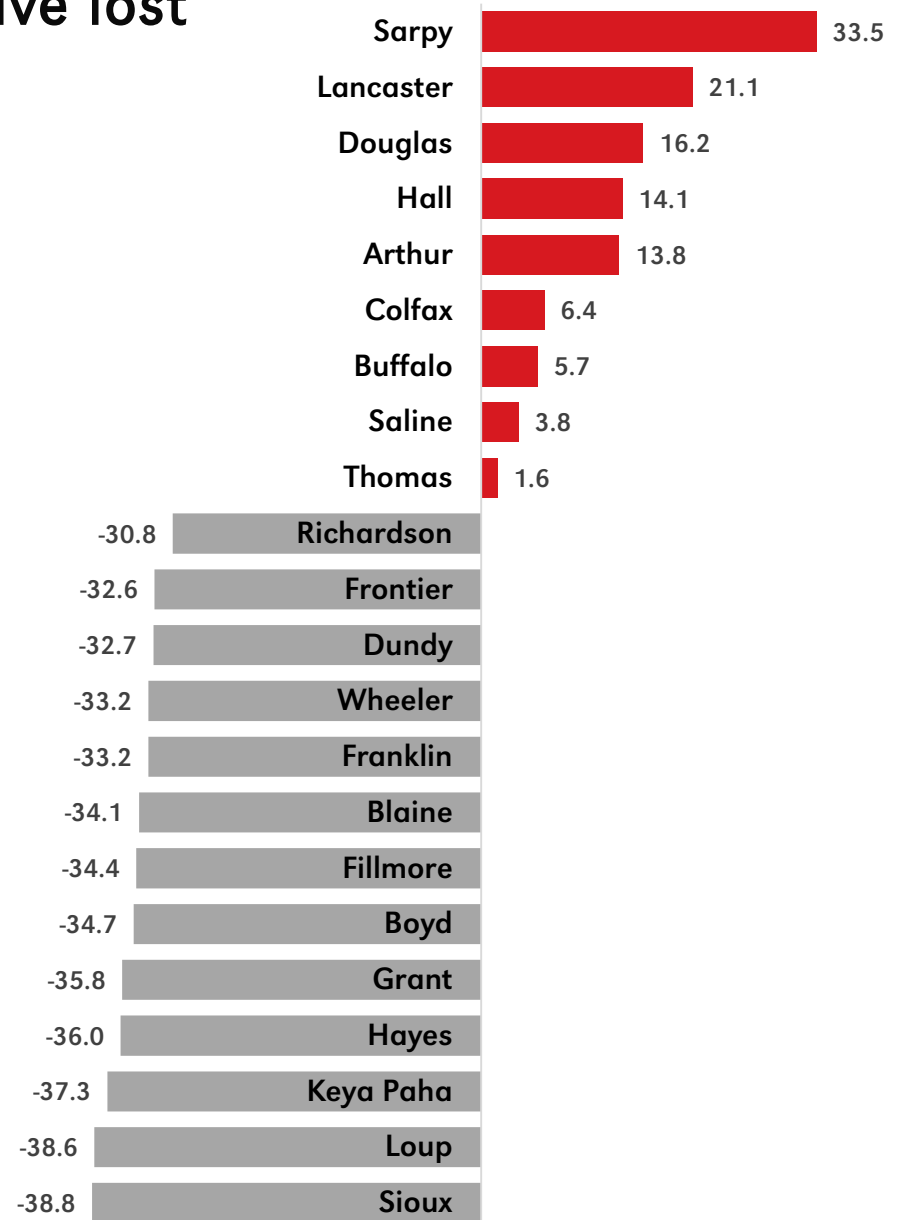


The ratio of working age to aging adults was 6:1 in 1950, 5:1 in 2010 and is expected to be 4:1 by 2030 as the aging adult population increases and the number under age 5 is flat



Since 2000, all but 9 counties have lost population under age 20

*Percent change in population under 20
2000- 2017*



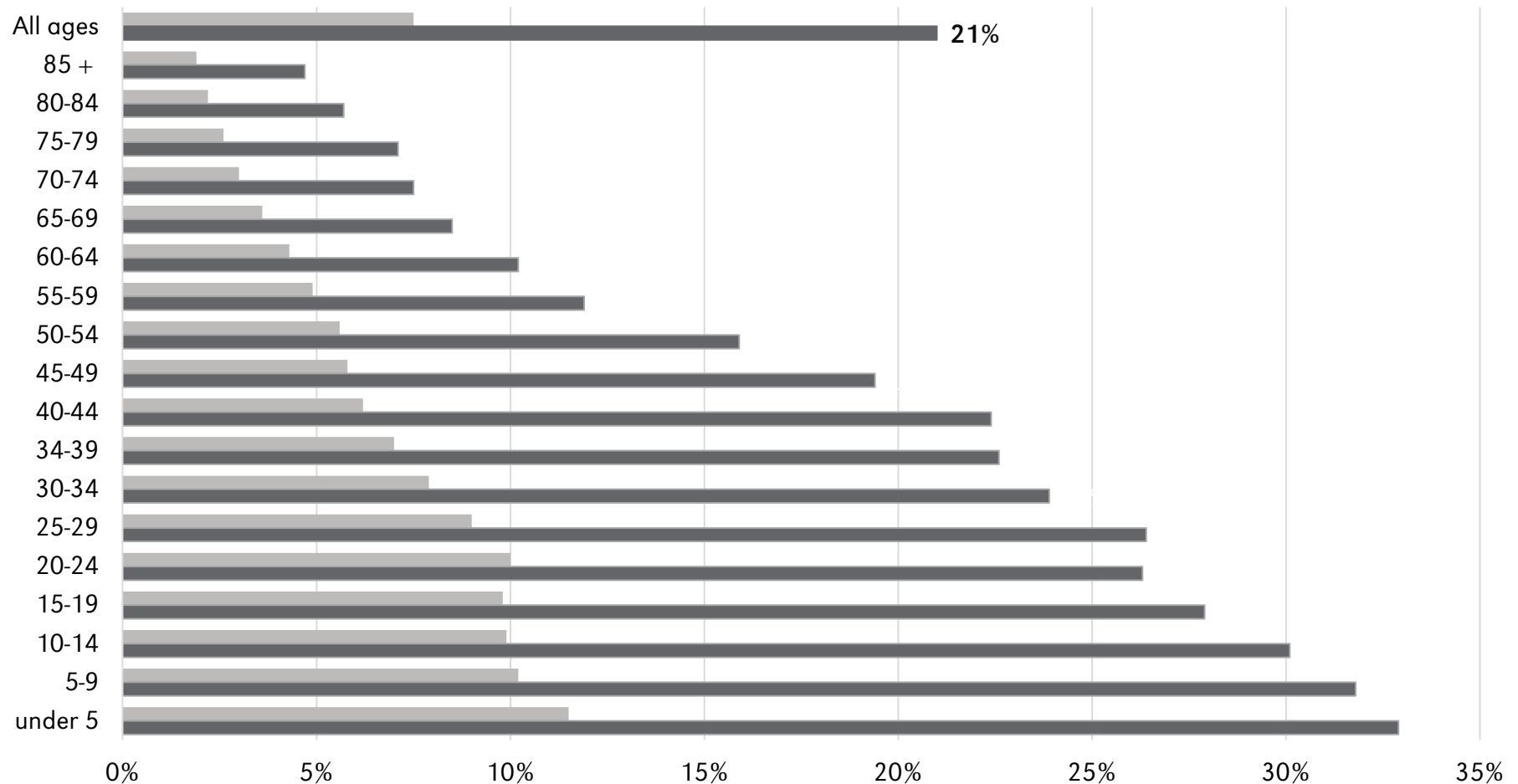
Increasing Diversity



21% of Nebraska's population is minority, up from 8% in 1990

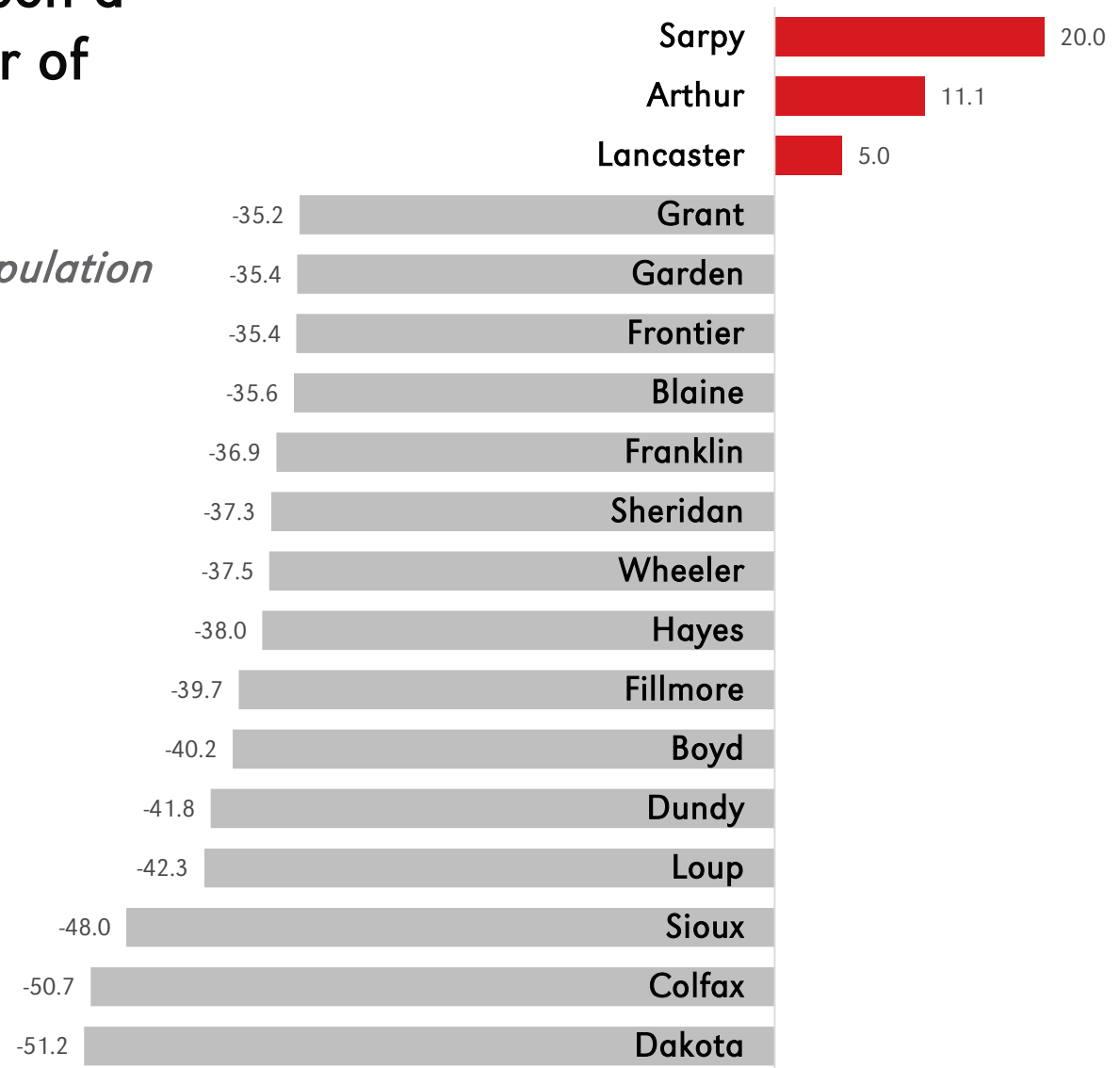
Minority population as % of total population by age groups

■ 1990 ■ 2017



Since 2000, in all but 3 counties there has been a decline in the number of White, non-Hispanic population under 20

Percent change in White population under 20, 2000- 2017



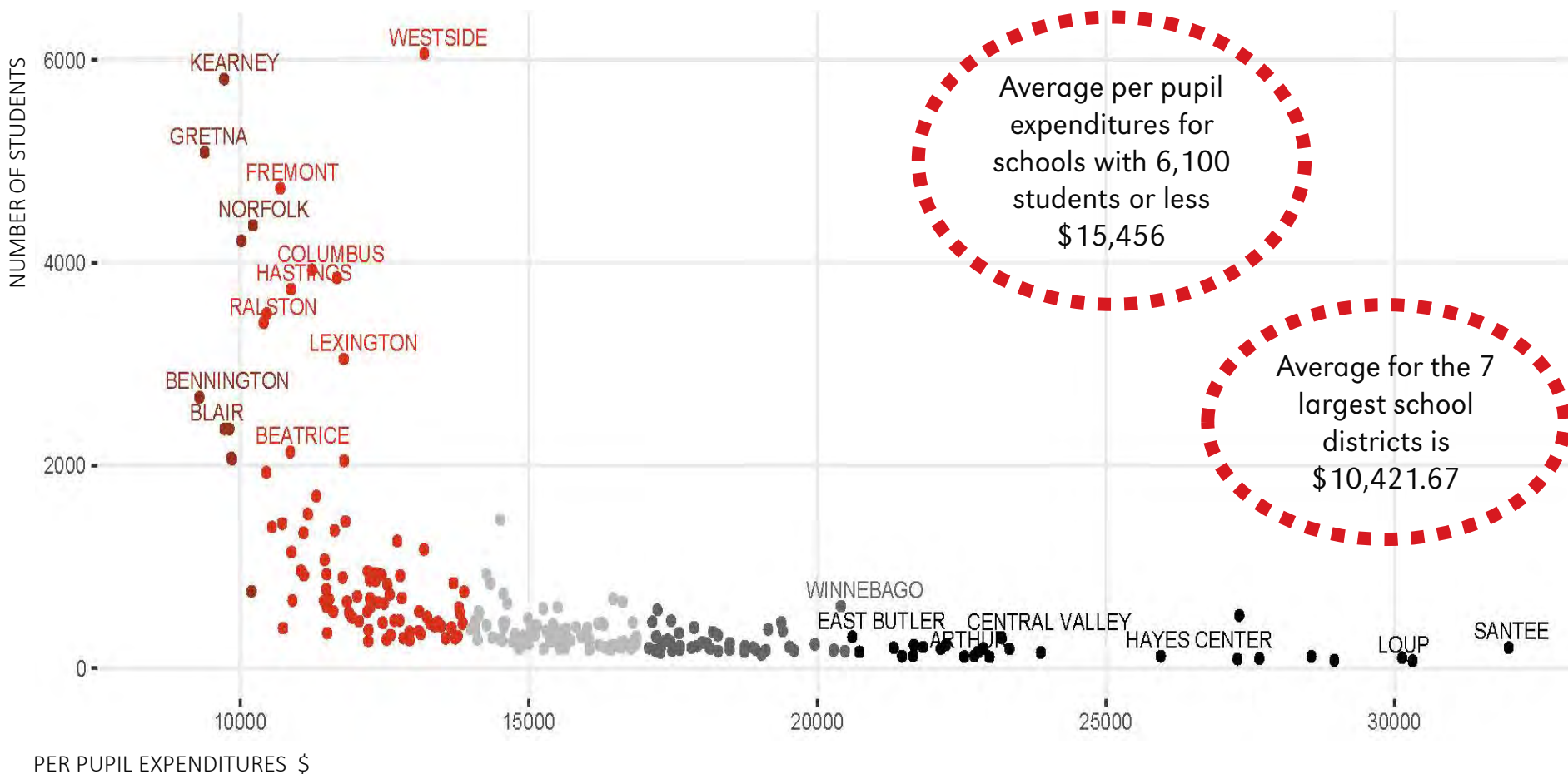
Education



Smaller school districts have higher spending per student

School district per pupil spending for Nebraska school districts under 6,100 students

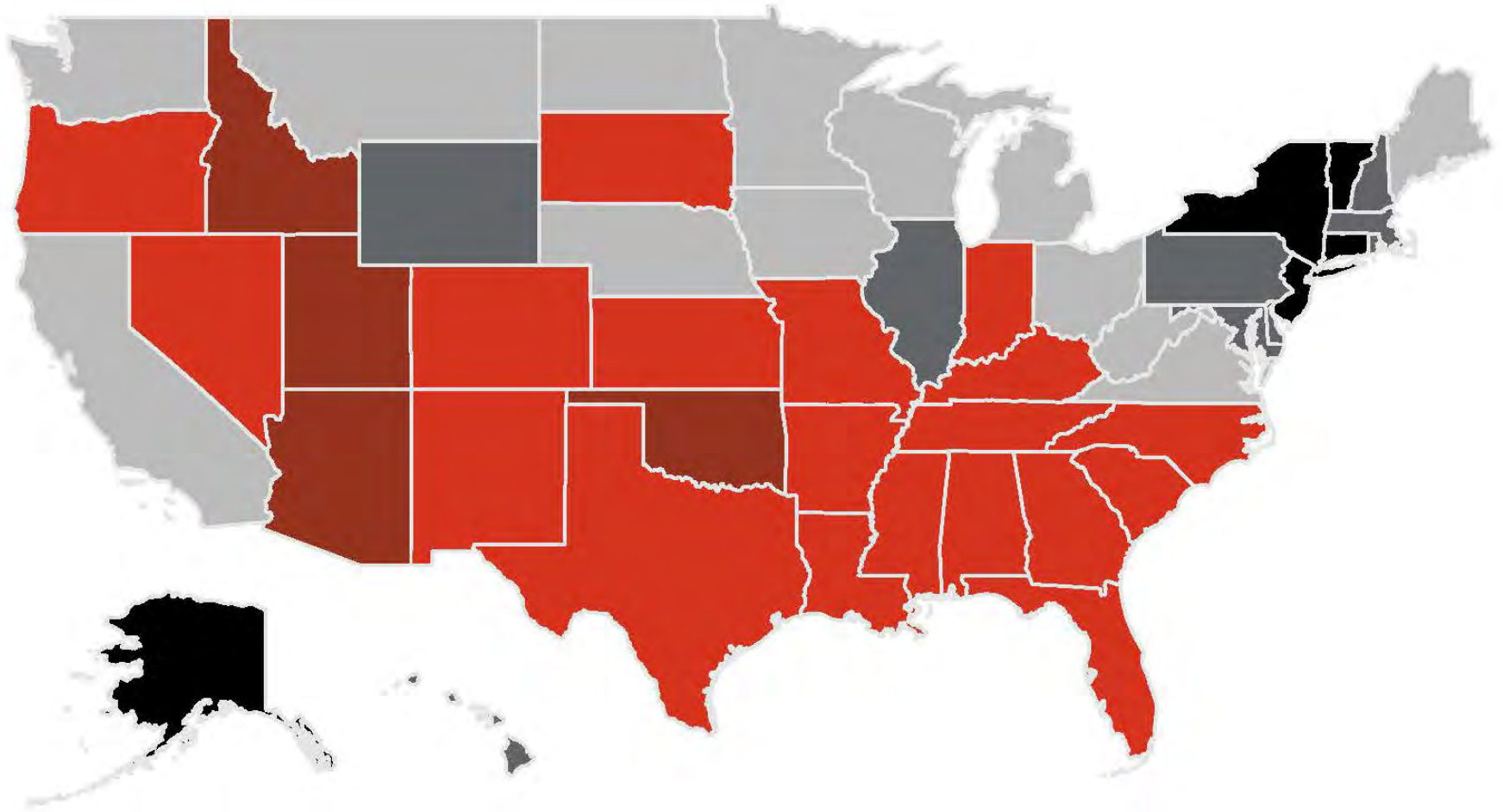
● < \$10,355 ● \$10,356 – \$13,910 ● \$13,911 – \$17,001 ● \$17,002 – \$20,556 ● > \$20,557



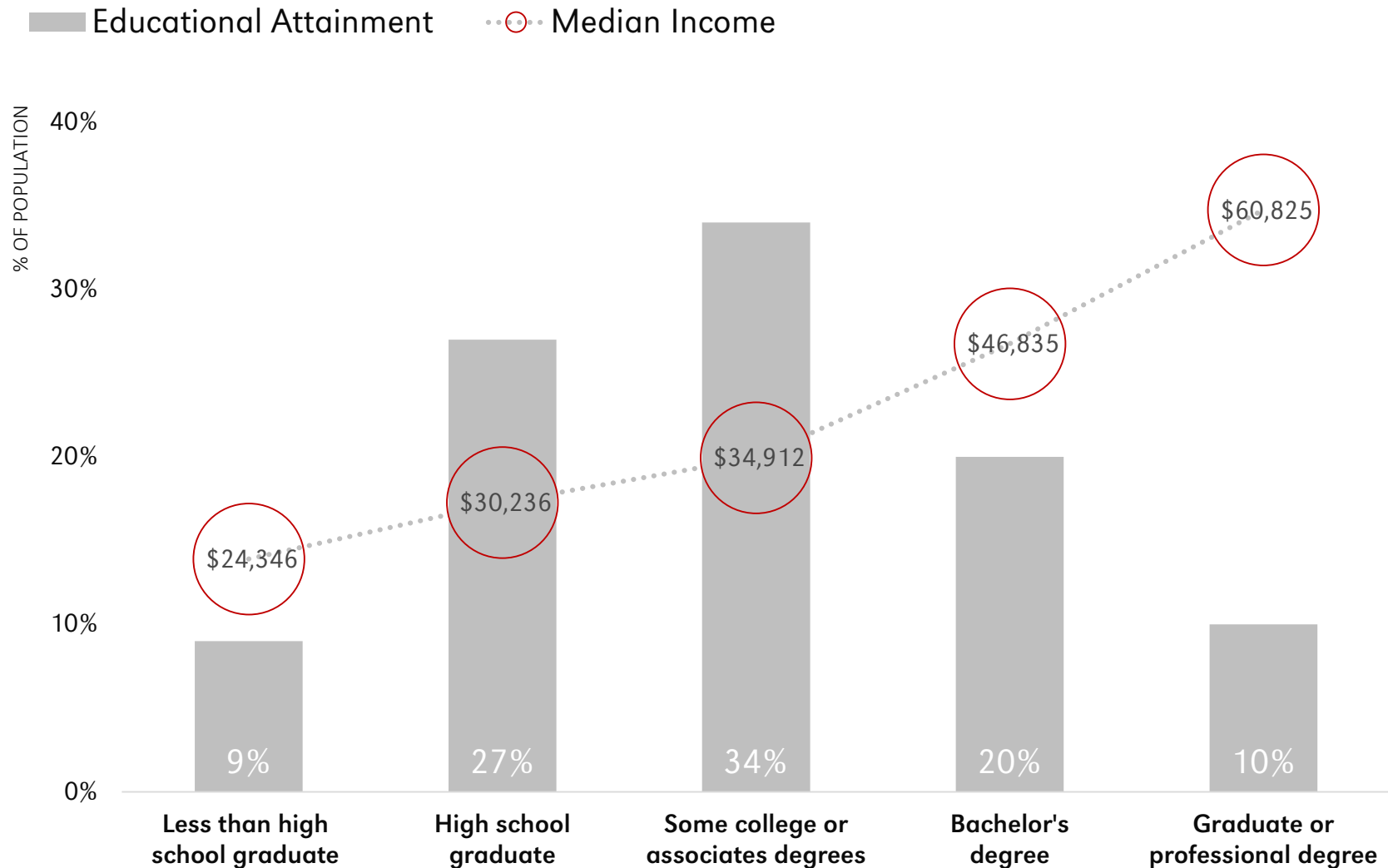
Nebraska's per pupil spending of \$12,578 is near the national average of \$12,520

2017 average per pupil expenditure calculated by U.S. Census Bureau

● \$7,178 - \$8,388 ● \$8,389 - \$11,268 ● \$11,269 - \$13,772 ● \$13,773 - \$16,652 ● \$16,653 - \$23,090



64% of Nebraskans have some higher education and higher education leads to higher income



Workforce



693,857
persons over 16 that are
employed full-time year-round

1,024,737
persons 16 years and older
in the labor force

70%
labor force
participation

Labor force participation rate by race, ethnicity, and gender

Latino — 75%

Black — 68%

White — 70%

Asian — 66%

American Indian & Alaska Native — 64%



Male 88%

Female 80%

age 20-64

State Rankings

#1

Labor force
participation of single
mothers with kids
under six – **81%**

#2

for age 25-64 with a bachelor's degree+ in the labor force – **90%**

in % of married-couple families with
both spouses in the labor force – **61%**

for share of families in poverty that have a householder or spouse
who worked "full time and year round" – **29%**

for age 55-64 labor force participation – **74%**

#4

for age 65+ labor force
participation – **22%**

for portion of workers that have
more than one job – **8%**

#3

for age 16-19 labor
force participation –
53%

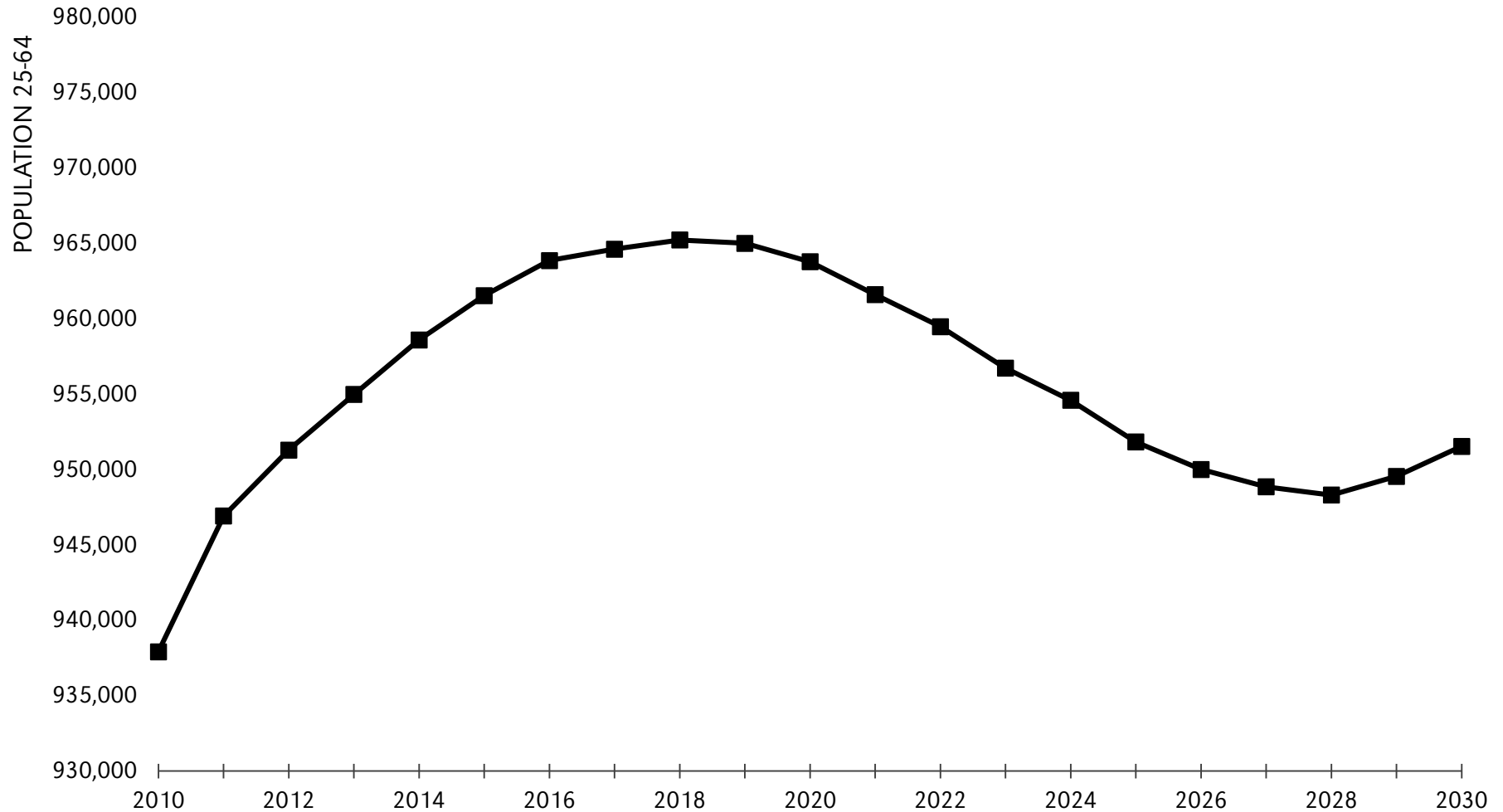
#5

for kids under six with all parents
in the labor force – **72%**

#9 2.9% Unemployment as of April 2019

The prime age workforce is peaking and will decline for the next 10 years

Nebraska projected age 25-64 population 2010 to 2030

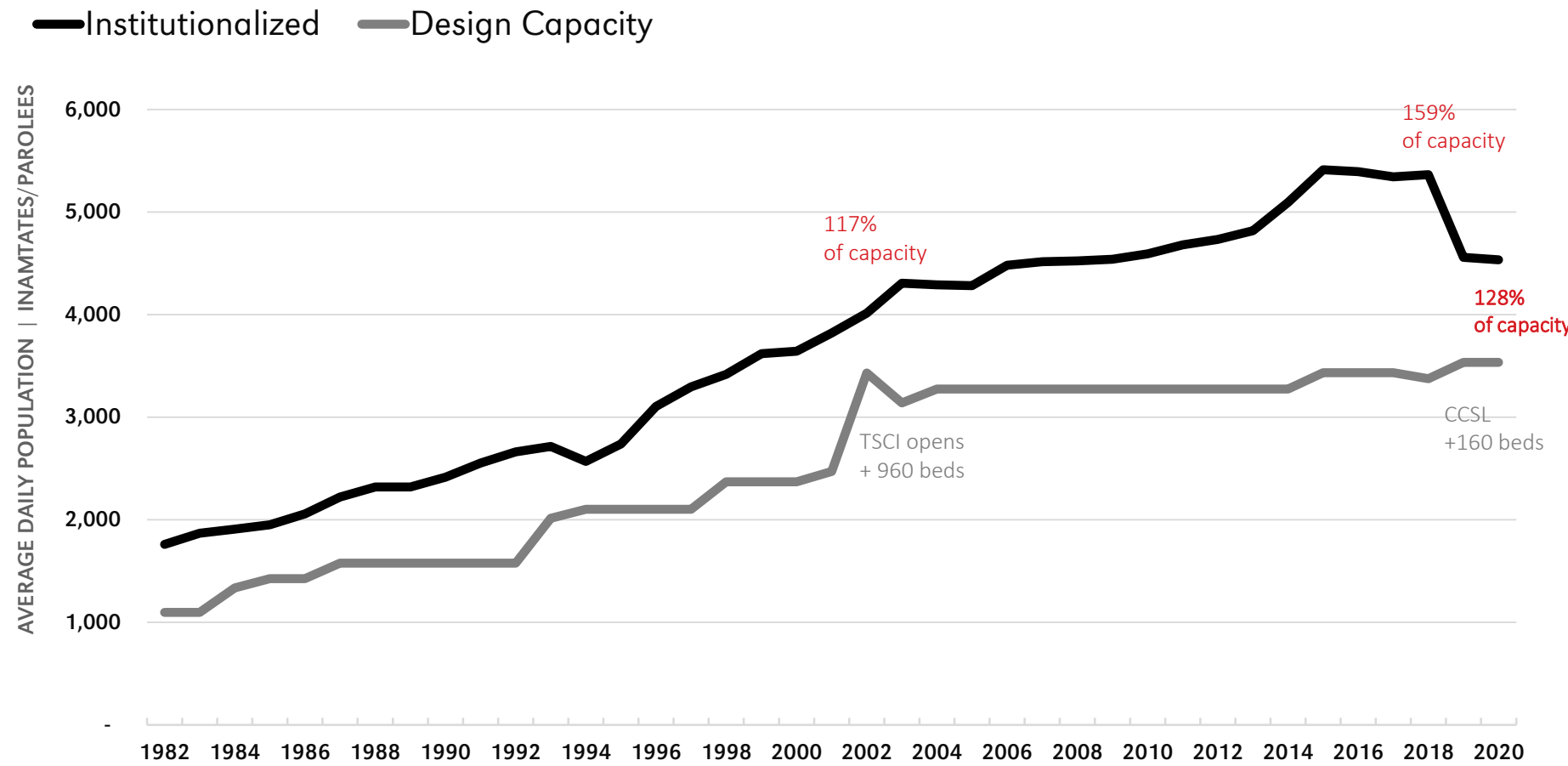


Public Safety



Since 1982, the number of inmates housed in Nebraska facilities has increased 200%

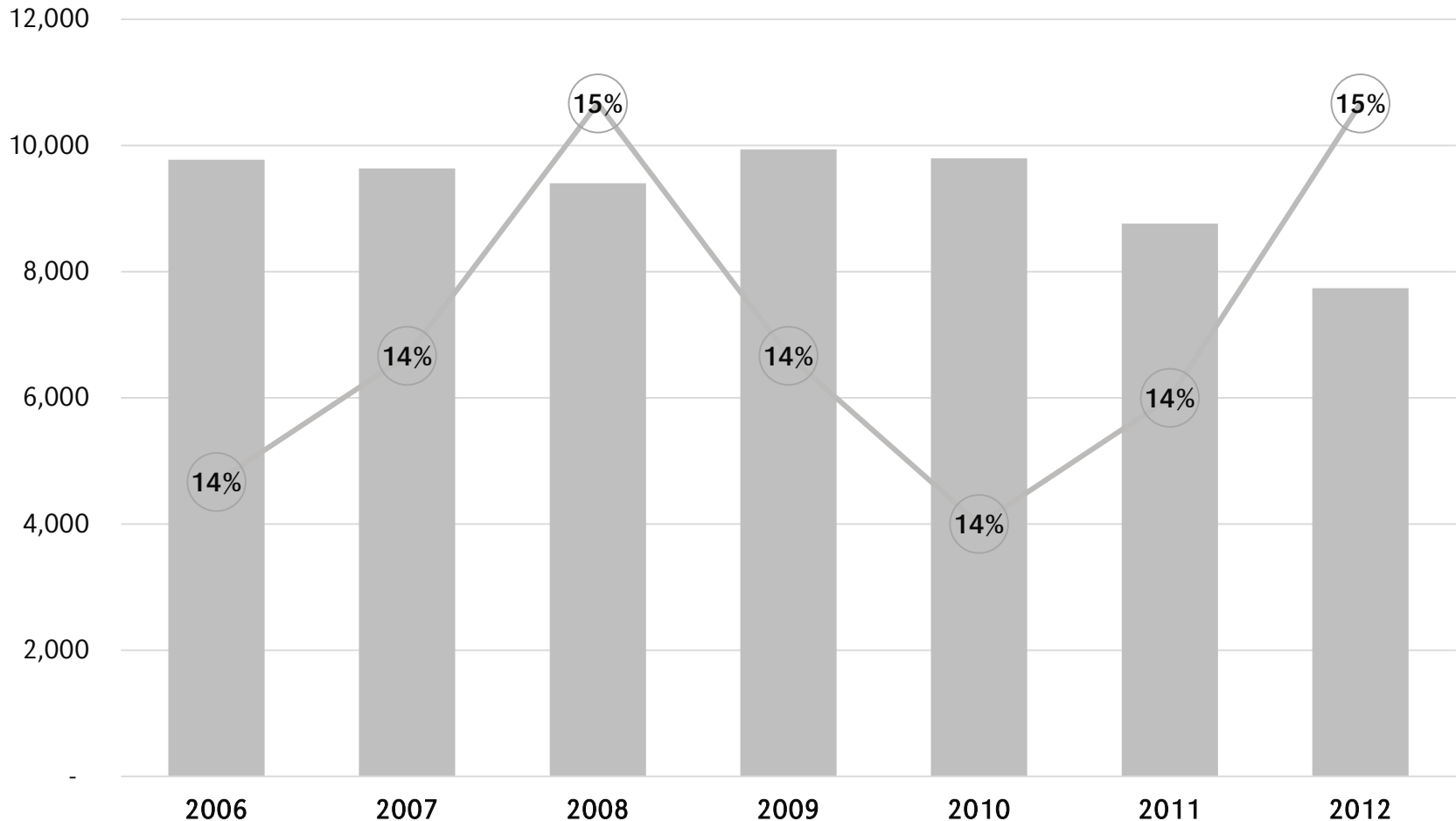
Nebraska Department of Corrections average daily population and design capacity fiscal year 1982 – 2020 / 2019 and 2020 are projections



On average, only 14% of probationers reoffend within three years of release

Yearly number of probationers and recidivism rate within three years of discharge

■ Number of Probationers ○ Percent Recidivating



2020 VISION

IT'S YOUR FUTURE

— 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS IN NEBRASKA —

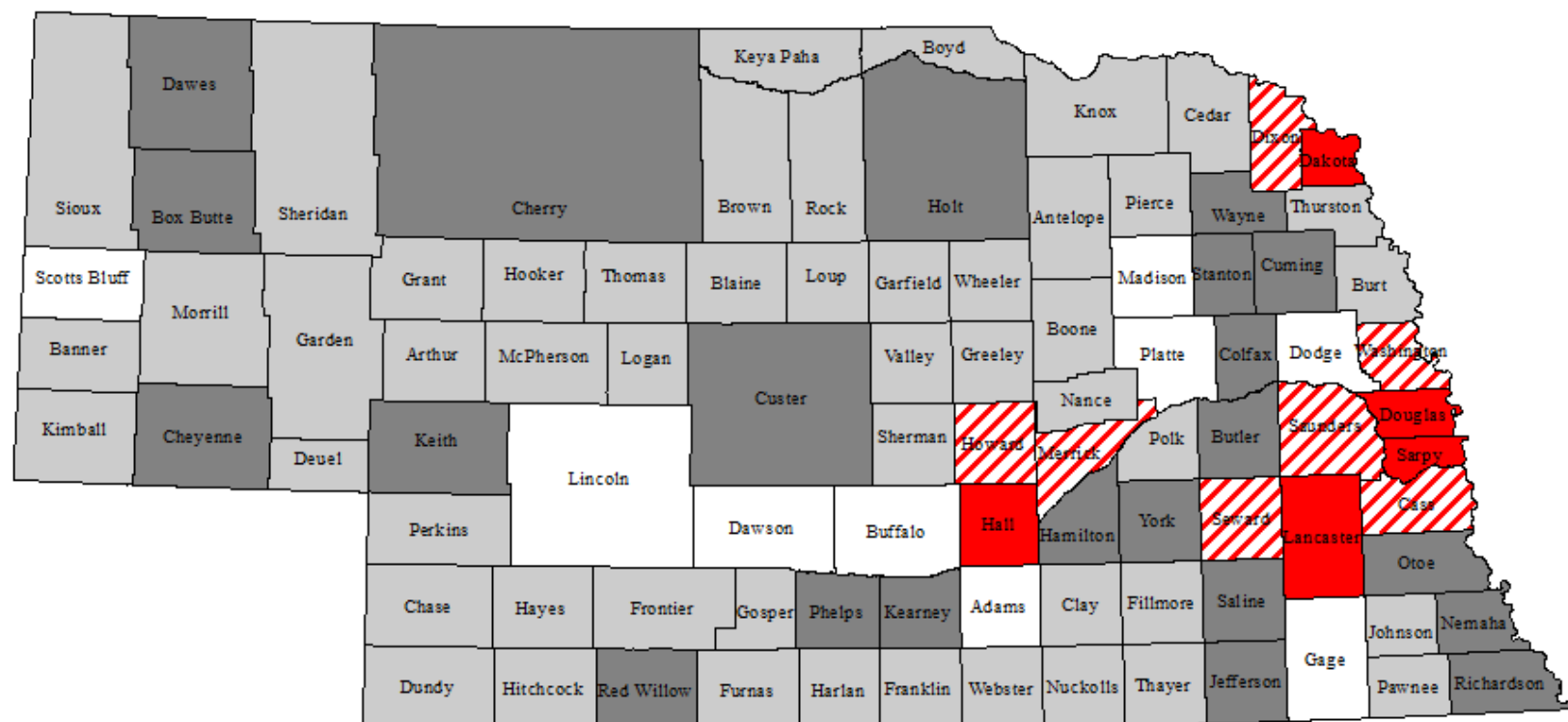
**Over \$2,000 is lost
for every person not
counted**



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Nebraska Counties Classified by Metropolitan, Micropolitan, and Rural Status



Nebraska County Classification

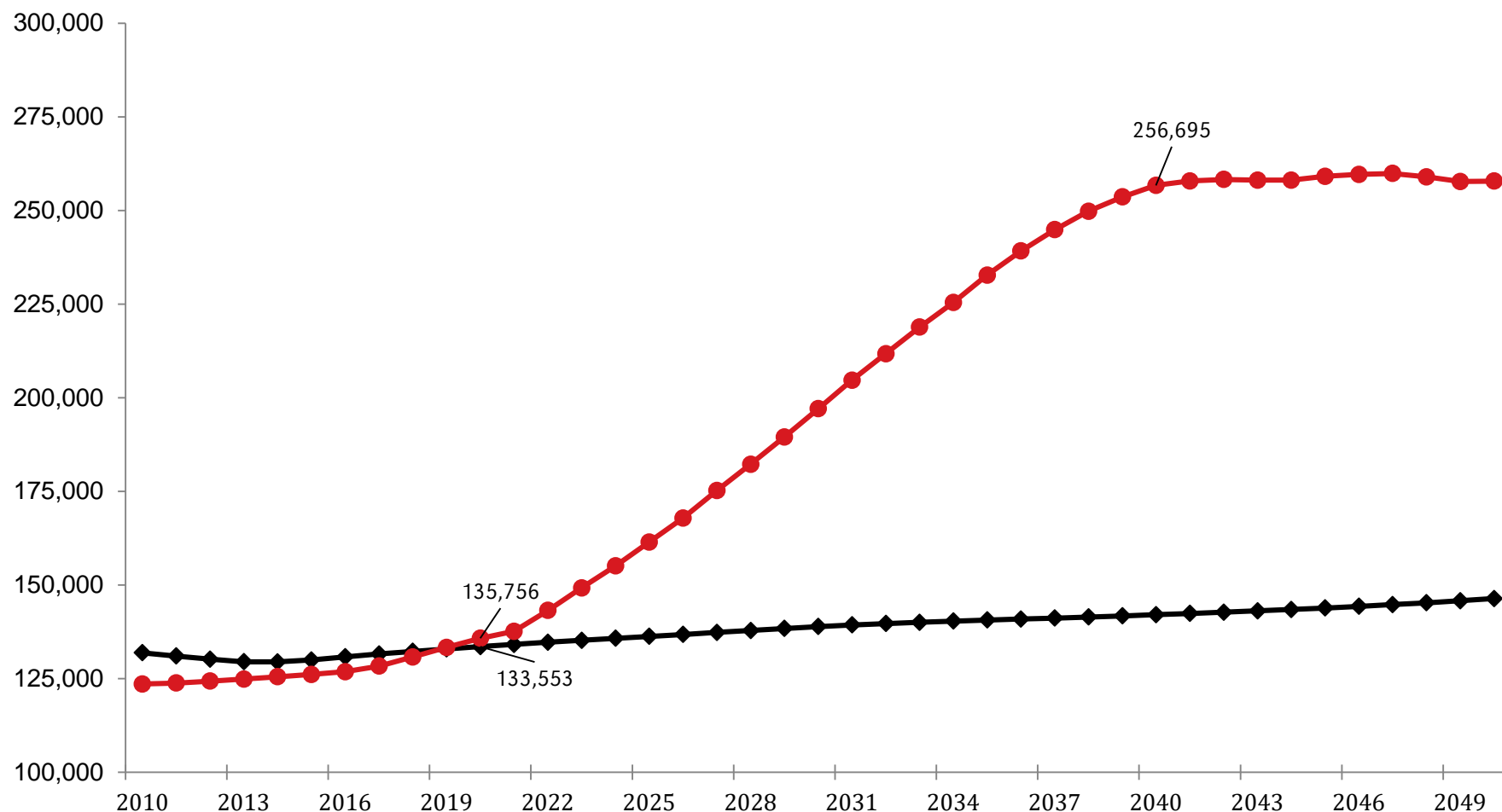
- Core metropolitan (5) - contains or uniquely tied to a city of 50,000 or more residents
- Outlying metropolitan (7) - strong commuting ties to a core metro
- Micropolitan core (9) - nonmetropolitan containing a city of 10,000 - 49,999 residents
- Rural with urban cluster (22) - nonmetropolitan containing a city of 2,500 - 9,999 residents
- 100% rural (50) - no city or largest city population of less than 2,500 residents



In 2019 the population of 75+ surpassed the population under age 5

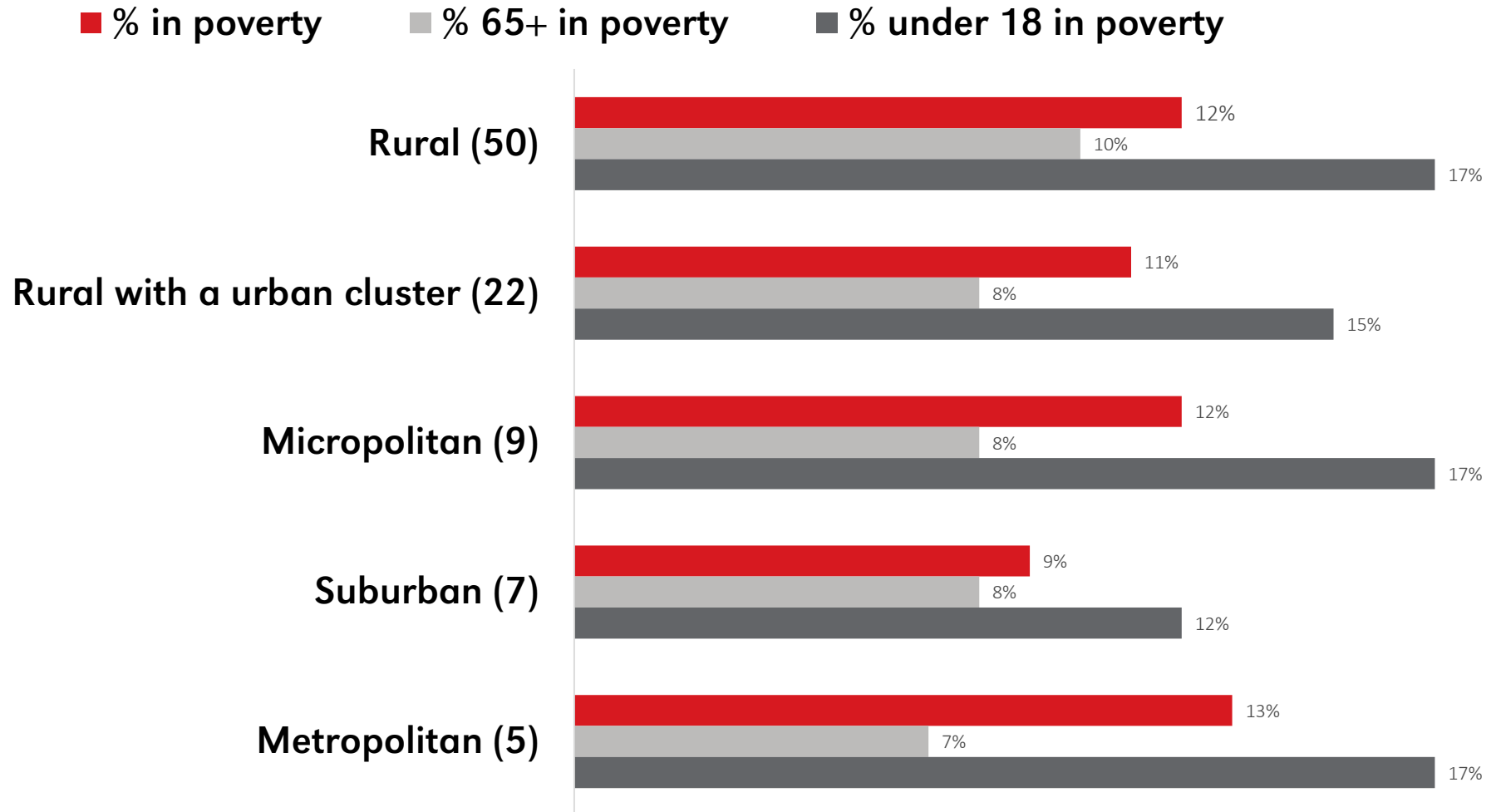
Projection of Nebraska population for select age groups 2010 - 2050

◆ Population under age 5 ● Population age 75+



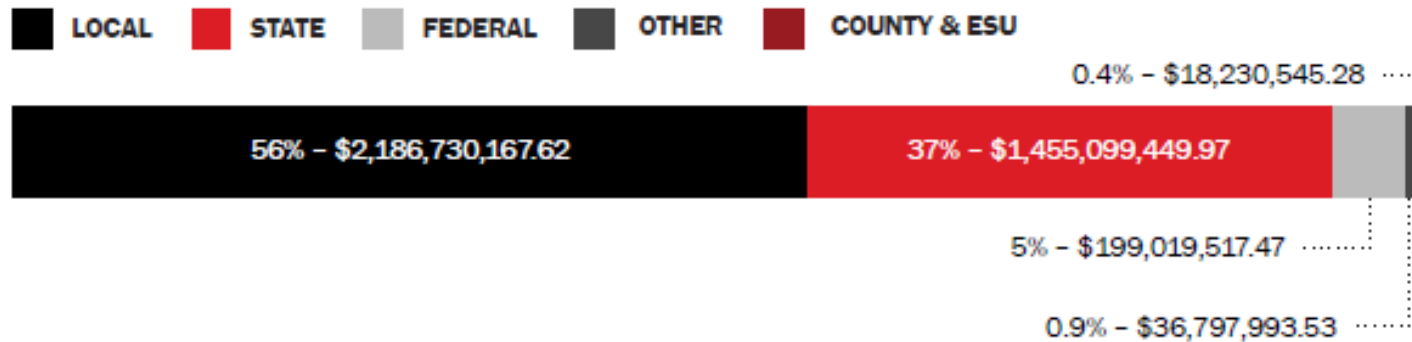
Rural counties have the highest percentages of persons 65+ in poverty

Percent of population in poverty by county groups

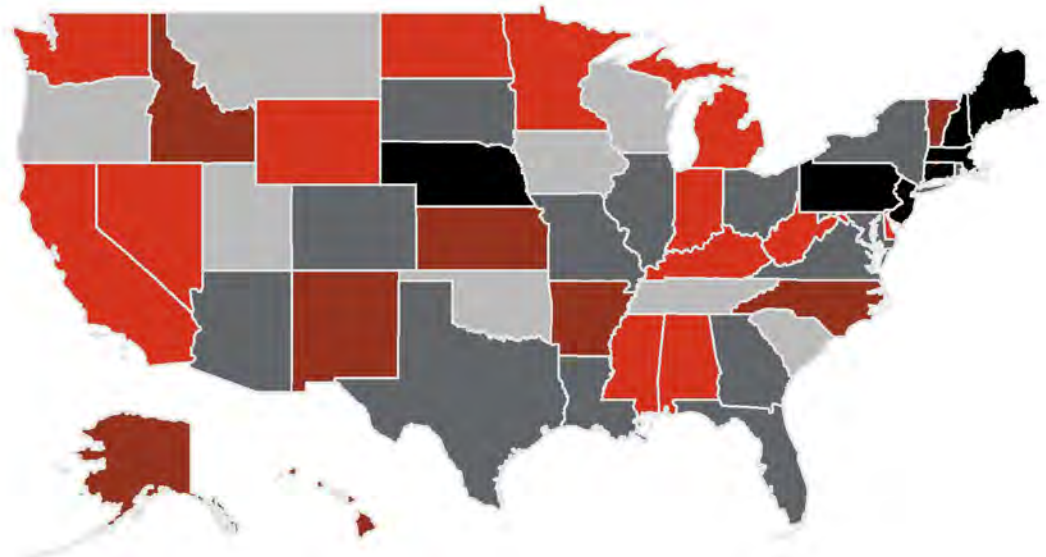


NEBRASKA'S COMPOSITION OF GENERAL FUND REVENUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ⁴

TOTAL: \$3,895,877,673.87



PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL RESOURCES



ONLY 7 OF NEBRASKA'S 244 SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE OVER 6,100 STUDENTS AND THEIR SPENDING PER STUDENT IS SOME OF THE LOWEST IN THE STATE ¹

SCHOOL DISTRICT	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	SPENDING PER STUDENT
ELKHORN PUBLIC	9,347	\$9,297.40
BELLEVUE PUBLIC	9,801	\$10,676.57
GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC	9,897	\$10,457.98
PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY	12,018	\$9,644.89
MILLARD PUBLIC	24,018	\$9,453.31
LINCOLN PUBLIC	41,737	\$10,777.20
OMAHA PUBLIC	52,836	\$12,644.60

Larger school districts have higher teacher to student ratio

2017/18 average teacher to student ratio by school district size

69 – 593 students		599 – 6,060 students		Over 6,100	
Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary
11.56	8.61	11.57	8.61	14.26	15.30



**Distribution of age 20+ population
with an associate degree by race,
ethnicity, and gender**

White	90.2%
Latino	4.1%
Black	3.1%
Asian	1.0%
Other	1.0%
American Indian	0.6%



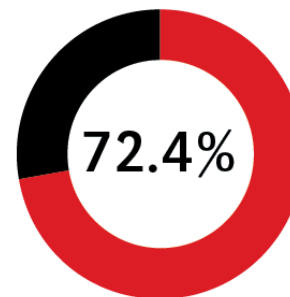
Female
52.2%



Male
47.8%

7.3%
POVERTY
RATE

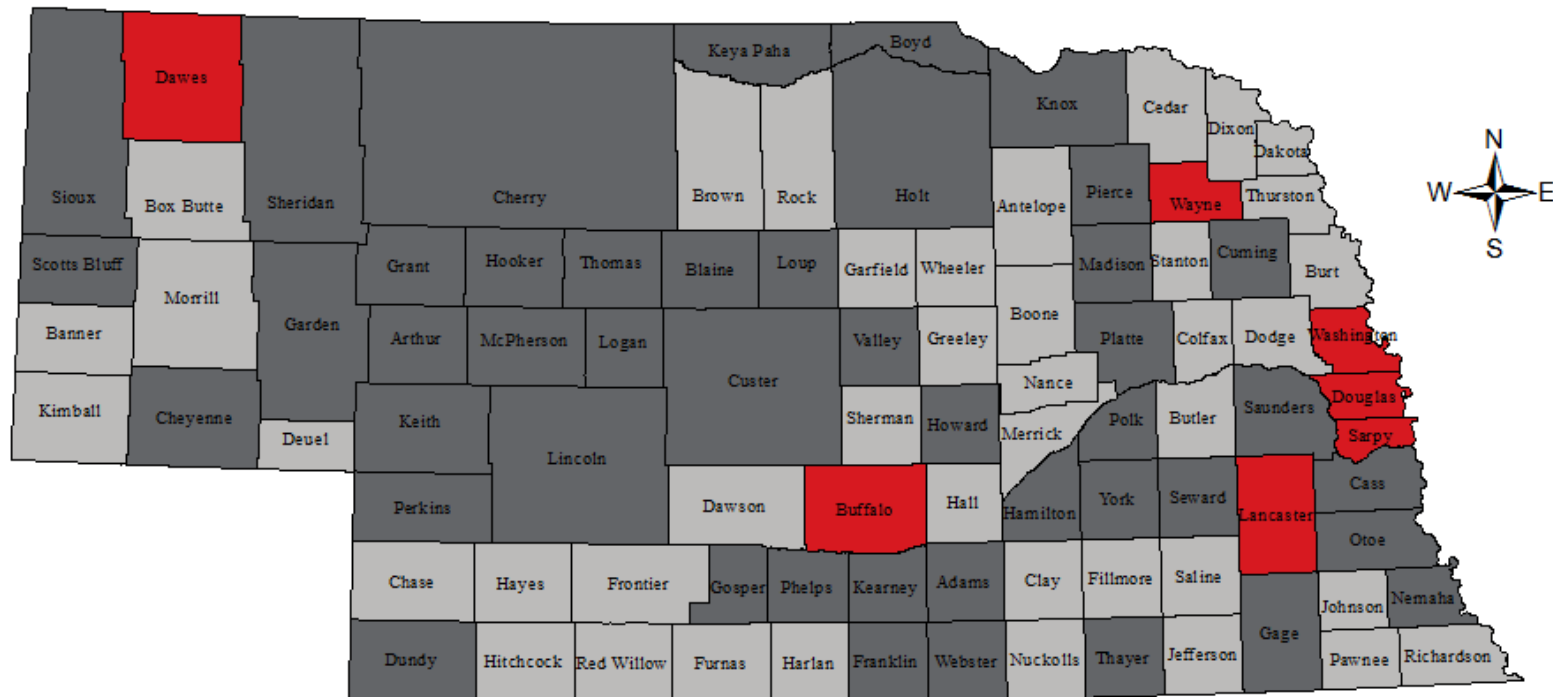
\$40,894
MEDIAN EARNINGS OF
FULL-TIME WORKERS



IN OWNER-
OCCUPIED
HOUSEHOLDS



In only 7 counties, there are over 30.6% of persons with a Bachelor's degree

Percent of population 25 years and older with a Bachelor's Degree or higher education



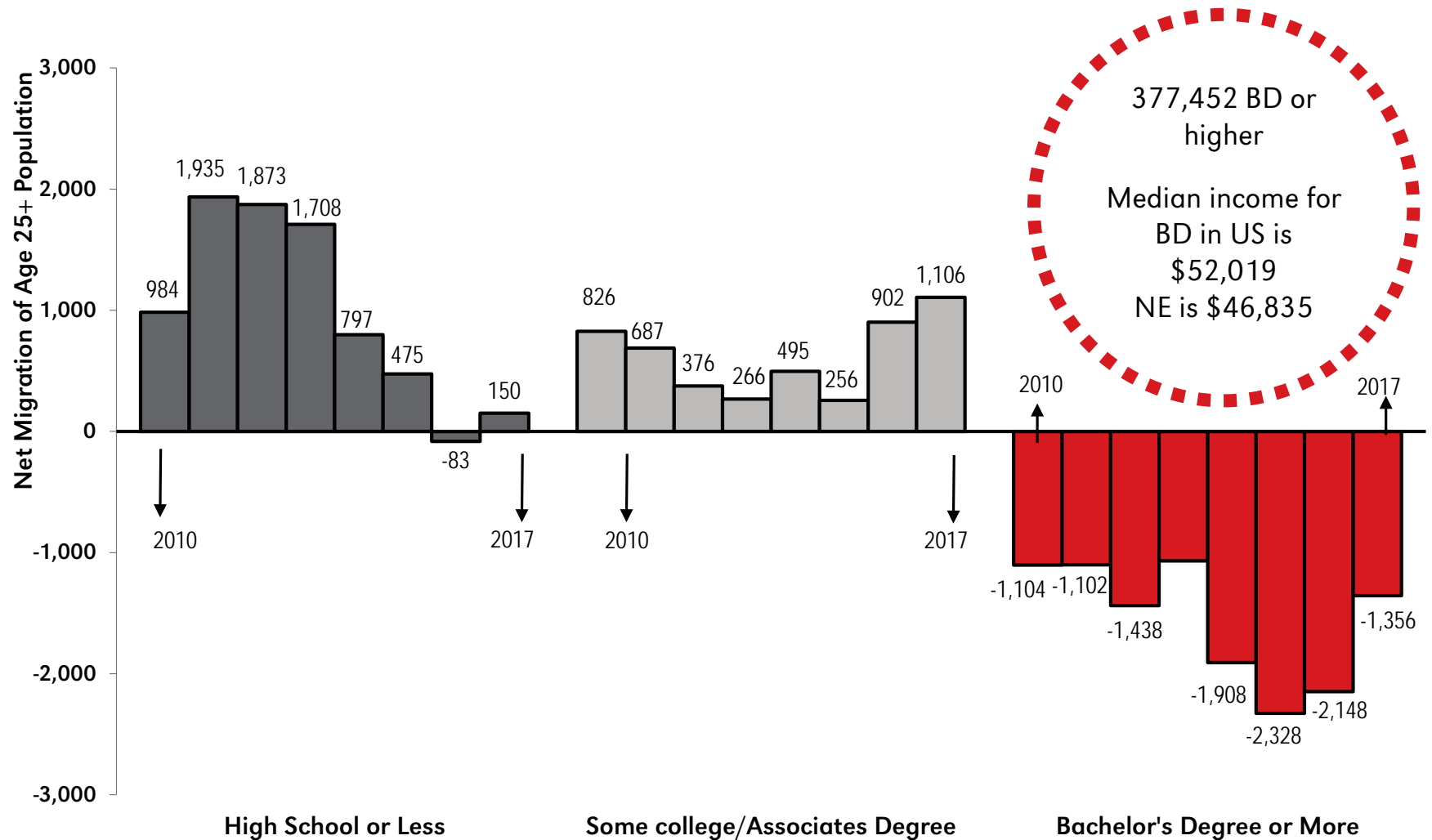
Percent age 25 or older with a Bachelor's Degree or more education

Note: Nebraska = 30.6%

-  Less than 20.0% (41 counties)
-  20.0 to 30.5% (45 counties)
-  At or above state average of 30.6% (7 counties)

Nebraska's brain drain continues versus a net immigration of those with less education

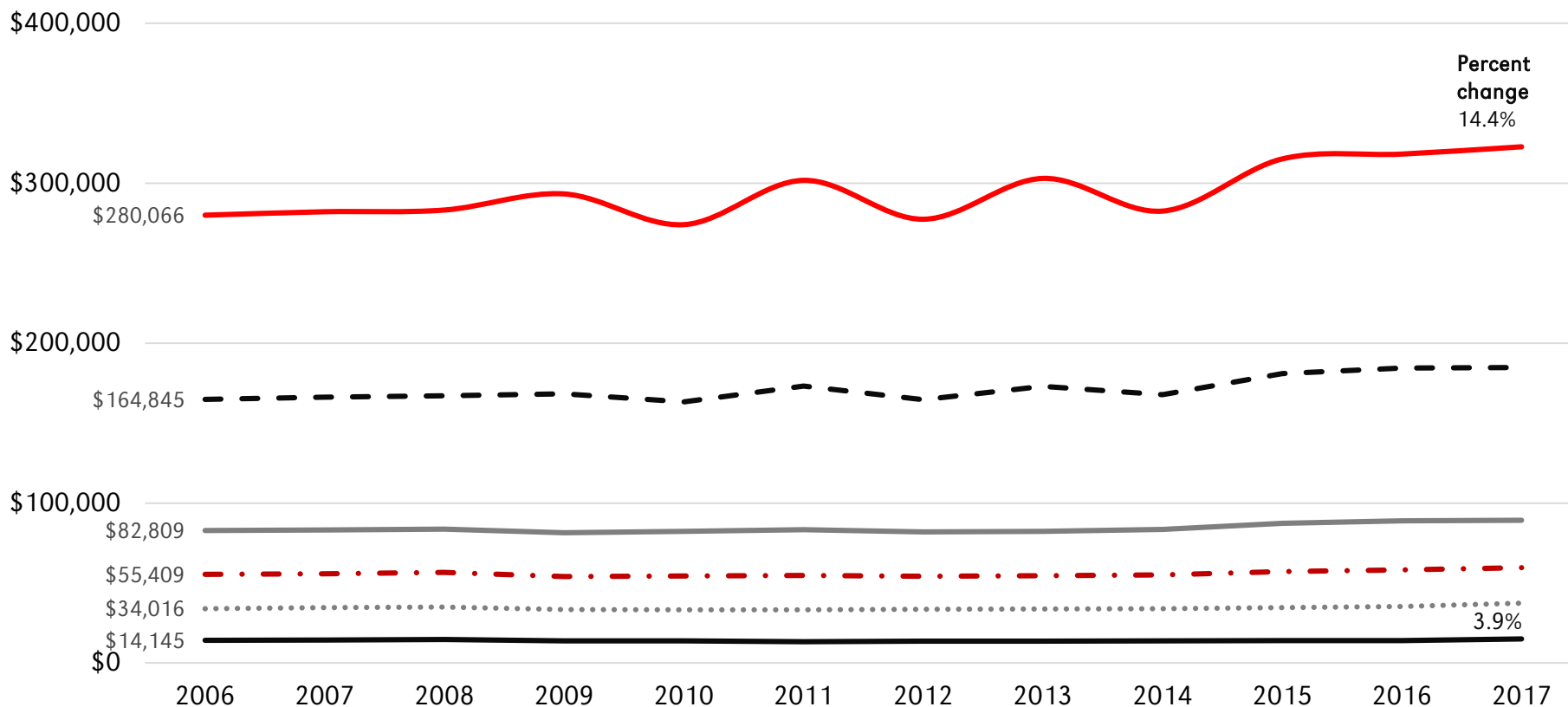
Net domestic migration of age 25+ population by education, 2010 to 2017



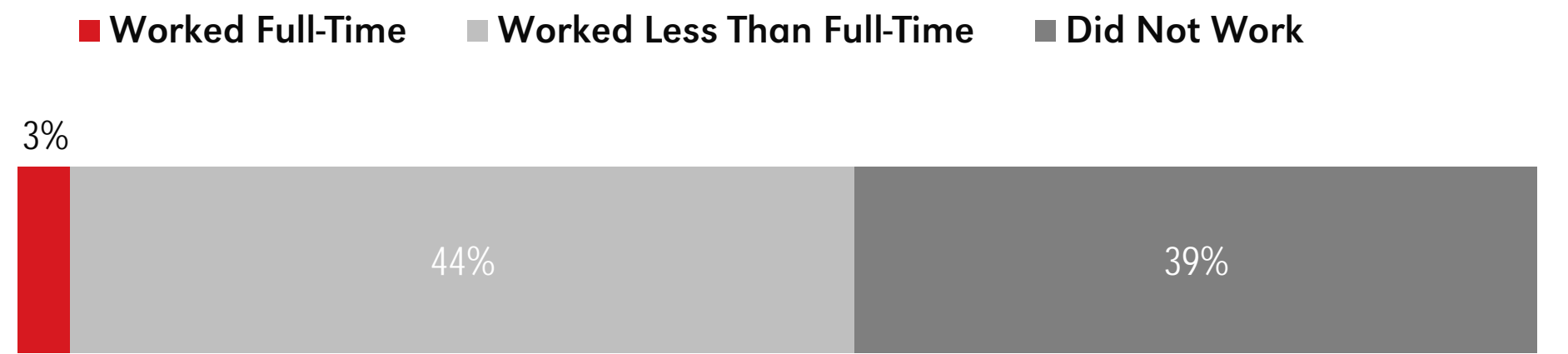
On average, Nebraskans' incomes have increased about **8%** since 2006 ranking 7th best in the country

Inflation adjusted mean household income. About 145,000 households per quintile, 37,000 in the top 5%

— Lowest Quintile Second Quintile - . - Third Quintile — Fourth Quintile - - - Highest Quintile — Top 5 Percent

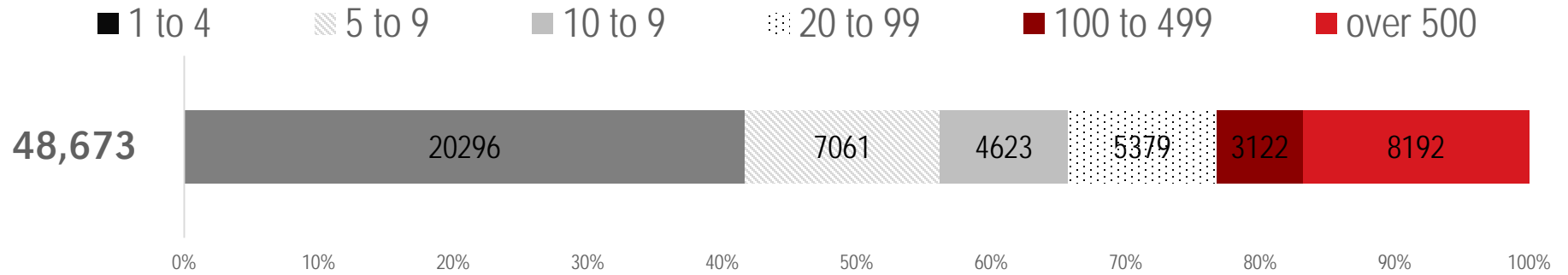


Of the 12% of the population that is in poverty, **47%** work full or part-time
Percent of population 16 and over that are in poverty by employment status over the past 12 months

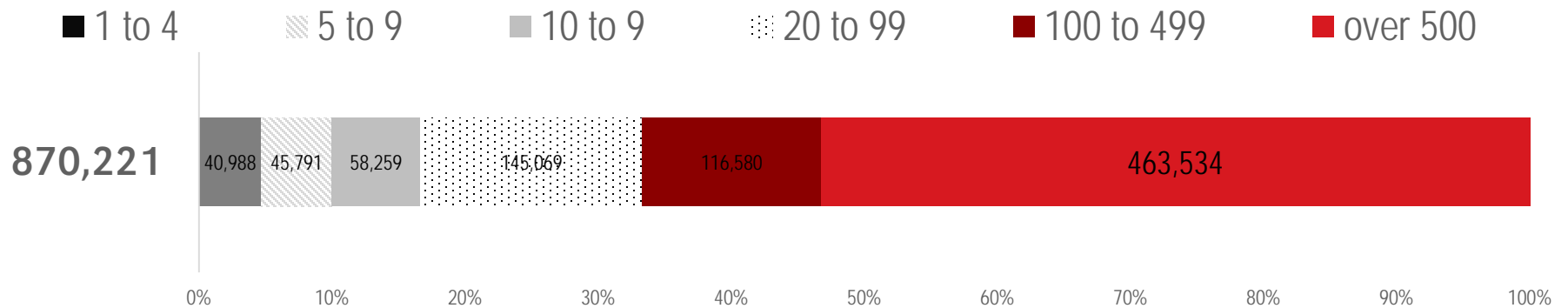


23% of those in poverty, 25 or older, have less than a high school degree

Total number of enterprise establishments by NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES | 2016

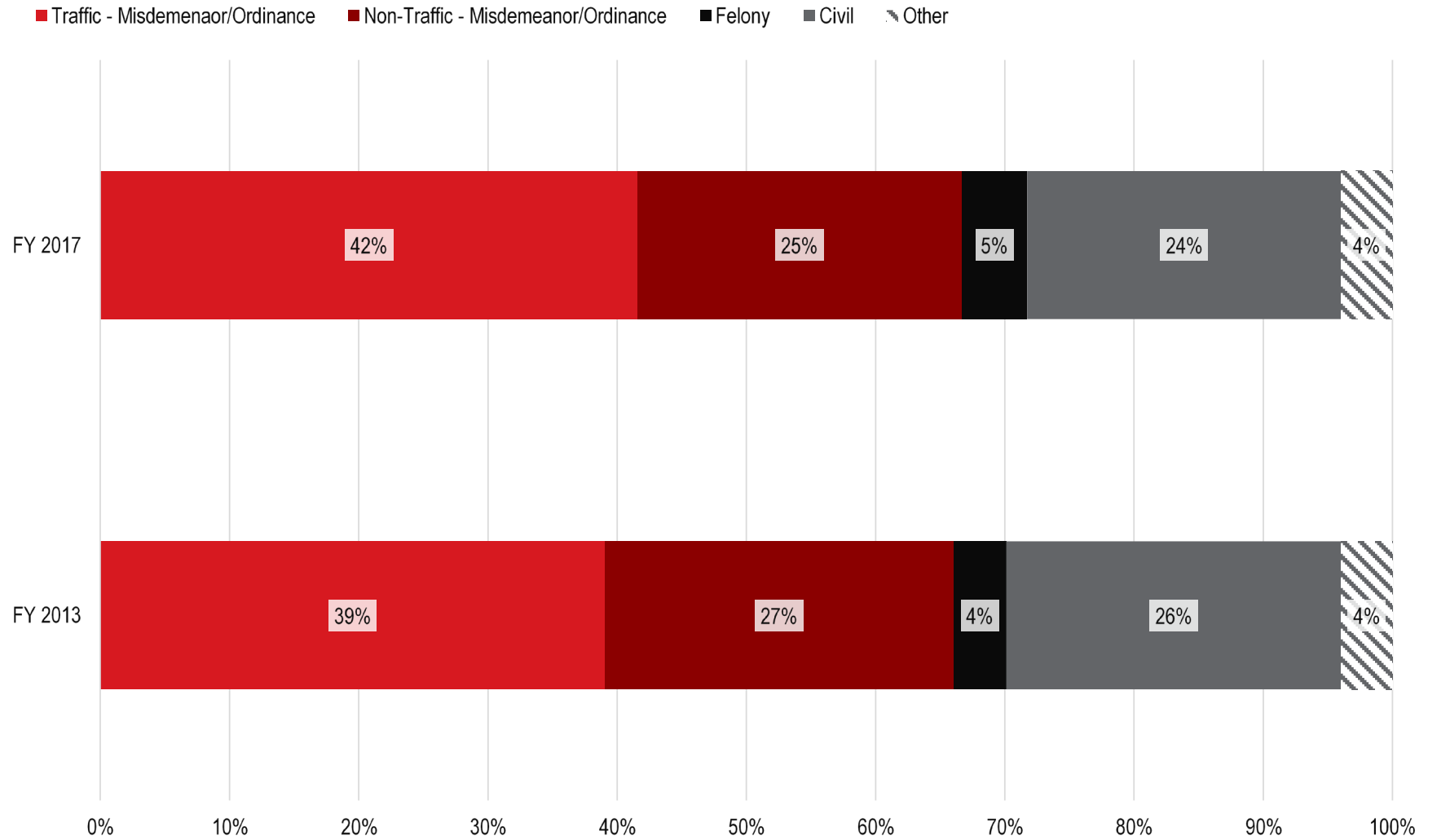


Total number of employees by size | 2016



Misdemeanors and civil cases account for the largest amount of statewide county court caseloads

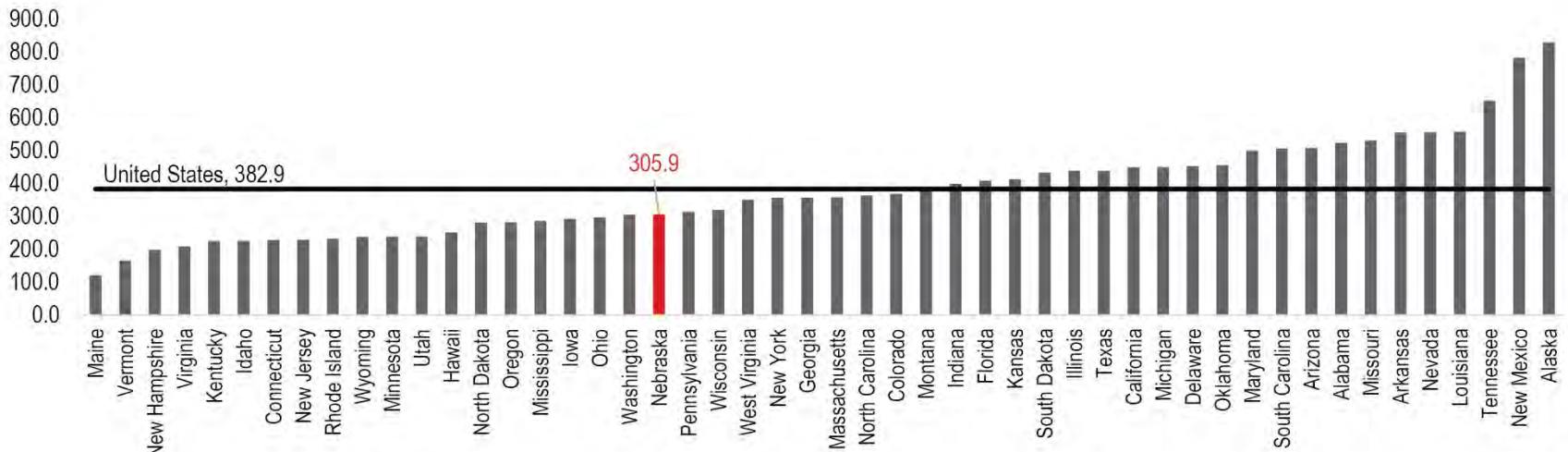
Breakdown of Nebraska County Court Caseloads by Year



Source: County Court Annual Caseload Reports, Nebraska Judicial Branch

2017 Violent Offense Rate by State

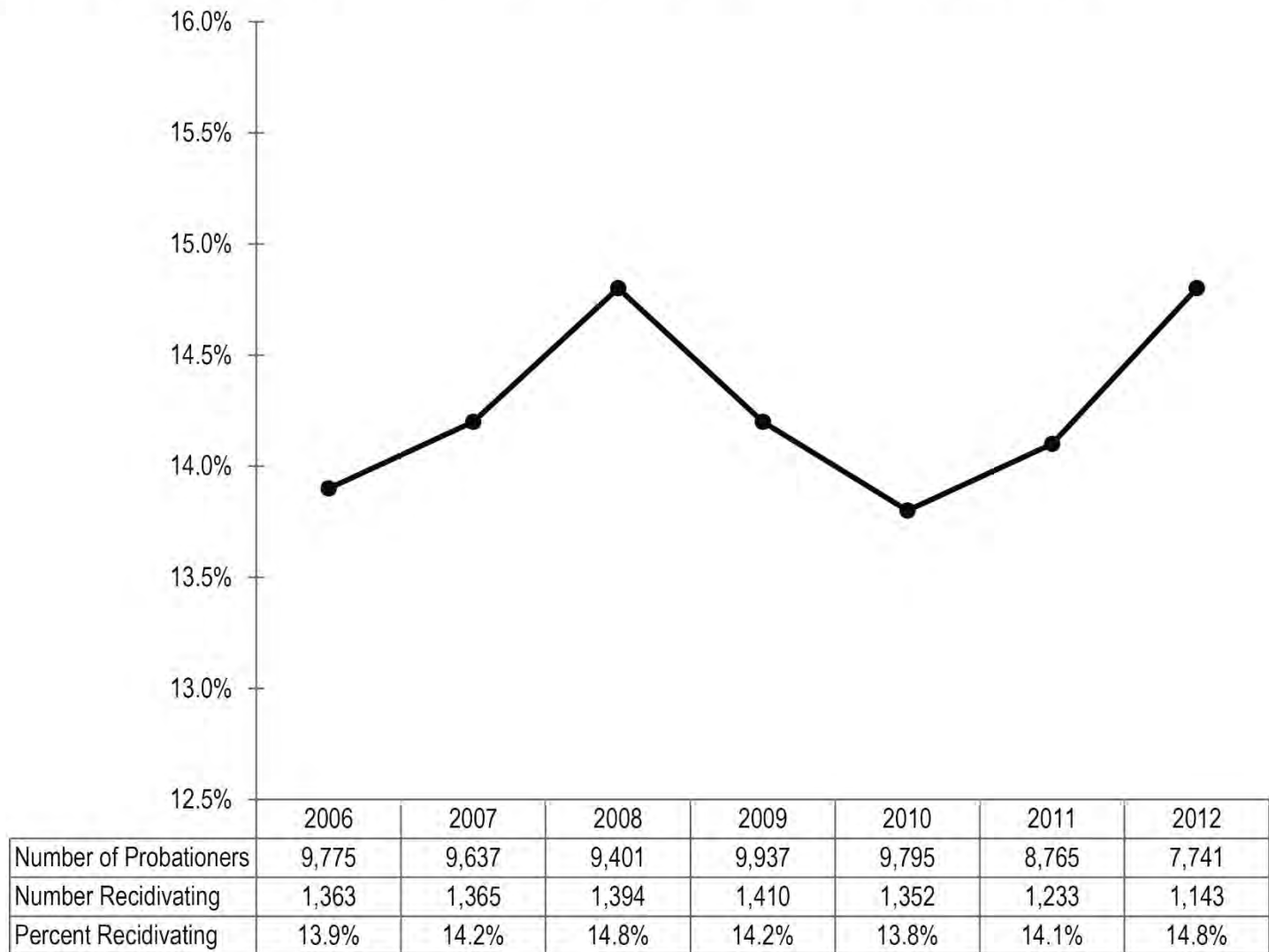
The violent offense rate per 100,000 people in Nebraska is lower than the national average



Source: 2017 Crime in the United States, Uniform Crime Report

Yearly Rate of Recidivism among Discharged Probationers

On average, only 14% of probationers reoffend within three years of release

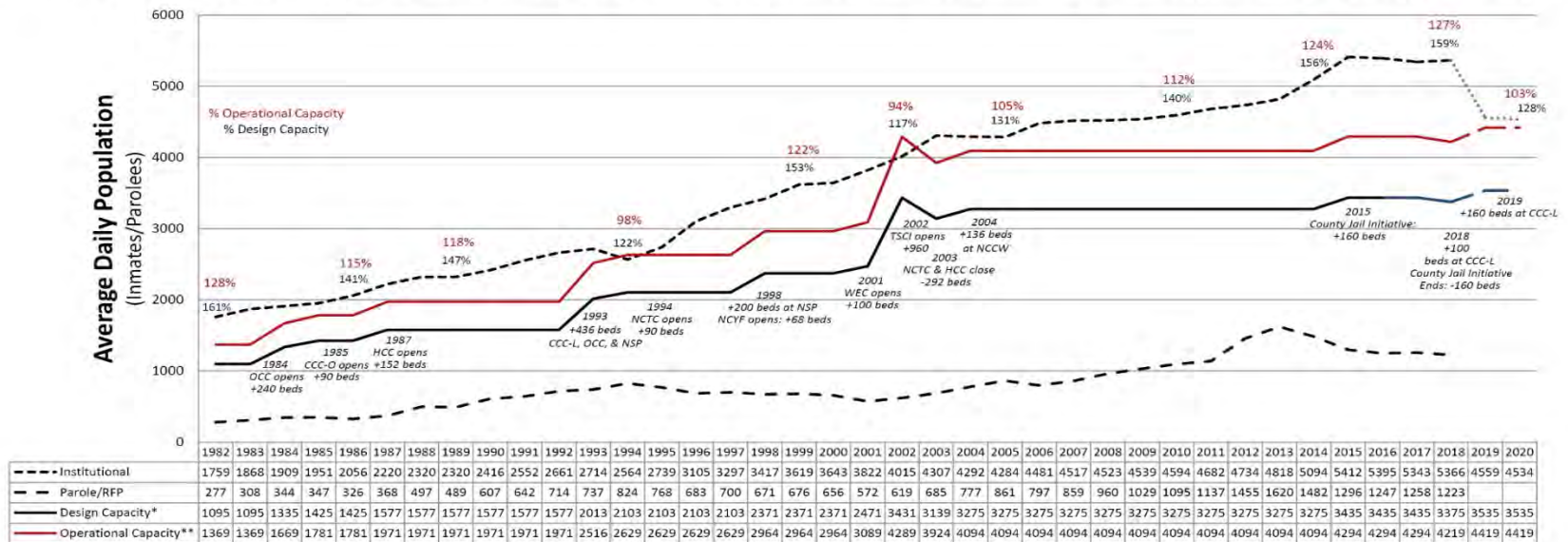


Notes: Most recent data available

Source: Richard L. Wiener, PhD, Recidivism Rates for Adult Probationers: 2006 to 2012

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Capacity and Average Daily Population, FY 1982-FY 2020

Since 1982, the number of inmates housed in Nebraska facilities has increased by over 200%



¹ Institutional ADP includes NDCS inmates housed in contracted county jails. Institutional projections after FY2018 use CSG population estimates (December 2014).

* Design Capacity includes 100 beds at the Work Ethic Camp in McCook, NE. Capacity projections account for the discontinuation of the county jail initiative and expanded capacity at CCC-L.

** Operational Capacity reflects the number of inmates that can be housed in a facility and sustained indefinitely, given current conditions, including core infrastructure and programming space.

Source: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Location History Records
Prepared by: Abby L. Carbaugh, Ph.D., Nebraska Department of Correctional Services