

Population of Nebraska Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Other Geographies: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2011

Sources: 2000 and 2010 Censuses; Post 2010 Estimates Program; Annual Estimates of the Population, U.S. Census Bureau, Released April 5, 2012

Area (number of counties)	April 1,	July 1,	July 1,	July 1,	July 1,	July 1,	April 1,	July 1,	July 1,	2000-05 2000-05 Change	2000-05 Annual % Change	2005-10 2005-10 Change	2005-10 Annual % Change	2010-11 2010-11 Change
	2000 census ¹	2005 estimate	2006 estimate	2007 estimate	2008 estimate	2009 estimate	2010 census	2010 estimate	2011 estimate					
NEBRASKA SUMMARY														
Nebraska¹	1,711,265	1,761,497	1,772,693	1,783,440	1,796,378	1,812,683	1,826,341	1,830,141	1,842,641	50,232	0.56	64,844	0.77	0.71
Douglas/Lancaster/Sarpy Counties	836,471	897,221	910,113	922,969	936,914	951,146	961,357	964,472	977,222	60,750	1.38	64,136	1.50	1.32
Rest of the State (90)	874,794	864,276	862,580	860,471	859,464	861,537	864,984	865,669	865,419	-10,518	-0.23	708	0.02	0.04
"Big 3" Percent of State Population	48.9	50.9	51.3	51.8	52.2	52.5	52.6	52.7	53.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Metropolitan (9)	942,503	1,005,465	1,018,756	1,031,958	1,045,999	1,060,380	1,071,368	1,074,712	1,087,177	62,962	1.27	65,903	1.38	1.18
Nonmetropolitan (84)	768,762	756,032	753,937	751,482	750,379	752,303	754,973	755,429	755,464	-12,730	-0.32	-1,059	-0.03	0.05
Micropolitan (20)	396,206	397,093	398,473	398,321	399,800	402,455	404,353	404,746	405,812	887	0.04	7,260	0.38	0.29
Not metro/micropolitan (64)	372,556	358,939	355,464	353,161	350,579	349,848	350,620	350,683	349,652	-13,617	-0.70	-8,319	-0.49	-0.22
County has city of 2,500+ (20)	208,554	202,921	201,469	200,624	199,762	199,361	199,717	199,767	199,805	-5,633	-0.51	-3,204	-0.33	0.04
County w/o city of 2,500+ (44)	164,002	156,018	153,995	152,537	150,817	150,487	150,903	150,916	149,847	-7,984	-0.93	-5,115	-0.69	-0.56
2013 Congress Dist. 1 (16)*	504,642	523,947	527,182	529,911	533,237	537,448	541,338	542,470	546,315	19,305	0.73	17,391	0.70	0.74
2013 Congress Dist. 2 (Doug/Sarp)*	586,180	628,353	637,827	646,957	657,309	668,049	675,950	678,330	687,422	42,173	1.37	47,597	1.59	1.36
2013 Congress Dist. 3 (75)*	620,443	609,197	607,684	606,572	605,832	607,186	609,053	609,341	608,904	-11,246	-0.35	-144	-0.005	-0.02
"Frontier" Counties ² (46)	165,300	156,342	154,240	152,992	151,101	150,765	151,231	151,242	150,282	-8,958	-1.03	-5,111	-0.69	-0.50
Non-frontier Counties (47)	1,545,965	1,605,155	1,618,453	1,630,448	1,645,277	1,661,918	1,675,110	1,678,899	1,692,359	59,190	0.73	69,955	0.92	0.82
"Great Plains" Counties (69)**	607,876	598,155	596,897	595,400	595,383	597,278	599,691	600,107	600,499	-9,721	-0.30	1,536	0.05	0.11
Non-great plains counties (24)	1,103,389	1,163,342	1,175,796	1,188,040	1,200,995	1,215,405	1,226,650	1,230,034	1,242,142	59,953	1.03	63,308	1.15	1.01
Predominantly Urban Counties ³ (24)	1,310,000	1,370,419	1,384,741	1,397,719	1,413,150	1,430,344	1,442,556	1,446,067	1,459,857	60,419	0.88	72,137	1.11	0.96
Predominantly Rural Counties (69)	401,265	391,078	387,952	385,721	383,228	382,339	383,785	384,074	382,784	-10,187	-0.48	-7,293	-0.39	-0.21
Has an urban cluster of 2,500 (17)	205,192	204,380	203,506	202,868	202,303	201,798	202,764	203,053	202,896	-812	-0.08	-1,616	-0.17	0.05
No urban cluster/100% rural (52)	196,073	186,698	184,446	182,853	180,925	180,541	181,021	181,021	179,888	-9,375	-0.91	-5,677	-0.64	-0.50
METROPOLITAN AREAS⁴														
Lincoln, NE	266,787	285,469	288,940	292,502	296,258	299,633	302,157	302,954	306,503	18,682	1.33	16,688	1.23	1.15
Lancaster County, NE	250,291	268,868	272,286	276,012	279,605	283,097	285,407	286,142	289,800	18,577	1.41	16,539	1.30	1.23
Seward County, NE	16,496	16,601	16,654	16,490	16,653	16,536	16,750	16,812	16,703	105	0.12	149	0.19	-0.22
Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	767,140	814,309	824,961	834,554	845,119	856,233	865,350	868,097	877,110	47,169	1.17	51,041	1.32	1.09
Harrison County, IA	15,666	15,362	15,346	15,177	14,946	14,972	14,928	14,922	14,828	-304	-0.37	-434	-0.59	-0.54
Mills County, IA	14,547	14,905	15,214	15,239	15,214	15,056	15,059	15,060	14,992	358	0.47	154	0.22	-0.36
Pottawattamie County, IA ¹	87,803	90,198	90,867	91,239	91,781	92,395	93,158	93,385	93,518	2,395	0.52	2,960	0.69	0.31
Cass County, NE	24,334	25,170	25,240	25,256	25,322	25,122	25,241	25,264	25,188	836	0.65	71	0.06	-0.17
Douglas County, NE	463,585	488,114	493,757	498,743	504,547	511,902	517,110	518,643	524,861	24,529	1.01	28,996	1.25	1.20
Sarpy County, NE	122,595	140,239	144,070	148,214	152,762	156,147	158,840	159,687	162,561	17,644	2.74	18,601	2.79	1.87
Saunders County, NE	19,830	20,460	20,411	20,483	20,446	20,515	20,780	20,864	20,867	630	0.61	320	0.33	0.33
Washington County, NE	18,780	19,861	20,056	20,203	20,101	20,124	20,234	20,272	20,295	1,081	1.10	373	0.40	0.24

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METROPOLITAN AREAS continued														
Sioux City, IA-NE	143,053	139,860	140,363	140,721	141,298	142,645	143,577	143,863	144,062	-3,193	-0.43	3,717	0.56	0.27
Woodbury County, IA	103,877	100,589	100,693	100,492	100,910	101,581	102,172	102,336	102,509	-3,288	-0.60	1,583	0.33	0.26
Dakota County, NE	20,253	20,191	20,295	20,564	20,559	20,924	21,006	21,049	20,913	-62	-0.06	815	0.85	-0.35
Dixon County, NE	6,339	5,961	5,987	5,993	6,004	6,013	6,000	5,979	5,989	-378	-1.14	39	0.14	-0.15
Union County, SD	12,584	13,119	13,388	13,672	13,825	14,127	14,399	14,499	14,651	535	0.81	1,280	2.05	1.40
MICROPOLITAN AREAS⁴														
Beatrice, NE	22,993	22,866	22,875	22,843	22,574	22,364	22,311	22,301	22,031	-127	-0.11	-555	-0.51	-1.00
Gage County, NE	22,993	22,866	22,875	22,843	22,574	22,364	22,311	22,301	22,031	-127	-0.11	-555	-0.51	-1.00
Columbus, NE	31,662	30,865	31,100	31,408	31,527	32,017	32,237	32,271	32,593	-797	-0.48	1,372	0.94	0.88
Platte County, NE ¹	31,662	30,865	31,100	31,408	31,527	32,017	32,237	32,271	32,593	-797	-0.48	1,372	0.94	0.88
Fremont, NE	36,160	36,442	36,597	36,647	36,548	36,604	36,691	36,685	36,773	282	0.15	249	0.14	0.18
Dodge County, NE	36,160	36,442	36,597	36,647	36,548	36,604	36,691	36,685	36,773	282	0.15	249	0.14	0.18
Grand Island, NE	68,305	68,871	69,360	69,784	70,790	72,056	72,726	72,887	73,551	566	0.16	3,855	1.18	0.91
Hall County, NE	53,534	54,535	55,190	55,742	56,795	57,955	58,607	58,771	59,477	1,001	0.36	4,072	1.57	1.19
Howard County, NE	6,567	6,432	6,357	6,333	6,261	6,288	6,274	6,266	6,342	-135	-0.39	-158	-0.52	0.87
Merrick County, NE	8,204	7,904	7,813	7,709	7,734	7,813	7,845	7,850	7,732	-300	-0.70	-59	-0.16	-1.15
Hastings, NE	38,190	37,656	37,519	37,456	37,703	37,792	37,906	37,902	37,702	-534	-0.27	250	0.14	-0.43
Adams County, NE	31,151	30,987	30,910	30,892	31,160	31,280	31,364	31,356	31,216	-164	-0.10	377	0.26	-0.38
Clay County, NE	7,039	6,669	6,609	6,564	6,543	6,512	6,542	6,546	6,486	-370	-1.00	-127	-0.40	-0.68
Kearney, NE	49,141	50,829	51,259	51,684	51,897	52,446	52,591	52,643	53,278	1,688	0.65	1,762	0.73	1.05
Buffalo County, NE	42,259	44,131	44,645	45,060	45,343	45,970	46,102	46,146	46,690	1,872	0.84	1,971	0.94	1.02
Kearney County, NE	6,882	6,698	6,614	6,624	6,554	6,476	6,489	6,497	6,588	-184	-0.51	-209	-0.66	1.22
Lexington, NE	26,508	26,195	26,366	26,279	26,209	26,232	26,370	26,415	26,398	-313	-0.22	175	0.14	0.08
Dawson County, NE	24,365	24,085	24,291	24,178	24,160	24,212	24,326	24,365	24,388	-280	-0.22	241	0.21	0.20
Gosper County, NE	2,143	2,110	2,075	2,101	2,049	2,020	2,044	2,050	2,010	-33	-0.29	-66	-0.66	-1.33
Norfolk, NE	49,538	49,515	49,194	47,860	47,750	48,026	48,271	48,326	48,302	-23	-0.01	-1,244	-0.53	0.05
Madison County, NE	35,226	35,631	35,415	34,298	34,319	34,609	34,876	34,935	34,931	405	0.22	-755	-0.45	0.13
Pierce County, NE	7,857	7,508	7,416	7,314	7,286	7,260	7,266	7,261	7,216	-349	-0.85	-242	-0.68	-0.55
Stanton County, NE	6,455	6,376	6,363	6,248	6,145	6,157	6,129	6,130	6,155	-79	-0.23	-247	-0.82	0.34

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MICROPOLTAN AREAS continued														
North Platte, NE	35,939	36,846	37,247	37,307	37,589	37,555	37,590	37,568	37,456	907	0.48	744	0.43	-0.29
Lincoln County, NE	34,632	35,577	35,973	36,011	36,301	36,280	36,288	36,261	36,142	945	0.52	711	0.42	-0.32
Logan County, NE	774	747	756	751	730	738	763	767	762	-27	-0.66	16	0.45	-0.10
McPherson County, NE	533	522	518	545	558	537	539	540	552	-11	-0.39	17	0.69	1.93
Scottsbluff, NE	37,770	37,008	36,956	37,053	37,213	37,363	37,660	37,748	37,728	-762	-0.38	652	0.37	0.14
Banner County, NE	819	731	733	715	677	686	690	696	684	-88	-2.05	-41	-1.18	-0.70
Scotts Bluff County, NE	36,951	36,277	36,223	36,338	36,536	36,677	36,970	37,052	37,044	-674	-0.35	693	0.40	0.16

¹ The 2000 population totals for Nebraska, Red Willow County, and Pottawattamie County, IA are corrected counts. The Census Bureau issued corrected population counts for these areas after the original 2000 counts and associated data products were published. Other detailed population tabulations were not revised to reflect the corrections, so the final counts reported here will differ slightly from the population totals in other tabulations. After the 2000 Census, the boundary between Butler and Platte Counties was changed resulting in a gain of 94 persons for Butler County and a loss of 94 persons for Platte County. The data listed in the April 1, 2000 column reflect the 2000 Census count.

* These Congressional District totals are for the new districts created after the 2010 census. The figures are county-based approximations that should be close to reality. The boundary between districts 1 and 3 runs along county boundaries except in Dixon County, where it runs along the extreme southern portion of the county. These totals were made under the assumption that all of the Dixon County population would be in the 3rd District. The totals for Congressional District 2 are simply the sum of Douglas and Sarpy Counties. This would be an overestimate of District 2 as the eastern portion of Sarpy County is actually in District 1. Thus, District 1 totals are underestimated.

² Varying definitions of frontier counties exist. Some use a standard persons per square mile threshold, such as less than 6, 7, or 10 persons per square mile are frontier counties. Others such as the National Center for Frontier Communities use a scoring system based on various factors. The definition illustrated here was developed by the Center for Public Affairs Research at the University of Nebraska Omaha. We believe the best definition of "frontier counties" for Nebraska is to have a 2010 Census population per square mile of less than 10, and not contain a city with 5,000 or more persons. 46 Nebraska counties meet this definition of being a "frontier county".

** The U.S. Census Bureau defined the "Great Plains" in a document titled "Population Dynamics of the Great Plains: 1950-2007". The data here follow their definition.

³ The urban and rural classifications are based on Census 2010 definitions. For a list of categories, see <http://tinyurl.com/bnmcb4u>

⁴ The general concept of a metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area is that of a core area containing a substantial population nucleus, together with adjacent communities having a high degree of social and economic integration with that core. Metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas comprise one or more entire counties. The United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defines metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas according to published standards that are applied to Census Bureau data. Current metropolitan and micropolitan area definitions were announced by OMB effective June 6, 2003.