



**2022 COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHIC AND
ASSESSMENT INFORMATION FOR THE
NEBRASKA COUNTIES OF CASS,
JOHNSON, NEMAHA, OTOE, PAWNEE,
AND RICHARDSON**

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POVERTY PROFILE

The 2022 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines defines a family of four with an annual income of \$27,750 at 100% of poverty.

- Americans who fall below the poverty line is 11.4%. In Nebraska 9.2% fall below the poverty line.
- SENCA's 6-county service area has a poverty rate of 10.3%.
- Individuals in poverty per county:
 - 5.9% Cass
 - 12.3% Johnson
 - 11.8% Nemaha
 - 8.4% Otoe
 - 12.7% Pawnee
 - 9.5% Richardson

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov/quickfacts

Purpose

Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (SENCA) is responsible for soliciting and analyzing the concerns of low-income households within the SENCA service area. In order to meet this responsibility, SENCA conducts a community survey of SENCA customers and partners once every three years. The data collected from these surveys is used to set priorities and make decisions about the overall direction, programs, and services offered by SENCA. The primary goal is to ensure that the Agency's direction, programs, and services address the needs of SENCA's customers. A review of the data collected allows SENCA to assess the strengths and needs of residents residing in Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska.

Methodology

A Community Needs Survey was developed by Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. and distributed during the months of February and March 2022. These surveys were distributed to SENCA customers residing in Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson Counties, who received services during the previous 12-month period. Households were randomly selected from the Agency's database and each county received a proportionate number of surveys by calculating the number served in each individual county compared to the cumulative number served in defined service area. Surveys were mailed to customers and returned in a self-addressed envelope to the Agency. Surveys were also be distributed from the Central Office front desk, community outreach offices, and Head Start centers by direct service staff.



Customers were asked to answer survey questions based on what is currently happening in their households and asked to identify areas of need they are currently experiencing. Questions will be related to the topic areas of: 1) basic demographics; 2) personal opinions; 3) employment and education; 4) young children; 5) youth; 6) housing and energy; 7) financial and legal; 8) health and family planning; 9) transportation; 10) food and nutrition; 11) seniors; and 12) veterans. Customers were asked to identify the level of need in their community for available resources. Customers were also be asked to prioritize the importance of various services on a scale of 1 to 15. Customers were asked to rank how well they feel that their community is doing at addressing poverty and hunger. Community partners that work closely with SENCA were mailed a Community Needs Survey. Partners were asked to answer the same survey questions by indicating which areas they see a need for more resources or services to be made available to low-income families. Community partners were also be asked to identify the level of need for specific resources and rank the importance of various services. A total of 214 surveys were mailed to SENCA customers and another 141 surveys were mailed to SENCA community partners. Response rates were 45% and 23%, respectively. An additional 100 daycare surveys were collected.

Community demographic and census data was collected for the six county core service area. A large portion of this data came from the U.S. Census Bureau. Additional data was collected from community assessments and reports available within the communities, counties, and state. Additional data was collected from a variety of sources.

County Population (2021 Estimates)

RACE, ETHNICITY, AND AGE OF SENCA CUSTOMERS

93% White
2% American Indian
2% Black/African
American
0% Asian
1% Native Hawaiian/
Pacific Islander
2% Multi-Racial/
Other

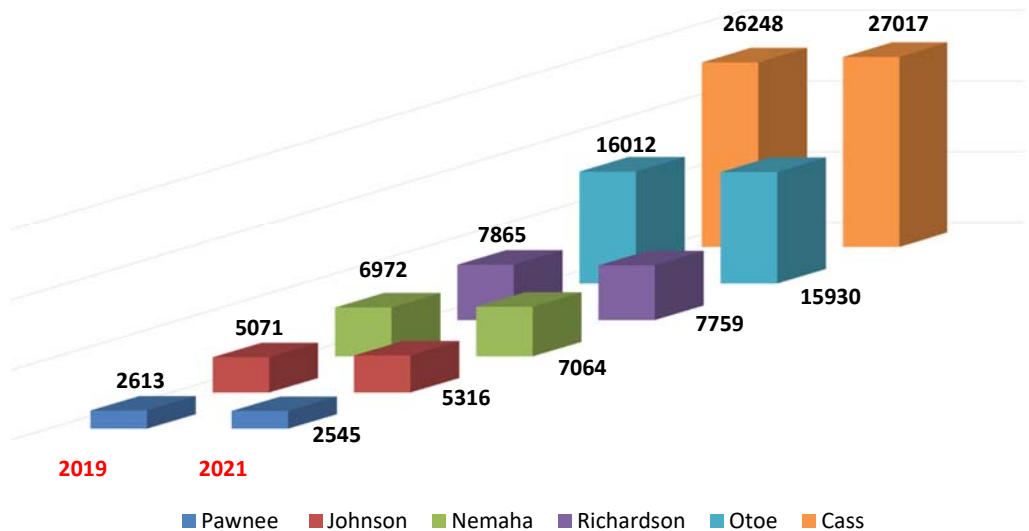
93% Non-Hispanic or
Latino
7% Hispanic

19% are 0 to 5 Years
19% are 6 to 17 Years
34% are 18 to 44 Years
18% are 45 to 64 Years
10% are Over 65 Years

	Cass County	Johnson County	Nemaha County	Otoe County	Pawnee County	Richardson County
0 to 4 Years	1,513	255	452	1,035	163	427
5 to 19 Years	4,836	744	1,123	2,788	568	1,233
19 to 64 Years	15,778	3,307	4,048	8,953	1,086	4,167
Over 65 Years	4,890	1,010	1,441	3,154	731	1,932
TOTALS	27,017	5,316	7,064	15,930	2,548	7,759

Between 2019 and 2021, SENCA's service area population estimates increased in Cass, Nemaha, and Johnson Counties. The remaining counties experienced a slight decrease.

Change in Population - Estimates 2019 to 2021



SENCA's service area is not as racially diverse as the remainder of the State. There is a more diversity within Johnson County than any other county served.

Population By Race/Ethnicity

	Hispanic or Latino	White	Black	Am. Indian/Alaskan	Asian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races/Other
Cass	3.7%	96.2%	0.8%	0.6%	0.5%	1.9%
Johnson	10.3%	89.4%	6.6%	1.6%	1.4%	1.0%
Nemaha	2.8%	95.8%	1.4%	0.5%	0.7%	1.6%
Otoe	8.6%	95.8%	1.0%	0.7%	0.7%	1.7%
Pawnee	1.9%	97.2%	0.6%	0.2%	0.2%	1.8%
Richardson	1.9%	93.0%	0.5%	3.3%	0.4%	2.7%
Nebraska	11.4%	88.1%	5.2%	1.5%	2.7%	2.4%

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- 2020 Kids Count in Nebraska Report
- CSBG Annual Report

SENCA Client Characteristics

RESOURCES

SENCA continually updates its resource list, which is a compilation of the most current resources available to assist low income families. In addition, Head Start families receive a listing of resources annually and discuss options with their Family Service Advocate during home visits. Resources cover the following major categories:

- Housing
- Employment & Income
- Food/Nutrition
- Child Care
- Life Skills
- Family/Social Relations
- Transportation & Mobility
- Community Involvement
- Parenting Skills
- Legal
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Safety
- Disability
- Senior Issues

Data Sources:

- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022
- CSBG Annual Report

Southeast Nebraska Community Action offers a wide range of services designed to meet the needs of low income and elderly residents living in our 6-county service area. SENCA's services currently include, Head Start, affordable housing, weatherization, transit, emergency assistance, family service, meal assistance, and many more community services. SENCA currently is involved with 2,264 people and 1,164 families. The number of female and male clients is similar at 1,274 females and 986 males, with females as the majority. The majority of clients also fall into the 25-44 age range. Most adults in our programs have listed a high school diploma or GED as their highest education level at 575 clients. The majority of clients rely on other income sources and non-cash benefits, followed closely by employment only to support their families. The majority (50%) of SENCA clients currently rent their current residences. Thirty-two percent (32%) of SENCA adults served have employment.

Family Income: 42% Other Sources of Income & Benefits 37% Income from Employment 11% Families Reported Zero Income 10% Other	Family Type: 20% Single Parent- Male or Female 18% Two Parent Household 37% Single Person 11% Adults No Children 14% Other
Health Insurance – Persons: 70% Have Health Insurance 13% Have No Health Insurance 17% Health Insurance Status Unknown	Disabled – Persons: 20% Have a Disability 69% Have no Disability 11% Unknown
Housing – Families: 28% Own 50% Rent 3% Homeless 9% Other 10% Unknown	Level of Poverty – Families: 58% at 100% of Poverty and Lower 23% at 101% to 150% of Poverty 14% at 151% and Over 5% Unknown



Employment and Education Issues from Adult Respondent Surveys:

Are any of the adults in your household satisfied with their current job?	90% Yes 10% No
Need a job which pays enough to meet my family's basic needs	8%
Help finding a job with benefits	6%
Information and/or loan to start a business	4%
Need further education or training	2%
Financial aid to attend college/vocational school	2%
Affordable and reliable access to internet/technology	2%
Help finding a job	0%
Voter education/rights information	0%

Employment

JOBS



Just over 2% of SENCA clients feel they need further education and/or training. This is half of what was reported in 2019. Skills in which employees need more training according to SENCA customers:

GED/HS Diploma	3%
Technology	0%
College Degree	1%
Basic Skills	0%

Technology needs have gradually declined over the past few years. Those indicating needing a GED has decreased drastically.

Minimum Wage?

Nebraska's minimum wage is \$9.00 an hour.

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022
- Nebraska Department of Labor
- US Bureau of Labor Statistics
- 2020 Kids Count

Five Year Unemployment Rate

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	
Cass	2.7%	4.3%	3.3%	3.0%	3.1%	Unemployment rates in the SENCA service area had risen since 2018. Rates made a significant increase in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, rates fell drastically. It is unclear if these lower rates are simply a result that some people simply chose not to return to the workforce.
Johnson	2.9%	3.9%	3.5%	3.6%	3.3%	
Nemaha	2.2%	3.6%	3.7%	3.4%	3.8%	
Otoe	2.3%	3.5%	3.2%	2.8%	3.3%	
Pawnee	1.8%	2.8%	2.9%	2.5%	3.0%	
Richardson	2.4%	3.2%	3.2%	3.0%	3.2%	
Nebraska	1.9%	4.2%	3.0%	2.8%	2.9%	

Nebraska Statistics:

- In 2019, 79.4% of all children had all available parents in the workforce.
- Specifically, 73.7% of children under the age of 6 had all available parents in the workforce.
- 7,000 workers in Nebraska earned minimum wage or less in 2019.
- 17.1% of Nebraska workers were working in a low-wage job, making the median annual wage below 100% of federal poverty level for a family of four.

Median Income for Families with Children (2019)

All Families	\$ 80,062
Married Couple	\$100,890
Female Householder (no husband)	\$ 32,246
Male Householder (no wife)	\$ 45,342

Median Income for Families by Race & Ethnicity (2019)		Median Household Income (2020)		Difference from 2019
Black/African American	\$46,625	Cass	\$73,683	\$1,837
American Indian	\$59,151	Johnson	\$49,382	(\$5,330)
Asian	\$64,203	Nemaha	\$50,236	(\$1,592)
Other	\$61,407	Otoe	\$64,755	\$5,588
Multi-racial	\$67,218	Pawnee	\$46,063	(\$389)
White, Non-Hispanic	\$85,015	Richardson	\$44,524	(\$3,393)
Hispanic	\$56,085	Nebraska	\$63,015	\$1,576

Local Employment Statistics (2021)

	Labor Force	No. Employed
Cass	13,554	13,192
Johnson	2,014	1,956
Nemaha	3,662	3,581
Otoe	8,597	8,399
Pawnee	1,529	1,501
Richardson	4,294	4,192

Education, Children, and Youth

PK-12 Enrollment

Cass	Johnson	Nemaha	Otoe	Pawnee	Richardson
Enrollment 3,800	Enrollment 748	Enrollment 1,390	Enrollment 3,197	Enrollment 452	Enrollment 1,413
Plattsmouth: 1,480 Weeping: 299 Louisville: 681 Conestoga: 698 Elmwood: 502 St. John: 140	Sterling: 219 JCC: 507 St. Andrew: 20	Johnson- Brock: 352 Auburn: 1,038	Syracuse: 795 Neb. City: 1449 Palmyra: 660 Lourdes: 293	Pawnee: 281 Lewiston: 171	Falls City: 886 HTRS: 305 Sacred Heart: 222
Students Eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch:					
30.9%	48.2%	38.4%	36.3%	54.4%	50.4%
Graduation Rates in 4 Years (Statewide for All Students is 88%)					
95%	96%	98%	92%	100%	95%

English Language Learners:

In 2020-2021, Cass, Johnson and Otoe Counties were identified as having more ELL students than others.

Special Education:

In 2020-2021, 16% (45,584) of students enrolled in K-12 received special education services in Nebraska. Another 6,464 children ages 3 to 5 years and 2,137 children ages birth to 3 years were receiving special education services.

Community Strength – Our area has strong school systems.

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- Nebraska Department of Education
- 2020 Kids Count in Nebraska Report
- AARP GrandFacts
- Voices for Children in Nebraska
- Foster Care Review Office

Nebraska Education 2020-2021 Statistics:

- **63%** of 4th Graders do not read proficiently.
- **63%** of 8th Graders are not proficient in math.
- **88%** of students graduated from high school in the standard four years.
- **16%** of students were classified as special education students.
- **4%** of students are not in high school or working.

2020-2021 Child Welfare:

- **9.5%** Increase in children becoming state wards.
- **51.8%** Children are placed with relatives.
- **47.8%** Foster care children are diagnosed with mental health issues.
- **90.0%** Foster children were receiving all or most services needed to address trauma.
- **370** Days foster children were in placement in southeast region.
- **88** Children experienced physical abuse in southeast region.
- **438** Children experienced physical neglect in southeast region.
- **26** Children experienced sexual abuse in southeast region.

Research shows that placement in a family-like setting provides children with improved long-term outcomes in physical and emotional health. Richardson County ranked in the top 10 of counties with wards of state per 1,000 children.

NE GrandFacts:

*31,219 children under the age of 18 live in homes where the householders are grandparents or other relatives.

*9,302 grandparents are responsible for their grandchildren.

*15,000 children are being raised by kin with no parent present.

*For every 1 child raised by kin in foster care, there are 13 being raised by kin outside of foster care.

SUPPORT

Statewide in 2019, 1,042 children were put under their mother’s custody while 157 were placed with their father. There were 4,584 children who experienced their parents divorcing.

There was \$216,789,594 in child support collected through Child Support Enforcement (CSE). The mean child support was \$115.51 per month.

SENCA Clients:

- 112 women are single parents
- 13 men are single parents

In 2019, 8,644 parents quit, did not take, or changed their job because of child care issues.

In 2021, 27% of Nebraska children were living in a single parent household.

Community Strength – SENCA provides a lot of support for those in need.

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- 2020 & 2021 Kids Count in Nebraska Report
- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022
- CSBG Annual Report
- 2021 NE Child Care Market Rate Survey Report

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) may be able to help with the cost of child care through the Child Care Subsidy Program. Eligibility is determined by a number of factors including, your gross income both earned income and unearned income, social security payments, and unemployment. DHHS will also only pay for child care if the child care provider is licensed or approved by the Department.

Rural Child Care Costs (2021)

Infant	\$12,576
4 year old	\$11424

“The child care system was fragile before COVID-19. The child care industry has now shattered completely.” – Child Care Aware America



Child Care Subsidies (SFY 2019)

- 27,892 children received child care subsidies.
- The total state and federal funds spent for Child Care Subprogram, which includes the subsidies was \$102,340,667.
- 1,705 children were in the care of a license-exempt facility.



Child and Youth Issues from Client Community Needs Surveys

Finding the right kind of child care	16%
Help paying for child care	11%
Need Preschool (ages 3 to 5 years)	11%
Need Preschool (ages 0 to 3 years)	10%
Help finding quality child care	8%
Employment opportunities for youth	7%
Help finding child care for summer, nights/weekends, & after school	7%
Help obtaining mental health services	6%
Need help with school work/tutoring	5%
Opportunity to be matched with an adult mentor	5%
Help with tech school or college financial aid application	2%
Services to help at-risk youth make positive choices	2%
Volunteer opportunities for youth	2%
Help preventing teen pregnancy/birth control education	2%
Parenting education for teen parent	2%

Since 2016, needs related to paying for childcare and obtaining mental health services have increased by 33% and 133%, respectively.

Financial and Legal Issues

ASSISTANCE

Children living with food insecurity in 2020:


- Cass – 14.4%
- Johnson – 18.2%
- Nemaha – 18.8%
- Otoe – 19.6%
- Pawnee – 21.6%
- Richardson – 22.1%

Community Strength – Our small communities come together to support each other.

Partner Comment - SENCA workers are exceptional.

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- 2020 & 2021 Kids Count in Nebraska Report
- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022
- Legal Aid of Nebraska
- FRED Economic Research

Financial and Legal Issues		
Respondent surveys indicate the following needs:	SENCA Clients	SENCA Partners
 Take care of bad debt or reducing debt	20%	69%
Help with budgeting and managing money	18%	69%
Making out a will or health directives	13%	53%
Help understanding and filling out tax forms	9%	53%
Help starting a savings plan	9%	38%
Completing financial aid applications	9%	50%
Understanding Social Security Disability and how to apply	8%	30%
Information on Fatherhood parenting issues	7%	20%
Establishing or collecting child support	4%	31%
Information on relatives or grandparents raising children	4%	41%
Information on custody, guardianship, and visitation rights	2%	44%

Since 2019, the responses to the above issues have dropped by an average of 2% for clients and increased by 12% for partners. The highest need in this category for clients was reducing debt and for the partners it was tie between reducing debt and learning about budgeting.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services provides qualifying families with economic support. This economic support includes economic assistance programs and child support enforcement. Economic assistance programs include Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Employment First, Aid to Dependent Children, refugee resettlement, energy assistance, and child care subsidy.

	SNAP Households (2019)	% HH with Children (2020)
Cass	1,267	10.5%
Johnson	321	15.5%
Nemaha	539	14.0%
Otoe	1,178	23.8%
Pawnee	156	8.7%
Richardson	878	17.2%

In 2020, Nebraska Legal Aid impacted 12,127 people with 26% in deep poverty. The total cases closed was 9,695. The majority of cases (54%) handled were related to children and families with 9,384 children impacted.

Affordable Housing

HOUSING MARKET

In Nebraska the Fair Market Rent (FMR) in 2021 for a two-bedroom apartment was **\$879**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities – without paying more than 30% of income on housing – a household must earn **\$35,175** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, and this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of **\$16.91** per hour. On average, renters in Nebraska are only currently making **\$14.04** an hour.

In our local communities you would need to earn the following “Housing Wage” for a two-bedroom:

\$18.98	Cass
\$14.12	Johnson
\$14.12	Nemaha
\$14.46	Otoe
\$14.12	Pawnee
\$14.12	Richardson

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- Nebraska Low Income Housing Coalition Out of Reach 2021
- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022
- 2020 Kids Count in Nebraska Report

Adult Survey Respondents:

38% of SENCA clients reported being homeowners
30% of SENCA clients reported being renters



The percent of persons reporting as homeowners has increased by 10% since 2019.

Adult Survey Respondents:

60% pay 0-29% of their monthly income for rent or mortgage
40% pay 30% or more of their monthly income for rent or mortgage

Nebraska’s largest homeownership gap is 40.3% between white, non-Hispanic owners (70.4%) and African American owners (30.1%).

In 2020, Nebraska Public Housing had:

10,910 residents resided in public housing & **3,639** of those residents were children

44% of public housing residents were elderly or disabled

\$16,968 was the average public housing residents’ annual income & average rent was **\$312**

20% of Nebraska children live in a family with a high housing cost burden

	2021 Housing Costs		Housing Costs		Renter Households			
	Hourly wage to afford 2BR	2BR FMR	Annual income to afford 2BR FMR	Hours per week at minimum wage (\$9.00) to afford 2BR FMR	Renter Households	Est. hourly mean renter wage (2021)	Monthly rent affordable at mean renter wage	Hours per week at mean renter wage to afford 2BR
Cass	\$18.98	\$987	\$39,480	84	1,821	\$11.15	\$580	68
Johnson	\$14.12	\$734	\$29,360	63	481	\$9.17	\$477	62
Nemaha	\$14.12	\$734	\$29,360	63	806	\$10.68	\$555	53
Otoe	\$14.46	\$752	\$30,080	64	1,966	\$11.51	\$599	50
Pawnee	\$14.12	\$734	\$29,360	63	203	\$8.57	\$446	66
Richardson	\$14.12	\$734	\$29,360	63	893	\$8.66	\$450	65

Nebraskans would need to work 75 hours per week at minimum wage to afford a 2-Bedroom unit at the Fair Market Rate (FMR) OR work 1.9 full-time jobs at minimum wage to afford a 2-bedroom unit.

ENERGY BURDEN

2021 Home Energy Affordability Gap

Federal Poverty Levels	County	Individual HH Shortfall	Number of Households	Aggregate Shortfall	Home Energy Burden
<50%	Cass	\$1,932	217	\$419,160	30.1%
	Johnson	\$1,760	74	\$130,212	29.5%
	Nemaha	\$1,618	120	\$194,126	28.3%
	Otoe	\$1,677	377	\$632,122	27.7%
	Pawnee	\$1,672	80	\$133,723	29.1%
	Richardson	\$1,579	257	\$3405,814	28.0%
50% - 99%	Cass	\$1,511	454	\$686,199	16.1%
	Johnson	\$1,367	80	\$109,369	15.8%
	Nemaha	\$1,237	225	\$278,244	15.1%
	Otoe	\$1,271	333	\$423,195	14.8%
	Pawnee	\$1,292	150	\$193,855	15.5%
	Richardson	\$1,203	195	\$234,533	14.9%
100% - 124%	Cass	\$1,061	277	\$293,973	10.7%
	Johnson	\$947	82	\$77,618	10.5%
	Nemaha	\$828	82	\$67,924	10.1%
	Otoe	\$836	250	\$209,000	9.8%
	Pawnee	\$886	51	\$45,192	10.4%
	Richardson	\$800	164	\$131,126	10.0%
125% - 149%	Cass	\$761	347	\$264,122	8.8%
	Johnson	\$666	84	\$55,960	8.6%
	Nemaha	\$556	144	\$80,086	8.2%
	Otoe	\$546	236	\$128,879	8.1%
	Pawnee	\$615	93	\$57,221	8.5%
	Richardson	\$531	231	\$122,605	8.2%

Home energy is a crippling financial burden for low-income Nebraska households. Nebraska households with incomes of below 50% of the Federal Poverty Level pay 27% of their annual income simply for their home energy bills.

More than 49,000 additional Nebraska households live with incomes between 50% and 100% of the Federal Poverty Level and face a home energy burden of 14%.

The Home Energy Affordability Gap in Nebraska is not solely a function of household incomes and fuel prices. It is also affected by the extent to which low-income households use each fuel.

In 2021, the primary heating fuel for Nebraska homeowners and renters was Natural Gas at 64% of owners and 50% of renters.

In 2021, natural gas costs increased by 11% and propane increased by 28.4%.

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- Nebraska 2021 Home Energy Affordability Gap Report
- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022



Housing Needs Identified by Respondents	SENCA Clients	SENCA Partners
Help paying for home heating expenses	23%	38%
Help making home more energy efficient	22%	44%
Loan or grant to fix existing house	16%	59%
Help obtaining a loan to buy a home	9%	34%
Home modifications for a disabled household member	4%	34%
Help to prevent eviction	4%	n/a
Tenant education about leases, landlord/tenant rights	3%	34%
Help to prevent foreclosure	2%	n/a
Help with damage/security deposits	2%	16%
Hands-on training about home maintenance	n/a	41%
Subsidized rental housing	n/a	28%

Partners indicated a high need for homeless housing (47%) and specialized housing (31%) for mental health, chemical dependency, and incarcerated individuals returning to the area.

Homelessness

NEBRASKA HOMELESSNESS

The Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program (NHAP) serves individuals who are homeless or near homeless. Not all homeless people receive services.

Nebraska 2022 Point-in-Time Results:

- 2,404 people homeless
- 143 people unsheltered
- 682 unsheltered people in families with children
- 406 chronically homeless individuals

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- NE Department of Education
- 2020 Kids Count in Nebraska Report
- 2020 HUD COC
- HUD Exchange
- 2021-2022 Head Start PIR
- CSBG Annual Report

Point-in-Time Counts are unduplicated 1-night estimates of both sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations. The 1-night counts are conducted by Continuums of Care nationwide and occur during the last week in January of each year. Continuums of Care (CoC) are local planning bodies that are responsible for coordinating the full range of homelessness services in a geographic area, which may cover a city, county, metropolitan area, or an entire state. A Continuum of Care System has the goal of stably housing all persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in appropriate housing. This means identifying all homeless and at risk of homeless populations in communities, understanding their needs, and building a comprehensive and responsive system. In Nebraska there is a Balance of State Continuum of Care which is responsible for recording numbers for all regions in Nebraska (1-5) with the exception of Lincoln and Omaha.

Nebraska Homeless Statistics:

- More than **550** Nebraskans are homeless on any given night.
- Nebraska has about **6.4** homeless/10,000 general population.
- In 2019-2020, over **4,000** students were homeless.
- In 2019-2020, **300** homeless students were unaccompanied.
- The majority of homeless children and youth in Nebraska are living in “doubled-up” situations.

During 2020-2021, SENCA has served 32 homeless households across all programs. These families were assisted through Community Services, Project FIRST, and the Head Start program. Project FIRST provided services to 7 families. Project FIRST provides support for families transitioning out of homelessness. SENCA also served another 347 individuals at imminent risk of losing their housing.

Some Causes of Homelessness:

- Domestic violence
- Substance abuse
- Insufficient income
- Loss of employment
- Mental health issues
- Lack of support system



Partners indicated a high need for homeless housing (47%) on the community assessment surveys.



Head Start Needs Assessment

HEAD START



There were just over 6,400 children served by Head Start (ages 3-5) and Early Head Start (0-3) in 2021-2022 across the state of Nebraska.

There were 22 Head Start Grantees/Early Head Start Grantees.

SENCA is funded to serve 151 children through their Head Start program.

Lack of early childhood investments, including those in staff, deprive children of critical supports in the early years and reduces school readiness.

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- 2021 Kids Count in Nebraska Report
- 2021-2022 PIR
- www.talkpoverty.com

Head Start is a comprehensive child development program which serves children from age 3 to 5 and their families. This is a child-focused program and has the overall goal of increasing the school readiness of young children in low-income families. The program involves the whole family and encompasses: child development, family partnerships, community partnerships, and staff. SENCA Head Start serves children in Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson counties. Johnson County is included in this data to determine if there is a need for Head Start in that area.

Demographic Make-Up of Eligible Head Start Children

	Population Age 0-4	Child Poverty Rate	Estimated Children 0 to 4
Johnson	255	12.2%	31
Nemaha	452	11.1%	50
Otoe	1,035	10.0%	104
Pawnee	163	19.5%	32
Richardson	427	13.6%	58
TOTAL	2,332		275

Nebraska Child Well-Being Rankings

Overall – 7
 Economic – 2
 Education – 11
 Health – 15
 Family & Community – 12

In 2020, **51,000** of Nebraska’s children were considered poor. During the same time frame in SENCA Head Start service area, the number of children 0 to 4 living in poverty was approximately **244**. When adding Johnson County that number increases by 31 to **275**.

In 2021-2022, SENCA Head Start served 88 children at or below 100% of poverty. Twenty-four (24) children were categorically eligible due to homelessness, foster care, and receipt of public assistance. An additional 30 children were between 101% and 130% of the poverty level. Fifteen (15) served were accepted as over the income guidelines. SENCA Head Start’s service area is not very racially diverse and the majority of Head Start students during the 2021-2022 program year were Caucasian.

Race	Number of Children	Ethnic Origin	
		Non-Hispanic or Latino	Hispanic or Latino
American Indian or Alaska Native	12	11	1
Asian	2	2	0
Black or African American	5	5	0
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1	1	0
Caucasian	136	126	10
Multi-racial	1	1	0
Other	0	0	0

English Language Learners

During 2021-2022, SENCA Head Start served **1** child whose home language was Spanish and **1** child whose home language was an African language. All remaining children spoke English as their first language.

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Homelessness Occurs for Many Reasons Including:

- poverty
- lack of affordable housing
- unemployment
- poor physical or mental health
- drug and alcohol abuse
- family or relationship breakdown
- domestic violence

Nebraska Out-of-Home Placements on 6/30/21

Relative Home – 38.8%
Non-Relative Home – 34.5%
Kinship Care – 13%
Trial Home Visit – 10.9%
Non-Custodial Parent – 1.7%
Independently – 1%

Data Sources:

- 2021-2022 PIR
- SENCA Community Services
- CASA
- Foster Care Review Office

Homeless Children

The number of homeless children enrolled in public school during 2020-2021 in Nebraska was reported as 4,000 and 7.5% of those were unaccompanied. The majority of homeless children were “doubled-up”, meaning sharing housing with others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason. On any given night, 559 persons in Nebraska are homeless. In 2020-2021, SENCA served 401 individuals who may be considered homeless or near homeless. Another 7 families participated in the transitional housing program known as Project FIRST, which provides support for families transitioning out of homelessness. The SENCA Head Start program served eight (8) children who were homeless during the 2021-2022 school year.

Children in Foster Care

Across Nebraska in 2020-2021 children were removed from their homes with the largest number resulting from alleged/reported neglect at 56.3% of the cases. The second highest (31.9%) reason for removing children during 2020-2021 was due to drug abuse by the parent or caretaker. Many times there are multiple reasons for children being removed from the home. Of the children placed in out-of-home services included 39% under the age of five, 33.7% the age 6-12, and 27.4% the age of 13-18. During the 2021-2022 school year SENCA Head Start served five (5) children in foster care.

County	2020	2021
Johnson	NA	9
Nemaha	6	8
Pawnee	8	9
Otoe	49	39
Richardson	29	21
TOTAL	92	86

Community Strength

OUR HEAD START PROGRAM AND
PUBLIC SCHOOLS DO A GREAT JOB!

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Children with Disabilities

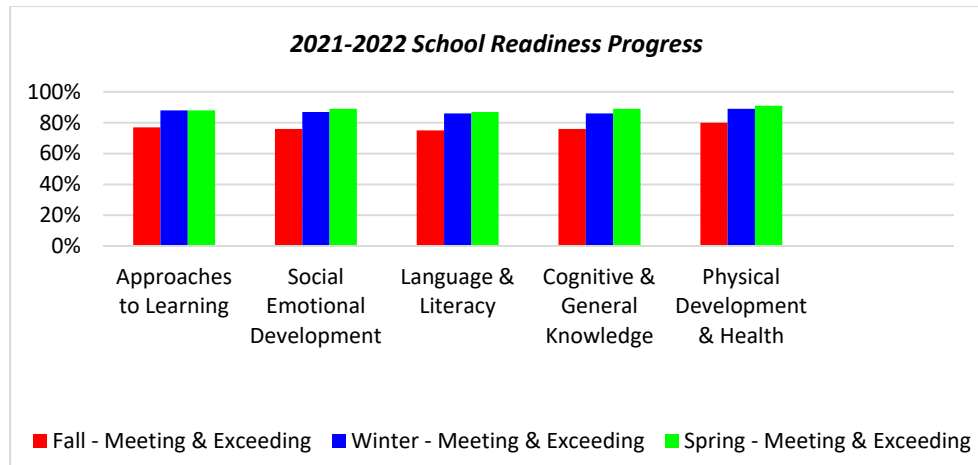
During 2021-2022, SENCA Head Start served 39 children with disabilities identified through an IEP, making 25.8% of funded enrollment slots available for children with disabilities.

SENCA Head Start Children with IEP

	Number of Children
Speech Language Impairment	6
Hearing Impairment, including Deafness	0
Learning Disability	0
Autism	1
Developmental Delay	31
Multiple	1

Education of SENCA Head Start Children

Domain	Fall 2021	Spring 2022
<i>Social-Emotional</i>	67%	88%
<i>Physical – Gross Motor & Fine Motor</i>	79%	91%
<i>Language</i>	68%	78%
<i>Cognitive</i>	69%	83%
<i>Literacy</i>	55%	83%
<i>Mathematics</i>	54%	88%



In 2021-2022, the number children meeting or exceeding expectations increased across all domains from fall to spring & those same children met or exceeded the expected growth rate for their age. The average increase was 22%. The average percent of children moving into the meeting or exceeding growth range was 12%. Program-wide 88% to 91% of children were meeting or exceeding in the goals across all domains. Child growth was experienced across all checkpoints. This past year saw a drastic increase in child behavior, which may be attributed to returning to full in-person services & staff turnover. Both of these situations create transition struggles for children which can lead to behavior issues that ultimately impact child outcomes. Large class sizes with less staff may also be affecting these outcomes. A more detailed report on child outcomes can be requested from the program director.

2020-2021 Public School Snapshots:

- 16% Special Education
- 13.0% Gifted
- 93% Attendance
- 7% ELL
- 46% Free/Reduced Lunch
- 88% Graduation Rate

3 and 4 Year Olds Enrolled in School

- 58.5% - Cass
- 51.3% - Johnson
- 42.7% - Nemaha
- 42.2% - Otoe
- 54.8% - Pawnee
- 65.0% - Richardson

Data Sources:

- 2021 Kids Count in Nebraska Report
- Nebraska Department of Education Snapshots
- 2021-2022 PIR
- 2021-2022 Child Outcomes Report

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Health, Nutrition, and Social Service Needs of Children

Selected Statistics	Johnson	Nemaha	Otoe	Pawnee	Richardson
Children in Poverty	12%	11%	10%	20%	14%
Teen Births per 1,000	24	9	20	NA	20
Low Birth Weights	7%	6%	6%	5%	7%
Children without Health Insurance	7%	4%	5%	8%	5%
Adult Smoking	19%	17%	18%	20%	20%
Severe Housing Problems	10%	9%	12%	12%	9%
Poor Physical Health Days – Past 30 Days	3.4	3.3	3.3	4.0	3.6
Poor Mental Health Days – Past 30 Days	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.4	4.2
Available Physicians	2	6	9	1	4
Available Dental Providers	1	3	9	3	3
Available Mental Health Providers	1	2	18	1	7

In 2021, child food insecurity in the service area affected an average of 20% (1,918) of children. Within the area, approximately 19% (1,788) of the children benefitted from SNAP, with Otoe County being the highest at 23.8%.

Resources by County - Overview

	Nemaha	Otoe	Pawnee	Richardson
HEALTH	NE DHHS, Family Planning, Local Doctors, SE District Health			
DENTAL	Local Dentists			
NUTRITION	Commodity Supplemental Program SENCA WIC			
EDUCATION	SENCA Head Start Public Schools Private Preschools Sixpence (0 to 3)	SENCA Head Start Public Schools Private Preschools	SENCA Head Start Public Schools Private Preschools	SENCA Head Start Public Schools Private Preschools Sixpence (0 to 3)
SOCIAL SERVICE	SENCA, Ministerial Associations, Catholic Social Services, Project Response, Veteran Services			
FAMILY SUPPORT	SENCA, NE Workforce Development, Transportation, Affordable Housing, Blue Valley Behavioral Health, Behavioral Health Solutions, Nebraska Family Helpline			

Resources:

Resources available to address the needs of SENCA Head Start eligible families is limited due to being a very rural area. Service providers in the area work collaboratively to ensure family needs are met, while maximizing resources without duplication.

To better assist families SENCA has developed county resource sheets. These county resource sheets can be found at the end of this Community Assessment.

2022 County Health Rankings (Top Rank is 1)

Health Outcomes

15 – Cass
39 – Johnson
31 – Nemaha
20 – Otoe
67 – Pawnee
64 – Richardson

Health Factors

31 – Cass
77 – Johnson
39 – Nemaha
50 – Pawnee
78 – Otoe
72 - Richardson

Data Sources:

- www.countyhealthrankings.org

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Parent Schedules

During the 2021-2022 school year, SENCA Head Start served a total of 157 children from 140 families. There were a total of 61 one parent families and 79 two parent families. Seventy-nine percent (79%) of the families were employed at the beginning of the year, creating the need for child care and/or preschool services.

When surveyed as a part of the 2022 Community Assessment, 10% of SENCA clients and 16% of partners indicated a continued need for 3 to 5 preschool services mirroring the school year. However, when completing the day care survey 90% reported at least one adult working and 70% indicated the need for full day Head Start. The Child Care Survey are included below for comparison.

At application parents are surveyed for their day care needs. Over 81% required child care due to work or education. The vast majority indicated needing care five days a week. Of those needing child care, an average of 40% were in need of full day care. Almost all in need of some form of child care indicated that their children were being cared for in the home or by a relative.



Child Care Needs Identified	Clients	Partners	Child Care Survey
Preschool Ages 0 to 3	10%	19%	48%
Preschool Ages 3 to 5	11%	16%	87%
Quality Child Care	8%	53%	NA
Infant Care	1%	19%	16%
Evening/Night/Weekend Care	7%	41%	22%
Part-time/Changing Hours	6%	7%	23%
Sick Child Care	4%	31%	NA
After School Care	7%	50%	23%
Summer/Holiday Care	9%	44%	NA

Community Strengths

As a part of the Community Assessment surveys, customers, partners, and community members were asked to identify various strengths. Strengths identified within the service area include:

Human Interactions & Caring for Each Other	SENCA Program, Services, & Staff
Schools & SENCA Head Start	Churches
Food Pantries	Small & Safe Area
Community Facilities & Activities	Community Support for Families
Community Support	In-person School Services
Friendly People	Transit

Community Strengths

The child care providers we do have are great.

Child Care Survey

90% one adult working
77% need care M-TH
75% need care Friday
70% need full time care

Ages of Children Needing Care

16% - 0 to 12 months
8% - 12 to 24 months
24% - 25 to 35 months
87% - 3 to 4 years

Data Sources:

- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022
- 202-2022 Day Care Survey

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Child Development Programs Serving Head Start Eligible Children

As of 2022, there were several licensed child development and care programs serving Head Start age eligible children.

Licensed Child Care Facilities by Town

Tecumseh: 4 - 79 Slots
 Cook: 1 - 10 Slots
 Auburn: 14 - 276 Slots
 Johnson: 1 - 10 Slots
 Peru: 1 - 35 Slots
 Bennett: 1 - 10 Slots
 Neb. City: 11 - 205 Slots
 Otoe: 1 - 10 Slots
 Syracuse: 7 - 120 Slots
 DuBois: 1 - 12 Slots
 Pawnee City: 1 - 39 Slots
 Falls City: 14 - 239 Slots

Licensed & Non-Licensed Preschool Slots by County

Johnson: 81
 Nemaha: 177
 Otoe: 202
 Pawnee: 75
 Richardson: 134

Head Start Eligible Preschool Children by County

Johnson: 31
 Nemaha: 50
 Otoe: 104
 Pawnee: 32
 Richardson: 58

SENCA Head Start collaborates with 3 public school preschools to provide education services to 48 children.

Data Sources:

- NE Department of Health and Human Services
- NE Department of Education School Snapshot

	Johnson		Nemaha		Otoe		Pawnee		Richardson	
	Sites	Slots	Sites	Slots	Sites	Slots	Sites	Slots	Sites	Slots
Family CC Homes	3	30	12	138	16	170	1	12	11	112
Child Care Center	1	47	3	154	3	146	1	39	1	55
Preschool	1	12	1	29	1	29	0	0	2	72
TOTALS	5	89	16	321	20	345	2	51	14	239

There are also 9 preschools operated by the public school districts in the SENCA Head Start service area. One of those preschools is licensed by the state of Nebraska.

Name	Location	District	County	Enrollment
JCC	Tecumseh, NE Cook, NE	Johnson County Central Schools	Johnson	35
Sterling	Sterling, NE	Sterling Public Schools	Johnson	34
Bulldog Beginnings	Auburn, NE	Auburn Public Schools	Nemaha	60 <i>(14 Head Start)</i>
Little Learners	Auburn, NE	Auburn Public Schools	Nemaha	30
Johnson Brock Preschool	Johnson, NE	Johnson-Brock Public Schools	Nemaha	40
Auburn Head Start	Auburn, NE	NA	Nemaha	18
Nebraska City Preschool	Nebraska City, NE	Nebraska City Public Schools	Otoe	85
S-D-A Preschool	Syracuse, NE	Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca Public Schools	Otoe	36
Nebraska City Head Start	Nebraska City, NE	NA	Otoe	52
Lewiston Preschool	Lewiston, NE	Lewiston Consolidated Public Schools	Pawnee	34
Pawnee City Public Schools	Pawnee City, NE	Pawnee City Public Schools	Pawnee	26
Table Rock Head Start	Table Rock, NE	NA	Pawnee & Richardson	15
HTRS Early Learning Center	Humboldt, NE	Humboldt-Table Rock - Steinauer Public Schools	Richardson	30 <i>(12 Head Start)</i>
Parent Child Center	Falls City, NE	Falls City Public Schools	Richardson	74 <i>(22 Head Start)</i>
Falls City Head Start	Falls City, NE	NA	Richardson	18

Senior Issues – Based upon Good Health

THE ELDER INDEX

The Elder Economic Security Standard Index (Elder Index) is a tool used by policy makers, older adults, family caregivers, service providers, aging advocates and the public at large. Developed by the Gerontology Institute at the University of Mass. Boston and Wider Opportunities for Women, the Elder Index is a measure of income that older adults need without public or private assistance to meet their basic needs and age in place with dignity. While public supports, particularly food support programs and energy assistance, are critical to helping many elders address the gap between income and economic security needs, elders who depend on an often under-funded social safety net cannot be considered secure.

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- Elder Index Surveys Nebraska 2021
- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022
- www.ssa.gov

	Elder Person (age 65+)			Elder Couple (one or both 65+)		
Monthly Expenses:	Owner w/o Mortgage	Renter 1 Bedroom	Owner w/ Mortgage	Owner w/o Mortgage	Renter 1 Bedroom	Owner w/ Mortgage
Housing (Inc. utilities, taxes & Insurance)	Cass \$560	Cass \$783	Cass \$1,434	Cass \$560	Cass \$783	Cass \$1,434
	Jo. \$485	Jo. \$557	Jo. \$1,202	Jo. \$485	Jo. \$557	Jo. \$1,202
	Nem. \$485	Nem. \$619	Nem. \$1,202	Nem. \$485	Nem. \$619	Nem. \$1,202
	Otoe \$485	Otoe \$610	Otoe \$1,202	Otoe \$485	Otoe \$610	Otoe \$1,202
	Paw. \$485	Paw. \$557	Paw. \$1,202	Paw. \$485	Paw. \$514	Paw. \$1,202
	Rich. \$485	Rich. \$626	Rich. \$1,202	Rich. \$485	Rich. \$626	Rich. \$1,202
Food	All Counties - \$275			All Counties - \$503		
Transportation	Cass - \$317	All Other Counties - \$333		Cass - \$487	All Other Counties - \$514	
Health Care	Pawnee County - \$490 All Other Counties - \$495			Pawnee - \$980 All Other Counties - \$990		
Misc.	Cass - \$329 Pawnee - \$317 All Other Counties - \$318			Cass - \$508 Pawnee - \$496 All Other Counties - \$498		
Index Per Month	Cass \$1,976	Cass \$2,199	Cass \$2,850	Cass \$3,048	Cass \$3,271	Cass \$3,922
	Jo. \$1,906	Jo. \$1,978	Jo. \$2,623	Jo. \$2,990	Jo. \$3,062	Jo. \$3,707
	Nem. \$1,906	Nem. \$2,040	Nem. \$2,623	Nem. \$2,990	Nem. \$3,124	Nem. \$3,707
	Otoe \$1,906	Otoe \$2,031	Otoe \$2,623	Otoe \$2,990	Otoe \$3,115	Otoe \$3,707
	Paw. \$1,900	Paw. \$1,972	Paw. \$2,617	Paw. \$2,978	Paw. \$3,050	Paw. \$3,695
	Rich. \$1,906	Rich. \$2,047	Rich. \$2,623	Rich. \$2,990	Rich. \$3,131	Rich. \$3,707
Index Per Year	Cass \$23,712	Cass \$26,388	Cass \$34,200	Cass \$36,576	Cass \$39,252	Cass \$47,064
	Jo. \$22,872	Jo. \$23,736	Jo. \$31,476	Jo. \$35,880	Jo. \$36,744	Jo. \$44,484
	Nem. \$22,872	Nem. \$24,480	Nem. \$31,476	Nem. \$35,880	Nem. \$37,488	Nem. \$44,484
	Otoe \$22,872	Otoe \$24,372	Otoe \$31,476	Otoe \$35,880	Otoe \$37,380	Otoe \$44,484
	Paw. \$22,800	Paw. \$23,664	Paw. \$31,404	Paw. \$35,736	Paw. \$36,600	Paw. \$44,340
	Rich. \$22,872	Rich. \$24,564	Rich. \$31,476	Rich. \$35,880	Rich. \$37,572	Rich. \$44,484

SENCA clients who are seniors need:

Assistance with snow shoveling	32%
Assistance with minor home repairs	20%
Transportation	20%
Meals-on-wheels	15%
Assistance with basic housekeeping/chores to stay home	15%
Assistance with yard work	12%
Help to monitor medications	7%
Congregate meals	5%
Help with personal care to stay home	5%
Part-time employment	2%
Use public transit or other volunteer transportation	19%



% of Population 65+	
Cass	18.1%
Johnson	19.0%
Nemaha	20.4%
Otoe	19.8%
Pawnee	28.7%
Richardson	24.9%

2021 Nebraska Social Security Quick Facts:

- 360,240 Nebraskans receive Social Security.
- 75% of beneficiaries are retirees.
- Disabled persons make up 11% of beneficiaries, widowed make up 6%, children 6%, and spouses 3%.
- On average, Nebraska retirees received an average of \$1,553 a month in 2021.
- Social Security is the only source of income for many Nebraskans age 65+.

HUNGER

1 in 8 Nebraska adults & 1 in 7 kids don't know where their next meal is coming from.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is one of the most effective anti-poverty programs in the U.S.

In Nebraska in 2021, SNAP helped 157,300 residents.

In March of 2022, the monthly average benefit for SNAP was \$227.88/person & \$434.79/household.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) served 35,280 Nebraskans in March of 2021.

100 clinics in 93 counties reported participating in the WIC program.

The average monthly cost per participant in the WIC program during 2021 was **\$31.88**.

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- 2021 Kids Count in Nebraska Report
- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022
- FeedingAmerica.org
- www.usda.gov
- Center on Budget & Policy Priorities

Food and Nutrition

Official USDA U.S. Average Cost of Food at Home, May 2022	Weekly Cost Moderate	Monthly Cost Moderate
Family of 2: 19-50 Yrs.	\$153.78	\$665.80
Family of 2: 51-70 Yrs.	\$152.68	\$661.10
Family of 4: Children 4-5 Yrs.	\$232.80	\$1,008.02
Family of 4: Children 9-11 Yrs.	\$287.00	\$1,242.71

Food and Nutrition Needs	SENCA Clients	SENCA Partners
Assistance accessing local emergency food pantry	19%	52%
More personal items at food pantry	19%	36%
Information and tips on best ways to shop for and cook well-balanced, nutritious meals on a budget	17%	36%
Free or reduced lunches for children	15%	30%
More open hours at food pantry	11%	30%
Lunches for children outside of regular school year (summer)	10%	52%
Assistance applying for food support	8%	33%
Additional food pantry locations	3%	9%



	Child Food Insecurity	SNAP Participation Among Children	Enrolled Federal Nutrition Assistance
Cass	14.4%	10.5%	30.9%
Johnson	18.2%	15.5%	48.2%
Nemaha	18.8%	14.0%	38.4%
Otoe	19.6%	23.8%	36.3%
Pawnee	21.6%	8.7%	54.4%
Richardson	22.1%	17.2%	50.4%

Food insecurity refers to the USDA's measure of the lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods.

2019 Data	% Overall Food Insecurity	Average Meal Cost	Estimated Nutrition Program Eligibility		
			Below 130% Poverty – SNAP & Free Lunch	130 – 185% Poverty – Reduced Lunch	Above 185% Poverty
Cass	9.8%	\$3.57	33%	17%	51%
Johnson	11.6%	\$3.11	35%	16%	50%
Nemaha	12.7%	\$3.16	40%	23%	37%
Otoe	12.4%	\$3.10	44%	17%	39%
Pawnee	14.4%	\$3.04	56%	17%	27%
Richardson	13.5%	\$3.11	47%	21%	32%

Transportation

ACCESS

5.6% of Nebraska households had no vehicle available in 2019.

96.5% of Nebraska's population lives in a county with transit service, making transit an important mobility option for many Nebraskans.

SENCA currently has transit programs in:

- Richardson County
- Pawnee County


The Richardson County Transit system began in 1994. The system is county-wide service serving the general public with priority for the elderly and handicapped.

The Pawnee County Transit system began in 1981. This service is a public transportation system available to all persons

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022
- SENCA Scorecard
- AAA
- UNO School of Public Administration

SENCA asked their clients and partners about their transportation needs:



	Clients	Partners
Getting help with transportation costs	21%	36%
Affordable repairs for my car	16%	42%
Public transit	18%	45%
Transportation to and from medical appointments	11%	45%
Financial help buying a car	10%	27%
Hands-on training about car repair & maintenance	3%	18%
Transportation to go to work	3%	45%
Transportation to look for work	2%	33%
Help getting to work because of license revocation	1%	NA

AAA has published "Your Driving Costs" annually since 1950. Their 2021 study revealed the following facts:

- Operating costs (gas, maintenance, tires) for a medium sedan are approximately 18.22 cents per mile.
- Ownership costs (full-coverage insurance, license, registration, taxes, depreciation, and finance charges) are approximately \$18.17 per day or \$6,633 per year for a medium sedan.
- The average cost per day at 15,000 miles for a medium sedan is approximately \$25.66 per day or \$9,366 per year.

SENCA Transportation Facts (2000-2021):

- SENCA Transit
 - 4,221 boardings were provided to riders using accessible new or expanded transportation resources that are available to low income people including public or private transportation and people using contract transportation provided by CAA.

Head Start Transportation Facts (2001-2022):

- Head Start
 - Provided 2,011 rides during the 2021-2022 school year to a total of 13 children.

Health

INSURANCE

70% of SENCA's clients currently have some form of health insurance, which is an increase of 6% since 2020.

2022 County Health Rankings – Uninsured:

- Cass – 7%
- Johnson – 7%
- Nemaha – 4%
- Otoe – 5%
- Pawnee – 8%
- Richardson – 5%

Data Sources:

- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022
- 2022 County Health Rankings
- CSBG Annual Report
- NE Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Report 2020

County Health Rankings are published online at countyhealthrankings.org annually. These rankings help counties understand what influences how healthy residents are and how long they will live. They measure the overall health of each county in all 50 states. Health outcomes represent measures of how long people live and how healthy people feel. Health factors represent the focus areas that lead to a longer life and how well we live.

Nebraska Rankings: Lower Numbers Represent Better Performance		
	Health Outcomes	Health Factors
Cass	15	31
Johnson	39	77
Nemaha	31	39
Otoe	20	50
Pawnee	67	78
Richardson	64	72

	Cass	Johnson	Nemaha	Otoe	Pawnee	Richardson
Low birth weights	7%	7%	6%	6%	5%	7%
Adult smoking	16%	19%	17%	18%	20%	20%
Severe housing problems	8%	10%	9%	12%	12%	9%
Excessive drinking	22%	23%	22%	22%	21%	22%
Adult obesity	36%	37%	38%	42%	42%	43%
Poor physical health days/month	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.3	4.0	3.6
Poor mental health days/month	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.4	4.2

In today's day and age there are a variety of other health risks that people face. Some of those risks are ones that people take on a daily basis without thinking about the consequences. Motor vehicle behavior for example, can be deadly. According to the Nebraska Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Report of the following was found regarding risky youth behaviors:

- 8.5% do not wear a seatbelt
- 6.3% haven't driven after drinking alcohol & 22.1% have ridden with someone drinking
- 51% of females & 45.8% of males report texting while driving
- 1 in 5 report being bullied
- 13% of females were 3 times more likely to report being forced to have sex
- 27% report being sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 weeks or more in the past year
- 24% of tried smoking & 36.1% have tried vaping
- 1 in 10 reported binge drinking in past 30 days
- 18.5% report being offered, sold, or given illegal drugs on school property

Health Issues - Survey

	Clients	Partners
Help finding affordable health insurance	14%	58%
Resources for mental health treatment/services	11%	64%
Relief (respite care) for someone who cares for an elderly or disabled	10%	58%
Help paying for prescription drugs	8%	48%
Assistance applying for health insurance	5%	58%
Resources for alcohol or drug abuse treatment	1%	55%



Veterans

VETERANS AFFAIRS

There are approximately 117,466 veterans in Nebraska.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers many programs and services. Veteran benefits include access to:

- Education programs
- Home loans
- Disability payments
- Health services
- Network of national cemeteries, soldier's lots, and monument sites
- Provide headstones and markers for Veterans' graves worldwide

Veterans have made more than 86.4 million outpatient visits to VA health care facilities and have completed more than 1.17 million disability claims.

- **2.1%** are unemployed.
- **5.6%** live in poverty.
- **30.6%** have a service connected disability.
- **153** are estimated to be homeless.
- **16,438** having housing problems

% Population that are Veterans by County	
Cass	11.6% - 14.7%
Johnson	7.7% - 9.2%
Nemaha	7.7% - 9.2%
Otoe	9.3% - 9.9%
Pawnee	9.3% - 9.9%
Richardson	10.0% - 11.5%

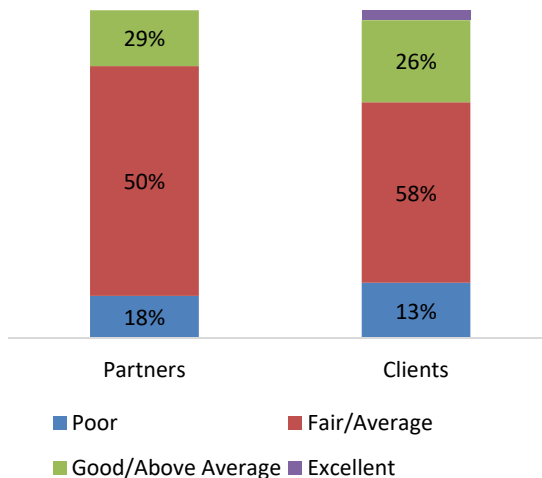


Veteran Issues – Survey

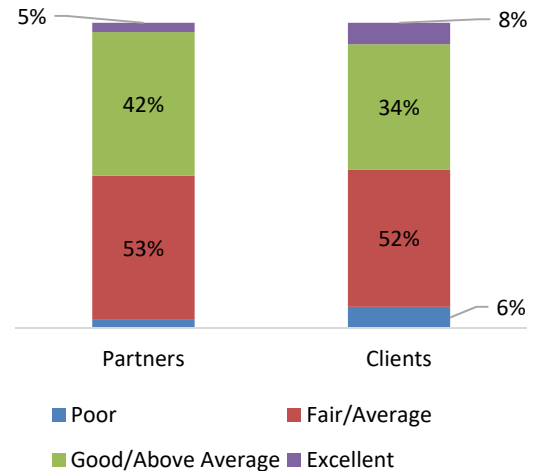
	Clients	Partners
Assessing Veteran needs	25%	36%
Transportation	25%	39%
Health Care, including mental health treatment	13%	45%
Help with housing or rental assistance	13%	NA
Help accessing education programs for Veterans	0%	6%



Rate Efforts to Reduce Poverty



Rate Efforts to Reduce Hunger



Data Sources:

- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022
- Veterans Data Central

Personal Opinions

On our recent Community Needs Survey, we asked random SENCA clients and partnerships the following:

- 1) What do you feel are the biggest problems facing youth (ages 5 to 17) in the community?
- 2) What do you feel are the biggest problems facing adults in the community?

Here are those responses.



<u>Youth</u>			
	Clients	Partners	
Not much to do away from school	43%	55%	Lack of adult role models
Lack of adult role models	40%	55%	Stress
Stress	38%	52%	Alcohol/drug abuse by family
Lack of opportunities to develop skills needed as an adult	33%	45%	Depression
Adults not in touch with needs of youth	31%	39%	Not much to do away from school
Depression	24%	30%	Lack of opportunities to develop skills needed as an adult
Alcohol/drug abuse by youth	23%	30%	Alcohol/drug abuse by youth
Alcohol/drug abuse by family	18%	21%	Adults not in touch with needs of youth
Violence	9%	15%	Violence

<u>Adults</u>			
	Clients	Partners	
Inability to pay all bills and on time	56%	58%	Alcohol/drug abuse
Stress	49%	55%	Stress
High rent/mortgage costs	38%	45%	Inability to pay all bills and on time
Low wages	35%	36%	Low wages
Unemployment	34%	30%	Nowhere to turn for help in a crisis
Alcohol/drug abuse	25%	30%	High rent/mortgage cost
Nowhere to turn for help in a crisis	21%	27%	Lack of assets
Lack of education	18%	24%	Lack of education
Lack of assets	16%	15%	Unemployment
Other	11%	0%	Other



Priorities and Available Resources

SENCA clients and partners were asked the following about available resources in their communities: Identify which of the following community resources you feel are **MOST NEEDED** because there are not enough and/or adequate resources available in your community. Indicate whether each listed service is “most needed”, “somewhat needed”, “not needed”, or “don’t know”.

Client Responses		Partner Responses	
Affordable Housing	Most Needed	Most Needed	Mental Health Services
Rent and Utility Assistance	Most Needed	Most Needed	Affordable Housing
Support for Persons with Disabilities	Most Needed	Most Needed	Child Care
Child Care	Most Needed	Most Needed	Youth Programs Ages 13 to 22
Food Assistance	Most Needed	Somewhat Needed	Computer Skills Training
Home Repair Assistance	Most Needed	Somewhat Needed	Adult Literacy Skills Training
Mental Health Services	Most Needed	Somewhat Needed	Certificate/Degree Programs
Youth Programs Ages 0 to 3	Most Needed	Somewhat Needed	Support for Persons with Disabilities
Transportation Assistance	Somewhat Needed	Somewhat Needed	Youth Programs Ages 4 to 5
Adult Literacy Skills Training	Somewhat Needed	Somewhat Needed	Home Repair Assistance
Support for Senior Citizens	Somewhat Needed	Somewhat Needed	Budgeting Training
Computer Skills Training	Somewhat Needed	Somewhat Needed	Rent and Utility Assistance
Nutrition Education	Somewhat Needed	Somewhat Needed	Nutrition Education
Financial Education	Somewhat Needed	Somewhat Needed	Employment Assistance
Budget Training	Somewhat Needed	Somewhat Needed	Parenting Skills Training
Certificate/Degree Programs	Somewhat Needed	Somewhat Needed	Youth Programs Ages 6 to 12
Parenting Skills Training	Somewhat Needed	Somewhat Needed	Transportation Assistance
Youth Programs Ages 4 to 5	Somewhat Needed	Somewhat Needed	Youth Programs Ages 0 to 3
Youth Programs Ages 13 to 22	Somewhat Needed	Somewhat Needed	Support for Senior Citizens
Youth Programs Ages 6 to 12	Somewhat Needed	Somewhat Needed	Financial Education
Employment Assistance	Somewhat Needed	Somewhat Needed	Foreclosure Prevention Assistance
Foreclosure Prevention Assistance	Somewhat Needed	Somewhat Needed	Food Assistance



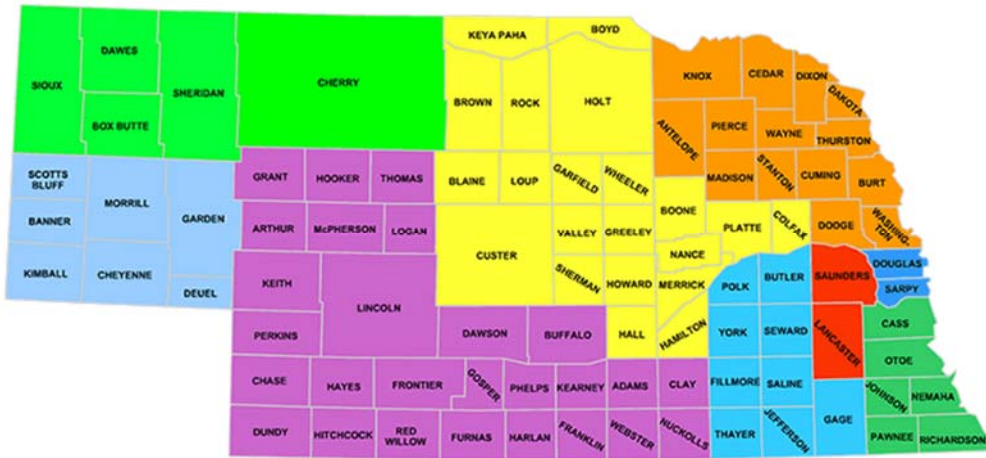
We also asked survey respondents to rank the following services in order of importance from 1 to 15, with “1” being the most important and “15” being the least important.

Client Responses		Partner Responses	
Mortgage/Rent and Utility Assistance	1	1	Preschool Services (0 to 3 years)
Food Pantry Assistance	2	2	Mortgage/Rent and Utility Assistance
Home Weatherization	3	3	Financial Education for Teens and Adults
Transportation Assistance	4	4	Employment Assistance
Senior Citizen Services, Including Meals	5	5	Youth/Teen Programs (6 to 17 years)
Case Management	6	6	Preschool Services (3 to 5 years)
Financial Education for Teens and Adults	7	7	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab
Employment Assistance	8	8	Community Education Programs for Adults
Youth/Teen Programs (6 to 17 years)	9	9	Transportation Assistance
Homebuyer Assistance	10	10	Food Pantry Assistance
Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab	11	11	Educational Assistance for Adults
Preschool Services (0 to 3 years)	12	12	Case Management
Preschool Services (3 to 5 years)	13	13	Senior Citizen Services, Including Meals
Educational Assistance for Adults	14	14	Home Weatherization
Community Education Programs for Adults	15	15	Homebuyer Assistance



Geography

SENCA currently serves six main counties. These counties are Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson. All six counties are located in the southeastern corner of the state.



Poverty status is determined by comparing annual income to a set of dollar values called poverty thresholds that vary by family size, number of children, and age of the householder. If a family's before-tax money income is less than the dollar value of their threshold, then that family and every individual in it are considered to be in poverty. For people not living in families, poverty status is determined by comparing the individuals' income to his or her poverty threshold. The poverty thresholds are updated annually to allow for changes in the cost of living using the Consumer Price Index; they do not vary geographically.

The 2022 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines defines a family of four with an annual income of \$27,750 at 100% of poverty.

Likewise, the 2022 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines defines an individual (family of one) with an annual income of \$13,590 at 100% of poverty.

	Land area in Square Miles	Persons per Square Mile	County Seat
Cass	557	45.3	Plattsmouth
Johnson	376	13.9	Tecumseh
Nemaha	407	17.8	Auburn
Otoe	615	25.6	Nebraska City
Pawnee	431	6.4	Pawnee City
Richardson	551	15.2	Falls City
Nebraska	76,824	23.8	Lincoln (capital)

Poverty Rates - 2020

	Cass	Johnson	Nemaha	Otoe	Pawnee	Richardson
Poverty All Ages: (NE 9.2%/US 11.4%)	5.9%	12.3%	11.8%	8.4%	12.7%	9.5%
Poverty Ages 0-17: (NE 10.1%/US 15.7%)	6.8%	12.2%	11.1%	10.0%	19.5%	13.6%

Nebraska's Population:

- 1,963,692 people lived in Nebraska in 2020.
- 483,068 of those residents were children.
- 77.4% of the population identified as white, non-Hispanic.
- 2.44 person average per Nebraska household.

*Data Sources: US Census, 2021 Kids Count Nebraska Report

CASS COUNTY RESOURCES

Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (SENC)

Central Office 802 4 th Street, PO Box 646 Humboldt, NE 68346 402-862-2411		Cass County 1215 South 15 th Ste A Plattsmouth, NE 68048 402-297-7418	
SENC services include, but are not limited to:			
Emergency Assistance	Food Pantry	Down-Payment Assistance	Project FIRST (Homeless)
Home Weatherization	Family Development	Homebuyer Education	Owner-Occupied Rehab
Radon Testing & Mitigation			
Department of Health and Human Services		Nebraska Workforce Development - Job Service	
917 Wildwood Lane Ste A Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-6671		5717 F Street Omaha, NE 68117 402-595-3000 ndol.omahawfd@nebraska.gov	917 Wildwood Lane Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-3384
Rescare Workforce Services		Sarpy/Cass Health Department - Immunizations	
Nebraska City Office 1601 Frontage Rd. Ste 4 Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-9239		Plattsmouth Community Center 800-645-0134 or 402-339-4235 308 South 18 th Plattsmouth, NE 68048 4 th Tuesday - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	
Family Planning	Hotlines	Women, Infant, Children (WIC)	
Plattsmouth 402-296-2345	AA 877-226-3632 NA 800-407-7195	509 Broadway Tecumseh, NE 68450 402-335-2988 or 877-691-8381	
Family Health and Support Services		Rent/Utilities/Gas Assistance	
Heartland Family Services	402-339-2544	SENC	402-297-7418
Lutheran Family Services	402-296-3316	My Neighbor's Closet	402-296-5084
Nebraska Family Helpline	888-866-8660		
Medicaid Hotline	855-632-7633		
Commodity Supplemental Program		Housing Authority - Cass County	
Indian Center, Inc. in Lincoln, NE 402-438-5321 Ext 130		Plattsmouth	402-296-3380
		Weeping Water	402-267-6565
Food Assistance		Affordable Housing Apartments – Cass County	
Plattsmouth Bible Church	402-296-5393	Highland Place Apartments	402-296-4336
Under His Wings	402-802-7115	Casco Arms	402-296-3380
Methodist Church - Weeping Water	402-267-4865	South Park Apartments	402-731-1142
Tabitha's Thread - Weeping Water	402-885-9952	Plattsmouth Heights	402-761-4465
Heartland Food Bank	855-444-5556	Weeping Water Housing Authority	402-267-6565
SENC	402-297-7418	Oakridge Apartments - Louisville	402-613-2068
Veteran Services - Cass County		Transportation	
346 Main #106 Plattsmouth, NE 68048	402-296-9368	Eastern NE Office on Aging	402-444-6536
Sixpence - Birth to 3 Year Early Childhood Program		Head Start- Free Preschool Program	
Plattsmouth	402-296-3361	Plattsmouth	402-296-2965
Economic Assistance		Weeping Water	402-267-7675
SNAP, TANF, Energy Assistance	800-383-4278	Conestoga	402-235-2750
Child Support Enforcement		Southeast Nebraska Mediation- Resolution Center	
	877-631-9973		402-441-5740

JOHNSON COUNTY RESOURCES			
Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (SENCA)			
Central Office 802 4 th Street, PO Box 646 Humboldt, NE 68346 402-862-2411		Johnson County 172 S 4th Street Tecumseh, NE 68450 402-297-7427	
SENCA services include, but are not limited to:			
Emergency Assistance	Food Pantry	Down-Payment Assistance	Project FIRST (Homeless)
Home Weatherization	Family Development	Homebuyer Education	Owner-Occupied Rehab
Radon Testing & Mitigation		CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocate	
Department of Health and Human Services		Nebraska Workforce Development - Job Service	
1908 O Street Auburn, NE 68305 402-274-4021		<i>Serves: Otoe, Pawnee, Nemaha, Richardson & Johnson Counties</i> 917 Wildwood Lane Suite J Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-3384 ndol.nebraskacitywfd@nebraska.gov	
Rescare Workforce Services		Southeast District Health Department - Immunizations	
Beatrice Office 5901 West Scott Rd #405 Beatrice, NE 68310 402-228-1263		Auburn Southeast District Health Department 2511 Schneider Ave Auburn, NE 68305 877-777-0424 or 402-274-3993	
Family Planning		Women, Infant, Children (WIC)	
Tecumseh 402-335-2988 or 877-691-8382 Peru State College 402-872-7635 Ext. 2229		509 Broadway Tecumseh, NE 68450 402-335-2988 or 877-691-8381	
Family Health and Support Services		Rent/Utilities/Gas Assistance	
Blue Valley Behavioral Health 402-245-4458 Behavioral Health Solutions 402-216-0561 Project Response 800-456-5764 Nebraska Family Helpline 888-866-8660		SENCA 402-297-7427 Ministerial Association 402-335-3816	
Commodity Supplemental Program		Housing Authority - Johnson County	
SENCA 402-245-5284		800 Broadway 304 Lawton Tecumseh, NE 68450 Cook, NE 68329 402-335-2866 402-864-2501	
Food Assistance		Affordable Housing Apartments - Johnson County	
Catholic Social Services - Mobile Pantry 1st Tuesday of the Month 402-474-1600 SENCA - By Appointment 402-335-2134		Elk Creek Apartments 402-862-2411 Ext. 112 Tecumseh Place Apartments 402-335-3165 Golden Acres Apartments - Cook 402-864-2501	
Veteran Services - Johnson County		Transportation	Johnson County CASA - SENCA
Johnson Courthouse Tecumseh, NE 68450 402-335-6306		City of Tecumseh 402-335-2030	111 N 11 th Street, Suite A Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-209-0446
Child Support Enforcement		Southeast Nebraska Mediation - Resolution Center	
877-631-9973		402-441-5740	

NEMAHA COUNTY RESOURCES			
Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (SENCA)			
Central Office 802 4 th Street, PO Box 646 Humboldt, NE 68346 402-862-2411		Nemaha County 1908 "O" Street Auburn, NE 68305 402-274-4666	
SENCA services include, but are not limited to:			
Emergency Assistance	Food Pantry	Down-Payment Assistance	Project FIRST (Homeless)
Home Weatherization	Family Development	Homebuyer Education	Owner-Occupied Rehab
Radon Testing & Mitigation	Head Start	CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocate	
Department of Health and Human Services		Nebraska Workforce Development - Job Service	
1908 O Street Auburn, NE 68305 402-274-4021 Medicaid: 1-855-632-7633 Assistance: 1-800-383-4278		<i>Serves: Otoe, Pawnee, Nemaha, Richardson & Johnson Counties</i> 917 Wildwood Lane Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-3384 ndol.nebraskacitywfd@nebraska.gov	
Rescare Workforce Services		Southeast District Health Department - Immunizations	
Nebraska City Office 1601 Frontage Road Suite 4 Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-9239		Auburn Southeast District Health Department 2511 Schneider Ave Auburn, NE 68305 877-777-0424 or 402-274-3993	
Family Planning		Women, Infant, Children (WIC)	
Tecumseh	402-335-2988 or 877-691-8382	509 Broadway	
Peru State College	402-872-7635 Ext. 2229	Tecumseh, NE 68450	
		402-335-2988 or 877-691-8381	
Family Health and Support Services		Rent/Utilities/Gas Assistance	
Blue Valley Behavioral Health	402-245-4458	SENCA	402-297-7427
Behavioral Health Solutions	402-216-0561	Catholic Social Services	402-274-9362
Project Response	800-456-5764	Project Response	800-456-5764
Nebraska Family Helpline	888-866-8660		
Commodity Supplemental Program		Housing Authority - Nemaha County	
SENCA		1017 H Street	7th & Oregon Street
402-245-5284		Auburn, NE 68305	Peru, NE 68421
		402-274 -4525	402-489-2333
Food Assistance		Affordable Housing Apartments - Nemaha County	
SENCA Food Pantry	402-297-7427	Crestview Square	402-274-5460
Catholic Social Services	402-274-9362	Sheridan Apartments	402-274-4032
		Westbury Heights Apartments	402-274-4017
		Countryside Apartments	402-274-3666
		Valley View Apartments	402-274-4525
Veteran Services – Nemaha County		Transportation	Nemaha County CASA - SENCA
601 J Street		Nemaha County	111 N 11 th Street, Suite A
Auburn, NE 68305		Handi-Bus	Nebraska City, NE 68410
402-274-3419		402-274-5365	402-209-0446
Sixpence - Birth to 3 Year Early Childhood Program		Head Start – SENCA Preschool Program	
402-274-4830		Nemaha County Head Start	
Child Support Enforcement		1806 "O" Street	
877-631-9973		Auburn, NE 68305	
Southeast Nebraska Mediation - Resolution Center		402-274-4160	
402-441-5740			

OTOE COUNTY RESOURCES

Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (SENCA)

Central Office 802 4 th Street, PO Box 646 Humboldt, NE 68346 402-862-2411		Otoe County 111 N 11 th Street Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-297-7398	
SENCA services include, but are not limited to:			
Emergency Assistance	Food Pantry	Down-Payment Assistance	Project FIRST (Homeless)
Home Weatherization	Family Development	Homebuyer Education	Owner-Occupied Rehab
Radon Testing & Mitigation	Head Start	CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocate	
Department of Health and Human Services		Nebraska Workforce Development - Job Service	
917 Wildwood Lane, Ste A Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-6671		<i>Serves: Otoe, Pawnee, Nemaha, Richardson & Johnson Counties</i> 917 Wildwood Lane Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-3384 ndol.nebraskacitywfd@nebraska.gov	
Rescare Workforce Services		Southeast District Health Department - Immunizations	
Nebraska City Office 1601 Frontage Road Suite 4 Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-9239		Auburn Southeast District Health Department 2511 Schneider Ave Auburn, NE 68305 877-777-0424 or 402-274-3993	
Family Planning		Women, Infant, Children (WIC)	
Tecumseh	402-335-2988 or 877-691-8382	509 Broadway	
Peru State College	402-872-7635 Ext. 2229	Tecumseh, NE 68450	
		402-335-2988 or 877-691-8381	
Family Health and Support Services		Rent/Utilities/Gas Assistance	
Blue Valley Behavioral Health	402-245-4458	SENCA	402-297-7398
Behavioral Health Solutions	402-216-0561	Ministerial Association	402-873-9638
Nebraska Family Helpline	888-866-8660		
Commodity Supplemental Program		Housing Authority – Otoe County	
Indian Center, Inc. Lincoln, NE 402-438-5321 Ext 130		Syracuse	402-269-2851
		Nebraska City	402-873-5451
Food Assistance		Affordable Housing Apartments – Otoe County	
SENCA Food Pantry	402-297-7398	Timber Ridge Apartments	402-873-6802
United Methodist Church	402-873-9638	Arbor Village Apartments	402-873-7654
Ministerial Association	402-873-3821	Riverview Terrace Apartments	402-873-5451
Veteran Services – Otoe County		Transportation	
1021 Central Avenue Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-9540		Otoe County Handi-Bus	Otoe County CASA - SENCA
		402-873-3005	111 N 11 th Street, Suite A
			Nebraska City, NE 68410
			402-209-0446
Child Support Enforcement		Head Start – SENCA Preschool Program	
	877-631-9973	Otoe County Head Start	Otoe County Head Start
Southeast Nebraska Mediation - Resolution Center		Part-Day Program	Full-Day Program
	402-441-5740	603 N 20 th Street	111 N 11 th Street, Suite A
Otoe County Juvenile Diversion		Nebraska City, NE 68410	Nebraska City, NE 68410
Nebraska City	402-873-6346	402-873-6447	402-874-9060

PAWNEE COUNTY RESOURCES			
Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (SENCA)			
Central Office 802 4 th Street, PO Box 646 Humboldt, NE 68346 402-862-2411		Pawnee County 418 11 th Street, Unit #137 Pawnee City, NE 68420 402-297-7427	
SENCA services include, but are not limited to:			
Emergency Assistance	Food Pantry	Down-Payment Assistance	Project FIRST (Homeless)
Home Weatherization	Family Development	Homebuyer Education	Owner-Occupied Rehab
Transportation	Radon Testing & Mitigation		Head Start
CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocate			
Department of Health and Human Services		Nebraska Workforce Development - Job Service	
1908 "O" Street Auburn, NE 68305 402-274-4021		<i>Serves: Otoe, Pawnee, Nemaha, Richardson & Johnson Counties</i> 917 Wildwood Lane Suite J Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-3384 ndol.nebraskacitywfd@nebraska.gov	
Rescare Workforce Services		Southeast District Health Department - Immunizations	
Nebraska City Office 1601 Frontage Road Suite 4 Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-9239	Beatrice Office 5901 West Scott Road #405 Beatrice, NE 68310 402-228-1263	Auburn Southeast District Health Department 2511 Schneider Ave Auburn, NE 68305 877-777-0424 or 402-274-3993	
Family Planning		Women, Infant, Children (WIC)	
Tecumseh Peru State College	402-335-2988 or 877-691-8382 402-872-7635 Ext. 2229	509 Broadway Tecumseh, NE 68450 402-335-2988 or 877-691-8381	
Family Health and Support Services		Rent/Utilities/Gas Assistance	
Blue Valley Behavioral Health Behavioral Health Solutions Project Response Nebraska Family Helpline	402-245-4458 402-216-0561 800-456-5764 888-866-8660	SENCA Ministerial Association	
Commodity Supplemental Program		Housing Authority – Pawnee County	
SENCA 402-245-5284		Pawnee County 402-852-2133	
Food Assistance		Affordable Housing Apartments – Pawnee County	
SENCA Food Pantry – By Appointment Catholic Social Services - 4 th Friday of Month		Pawnee Village Apartments Table Rock Village Apartments	
402-297-7427 402-474-1600		402-852-2133 402-839-2035	
Veteran Services – Pawnee County		Transportation	Pawnee County CASA - SENCA
Pawnee County Courthouse 1 st Floor Pawnee City, NE 68421 402-852-2777		Pawnee County Transit SENCA 402-852-2208	111 N 11 th Street, Suite A Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-209-0446
Sixpence – 0 to 3 Year Early Childhood Program		Head Start – SENCA Preschool Program	
HTRS School 402-862-2151		Pawnee County Head Start 407 Nebraska Street Table Rock, NE 68447 402-839-2128	
Child Support Enforcement		Richardson County Head Start 320 West 14 th Street Falls City, NE 68355 402-245-4983	
877-631-9973			
Southeast Nebraska Mediation - Resolution Center			
402-441-5740			

RICHARDSON COUNTY RESOURCES			
Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (SENCA)			
Central Office 802 4 th Street, PO Box 646 Humboldt, NE 68346 402-862-2411		North Richardson County 802 4 th Street Humboldt, NE 68376 402-862-2411	
		South Richardson County Courthouse Room 103 Falls City, NE 68355 402-245-5284	
SENCA services include, but are not limited to:			
Emergency Assistance	Food Pantry	Down-Payment Assistance	Project FIRST (Homeless)
Home Weatherization	Family Development	Homebuyer Education	Owner-Occupied Rehab
Transportation	Radon Testing & Mitigation		Head Start
CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocate			
Department of Health and Human Services		Nebraska Workforce Development - Job Service	
Richardson County Courthouse 1700 Stone Street Falls City, NE 68355 402-245-4431		<i>Serves: Otoe, Pawnee, Nemaha, Richardson & Johnson Counties</i> 917 Wildwood Lane Suite J Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-3384 ndol.nebraskacitywfd@nebraska.gov	
Rescare Workforce Services		Southeast District Health Department - Immunizations	
Nebraska City Office 1601 Frontage Road Suite 4 Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-9239		Southeast District Health Department 2511 Schneider Ave Auburn, NE 68305 877-777-0424 or 402-274-3993	
Family Planning		Women, Infant, Children (WIC)	
Tecumseh	402-335-2988 or 877-691-8382	509 Broadway	402-335-2988
Peru State College	402-872-7635 Ext. 2229	Tecumseh, NE 68450	877-691-8381
Family Health and Support Services		Rent/Utilities/Gas Assistance	
Blue Valley Behavioral Health	402-245-4458	SENCA	402-245-5284
Behavioral Health Solutions	402-216-0561	Ministerial Association - Humboldt	402-862-2008
Project Response	800-456-5764	Ministerial Association – Falls City	402-245-6111
Nebraska Family Helpline	888-866-8660	Catholic Social Services	402-474-1600
Commodity Supplemental Program		Housing Authority - Richardson County	
SENCA 402-245-5284		Falls City	(402) 245-4204
		Humboldt	(402) 862-3201
Food Assistance		Affordable Housing Apartments – Richardson County	
SENCA Food Pantry – By Appointment	402-245-5284	Fulton Villa Apartments	402-862-2411 Ext 112
Catholic Social Services	402-474-1600	Burbank Apartments	402-245-2483
Ministerial Association – Falls City	402-245-6111	Wilderness Falls	402-434-3344
Northridge Church	402-245-2167	Eastview Apartments	402-245-4204
		Pioneer Plaza	402-245-4204
Veteran Services –Richardson County		Transportation	Richardson County CASA - SENCA
Richardson County Courthouse – Room 101 Falls City, NE 68355 402-245-3722		Richardson County Transit – SENCA 402-245-3664	111 N 11 th Street, Suite A Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-209-0446
Sixpence – 0 to 3 Year Early Childhood Program		Head Start – SENCA Preschool Program	
HTRS Public School	402-862-2151	Richardson County Head Start	Pawnee County Head Start
Falls City Public School	402-245-2825	320 West 14 th Street Falls City, NE 68355 402-245-4983	407 Nebraska Street Table Rock, NE 68447 402-839-2128
Child Support Enforcement	Tribal Services		
877-631-9973	Sac N Fox	785-742-7489	
	United Tribes	785-595-3291	
Hotlines			Southeast Nebraska Mediation - Resolution Center
AA - 877-226-3632	NA - 800-407-7195		402-441-5740