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As has been reported elsewhere, Nebraska saw a second consecutive decade of population growth between 2000 and 2010. The 2010 Census counted 1,826,341 Nebraskans, an increase of 6.7 percent (+115,076 residents) since the 2000 Census. This growth, while somewhat slower than the growth of 8.4 percent observed during the 1990's, was better than the Midwest regional average growth of 3.9 percent, and better than the growth of either Iowa or Kansas.

According to the University of Nebraska Center for Public Affairs Research, Nebraska's population growth during the last decade resulted from both a natural increase (excess of births over deaths) of about 109,500 and net immigration of about 5,600.

Nebraska's population growth was not, however, evenly distributed. As seen in Table 1 (on next page), eight of Nebraska's nine metropolitan counties grew during the last decade, while only nine of the state's 65 most rural counties saw their populations increase during the same period.

Metropolitan counties, which are now home to 58 percent of the state population saw a 13.7 percent growth, while non-metropolitan Nebraska's population declined by a net -1.3 percent. In non-metropolitan Nebraska, larger counties also had an advantage with micropolitan core counties growing by 3.1 percent, while very rural frontier counties saw their populations decline by -8.7 percent. These trends are summarized in Table 2 and Figure 1 (on following pages).

Hispanic or Latino Population

The Census identified 167,975 Nebraska residents of Hispanic or Latino origin, an increase of 77.9 percent over the population identified in 2000 (+73,550 residents). The growth in Latino population thus accounted for 63.9 per-

Market Report	Yr Ago	4 Wks Ago	4/8/11
<u>Livestock and Products,</u>			
<u>Weekly Average</u>			
Nebraska Slaughter Steers, 35-65% Choice, Live Weight.	\$100.57	\$119.00	\$123.34
Nebraska Feeder Steers, Med. & Large Frame, 550-600 lb.	131.36	152.46	166.11
Nebraska Feeder Steers, Med. & Large Frame 750-800 lb.	116.34	130.05	136.92
Choice Boxed Beef, 600-750 lb. Carcass.	164.80	177.34	191.36
Western Corn Belt Base Hog Price Carcass, Negotiated.	73.92	79.98	88.70
Feeder Pigs, National Direct 50 lbs, FOB.	67.50	*	*
Pork Carcass Cutout, 185 lb. Carcass, 51-52% Lean.	77.52	91.06	94.64
Slaughter Lambs, Ch. & Pr., Heavy, Wooled, South Dakota, Direct.	*	180.50	179.50
National Carcass Lamb Cutout, FOB.	287.68	377.76	399.22
<u>Crops,</u>			
<u>Daily Spot Prices</u>			
Wheat, No. 1, H.W. Imperial, bu.	3.73	6.69	7.89
Corn, No. 2, Yellow Omaha, bu.	3.35	6.29	7.44
Soybeans, No. 1, Yellow Omaha, bu.	9.43	13.09	13.69
Grain Sorghum, No. 2, Yellow Dorchester, cwt.	5.29	10.52	12.38
Oats, No. 2, Heavy Minneapolis, MN, bu.	2.15	3.41	3.93
<u>Feed</u>			
Alfalfa, Large Square Bales, Good to Premium, RFV 160-185 Northeast Nebraska, ton.	135.00	140.00	140.00
Alfalfa, Large Rounds, Good Platte Valley, ton.	87.50	72.50	72.50
Grass Hay, Large Rounds, Premium Nebraska, ton.	*	*	*
Dried Distillers Grains, 10% Moisture, Nebraska Average.	95.00	191.00	222.50
Wet Distillers Grains, 65-70% Moisture, Nebraska Average.	33.50	70.50	74.50
*No Market			



cent of total population growth in the state. Growth was much faster for Nebraska's Hispanic and Latino population as a result of both in-migration and the relatively high birth rate among this younger population.

Table 1. Population Change by County Type: 2000-2010

County Type*	Total Counties	Growing Counties	Declining Counties
Nebraska	93	24	69
Metropolitan	9	8	1
Micropolitan Core	10	7	3
Small Trade	24	5	19
Small Town	22	1	21
Frontier	28	3	25

Source: Bureau of the Census

* **Metropolitan Counties:** Having a population center of 50,000 or more, or a neighboring county sharing 20% or more of its labor force with the core county. **Micropolitan Core Counties:** Having a population center of 10,000 to 49,999. **Small Trade Center Counties:** Having a population center of 2,500 to 9,999. **Small Town Counties:** Having no population center as large as 2,500. **Frontier Counties:** Having no population center of 2,500 and a population density of less than six per square mile. Typology developed by Sam Cordes and Don Macke.

Latino population growth was much faster than growth in the general population within all Nebraska county types. Only eleven Nebraska counties experienced a decline in their Hispanic and Latino population between 2000 and 2010, while 24 counties saw that population grow by more than 100 percent.

Rapid growth in the Latino population did not necessarily lead to a large total Latino population. Growth of 1,550 percent in Boyd County was the result of only 31 new Latino residents, up from the two Latinos identified in the 2000 Census.

Latino growth, as with the general population, was fastest in metropolitan counties. The 2010 Census found just under 58 percent of the Hispanic and Latino population of Nebraska residing in metropolitan counties. These data are summarized in Table 3 and Figure 2 (on following pages).

Despite rapid growth in Nebraska's Hispanic and Latino population, they are not as a group particularly widespread. Rather, they are heavily concentrated in a small number of counties, with only 16 counties having ten percent or more of their total population comprised of Latinos.

Population under Age 18

As seen in Table 4 (on following page), Nebraska's youth population age 17 years and younger grew much less quickly than the state as a whole, increasing by only two percent (+8,979). Growth in Nebraska's youth population was largely limited to metropolitan counties, which saw a 10.5 percent increase, while non-metropolitan Nebraska saw a net loss of -8.5 percent.

Despite declining numbers, Nebraska's youth population remains above 20 percent in most Nebraska counties. The youth population is below 20 percent of the total population in only four Nebraska counties, and is above 30 percent in two.

Statewide, virtually all growth within the youth population is accounted for by growth within the Hispanic and Latino community. Nebraska's Latino youth numbers increased by 85.9 percent between the 2000 and 2010 censuses, while non-Latino youth saw a net decline of -5.6 percent during the same period. Growth in the non-Latino youth population was largely limited to metropolitan counties, while Latinos saw their youth population grow virtually everywhere in the state.

Latino youth now comprise about 23 percent of the total youth population in Nebraska's micropolitan core counties. This is roughly equivalent to the Latino percentage of youth nationally. This change in the ethnic composition of Nebraska's largest non-metropolitan centers is likely to have profound implications for education and the future labor force.

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Table 2. Change in Total Population by County Type: 2000-2010

County Type	Total Population 2010	Total Population 2000	Population Change	Percent Change
Nebraska	1,826,341	1,711,263	115,078	6.7
Metropolitan	1,071,368	942,503	128,865	13.7
Non-Metropolitan	754,973	768,760	-13,787	-1.8
Micropolitan Core	359,772	348,933	10,839	3.1
Small Trade	222,132	232,374	-10,242	-4.4
Small Town	121,072	130,641	-9,569	-7.3
Frontier	51,997	56,812	-4,815	-8.5

Source: Bureau of the Census

Table 3. Change in Hispanic/Latino Population by County Type: 2000 - 2010

County Type	Latino Population 2010	Latino Population 2000	Latino Population Change	Latino Percent Change
Nebraska	167,405	94,425	73,550	77.9
Metropolitan	95,813	50,593	45,220	89.4
Non-Metropolitan	71,592	43,832	28,330	63.3
Micropolitan Core	50,792	32,036	18,756	58.5
Small Trade	15,454	8,718	6,736	77.3
Small Town	3,228	1,670	1,558	93.3
Frontier	2,118	1,408	710	50.4

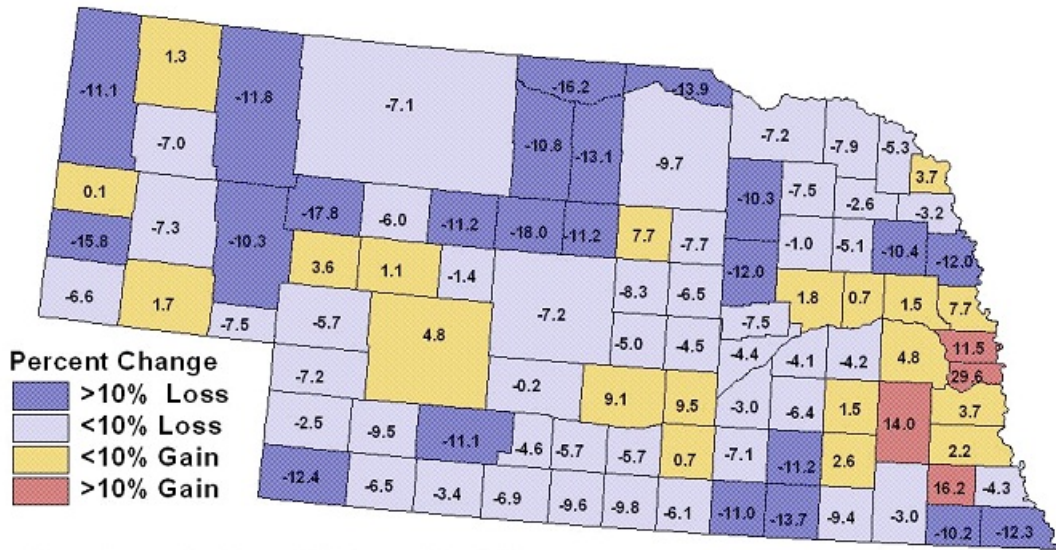
Source: Bureau of the Census

Table 4. Population Under Age 18 for Nebraska County Types

County Type	Total Population			Latino Population			Latino Percent of Youth Population	
	2000	2010	Percent Change	2000	2010	Percent Change	2000	2010
Nebraska	450,242	459,221	2.0	37,218	69,184	85.9	8.3	15.1
Metropolitan	248,823	275,018	10.5	19,225	39,094	103.3	7.7	14.2
Non-Metropolitan	201,419	184,203	-8.5	17,993	30,090	67.2	8.9	16.3
Micropolitan Core	91,580	90,883	-0.8	13,003	21,132	62.5	14.2	23.3
Small Trade	60,212	52,141	-13.4	3,536	6,498	83.8	5.9	12.5
Small Town	35,283	29,423	-16.6	839	1,540	83.6	2.4	5.2
Frontier	14,344	11,756	-18.0	615	920	49.6	4.3	7.8

Source: Bureau of the Census

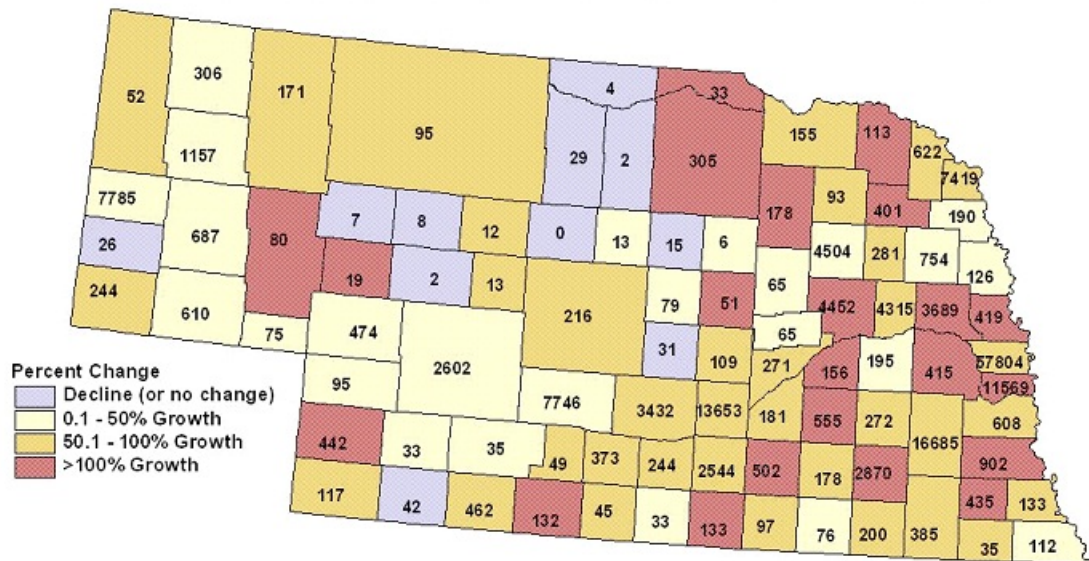
Change in Total Population Nebraska Counties: 2000 - 2010



Source: Bureau of the Census, 2010 Census of Population
Nebraska Change = 6.7%
Numbers in counties = % gain or loss

Figure 1.

Change in Hispanic/Latino Population Nebraska Counties: 2000 - 2010



Source: Bureau of the Census, 2010 Census of Population
Nebraska Change = 77.3%
Numbers in counties = total Hispanic/Latino Population

Figure 2.