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**2023 UPDATE TO THE 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 2023 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines defines a family of four with an annual income of \$30,000 at 100% of poverty.

- Americans who fall below the poverty line is 11.6%. In Nebraska 10.8% fall below the poverty line.
- SENCA's 6-county service area has a poverty rate of 10.7%.
- Individuals in poverty per county:
 - 6.4% Cass
 - 13.3% Johnson
 - 11.5% Nemaha
 - 9.3% Otoe
 - 12.4% Pawnee
 - 11.4% 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 (2022 Estimates)

RACE, ETHNICITY, AND AGE OF SENCA CUSTOMERS

94% White
2% American Indian
1% Black/African
American
0% Asian
1% Native Hawaiian/
Pacific Islander
2% Multi-Racial/
Other

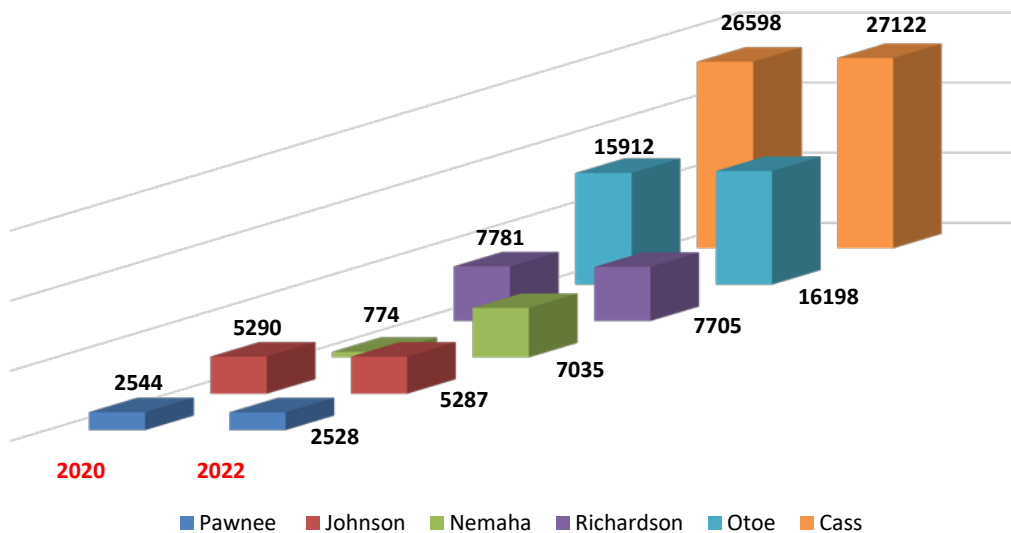
92% Non-Hispanic or
Latino
8% Hispanic

14% are 0 to 5 Years
21% are 6 to 17 Years
35% are 18 to 44 Years
18% are 45 to 64 Years
12% are Over 65 Years

	Cass County	Johnson County	Nemaha County	Otoe County	Pawnee County	Richardson County
0 to 4 Years	1,383	222	415	972	169	431
5 to 19 Years	6,292	978	1,604	3,888	572	1,696
19 to 64 Years	14,511	3,104	3,595	8,050	1,072	3,706
Over 65 Years	4,936	983	1,421	3,288	715	1,872
TOTALS	27,122	5,287	7,035	16,198	2,528	7,705

Between 2020 and 2022, SENCA's service area population estimates increased in Cass and Otoe Counties. The remaining counties experienced a slight decrease.

Change in Population - Estimates 2020 to 2022



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. However, each county's diversity has increase over the past few years.

Population By Race/Ethnicity

	Hispanic or Latino	White	Black	Am. Indian/Alaskan	Asian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races/Other
Cass	3.8%	96.0%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	1.9%
Johnson	11.2%	88.4%	7.3%	1.5%	1.3%	1.6%
Nemaha	3.3%	95.4%	1.7%	0.5%	0.7%	1.6%
Otoe	8.3%	95.5%	1.2%	0.7%	1.0%	1.6%
Pawnee	2.1%	96.1%	0.9%	0.4%	0.3%	2.3%
Richardson	2.3%	92.6%	0.6%	3.5%	0.5%	2.7%
Nebraska	12.0%	87.7%	5.3%	1.6%	2.9%	2.4%

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- 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 2,489 people (10% increase) and 1,178 families. The number of female and male clients is similar at 1,400 females and 1,084 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 as their highest education level at 486 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 (51%) of SENCA clients currently rent their current residences. Forty-two percent (42%) of SENCA adults served have employment, which is a 10% increase over the previous year.

Family Income: 36% Other Sources of Income & Benefits 31% Income from Employment 9% Families Reported Zero Income 24% Other or Not Reported 2% Non-cash Benefits Only	Family Type: 19% Single Parent- Male or Female 11% Two Parent Household 41% Single Person 13% Adults No Children 5% Other
Health Insurance – Persons: 70% Have Health Insurance 15% Have No Health Insurance 15% Health Insurance Status Unknown	Disabled – Persons: 23% Have a Disability 62% Have no Disability 15% Unknown
Housing – Families: 22% Own 51% Rent 4% Homeless 9% Other 10% Unknown	Level of Poverty – Families: 49% at 100% of Poverty and Lower 17% at 101% to 150% of Poverty 12% at 151% and Over 22% 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 \$10.50 an hour as of January 2023.

Data Sources:

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

Five Year Unemployment Rate

	April 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	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 after COVID.
Cass	1.8%	2.5%	2.7%	4.3%	3.3%	3.0%	
Johnson	2.2%	2.9%	2.9%	3.9%	3.5%	3.6%	
Nemaha	1.7%	2.4%	2.2%	3.6%	3.7%	3.4%	
Otoe	1.6%	2.3%	2.3%	3.5%	3.2%	2.8%	
Pawnee	1.7%	2.2%	1.8%	2.8%	2.9%	2.5%	
Richardson	1.5%	2.1%	2.4%	3.2%	3.2%	3.0%	
Nebraska	1.8%	2.3%	1.9%	4.2%	3.0%	2.8%	

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 (2021)

All Families	\$ 88,484
Married Couple	\$99,687
Non-family Household	\$37,749

Median Household Income (2021) Difference from 2020

	Median Household Income (2021)	Difference from 2020
Cass	\$78,251	\$4,568
Johnson	\$53,696	\$4,314
Nemaha	\$53,081	\$2,845
Otoe	\$70,072	\$5,317
Pawnee	\$51,354	\$5,291
Richardson	\$46,085	\$1,561
Nebraska	\$66,644	\$3,629

Local Employment Statistics (March 2023)

	Labor Force	No. Employed
Cass	13,803	13,506
Johnson	2,046	1,976
Nemaha	3,664	3,599
Otoe	8,627	8,454
Pawnee	1,476	1,448
Richardson	4,180	4,121

Education, Children, and Youth

PK-12 Public School Data

LANGUAGE AND EDUCATION

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
- Kids Count Nebraska
- AARP GrandFacts
- Voices for Children in Nebraska
- Foster Care Review Office

School	Enrollment	Free & Reduced Lunches	Graduation Rate
Cass County			
Plattsmouth	1,480	41%	92%
Weeping Water	299	40%	87%
Louisville	681	16%	98%
Conestoga	698	27%	93%
Elmwood	502	19%	100%
Johnson County			
Sterling	219	31%	100%
Johnson County Central	507	42%	95%
Nemaha County			
Auburn	1,038	24%	94%
Johnson-Brock	352	30%	94%
Otoe County			
Nebraska City	1,449	49%	80%
Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca	795	20%	98%
Palmyra	660	18%	86%
Pawnee County			
Pawnee City	281	61%	83%
Lewiston	171	56%	85%
Richardson County			
Falls City	886	40%	100%
HTRS	305	30%	96%
Nebraska		41%	87%

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.

NE GrandFacts:

- 31,219 children live in a grandparents' home.
- 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 kin in foster care, there are 13 outside of foster care.

SUPPORT

Statewide in 2021, 1,998 children were put under their mother’s custody while 310 were placed with their father. There were 4,771 children who experienced their parents divorcing.

There was \$217,921,040 in child support collected through Child Support Enforcement (CSE). The mean child support was \$120.05 per month.

SENCA Clients:

- 190 women are single parents
- 29 men are single parents

In 2021, 9,102 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
- Kids Count Nebraska
- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022
- CSBG Annual Report
- Child Care Aware of America

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.

Center Based Rural Child Care Costs (2022)

Infant	\$12,272
Infant and 4-year-old	\$23,420

“In Nebraska, single parents pay 46.1% of their income for center-based infant care. Married parents of two children living at the poverty line pay 93.3% of their household income for center-based child care. The average price of center based infant child care in Nebraska is more than the average tuition and fees at a public four-year college or university.” – Child Care Aware America

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Child Care Subsidies (SFY 2021)

- 20,742 children received child care subsidies.
- The total state and federal funds spent for Child Care Subprogram, which includes the subsidies was \$96,023,055.
- 1,178 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 2021:


- Cass – 9.7%
- Johnson – 13.8%
- Nemaha – 12.4%
- Otoe – 14.1%
- Pawnee – 21.6%
- Richardson – 15.2%

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

Partner Comment - SENCA workers are exceptional.

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- Kids Count Nebraska
- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022
- Legal Aid of Nebraska
- Feeding America

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 Participation (Persons - 2020)	% Children Eligible for Federal Nutrition Assistance (2020)	Cost per Meal	Average Monthly Benefit per Person	Average Daily Benefit per Person
Cass	1,223	91%	\$4.03	\$178.00	\$5.84
Johnson	325	45%	\$3.36		
Nemaha	568	88%	\$4.03		
Otoe	1,162	63%	\$4.03		
Pawnee	207	100%	\$3.36		
Richardson	829	72%	\$3.41		

In 2021, Nebraska Legal Aid impacted 9,408 people with 30% of those living in deep poverty. The majority of cases (54%) handled were related to children and families with 11,041 children impacted. Twenty percent (20%) of cases were related to income and benefits, 19% related to housing, and 11% related to debt and finances.

Affordable Housing

HOUSING MARKET

In Nebraska the Fair Market Rent (FMR) in 2022 for a two-bedroom apartment was **\$883**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities – without paying more than 30% of income on housing – a household must earn **\$35,319** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, and this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of **\$16.98** per hour. On average, renters in Nebraska are only currently making **\$14.03** an hour.

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

\$18.73	Cass
\$14.56	Johnson
\$14.56	Nemaha
\$14.56	Otoe
\$14.56	Pawnee
\$14.56	Richardson

Data Sources:

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

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 41.4% between white, non-Hispanic owners (71.0%) and Black/African American owners (29.6%).

2021 Nebraska Housing Facts

7,108 public housing units and issued **13,308** vouchers

44,000 children lived in crowded housing

104,000 children lived in households with high housing costs burden with **76%** being low-income

4,650 housing units were one bedroom (non-family)

	2022 Housing Costs				Renter Households			
	Hourly wage to afford 2BR FMR	2BR FMR	Annual income to afford 2BR FMR	Hours per week at minimum wage (\$10.50) to afford 2BR FMR	Renter Households	Est. hourly mean renter wage (2021)	Monthly rent affordable at mean renter wage	Full-time jobs at mean wage to rent 2BR FMR
Cass	\$18.73	\$974	\$38,960	71	1,861	\$13.19	\$686	1.4
Johnson	\$14.56	\$757	\$30,280	55	555	\$12.12	\$630	1.2
Nemaha	\$14.56	\$757	\$30,280	55	795	\$12.30	\$640	1.2
Otoe	\$14.56	\$757	\$30,280	55	1,791	\$12.21	\$635	1.2
Pawnee	\$14.56	\$757	\$30,280	55	216	\$17.23	\$896	0.8
Richardson	\$14.56	\$757	\$30,280	55	929	\$12.17	\$633	1.2

In 2021, 70.4% of families with children owned their home. Home ownership provides a sense of stability for children and communities.

ENERGY BURDEN

2022 Home Energy Affordability Gap

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.

Nealy 35,000 Nebraska households live with incomes at or below 50% and another 45,000 households live with incomes between 50% and 100% of the Federal Poverty Level. These households face a home energy burden of 15%.

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 2022, the primary heating fuel for Nebraska homeowners and renters was Natural Gas at 65% of owners and 49% of renters.

In 2022, natural gas costs increased by 57.2% and propane increased by 34.4%.

Data Sources:

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

Federal Poverty Levels	County	Individual HH Shortfall	Number of Households	Aggregate Shortfall	Home Energy Burden
<50%	Cass	\$2,080	205	\$426,494	30.5%
	Johnson	\$1,933	46	\$88,920	29.7%
	Nemaha	\$1,763	110	\$193,908	28.2%
	Otoe	\$1,874	445	\$833,836	28.7%
	Pawnee	\$1,927	41	\$79,000	30.0%
	Richardson	\$1,706	180	\$307,156	28.5%
50% - 99%	Cass	\$1,635	373	\$610,036	16.3%
	Johnson	\$1,505	71	\$106,849	15.8%
	Nemaha	\$1,347	274	\$368,962	15.1%
	Otoe	\$1,441	320	\$461,027	15.3%
	Pawnee	\$1,506	137	\$206,274	16.0%
	Richardson	\$1,308	223	\$291,692	15.2%
100% - 124%	Cass	\$1,159	379	\$433,364	10.9%
	Johnson	\$1,046	69	\$72,188	10.6%
	Nemaha	\$901	72	\$64,844	10.0%
	Otoe	\$977	166	\$162,132	10.2%
	Pawnee	\$1,054	38	\$40,067	10.7%
	Richardson	\$881	196	\$172,714	10.1%
125% - 149%	Cass	\$841	549	\$461,649	8.9%
	Johnson	\$740	61	\$45,165	8.6%
	Nemaha	\$603	156	\$94,117	8.2%
	Otoe	\$667	235	\$156,828	8.14
	Pawnee	\$754	57	\$42,952	8.7%
	Richardson	\$597	186	\$110,974	8.3%



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 2023 Point-in-Time Results for Region 4:

- 171 people homeless
- 53 were under 18
- 13 homeless experience serious mental health issues
- 14 unaccompanied

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- NE Department of Education
- Kids Count Nebraska
- 2023 HUD COC
- HUD Exchange
- 2022-2023 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:

- **2,421** Nebraskans are homeless on a given night.
- In 2021-2022, over **4,000** students were homeless.
- In 2021-2022, over **300** homeless students were unaccompanied.
- The majority of homeless children and youth in Nebraska are living in “doubled-up” situations.

During 2021-2022, SENCA has served 52 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 151 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
- Kids Count Nebraska
- 2022-203 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	222	13.9%	31
Nemaha	415	12.1%	50
Otoe	972	11.2%	109
Pawnee	169	19.4%	33
Richardson	434	15.3%	66
TOTAL	2,212		289

Nebraska Child Well-Being Rankings

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

In 2021, over **59,000** 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 **289**, including Johnson County.

In 2022-2023, SENCA Head Start served 47 children at or below 100% of poverty, which is a 46.5% drop from the previous year. Sixty (60) children were categorically eligible due to homelessness, foster care, or receipt of public assistance. An additional 33 children were between 101% and 130% of the poverty level. Fourteen (14) 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 2022-2023 program year were Caucasian.

Race	Number of Children	Ethnic Origin	
		Non-Hispanic or Latino	Hispanic or Latino
American Indian or Alaska Native	10	8	2
Asian	5	5	0
Black or African American	8	8	0
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1	1	0
Caucasian	129	110	19
Multi-racial	1	1	0
Other	0	0	0

English Language Learners

During 2022-2023, SENCA Head Start served **4** 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 break-down
- domestic violence

Nebraska Out-of-Home Placements on 12/31/22

Relative Home – 38.6%
Non-Relative Home – 34.6%
Kinship Care – 12.9%
Trial Home Visit – 10.9%
Non-Custodial Parent – 1.6%
Independently – 1.3%

Within SENCA’s 6-County Service area 106 children and youth were in out-of-home placements.

Data Sources:

- 2022-2023 PIR
- SENCA Community Services
- Foster Care Review Office

Homeless Children

The number of homeless children enrolled in public school during 2021-2022 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. An estimated, 2,404 persons in Nebraska are experiencing homelessness. In 2021-2022, SENCA served 203 individuals who may be considered homeless or near homeless. Seven (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 nine (9) children who were homeless during the 2022-2023 school year.

Children in Foster Care

Across Nebraska on December 31, 2022, **4,200** children were in out-of-home placement. During fiscal year 2021-2022 **6,640** children were removed from their homes, which is a 1.1% increase compared to the previous report. The largest number entering care resulted from neglect at 56.2% of the cases. The second highest (31.2%) reason for removing children 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 to 37.5% under the age of five, 34.9% the age 6-12, and 27.6% the age of 13-18. During the 2022-2023 school year SENCA Head Start served eight (8) children in foster care, which is a 60% increase over the previous year.

County	2021	2022
Cass	23	28
Johnson	9	12
Nemaha	8	7
Otoe	39	42
Pawnee	9	5
Richardson	21	12
TOTAL	109	106

Community Strength

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

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2021-2022 Public School Snapshots:

- 16% Special Education
- 13% Gifted
- 92% Attendance
- 8% ELL
- 41% Free/Reduced Lunch
- 87% 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:

- Kids Count Nebraska
- Nebraska Department of Education Snapshots
- 2022-2023 PIR
- 2022-2023 Child Outcomes Report

Children with Disabilities

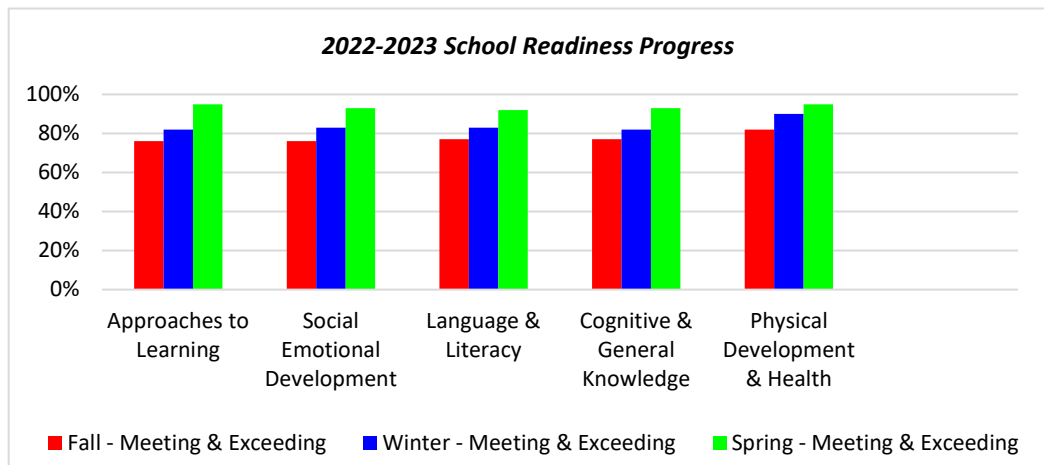
During 2022-2023, SENCA Head Start served 29 children with disabilities identified through an IEP, making 19.2% of funded enrollment slots available for children with disabilities. An additional 9 children were referred for evaluation

SENCA Head Start Children with IEP

	Number of Children
Speech Language Impairment	6
Hearing Impairment, including Deafness	0
Learning Disability	0
Autism	0
Developmental Delay	23
Multiple	0

Education of SENCA Head Start Children

Domain	Fall 2022	Spring 2023
<i>Social-Emotional</i>	65%	94%
<i>Physical – Gross Motor & Fine Motor</i>	79%	96%
<i>Language</i>	55%	90%
<i>Cognitive</i>	62%	95%
<i>Literacy</i>	70%	90%
<i>Mathematics</i>	51%	89%



Significant increases in child outcomes were realized from the fall to spring checkpoints across all six domains. Math saw the largest gain at 133%, followed closely by language at 120% improvement. Outcomes have continued to approve as the country moves farther from the pandemic.

Approximately 94% of students are meeting or exceeding expectations for school readiness, which is approximately an increase of 21% overall. Social emotional saw the largest gain (26%) with 93% of children meeting or exceeding expectations. Approaches to learning and physical development/health saw 95% of children meeting or exceeding expectations. This is followed closely by social emotional and cognitive/general knowledge at 93% and language/literacy at 92%.

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Health, Nutrition, and Social Service Needs of Children

Selected Statistics	Johnson	Nemaha	Otoe	Pawnee	Richardson
Children in Poverty	14%	12%	11%	19%	15%
Teen Births per 1,000	24	9	20	NA	20
Low Birth Weights	7%	6%	6%	5%	7%
Children without Health Insurance	7%	5%	5%	7%	6%
Adult Smoking	18%	18%	16%	21%	20%
Severe Housing Problems	10%	9%	11%	11%	8%
Poor Physical Health Days – Past 30 Days	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.2	2.8
Poor Mental Health Days – Past 30 Days	3.4	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2
Available Physicians	2	6	12	1	4
Available Dental Providers	1	3	9	3	3
Available Mental Health Providers	1	3	18	1	8

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.

2023 County Health Rankings (Top Rank is 1)

Health Outcomes

18 – Cass
30 – Johnson
42 – Nemaha
24 – Otoe
64 – Pawnee
68 – Richardson

Health Factors

41 – Cass
78 – Johnson
37 – Nemaha
46 – Otoe
77 – Pawnee
72 – Richardson

Data Sources:

- www.countyhealthrankings.org

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Community Strengths

The child care providers we do have are great.

Child Care Survey

96% one adult working
66% need care M-TH
71% need care Friday
69% 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
- 2022-2023 Day Care Survey

Parent Schedules

During the 2022-2023 school year, SENCA Head Start served a total of 154 children from 135 families. There was a total of 70 one parent families and 65 two parent families. Eighty-one percent (81%) 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 96% reported at least one adult working and 69% 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 77% 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 49% 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

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Child Development Programs Serving Head Start Eligible Children

As of 2023, there were several licensed child development and care programs serving Head Start age eligible children.

Licensed Child Care Facilities by County

Johnson: 5 - 89 Slots
 Nemaha: 14 - 276 Slots
 Otoe: 20 - 378 Slots
 Pawnee: 2 - 51 Slots
 Richardson: 14 - 249 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: 109
 Pawnee: 33
 Richardson: 66

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

	Johnson		Nemaha		Otoe		Pawnee		Richardson	
	Sites	Slots	Sites	Slots	Sites	Slots	Sites	Slots	Sites	Slots
Family CC Homes	3	30	10	114	14	144	1	12	12	134
Child Care Center	1	47	2	119	4	163	1	39	1	55
Preschool	1	12	1	29	2	71	0	0	1	60
TOTALS	5	89	13	262	20	378	2	51	14	249

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 (14 Head Start)
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 (12 Head Start)
Parent Child Center	Falls City, NE	Falls City Public Schools	Richardson	74 (22 Head Start)
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 2022
- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022
- www.ssa.gov

Monthly Expenses:	County	Elder Person (age 65+)			Elder Couple (one or both 65+)		
		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)	<i>Cass</i>	\$587	\$794	\$1,523	\$587	\$794	\$1,523
	<i>Johnson</i>	\$511	\$575	\$1,193	\$511	\$575	\$1,193
	<i>Nemaha</i>	\$511	\$589	\$1,193	\$511	\$589	\$1,193
	<i>Otoe</i>	\$511	\$613	\$1,193	\$511	\$613	\$1,193
	<i>Pawnee</i>	\$511	\$575	\$1,193	\$511	\$575	\$1,193
	<i>Richardson</i>	\$511	\$575	\$1,193	\$511	\$575	\$1,192
Food	<i>All</i>	\$306			All- \$ 562		
Transportation	<i>Cass</i>	\$302			\$465		
	<i>All Others</i>	\$318			\$490		
Health Care	<i>Pawnee</i>	\$533			\$1,066		
	<i>All Others</i>	\$538			\$1,076		
Misc.	<i>Cass</i>	\$347			\$538		
	<i>Pawnee</i>	\$334			\$526		
	<i>All Others</i>	\$335			\$528		
Index Per Month	<i>Cass</i>	\$2,080	\$2,287	\$3,016	\$3,228	\$3,435	\$4,164
	<i>Johnson</i>	\$2,008	\$2,072	\$2,690	\$3,167	\$3,231	\$3,849
	<i>Nemaha</i>	\$2,008	\$2,086	\$2,690	\$3,167	\$3,245	\$3,849
	<i>Otoe</i>	\$2,008	\$2,110	\$2,690	\$3,167	\$3,269	\$3,849
	<i>Pawnee</i>	\$2,002	\$2,066	\$2,684	\$3,155	\$3,219	\$3,837
	<i>Richardson</i>	\$2,008	\$2,072	\$2,690	\$3,167	\$3,231	\$3,849
Index Per Year	<i>Cass</i>	\$24,960	\$27,444	\$36,192	\$38,736	\$41,220	\$49,968
	<i>Johnson</i>	\$24,096	\$24,864	\$32,280	\$38,004	\$38,772	\$46,188
	<i>Nemaha</i>	\$24,096	\$25,032	\$32,280	\$38,004	\$38,940	\$46,188
	<i>Otoe</i>	\$24,096	\$25,320	\$32,280	\$38,004	\$39,228	\$46,188
	<i>Pawnee</i>	\$24,024	\$24,792	\$32,208	\$37,860	\$38,628	\$46,044
	<i>Richardson</i>	\$24,096	\$24,864	\$32,280	\$38,004	\$38,772	\$46,188

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	18.3%
Johnson	18.6%
Nemaha	20.2%
Otoe	20.3%
Pawnee	28.3%
Richardson	24.3%

2022 Nebraska Social Security Quick Facts:

- 357,164 Nebraskans receive Social Security.
- 74% of beneficiaries are retirees and 11.1% are disabled.
- Survivor beneficiaries make up 8.9%. Children make up 6% of beneficiaries.
- On average, Nebraska retirees received an average of \$1,558 a month in 2022.
- Social Security is the only source of income for many Nebraskans age 65+.

HUNGER

1 in 10 Nebraska adults & 1 in 8 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 2022, SNAP helped 155,500 residents.

In FY 2023, the monthly average benefit for SNAP is \$178/person. This is equal to \$5.84 per person per day.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) average participation in 2022 was 35,243 persons.

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

The average monthly food cost per participant in the WIC program during 2022 was \$41.30.

Data Sources:

- www.census.gov
- Kids Count Nebraska
- 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 - April 2023	Weekly Cost Thrifty	Monthly Cost Thrifty
<i>Female (30 & 35 Yrs.) & 1 Child (4 Yrs.)</i>	\$96.80	\$419.50
<i>Male & Female (30 & 35 Yrs.) with 2 Children (6 & 11 Yrs.)</i>	\$224.00	\$970.50
<i>Male & Female (20 Yrs. & 25 Years) with 3 Children (1, 3, & 10 Yrs.)</i>	\$241.00	\$1,044.20
<i>Male & Female (65 Yrs.)</i>	\$113.20	\$490.30
<i>Male & Female (71+ Yrs.)</i>	\$115.40	\$500.00

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	HH with Children Enrolled in SNAP	Eligible Federal Nutrition Assistance
Cass	9.7% 620	11.9%	91%
Johnson	13.8% 140	14.1%	45%
Nemaha	12.4% 190	12.6%	88%
Otoe	14.1% 550	16.9%	63%
Pawnee	15.6% 90	10.0%	100%
Richardson	15.2% 250	15.5%	72%

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.

2022 Data	Overall Food Insecurity		Average Meal Cost	Estimated Nutrition Program Eligibility	
				Below 165% Poverty – SNAP Eligible	Above 155% Poverty
Cass	8.1%	2,140	\$4.03	59%	41%
Johnson	9.6%	510	\$3.36	43%	58%
Nemaha	11.2%	790	\$4.03	66%	34%
Otoe	10.7%	1,700	\$4.03	54%	46%
Pawnee	11.9%	300	\$3.36	75%	25%
Richardson	10.8%	850	\$3.41	72%	28%

Transportation

ACCESS

5.4% of Nebraska households had no vehicle available in 2021.

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 2022 study revealed the following facts:

- Operating costs (gas, maintenance, tires) for a medium sedan were approximately 25.02 cents per mile, which is 37% higher than in 2021.
- Ownership costs (full-coverage insurance, license, registration, taxes, depreciation, and finance charges) are approximately \$18.08 per day or \$6,599 per year for a medium sedan.
- The average cost per day at 15,000 miles for a medium sedan is approximately \$28.36 per day or \$10,351 per year, which is an increase of 10.5% from 2021.

SENCA Transportation Facts (2001-2022):

- SENCA Transit
 - 4,329 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 (2022-2023):

- Head Start
 - Provided 2,164 rides during the 2022-2023 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
- 2023 County Health Rankings
- CSBG Annual Report
- NE Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Report 2021

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	18	41
Johnson	30	78
Nemaha	42	37
Otoe	24	46
Pawnee	64	77
Richardson	68	72

	Cass	Johnson	Nemaha	Otoe	Pawnee	Richardson
Low birth weights	7%	7%	6%	6%	5%	7%
Adult smoking	16%	18%	18%	16%	21%	20%
Severe housing problems	9%	10%	9%	11%	11%	8%
Excessive drinking	24%	25%	22%	22%	22%	21%
Adult obesity	38%	34%	37%	41%	40%	39%
Poor physical health days/month	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.2	2.8
Poor mental health days/month	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	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:

- 4.5% haven driven after drinking alcohol & 14.8% have ridden with someone drinking
- 51.4% report texting while driving
- 20.7% report being bullied
- 9.7% report being physically forced to have sex
- 19.2% report seriously considering suicide and 10.1% attempted suicide
- 18.7% tried smoking & 33.7% have tried vaping
- 9.1% reported binge drinking
- 10.4% 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 117,873 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 7 million veterans were served by VA health care facilities in 2020. Outpatient visits totaled 119 million.

Data Sources:

- SENCA Community Needs Survey 2022
- Veterans Data Central
- ourpublicservice.org

- 2.1% are unemployed.
- 21.9% have inadequate housing.
- 20.9% pay too much for housing.
- 6.0% live in poverty.
- \$69,500 is the median income.
- 32.2% have a service-connected disability.
- 145 are estimated to be homeless.

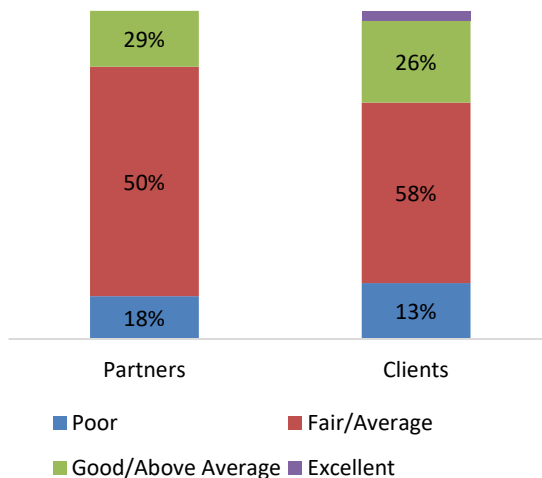
% Population that are Veterans by County	
Cass	12.6%
Johnson	7.0%
Nemaha	7.4%
Otoe	9.9%
Pawnee	8.8%
Richardson	9.0%



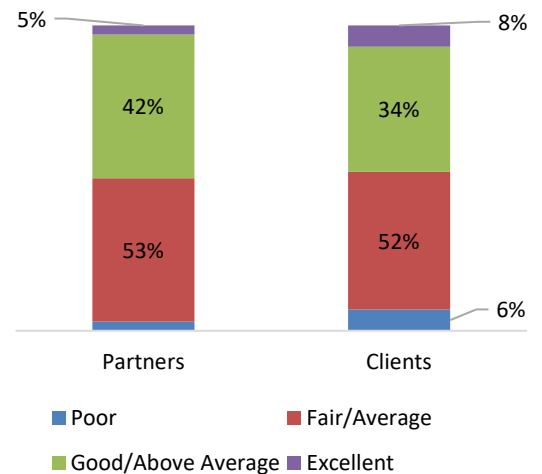
Veteran Issues – Survey		
	Clients	Partners
Assessing Veteran needs	25%	36%
Transportation	25%	39%
Health Care, including mental health treatment	13%	45%
Help with housing or rental assistance	13%	NA
Help accessing education programs for Veterans	0%	6%



Rate Efforts to Reduce Poverty



Rate Efforts to Reduce Hunger



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”.

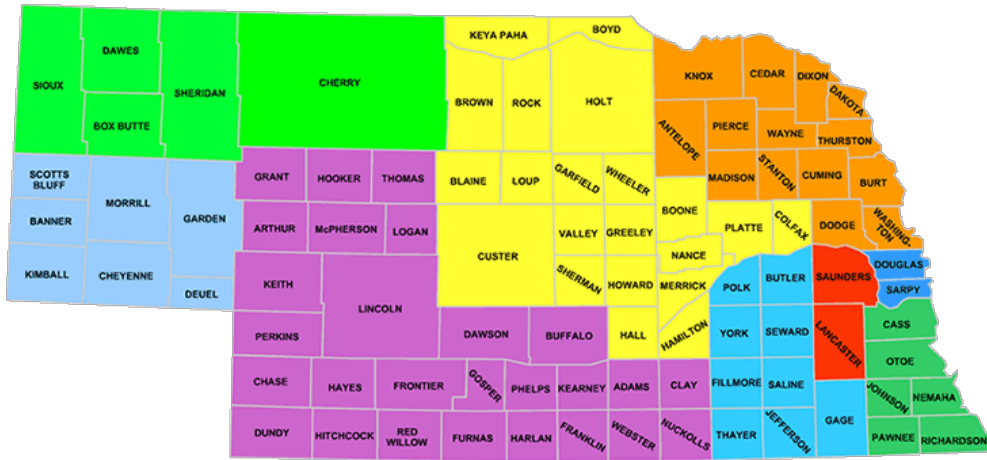
Client Responses		Partner Responses	
Affordable Housing	Most Needed	Most Needed	Mental Health Services
Rent and Utility Assistance	Most Needed	Most Needed	Affordable Housing
Support for Persons with Disabilities	Most Needed	Most Needed	Child Care
Child Care	Most Needed	Most Needed	Youth Programs Ages 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 2023 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines defines a family of four with an annual income of \$30,000 at 100% of poverty.

Likewise, the 2023 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines defines an individual (family of one) with an annual income of \$14,580 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%)	6.4%	13.3%	11.5%	9.3%	12.4%	11.4%
Poverty Ages 0-17: (NE 10.1%/US 15.7%)	15%	14%	12%	11%	19%	15%

Nebraska's Population (2022 Estimates):

- 1,967,923 people lived in Nebraska in 2022.
- 484,109 of those residents were children.
- 77.4% of the population identified as white, non-Hispanic.
- \$66,644 was the median income.
- 10.8% of the population live in poverty.

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

2023 Town Hall Meeting Results

The 2023 town hall meetings resulted in a list of community strengths, community weaknesses, and community needs. Strengths and weakness were listed in order of importance. The community needs were also prioritized. The following provides a summary of the information obtained during these town hall meetings.

<i>Community Strengths</i>	<i>Community Weaknesses</i>
Community support, volunteers, patriotism, & pride	Lack of adequate & affordable housing
Programs & activities for kids, including parks	Lack of adequate & affordable child care
Multiple resources available & collaboration between agencies	Lack of monitored activities for youth
Schools, SENCA, & access to medical services	Lack of available workforce
Economic development, including expanded child care	Lack of substance abuse services
Community facilities, including pools, churches, & senior sites	Lack of mental health services
Available jobs	Lack of senior activities
Law enforcement, businesses, & entertainment options	Lack of service resources
Housing & proximity to Peru State College	Lack of full-time jobs with living wage & benefits
Specific resources in Cass County	Lack of respect & work ethic

Attendees were asked to prioritize the needs of the community. Across the services area the number one need identified was housing and child care. The following depicts the results of the prioritization of the five highest ranked community needs across the service area.

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Community Need</i>
1	Adequate & affordable housing
	Adequate & affordable child care
2	Monitored youth activities
3	Substance abuse services
	Mental health services
4	Available workforce
5	Full-time jobs with living wage & benefits

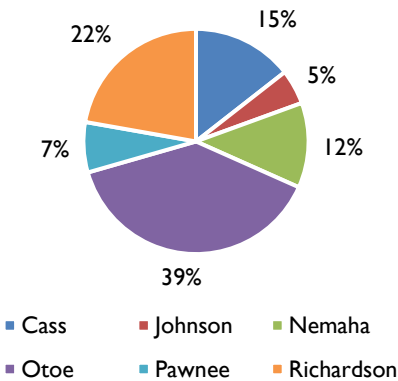
Respondents also had an opportunity to provide additional comments. Those comments included:

- There seems to be a need to identify a better way to get the word out about services available within the communities.
- Community Medical Center is expanding its mental/behavioral health services.
- Falls City has an action plan in place to increase housing and add a wellness center.
- Southeast Community College is talking to Falls City businesses about starting an apprenticeship program for high school students.
- Falls City has seen a couple of new in-home day cares open and Sacred Heart is in a position to expand child care, if the workforce is available.
- Thank you SENCA!

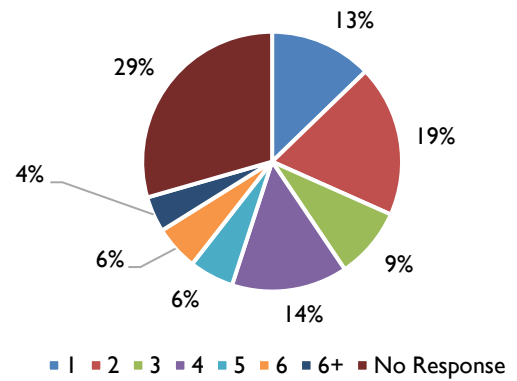
2023 Survey Results

In March and April of 2023, SENCA distributed surveys to customers, partners, and community members across the service area. The surveys requested some basic demographic information and asked for persons to identify needs within their communities. SENCA received surveys from 95 customers, 68 community members, and 13 partners. Town hall meetings were held in each county. Participating in these meetings included 26 customers, 39 community members, 20 partners, and 23 staff. The following outlines the results of these surveys.

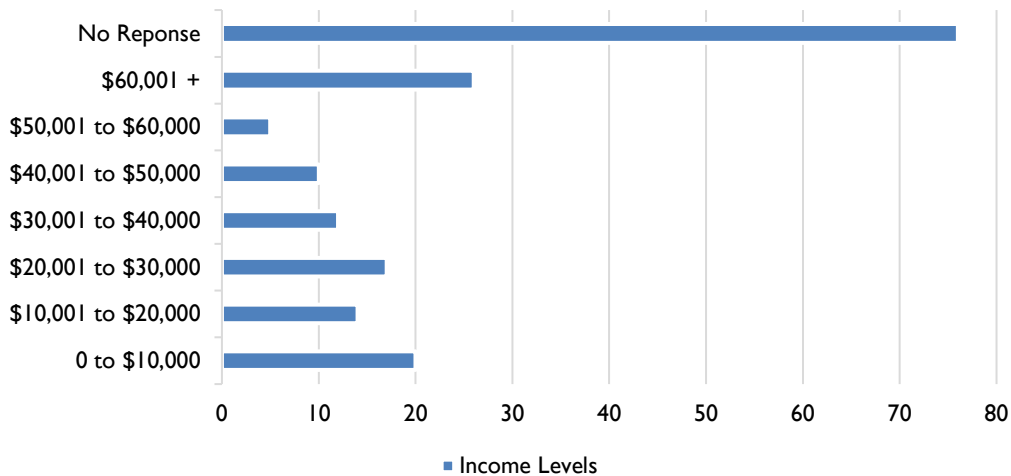
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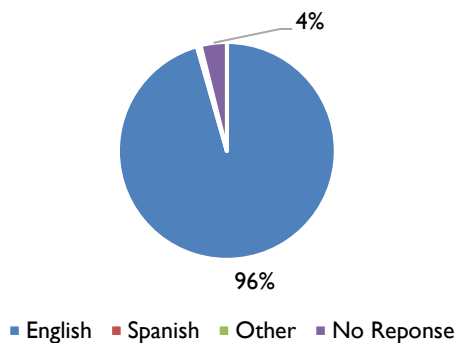
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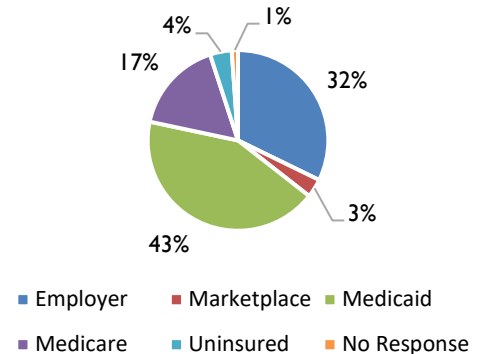
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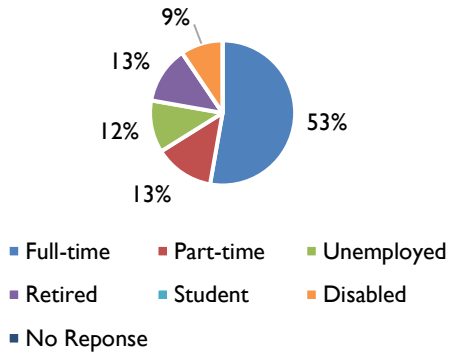
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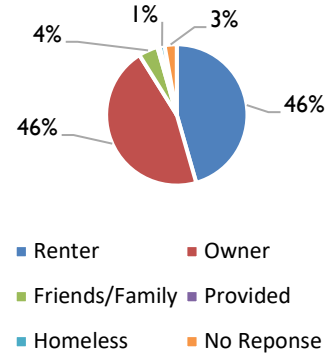
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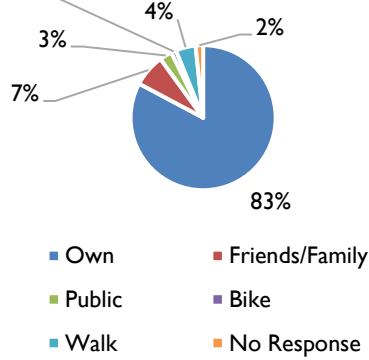
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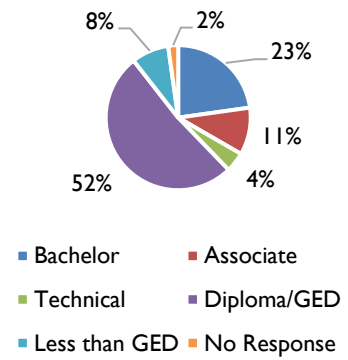
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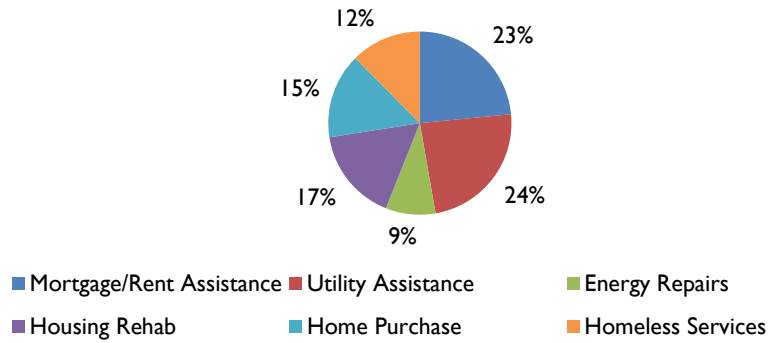
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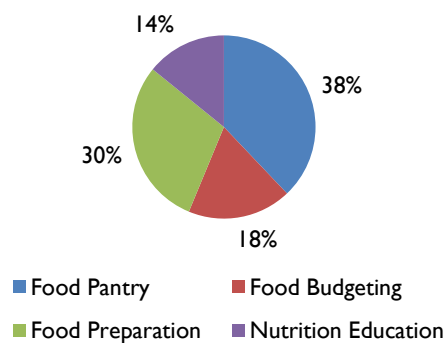
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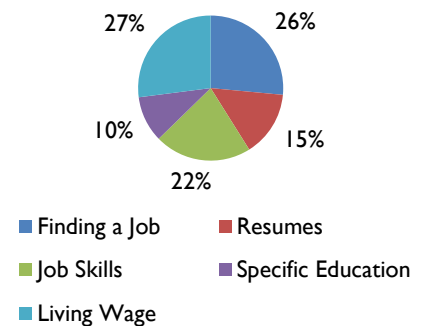
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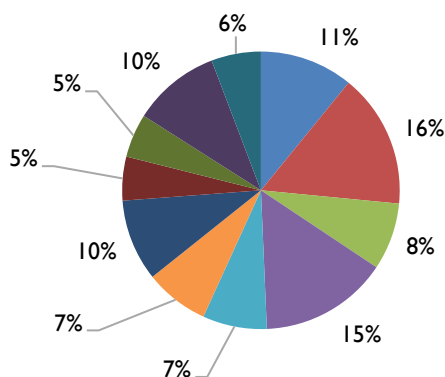
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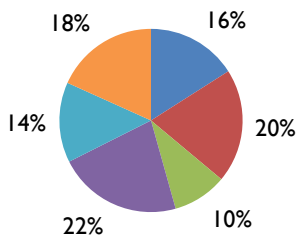


0 to 5 Services



- 0 to 3 Preschool
- Affordable Child Care
- Evening/Night/Weekend Care
- Summer/Holiday Care
- 3 to 5 Preschool
- Sick Child Care
- Emergency/Respite Care
- Special Needs/Disability Care
- Quality Child Care
- Infant Care
- Part-time/Changing Hours Care

Other Needs



- Financial Education
- Youth Program (6 to 12)
- Legal Services
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Abuse Services
- Housing Services

Survey respondents were also asked to provide any additional comments regarding other needs within their communities. The following is a list of those needs identified:

- We need more behavioral testing available.
- Affordable housing and child care are desperately needed.
- Johnson County center is a great need.
- Affordable legal services are needed.
- Access to dental and vision services is lacking.

Additional comments were as follows.

- SENCA provides excellent services.
- Thank you SENCA!

CASS COUNTY RESOURCES

Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (SENCA)

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
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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

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 Lutheran Family Services 402-296-3316 Nebraska Family Helpline 888-866-8660 Medicaid Hotline 855-632-7633	SENCA 402-297-7418 My Neighbor's Closet 402-296-5084 Under His Wings 402-802-7115

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 Under His Wings 402-802-7115 Methodist Church - Weeping Water 402-267-4865 Tabitha's Thread - Weeping Water 402-885-9952 Heartland Food Bank 855-444-5556 SENCA 402-297-7418	Highland Place Apartments 402-296-4336 Cassco Arms 402-296-3380 South Park Apartments 402-731-1142 Plattsmouth Heights 402-761-4465 Weeping Water Housing Authority 402-267-6565 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 Weeping Water 402-267-7675 Conestoga 402-235-2750
Economic Assistance	
SNAP, TANF, Energy Assistance 800-383-4278	

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		Lincoln, NE 402-471-3121	<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 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 402-245-5284		SENCA Ministerial Association	
402-297-7427 402-335-3816			
Commodity Supplemental Program		Housing Authority - Johnson County	
SENCA 402-245-5284		800 Broadway Tecumseh, NE 68450 402-335-2866	
304 Lawton Cook, NE 68329 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 Tecumseh Place Apartments Golden Acres Apartments - Cook	
402-862-2411 Ext. 112 402-335-3165 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 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 Catholic Social Services 402-274-9362 Project Response 800-456-5764	
Commodity Supplemental Program		Housing Authority - Nemaha County	
SENCA 402-245-5284		1017 H Street 7th & Oregon Street 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 Catholic Social Services 402-274-9362		Crestview Square 402-274-5460 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	
601 J Street Auburn, NE 68305 402-274-3419		Nemaha County CASA - SENCA 111 N 11 th Street, Suite A Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-209-0446	
Sixpence - Birth to 3 Year Early Childhood Program		Handi-Bus 402-274-5365	
402-274-4830		Head Start – SENCA Preschool Program	
Child Support Enforcement		Nemaha County Head Start 1806 "O" Street Auburn, NE 68305 402-274-4160	
877-631-9973			
Southeast Nebraska Mediation - Resolution Center			
402-441-5740			

OTOE COUNTY RESOURCES

Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (SENCA)

<p align="center">Central Office 802 4th Street, PO Box 646 Humboldt, NE 68346 402-862-2411</p>		<p align="center">Otoe County 111 N 11th Street Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-297-7398</p>	
<p align="center">SENCA services include, but are not limited to:</p>			
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	
<p align="center">Department of Health and Human Services</p>		<p align="center">Nebraska Workforce Development - Job Service</p>	
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<p align="center">Family Planning</p>		<p align="center">Women, Infant, Children (WIC)</p>	
Tecumseh	402-335-2988 or 877-691-8382	509 Broadway	
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<p align="center">Family Health and Support Services</p>		<p align="center">Rent/Utilities/Gas Assistance</p>	
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		
<p align="center">Commodity Supplemental Program</p>		<p align="center">Housing Authority – Otoe County</p>	
<p>Indian Center, Inc. Lincoln, NE 402-438-5321 Ext 130</p>		Syracuse	402-269-2851
		Nebraska City	402-873-5451
<p align="center">Food Assistance</p>		<p align="center">Affordable Housing Apartments – Otoe County</p>	
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
<p align="center">Veteran Services – Otoe County</p>		<p align="center">Transportation</p>	<p align="center">Otoe County CASA - SENCA</p>
<p>1021 Central Avenue Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-9540</p>		Otoe County Handi-Bus 402-873-3005	111 N 11 th Street, Suite A Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-209-0446
<p align="center">Child Support Enforcement</p>		<p align="center">Head Start – SENCA Preschool Program</p>	
<p align="right">877-631-9973</p>			
<p align="center">Southeast Nebraska Mediation - Resolution Center</p>		Otoe County Head Start Part-Day Program 603 N 20 th Street Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-873-6447	Otoe County Head Start Full-Day Program 111 N 11 th Street, Suite A Nebraska City, NE 68410 402-874-9060
<p align="right">402-441-5740</p>			
<p align="center">Otoe County Juvenile Diversion</p>			
Nebraska City	402-873-6346		

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	402-297-7427 402-474-1600	Pawnee Village Apartments Table Rock Village Apartments	
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	
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 Peru State College	402-335-2988 or 877-691-8382 402-872-7635 Ext. 2229	509 Broadway Tecumseh, NE 68450	402-335-2988 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 Humboldt	(402) 245-4204 (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	402-245-3276	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	
Hotlines	United Tribes	785-595-3291	
AA - 877-226-3632	NA - 800-407-7195		Southeast Nebraska Mediation - Resolution Center 402-441-5740