

**VOLUME II:
LINCOLN COUNTY**

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Lincoln County

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Population Estimates

The Census Bureau's current census estimates indicate that Lincoln County's population decreased from 36,288 in 2010 to 35,550 in 2016, or by 2 percent. This compares to a statewide population change of 4.4 percent over the period. The number of people from 25 to 34 years of age decreased by 7.9 percent, and the number of people from 55 to 64 years of age increased by 4.9 percent. The white population decreased by 3.3 percent, while the black population increased by 27.8 percent. The Hispanic population increased from 2,602 to 2,999 people between 2010 and 2016 or by 15.3 percent. These data are presented in Table II.56.1.

Table II.56.1						
Profile of Population Characteristics						
Lincoln County vs. State of Nebraska						
2010 Census and 2016 Current Census Estimates						
Subject	Lincoln County			Nebraska		
	2010 Census	Jul-16	% Change	2010 Census	Jul-16	% Change
Population	36,288	35,550	-2%	1,826,341	1,907,116	4.4%
Age						
0 to 14 years	7,601	7,058	-7.1%	383,542	396,601	3.4%
15 to 24 years	4,328	4,197	-3%	258,206	269,442	4.4%
25 to 34 years	4,416	4,068	-7.9%	245,176	252,946	3.2%
35 to 44 years	4,261	4,360	2.3%	220,838	230,528	4.4%
45 to 54 years	5,180	4,328	-16.4%	258,726	229,683	-11.2%
55 to 64 years	4,854	5,091	4.9%	213,176	241,172	13.1%
65 and Over	5,648	6,448	14.2%	246,677	286,744	16.2%
Race						
White	35,100	33,946	-3.3%	1,649,264	1,694,976	2.8%
Black	277	354	27.8%	85,971	94,620	10.1%
American Indian and Alaskan Native	273	370	35.5%	23,418	27,318	16.7%
Asian	201	332	65.2%	33,322	47,282	41.9%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	18	27	50%	2,061	2,425	17.7%
Two or more races	419	521	24.3%	32,305	40,495	25.4%
Ethnicity (of any race)						
Hispanic or Latino	2,602	2,999	15.3%	167,405	203,320	21.5%

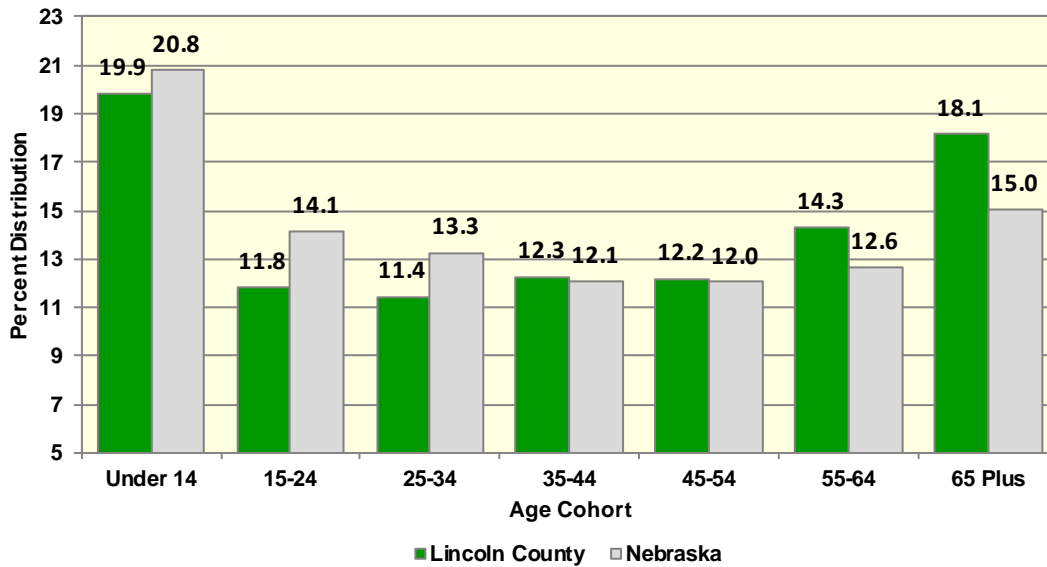
Table II.56.2, presents the population of Lincoln County by age and gender from the 2010 Census and 2016 current census estimates. The 2010 Census count showed a total of 17,941 males, who accounted for 49.4 percent of the population, and the remaining 50.6 percent, or 18,347 persons, were female. In 2016, the number of males was 17,589 persons, and accounted for 49.5 percent of the population, with the remaining 50.5 percent, or 17,961 persons being female.



Table II.56.2 Population by Age and Gender Lincoln County 2010 Census and Current Census Estimates							
Age	2010 Census			2016 Current Census Estimates			% Change 10-16
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
0 to 14 years	3,898	3,703	7,601	3,574	3,484	7,058	-7.1%
15 to 24 years	2,231	2,097	4,328	2,155	2,042	4,197	-3%
25 to 34 years	2,209	2,207	4,416	2,027	2,041	4,068	-7.9%
35 to 44 years	2,181	2,080	4,261	2,196	2,164	4,360	2.3%
45 to 54 years	2,562	2,618	5,180	2,204	2,124	4,328	-16.4%
55 to 64 years	2,436	2,418	4,854	2,514	2,577	5,091	4.9%
65 and Over	2,424	3,224	5,648	2,919	3,529	6,448	-2.0%
Total	17,941	18,347	36,288	17,589	17,961	35,550	-2%
% of Total	49.4%	50.6%	.	49.5%	50.5%	.	

Diagram II.56.1
Age Distribution

Lincoln County
 Nebraska DOT Data: 2008 – First Half 2017



Population Migration Trends

Total population change is a combination of births, deaths, and the net migration of those arriving in and leaving the state. The result of births minus deaths is termed the “natural increase.” As calculated from data shown in Table II.56.3, from April 2000 to July 2009, Lincoln County natural increase was estimated to be 1,409 people. Lincoln County has been experiencing net out-migration, with 371 persons leaving the county in the last nine years.³³ The 2016 population estimates showed a natural increase of 425 persons. Between 2010 and 2016, Lincoln County’s population decreased to 35,550 persons.

Table II.56.3	
Population Change	
Lincoln County	
1980–2010 Census and Intercensal Data	
1980 Population	36,455
Natural Increase 80–90	2,447
Net Migration 80–90	-6,394
1990 Population	32,508
Natural Increase 90–00	1,096
Net Migration 90–00	1,028
2000 Population	34,632
Natural Increase 00–09	1,409
Net Migration 00–09	-371
2009 Population Estimate	35,670
2010 Population	36,288
Natural Increase 10–16	425
Net Migration 10–16	-1,163
2016 Population Estimate	35,550

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (DOT)’s Department of Motor Vehicles provides another source of information about migration trends. These data represent the net of driver’s license exchanges: licenses issued to new residents of Nebraska and licenses surrendered to other states when Nebraska residents relocate to a new state. Known as the driver’s license exchange data, these records show that the net change in Lincoln County increased from 50 persons in 2015 to 64 persons in 2016, with an additional net movement of 64 in the first six months of 2017. The driver’s license total exchanges for the last 16 years are presented in Table II.56.4.

Table II.56.4			
Driver's Licenses Exchanged and Surrendered			
Lincoln County			
2001–First half of 2017 DOT Data			
Year	In-Migrants	Out-Migrants	Net Change
Calendar 2001	548	607	-59
Calendar 2002	639	467	172
Calendar 2003	588	391	197
Calendar 2004	592	500	92
Calendar 2005	604	486	118
Calendar 2006	609	526	83
Calendar 2007	656	508	148
Calendar 2008	535	502	33
Calendar 2009	499	422	77
Calendar 2010	719	532	187
Calendar 2011	495	403	92
Calendar 2012	576	411	165
Calendar 2013	498	451	47
Calendar 2014	534	469	65
Calendar 2015	545	495	50
Calendar 2016	571	507	64
First Half of 2017	294	230	64

³³ Net migration includes a residual, a change the Census Bureau has not attributed to any cause.

School Age Enrollment

According to the Nebraska Department of Education (DOE), the total number of school-age children in Lincoln County increased by 6.1 percent from 5,586 in 2016 to 5,927 in 2017, as shown in Table II.56.5. The number of school-age children 5 to 11 years of age increased from 2,936 in 2016 to 2,941 in 2017.

Census Demographic Data

In the 1980, 1990, and 2000 decennial censuses, the Census Bureau released several tabulations in addition to the full SF1 100 percent count data including the one-in-six SF3 sample. These additional samples, such as the SF3, asked supplementary questions regarding income and household attributes that were not asked in the 100 percent count. In the 2010 decennial census, the Census Bureau did not collect additional sample data, such as the SF3, and thus many important housing and income concepts are not available in the 2010 Census.

Table II.56.5 School-Age Children Lincoln County Academic Years 1992–2017 DOE Data				
Year	Age Group			Total
	5–11	11–13	14–18	
1992	4,153	1,146	2,636	7,935
1993	4,264	1,177	2,719	8,160
1994	4,309	1,229	2,782	8,320
1995	4,377	1,215	2,951	8,543
1996	4,466	1,284	3,090	8,840
1997	4,547	1,265	3,129	8,941
1998	4,370	1,275	3,145	8,790
1999	4,219	1,208	3,052	8,479
2000	3,998	1,164	3,138	8,300
2001	3,797	1,060	2,829	7,686
2002	3,820	1,058	2,805	7,683
2003	3,622	1,128	2,652	7,402
2004	3,652	1,165	2,693	7,510
2005	3,944	1,158	2,780	7,882
2006	3,986	1,191	2,813	7,990
2007	3,597	983	2,601	7,181
2008	3,864	1,095	2,778	7,737
2009	4,080	1,122	2,840	8,042
2010	4,185	1,140	2,929	8,254
2011	4,299	1,229	2,926	8,454
2012	4,513	1,315	2,960	8,788
2013	4,620	1,377	3,114	9,111
2014	4,657	1,395	3,226	9,278
2015	4,812	1,361	3,376	9,549
2016	2,936	851	1,799	5,586
2017	2,941	881	2,105	5,927

To study these important concepts the Census Bureau distributes the American Community Survey every year to a sample of the population and quantifies the results as one-, three- and five-year averages. The one-year sample only includes responses from the year the survey was implemented, while the five-year sample includes responses over a five-year period. Since the five-year estimates include more responses, the estimates can be tabulated down to the Census tract level, and considered more robust than the one or three year sample estimates.

Population Characteristics

Table II.56.6, shows population by age for the 2000 and 2010 Census. The population changed by 4.8 percent overall between 2000 and 2010. Various age cohorts changed at different rates. The elderly population, or persons aged 65 or older, changed by 7.7 percent to a total of 5,648 persons in 2010. Those aged 25 to 34 changed by 7.9 percent, and those aged under 5 changed by 12.3 percent.

Table II.56.6 Population by Age Lincoln County 2000 & 2010 Census SF1 Data					
Age	2000 Census		2010 Census		% Change 00–10
	Population	% of Total	Population	% of Total	
Under 5	2,287	6.6%	2,569	7.1%	12.3%
5 to 19	7,783	22.5%	7,437	20.5%	-4.4%
20 to 24	1,893	5.5%	1,923	5.3%	1.6%
25 to 34	4,093	11.8%	4,416	12.2%	7.9%
35 to 54	10,132	29.3%	9,441	26%	-6.8%
55 to 64	3,201	9.2%	4,854	13.4%	51.6%
65 or Older	5,243	15.1%	5,648	15.6%	7.7%
Total	34,632	100.0%	36,288	100.0%	4.8%

The elderly population is further explored in Table II.56.7. Those aged 65 to 66 changed by 28 percent between 2000 and 2010, resulting in a population of 681 persons. Those aged 85 or older changed by 9.7 percent during the same time period, and resulted in 850 persons over age 85 in 2010.

Table II.56.7 Elderly Population by Age Lincoln County 2000 & 2010 Census SF1 Data					
Age	2000 Census		2010 Census		% Change 00–10
	Population	% of Total	Population	% of Total	
65 to 66	532	10.1%	681	12.1%	28%
67 to 69	827	15.8%	891	15.8%	7.7%
70 to 74	1,304	24.9%	1,250	22.1%	-4.1%
75 to 79	1,048	20%	1,061	18.8%	1.2%
80 to 84	757	14.4%	915	16.2%	20.9%
85 or Older	775	14.8%	850	15%	9.7%
Total	5,243	100.0%	5,648	100.0%	7.7%

Population by race and ethnicity is shown in Table II.56.8, with the white population representing 94.3 percent in 2010. The black population changed by 39.4 percent, representing 0.7 percent of the population in 2010. The American Indian and Asian populations represented 0.6 and 0.5 percent, respectively, in 2010. As for ethnicity, the Hispanic population changed by 38.4 percent between 2000 and 2010, compared to the 2.9 percent growth rate for non-Hispanics.

Table II.56.8 Population by Race and Ethnicity Lincoln County 2000 & 2010 Census SF1 Data					
Race	2000 Census		2010 Census		% Change 00–10
	Population	% of Total	Population	% of Total	
White	32,795	94.7%	34,229	94.3%	4.4%
Black	188	0.5%	262	0.7%	39.4%
American Indian	175	0.5%	214	0.6%	22.3%
Asian	129	0.4%	199	0.5%	54.3%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	8	0%	6	0%	-25%
Other	918	2.7%	854	2.4%	-7%
Two or More Races	419	1.2%	524	1.4%	25.1%
Total	34,632	100.0%	36,288	100.0%	4.8%
Hispanic	1,880	5.4%	2,602	7.2%	38.4%
Non-Hispanic	32,752	94.6%	33,686	92.8%	2.9%



Population by race and ethnicity through 2016 is shown in Table II.56.9. The white population represented 95.5 percent of the population in 2016, compared with the black population accounting for 1 percent of the population. Hispanic population represented 8.1 percent of the population in 2016.

Table II.56.9				
Population by Race and Ethnicity				
Lincoln County				
2010 Census & 2016 Five-Year ACS				
Race	2010 Census		2016 Five-Year ACS	
	Population	% of Total	Population	% of Total
White	34,229	94.3%	34,157	95.5%
Black	262	0.7%	363	1%
American Indian	214	0.6%	106	0.3%
Asian	199	0.5%	226	0.6%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	6	0%	7	0%
Other	854	2.4%	270	0.8%
Two or More Races	524	1.4%	648	1.8%
Total	36,288	100.0%	35,777	100.0%
Non-Hispanic	33,686	92.8%	32,889	91.9%
Hispanic	2,602	7.2%	2,888	8.1%

The population by race is broken down further by ethnicity in Table II.56.10. While the white non-Hispanic population changed by 2.1 percent between 2000 and 2010, the white Hispanic population changed by 105.8 percent. The black non-Hispanic population changed by 31.3 percent, while the black Hispanic population changed by 200 percent.

Table II.56.10					
Population by Race and Ethnicity					
Lincoln County					
2000 & 2010 Census Data					
Race	2000		2010 Census		% Change 00 - 10
	Population	% of Total	Population	% of Total	
Non-Hispanic					
White	32,072	97.9%	32,741	97.2%	2.1%
Black	179	0.5%	235	0.7%	31.3%
American Indian	137	0.4%	162	0.5%	18.2%
Asian	129	0.4%	192	0.6%	48.8%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	2	0%	5	0%	150%
Other	5	0%	19	0.1%	280%
Two or More Races	228	0.7%	332	1%	45.6%
Total Non-Hispanic	32,752	100.0%	33,686	100.0%	2.9%
Hispanic					
White	723	38.5%	1,488	57.2%	105.8%
Black	9	0.5%	27	1%	200%
American Indian	38	2%	52	2%	36.8%
Asian	0	0%	7	0.3%	%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	6	0.3%	1	0%	-83.3%
Other	913	48.6%	835	32.1%	-8.5%
Two or More Races	191	10.2%	192	7.4%	0.5%
Total Hispanic	1,880	100.0%	2,602	100.0%	38.4%
Total Population	34,632	100.0%	36,288	100.0%	4.8%

The change in race and ethnicity between 2010 and 2016 is shown in Table II.56.11. During this time, the total non-Hispanic population was 32,889 persons in 2016. The Hispanic population was 2,888.

Table II.56.11				
Population by Race and Ethnicity				
Lincoln County				
2010 Census & 2016 Five-Year ACS				
Race	2010 Census		2016 Five-Year ACS	
	Population	% of Total	Population	% of Total
Non-Hispanic				
White	32,741	97.2%	31,735	96.5%
Black	235	0.7%	297	0.9%
American Indian	162	0.5%	75	0.2%
Asian	192	0.6%	218	0.7%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	5	0%	7	0%
Other	19	0.1%	11	0%
Two or More Races	332	1%	546	1.7%
Total Non-Hispanic	33,686	100.0%	32,889	100.0%
Hispanic				
White	1,488	57.2%	2,422	83.9%
Black	27	1%	66	2.3%
American Indian	52	2%	31	1.1%
Asian	7	0.3%	8	0.3%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	1	0%	0	0%
Other	835	32.1%	259	9%
Two or More Races	192	7.4%	102	3.5%
Total Hispanic	2,602	100.0	2,888	100.0%
Total Population	36,288	100.0%	35,777	100.0%

Households by type and tenure are shown in Table II.56.12. Family households represented 64.4 percent of households, while non-family households accounted for 35.6 percent. These changed from 65 and 35 percent, respectively.

Table II.56.12				
Household Type by Tenure				
Lincoln County				
2010 Census SF1 & 2016 Five-Year ACS Data				
Household Type	2010 Census		2016 Five-Year ACS	
	Households	Households	Households	% of Total
Family Households	9,767	65%	9,636	64.4%
Married-Couple Family	7,776	79.6%	7,669	79.6%
Owner-Occupied	6,616	85.1%	6,249	81.5%
Renter-Occupied	1,160	14.9%	1,420	18.5%
Other Family	1,991	20.4%	1,967	20.7%
Male Householder, No Spouse Present	650	32.6%	629	33%
Owner-Occupied	371	57.1%	321	51%
Renter-Occupied	279	42.9%	308	49%
Female Householder, No Spouse Present	1,341	67.4%	1,338	68.2%
Owner-Occupied	568	42.4%	612	45.7%
Renter-Occupied	773	57.6%	726	54.3%
Non-Family Households	5,258	35%	5,329	35.6%
Owner-Occupied	2,561	48.7%	2,634	49.4%
Renter-Occupied	2,697	51.3%	2,695	50.6%
Total	15,025	100.0%	14,965	100.0%

The group quarters population was 642 in 2010, compared to 670 in 2000. Institutionalized populations experienced a 0.3 percent change between 2000 and 2010. Non-Institutionalized populations experienced a -10.4 percent change during this same time period.

Table II.56.13					
Group Quarters Population					
Lincoln County					
2000 & 2010 Census SF1 Data					
Group Quarters Type	2000 Census		2010 Census		% Change 00-10
	Population	% of Total	Population	% of Total	
Institutionalized					
Correctional Institutions	73	18.7%	59	15.1%	-19.2%
Juvenile Facilities	.	.	16	4.1%	.
Nursing Homes	313	80.1%	317	80.9%	1.3%
Other Institutions	5	1.3%	0	0%	-100%
Total	391	100.0%	392	100.0%	0.3%
Non-Institutionalized					
College Dormitories	65	23.3%	159	63.6%	144.6%
Military Quarters	0	0%	0	0%	%
Other Non-Institutionalized	214	76.7%	91	36.4%	-57.5%
Total	279	100.0%	250	100.0%	-10.4%
Group Quarters Population	670	100.0%	642	100.0%	-4.2%

The number of foreign born persons are shown in Table II.56.14. An estimated 0.5 percent of the population was born in Mexico with 0.3 percent born in China excluding Hong Kong and Taiwan and another 0.2 percent were born in Ethiopia.

Table II.56.14			
Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population			
Lincoln County			
2016 Five-Year ACS			
Number	Country	Number of Persons	Percent of Total Population
#1 country of origin	Mexico	193	0.5%
#2 country of origin	China excluding Hong Kong and Taiwan	91	0.3%
#3 country of origin	Ethiopia	75	0.2%
#4 country of origin	Canada	50	0.1%
#5 country of origin	Taiwan	45	0.1%
#6 country of origin	Ghana	34	0.1%
#7 country of origin	Ukraine	27	0.1%
#8 country of origin	Romania	18	0.1%
#9 country of origin	England	15	0%
#10 country of origin	Nicaragua	15	0%

Limited English Proficiency and the language spoken at home are shown in Table II.56.15. An estimated 0.4 percent of the population speaks Chinese at home, followed by 0.3 percent speaking Spanish .

Table II.56.15 Limited English Proficiency and Language Spoken at Home Lincoln County 2016 Five-Year ACS			
Number	Country	Number of Persons	Percent of Total Population
#1 LEP Language	Chinese	139	0.4%
#2 LEP Language	Spanish	117	0.3%
#3 LEP Language	Russian, Polish, or other Slavic languages	27	0.1%
#4 LEP Language	Other and unspecified languages	8	0%
#5 LEP Language	French, Haitian, or Cajun	3	0%
#6 LEP Language	Arabic	0	0%
#7 LEP Language	German or other West Germanic languages	0	0%
#8 LEP Language	Korean	0	0%
#9 LEP Language	Other Asian and Pacific Island languages	0	0%
#10 LEP Language	Other Indo-European languages	0	0%

Disability

The disability rate from the 2000 Census is shown in Table II.56.16. Some 19.9 percent of the population was disabled in 2000, or a total of 6,347 persons. The disability rate was highest for those over 65, with 39.2 percent disabled.

Table II.56.16 Disability by Age Lincoln County 2000 Census SF3 Data		
Age	Total	
	Disabled Population	Disability Rate
5 to 15	345	6.2%
16 to 64	4,043	18.9%
65 and older	1,959	39.2%
Total	6,347	19.9%

Table II.56.17 shows disability by type in 2000. There were 2,816 physical disabilities in 2000, some 2,461 employment disabilities, and 1,828 go-outside-home disabilities.

Table II.56.17 Total Disabilities Tallied: Aged 5 and Older Lincoln County 2000 Census SF3 Data	
Disability Type	Population
Sensory disability	1,514
Physical disability	2,816
Mental disability	1,560
Self-care disability	722
Employment disability	2,461
Go-outside-home disability	1,828
Total	10,901



Disability by age, as estimated by the 2016 ACS, is shown in Table II.56.18. The disability rate for females was 14.9 percent, compared to 14.3 percent for males. The disability rate changed precipitously higher with age, with 54.8 percent of those over 75 experiencing a disability.

Table II.56.18						
Disability by Age						
Lincoln County						
2016 Five-Year ACS Data						
Age	Male		Female		Total	
	Disabled Population	Disability Rate	Disabled Population	Disability Rate	Disabled Population	Disability Rate
Under 5	2	0.2%	24	2.2%	26	1.2%
5 to 17	145	4.5%	315	9.7%	460	7.1%
18 to 34	251	7.2%	166	4.9%	417	6.1%
35 to 64	1,030	14.8%	963	13.7%	1,993	14.3%
65 to 74	403	26.3%	364	22.8%	767	24.5%
75 or Older	665	59.1%	838	51.9%	1,503	54.8%
Total	2,496	14.3%	2,670	14.9%	5,166	14.6%

The number of disabilities by type, as estimated by the 2016 ACS, is shown in Table II.56.19. Some 8.3 percent have an ambulatory disability, 5.5 have an independent living disability, and 2.8 percent have a self-care disability.

Table II.56.19		
Total Disabilities Tallied: Aged 5 and Older		
Lincoln County		
2016 Five-Year ACS		
Disability Type	Population with Disability	Percent with Disability
Hearing disability	1,912	5.4%
Vision disability	1,056	3%
Cognitive disability	1,735	5.2%
Ambulatory disability	2,740	8.3%
Self-Care disability	917	2.8%
Independent living disability	1,461	5.5%

Education

Education and employment data, as estimated by the 2016 ACS, is presented in Table II.56.20 and Table II.56.21. In 2016, some 17,810 persons were employed and 570 were unemployed. This totaled a labor force of 18,380 persons. The unemployment rate for Lincoln County was estimated to be 3.1 in 2016.

Table II.56.20	
Employment, Labor Force and Unemployment	
Lincoln County	
2016 Five-Year ACS Data	
Employment Status	2016 Five-Year ACS
Employed	17,810
Unemployed	570
Labor Force	18,380
Unemployment Rate	3.1%



In 2016, 92.3 percent of households in Lincoln County had a high school education or greater.

Table II.56.21	
High School or Greater Education	
Lincoln County 2016 Five-Year ACS Data	
Education Level	Households
High School or Greater	13,815
Total Households	14,965
Percent High School or Above	92.3%

As seen in Table II.56.22, 30.4 percent of the population had a high school diploma or equivalent, another 40.3 percent have some college, 13.9 percent have a Bachelor's Degree, and 5.9 percent of the population had a graduate or professional degree.

Table II.56.22		
Educational Attainment		
Lincoln County 2016 Five-Year ACS Data		
Education Level	Population	Percent
Less Than High School	2,564	9.5%
High School or Equivalent	8,224	30.4%
Some College or Associates Degree	10,919	40.3%
Bachelor's Degree	3,777	13.9%
Graduate or Professional Degree	1,608	5.9%
Total Population Above 18 years	27,092	100.0%

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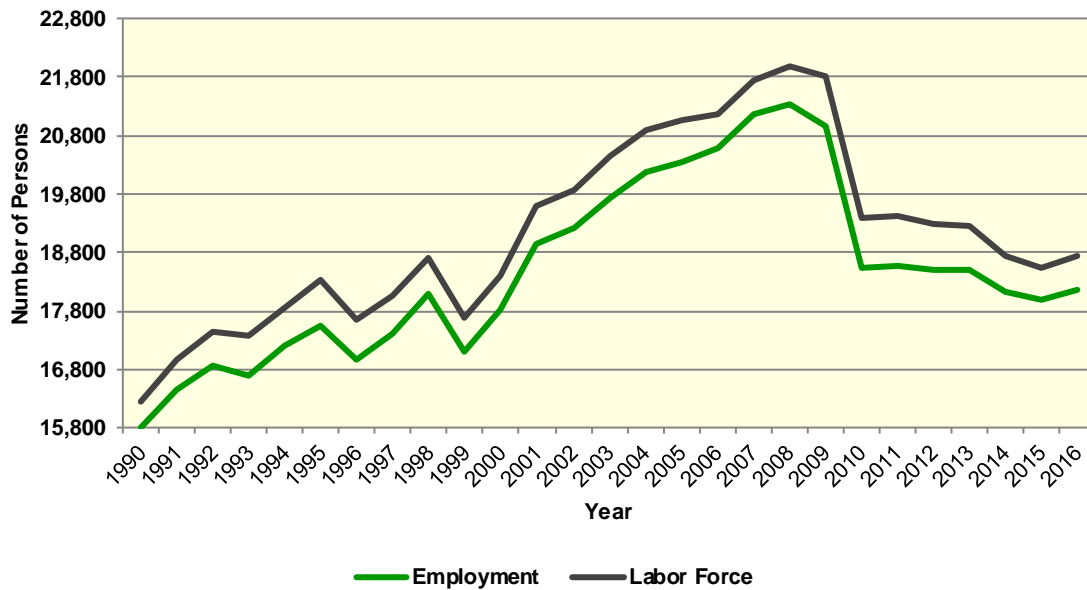
Labor Force

Table II.56.23, shows the labor force statistics for Lincoln County from 1990 to the present. Over the entire series the lowest unemployment rate occurred in 2007 with a rate of 2.6. The highest level of unemployment occurred during 2010 rising to a rate of 4.5. This compared to a statewide low of 2.3 in 1990 and statewide high of 4.6 in 2009. Over the last year the unemployment rate in Lincoln County increased from 2.9 percent in 2015 to 3.2 percent in 2016, which compared to a statewide increase to 3.2 percent.

Table II.56.23 Labor Force Statistics Lincoln County 1990 - 2016 BLS Data					
Year	Lincoln County				Statewide
	Unemployment	Employment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate	Unemployment Rate
1990	450	15,814	16,264	2.8%	2.3%
1991	500	16,456	16,956	2.9%	2.7%
1992	561	16,871	17,432	3.2%	2.9%
1993	666	16,701	17,367	3.8%	2.8%
1994	649	17,210	17,859	3.6%	2.6%
1995	765	17,556	18,321	4.2%	2.6%
1996	675	16,981	17,656	3.8%	2.7%
1997	647	17,423	18,070	3.6%	2.5%
1998	638	18,077	18,715	3.4%	2.6%
1999	573	17,102	17,675	3.2%	2.8%
2000	587	17,803	18,390	3.2%	2.8%
2001	625	18,956	19,581	3.2%	3.1%
2002	654	19,218	19,872	3.3%	3.6%
2003	720	19,741	20,461	3.5%	3.9%
2004	726	20,172	20,898	3.5%	3.9%
2005	731	20,346	21,077	3.5%	3.8%
2006	596	20,575	21,171	2.8%	3.1%
2007	574	21,182	21,756	2.6%	3%
2008	649	21,332	21,981	3%	3.3%
2009	872	20,949	21,821	4%	4.6%
2010	877	18,524	19,401	4.5%	4.6%
2011	851	18,571	19,422	4.4%	4.4%
2012	759	18,517	19,276	3.9%	4%
2013	734	18,512	19,246	3.8%	3.8%
2014	611	18,114	18,725	3.3%	3.3%
2015	544	18,005	18,549	2.9%	3%
2016	604	18,153	18,757	3.2%	3.2%

Diagram II.56.2, shows the employment and labor force for Lincoln County. The difference between the two lines represents the number of unemployed persons. In the most recent year, employment stood at 18,153 persons, with the labor force reaching 18,757, indicating there were a total of 604 unemployed persons.

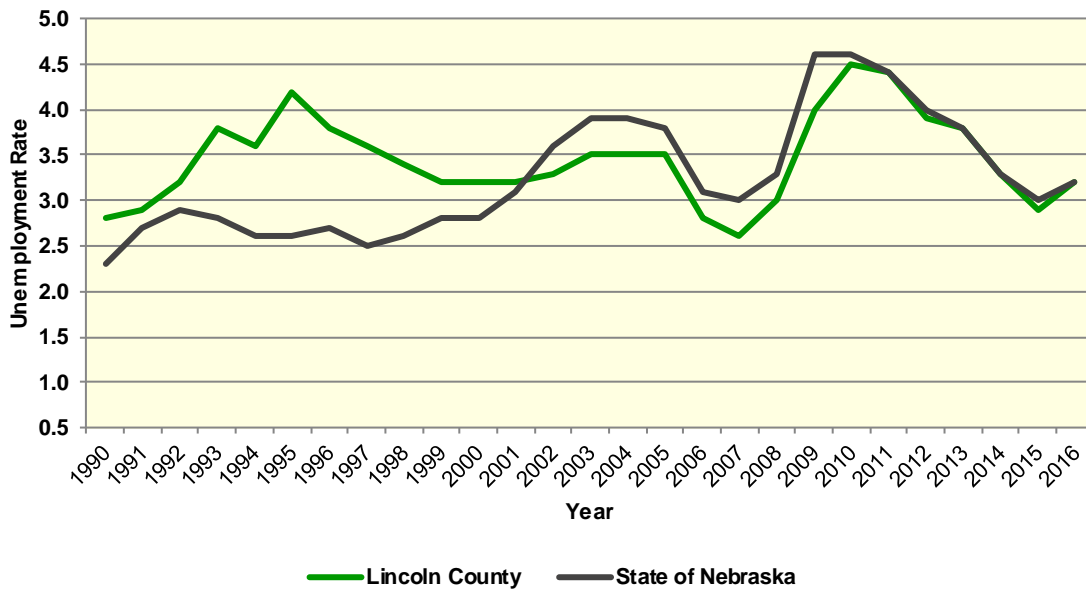
Diagram II.56.2
Employment and Labor Force
 Lincoln County
 1990 – 2016 BLS Data



Unemployment

Diagram II.56.3, shows the unemployment rate for both the State and Lincoln County. During the 1990’s the average rate for Lincoln County was 3.5, which compared to 2.6 statewide. Between 2000 and 2010 the unemployment rate had an average of 3.3, which compared to 3.5 statewide. Since 2010 the average unemployment rate was 3.7. Over the course of the entire period Lincoln County had an average unemployment rate higher than the state, 3.5 percent for Lincoln County, versus 3.3 statewide.

Diagram II.56.3
Annual Unemployment Rate
 Lincoln County
 1990 – 2016 BLS Data



Earnings and Employment

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (B.E.A.) produces regional economic accounts which provide a consistent framework for analyzing and comparing individual state and local area economies. Table II.56.24, shows total real earnings by industry for Lincoln County. In the most recent 2016 estimate, the transportation and warehousing industry had the largest total real earnings, with total real earnings reaching 284,316,000 dollars. Between 2015 and 2016 the arts, entertainment, and recreation industry saw the largest percentage increase, rising by 24.5 percent to 3,717,000 dollars.

Table II.56.24
Real Earnings by Industry
 Lincoln County
 BEA Table CA-5N Data (1,000's of 2016 Dollars)

NAICS Categories	2001	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 15-16
Farm earnings	42,241	94,410	174,273	164,873	143,985	181,035	142,224	136,790	-3.8
Forestry, fishing, related activities, and other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	2,050	1,961	2,014	2,165	2,113	2,128	0.7
Construction	46,093	50,222	48,387	52,624	48,437	55,437	57,977	57,844	-0.2
Manufacturing	18,591	21,604	33,008	35,098	26,395	62,154	68,139	44,346	-34.9
Wholesale trade	24,315	0	32,055	34,973	36,551	35,750	37,714	38,163	1.2
Retail trade	88,877	82,396	83,065	86,963	89,274	87,812	86,215	85,578	-0.7
Transportation and warehousing	0	283,769	303,695	313,759	285,370	298,403	295,730	284,316	-3.9
Information	8,704	8,171	8,356	9,037	9,464	9,777	10,278	9,874	-3.9
Finance and insurance	31,211	35,110	31,613	35,520	30,674	32,268	33,567	33,145	-1.3
Real estate and rental and leasing	9,921	11,706	13,421	19,463	21,073	20,107	19,339	18,158	-6.1
Professional and technical services	21,411	28,002	27,346	28,279	26,735	29,033	30,433	31,367	3.1
Management of companies and enterprises	5,351	2,024	3,454	1,956	1,910	1,188	1,299	1,591	22.5
Administrative and waste services	13,219	16,016	15,018	15,964	16,033	15,116	13,971	12,537	-10.3
Educational services	2,696	2,815	2,921	3,084	3,140	3,267	3,332	3,565	7
Health care and social assistance	132,341	174,606	172,469	179,494	177,989	182,316	184,439	192,028	4.1
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	5,529	1,899	2,483	2,124	2,071	2,424	2,985	3,717	24.5
Accommodation and food services	30,032	32,140	31,509	35,653	39,488	44,023	47,833	50,321	5.2
Other services, except public administration	32,990	41,994	40,962	43,414	42,754	43,481	45,899	48,104	4.8
Government and government enterprises	151,795	198,757	192,894	187,882	184,840	189,192	192,628	196,759	2.1
Total	933,164	1,122,445	1,226,707	1,262,574	1,196,420	1,303,077	1,283,936	1,258,152	-2



Table II.56.25, shows the total employment by industry for Lincoln County. The most recent estimates show the health care and social assistance industry was the largest employer in Lincoln County, with employment reaching 3,239 jobs in 2016. Between 2015 and 2016 the arts, entertainment, and recreation industry saw the largest percentage increase, rising by 12.8 percent to 273 jobs.

Table II.56.25									
Employment by Industry									
Lincoln County									
BEA Table CA25 Data									
NAICS Categories	2001	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 15-16
Farm earnings	1,257	1,225	1,260	1,241	1,244	1,232	1,298	1,260	-2.9
Forestry, fishing, related activities, and other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	21	22	21	24	23	24	4.3
Construction	1,201	1,177	1,119	1,147	1,156	1,186	1,222	1,236	1.1
Manufacturing	446	338	326	320	332	325	301	336	11.6
Wholesale trade	478	0	604	641	645	672	679	702	3.4
Retail trade	3,298	3,025	3,040	2,958	2,892	2,924	2,933	2,883	-1.7
Transportation and warehousing	0	3,296	3,341	3,242	3,152	3,155	3,264	3,064	-6.1
Information	234	219	210	213	235	243	235	234	-0.4
Finance and insurance	783	828	892	868	867	786	798	783	-1.9
Real estate and rental and leasing	503	662	725	730	727	756	772	798	3.4
Professional and technical services	544	675	653	674	666	667	698	730	4.6
Management of companies and enterprises	60	79	62	62	60	60	57	61	7
Administrative and waste services	407	613	572	588	580	552	506	488	-3.6
Educational services	135	149	136	138	156	171	175	188	7.4
Health care and social assistance	2,503	3,030	2,939	3,140	3,130	3,180	3,155	3,239	2.7
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	236	233	218	225	208	212	242	273	12.8
Accommodation and food services	1,804	1,873	1,873	1,852	1,896	1,899	1,876	1,922	2.5
Other services, except public administration	1,150	1,233	1,235	1,257	1,269	1,257	1,298	1,334	2.8
Government and government enterprises	2,934	3,161	3,044	3,038	3,037	3,006	2,996	3,025	1
Total	20,934	22,668	22,536	22,647	22,581	22,621	22,837	22,886	0.2



Table II.56.26, shows the real average earnings per job by industry for Lincoln County. These figures are calculated by dividing the Total Real Earning displayed in Table II.56.24 and Table II.56.25, by Industry. In 2016, the manufacturing industry had the highest average earnings reaching 131,982 dollars. Between 2015 and 2016 the management of companies and enterprises industry saw the largest percentage increase, rising by 14.5 percent to 26,082 dollars.

Table II.56.26
Real Earnings Per Job by Industry
Lincoln County
BEA Table CA5N and CA25 Data

NAICS Categories	2001	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 15-16
Farm earnings	33,604	77,070	138,312	132,855	115,744	146,944	109,572	108,563	-0.9
Forestry, fishing, related activities, and other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	97,601	89,118	95,903	90,203	91,890	88,667	-3.5
Construction	38,379	42,670	43,242	45,879	41,901	46,743	47,444	46,799	-1.4
Manufacturing	41,683	63,917	101,250	109,681	79,504	191,242	226,375	131,982	-41.7
Wholesale trade	50,869	0	53,071	54,560	56,668	53,200	55,544	54,363	-2.1
Retail trade	26,949	27,238	27,324	29,399	30,869	30,031	29,395	29,684	1
Transportation and warehousing	0	86,095	90,899	96,779	90,536	94,581	90,604	92,792	2.4
Information	37,196	37,312	39,790	42,428	40,273	40,234	43,735	42,197	-3.5
Finance and insurance	39,861	42,403	35,440	40,921	35,380	41,054	42,064	42,331	0.6
Real estate and rental and leasing	19,725	17,684	18,511	26,662	28,986	26,596	25,051	22,754	-9.2
Professional and technical services	39,358	41,484	41,878	41,957	40,143	43,528	43,600	42,968	-1.4
Management of companies and enterprises	89,177	25,615	55,712	31,554	31,829	19,799	22,787	26,082	14.5
Administrative and waste services	32,479	26,127	26,256	27,150	27,642	27,384	27,610	25,691	-7
Educational services	19,970	18,894	21,480	22,351	20,127	19,104	19,042	18,963	-0.4
Health care and social assistance	52,873	57,626	58,683	57,164	56,866	57,332	58,459	59,286	1.4
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	23,428	8,151	11,391	9,439	9,958	11,434	12,334	13,615	10.4
Accommodation and food services	16,647	17,160	16,823	19,251	20,827	23,182	25,497	26,182	2.7
Other services, except public administration	28,687	34,058	33,168	34,538	33,691	34,591	35,361	36,060	2
Government and government enterprises	51,737	62,878	63,369	61,844	60,863	62,938	64,295	65,044	1.2
Total	44,576	49,517	54,433	55,750	52,983	57,605	56,222	54,975	-2.2

Table II.56.27 shows total employment and real personal income for the years of 1969 to 2016. As can be seen in Total Real Personal Income in 2016, comprising all wage and salary earnings, proprietorship income, dividends, interest, rents, and transfer payments, was \$1,675,101,000 a -0.7 percent change between 2015 and 2016. The Table shows further annual data for the years 1969 through 2016. In 2010, total employment was 22,668 and 22,886 in 2016.



Table II.56.27
Total Employment and Real Personal Income
 Lincoln County
 BEA Data 1969 Through 2016

Year	1,000s of 2016 Dollars						Per Capita Income	Total Employment	Average Real Earnings Per Job
	Earnings	Social Security Contributions	Residents Adjustments	Dividends, Interest, Rents	Transfer Payments	Personal Income			
1969	409,289	33,079	6,529	76,025	48,296	507,060	17,333	13,577	30,144
1970	422,652	34,452	6,463	84,706	52,402	531,771	17,921	14,055	30,073
1971	433,878	35,335	23,669	87,370	57,807	567,388	18,706	14,361	30,214
1972	454,560	37,787	23,900	94,846	60,759	596,278	18,791	14,473	31,406
1973	530,495	46,614	29,763	103,639	69,632	686,915	21,109	15,357	34,545
1974	514,922	50,839	3,754	108,723	73,144	649,705	19,414	15,884	32,418
1975	514,154	50,412	4,826	117,271	83,323	669,161	19,733	16,102	31,930
1976	596,487	61,115	-266	120,525	86,410	742,041	21,654	17,343	34,392
1977	666,778	70,479	-5,534	129,768	87,374	807,907	22,293	18,660	35,734
1978	747,993	76,796	-9,046	134,621	89,680	886,452	24,212	19,212	38,933
1979	740,526	79,647	-7,076	142,888	92,157	888,848	24,435	19,579	37,824
1980	674,766	75,241	-5,156	158,867	98,114	851,351	23,428	19,124	35,284
1981	655,191	75,471	-4,203	177,706	106,555	859,777	24,017	18,084	36,231
1982	581,955	74,760	-1,445	203,521	112,312	821,583	23,577	17,113	34,007
1983	579,598	73,069	-1,313	201,873	116,400	823,489	23,745	16,812	34,476
1984	614,332	79,942	-1,975	210,273	118,013	860,701	24,981	16,678	36,835
1985	602,702	84,474	-3,000	197,066	122,788	835,082	24,540	16,513	36,499
1986	616,552	92,630	-5,071	195,435	126,956	841,242	25,032	16,465	37,447
1987	641,558	94,240	-6,743	188,087	126,799	855,461	25,734	16,566	38,727
1988	659,649	103,535	-6,030	188,439	127,231	865,755	26,325	16,775	39,324
1989	668,761	108,598	-7,333	202,191	129,765	884,785	27,089	17,067	39,185
1990	681,347	110,145	-7,146	182,684	136,886	883,625	27,180	17,670	38,560
1991	690,015	108,853	-6,440	183,489	141,908	900,118	27,385	18,044	38,241
1992	705,597	107,116	-6,431	186,920	150,406	929,376	27,966	18,222	38,722
1993	708,124	106,980	-6,378	185,255	155,800	935,821	28,157	18,148	39,019
1994	755,354	113,015	-10,415	192,454	159,354	983,732	29,251	19,109	39,529
1995	736,328	113,166	-8,318	206,881	163,839	985,564	29,109	19,083	38,586
1996	778,515	117,467	-9,484	209,631	168,817	1,030,012	30,296	19,597	39,727
1997	780,910	120,441	-9,591	216,643	172,613	1,040,133	30,549	20,046	38,956
1998	857,367	131,399	-11,904	232,624	189,194	1,135,883	33,289	21,000	40,827
1999	894,947	136,354	-13,092	235,294	196,910	1,177,705	34,076	20,977	42,663
2000	881,030	132,805	-12,444	243,035	205,381	1,184,197	34,166	20,797	42,364
2001	933,164	137,887	-15,039	231,494	218,584	1,230,317	35,488	20,934	44,576
2002	953,405	139,106	-16,873	230,214	227,116	1,254,754	36,344	20,771	45,901
2003	1,025,587	139,439	-18,957	232,138	233,542	1,332,872	38,327	21,167	48,452
2004	1,043,730	139,950	-21,122	199,394	242,685	1,324,737	37,659	21,746	47,997
2005	1,080,196	144,941	-23,423	186,497	248,826	1,347,157	37,866	22,187	48,685
2006	1,046,416	148,859	-24,932	195,833	266,442	1,334,901	37,109	22,652	46,195
2007	1,115,524	152,223	-27,139	219,485	271,617	1,427,264	39,634	23,150	48,186
2008	1,114,107	149,328	-28,765	245,172	293,523	1,474,709	40,624	23,103	48,223
2009	1,086,910	147,518	-27,104	213,902	298,714	1,424,904	39,276	22,602	48,089
2010	1,122,445	150,545	-24,691	202,985	322,203	1,472,397	40,604	22,668	49,517
2011	1,226,707	136,941	-28,665	215,649	322,241	1,598,991	44,359	22,536	54,434
2012	1,262,574	136,905	-25,503	252,375	319,736	1,672,277	46,452	22,647	55,750
2013	1,196,420	147,770	-27,770	223,487	321,717	1,566,084	43,473	22,581	52,983
2014	1,303,077	153,146	-28,071	226,762	332,192	1,680,814	47,090	22,621	57,605
2015	1,283,936	156,203	-26,532	243,065	342,801	1,687,068	47,366	22,837	56,222
2016	1,258,152	153,527	-22,327	244,980	347,823	1,675,101	47,120	22,886	54,975



Diagram II.56.4, shows real average earnings per job for Lincoln County from 1990 to 2016. Over this period the average earning per job for Lincoln County was 46,110 dollars, which was lower than the statewide average of 46,130 dollars over the same period.

Diagram II.56.4
Real Average Earnings Per Job
 Lincoln County
 BEA Data 1990 - 2016

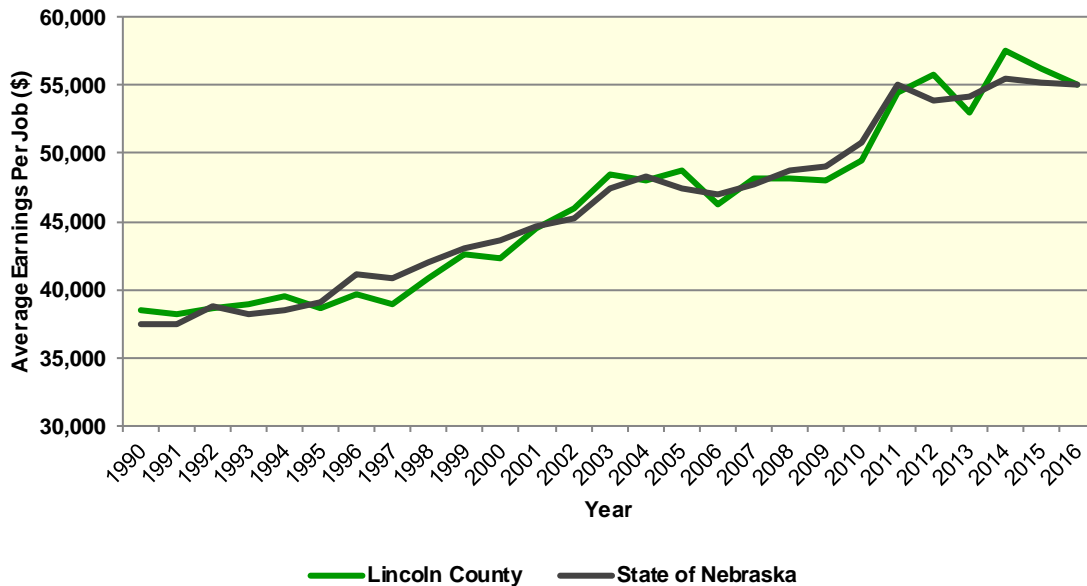
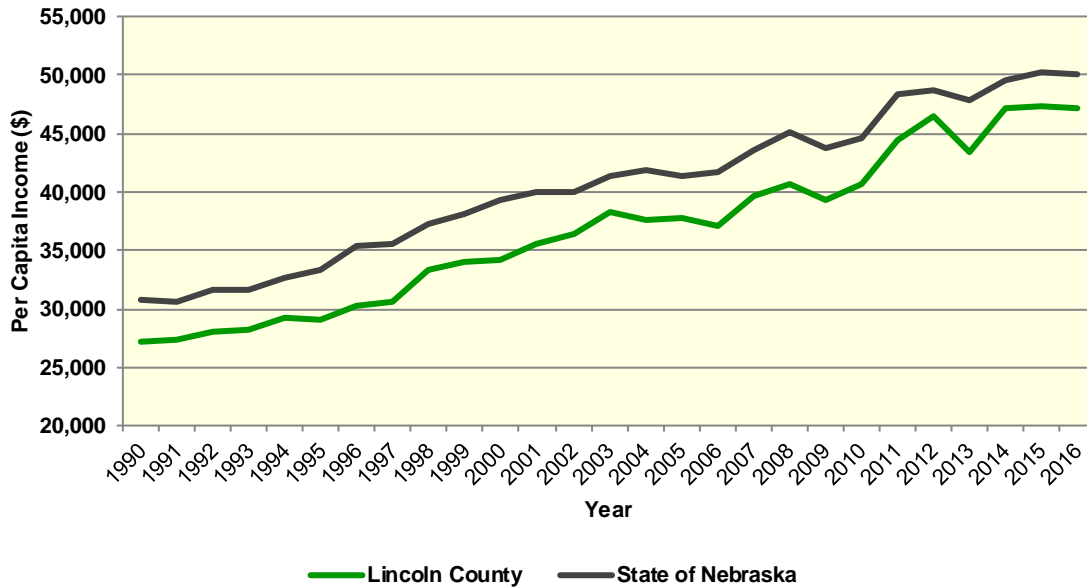


Diagram II.56.5, shows real per capita income in Lincoln County from 1990 to 2016, which is calculated by dividing total personal income from all sources by population. Per capita income is a broader measure of wealth than real average earnings per job, which only captures the working population. Over this period the real per capita income for Lincoln County was 36,675 dollars, which was lower than the statewide average of 40,548 dollars over the same period.

Diagram II.56.5
Real Per Capita Income
 Lincoln County
 BEA Data 1990 - 2016



Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) produces the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), which reports monthly data on employment and quarterly data on wages and number of business establishments. QCEW employment data represent only filled jobs, whether full or part-time, temporary or permanent, by place of work the pay period. Data from this series are from the period of January 2006 through December 2016 and are presented in Table II.56.28 with the 2016 information considered preliminary. Between 2015 and 2016, total annual employment increased from 14,675 persons in 2015 to 14,924 in 2016, a change of 2 percent.

Table II.56.28
Total Monthly Employment

Lincoln County
 BLS QCEW Data, 2001–2016(p)

Period	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jan	13,975	14,222	14,552	14,264	14,256	14,050	14,124	14,219	14,339	14,185	14,424
Feb	14,044	14,220	14,623	14,240	14,297	14,011	14,131	14,228	14,323	14,242	14,408
Mar	14,188	14,388	14,664	14,389	14,470	14,186	14,369	14,444	14,514	14,431	14,628
Apr	14,375	14,584	14,814	14,450	14,741	14,390	14,622	14,612	14,600	14,636	15,086
May	14,617	14,995	14,992	14,738	14,979	14,612	14,836	14,884	14,805	14,832	15,204
Jun	14,728	15,099	15,107	14,714	15,109	14,689	14,860	14,763	14,877	14,841	15,295
Jul	14,431	14,668	14,710	14,326	14,805	14,455	14,626	14,719	14,704	14,758	15,058
Aug	14,321	14,692	14,912	14,271	14,790	14,517	14,765	14,781	14,765	14,742	15,083
Sep	14,442	14,825	15,010	14,349	14,709	14,592	14,762	14,746	14,749	14,819	14,919
Oct	14,679	15,079	15,108	14,462	14,750	14,573	14,876	14,857	14,870	14,835	15,052
Nov	14,594	15,066	14,950	14,560	14,583	14,643	14,797	14,930	14,756	14,889	15,031
Dec	14,691	14,967	14,844	14,539	14,489	14,488	14,720	14,859	14,768	14,885	14,894
Annual	14,424	14,734	14,857	14,442	14,665	14,434	14,624	14,670	14,673	14,675	14,924
% Change	1%	2%	1%	-3%	2%	-2%	1%	(ND)%	(ND)%	(ND)%	2%

The QCEW also reports average weekly wages, which represents total compensation paid during the calendar quarter, regardless of when services were performed. The BLS QCEW data indicated average weekly wages were \$707 in 2015. In 2016, average weekly wages saw a increase of 2 percent over the prior year, rising to 722 dollars, or by 15 dollars. These data are shown in Table II.56.29.

Table II.56.29						
Average Weekly Wages						
Lincoln County						
BLS QCEW Data, 2001–2016(p)						
Year	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Annual	% Change
2001	438	442	439	471	447	
2002	443	451	449	480	456	2%
2003	455	465	462	482	466	2%
2004	456	486	479	513	484	4%
2005	473	507	509	520	502	4%
2006	523	506	520	534	521	4%
2007	536	538	548	565	547	5%
2008	548	547	567	606	567	4%
2009	582	571	599	633	596	5%
2010	577	590	612	653	608	2%
2011	605	610	644	661	630	4%
2012	633	630	633	700	649	3%
2013	634	645	644	683	652	(ND)%
2014	655	668	662	726	678	4%
2015	678	689	698	760	707	4%
2016(p)	694	716	733	743	722	2%

Total business establishments reported by the QCEW are displayed in Table II.56.28. Between 2015 and 2016, the total number of business establishments in Lincoln County decreased from 1,352 to 1,346 establishments.

Table II.56.30						
Number of Business Establishments						
Lincoln County						
BLS QCEW Data, 2001–2016(p)						
Year	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Annual	% Change
2001	1,020	1,019	1,016	1,005	1,015	
2002	1,050	1,064	1,079	1,079	1,068	5%
2003	1,092	1,091	1,084	1,067	1,084	1%
2004	1,063	1,069	1,076	1,075	1,071	-1%
2005	1,092	1,097	1,110	1,098	1,099	3%
2006	1,087	1,095	1,105	1,112	1,100	(ND)%
2007	1,115	1,135	1,142	1,145	1,134	3%
2008	1,149	1,164	1,159	1,151	1,156	2%
2009	1,160	1,162	1,167	1,154	1,161	(ND)%
2010	1,163	1,173	1,169	1,166	1,168	1%
2011	1,174	1,171	1,169	1,169	1,171	(ND)%
2012	1,276	1,303	1,326	1,352	1,314	12%
2013	1,363	1,385	1,360	1,373	1,370	4%
2014	1,386	1,395	1,353	1,362	1,374	(ND)%
2015	1,362	1,365	1,339	1,343	1,352	-2%
2016	1,332	1,337	1,349	1,367	1,346	(ND)%

Nebraska Department of Revenue

According to the Nebraska Department of Revenue (DOR), returns from taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes (AGIs) of less than \$10,000 decreased by 12.2 percent between 2010 and 2016. Returns from taxpayers with AGIs of \$35,001 to \$50,000 increased by 7.0 percent over the period. On the other hand, by 2016 there were 2,328 returns for AGIs of \$100,000 or more. Table II.56.31 presents AGI distribution for the years 1991 through 2016.

Table II.56.31										
Income Tax Returns by Adjusted Gross Income										
Lincoln County										
1991–2016 DOR Data										
Year	Less than \$10,000	\$10,001– \$15,000	\$15,001– \$25,000	\$25,001– \$35,000	\$35,001– \$50,000	\$50,001– \$75,000	\$75,001– \$100,000	\$100,001– \$250,000	More than \$250,000	Total³⁴
1991	4,645	1,531	2,273	1,882	2,128	1,507	320	158	37	14,481
1992	4,469	1,459	2,370	1,771	2,165	1,584	392	198	37	14,445
1993	4,531	1,447	2,330	1,762	2,069	1,624	424	223	37	14,447
1994	4,728	1,456	2,381	1,673	2,063	1,738	506	245	57	14,847
1995	4,569	1,389	2,360	1,623	2,101	1,781	629	253	48	14,753
1996	4,534	1,312	2,350	1,577	2,109	1,944	716	310	53	14,905
1997	4,545	1,341	2,217	1,572	2,123	2,069	764	404	57	15,092
1998	4,408	1,328	2,282	1,635	2,108	2,144	827	582	62	15,376
1999	4,396	1,244	2,244	1,645	2,197	2,405	948	538	70	15,687
2000	4,329	1,207	2,326	1,620	2,283	2,491	974	565	77	15,872
2001	4,265	1,169	2,302	1,579	2,207	2,569	1,005	548	81	15,725
2002	4,162	1,273	2,378	1,618	2,088	2,566	1,101	562	71	15,819
2003	3,858	1,369	2,440	1,605	2,031	2,565	1,196	648	77	15,789
2004	3,785	1,382	2,353	1,636	2,030	2,570	1,339	804	90	15,989
2005	3,163	1,158	2,110	1,533	1,760	2,496	1,421	942	97	14,680
2006	3,278	1,399	2,384	1,775	2,084	2,666	1,620	1,059	126	16,391
2007	3,270	1,322	2,193	1,705	1,977	2,717	1,751	1,284	157	16,376
2008	3,328	1,377	2,387	1,773	2,007	2,753	1,754	1,299	155	16,833
2009	3,232	1,415	2,321	1,757	1,939	2,619	1,691	1,297	145	16,416
2010	3,073	1,454	2,413	1,679	1,905	2,576	1,820	1,442	168	16,530
2011	3,178	1,435	2,303	1,712	1,905	2,529	1,863	1,527	188	16,640
2012	3,059	1,405	2,219	1,690	1,913	2,523	1,883	1,736	279	16,707
2013	2,904	1,329	2,242	1,666	1,967	2,478	1,860	1,806	236	16,488
2014	2,724	1,364	2,194	1,719	1,918	2,382	1,921	2,105	262	16,589
2015	2,674	1,323	2,238	1,739	2,013	2,517	1,892	2,209	269	16,874
2016	2,699	1,242	2,276	1,758	2,039	2,532	1,902	2,074	254	16,776

³⁴ Income levels with fewer than 10 returns were not disclosed, but are included in the totals. As a result, income levels may not sum to total.

Poverty

Poverty is the condition of having insufficient resources or income. In its extreme form, poverty is a lack of basic human needs, such as adequate and healthy food, clothing, housing, water, and health services. According to the Census Bureau’s Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates Program, the number of individuals in poverty decreased from 4,364 in 2010 to 3,272 in 2016, with the poverty rate reaching 9.4 percent in 2016. This compared to a state poverty rate of 11.3 percent and a national rate of 14 percent in 2016. Table II.56.32 presents poverty data for the county.

Year	Persons in Poverty	Poverty Rate
2000	3,469	10.2%
2001	3,647	10.7%
2002	3,798	11%
2003	3,758	10.8%
2004	3,733	10.5%
2005	3,802	10.9%
2006	3,834	10.9%
2007	4,264	12.2%
2008	3,369	9.6%
2009	3,921	11.2%
2010	4,364	12.3%
2011	4,537	12.8%
2012	4,196	11.9%
2013	4,441	12.6%
2014	5,112	14.5%
2015	4,294	12.3%
2016	3,272	9.4%

The rate of poverty for Lincoln County is shown in Table II.56.33. In 2016, there were an estimated 4,200 persons living in poverty. This represented a 12 percent poverty rate, compared to 9.7 percent poverty in 2000. In 2016, some 9.3 percent of those in poverty were under age 6, and 12.6 percent were 65 or older.

Age	2000 Census		2016 Five-Year ACS	
	Persons in Poverty	% of Total	Persons in Poverty	% of Total
Under 6	416	12.6%	391	9.3%
6 to 17	740	22.4%	981	23.4%
18 to 64	1,685	51%	2,298	54.7%
65 or Older	464	14%	530	12.6%
Total	3,305	100.0%	4,200	100.0%
Poverty Rate	9.7%	.	12%	.

HOUSING

The Census Bureau estimates that the total number of housing units increased by 0.4 percent in Lincoln County between 2010 and 2016, from 16,583 to 16,651. This compared to an estimated 3.8 percent increase statewide, as shown in Table II.56.34.

Subject	Nebraska	% Growth Since Census	Lincoln County	% Growth Since Census
2000 Census Base	722,656	.	15,437	.
2010 Census	796,793	10.3	16,583	7.4
July 2011 Estimate	801,068	0.5	16,615	0.2
July 2012 Estimate	804,586	1	16,613	0.2
July 2013 Estimate	809,062	1.5	16,609	0.2
July 2014 Estimate	814,835	2.3	16,606	0.1
July 2015 Estimate	820,725	3	16,615	0.2
July 2016 Estimate	827,156	3.8	16,651	0.4

Housing Production

The Census Bureau reports building permit authorizations and “per unit”



valuation of building permits by county annually. Single-family construction usually represents most residential development in the county. Single-family building permit authorizations in Lincoln County decreased from 60 authorizations in 2015 to 59 in 2016.

The real value of single-family building permits increased from \$196,360 in 2015 to \$198,922 in 2016. This compares to an increase in permit value statewide, with values rising from \$203,629 in 2015 to \$206,586 in 2016. Additional details are given in Table II.56.35.

Table II.56.35 Building Permits and Valuation Lincoln County Census Bureau Data, 1980–2016							
Year	Authorized Construction in Permit Issuing Areas					Per Unit Valuation, (Real 2016\$)	
	Single-Family	Duplex Units	Tri- and Four-Plex	Multi-Family Units	Total Units	Single-Family Units	Multi-Family Units
1980	95	8	4	82	189	120,981	73,501
1981	55	0	4	56	115	157,734	53,317
1982	19	4	0	0	23	131,135	0
1983	39	0	0	0	39	122,972	0
1984	31	2	6	0	39	168,019	0
1985	21	2	0	20	43	123,099	46,534
1986	8	0	0	0	8	161,498	0
1987	12	0	0	0	12	99,355	0
1988	16	4	0	0	20	158,981	0
1989	21	0	0	0	21	160,812	0
1990	38	2	0	0	40	118,228	0
1991	39	8	0	0	47	134,645	0
1992	47	12	0	0	59	137,096	0
1993	81	0	0	0	81	163,322	0
1994	77	6	0	0	83	149,140	0
1995	101	8	0	8	117	136,013	64,729
1996	112	2	0	0	114	144,125	0
1997	100	12	0	148	260	131,942	67,473
1998	103	2	0	50	155	137,082	53,298
1999	133	6	0	0	139	150,487	0
2000	109	4	0	48	161	127,358	65,210
2001	105	2	0	0	107	155,120	0
2002	110	2	0	32	144	167,983	31,942
2003	123	2	0	65	190	184,452	65,943
2004	114	58	0	0	172	225,907	0
2005	130	4	0	0	134	180,403	0
2006	127	0	0	0	127	183,565	0
2007	80	2	0	0	82	189,676	0
2008	64	4	0	0	68	167,489	0
2009	45	0	0	0	45	166,867	0
2010	49	16	18	0	83	150,830	0
2011	41	0	0	0	41	170,705	0
2012	38	0	0	0	38	223,192	0
2013	44	0	0	0	44	203,614	0
2014	54	0	0	0	54	188,394	0
2015	60	16	0	0	76	196,360	0
2016	59	8	0	0	67	198,922	0



Diagram II.56.6
Single-Family Permits
 Lincoln County
 Census Bureau Data, 1980–2016

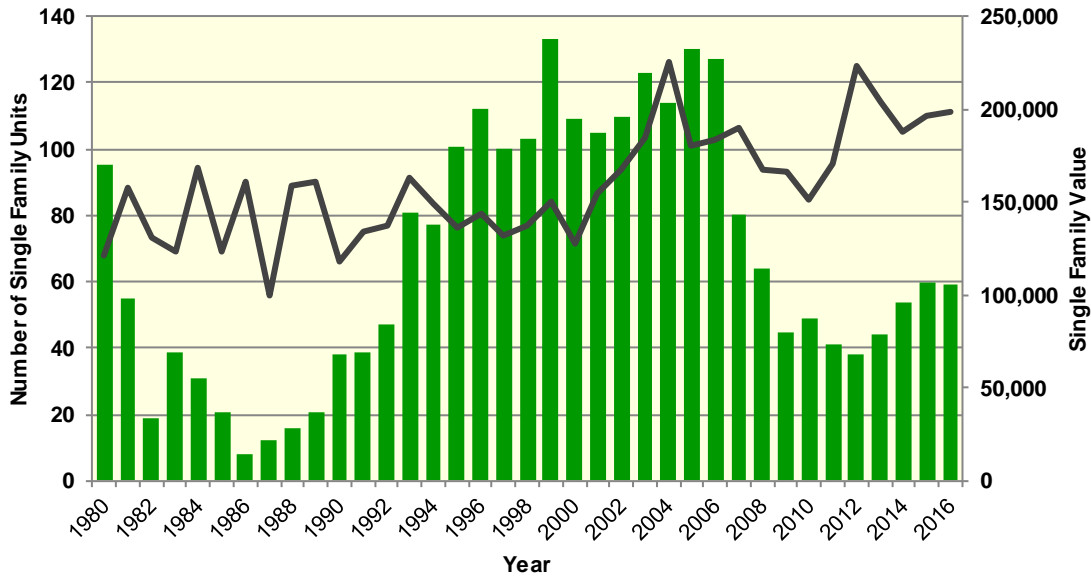
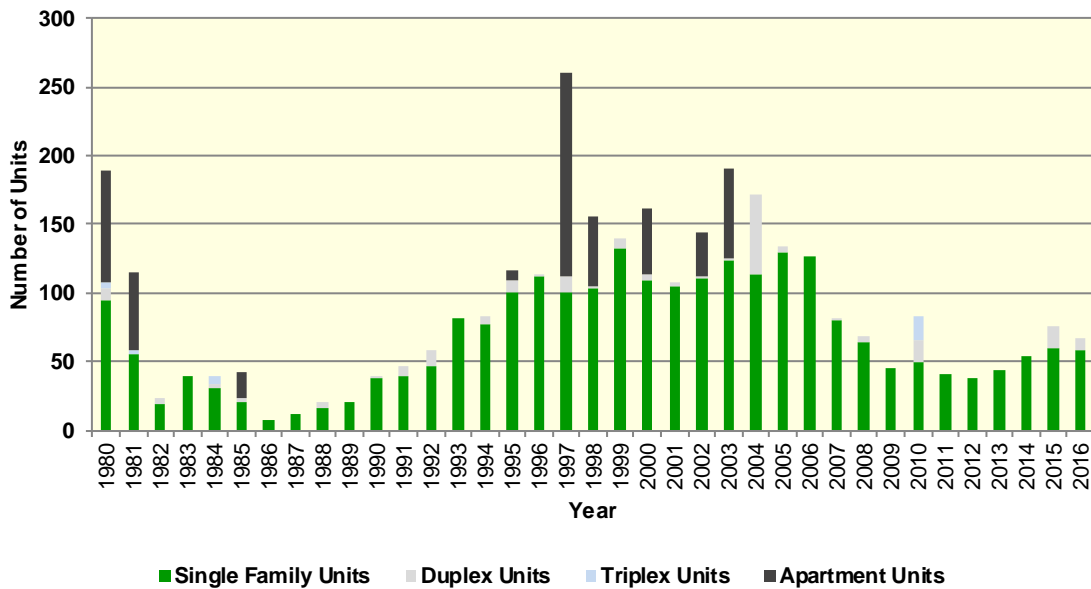


Diagram II.56.7
Total Permits by Unit Type
 Lincoln County
 Census Bureau Data, 1980–2016



Housing Characteristics

Housing types by unit are shown in Table II.56.36. In 2016, there were 16,632 housing units, up from 15,438 in 2000. Single-family units accounted for 74.7 percent of units in 2016, compared to 75.4 in 2000. Apartment units accounted for 12.1 percent in 2016, compared to 8 percent in 2000.

Table II.56.36 Housing Units by Type Lincoln County 2000 Census SF3 & 2016 Five-Year ACS Data				
Unit Type	2000 Census		2016 Five-Year ACS	
	Units	% of Total	Units	% of Total
Single-Family	11,634	75.4%	12,431	74.7%
Duplex	572	3.7%	441	2.7%
Tri- or Four-Plex	360	2.3%	370	2.2%
Apartment	1,232	8%	2,010	12.1%
Mobile Home	1,577	10.2%	1,380	8.3%
Boat, RV, Van, Etc.	63	0.4%	0	0%
Total	15,438	100.0%	16,632	100.0%

Some 90.6 percent of housing was occupied in 2010, compared to 91.2 percent in 2000. Owner-occupied housing changed 3.9 percent between 2000 and 2010, ending with owner-occupied units representing 67.3 percent of units. Vacant units changed by 14.4 percent, resulting in 1,558 vacant units in 2010.

Table II.56.37 Housing Units by Tenure Lincoln County 2000 & 2010 Census SF1 Data					
Tenure	2000 Census		2010 Census		% Change 00-10
	Units	% of Total	Units	% of Total	
Occupied Housing Units	14,076	91.2%	15,025	90.6%	6.7%
Owner-Occupied	9,734	69.2%	10,116	67.3%	3.9%
Renter-Occupied	4,342	30.8%	4,909	32.7%	13.1%
Vacant Housing Units	1,362	8.8%	1,558	9.4%	14.4%
Total Housing Units	15,438	100.0%	16,583	100.0%	7.4%

Table II.56.38 shows housing units by tenure from 2010 to 2016. By 2016, there were 16,632 housing units. An estimated 65.6 percent were owner-occupied, and 10 percent were vacant.

Table II.56.38 Housing Units by Tenure Lincoln County 2010 Census & 2016 Five-Year ACS Data				
Tenure	2010 Census		2016 Five-Year ACS	
	Units	% of Total	Units	% of Total
Occupied Housing Units	15,025	90.6%	14,965	90%
Owner-Occupied	10,116	67.3%	9,816	65.6%
Renter-Occupied	4,909	32.7%	5,149	34.4%
Vacant Housing Units	1,558	9.4%	1,667	10%
Total Housing Units	16,583	100.0%	16,632	100.0%



Households by household size are shown in Table II.56.39. There were a total of 15,025 households in 2010, up from 14,076 in 2000. One person households changed by 13.1 percent between 2000 and 2010, while two person households changed by 7.3 percent. Three and four person households changed by 1 and -3.3 respectively, representing 13.6 percent and 11.5 percent of the population in 2010.

Table II.56.39					
Households by Household Size					
Lincoln County					
2000 & 2010 Census SF1 Data					
Size	2000 Census		2010 Census		% Change 00-10
	Households	% of Total	Households	% of Total	
One Person	3,980	28.3%	4,500	30%	13.1%
Two Persons	5,070	36%	5,441	36.2%	7.3%
Three Persons	2,028	14.4%	2,048	13.6%	1%
Four Persons	1,783	12.7%	1,724	11.5%	-3.3%
Five Persons	827	5.9%	875	5.8%	5.8%
Six Persons	283	2%	288	1.9%	1.8%
Seven Persons or More	105	0.7%	149	1%	41.9%
Total	14,076	100.0%	15,025	100.0%	6.7%

Households by income is shown in Table II.56.40. Households earning more than \$100,000 per year represented 18.1 percent of households in 2016, compared to 6.5 percent in 2000. Households earning between \$50,000 and \$74,999 represented 22.4 percent of households in 2016, compared to 19.2 percent in 2000. Meanwhile, households earning less than \$15,000 accounted for 11.3 percent of households in 2016, compared to 17.5 percent in 2000.

Table II.56.40				
Households by Income				
Lincoln County				
2000 Census SF3 & 2016 Five-Year ACS Data				
Income	2000 Census		2016 Five-Year ACS	
	Households	% of Total	Households	% of Total
Less than \$15,000	2,469	17.5%	1,686	11.3%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	1,210	8.6%	701	4.7%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1,061	7.5%	1,024	6.8%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,953	13.9%	1,500	10%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	2,631	18.7%	2,202	14.7%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	2,702	19.2%	3,348	22.4%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,144	8.1%	1,789	12%
\$100,000 or More	921	6.5%	2,715	18.1%
Total	14,091	100.0%	14,965	100.0%

Table II.56.41 shows households by year home built. Housing units built between 2000 and 2009, account for 8.7 percent and those built in 2010 or later accounted for 1.3 percent of households. Households built in the 1970's, 1980's, and 1990's account for 23.9 percent, 6.7 percent, and 8.5, respectively. Housing units built prior to 1939 represented 19.5 percent of households in 2016.



Table II.56.41				
Households by Year Home Built				
Lincoln County				
2000 Census SF3 & 2016 Five-Year ACS Data				
Year Built	2000 Census		2016 Five-Year ACS	
	Households	% of Total	Households	% of Total
1939 or Earlier	2,890	20.5%	2,916	19.5%
1940 to 1949	1,405	10%	1,324	8.8%
1950 to 1959	2,073	14.7%	1,580	10.6%
1960 to 1969	1,776	12.6%	1,786	11.9%
1970 to 1979	3,411	24.2%	3,575	23.9%
1980 to 1989	1,062	7.5%	1,010	6.7%
1990 to 1999	1,459	10.4%	1,277	8.5%
2000 to 2009	.	.	1,307	8.7%
2010 or Later	.	.	190	1.3%
Total	14,076	100.0%	14,965	100.0%

The distribution of unit types by race are shown in Table II.56.42. An estimated 77 percent of white households occupy single-family homes, while 19.7 percent of black households do. Some 10.7 percent of white households occupy apartments, while 66.2 percent of black households do. An estimated 47.5 percent of Asian, and 100 percent of American Indian households occupy single-family homes.

Table II.56.42							
Distribution of Units in Structure by Race							
Lincoln County							
2016 Five-Year ACS Data							
Unit Type	White	Black	American Indian	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders	Other	Two or More Races
Single-Family	77%	19.7%	100%	47.5%	0%	77.4%	82%
Duplex	2.9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Tri- or Four-Plex	2.2%	0%	0%	0%	100%	13.2%	0%
Apartment	10.7%	66.2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	17.3%
Mobile Home	7.1%	14%	0%	52.5%	0%	9.4%	0.7%
Boat, RV, Van, Etc.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

The disposition of vacant housing units in 2000 and 2010 are shown in Table II.56.43. An estimated 28.7 percent of vacant units were for rent in 2010, a 15.2 percent change since 2000. In addition, some 11.2 percent of vacant units were for sale, a change of -15 percent between 2000 and 2010. "Other" vacant units represented 29 percent of vacant units in 2010. This is a change of 62.6 percent since 2000. "Other" vacant units are not for sale or rent, or otherwise available to the marketplace. These units may be problematic if concentrated in certain areas, and may create a "blighting" effect.



Table II.56.43					
Disposition of Vacant Housing Units					
Lincoln County					
2000 & 2010 Census SF1 Data					
Disposition	2000 Census		2010 Census		% Change 00–10
	Units	% of Total	Units	% of Total	
For Rent	388	28.5%	447	28.7%	15.2%
For Sale	206	15.1%	175	11.2%	-15%
Rented or Sold, Not Occupied	105	7.7%	76	4.9%	-27.6%
For Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use	383	28.1%	406	26.1%	6%
For Migrant Workers	2	0.1%	2	0.1%	0%
Other Vacant	278	20.4%	452	29%	62.6%
Total	1,362	100.0%	1,558	100.0%	14.4%

The disposition of vacant units between 2010 and 2016 are shown in Table II.56.44. By 2016, for rent units accounted for 26.9 percent of vacant units, while for sale units accounted for 4.5 percent. “Other” vacant units accounted for 42.4 percent of vacant units, representing a total of 707 “other” vacant units.

Table II.56.44				
Disposition of Vacant Housing Units				
Lincoln County				
2010 Census & 2016 Five-Year ACS Data				
Disposition	2010 Census		2016 Five-Year ACS	
	Units	% of Total	Units	% of Total
For Rent	447	28.7%	449	26.9%
For Sale	175	11.2%	75	4.5%
Rented Not Occupied	25	1.6%	0	0%
Sold Not Occupied	51	3.3%	54	3.2%
For Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use	406	26.1%	382	22.9%
For Migrant Workers	2	0.1%	0	0%
Other Vacant	452	29%	707	42.4%
Total	1,558	100.0%	1,667	100.0%

Department of Property Assessment Division

The Department of Property Assessment Division (PAD) provided a database of residential property transactions over the last 19 years. Property transactions are primarily related to existing buildings, with very few for new construction. During fiscal years 1999 through 2017, there were 9,224 property transactions in Lincoln County. Of these, 8,950 were for single-family homes during this 19-year period, as shown in Table II.56.45.

Table II.56.45						
Residential Property Transactions						
Lincoln County						
Fiscal Years 1999–2017 PAD Data						
Year	Single-Family	Mobile Home	Duplex	Townhome	Missing	Total
1999	612	35	18	1	0	666
2000	520	18	10	3	3	554
2001	527	6	9	1	1	544
2002	634	2	13	1	0	650
2003	585	3	1	11	0	600
2004	539	0	7	15	0	561
2005	649	0	1	20	0	670
2006	640	3	4	10	0	657
2007	537	14	2	2	1	556
2008	447	0	0	0	2	449
2009	393	0	1	3	0	397
2010	289	0	0	0	0	289
2011	329	0	0	0	0	329
2012	25	0	0	0	0	25
2013	383	0	0	2	0	385
2014	329	0	0	5	0	334
2015	480	0	11	9	0	500
2016	493	0	9	5	0	507
2017	539	0	7	5	0	551
Total	8,950	81	93	93	7	9,224

The PAD data also include descriptions of the quality of the building, which refers to the grade of materials and workmanship used in the original construction. Of the 1,963 single-family home property transactions for units built before 1930, 11.1 percent of units were of low quality and 51.4 percent were of fair quality. Conversely, of the 567 homes built from 2001 through 2010, 2.8 percent of units were of low quality and 9 percent of fair quality. Table II.56.46 provides details on the quality of these single-family residential dwellings by vintage of construction.

Table II.56.46										
Single-Family Homes by Year Built and Quality of Materials and Workmanship										
Lincoln County										
Fiscal Years 1999–2017 PAD Data										
Quality	Before 1931	1931-1960	1961-1970	1971-1980	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010	2011-2017	Missing	Total
Low	217	215	32	138	28	141	16	0	0	787
Fair	1,009	1,098	151	333	57	107	51	1	0	2,807
Average	688	1,296	706	1,080	80	304	291	44	0	4,489
Good	45	78	46	182	37	200	162	6	0	756
Very Good	2	1	2	6	12	35	46	0	0	104
Excellent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing	2	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	7
Total	1,963	2,688	937	1,742	214	788	567	51	0	8,950

In regard to the current condition of residential dwellings, of the same 1,963 single-family homes built before 1930, 17.7 percent of the homes were worn out or badly worn, and 54.8 percent were in average condition. Table II.56.47 provides details about the condition of single-family residential dwellings by year built.

Table II.56.47										
Single-Family Homes by Year Built and Condition										
Lincoln County										
Fiscal Years 1999–2017 PAD Data										
Condition	Before 1931	1931-1960	1961-1970	1971-1980	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010	2011-2017	Missing	Total
Worn Out	84	46	6	17	4	0	0	0	0	157
Badly Worn	264	221	40	67	12	18	0	0	0	622
Average	1,075	1,533	535	1,038	137	541	289	1	0	5,149
Good	396	656	267	471	47	183	201	7	0	2,228
Very Good	124	212	86	134	10	36	62	7	0	671
Excellent	3	5	0	1	0	2	9	30	0	50
Missing	17	15	3	14	4	8	6	6	0	73
Total	1,963	2,688	937	1,742	214	788	567	51	0	8,950

Housing Costs

Between 2010 and 2017, the average price of an existing single-family home changed from \$120,175 to \$151,015, a total increase of 25.7 percent, as shown in Table II.56.48.

Single-family home prices from the PAD database also indicated a general increase in average home prices and average floor area for newer homes. The average home price for single-family homes in Lincoln County ranged from \$64,966 for homes built before 1930 to \$231,772 for homes built from 2001 to 2010, and \$231,112 for the newest homes built between 2011 and 2017.³⁵ Homes built from 2001 through 2010 were also larger, averaging 1,897 square feet per unit. Table II.56.49, provides additional details about single-family homes.

Table II.56.48	
Average Sales Price of Single-Family Homes	
Lincoln County	
Fiscal Years 1999–2017 PAD Data	
Fiscal Year	Average Sales Price (\$)
1999	75,501
2000	75,978
2001	78,684
2002	81,045
2003	88,567
2004	99,222
2005	103,437
2006	110,652
2007	121,724
2008	122,062
2009	125,898
2010	120,175
2011	129,706
2012	118,522
2013	130,290
2014	136,854
2015	138,363
2016	146,532
2017	151,015
Average	110,229

Table II.56.49			
Single-Family Homes by Year Built, Average Sales Price, Average Floor Area, and Price Per Square Foot			
Lincoln County			
Fiscal Years 1999–2017 PAD Data			
Year Built	Average Sales Price (\$)	Average Floor Area (Sq. Ft.)	Price per Sq. Ft. ³⁶ (\$)
Before 1931	64,966	1,202	54.06
1931-1960	82,757	1,213	68.2
1961-1970	113,220	1,459	77.59
1971-1980	130,150	1,592	81.75
1981-1990	143,723	1,744	82.4
1991-2000	164,732	1,865	88.31
2001-2010	231,772	1,897	122.18
2011-2017	231,112	1,658	139.42
Average	110,229	1,426	77.29

³⁵ When a manufactured home is placed on a permanent foundation, the Assessor considers the property a single-family dwelling. Hence, these property transactions are seen even though a single-family new construction permit was probably not issued for the manufactured home.

³⁶ Price per sq. ft. may not compute precisely due to rounding-off of sales price and floor area.



Housing Problems

Households are classified as having housing problems if they face overcrowding, incomplete plumbing or kitchen facilities, or cost burdens. Overcrowding is defined as having from 1.1 to 1.5 people per room per residence, with severe overcrowding defined as having more than 1.5 people per room. Households with overcrowding are shown in Table II.56.50. In 2016, an estimated 1.2 percent of households were overcrowded, and an additional 1 percent were severely overcrowded.

Table II.56.50 Overcrowding and Severe Overcrowding Lincoln County 2000 Census SF3 & 2016 Five-Year ACS Data							
Data Source	No Overcrowding		Overcrowding		Severe Overcrowding		Total
	Households	% of Total	Households	% of Total	Households	% of Total	
Owner							
2000 Census	9,561	98.1%	156	1.6%	26	0.3%	9,743
2016 Five-Year ACS	9,758	99.4%	53	0.5%	5	0.1%	9,816
Renter							
2000 Census	4,110	94.9%	114	2.6%	109	2.5%	4,333
2016 Five-Year ACS	4,885	94.9%	121	2.3%	143	2.8%	14,965
Total							
2000 Census	13,671	97.1%	270	1.9%	135	1%	14,076
2016 Five-Year ACS	14,643	97.8%	174	1.2%	148	1%	14,965

Incomplete plumbing and kitchen facilities are another indicator of potential housing problems. According to the Census Bureau, a housing unit is classified as lacking complete plumbing facilities when any of the following are not present: piped hot and cold water, a flush toilet, and a bathtub or shower. Likewise, a unit is categorized as deficient when any of the following are missing from the kitchen: a sink with piped hot and cold water, a range or cook top and oven, and a refrigerator.

There were a total of 1 household with incomplete plumbing facilities in 2016, representing 0 percent of households in Lincoln County. This is compared to 0 percent of households lacking complete plumbing facilities in 2000.

Table II.56.51 Households with Incomplete Plumbing Facilities Lincoln County 2000 Census SF3 & 2016 Five-Year ACS Data		
Households	2000 Census	2016 Five-Year ACS
With Complete Plumbing Facilities	14,046	14,964
Lacking Complete Plumbing Facilities	30	1
Total Households	14,076	14,965
Percent Lacking	0%	0%

There were 219 households lacking complete kitchen facilities in 2016, compared to 55 households in 2000. This was a change from 0.4 percent of households in 2000 to 1.5 percent in 2016.



Table II.56.52 Households with Incomplete Kitchen Facilities Lincoln County 2000 Census SF3 & 2016 Five-Year ACS Data		
Households	2000 Census	2016 Five-Year ACS
With Complete Kitchen Facilities	14,021	14,746
Lacking Complete Kitchen Facilities	55	219
Total Households	14,076	14,965
Percent Lacking	0.4%	1.5%

Cost burden is defined as gross housing costs that range from 30.0 to 50.0 percent of gross household income; severe cost burden is defined as gross housing costs that exceed 50.0 percent of gross household income. For homeowners, gross housing costs include property taxes, insurance, energy payments, water and sewer service, and refuse collection. If the homeowner has a mortgage, the determination also includes principal and interest payments on the mortgage loan. For renters, this figure represents monthly rent and selected electricity and natural gas energy charges.

In Lincoln County, 13.4 percent of households had a cost burden and 9.3 percent had a severe cost burden. Some 17.7 percent of renters were cost burdened, and 14.1 percent were severely cost burdened. Owner-occupied households without a mortgage had a cost burden rate of 5.8 percent and a severe cost burden rate of 5.1 percent. Owner occupied households with a mortgage had a cost burden rate of 15.2 percent, and severe cost burden at 8.1 percent.

Table II.56.53 Cost Burden and Severe Cost Burden by Tenure Lincoln County 2000 Census & 2016 Five-Year ACS Data									
Data Source	Less Than 30%		30%-50%		Above 50%		Not Computed		Total
	Households	% of Total	Households	% of Total	Households	% of Total	Households	% of Total	
Owner With a Mortgage									
2000 Census	3,629	79.5%	606	13.3%	312	6.8%	19	0.4%	4,566
2016 Five-Year ACS	4,269	76.7%	846	15.2%	450	8.1%	0	0%	5,565
Owner Without a Mortgage									
2000 Census	2,600	87.8%	222	7.5%	108	3.6%	31	1%	2,961
2016 Five-Year ACS	3,749	88.2%	248	5.8%	215	5.1%	39	0.9%	4,251
Renter									
2000 Census	2,551	62.8%	718	17.7%	533	13.1%	262	6.4%	4,064
2016 Five-Year ACS	3,054	59.3%	911	17.7%	727	14.1%	457	8.9%	5,149
Total									
2000 Census	8,780	75.7%	1,546	13.3%	953	8.2%	312	2.7%	11,591
2016 Five-Year ACS	11,072	74%	2,005	13.4%	1,392	9.3%	496	3.3%	14,965



Housing Problems by Income

Table II.56.54, shows the HUD calculated Median Family Income (MFI) for a family of four for Lincoln County. As can be seen in 2017 the MFI was \$64,800, which compared to \$68,200 for the State of Nebraska.

Table II.56.55 shows Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data for housing problems by tenure and income. As can be seen there are a total of 1,195 owner-occupied and 649 renter-occupied households with a cost burden of greater than 30 percent and less than 50 percent. An additional 609 owner-occupied and 754 renter-occupied households had a cost burden greater than 50 percent of income. Overall there are 11,295 households without a housing problem.

Table II.56.54 Median Family Income Lincoln County 2000–2017 HUD MFI		
Year	MFI	State of Nebraska MFI
2000	46,200	50,400
2001	48,400	53,400
2002	50,000	55,100
2003	52,800	55,400
2004	54,700	56,300
2005	54,700	57,400
2006	55,900	59,400
2007	54,800	58,200
2008	56,300	59,800
2009	58,700	62,000
2010	59,000	62,600
2011	62,100	63,500
2012	63,000	64,400
2013	64,600	64,600
2014	69,000	66,000
2015	67,200	66,800
2016	64,100	66,500
2017	64,800	68,200

Table II.56.55
Housing Problems by Income and Tenure

Lincoln County
2010–2014 HUD CHAS Data

Housing Problem	Less Than 30% MFI	30% - 50% MFI	50% - 80% MFI	80% - 100% MFI	Greater than 100% MFI	Total
Owner-Occupied						
Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	4	0	20	0	20	44
Severely Overcrowded with > 1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	0	4	10	0	0	14
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	0	0	15	10	30	55
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	330	115	130	30	4	609
Housing cost burden greater than 30% but less than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	80	395	350	110	260	1,195
Zero/negative income (and none of the above problems)	25	0	0	0	0	25
Has none of the 4 housing problems	90	565	990	1,095	5,415	8,155
Total	529	1,079	1,515	1,245	5,729	10,097
Renter-Occupied						
Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	0	85	140	0	15	240
Severely Overcrowded with > 1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	0	0	50	0	0	50
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	4	15	65	0	0	84
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	645	105	4	0	0	754
Housing cost burden greater than 30% but less than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	240	270	100	35	4	649
Zero/negative income (and none of the above problems)	30	0	0	0	0	30
Has none of the 4 housing problems	185	375	720	575	1,285	3,140
Total	1,104	850	1,079	610	1,304	4,947
Total						
Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	4	85	160	0	35	284
Severely Overcrowded with > 1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	0	4	60	0	0	64
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	4	15	80	10	30	139
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	975	220	134	30	4	1,363
Housing cost burden greater than 30% but less than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	320	665	450	145	264	1,844
Zero/negative income (and none of the above problems)	55	0	0	0	0	55
Has none of the 4 housing problems	275	940	1,710	1,670	6,700	11,295
Total	1,633	1,929	2,594	1,855	7,033	15,044

Home Mortgage Loans

The FFEIC The Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) was enacted by Congress in 1975. Data collected under the HMDA provide a comprehensive portrait of home loan activity, including information pertaining to home purchase loans, home improvement loans, and refinancing. For the analysis only owner-occupied originated loans for single-family units were considered. As can be seen in Table II.56.56, of the 665 loans in 2016, 274 loans were for Home Purchases, 120 were for Home Improvement and 271 were for refinancing.



Table II.56.56 Owner-Occupied Single-Family Home Loans by Loan Type Lincoln County 2008 – 2016 HMDA Data				
Year	Home Purchase	Home Improvement	Refinancing	Total
2008	244	77	336	657
2009	219	44	501	764
2010	240	40	461	741
2011	182	40	372	594
2012	186	54	492	732
2013	215	69	429	713
2014	235	113	192	540
2015	283	111	236	630
2016	274	120	271	665

Table II.56.57 shows the average loan value by loan type. In 2008, average home purchase loans was \$116,480 and \$122,495 in 2012 and \$150,237 in 2016. Overall, average loans were \$101,855 in 2008 and \$124,633 in 2016.

Table II.56.57 Owner-Occupied Single-Family Home Loans by Average Loan Amount Lincoln County 2008 – 2016 HMDA Data				
Year	Home Purchase	Home Improvement	Refinancing	Total
2008	\$116,480	\$46,273	\$103,973	\$101,855
2009	\$113,443	\$32,795	\$117,226	\$111,279
2010	\$116,167	\$51,925	\$115,833	\$112,491
2011	\$118,363	\$45,975	\$110,339	\$108,463
2012	\$122,495	\$30,407	\$115,087	\$110,723
2013	\$126,237	\$36,145	\$120,147	\$113,854
2014	\$130,464	\$24,540	\$115,318	\$102,913
2015	\$131,795	\$32,378	\$121,411	\$110,389
2016	\$150,237	\$40,133	\$136,162	\$124,633

Table II.56.58 shows the total volume of owner-occupied single-family loans. In 2008, average home purchase loans was \$28,421,000 and \$22,784,000 in 2012 and \$41,165,000 in 2016. Overall, average loans were \$66,919,000 in 2008 and \$82,881,000 in 2016.

Table II.56.58				
Total Volume of Owner-Occupied Single-Family Loans				
Lincoln County				
2008 – 2016 HMDA Data				
Year	Home Purchase	Home Improvement	Refinancing	Total
2008	28,421,000	3,563,000	34,935,000	66,919,000
2009	24,844,000	1,443,000	58,730,000	85,017,000
2010	27,880,000	2,077,000	53,399,000	83,356,000
2011	21,542,000	1,839,000	41,046,000	64,427,000
2012	22,784,000	1,642,000	56,623,000	81,049,000
2013	27,141,000	2,494,000	51,543,000	81,178,000
2014	30,659,000	2,773,000	22,141,000	55,573,000
2015	37,298,000	3,594,000	28,653,000	69,545,000
2016	41,165,000	4,816,000	36,900,000	82,881,000

Survey of Rental Properties

From September through December of 2017, a telephone survey was conducted with landlords and rental property managers throughout Nebraska. Table II.56.59 presents some basic statistics about the completed surveys from this and other surveys conducted from 2002 through 2017 in Lincoln County. The number of completed surveys decreased from 53 in 2016 to 43 in 2017. Between 2016 and 2017 the vacancy rate for all units increased by 0.1 percentage points and was at 6.4 percent in 2017.

Table II.56.60 shows the amount of total and vacant units with their associated vacancy rates. At the time of the survey, there were an estimated 155 single-family units in Lincoln County, with 12 of them available. This

translates into a vacancy rate of 7.7 percent in Lincoln County, which compares to a single-family vacancy rate of 3.9 percent for the State of Nebraska. There were 898 apartment units reported in the survey, with 59 of them available, which resulted in a vacancy rate of 6.6 percent. This compares to a statewide vacancy rate of 4.1 percent for apartment units across the state. The average vacancy rate for all units types over the last five years was 5.4 percent.

Table II.56.59				
Survey of Rental Properties				
Lincoln County				
2002–2017 Survey of Rental Properties				
Year	Completed Surveys	Total Units	Vacancy Rate	Absorption Rate
2002	10	991	2.5	19.7
2003	11	1,083	5.9	22.4
2004	17	1,539	5.8	37.2
2005	13	1,112	6.7	34.3
2006	19	1,432	7.9	16
2007	22	1,713	16	28.5
2008	25	1,135	5	16.6
2009	36	2,186	5.9	18
2010	44	1,890	4.7	23
2011	56	1,950	5.1	21.4
2012	67	2,551	8	19.9
2013	56	2,366	4.2	37.8
2014	70	3,007	3.6	31.1
2015	56	2,210	4.9	26.5
2016	53	2,110	6.3	36.9
2017	43	1,283	6.4	14.9

Table II.56.60 Rental Vacancy Survey by Type Lincoln County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties				
Place	Total Units	Vacant Units	Vacancy Rate	5-Year Vacancy Rate Average
Single-Family	155	12	7.7%	4.5%
Apartments	898	59	6.6%	4.6%
Mobile Homes	57	0	0%	2%
"Other" Units	0	0	0%	.
Don't Know	173	11	6.4%	724.4%
Total	1,283	82	6.4%	5.4%

Table II.56.61, reports units by number of bedrooms. Two bedroom units were the most common type of reported single-family unit, with 70 units. The most common apartment units were two bedroom units, with 306 units.

Table II.56.61 Rental Units by Number of Bedrooms Lincoln County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties						
Number of Bedrooms	Single-Family Units	Apartment Units	Mobile Homes	"Other" Units	Don't Know	Total
Efficiency	0	53	0	0	.	53
One	12	196	0	0	.	208
Two	70	306	1	0	.	377
Three	43	112	6	0	.	161
Four	8	6	0	0	.	14
Don't Know	22	225	50	0	173	470
Total	155	898	57	0	173	1,283

Table II.56.62 displays the vacancy rate of single-family units by the number of bedrooms. Two bedroom units were the most common type of reported single-family unit, which had a vacancy rate of 4.3 percent.

Table II.56.62 Single-Family Units by Number of Bedrooms Lincoln County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties			
Number of Bedrooms	Units	Available Units	Vacancy Rates
Efficiency	0	0	%
One	12	0	0%
Two	70	3	4.3%
Three	43	0	0%
Four	8	1	12.5%
Don't know	22	8	36.4%
Total	155	12	7.7%

Table II.56.63 displays the vacancy rate of apartment units by the number of bedrooms. The most common apartment units were two bedroom units, which had a vacancy rate of 3.6 percent.

Table II.56.63 Apartment Units by Number of Bedrooms Lincoln County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties			
Number of Bedrooms	Units	Available Units	Vacancy Rates
Efficiency	53	11	20.8%
One	196	19	9.7%
Two	306	11	3.6%
Three	112	8	7.1%
Four	6	0	0%
Don't know	225	10	4.4%
Total	898	59	6.6%

Average market-rate rents by unit type are shown in Table II.56.64. Not all respondents were able to disclose the rental amounts for their units, so there may be some statistical aberrations in the computed rental rates, but generally those units with more bedrooms had higher rents.

Table II.56.64 Average Market Rate Rents by Number of Bedrooms Lincoln County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties					
Number of Bedrooms	Single-Family Units	Apartment Units	Mobile Homes	"Other" Units	Total
Efficiency	\$	\$412.5	\$	\$	\$412.5
One	\$537.5	\$490.2	\$	\$	\$504.8
Two	\$568.9	\$599.7	\$550	\$	\$587.6
Three	\$849.2	\$677.5	\$650	\$	\$744.3
Four	\$875	\$859.7	\$	\$	\$867.3
Don't know	\$682.9	\$563.6	\$600	\$	
Total	\$665.1	\$578.8	\$600	\$600	\$610.3

Table II.56.65 shows vacancy rates for single-family units by average rental rates for Lincoln County. The most common rent for single-family units was \$750 to \$999 dollars and units in this price range had a vacancy rate of 7.4 percent.

Table II.56.65 Single-Family Market Rate Rents by Vacancy Status Lincoln County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties			
Average Rents	Single-Family Units	Available Single-Family Units	Vacancy Rate
Less Than \$500	1	0	0%
\$500 to \$749	67	1	1.5%
\$750 to \$999	68	5	7.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	0	0	%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	0	0	%
Above \$1,500	0	0	%
Missing	19	6	31.6%
Total	155	12	7.7%



The average rent and availability of apartment units is displayed in Table II.56.66. The most common rent for apartments was \$500 to \$749 dollars and the units in this price range had a vacancy rate of 6.3 percent.

Table II.56.66 Apartment Market Rate Rents by Vacancy Status Lincoln County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties			
Average Rents	Apartment Units	Available Apartment Units	Vacancy Rate
Less Than \$500	24	2	8.3%
\$500 to \$749	804	51	6.3%
\$750 to \$999	63	6	9.5%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	0	0	%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	0	0	%
Above \$1,500	0	0	%
Missing	7	0	0%
Total	898	59	6.6%

Respondents were asked if utilities are included in the rent and, as shown in Table II.56.67, 24 respondents, or 77.4 percent, included some sort of utility in the rent.

Table II.56.67 Are there any utilities included with the rent? Lincoln County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties	
Period	Respondent
Yes	24
No	7
% Offering Utilities	77.4%

The type of utility included in the rent is shown in Table II.56.68. There were 3 respondents who included electricity, 2 respondents who included natural gas, 23 respondents who included water and sewer and 20 respondents included trash collection in the rent.

Table II.56.68 Which utilities are included with the rent? Lincoln County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties	
Type of Utility Provided	Respondent
Electricity	3
Natural Gas	2
Water/Sewer	23
Trash Collection	20

Table II.56.69 shows the number of survey respondents who keep a waiting list. As can be seen, 17 respondents said they keep a waitlist, with an estimated 65 persons on the wait list.

Table II.56.69 Do you keep a waiting list? Lincoln County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties	
Period	Respondent
Yes	17
No	14
Waitlist Size	65

Respondents were also asked how they would rate the need for renovating existing units. As shown in Table II.56.70 most respondents indicated there was moderate need for the renovation of existing single-family units and low need for the renovation of existing apartment units.

Table II.56.70 How would you rate the need for renovation of existing units in the city? Lincoln County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties				
Need	Single-Family	Apartments	Mobile Homes	Other Units
No Need	2	1		
Low Need	6	7	6	6
Moderate Need	7	6	5	4
High Need	5	5	5	5
Extreme Need	3	3	3	3

Respondents were also asked how they would rate the need for the construction of new units. As shown in Table II.56.71 most respondents indicated there was no need for the construction of new single-family units and no need for the construction of new apartment units.

Table II.56.71 How would you rate the need for construction of new units in the city? Lincoln County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties				
Need	Single-Family	Apartments	Mobile Homes	Other Units
No Need	6	6	5	5
Low Need	3	3	3	3
Moderate Need	3	4	3	3
High Need	5	4	1	
Extreme Need	6	6	5	4



