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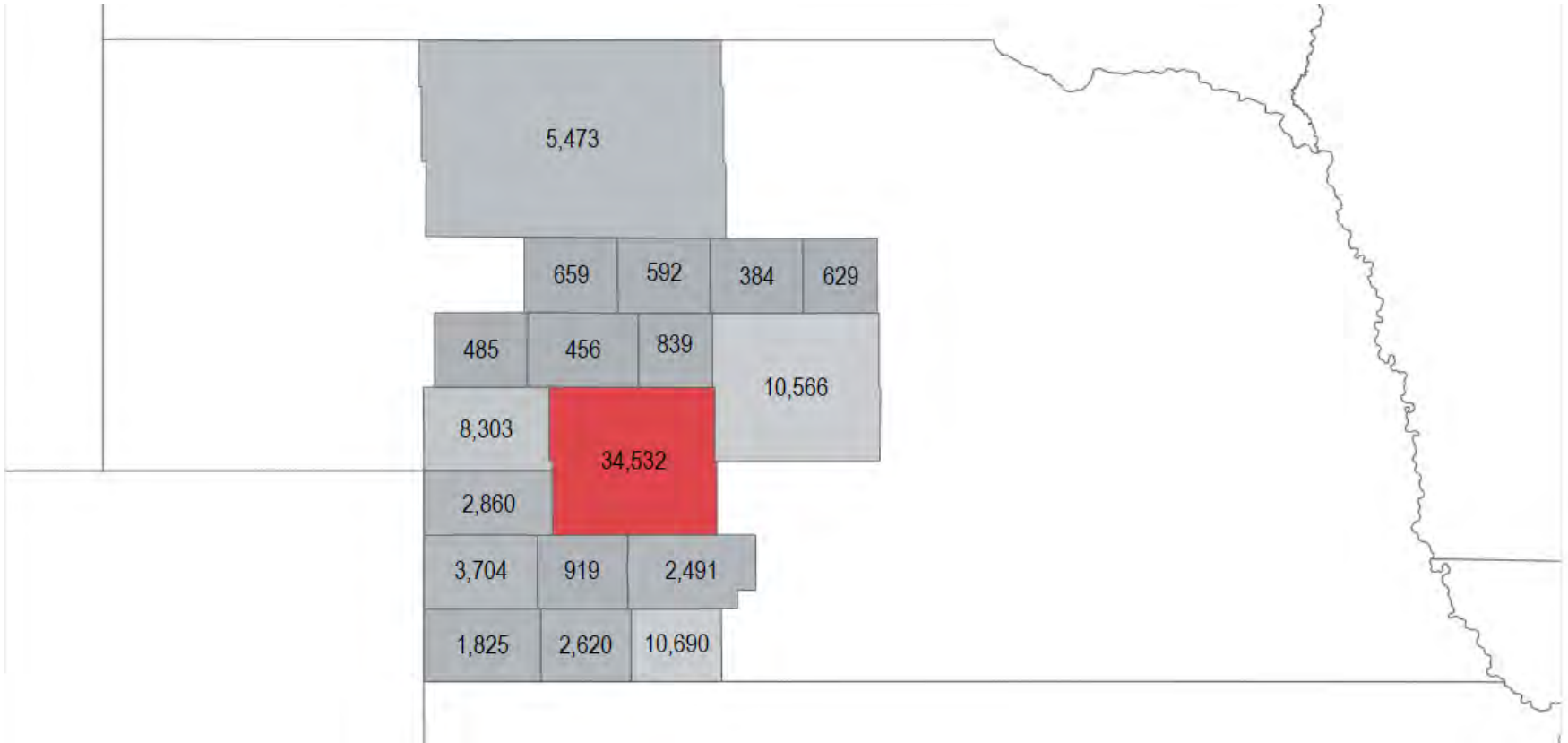
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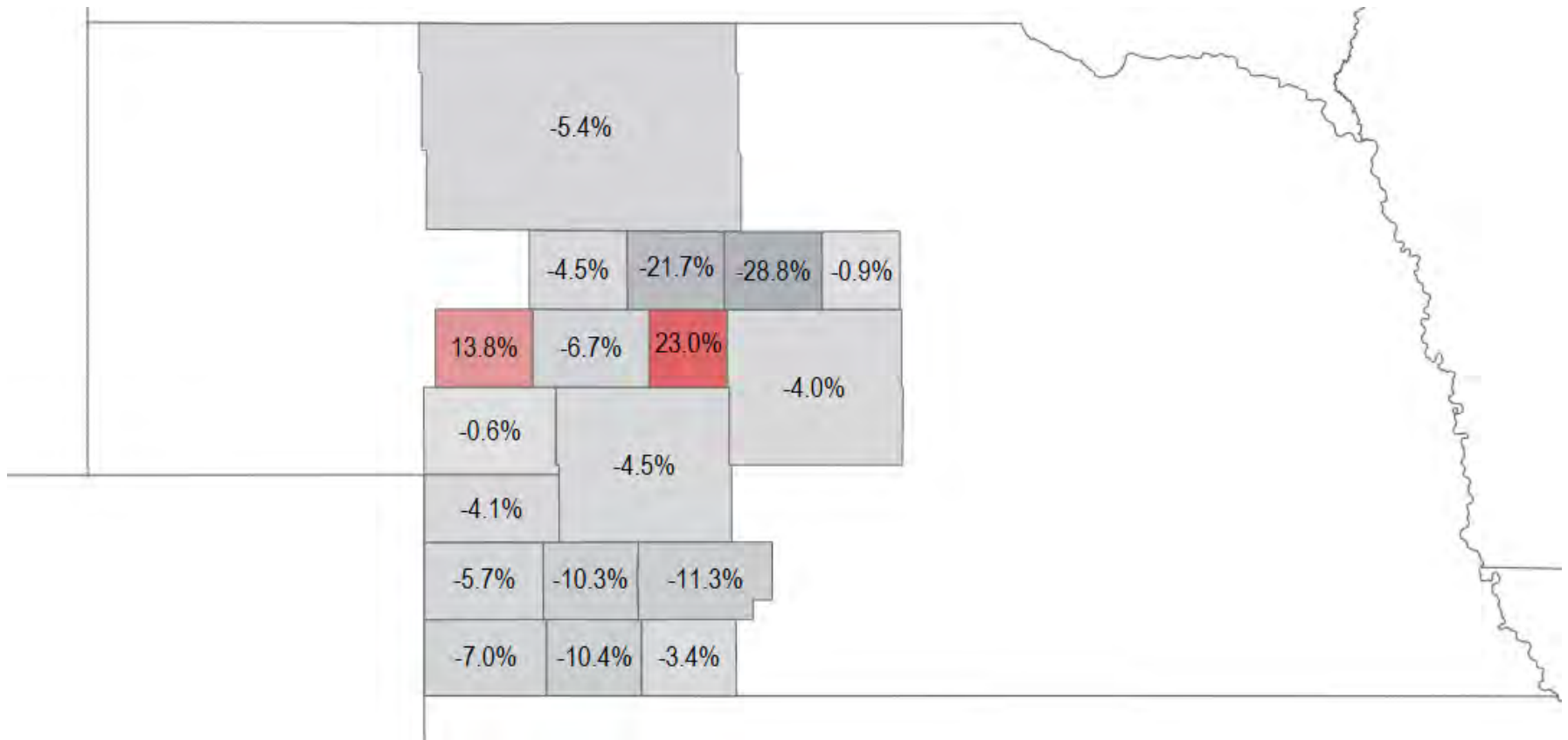
TOTAL POPULATION, 2022

The total population of the region is 88,027. The largest counties in the region are Lincoln, Red Willow, and Custer.



POPULATION CHANGE 2012 TO 2022

Most counties in the region have experienced a decline in population, except for Arthur and Logan. The counties with the largest population loss are Blaine and Thomas.



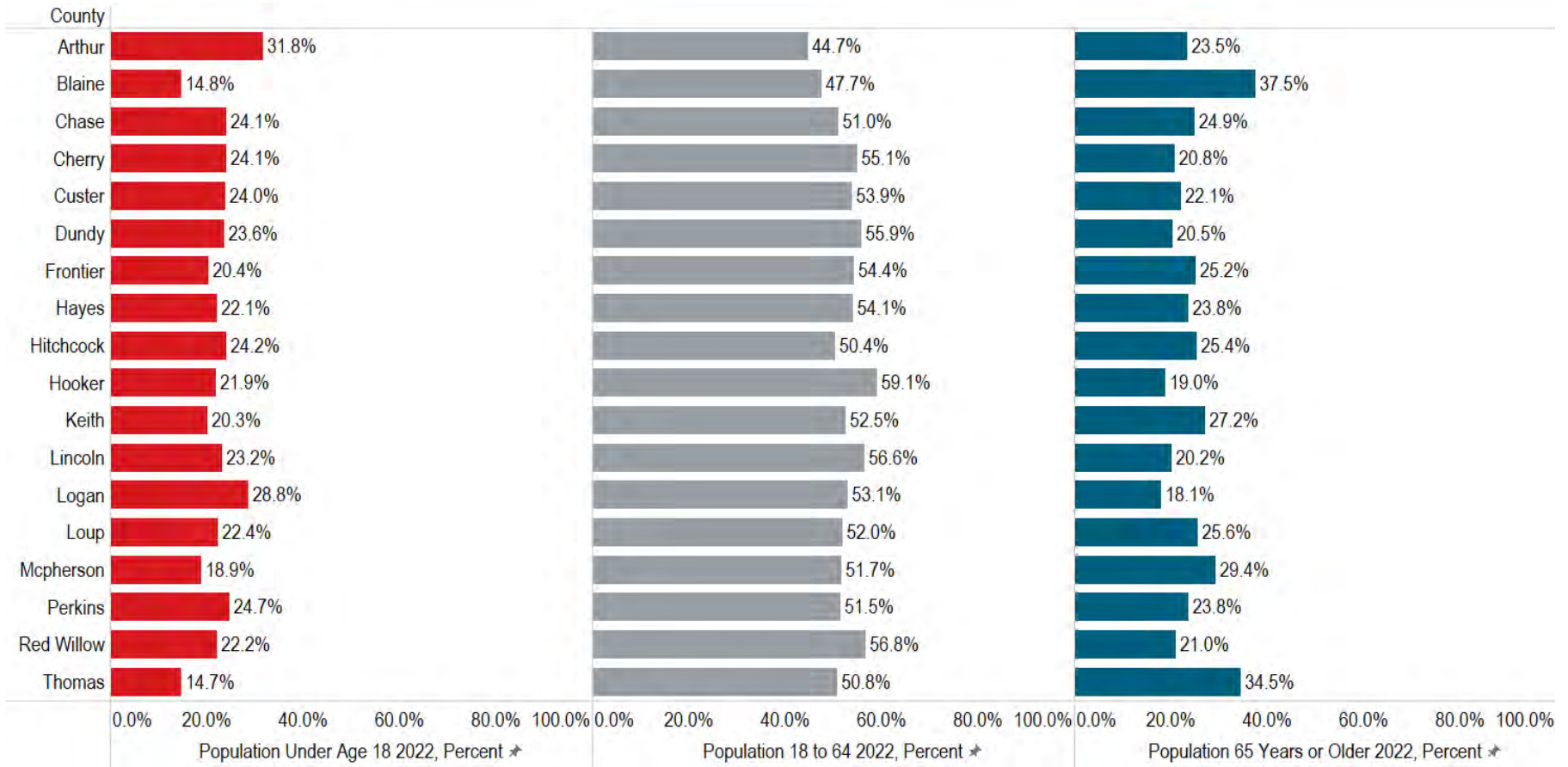
POPULATION BY REGION

The Mid-Plains Regional population decline ranks among the largest in the state.

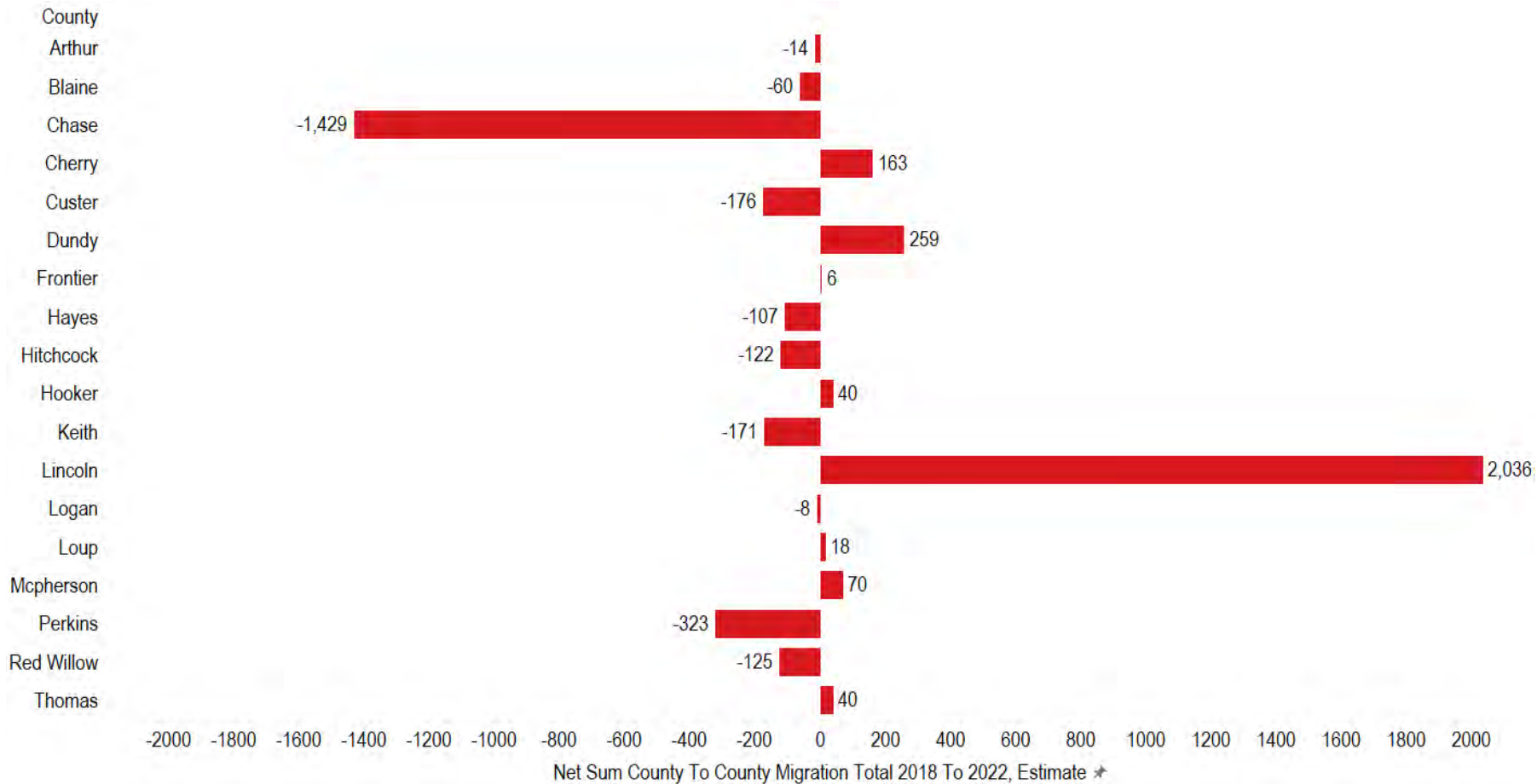
Community College Region	Population 2022	Population Change 2010 to 2022
Central	309,453	-2.9%
Metropolitan	831,969	11.5%
Mid-Plains	88,027	-5.1%
Northeast	150,290	-3.3%
Southeast	495,430	0.2%
Western	83,770	-7.6%

POPULATION BY AGE, 2022

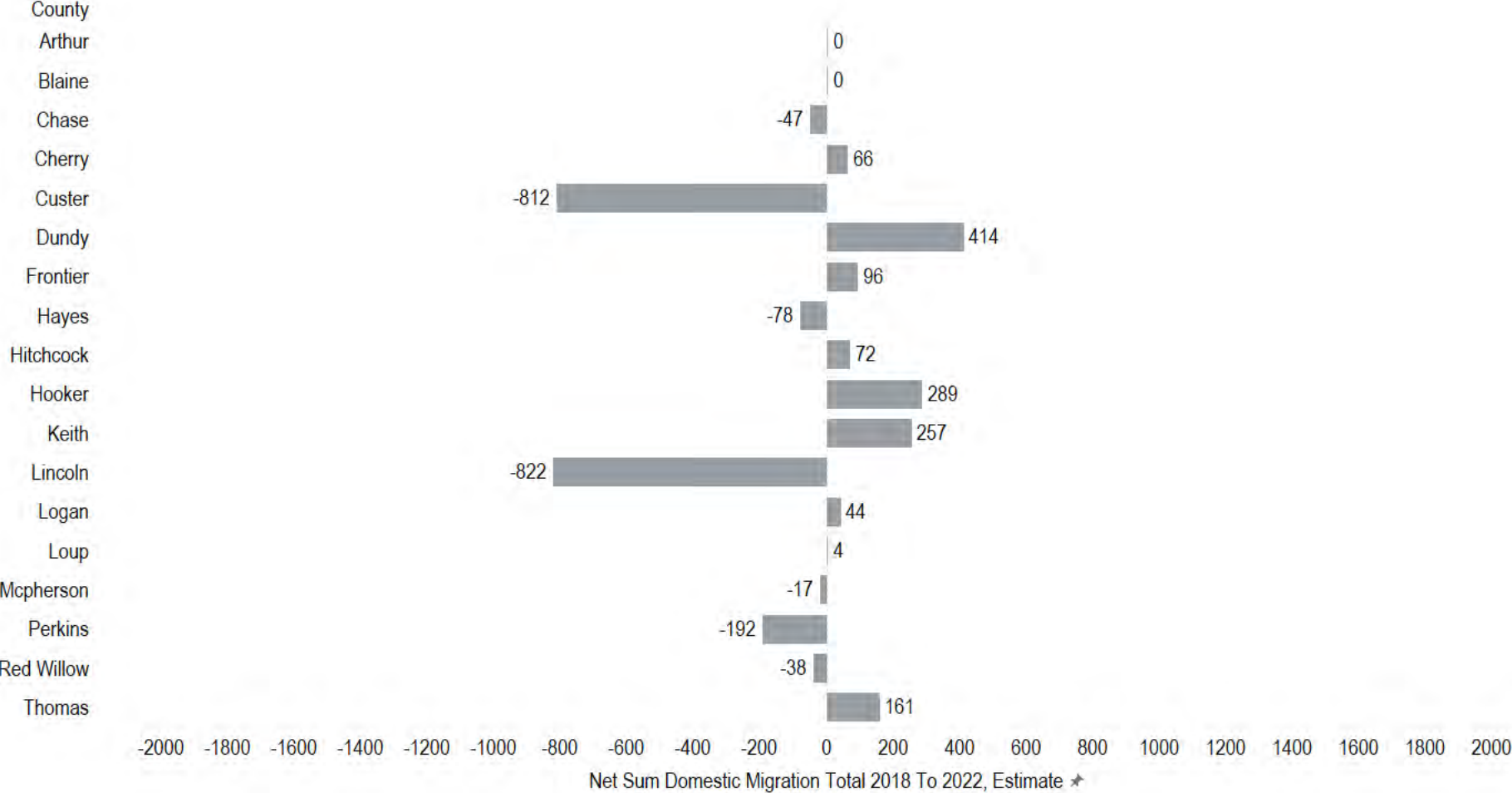
Across all counties, the largest age group as a percentage of the population is 18 to 64. However, the under age 18 group is diminishing in almost all counties within the region.



NET COUNTY-TO-COUNTY MIGRATION, 2018 TO 2022

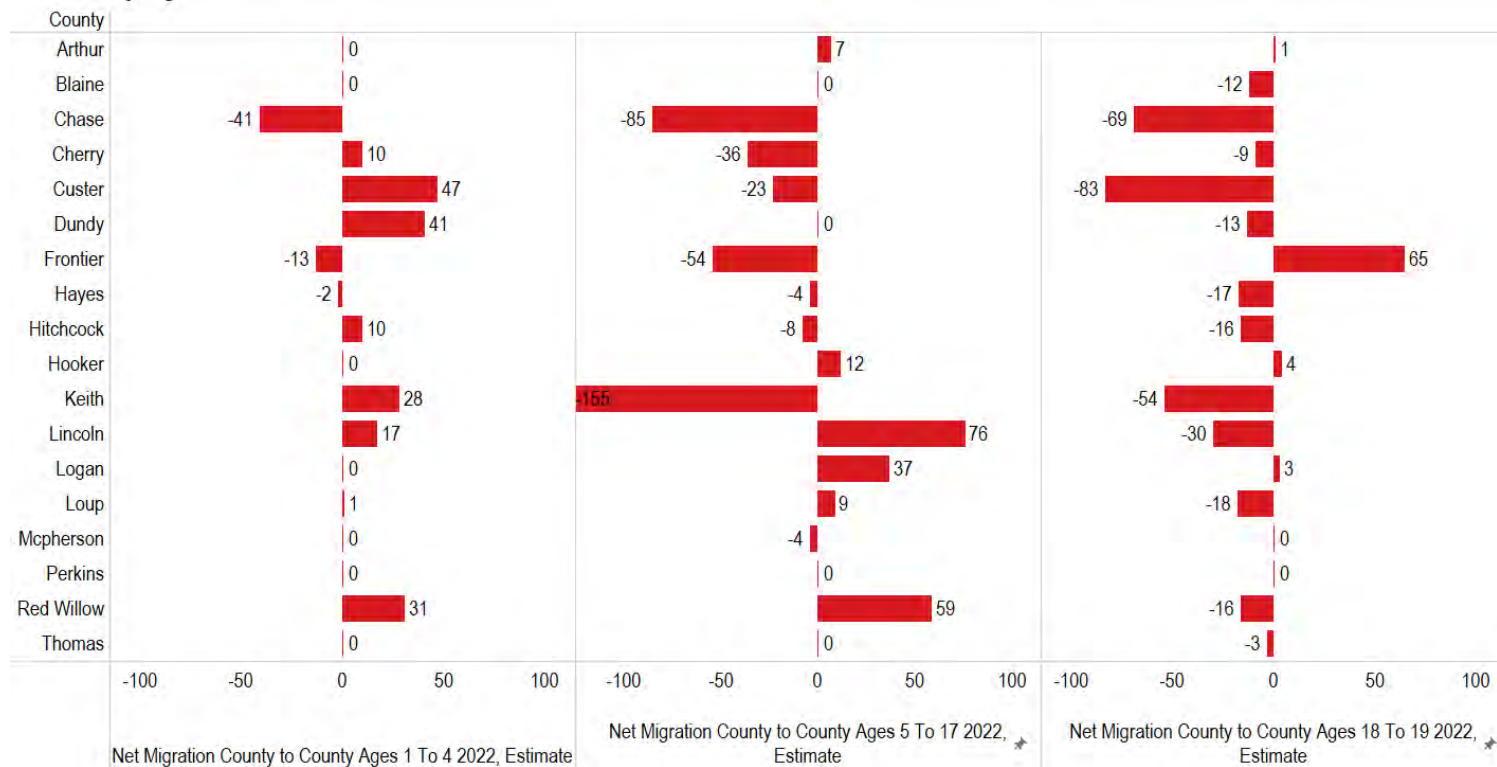


NET DOMESTIC MIGRATION, 2018 TO 2022



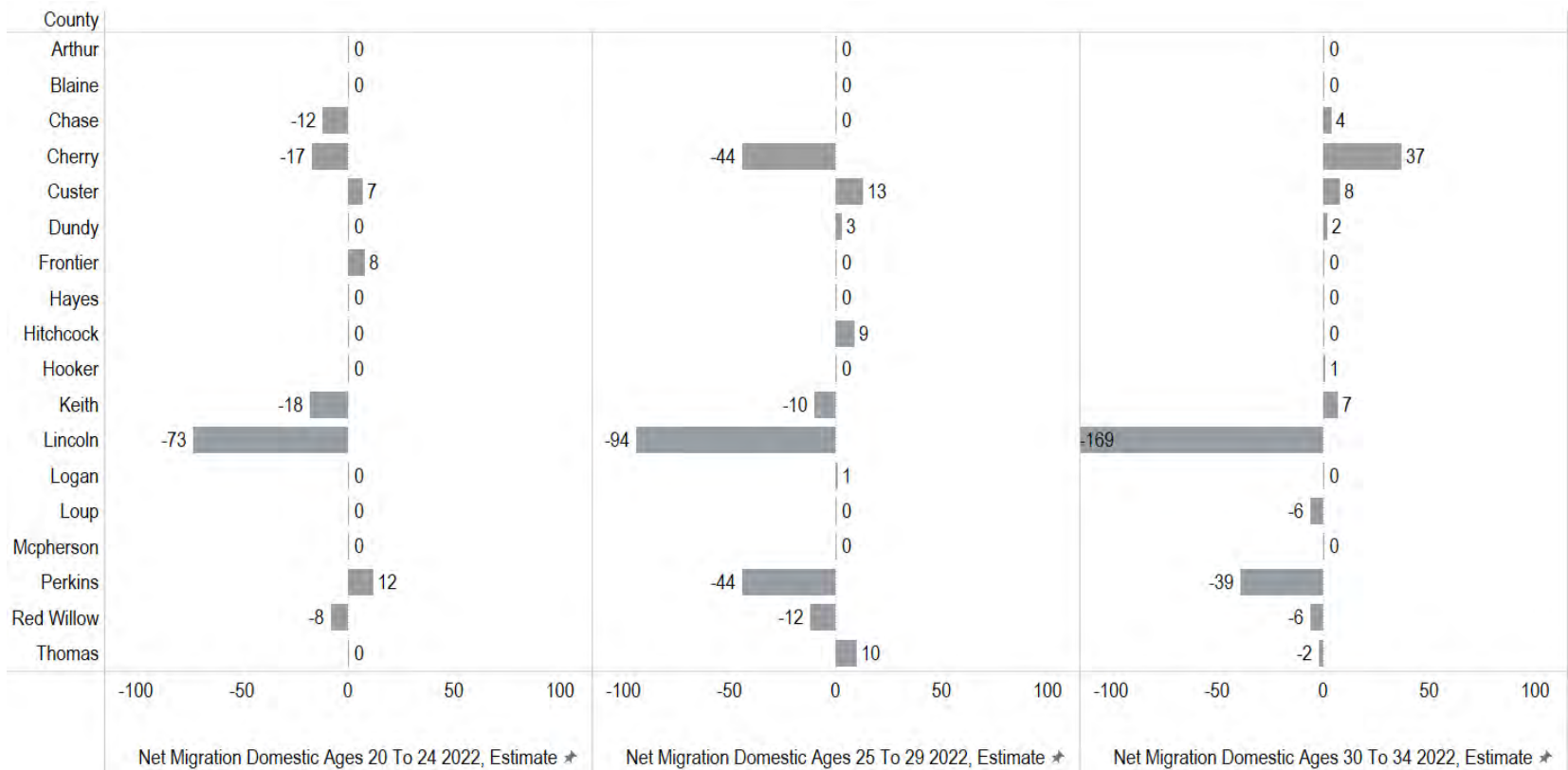
NET COUNTY-TO-COUNTY BY AGE, 2022

- Most counties in the region lost population among ages 18 to 19.
- Lincoln County is the only county gaining a sizeable population (+391) among ages 25 to 55.
- The magnitude of county-to-county migration diminishes after age 65, but there is a small in migration into Lincoln County particularly for age 75 and over.



NET DOMESTIC MIGRATION BY AGE, 2022

- Age 1 to 19, Red Willow is the only county with a notably positive trend for domestic in-migration, +147 .
- Ages 20 to 34, all counties lost population to other states.
- Ages 35 to 49, Lincoln County is the only county with a notably positive trend for domestic in-migration, + 165
- The magnitude of domestic migration diminishes after age 50.



NET SUM DOMESTIC MIGRATION BY REGION, 2018 TO 2022

Region	Net Domestic Migration
Central	-1,329
Metropolitan	-12,244
Mid-Plains	-603
Northeast	781
Southeast	-1,756
Western	-259

EDUCATION



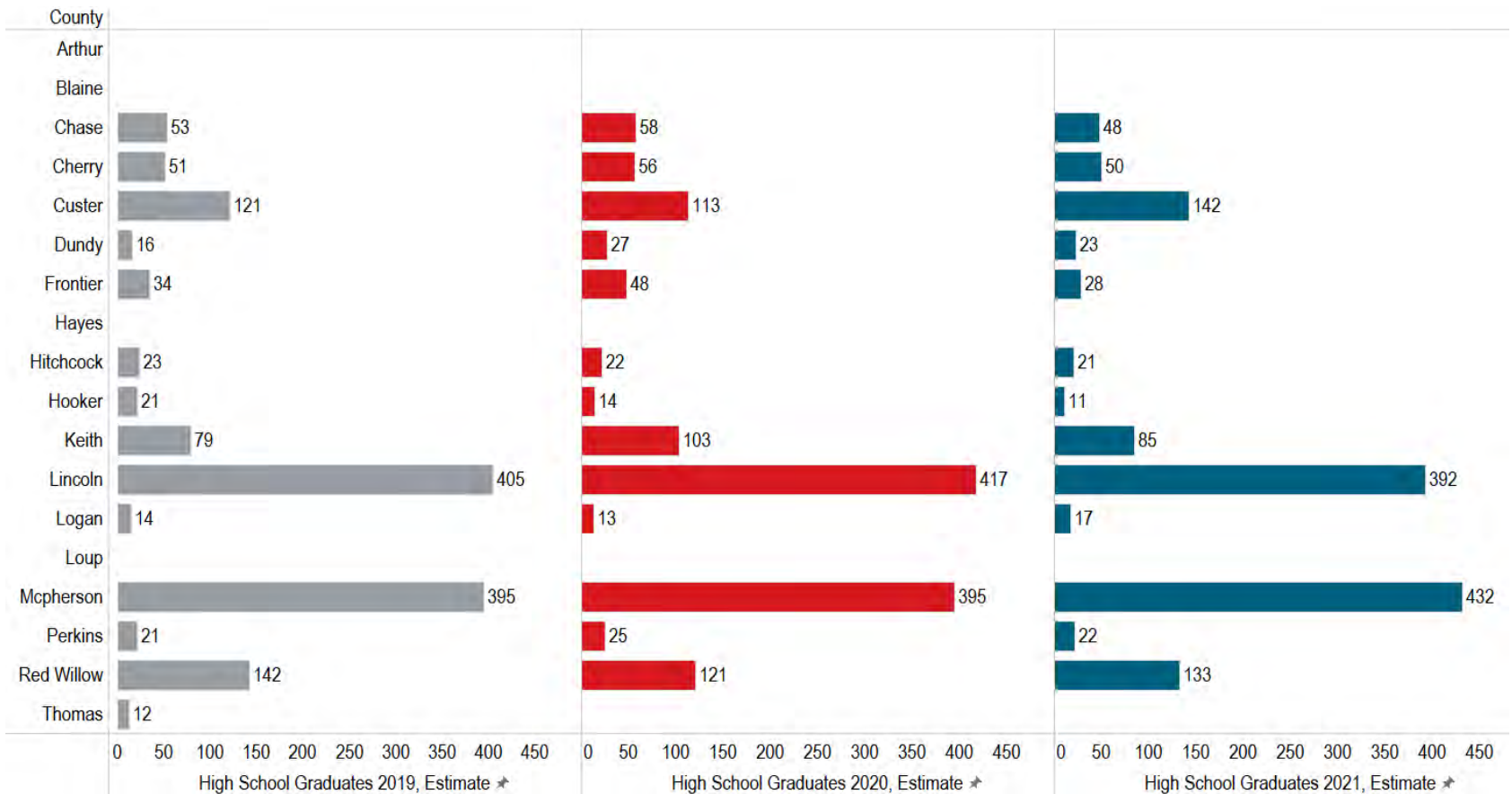
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY REGION, 2022

The Mid-Plains Region has the highest percentage of the population whose highest level of education is some college, no degree.

Region	Less Than 9th Grade	High School Graduate	Some College No Degree	Associate Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree
Central	3.8%	32.1%	23.4%	13.4%	16.0%	6.6%
Metropolitan	3.5%	25.8%	22.0%	10.3%	22.5%	12.0%
Mid-Plains	2.3%	30.1%	25.6%	14.8%	17.6%	5.6%
Northeast	3.2%	33.3%	22.6%	13.6%	16.7%	6.9%
Southeast	3.5%	32.6%	21.1%	12.5%	17.3%	8.1%
Western	2.9%	29.0%	27.7%	11.4%	16.6%	7.0%

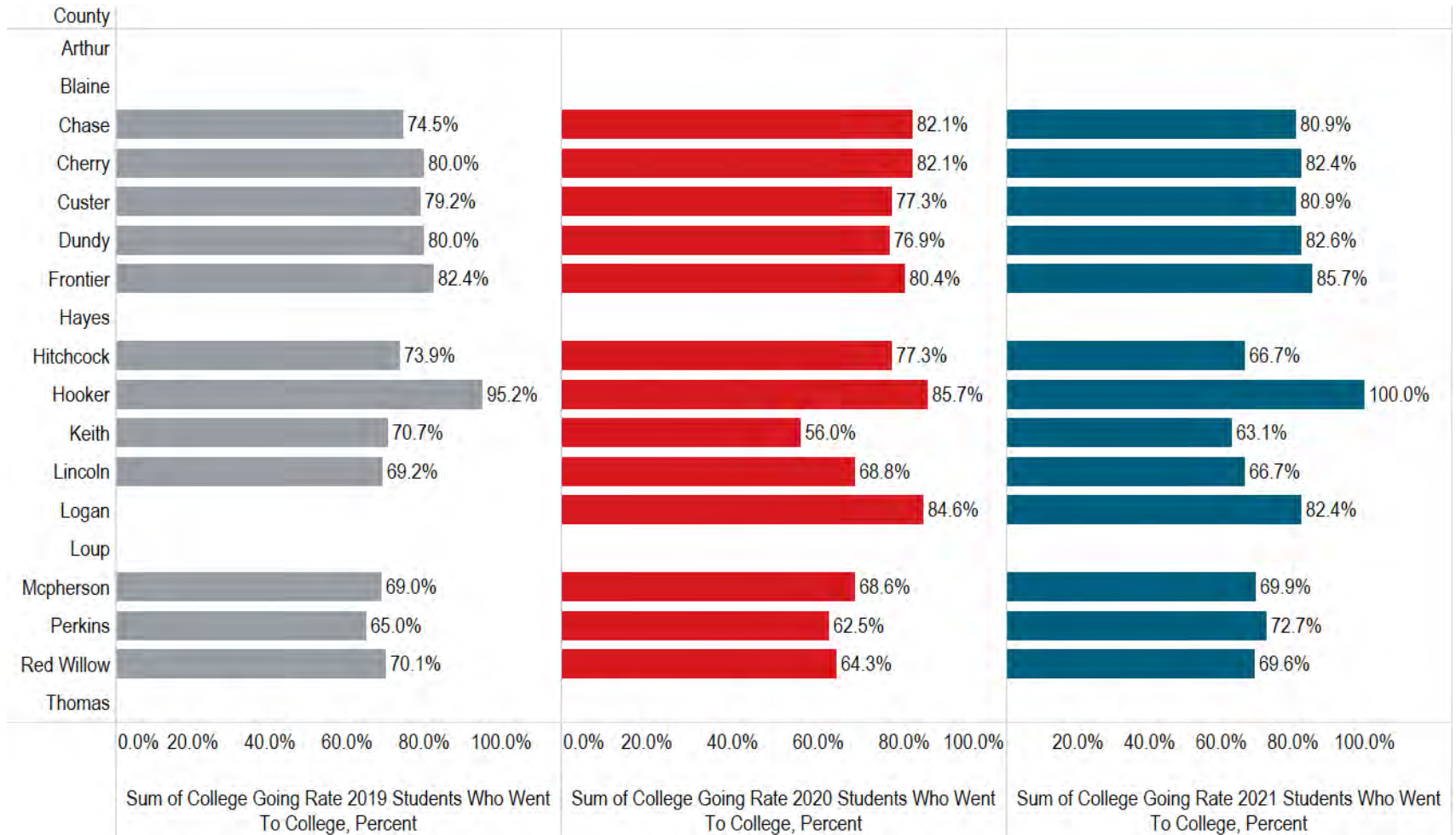
NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, 2019, 2020, 2021

In recent years, the number of high school graduates in most counties has remained relatively stable, although the total numbers are small.



COLLEGE GOING RATES, 2019, 2020, 2021

College going rates are high in most counties in the region.



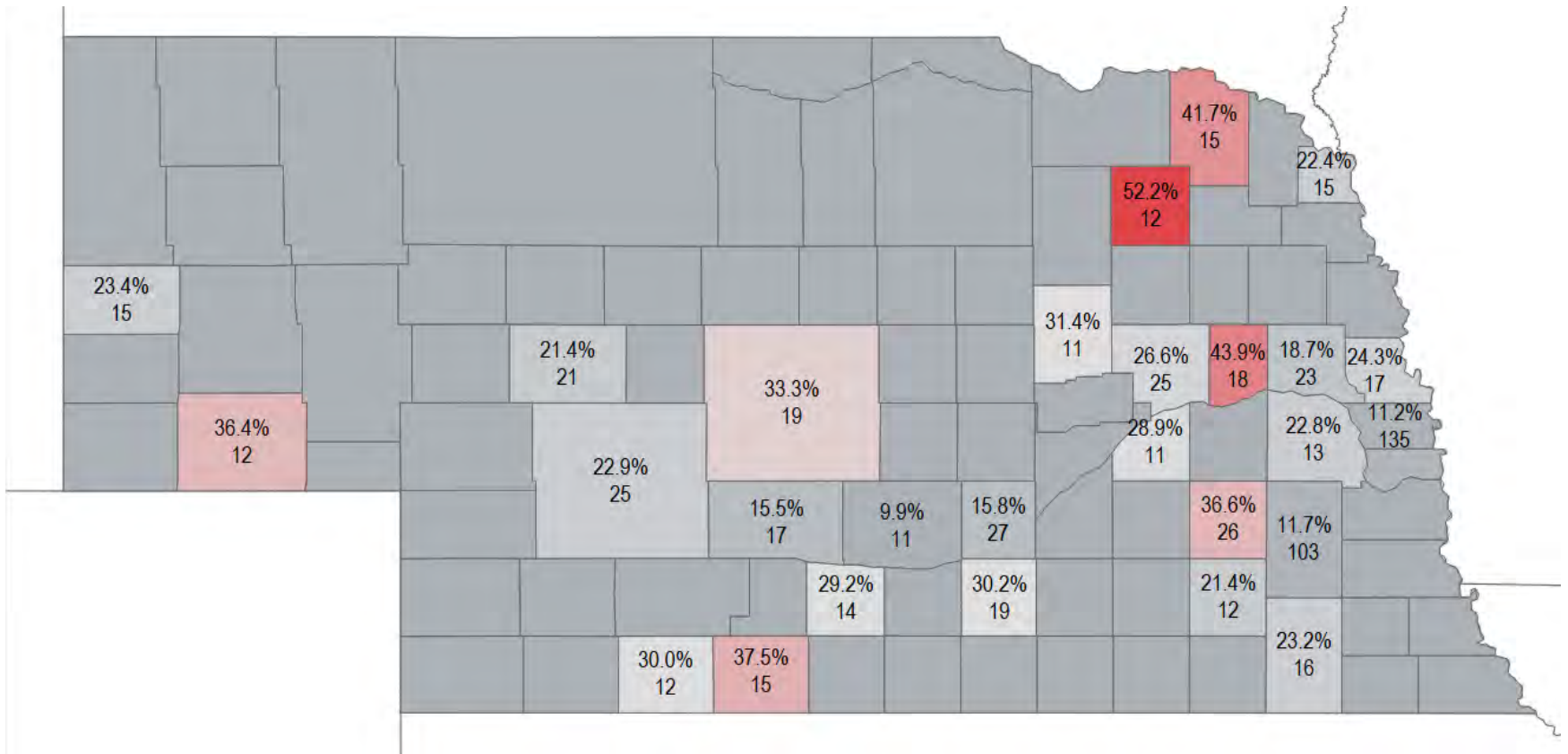
POST-SECONDARY PERSISTENCE RATES BY REGION, 2019, 2020, 2021

Post-secondary persistence rates are high in all regions of Nebraska.

Region	2019	2020	2021
Central	87.8%	87.4%	87.3%
Metropolitan	83.5%	84.1%	81.2%
Mid-Plains	83.3%	80.8%	81.2%
Northeast	79.0%	83.5%	85.8%
Southeast	81.7%	84.7%	79.8%
Western	84.6%	88.5%	84.6%

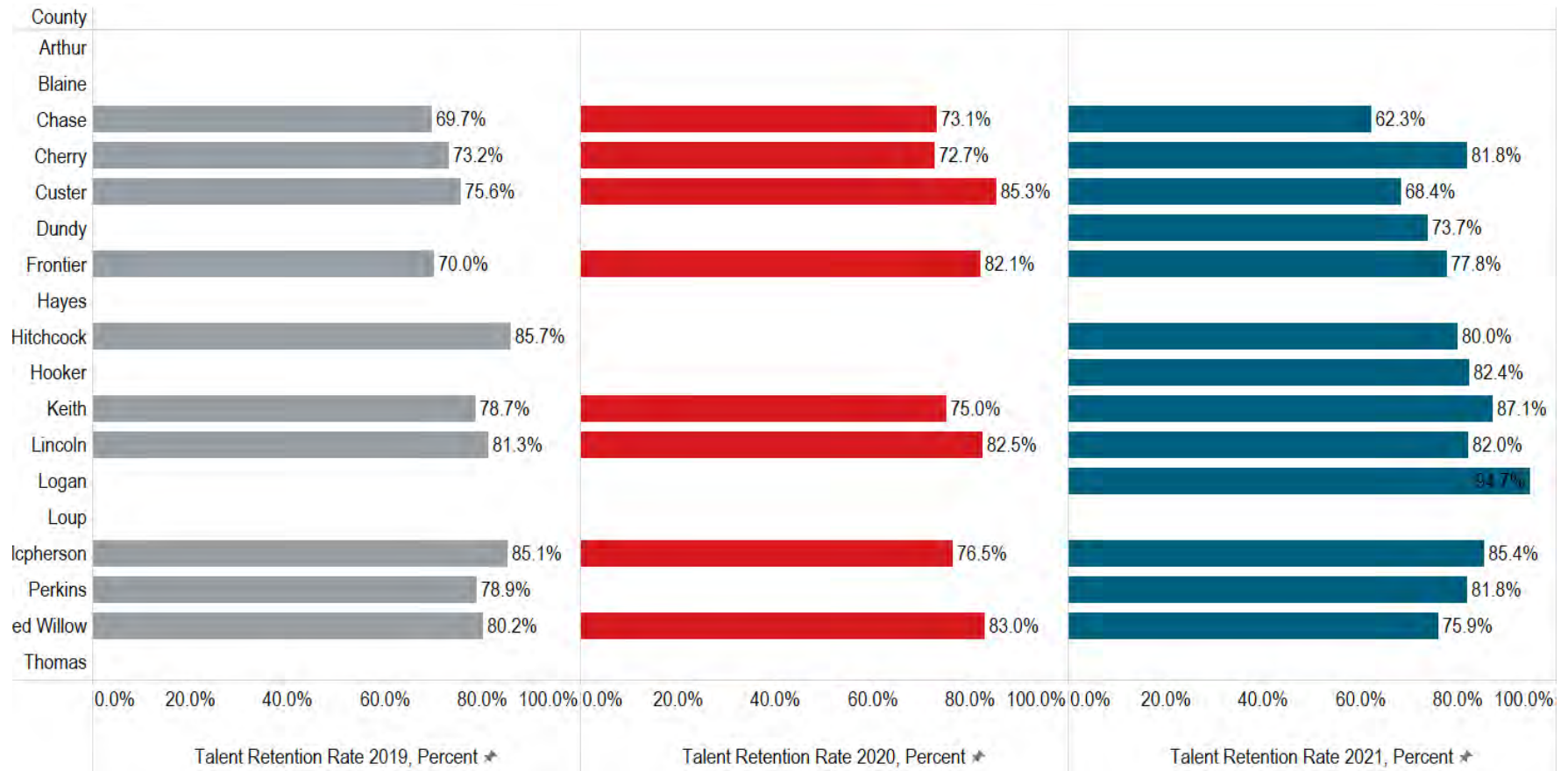
POST-SECONDARY GRADUATION RATES, 2020

Post-secondary graduation rates are low statewide.



TALENT RETENTION RATES, 2019, 2020, AND 2021

Talent retention by county in the region is high, but it includes individuals retained anywhere in the state.

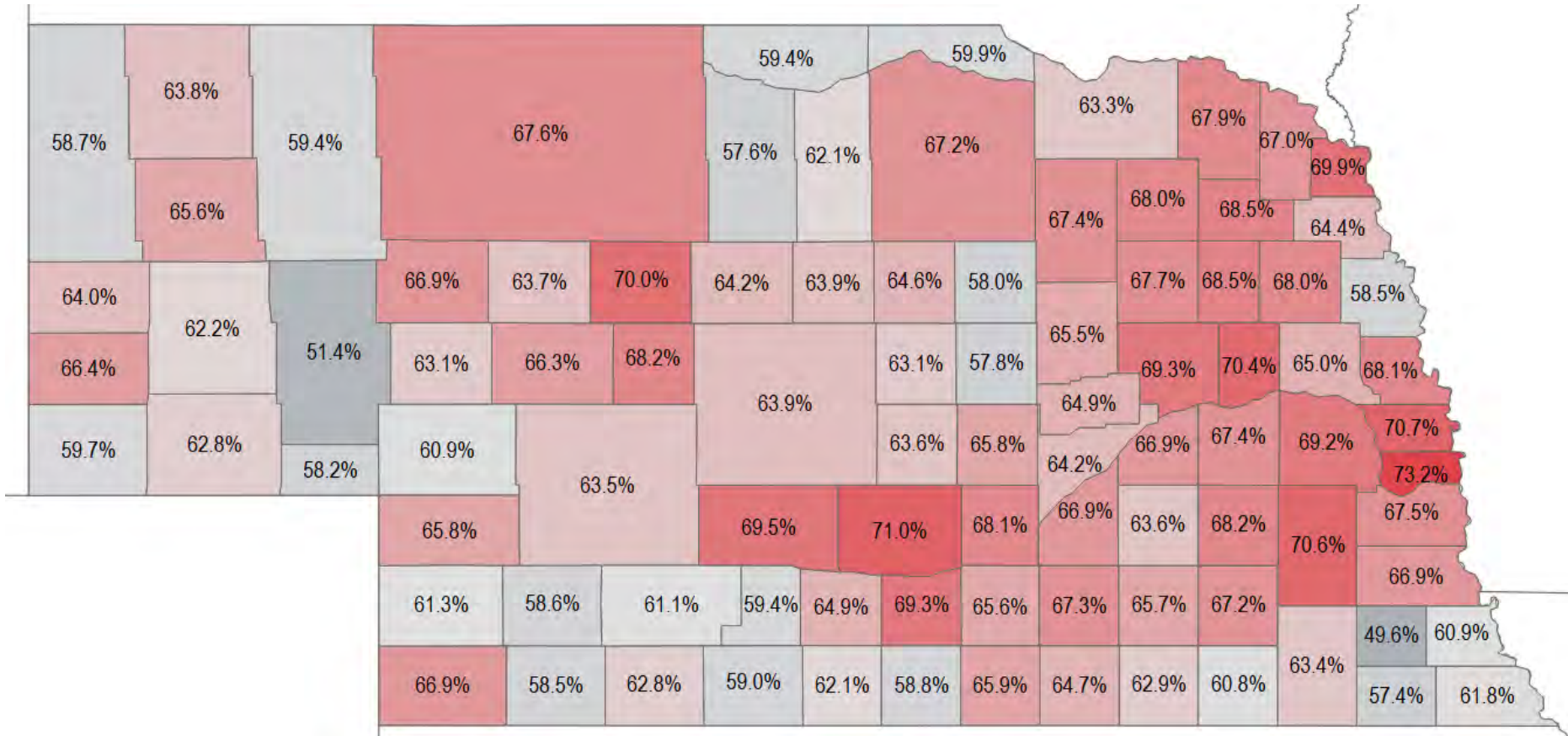


WORKFORCE



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES , 2022

Labor force participation rates are high in the region and statewide.



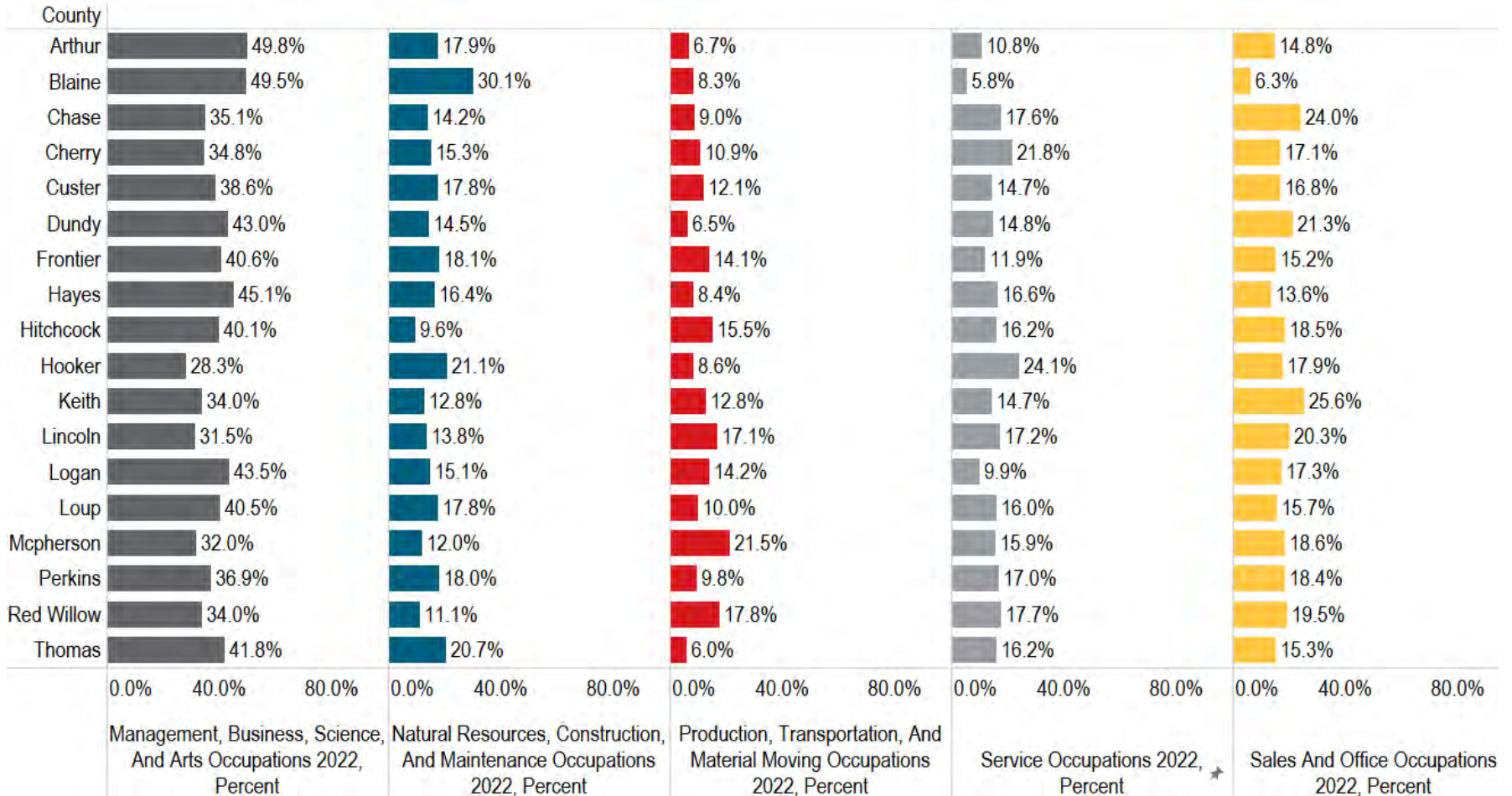
CLASS OF WORKER BY REGION, 2022

Most workers in the Mid-Plains Region are employed by private companies. The rates of self-employment in own, not incorporated businesses are the highest in the state.

Region	Private Wage and Salary Workers	Government Workers	Self-employed in Own Not Incorporated Business Workers	Unpaid Family Workers
Central	74.0%	14.1%	11.6%	0.3%
Metropolitan	81.3%	13.8%	4.8%	0.2%
Mid-Plains	64.5%	18.1%	16.1%	1.4%
Northeast	67.1%	16.5%	15.7%	0.7%
Southeast	73.6%	16.7%	9.4%	0.3%
Western	66.0%	19.4%	14.0%	0.6%

OCCUPATIONS, 2022

Workers in management, business, science, and arts occupations typically earn higher wages.



The table below shows the number of job openings advertised online in Multiple Areas in April 2024 (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Data	Cherry County	Custer County	Lincoln County	Red Willow County
Job Openings	135	240	1,337	263

Source: Online advertised jobs data



Employers by Number of Job Openings ?



This section shows the employers with the highest job openings advertised online in the areas selected on May 12, 2024 ([Jobs De-duplication Level 2](#)).

Click a column title to sort.

Employer Name	Cherry County	Custer County	Lincoln County	Red Willow County
Great Plains Health	N/A	N/A	119	N/A
North Platte Public Schools	N/A	N/A	22	N/A
Vetter Senior Living	N/A	5	19	N/A
MID PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA	N/A	N/A	18	4
Mid-Plains Community College	N/A	N/A	17	9
Nebraska State Government	2	N/A	13	4
Perkins Restaurant & Bakery	N/A	N/A	13	N/A
Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc.	N/A	N/A	12	N/A
Fresenius Medical Care North America	N/A	N/A	10	N/A
Suppressed	4	4	10	4

Source: Online advertised jobs data

Occupations by Advertised Jobs ?

This section shows the occupations with the highest number of job openings advertised online in Lincoln County, NE on May 12, 2024 ([Jobs De-duplication Level 2](#)).

Click a column title to sort.

Rank	Occupation	Job Openings
1	Physical Therapists	33
2	Registered Nurses	27
3	Physical Therapist Assistants	20
4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	16
5	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	11
6	Cooks, Restaurant	11
7	Retail Salespersons	10
8	Nurse Anesthetists	10
9	Nursing Assistants	9
10	Electricians	9

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE BY REGION

Average weekly wages have increased over time in the region, but they remain the lowest among all regions in the state.

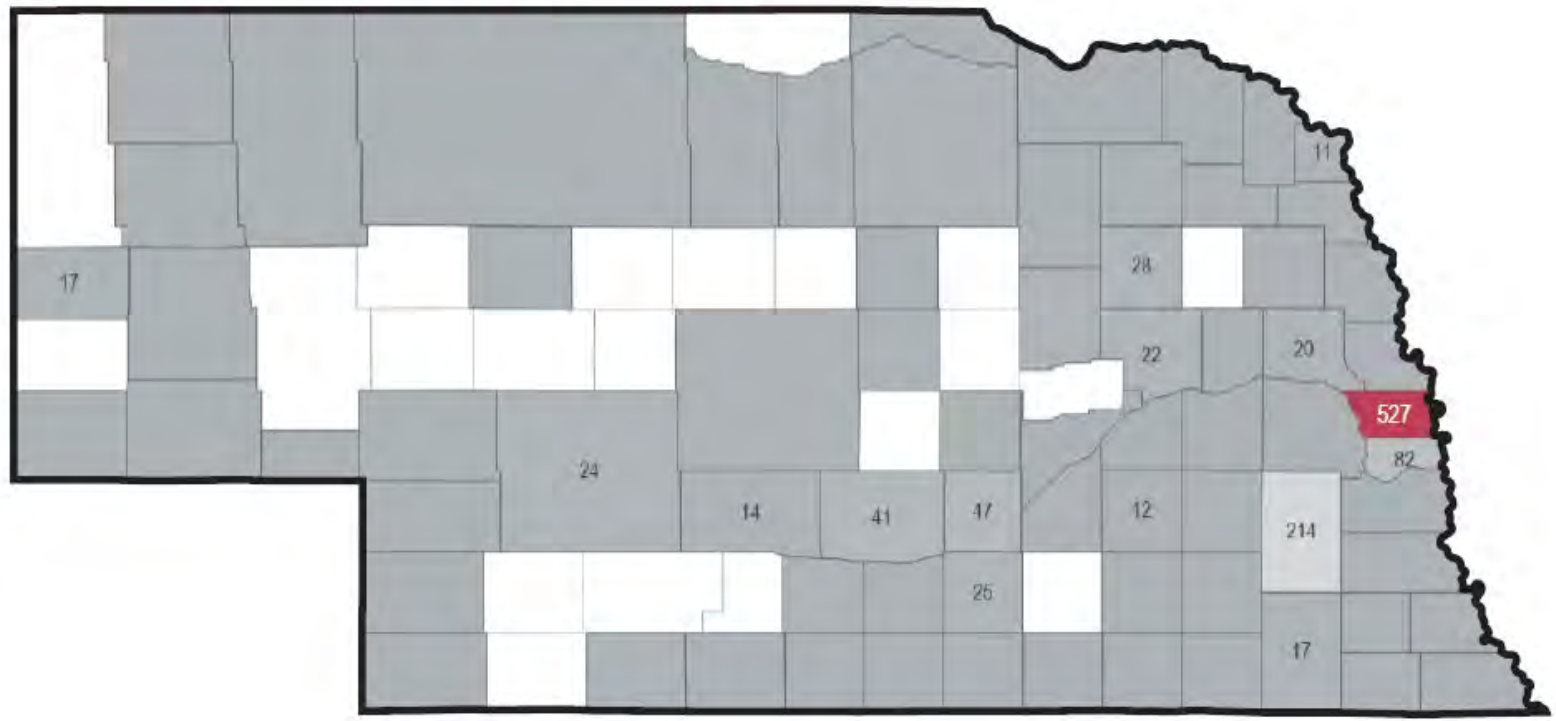
Region	Average Weekly Wage Q2 2021	Average Weekly Wage Q2 2022	Average Weekly Wage Q2 2023
Central	\$780	\$833	\$878
Metropolitan	\$1,009	\$1,058	\$1,098
Mid-Plains	\$725	\$763	\$784
Northeast	\$785	\$831	\$868
Southeast	\$834	\$ 923	\$939
Western	\$714	\$745	\$792

TOTAL WAGES PAID BY INDUSTRY BY REGION

Region	Natural Resources and Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	Other Services Except Public Administration
Central	\$2,676,888	\$4,769,281	\$21,664,316	\$14,712,472	\$1,517,780
Metropolitan	\$3,967,432	\$128,428,831	\$126,315,601	\$291,871,965	\$33,896,194
Mid-Plains	\$1,692,742	\$1,926,913	\$1,886,910	\$5,823,512	\$680,778
Northeast	\$1,799,712	\$2,740,747	\$11,786,420	\$9,540,554	\$844,916
Southeast	\$2,354,722	\$14,492,020	\$25,722,539	\$37,405,559	\$4,747,174
Western	\$1,304,640	\$2,442,610	\$2,607,338	\$7,324,819	\$642,243

Region	Information	Financial Activities	Professional and Business Services	Education and Health	Public Administration	Leisure and Hospitality	Total Wages by Industry Total Q2 2023, Dollars
Central	\$900,739	\$3,340,008	\$5,123,704	\$17,789,290	\$3,804,877	\$2,535,860	\$75,015,437
Metropolitan	\$47,770,002	\$176,461,221	\$359,723,489	\$398,297,039	\$64,379,318	\$74,918,632	\$1,706,029,722
Mid-Plains	\$636,042	\$1,422,699	\$1,368,624	\$8,758,985	\$2,024,278	\$1,328,862	\$23,074,781
Northeast	\$568,623	\$3,138,829	\$2,412,349	\$12,388,136	\$2,687,709	\$1,310,934	\$45,467,682
Southeast	\$6,034,161	\$13,079,577	\$24,379,514	\$54,519,043	\$21,003,466	\$8,171,839	\$210,962,992
Western	\$830,581	\$1,624,669	\$3,168,811	\$11,999,775	\$2,659,054	\$1,579,037	\$30,747,828

Primary Care Physicians by County | 2023

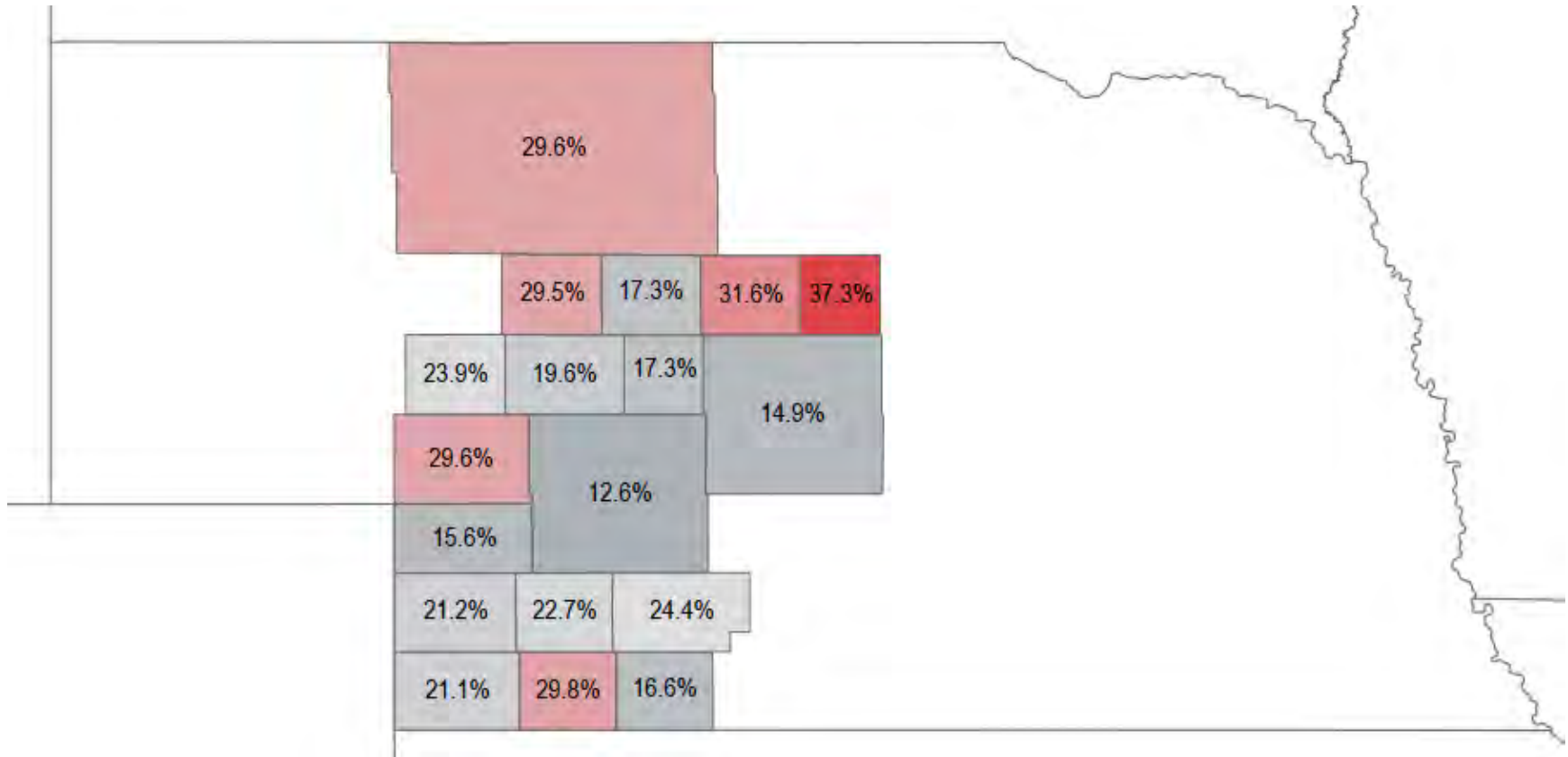


HOUSING



VACANT HOUSING UNITS, 2022

Loup County has the highest vacancy rate, and Lincoln County has the lowest. The vacancy rate across the region has increased by 8.8% from 2012 to 2022.



MEDIAN HOUSING AGE AND MEDIAN YEAR OWNERS AND RENTERS MOVED IN BY REGION, 2022

The Mid-Plains region has an older housing stock and a large gap between when the housing stock is built and when people have moved in.

Region	Average of Median Building Age	Average of Median Year Owner Moved into Housing Unit	Average of Median Year Renter Moved into Housing Unit
Central	1962	2006	2016
Metropolitan	1978	2009	2017
Mid-Plains	1962	2004	2015
Northeast	1964	2004	2016
Southeast	1961	2006	2017
Western	1957	2005	2017

City, Neighborhood, ZIP, Address

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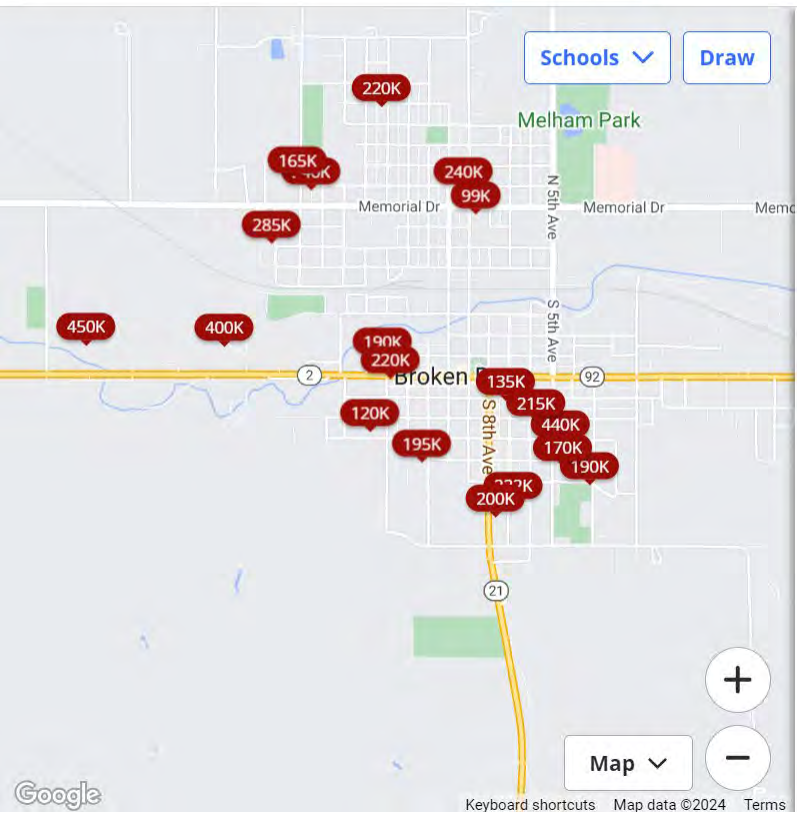
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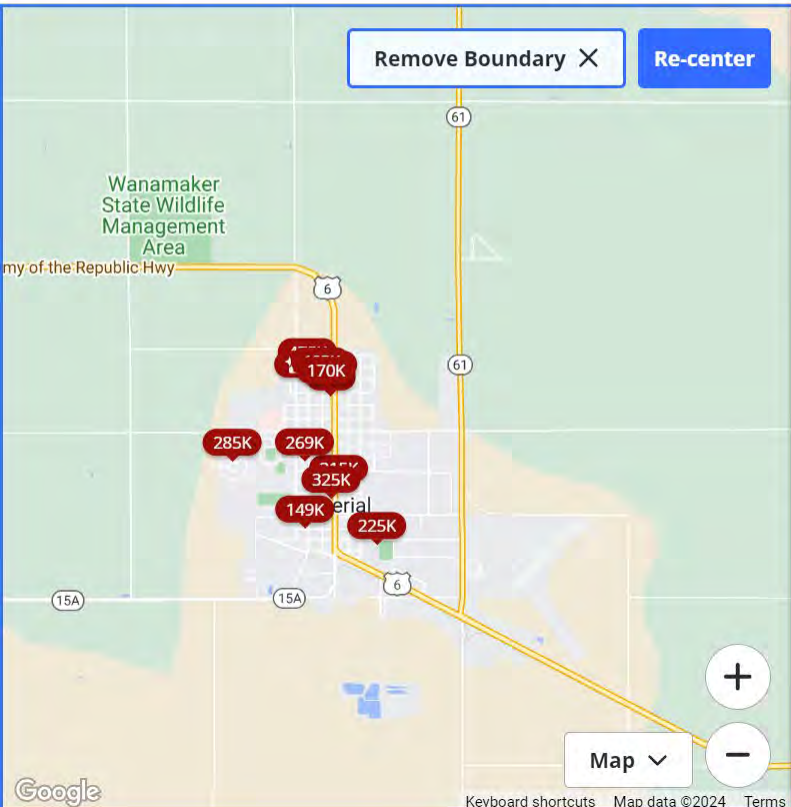
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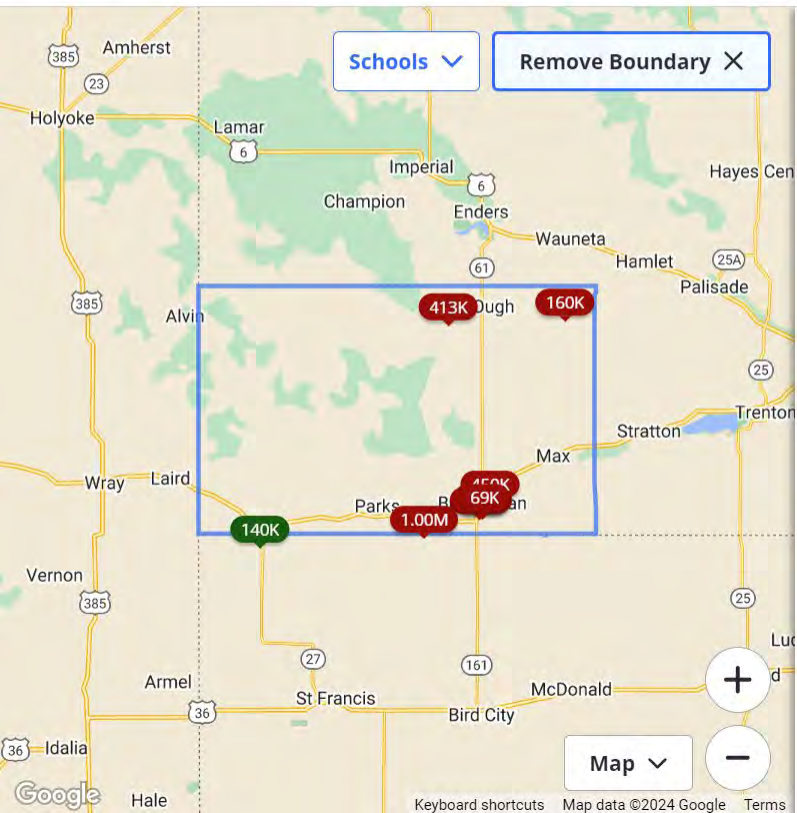
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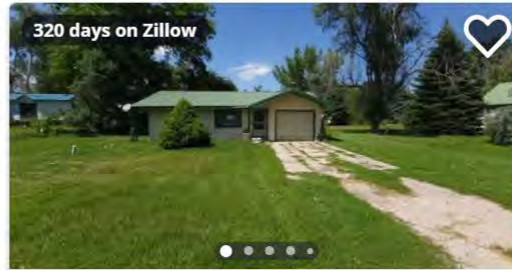
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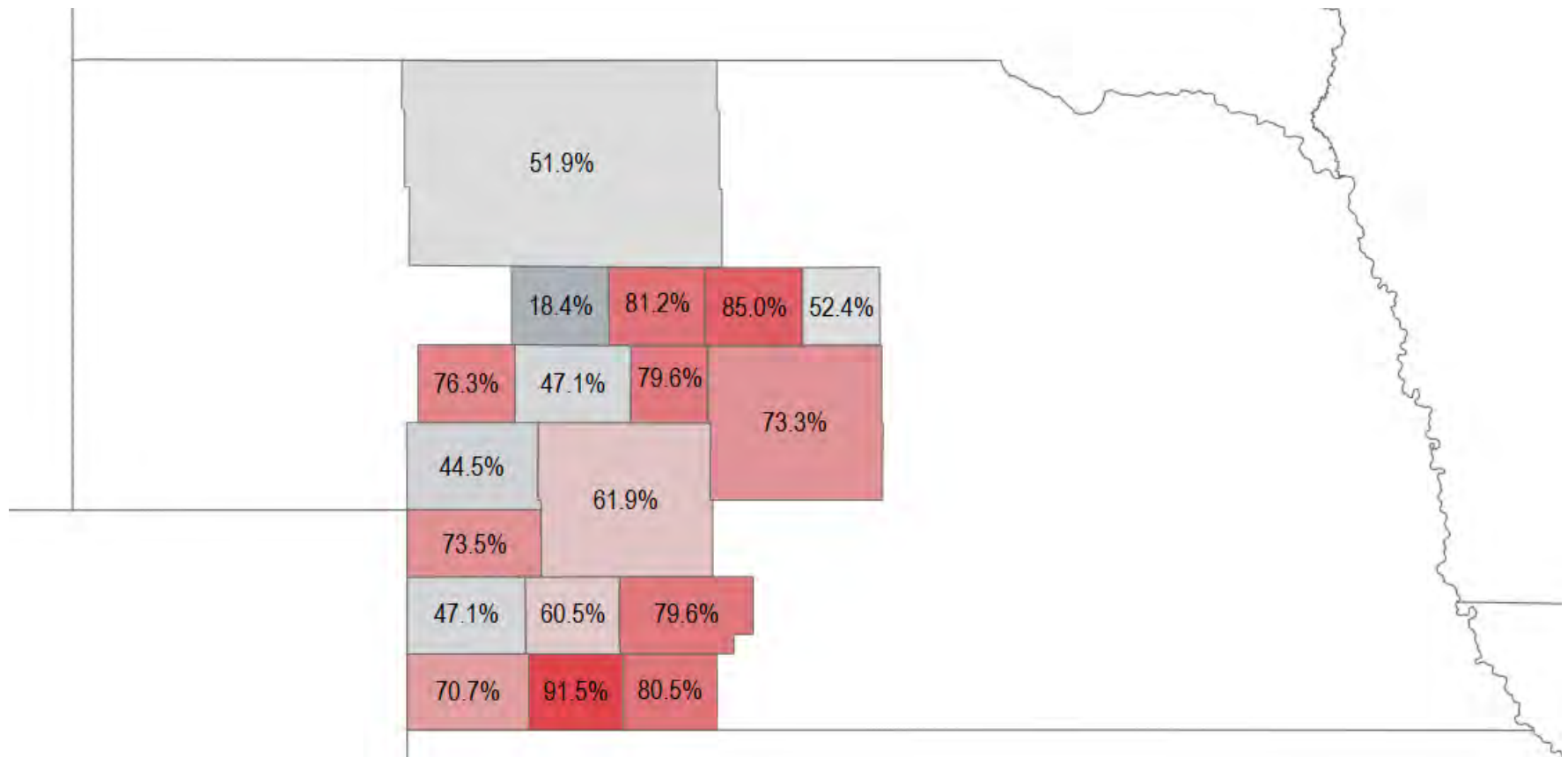
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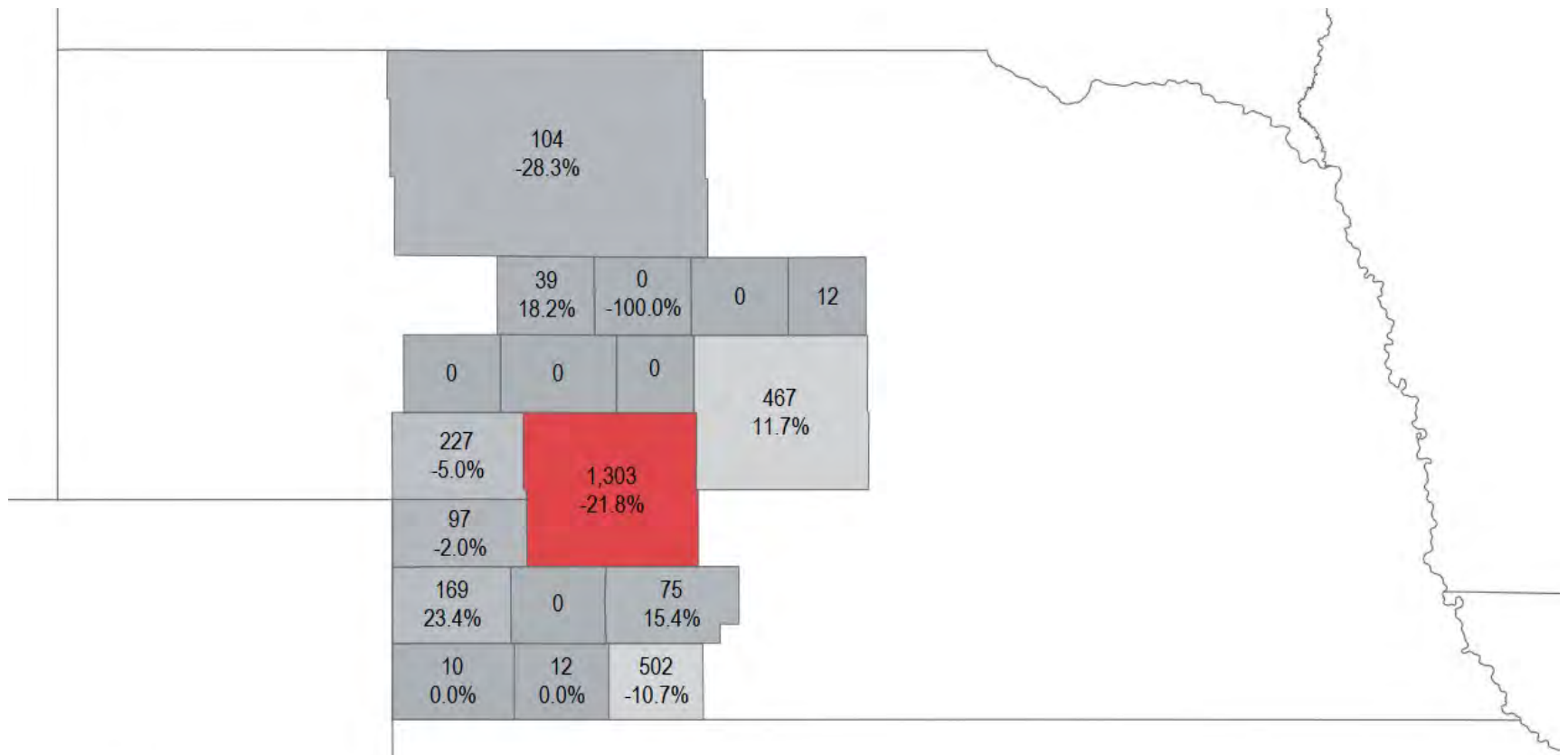
PERCENT OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6 WITH ALL PARENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE, 2022

In the region, there are 6,254 children under the age of 6, with the majority having both parents in the labor force.



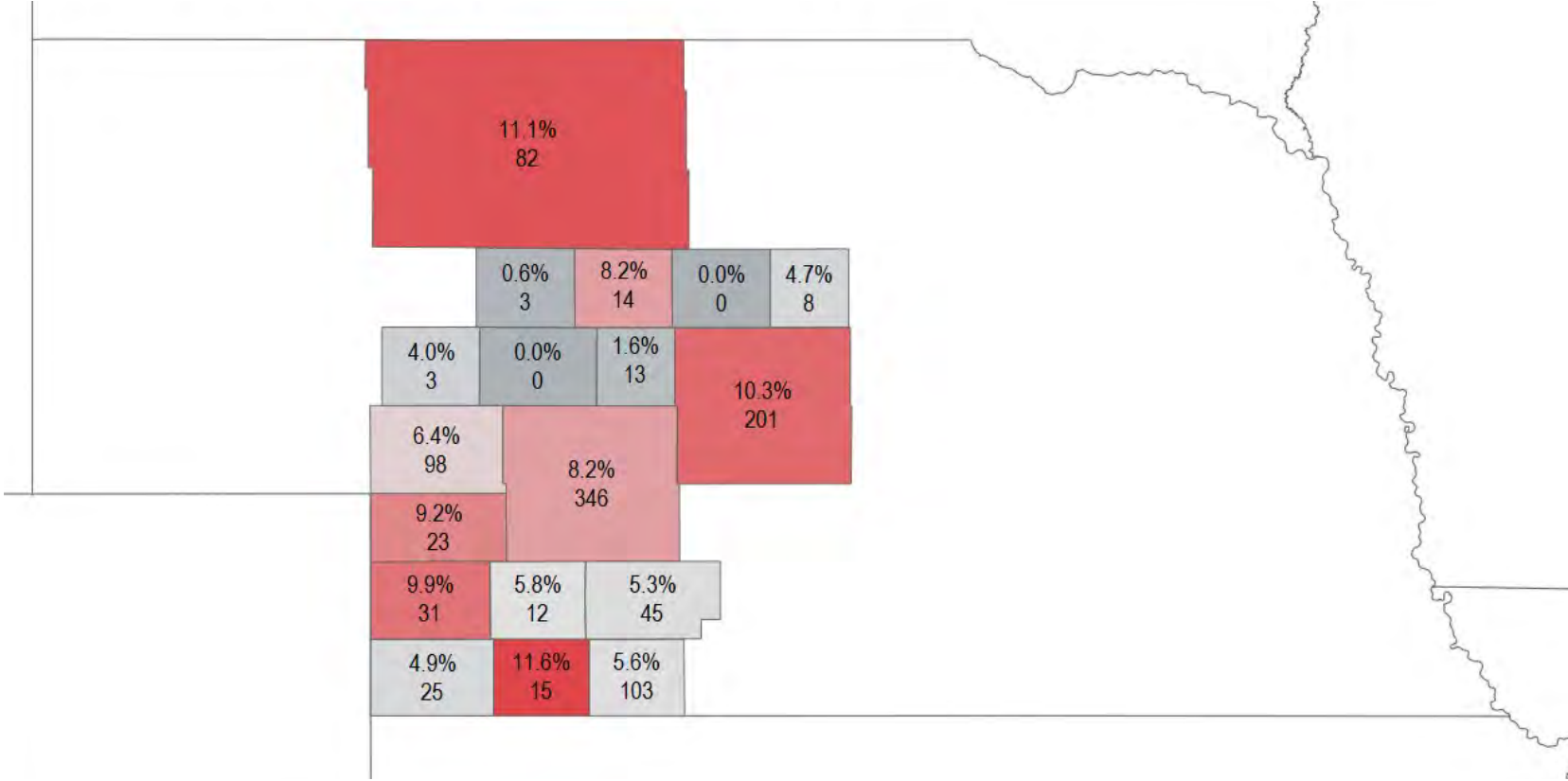
LICENSED PROVIDER CAPACITY IN 2023 AND PERCENT CHANGE IN PROVIDER CAPACITY 2019 TO 2023

Licensed childcare facilities in the region have a capacity for 3,017 children.



PERCENT AND NUMBER ENROLLED IN PUBLIC PRE-K PROGRAMS, 2023/2024

Public pre-K usage rates in the region are relatively low, with only 1,022 children enrolled.

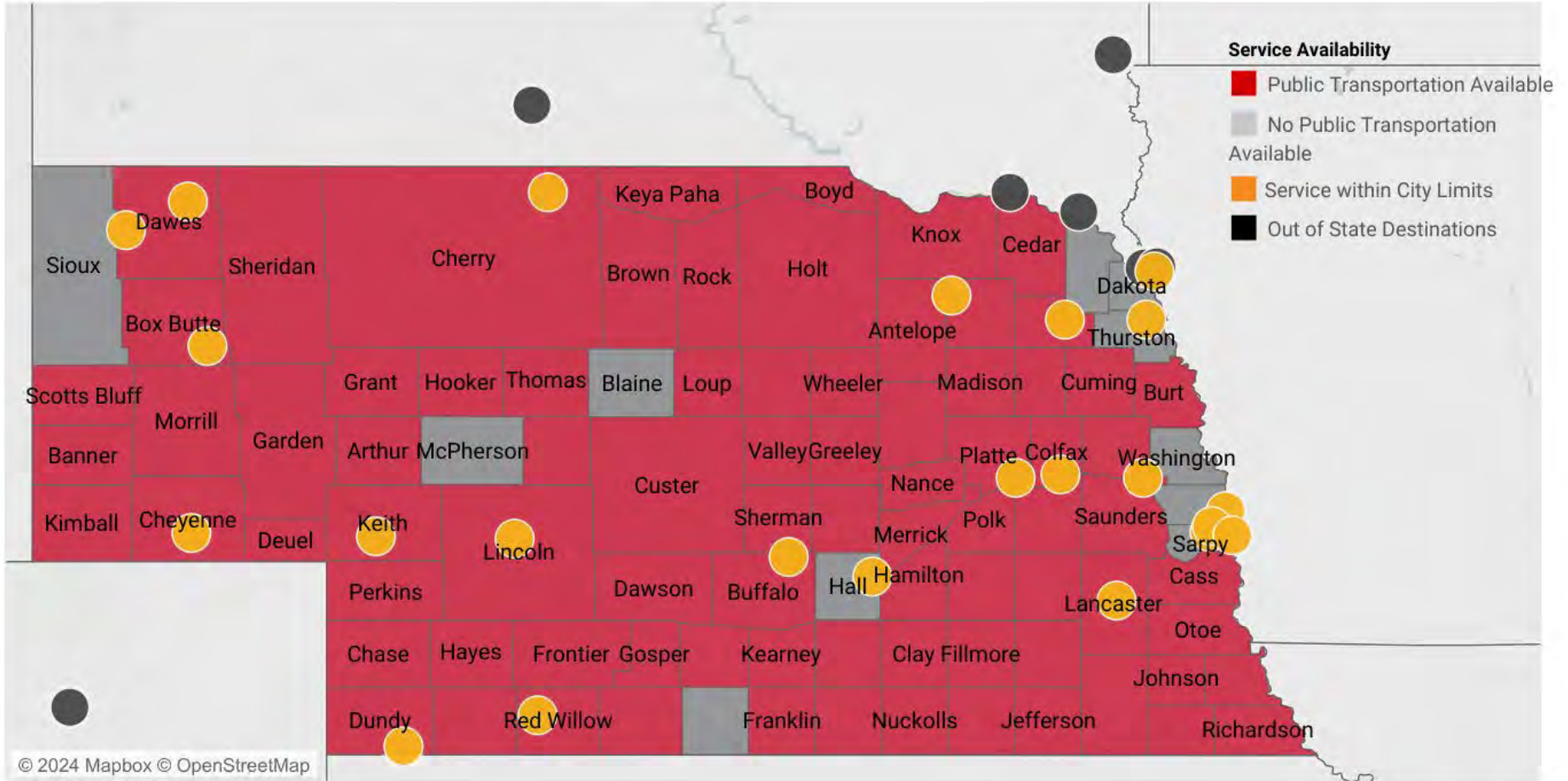


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