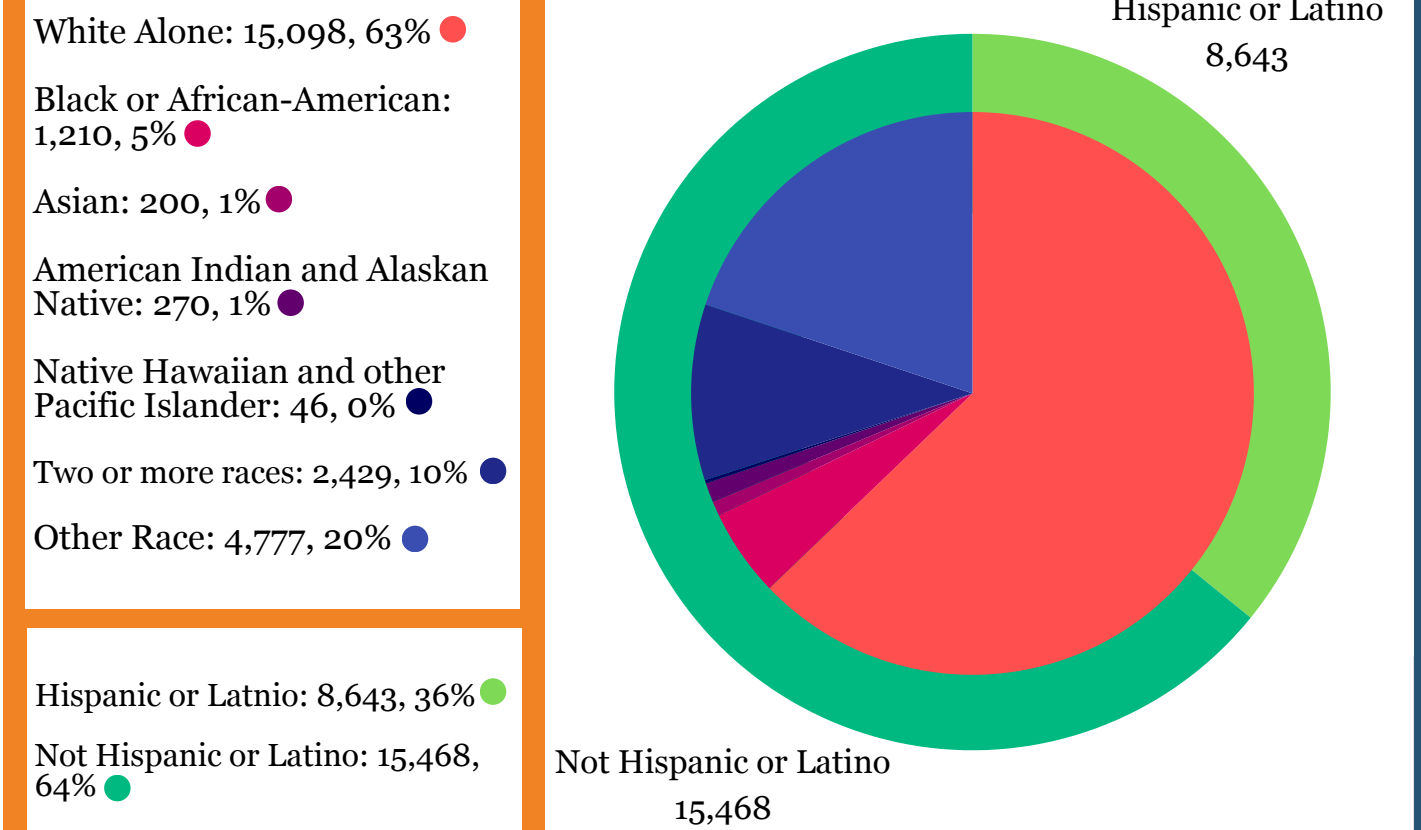


Dawson County

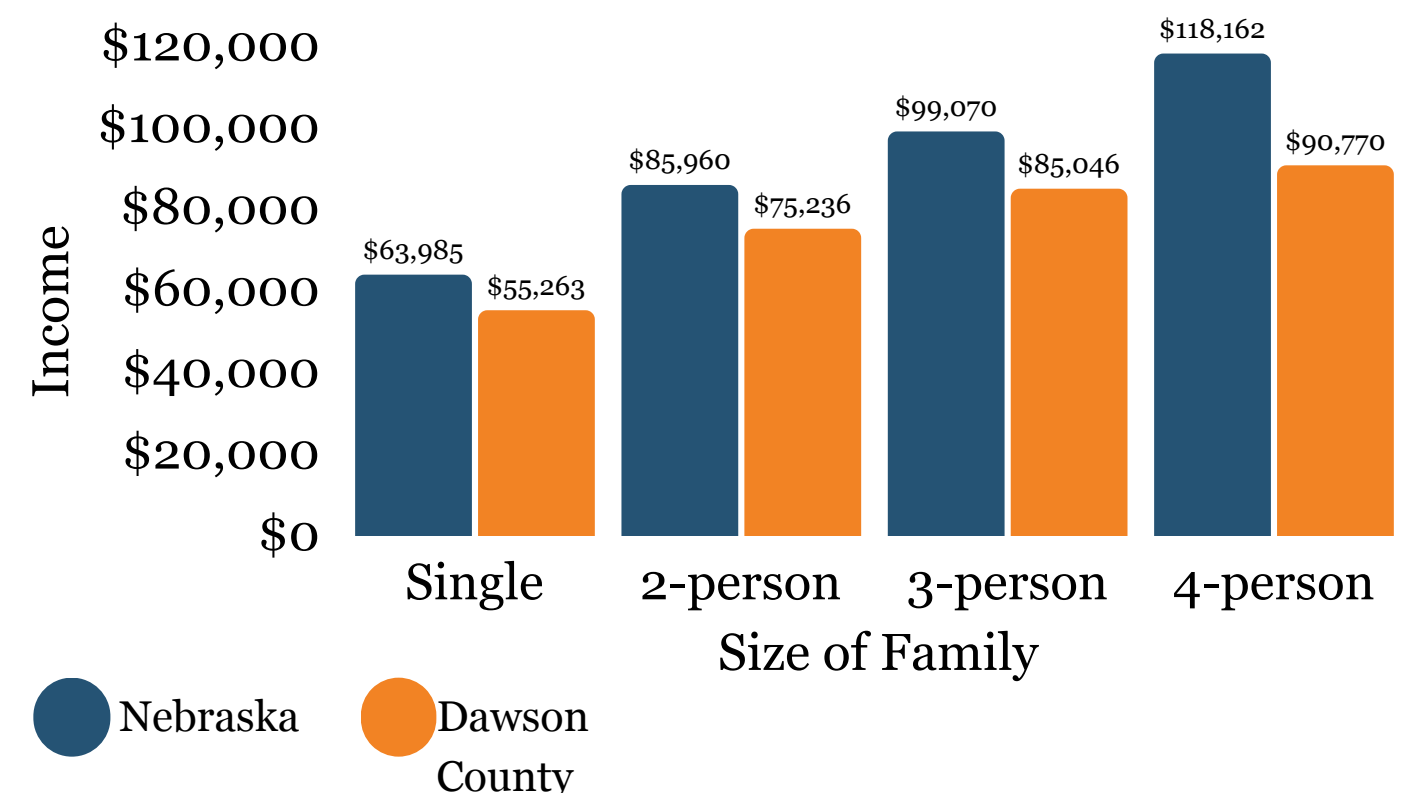
Background

	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.	2.64	2.44
Average Family Size Average # of people per family.	3.18	3.07
Life Expectancy (at birth) Average # of years a person can expect to live at birth.	77 Years	79 Years
High School Completion Percentage of adults ages 25 and over with a high school diploma or equivalent.	78%	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.	48%	72%
Unemployment Percentage of the populations' civilian labor force, ages 16 and older that is unemployed but still seeking work.	2.4%	2.3%
Children in Poverty Percentage of people under age 18 living in a household whose income is below the poverty level.	14%	11%
Children in Single Parent Household Percentage of children (under 18 years of age) living in households that are headed by a single parent.	21%	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.	17%	14%
Adult Obesity Percentage of the adult population (ages 18 and older) that reports a BMI greater than or equal to 30 kg/m2.	41%	36%
Physical Inactivity Percentage of adults ages 18 and over reporting no leisure-time physical activity in the past month.	32%	24%
Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths Percentage of driving deaths with alcohol involvement	38%	32%
STI Rate Number of newly diagnosed chlamydia cases per 100,000 populations.	352/100,000	489/100,000

Population of Dawson County, by Race/Ethnicity



Median Income, per Family Size



Annual Weighted Poverty Threshold for Nebraska

Size of Household	1	2	4	6
Annual Income	\$15,650	\$21,150	\$32,150	\$43,150

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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Top Five Causes of Death in Dawson County

