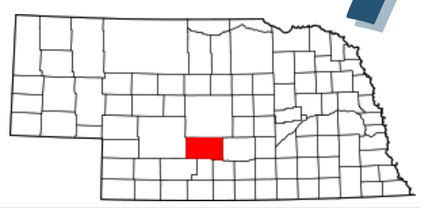
Two Rivers PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dawson County

Ranked the 57th healthiest county in Nebraska



Background

	Dawson County	Nebraska
Total Area	1,019 sq mi	772,358 sq mi
Population	24,111	1,961,504
Median Age The median value of ages among all residents of a location.	36 Years	37 Years
Average Household Size Average # of people per household.	2.69	2.46
Average Family Size Average # of people per family.	3.23	3.09
Life Expectancy (at birth) Average # of years a person can expect to live at birth.	78 Years	79 Years
High School Completion Percentage of adults ages 25 and over with a high school diploma or equivalent.	79%	92%
Some College Completion Percentage of the population ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education, such as enrollment in vocational/technical school, junior college, or 4-year college.	50%	72%
Unemployment Percentage of the populations' civilian labor force, ages 16 and older that is unemployed but still seeking work.	2.5%	2.3%
Children in Poverty Percentage of people under age 18 living in a household whose income is below the poverty level.	16%	12%
Children in Single Parent Household Percentage of children (under 18 years of age) living in households that are headed by a single parent.	24%	20%
Adult Smoking Percentage of the adult population who both report that they currently smoke every day or some days and have smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their lifetime.	18%	14%
Adult Obesity Percentage of the adult population (ages 18 and older) that reports a BMI greater than or equal to 30 kg/m2.	43%	36%
Physical Inactivity Percentage of adults ages 18 and over reporting no leisure-time physical activity in the past month.	30%	24%
Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths Percentage of driving deaths with alcohol involvement	39%	33%
STI Rate Number of newly diagnosed chlamydia cases per 100,000 populations.	372/100,000	453/100,000

Population of Dawson County, by Race/Ethnicity

White Alone: 15,098, 63%

Black or African-American: 1,210, 5%

Asian: 200, 1%

American Indian and Alaskan Native: 270, 1%

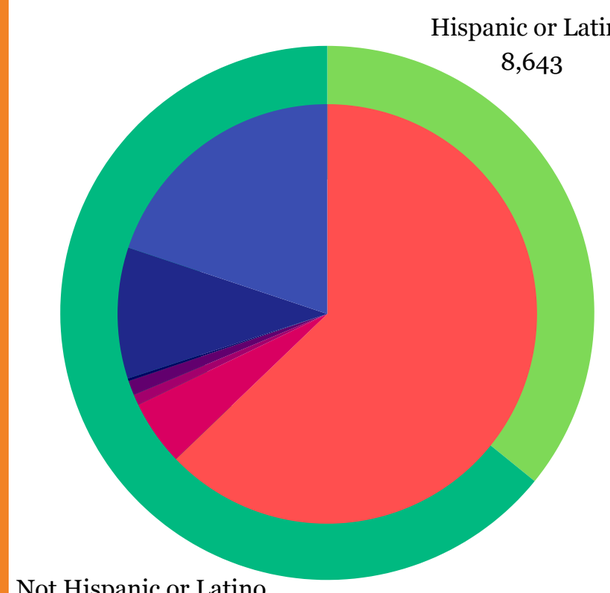
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander: 46, 0%

Two or more races: 2,429, 10%

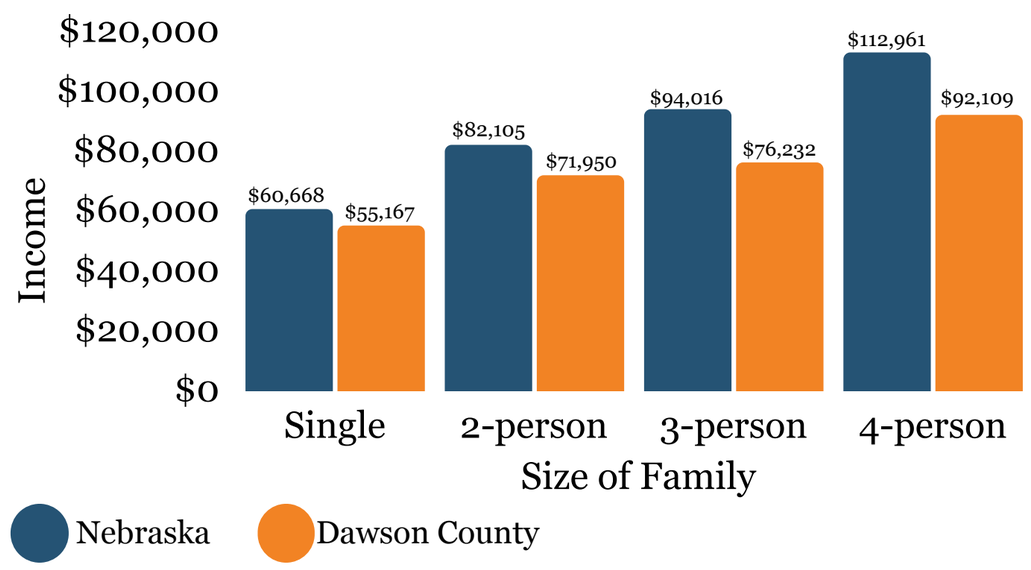
Other Race: 4,777, 20%

Hispanic or Latnio: 8,643, 36%

Not Hispanic or Latino: 15,468, 64%



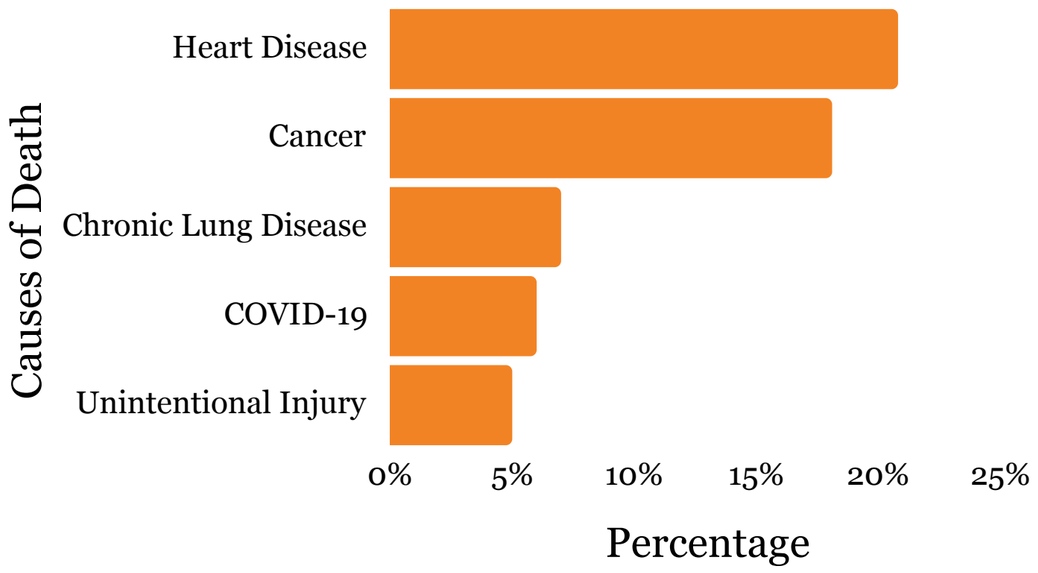
Median Income by Family Size



Annual Weighted Poverty Threshold for Nebraska

Size of Household	1	2	4	6
Annual Income	$15,060	$20,440	$31,200	$41,960

Top Five Causes of Death in Dawson County 2018-2022



County Information

Dawson County is the 15th largest county in Nebraska, covering over 1000 square miles, and has the 5th largest Hispanic population among Nebraska counties. Almost a third of Dawson County residents identify as Hispanic or Latino, over 40% as either Hispanic or African-American. Dawson is among the top 50 counties in the US (and 4th highest in Nebraska) in terms of agricultural products by market value. The 3 largest cities are Lexington (County seat), Gothenburg and Cozad.

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