

# York County Child Well-Being Coalition

## York County Childhood Needs Assessment

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## Executive Summary

### Nebraska Children and Families Foundation Child Well-Being Indicators

The Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NCFF) has been tracking state and county-level data on numerous indicators of child well-being since 2009. These measures are used to identify counties of high need, of which York County is one. Following is a complete listing of the NCFF child well-being measures for York County and Nebraska that have been collected to date. York County numbers that are colored **red** indicate areas where the county statistic is more indicative of need compared to the state. There are 10 indicators altogether. York County is more indicative of need compared to the state on 4 of the 10 indicators for the most recent year of available data (Figures 1 through 10).

**Figure 1. Number and rate of infant deaths per 1,000 live births**

|             | 2005-2009       | 2006-2010       | 2007-2011       | 2008-2012       |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| York County | 3, -*           | 4, -*           | <b>6, 6.9</b>   | <b>5, 5.8</b>   |
| Nebraska    | <b>769, 5.8</b> | <b>758, 5.7</b> | <b>753, 5.7</b> | <b>690, 5.2</b> |

\*Crude rates are masked for time periods with less than five events due to the rates being unstable with such a small number of cases.

(Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services)

**Figure 2. Number and percent of births to teen mothers**

|             | 2005-2009           | 2006-2010           | 2007-2011           | 2008-2012          |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| York County | <b>82, 9.2%</b>     | <b>90, 10.1%</b>    | <b>82, 9.5%</b>     | <b>71, 8.2%</b>    |
| Nebraska    | <b>11,168, 8.4%</b> | <b>10,968, 8.2%</b> | <b>10,570, 8.0%</b> | <b>9,955, 7.6%</b> |

(Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services)

**Figure 3. Number and rate of juvenile arrests per 1,000 under 18 population**

|             | 2009                | 2010                | 2011                | 2012                |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| York County | <b>167, 54.6</b>    | <b>205, 67.0</b>    | <b>169, 55.3</b>    | <b>166, 54.3</b>    |
| Nebraska*   | <b>15,186, 33.6</b> | <b>14,032, 31.1</b> | <b>13,155, 28.6</b> | <b>12,206, 26.2</b> |

\*Note that state-level data are under-reported due to some police departments opting not to submit arrest data to the Nebraska Crime Commission.

Note: York County rates based on 2010 U.S. Census population estimate.

(Nebraska Crime Commission)

**Figure 4. Number and rate of substantiated cases of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 under 18 population**

|             | 2009              | 2010               | 2011              | 2012              | 2013              |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| York County | <b>42, 13.7</b>   | <b>48, 15.7</b>    | <b>30, 9.8</b>    | <b>34, 11.1</b>   | 18, 5.9           |
| Nebraska    | <b>3,520, 7.8</b> | <b>5,169, 10.6</b> | <b>3,410, 7.4</b> | <b>2,723, 5.9</b> | <b>2,892, 6.2</b> |

Note: York County rates based on 2010 U.S. Census population estimate.

(Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services)

**Figure 5. Number in foster care and rate per 1,000 under 18 population**

|             | 2009              | 2010              | 2011              | 2012              |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| York County | <b>33, 10.8</b>   | <b>29, 9.5</b>    | <b>29, 9.5</b>    | <b>33, 10.8</b>   |
| Nebraska    | <b>4,447, 9.2</b> | <b>4,300, 8.9</b> | <b>4,265, 8.8</b> | <b>3,892, 8.5</b> |

Note: York County rates based on 2010 U.S. Census population estimate.

(Nebraska Foster Care Review Board)

**Figure 6. Four-year high school graduation rate\***

|             | 2011         | 2012         | 2013         |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| York County | 87.9%        | 89.7%        | 93.7%        |
| Nebraska    | <b>86.1%</b> | <b>87.6%</b> | <b>88.5%</b> |

\*The source data are reported by school districts. County-level rates are calculated by taking the weighted average of all public school districts within a county.

(Nebraska Department of Education)

**Figure 7. Percent of children ages 5 and over speaking a language other than English at home**

|             | 2009        | 2010        | 2011        | 2012         |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| York County | 5.5%        | 5.6%        | 5.7%        | 5.6%         |
| Nebraska    | <b>9.2%</b> | <b>9.7%</b> | <b>9.9%</b> | <b>10.4%</b> |

(U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates)

**Figure 8. Percent of population below poverty**

|             | 2009         | 2010         | 2011         | 2012         |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| York County | 8.2%         | 7.0%         | 9.2%         | 10.0%        |
| Nebraska    | <b>12.2%</b> | <b>11.8%</b> | <b>12.0%</b> | <b>12.4%</b> |

(U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates)

**Figure 9. Percent of children living in single parent households**

|             | 2009         | 2010         | 2011         | 2012         |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| York County | 20.2%        | 20.3%        | 22.5%        | 22.6%        |
| Nebraska    | <b>25.7%</b> | <b>26.3%</b> | <b>27.3%</b> | <b>27.7%</b> |

(U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates)

**Figure 10. Percent of third grade children proficient in reading at grade level \***

|             | 2009-2010    | 2010-2011  | 2011-2012  | 2012-2013  |
|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| York County | <b>57.9%</b> | 83.2%      | 81.1%      | 92.8%      |
| Nebraska    | <b>67%</b>   | <b>71%</b> | <b>76%</b> | <b>77%</b> |

\*The source data are reported by school districts. County-level rates are calculated by taking the weighted average of all public school districts within a county.

(Nebraska Department of Education)

# York County Early Childhood Needs Assessment

## Report

### Demographics

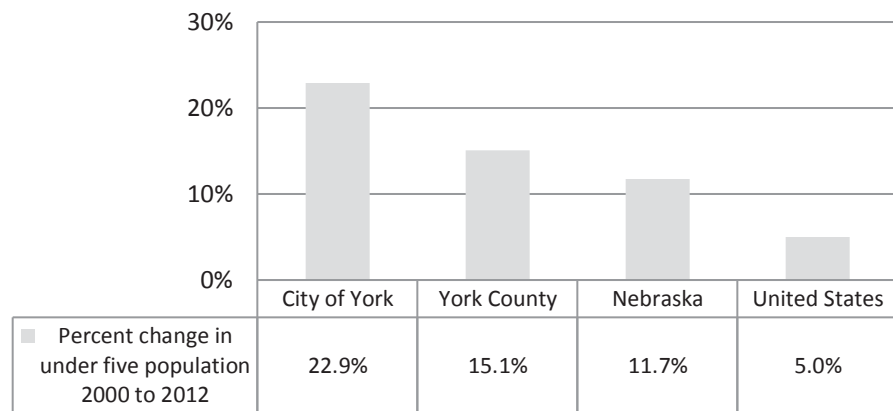
The City of York is located in York County, Nebraska and comprises over half of the entire population of the relatively small rural county. From 2000 to 2012 the total populations of the City of York and York County declined slightly. However, the under 5 population has demonstrated considerable growth. In the City of York the under 5 population increased by 22.9% from 2000 to 2012, comprising the vast majority of the increase for the under 5 population in the entire county (Figure 11).

| Figure 11                       | Population (2000 to 2012) |        |                |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------------|
|                                 | 2000                      | 2012   | Percent Change |
| City of York total population   | 8,081                     | 7,807  | -3.4%          |
| City of York under 5 population | 472                       | 580    | 22.9%          |
| York County total population    | 14,598                    | 13,727 | -6.0%          |
| York County under 5 population  | 814                       | 937    | 15.1%          |

(U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2012 American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates)

**Figure 12. Percent change in the under 5 population (2000 to 2012)**

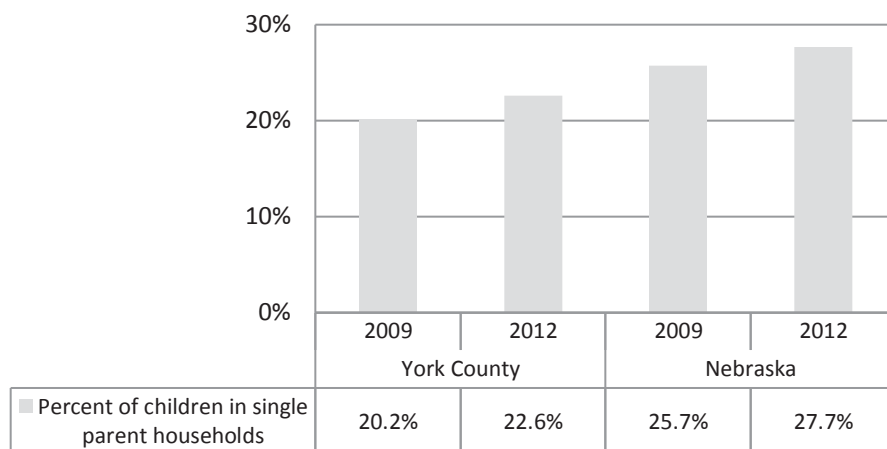
The under 5 population in the City of York grew by nearly double the rate for the state and more than quadruple the rate for the nation from 2000 to 2012 (Figure 12).



(U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2012 American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates)

Just under one-fourth of all children in York County are in single parent households. This rate increased slightly from 2009 to 2012, but remains lower than the state (Figure 13).

**Figure 13. Percent of children in single parent households (2009 and 2012)**



(U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates)

The City of York and York County are predominantly White with a small Hispanic/Latino minority population. There is considerably less racial and ethnic diversity in the City of York and York County compared to rest of the state (Figure 14).

| Figure 14    | Population by race/ethnicity (2012) |                 |                   |                        |       |                                |                                  |       |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
|              | White                               | Hispanic/Latino | Two or More Races | Black/African-American | Asian | American Indian/Alaskan Native | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | Other |
| City of York | 95.0%                               | 3.2%            | 1.0%              | 0.1%                   | 0.3%  | 0.0%                           | 0.4%                             | 0.0%  |
| York County  | 93.1%                               | 4.1%            | 1.1%              | 0.6%                   | 0.3%  | 0.4%                           | 0.2%                             | 0.0%  |
| Nebraska     | 82.1%                               | 9.1%            | 1.7%              | 4.4%                   | 1.8%  | 0.7%                           | 0.1%                             | 0.1%  |

Note: those identifying as Hispanic/Latino are not counted in any racial category.

(U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates)

Just 5.6% of children ages 5 and over speak a language other than English at home. This rate is less than half the rate for the state as a whole (Figure 15).

| Figure 15 | Percent of children ages 5 and over speaking a language other than English at home (2012) |          |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|           | York County                                                                               | Nebraska |
|           | 5.6%                                                                                      | 10.4%    |

(U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates)



Geographic mobility (i.e., the percentage of residents who moved in the past year) is higher in the City of York and York County compared to the state and the nation. The rate is considerably higher for the population ages 1 to 4 in the city and the county, with nearly 40% experiencing geographic mobility in the past year, a rate that is close to double the rate for the state and the nation (Figure 16).

| <b>Figure 16</b>         | <b>Geographic mobility* (2012)</b> |                    |                 |                      |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|                          | <b>City of York</b>                | <b>York County</b> | <b>Nebraska</b> | <b>United States</b> |
| <b>Total population</b>  | 21.9%                              | 19.0%              | 16.8%           | 15.2%                |
| <b>Ages 1 to 4 years</b> | 39.3%                              | 37.8%              | 22.5%           | 20.7%                |

\*The percentage of residents who, in the past year, moved within the same county, moved from a different county within the same state, moved from a different state, or moved from abroad.

(U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates)

## Income and Poverty

The median household income is lower in both the City of York and York County compared to the state and the nation. The median household income is more than \$8,000 lower in the City of York compared to the state (Figure 17).

| Figure 17 | Median household income (2012) |             |          |               |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------|----------|---------------|
|           | City of York                   | York County | Nebraska | United States |
|           | \$42,887                       | \$47,220    | \$51,381 | \$53,046      |

(U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates)

Despite having a relatively low household income, unemployment in York County is very low at 3.9%. These rates are lower than the rates for the state and the nation (Figure 18).

| <b>Figure 18</b> | <b>Unemployment (2013-2014)</b> |                 |                      |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|                  | <b>York County</b>              | <b>Nebraska</b> | <b>United States</b> |
| <b>July 2013</b> | 3.5%                            | 3.9%            | 6.2%                 |
| <b>July 2014</b> | 3.9%                            | 4.3%            | 7.3%                 |

(Nebraska Department of Labor)

Overall, the poverty rate for the total population has increased in both the City of York and York County from 2000 to 2012. The under 5 population experiences poverty at higher rates than the total population (Figures 19 and 20). See the appendix for a definition on how the U.S. Census defines poverty.

| Figure 19 | City of York poverty statistics overall and for children (2000 and 2012) |       |       |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
|           |                                                                          | 2000  | 2012  |
|           | Total population at or below poverty                                     | 9.2%  | 11.7% |
|           | Under 18 population at or below poverty                                  | 9.4%  | 10.0% |
|           | Under 5 population at or below poverty                                   | 14.2% | 17.7% |

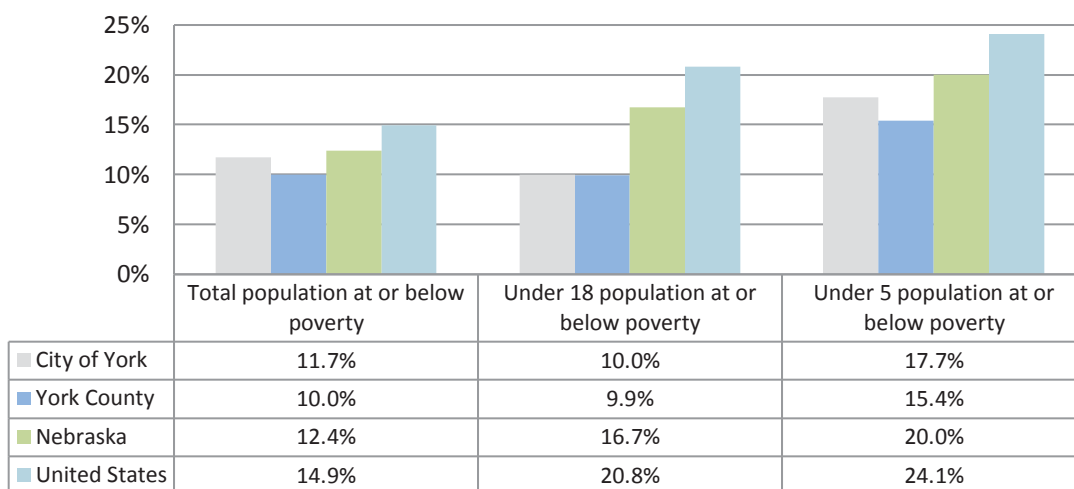
(U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2012 American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates)

| Figure 20 | York County poverty statistics overall and for children (2000 and 2012) |       |       |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
|           |                                                                         | 2000  | 2012  |
|           | Total population at or below poverty                                    | 8.5%  | 10.0% |
|           | Under 18 population at or below poverty                                 | 10.5% | 9.9%  |
|           | Under 5 Population at or below poverty                                  | 13.4% | 15.4% |

(U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2012 American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates)

The overall rate of poverty and the rate of poverty for children in the City of York and York County is lower than the state and nation (Figure 21).

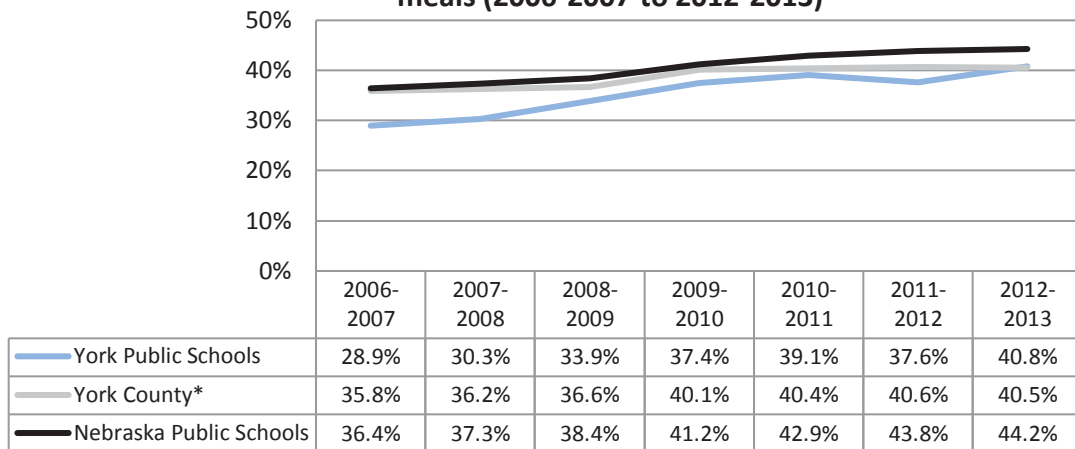
**Figure 21. Poverty overall and by age of children (2012)**



(U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates)

Just over two-fifths (40.8%) of York Public Schools students received free and reduced lunch during the 2012-2013 school year. This rate has increased drastically from 2006-2007 when 28.9% of York Public Schools students received free and reduced lunch, though the rate has been slightly lower than the state every year (Figure 22). See the appendix for a definition on free and reduced prices meals. This reflects students kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Figure 22. Percentage of students receiving free and reduced price meals (2006-2007 to 2012-2013)**



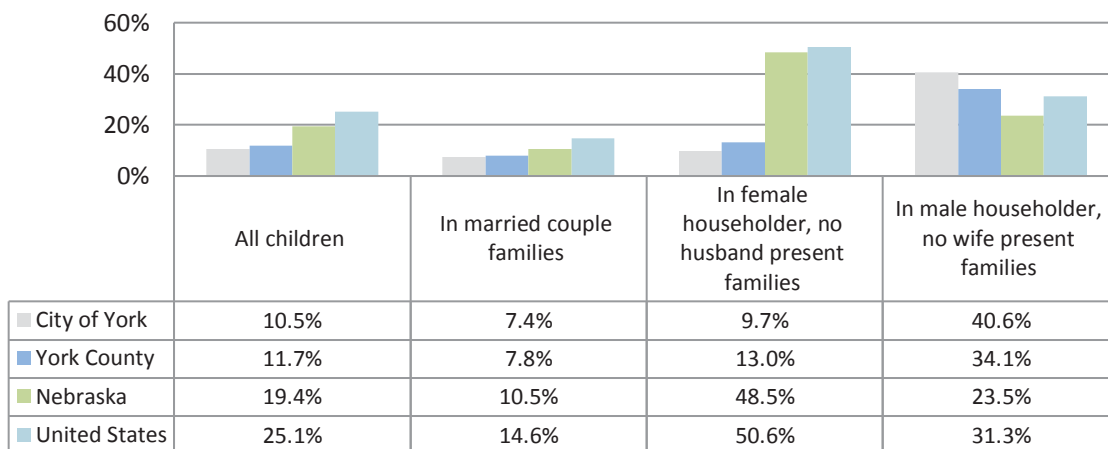
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(Nebraska Department of Education)

## Public Assistance

The rate of children receiving public assistance (Supplemental Social Security Income, Cash Public Assistance, or Food Stamps/SNAP Benefits) is lower in the City of York and York County compared to the state and the nation. It is unclear why the rate of female householder, no husband present families who receive public assistance is so low compared to the state and nation. It is therefore necessary to use some caution when interpreting these data (Figure 23).

**Figure 23. Percentage of children receiving public assistance\* (2012)**



\*Public assistance programs include Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Cash Public Assistance, or Food Stamps/SNAP Benefits (U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates)

From 2008 to 2012 the number of children participants in various social programs has increased in York County. The largest increase in participation in a social program during this time period was for children enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) - formerly known as food stamps (Figure 24).

| Figure 24                                                                                                     | York County participation in social programs (2008 and 2012) |                |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                                                                               | 2008                                                         | 2012           | Percent Change |
| Average monthly number of families on Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) (percent of all families with children) | *                                                            | 22<br>(1.6%)   | -              |
| Children enrolled in Medicaid and Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (percent of all children)             | 941<br>(25.4%)                                               | 977<br>(28.2%) | 3.8%           |
| Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation among children (percent of all children)       | 286<br>(7.7%)                                                | 420<br>(12.1%) | 46.9%          |
| Children receiving free and reduced school meals (percent of all children)                                    | 647<br>(30%)                                                 | 668<br>(34%)   | 3.2%           |
| Children enrolling in Head Start and Early Head Start (percent of all children)                               | 51<br>(5.7%)                                                 | 71<br>(7.7%)   | 39.2%          |

\*Data masked to protect privacy if fewer than 20 are participating.

(Kids Count in Nebraska)

The percentage of the under 18 population with a disability in York County is comparable to the state and the nation (Figure 25).

| Figure 25 | Percent of the under 18 population with a disability (2012) |             |          |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------|
|           | City of York                                                | York County | Nebraska |
|           | 2.1%                                                        | 3.8%        | 3.5%     |

(U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates)

## Access to Health Care

Figure 26 below outlines the federal and state designated health professional shortage areas in York County.

| Figure 26 | Designated health professional shortage areas in York County   |                                                                                                             |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|           | <b>Federally Designated Professional Shortage Area (2008):</b> | <b>State Designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (2010):</b>                                          |
|           | Mental health                                                  | Family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, psychiatrics, and pharmacy (partial) |

(Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services)

Nearly 8% of the under 18 population in York County is without health insurance (Figure 27).

| <b>Figure 27</b>            | <b>Percent of the population under 18 without health insurance (2012)</b> |                         |                              |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>City of York</b><br>6.0% | <b>York County</b><br>7.8%                                                | <b>Nebraska</b><br>6.2% | <b>United States</b><br>8.1% |

(U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates)

## Health and Early Childhood

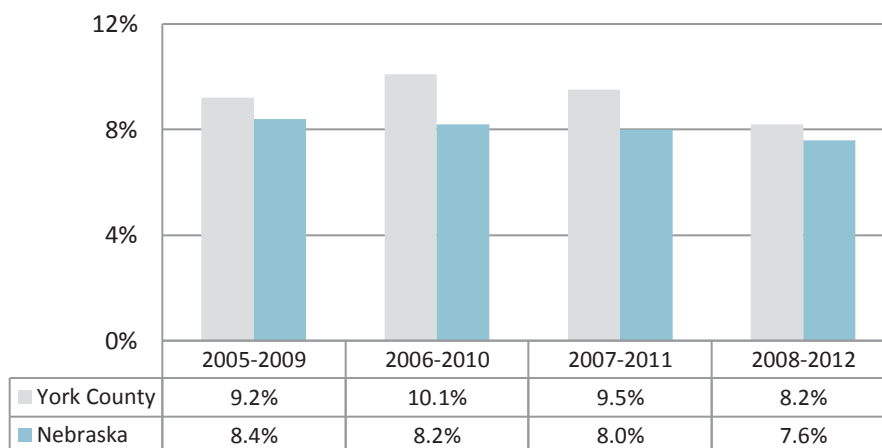
Across the two time periods of 1999-2008 and 2003-2012 (note that they overlap) the percentage of births to unmarried mothers has increased slightly in York County. The rate of births to unmarried mothers in York County is comparable to Nebraska (Figure 28).

| <b>Figure 28</b>   | <b>Number and percent of births to unmarried mothers (1998-2008 and 2003-2012)</b> |                          |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                    | <b>1999-2008</b>                                                                   | <b>2003-2012</b>         |
| <b>York County</b> | 29.3%<br>(511 births)                                                              | 31.0%<br>(549 births)    |
| <b>Nebraska</b>    | 30.1%<br>(77,460 births)                                                           | 32.5%<br>(85,611 births) |

(Kids Count in Nebraska)

The rate of births to teen mothers has been consistently higher in York County compared to Nebraska, although the difference has not always been drastic (Figure 29).

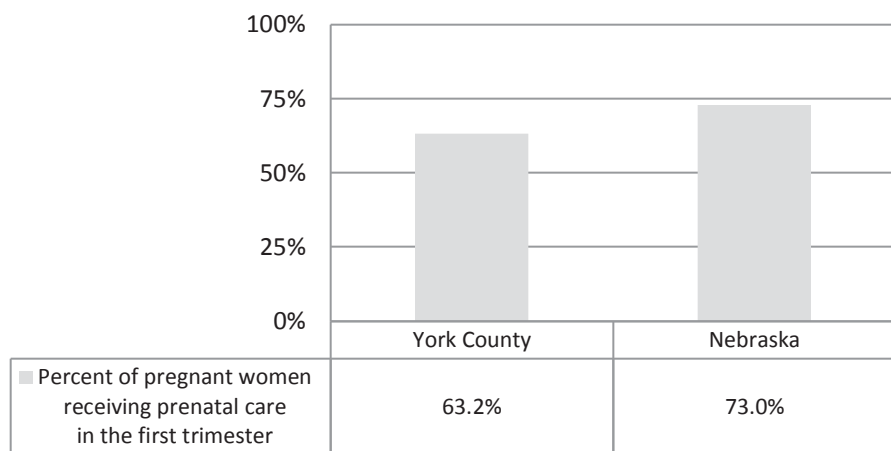
**Figure 29. Births to teen mothers as a percent of total births (2005-2009 to 2008-2012)**



(Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services)

During the five-year period of 2007-2011, the percentage of pregnant women receiving first trimester prenatal care was notably lower in York County than the state (Figure 30).

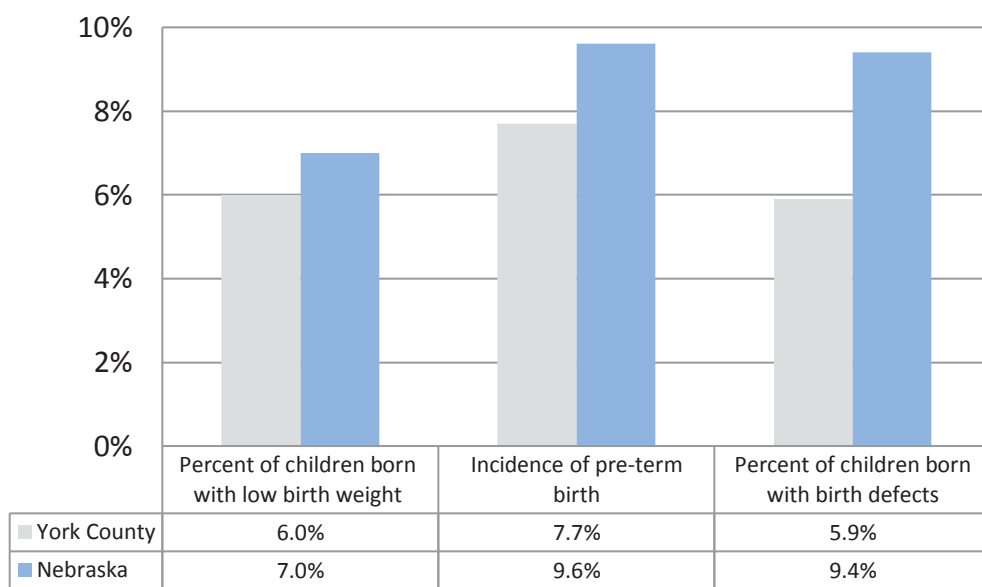
**Figure 30. Percent of pregnant women receiving first trimester prenatal care (2007-2011)**



(Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services)

The incidence of birth complications (low birth weight, pre-term birth, birth defects) was lower in York County than the state during the five-year period of 2007 to 2011 (Figure 31).

**Figure 31. Birth complication statistics (2007-2011)**

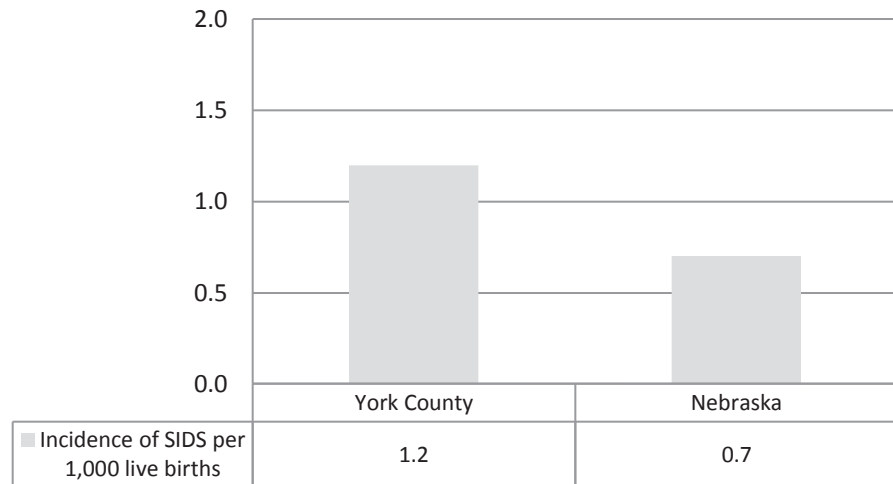


(Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services)

## Infant and Child Mortality

During the five-year period of 2007-2011, the rate of SIDS was slightly higher in York County compared to the state (Figure 32).

**Figure 32. Rate of SIDS per 1,000 (2007-2011)**



(Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services)

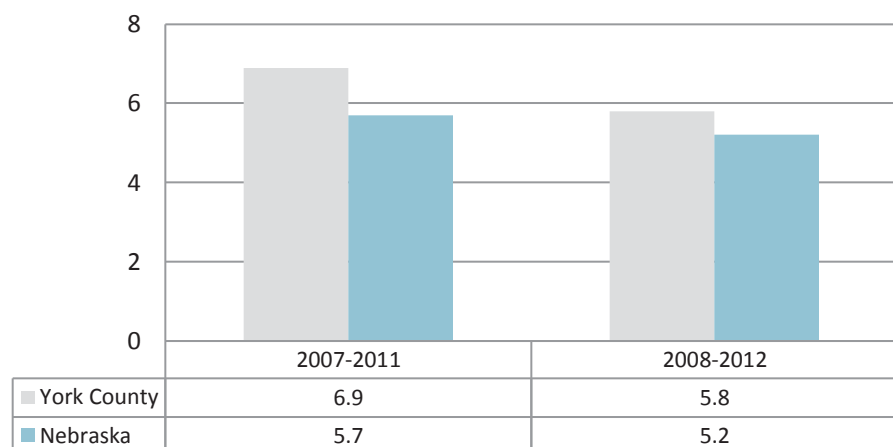
During the ten-year period of 2003-2012, there were 8 infant deaths and 9 deaths to children (ages 1 to 19) in York County (Figure 33).

| Figure 33                    | York County infant and child mortality (1999-2008 and 2003-2012) |           |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|                              | 1999-2008                                                        | 2003-2012 |
| Infant deaths                | 8                                                                | 8         |
| Deaths to children ages 1-19 | 5                                                                | 9         |

(Kids Count in Nebraska)

The rate of infant mortality in York County was higher than the state across the two five-year periods of 2007-2011 and 2008-2012 (Figure 34).

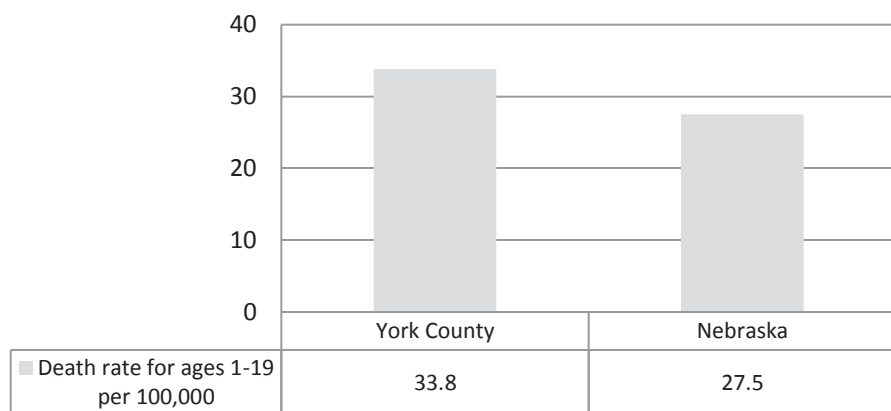
**Figure 34. Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (2007-2011 and 2008-2012)**



(Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services)

The rate of child mortality (ages 1 to 19) in York County was higher than the state during the five-year period of 2007 to 2011 (Figure 35).

**Figure 35. Mortality rate of the 1 - 19 year old population per 100,000 (2007-2011)**



(Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services)

## Housing

Fair Market Rent (FMR) is a term used in real estate that indicates the amount of money a given property would command, if it were open for leasing at the moment. In York County, the average fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment is \$628. The National Low Income Housing Coalition calculates the income needed to afford a fair-market rent two bedroom apartment, based on paying no more than 30% of wages on housing and utilities. An individual would have to work 49 hours a week at the mean renter wage to afford such rent in York County. The income and work hours needed to afford rent on a two bedroom apartment in York County is lower than in the state due to lower housing costs (Figure 36).

| Figure 36   | Fair market rent (FMR) housing costs (2013) |                                |                                         |                                                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
|             | Estimated mean renter wage                  | Two bedroom FMR cost per month | Income needed to afford two bedroom FMR | Work hours per week at mean renter wage to afford 2 bedroom FMR |
| York County | \$9.85                                      | \$628                          | \$25,120                                | 49                                                              |
| Nebraska    | \$10.61                                     | \$728                          | \$29,109                                | 53                                                              |

(National Low Income Housing Coalition)

The percentage of "crowded households" is lower in the City of York and York County compared to the state and the nation (Figure 37).

| Figure 37 | Crowded households (more than one occupant per room) (2012) |             |          |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------|
|           | City of York                                                | York County | Nebraska |
|           | 0.5%                                                        | 0.8%        | 1.8%     |

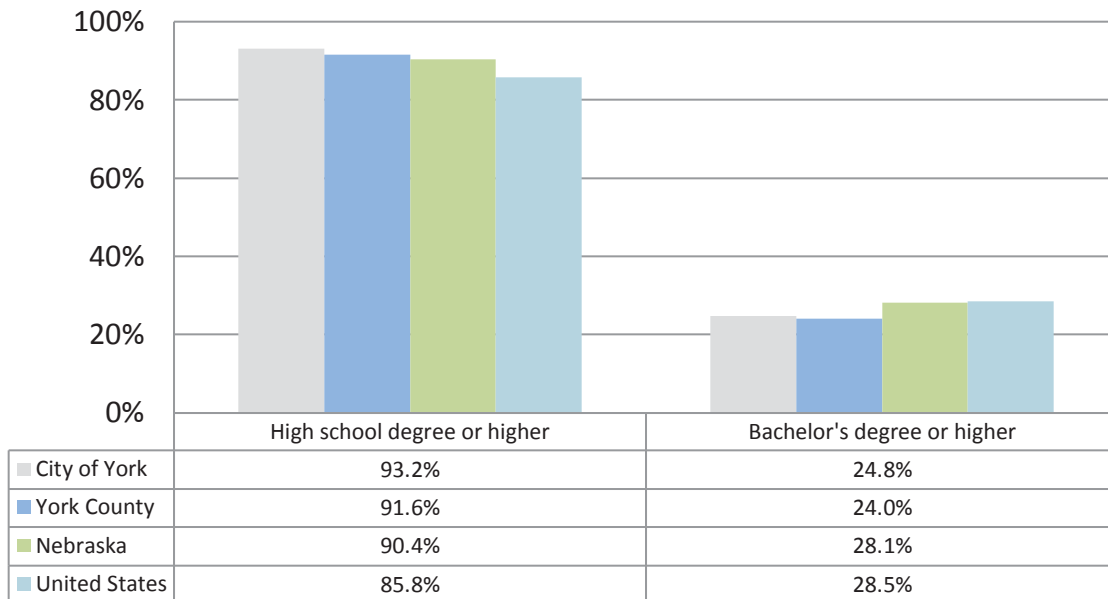
(U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates)



## Education

In the City of York and York County the percentage of the 25 and older population with a high school degree or higher is greater than the state and nation, but the percentage with a bachelor's degree or higher is lower (Figure 38).

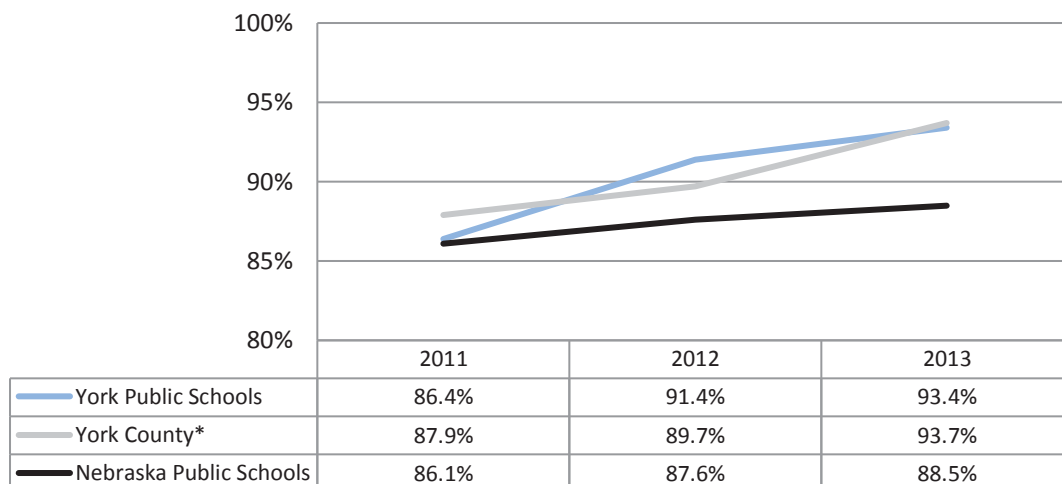
**Figure 38. Educational attainment of the 25 and older population**



(U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates)

The four-year high school graduation rates from 2011 to 2013 were higher in both York County and York Public Schools compared to the state (Figure 39).

**Figure 39. Four-year high school graduation rates (2011-2013)**

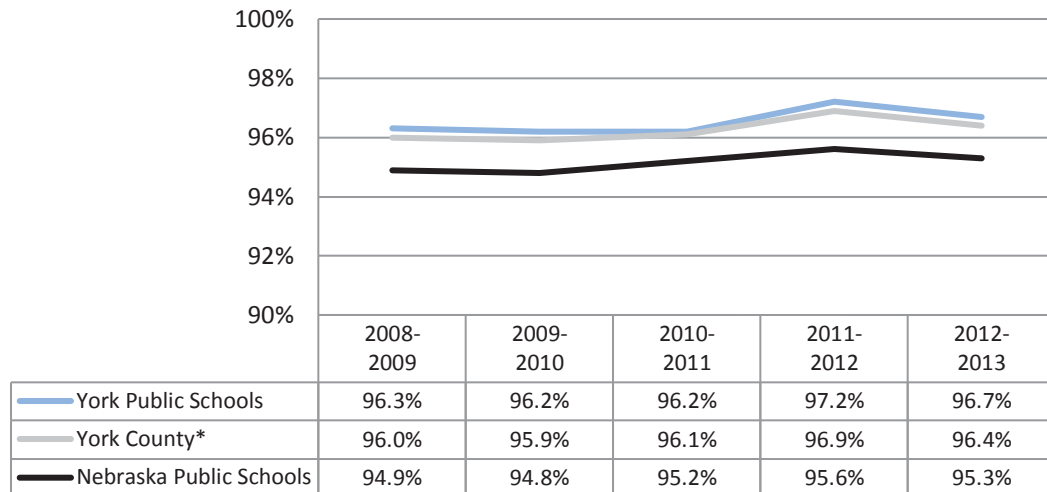


\*The source data are reported by school districts. County-level rates are calculated by taking the weighted average of all public school districts within a county.

(Nebraska Department of Education)

School attendance rates have been consistently higher in York Public Schools and York County compared to the state over the past five year, although the difference has been slight (Figure 40).

**Figure 40. School attendance rates (2008-2009 to 2012-2013)**

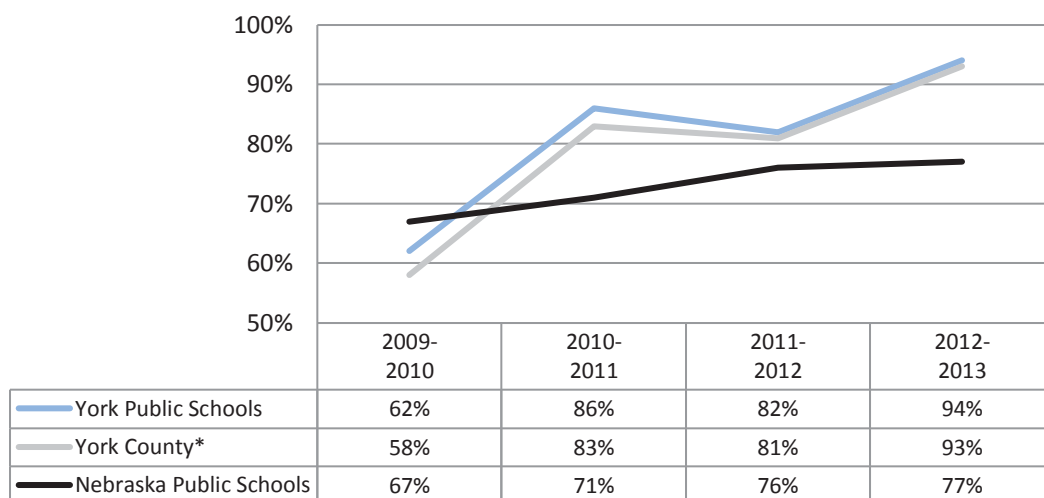


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(Nebraska Department of Education)

There has been a sharp increase since 2009-2010 in the percentage of York Public Schools and York County third graders who are proficient in reading at grade level. In 2012-2013, the rate for York Public Schools and York County third graders who were proficient in reading at grade level was considerably higher compared to their peers across the state (Figure 41).

**Figure 41. Percent of third grade children proficient in reading at grade level (2009-2010 to 2012-2013)**



\*The source data are reported by school districts. County-level rates are calculated by taking the weighted average of all public school districts within a county.

(Nebraska Department of Education)

Education statistics for the three public schools systems in York County are displayed below in Figure 42, with comparison to the state.

| Figure 42                      |                                    | Education statistics (2012-2013) |                                |                     |          |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
|                                |                                    | Heartland Community Schools      | McCool Junction Public Schools | York Public Schools | Nebraska |
| Nebraska Accountability Scores | % Proficient in reading            | 87%                              | 80%                            | 86%                 | 77%      |
|                                | % Proficient in mathematics        | 84%                              | 67%                            | 76%                 | 69%      |
|                                | % Proficient in science            | 82%                              | 60%                            | 83%                 | 68%      |
|                                | % Proficient in writing            | 83%                              | 90%                            | 70%                 | 70%      |
| Student Characteristics        | % Receiving free/reduced lunch     | 23.8%                            | 42.8%                          | 40.8%               | 44.2%    |
|                                | % of ELL students                  | _*                               | _*                             | 2.1%                | 6.0%     |
|                                | % School mobility rate             | 13.8%                            | 7.3%                           | 11.8%               | 11.4%    |
|                                | % of Students in special education | 20.4%                            | 14.4%                          | 16.6%               | 14.7%    |

\*Data has been masked to protect the identity of students if fewer than 10 students were reported in a group.

(Nebraska Department of Education)

## Child Protection and Safety

The rate of youth in foster care in York County has been higher than the state in each year from 2009 to 2012 (Figure 43).

| Figure 43   |  | Number and rate of youth in foster care per 1,000 population under 18 population (2009 to 2012) |             |             |             |
|-------------|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|             |  | 2009                                                                                            | 2010        | 2011        | 2012        |
| York County |  | 33 (10.8)                                                                                       | 29 (9.5)    | 29 (9.5)    | 33 (10.8)   |
| Nebraska    |  | 4,447 (9.2)                                                                                     | 4,300 (8.9) | 4,265 (8.8) | 3,892 (8.5) |

(Nebraska Foster Care Review Board)

The rate of substantiated cases of child abuse/neglect in York County was substantially higher than the state in each year from 2009 to 2012, but was lower than the state in 2013 (Figure 44).

| Figure 44   |  | Number and rate of substantiated cases of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 under 18 population (2009 to 2012) |              |             |             |             |
|-------------|--|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|             |  | 2009                                                                                                       | 2010         | 2011        | 2012        | 2013        |
| York County |  | 42 (13.7)                                                                                                  | 48 (15.7)    | 30 (9.8)    | 34 (11.1)   | 18 (5.9)    |
| Nebraska    |  | 3,520 (7.8)                                                                                                | 5,169 (10.6) | 3,410 (7.4) | 2,723 (5.5) | 2,892 (6.2) |

(Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services)

Offenses against families and children include arrests and citations for non-support, neglect, abuse, abandonment, and non-payment of alimony. The number of such offenses increased in 2011 and 2012 compared to previous years, rising above the rate for the state (Figure 45).

| <b>Figure 45</b>   | <b>Number and rate of arrests for offenses against families and children per 1,000 under 18 population (2009 to 2012)</b> |             |             |             |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                    | <b>2009</b>                                                                                                               | <b>2010</b> | <b>2011</b> | <b>2012</b> |
| <b>York County</b> | 8 (2.6)                                                                                                                   | 9 (2.9)     | 18 (5.9)    | 17 (5.6)    |
| <b>Nebraska*</b>   | 1,505 (3.4)                                                                                                               | 1,403 (3.1) | 1,366 (3.0) | 1,297 (2.8) |

\*Note that state-level data are under-reported due to some police departments opting not to submit arrest data to the Nebraska Crime Commission.

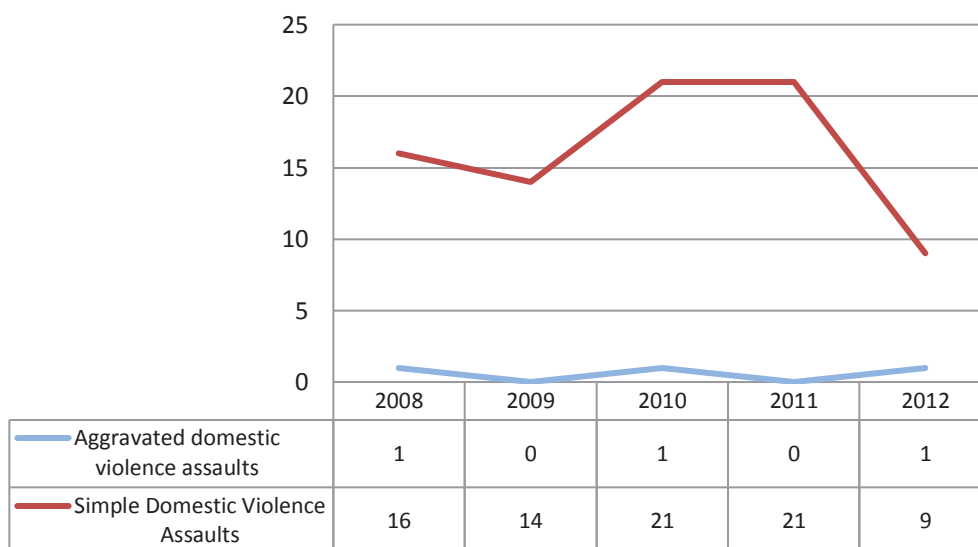
Note: York County rates based on 2010 U.S. Census population estimate.

(Nebraska Crime Commission)

## Domestic Violence

An aggravated assault is an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury, usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or a means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Simple assault includes all assaults that do not involve the use of a firearm, knife, cutting instrument, or other dangerous weapon and in which the victim did not sustain serious or aggravated injuries. The term domestic applies to the family or household members and includes a broad array of familial and dating relationships (Nebraska Crime Commission). The number of such domestic assaults in York County from 2008 to 2012 is displayed below in Figure 46.

**Figure 46. Domestic violence assault arrests in York County (2008 to 2012)**



(Nebraska Crime Commission)

The rate domestic violence assaults was lower in York County compared to Nebraska across the five-year period of 2008 to 2012 (Figure 47).

| <b>Figure 47</b>   | <b>Number and annual rate of domestic violence assaults per 1,000 population - five-year period (2008-2012)</b> |                                                          |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
|                    | <b>Simple domestic violence assaults (2008-2012)</b>                                                            | <b>Aggravated domestic violence assaults (2008-2012)</b> |
| <b>York County</b> | 81 (1.2)                                                                                                        | 3 (0.04)                                                 |
| <b>Nebraska*</b>   | 23,841 (2.6)                                                                                                    | 2,460 (0.3)                                              |

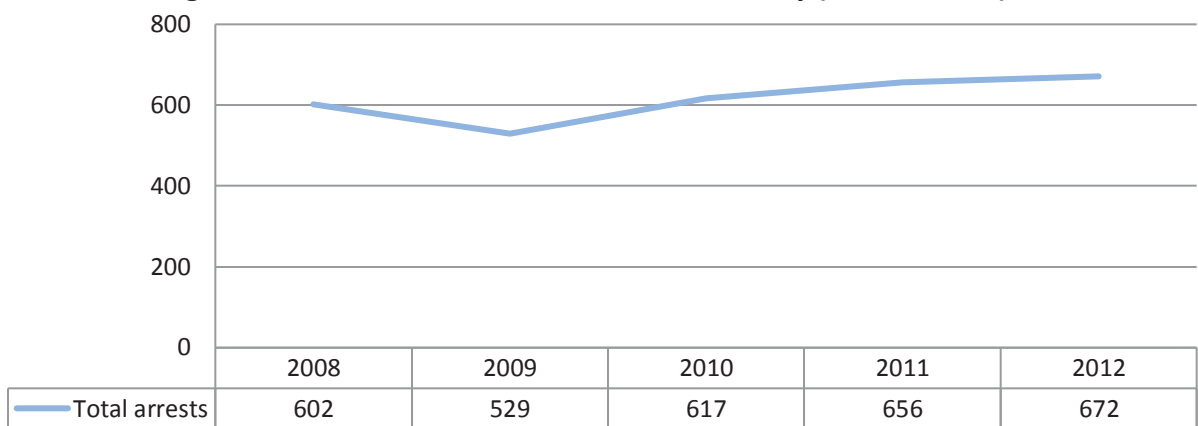
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(Nebraska Crime Commission)

## Arrests

The total number of arrests in York County from 2008 to 2012 is displayed below in Figure 48.

**Figure 48. Total number of arrests in York County (2008 to 2012)**



(Nebraska Crime Commission)

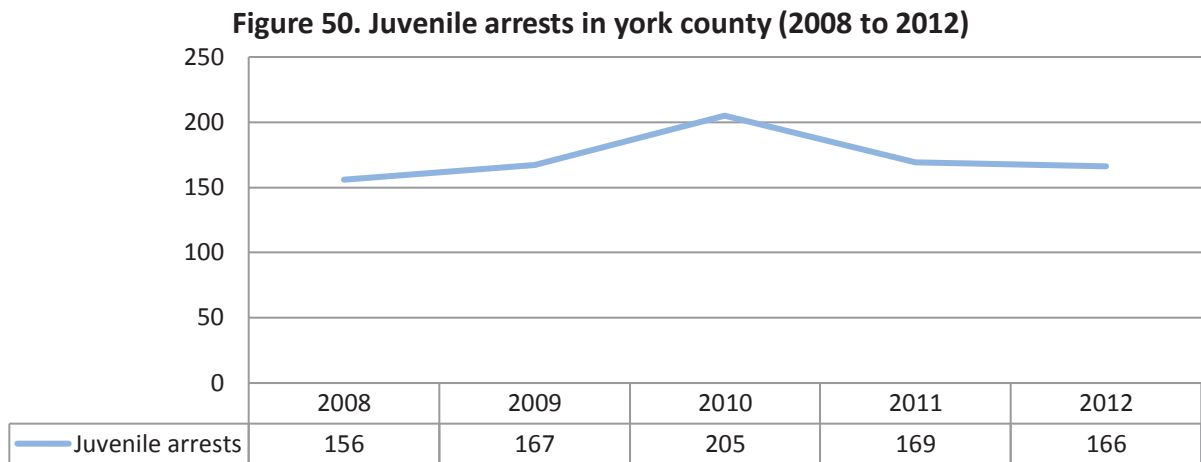
The rate of arrests across the five-year period of 2008 to 2012 is basically comparable between York County and Nebraska (Figure 49).

| <b>Figure 49</b> | <b>Number and annual rate of arrests per 1,000 population - five-year period (2008-2012)</b> |                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
|                  | <b>York County</b>                                                                           | <b>Nebraska*</b> |
|                  | 3,076 (44.2)                                                                                 | 425,407 (46.7)   |

\*Note that state-level data are under-reported due to some police departments opting not to submit arrest data to the Nebraska Crime Commission.

(Nebraska Crime Commission)

The total number of juvenile arrests in York County from 2008 to 2012 is displayed below in Figure 50.



(Nebraska Crime Commission)

The rate of juvenile arrests across the five-year period of 2008 to 2012 was notably higher in York County compared to the state (Figure 51).

| Figure 51 | Number and annual rate of juvenile arrests per 1,000 under 18 population - five-year period (2008-2012) |                  |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
|           | <b>York County</b>                                                                                      | <b>Nebraska*</b> |
|           | 866 (55.5)                                                                                              | 70,361 (30.9)    |

\*Note that state-level data are under-reported due to some police departments opting not to submit arrest data to the Nebraska Crime Commission.

(Nebraska Crime Commission)

The top three leading causes of juvenile arrests in York County in 2012 were runaway, simple assault, and vandalism (Figure 52).

| Figure 52 | Leading causes of juvenile arrests in York County (2012) |                          |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|           |                                                          | <b>Number of Arrests</b> |
|           | Runaway                                                  | 58                       |
|           | Simple Assault                                           | 31                       |
|           | Vandalism                                                | 24                       |
|           | Liquor Laws                                              | 13                       |
|           | Larceny                                                  | 10                       |
|           | Curfew                                                   | 10                       |
|           | Drug Abuse Violations                                    | 4                        |
|           | Disorderly Conduct                                       | 4                        |

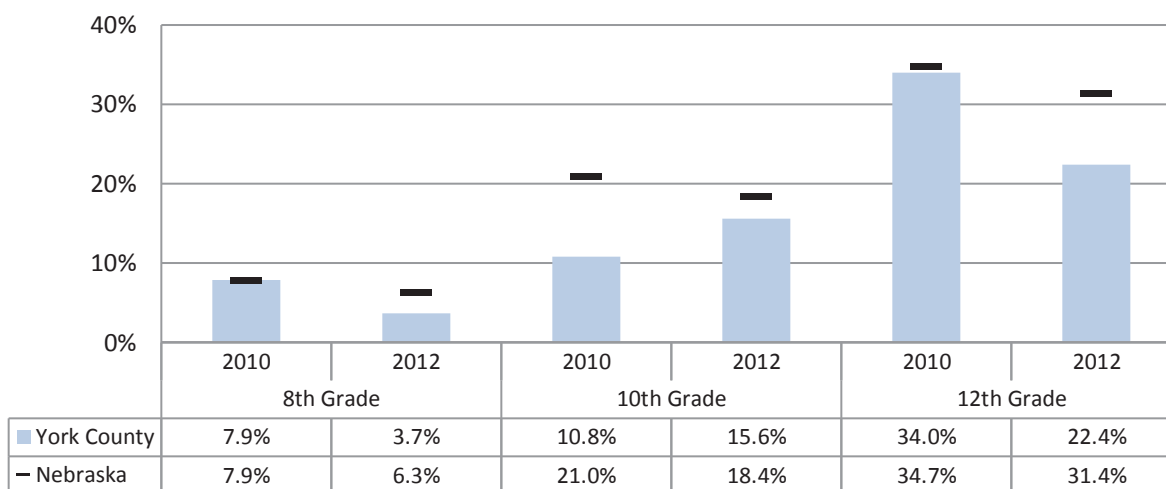
(Nebraska Crime Commission)

## Underage Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use

The Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey (NRPFSS) provides estimates on a variety of youth behaviors, including alcohol, tobacco, and drug use. There were 411 youth respondents from York County to the NRPFSS in 2010 and 392 in 2012, representing over 60% of the population of 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders.

In 2012, the reported rate of past 30-day alcohol use was lower for 8th, 10th, and 12th graders in York County compared to the state (Figure 53).

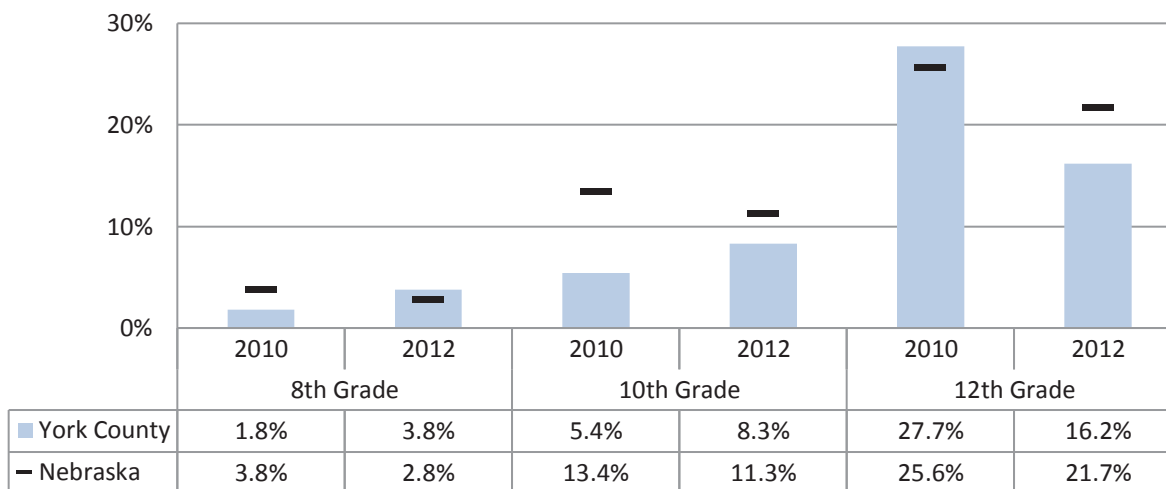
**Figure 53. Past 30-day alcohol use**



(Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Student Survey)

In 2012, 10th and 12th graders reported a lower rate of past 30-day binge drinking compared to the state, while 8th graders reported a slightly higher rate (Figure 54).

**Figure 54. Past 30-day binge drinking\***

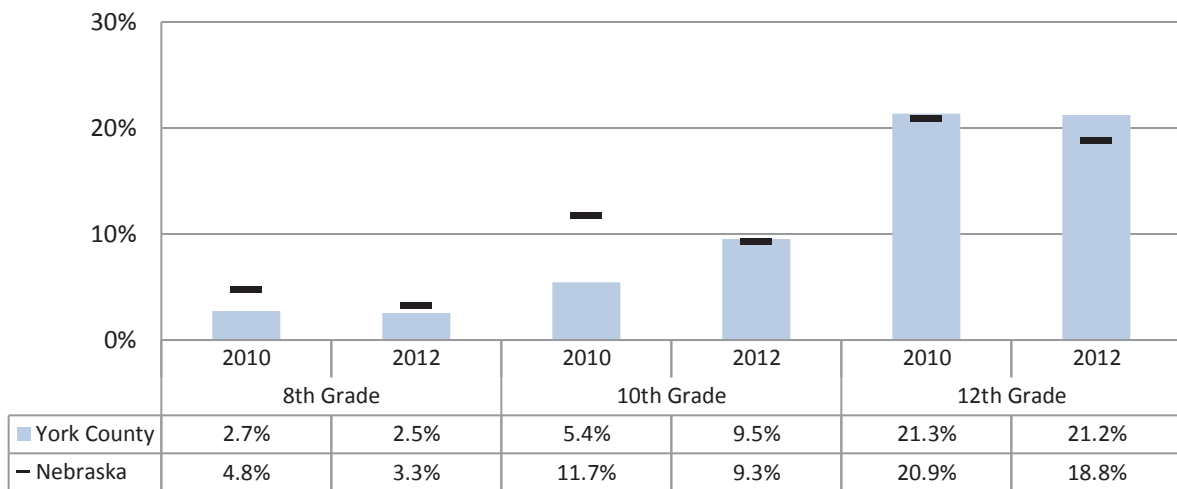


\*Binge drinking defined as five or more drinks in a row.

(Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Student Survey)

In 2012, the reported rates of past 30-day cigarette use were comparable to the state for York County 8th and 10th graders, but higher for 12th graders (Figure 55).

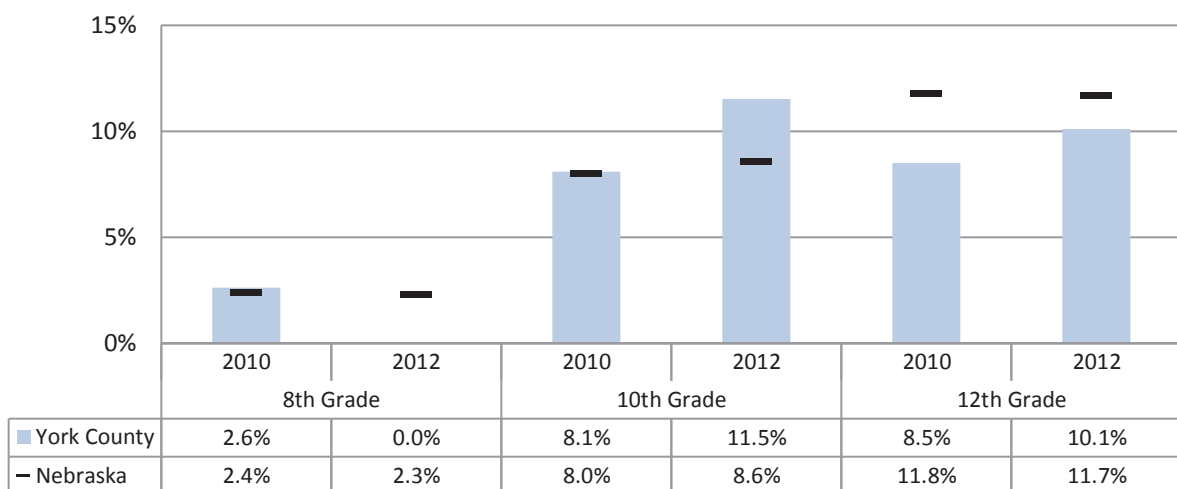
**Figure 55. Past 30-day cigarette use**



(Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Student Survey)

In 2012, the reported rates of past 30 day marijuana use was higher for York County 10th graders and lower for 8th and 12th graders as compared to the state. Marijuana use increased among York County 10th and 12th graders from 2010 to 2012 (Figure 56).

**Figure 56. Past 30-day marijuana use**

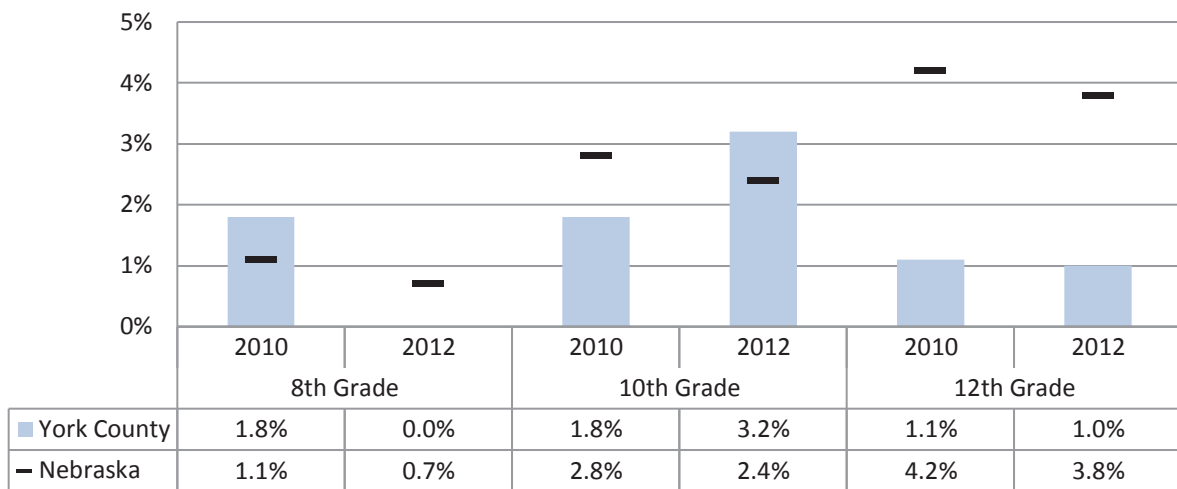


(Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Student Survey)



In 2012, the reported use of prescription drugs (not prescribed by a doctor) was higher for 10th graders and lower for 8th and 12th graders in York County compared to the state (Figure 57).

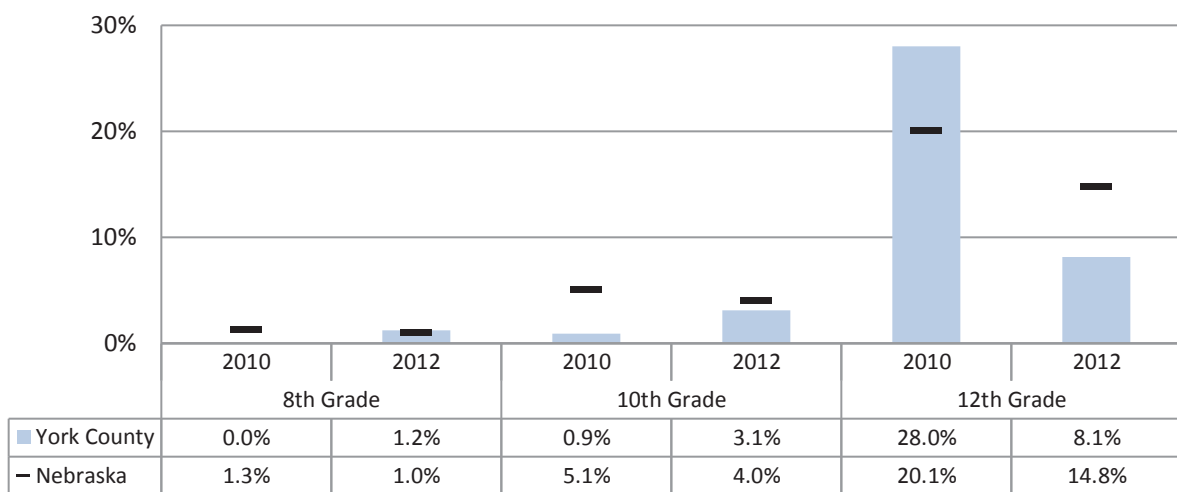
**Figure 57. Past 30-day prescription drug use (not prescribed by a doctor)**



(Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Student Survey)

In 2012, past year alcohol impaired driving was lower than the state for 12th graders and comparable to the state for 8th and 10th graders in York County. There was a notable decrease in the rate of 12th graders reporting alcohol impaired driving from 2010 to 2012 (Figure 58).

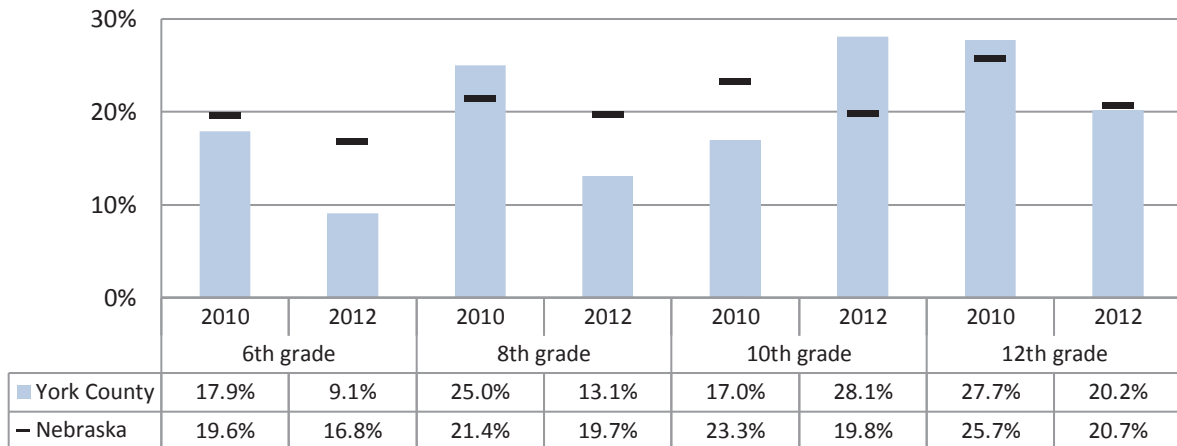
**Figure 58. Past year alcohol impaired driving**



(Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Student Survey)

In 2012, 9.1% of 6th graders, 13.1% of 8th graders, 28.1% of 10th graders, and 20.2% of 12th graders reported riding in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol in the past 30 days (Figure 59).

**Figure 59. Rode in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol in the past 30 days**



(Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Student Survey)

## Appendix

### 2012 Poverty Thresholds

The table below displays the 2010 U.S. Census household income thresholds for poverty. If a family's before tax income is less than the threshold, then that family and every individual in it is in poverty. The official poverty thresholds do not vary geographically, but they are updated for inflation using Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). The official poverty definition uses money income before taxes and does not include capital gains or noncash benefits (such as public housing, Medicaid, and food stamps).

#### Poverty Thresholds by Size of Family Unit

| Size of family unit               | Weighted Average Thresholds | Related children under 18 years |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |               |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
|                                   |                             | None                            | One      | Two      | Three    | Four     | Five     | Six      | Seven    | Eight or more |
| One person (unrelated individual) | \$11,720                    |                                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |               |
| Under 65 years                    | \$11,945                    | \$11,945                        |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |               |
| 65 years and over                 | \$11,011                    | \$11,011                        |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |               |
| Two people                        | \$14,937                    |                                 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |               |
| Householder under 65 years        | \$15,450                    | \$15,374                        | \$15,825 |          |          |          |          |          |          |               |
| Householder 65 years and over     | \$13,892                    | \$13,878                        | \$15,765 |          |          |          |          |          |          |               |
| Three people                      | \$18,284                    | \$17,959                        | \$18,480 | \$18,498 |          |          |          |          |          |               |
| Four people                       | \$23,492                    | \$23,681                        | \$24,069 | \$23,283 | \$23,364 |          |          |          |          |               |
| Five people                       | \$27,827                    | \$28,558                        | \$28,974 | \$28,087 | \$27,400 | \$26,981 |          |          |          |               |
| Six people                        | \$31,471                    | \$32,847                        | \$32,978 | \$32,298 | \$31,647 | \$30,678 | \$30,104 |          |          |               |
| Seven people                      | \$35,473                    | \$37,795                        | \$38,031 | \$37,217 | \$36,651 | \$35,594 | \$34,362 | \$33,009 |          |               |
| Eight people                      | \$39,688                    | \$42,271                        | \$42,644 | \$41,876 | \$41,204 | \$40,249 | \$39,038 | \$37,777 | \$37,457 |               |
| Nine people or more               | \$47,297                    | \$50,849                        | \$51,095 | \$50,416 | \$49,845 | \$48,908 | \$47,620 | \$46,454 | \$46,165 | \$44,387      |

### **Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals**

**Free Meal.** Children are categorically eligible for free meal benefits because they, or any household member, receive benefits under SNAP, FDPIR, TANF or Foster Child. Children from households with incomes at or below 130 percent of the Federal poverty level are eligible for free meals.

Children who are homeless, runaway, or migrant; foster child; enrolled in a Federally-funded Head Start Program or a comparable State funded Head Start Program or pre-kindergarten programs or in an Even Start Program are categorically eligible for free school meals.

**Reduced Price Meal** means a lunch or breakfast available for a child that meets USDA nutrition and food safety standards. A child eligible for a reduced price meal is based on family size and income. Children from households with incomes greater than 130 percent but no greater than 185 percent of the Federal poverty level are eligible for reduced price meals.

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