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Nebraska County Census Populations with Decade Changes and Percent Changes: 1980 to 2020

Source: Decennial Censuses, U.S. Census Bureau

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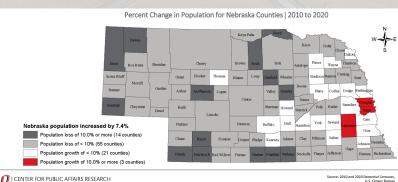


|          | Total Population |        |        |        |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Area     | 1980             | 1990   | 2000   | 2010   | 2020   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hamilton | 9,301            | 8,862  | 9,403  | 9,124  | 9,429  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Keith    | 9,364            | 8,584  | 8,875  | 8,368  | 8,335  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dawson   | 22,304           | 19,940 | 24,365 | 24,326 | 24,111 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| York     | 14,798           | 14,428 | 14,598 | 13,665 | 14,125 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Seward   | 15,789           | 15,450 | 16,496 | 16,750 | 17,609 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

|          | Decad  | e Popula | tion Cha | ange  |
|----------|--------|----------|----------|-------|
| Area     | 1980s  | 1990s    | 2000s    | 2010s |
| Hamilton | -439   | 541      | -279     | 305   |
| Keith    | -780   | 291      | -507     | -33   |
| Dawson   | -2,364 | 4,425    | -39      | -215  |
| York     | -370   | 170      | -933     | 460   |
| Seward   | -339   | 1,046    | 254      | 859   |

|          | Decade | Percen | t Change | e (%) |
|----------|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| Area     | 1980s  | 1990s  | 2000s    | 2010s |
| Hamilton | -4.7   | 6.1    | -3.0     | 3.3   |
| Keith    | -8.3   | 3.4    | -5.7     | -0.4  |
| Dawson   | -10.6  | 22.2   | -0.2     | -0.9  |
| York     | -2.5   | 1.2    | -6.4     | 3.4   |
| Seward   | -2.1   | 6.8    | 1.5      | 5.1   |

With 2020 Census Data beginning to be released, the data to the left shows county population, population change, and percentage change by decade since 1980. For comparison, counties with similar sized communities are listed below Hamilton County, including: Keith (Ogallala), Dawson (Cozad), York, and Seward counties.



## **Top 15 Best Counties in Percent Change** 1980 to 2020

Nebraska's 5 most populated counties

|            | Total Por | oulation: | 2010-2020 Change: |         |      |  |  |  |  |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|---------|------|--|--|--|--|
| County     | 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   |  |  |  |  |
|            |           |           |                   |         |      |  |  |  |  |

|   |              | Dawes     |          |           |            | į      | Keya P | Paha         | Boy      | d            | Knox             | Ca        | edar Dixe | Off Dakora        | V             | v∯s |
|---|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|--------|--------|--------------|----------|--------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|-----|
| Many counties switch from net   | Sioux        | Box Butte | Sheridan |           | Cherry     |        | Brown  | Rock         | Но       | t ,          | intelope         | Pierce    | Wayne     | Thurston          | R,            |     |
| outmigration to   | Scotts Bluff | Morrill   | Garden   | Grant     | Hooker     | Thomas | Blaine | Loup         | Garfield | Wheeler      |                  | Madison   | tanton Cu | ming B            | Burt }        |     |
| net inmigration.  | Banner       |           |          | Arthur    | McPherson  | Logan  |        |              | Valley   | Greeley      | Boone            | Platte    | Colfax    | Dodge             | Vashington    |     |
|   | Kimball      | Cheyenne  | Deuel    | Keith     |            | ncoln  | Cust   |              | Sherman  | Howard       | Nance<br>Merrick | Polk      | Butler    | Saunders          | Douglas Sarpy | į 🗀 |
| ebraska had net inmigration in both timeframes  |              |           | Perkins  |           |            | Dawson |        | Buffalo Hall |          | Hamilton Yor |                  | Seward    | .ancaster |                   |               |     |
| Net inmigration in both 2000s and 2010s (10 counties)   |              |           | Chase    | Hayes     | Frontier   | Gosper | Phelps | Kearney      | Adams    | Clay         | Fillmore         | Saline    |           | Otoe<br>Johnson N | lemaha\       |     |
| Net inmigration in 2000s, but net outmigration in 2010s (4 counties)  Net outmigration in 2000s, but net inmigration in 2010s (13 counties) |              |           | Dundy    | Hitchcock | Red Willow | Furnas | Harlan | Franklin     | Webster  | Nuckolls     | Thayer           | Jefferson | Gage      | 7                 | Richardson    |     |
| Net outmigration in both 2000s and  | -            |           |          |           |            |        |        |              |          |              |                  |           |           | 1                 |               |     |

Sources: 2000 to 2020 Censuses, U.S. Census Bureau; Vita Statistics, Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Service