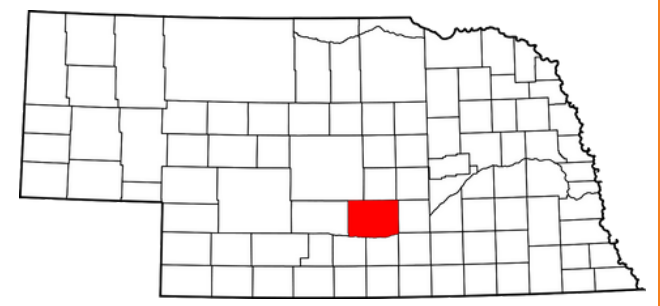


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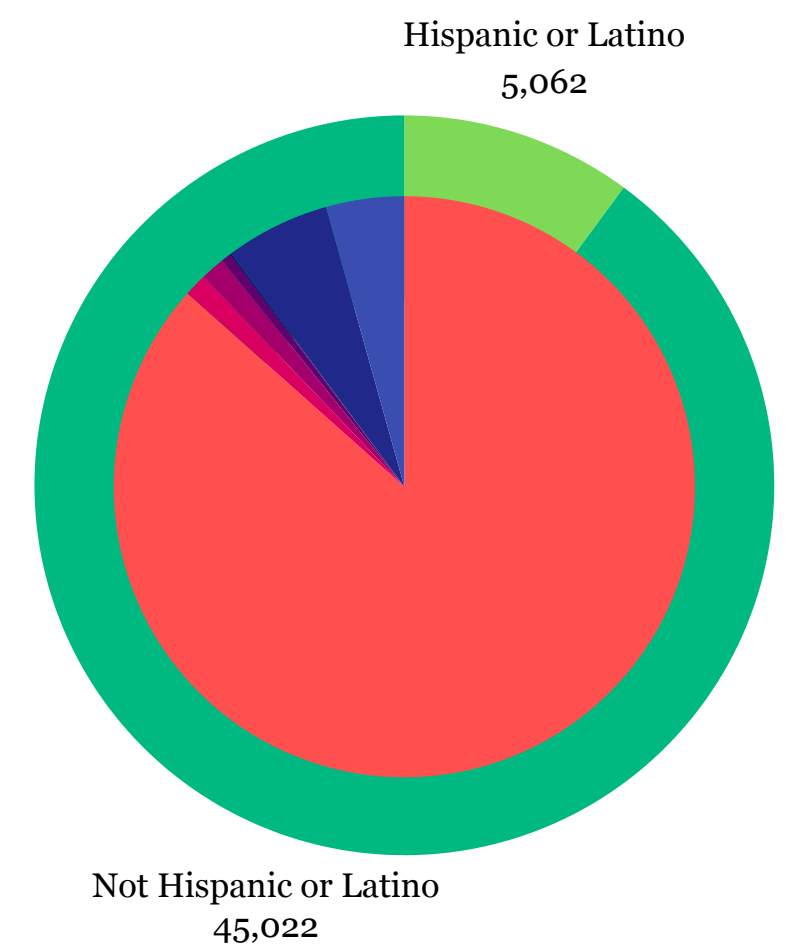
Background

	Buffalo County	Nebraska
Total Area	975 sq mi	772,358 sq mi
Population	50,586	1,961,504
Median Age The median value of ages among all residents of a location.	35 Years	37 Years
Average Household Size Average # of people per household.	2.46	2.44
Average Family Size Average # of people per family.	3.03	3.07
Life Expectancy (at birth) Average # of years a person can expect to live at birth.	80 Years	78 Years
High School Completion Percentage of adults ages 25 and over with a high school diploma or equivalent.	93%	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.	72%	72%
Unemployment Percentage of the populations' civilian labor force, ages 16 and older that is unemployed but still seeking work.	1.8%	2.3%
Children in Poverty Percentage of people under age 18 living in a household whose income is below the poverty level.	9%	11%
Children in Single Parent Household Percentage of children (under 18 years of age) living in households that are headed by a single parent.	18%	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.	27%	24%
Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths Percentage of driving deaths with alcohol involvement	17%	32%
STI Rate Number of newly diagnosed chlamydia cases per 100,000 populations.	435/100,000	489/100,000

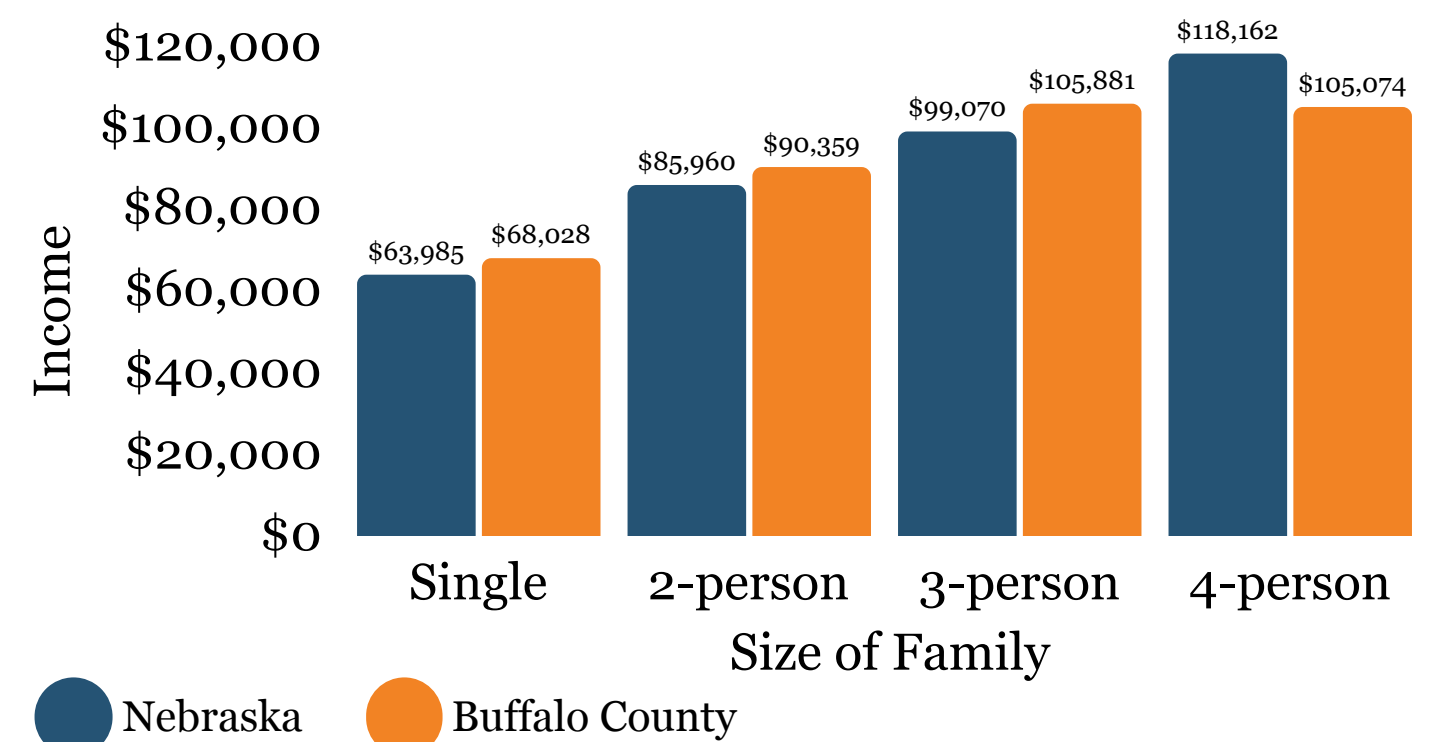
Population of Buffalo County, by Race/Ethnicity

White Alone: 43,363, 87%
 Black or African-American: 643, 1%
 Asian: 670, 1%
 American Indian and Alaskan Native: 275, 1%
 Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander: 33, 0%
 Two or more races: 2,925, 6%
 Other Race: 2,175, 4%

Hispanic or Latino: 5,062, 10%
 Not Hispanic or Latino: 45,022, 90%



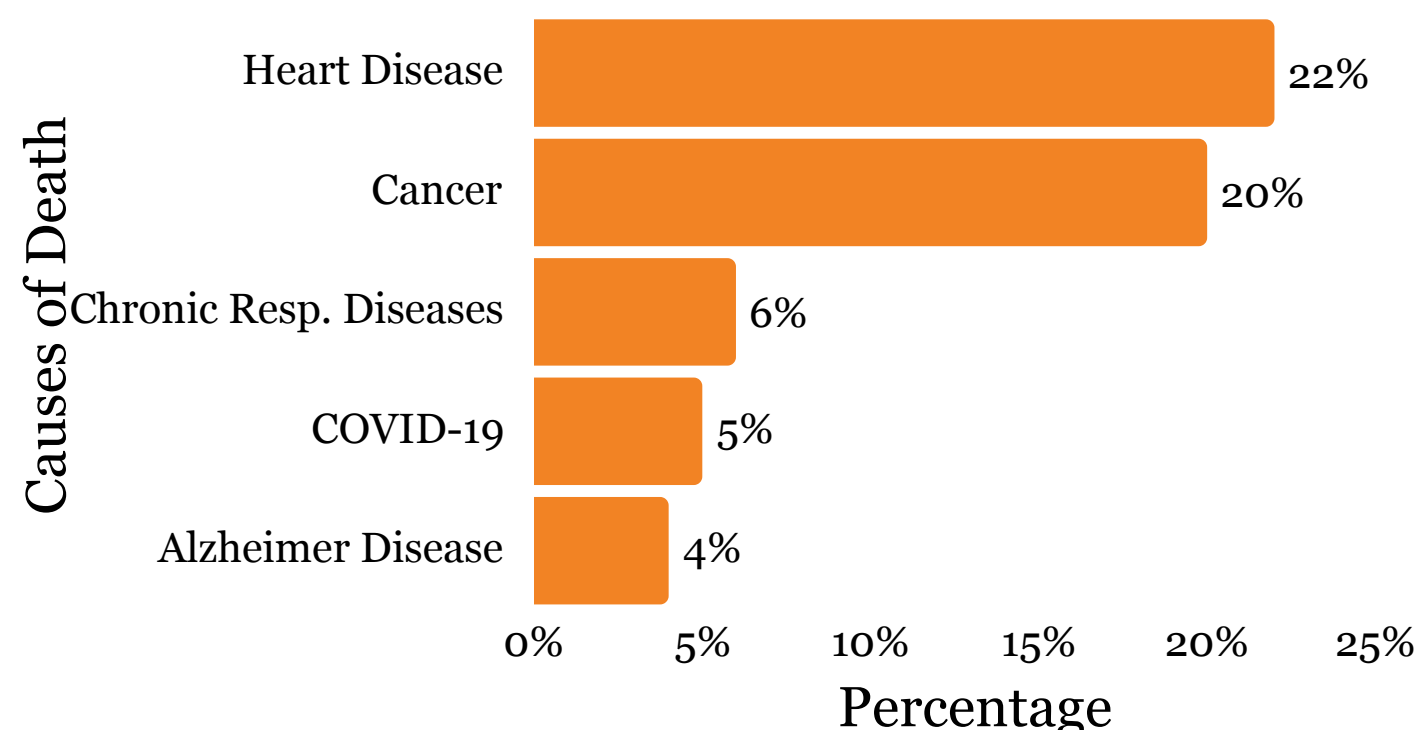
Median Income, per Family Size



Annual Weighted Poverty Threshold for Nebraska

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

Top Five Causes of Death in Buffalo County



County Information

Buffalo is the 2nd most populous county in Nebraska outside the Lincoln-Omaha region and home to the University of Nebraska Kearney campus. The proportion of people with a high school or college degree in Buffalo County is comparable to that of the whole state. Buffalo is also the 5th youngest county in Nebraska with a median age of 35 years. Yet, Buffalo is also home to the third highest number of assisted living/long term care facilities in Nebraska, after Douglas and Lancaster counties. The 3 largest cities in Buffalo County are Kearney (county seat), Gibbon and Ravenna.

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