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## Perkins County

### DEMOGRAPHICS

#### Population Estimates

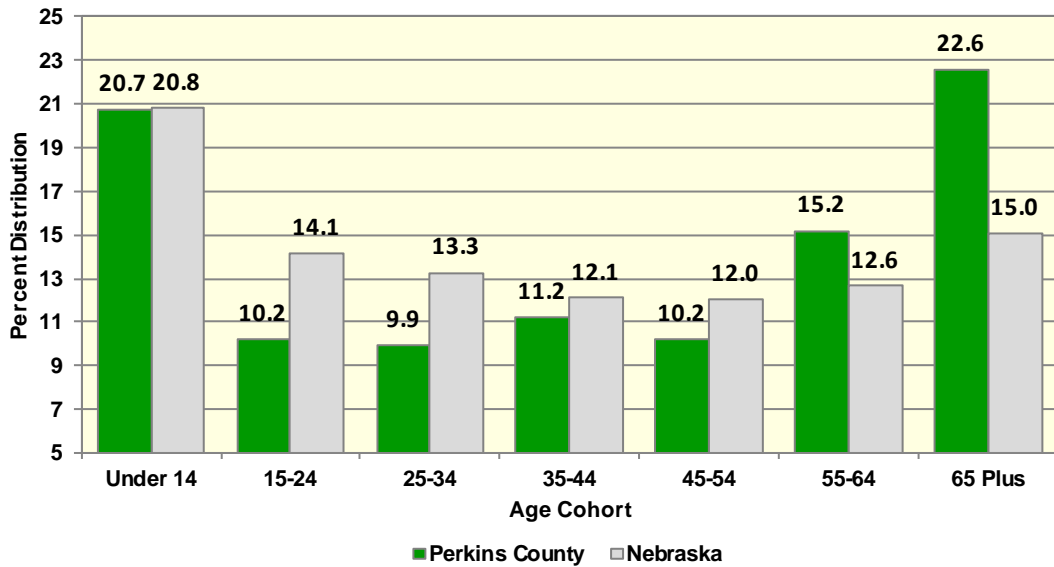
The Census Bureau's current census estimates indicate that Perkins County's population decreased from 2,970 in 2010 to 2,898 in 2016, or by 2.4 percent. This compares to a statewide population change of 4.4 percent over the period. The number of people from 25 to 34 years of age decreased by 6.2 percent, and the number of people from 55 to 64 years of age increased by 4.8 percent. The white population decreased by 3 percent, while the black population increased by 17.6 percent. The Hispanic population increased from 95 to 124 people between 2010 and 2016 or by 30.5 percent. These data are presented in Table II.68.1.

<b>Table II.68.1</b>						
<b>Profile of Population Characteristics</b>						
Perkins County vs. State of Nebraska						
2010 Census and 2016 Current Census Estimates						
Subject	Perkins County			Nebraska		
	2010 Census	Jul-16	% Change	2010 Census	Jul-16	% Change
<b>Population</b>	<b>2,970</b>	<b>2,898</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>	<b>1,826,341</b>	<b>1,907,116</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
<b>Age</b>						
0 to 14 years	614	601	-2.1%	383,542	396,601	3.4%
15 to 24 years	298	295	-1%	258,206	269,442	4.4%
25 to 34 years	306	287	-6.2%	245,176	252,946	3.2%
35 to 44 years	304	325	6.9%	220,838	230,528	4.4%
45 to 54 years	426	296	-30.5%	258,726	229,683	-11.2%
55 to 64 years	420	440	4.8%	213,176	241,172	13.1%
65 and Over	602	654	8.6%	246,677	286,744	16.2%
<b>Race</b>						
White	2,935	2,846	-3%	1,649,264	1,694,976	2.8%
Black	17	20	17.6%	85,971	94,620	10.1%
American Indian and Alaskan Native	7	9	28.6%	23,418	27,318	16.7%
Asian	5	7	40%	33,322	47,282	41.9%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	1	%	2,061	2,425	17.7%
Two or more races	6	15	150%	32,305	40,495	25.4%
<b>Ethnicity (of any race)</b>						
Hispanic or Latino	95	124	30.5%	167,405	203,320	21.5%

Table II.68.2, presents the population of Perkins County by age and gender from the 2010 Census and 2016 current census estimates. The 2010 Census count showed a total of 1,499 males, who accounted for 50.5 percent of the population, and the remaining 49.5 percent, or 1,471 persons, were female. In 2016, the number of males was 1,477 persons, and accounted for 51 percent of the population, with the remaining 49 percent, or 1,421 persons being female.

<b>Table II.68.2</b> <b>Population by Age and Gender</b> Perkins 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	342	272	614	311	290	601	-2.1%
15 to 24 years	158	140	298	186	109	295	-1%
25 to 34 years	166	140	306	147	140	287	-6.2%
35 to 44 years	149	155	304	168	157	325	6.9%
45 to 54 years	208	218	426	151	145	296	-30.5%
55 to 64 years	219	201	420	214	226	440	4.8%
65 and Over	257	345	602	300	354	654	-2.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,499</b>	<b>1,471</b>	<b>2,970</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>1,421</b>	<b>2,898</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>
<b>% of Total</b>	<b>50.5%</b>	<b>49.5%</b>	.	<b>51%</b>	<b>49%</b>	.	

**Diagram II.68.1**  
**Age Distribution**  
 Perkins 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.68.3, from April 2000 to July 2009, Perkins County natural decrease was estimated to be 28 people. Perkins County has been experiencing net out-migration, with 403 persons leaving the county in the last nine years.<sup>79</sup> The 2016 population estimates showed a natural increase of 54 persons. Between 2010 and 2016, Perkins County’s population decreased to 2,898 persons.

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 Perkins County decreased from 11 persons in 2015 to 8 persons in 2016, with an additional net movement of -3 in the first six months of 2017. The driver’s license total exchanges for the last 16 years are presented in Table II.68.4.

<b>Table II.68.3</b>	
<b>Population Change</b>	
Perkins County	
1980–2010 Census and Intercensal Data	
<b>1980 Population</b>	<b>3,637</b>
Natural Increase 80–90	119
Net Migration 80–90	-389
<b>1990 Population</b>	<b>3,367</b>
Natural Increase 90–00	-99
Net Migration 90–00	-68
<b>2000 Population</b>	<b>3,200</b>
Natural Increase 00–09	-28
Net Migration 00–09	-403
2009 Population Estimate	2,769
<b>2010 Population</b>	<b>2,970</b>
Natural Increase 10–16	54
Net Migration 10–16	-126
<b>2016 Population Estimate</b>	<b>2,898</b>

<b>Table II.68.4</b>			
<b>Driver's Licenses Exchanged and Surrendered</b>			
Perkins County			
2001–First half of 2017 DOT Data			
<b>Year</b>	<b>In-Migrants</b>	<b>Out-Migrants</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
Calendar 2001	56	60	-4
Calendar 2002	48	36	12
Calendar 2003	36	44	-8
Calendar 2004	50	49	1
Calendar 2005	44	36	8
Calendar 2006	35	41	-6
Calendar 2007	44	54	-10
Calendar 2008	46	53	-7
Calendar 2009	52	31	21
Calendar 2010	76	45	31
Calendar 2011	49	33	16
Calendar 2012	44	40	4
Calendar 2013	49	34	15
Calendar 2014	51	34	17
Calendar 2015	52	41	11
Calendar 2016	44	36	8
First Half of 2017	20	23	-3

<sup>79</sup> 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 Perkins County decreased by 1.7 percent from 594 in 2016 to 584 in 2017, as shown in Table II.68.5. The number of school-age children 5 to 11 years of age increased from 284 in 2016 to 298 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.

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.68.6, shows population by age for the 2000 and 2010 Census. The population changed by -7.2 percent overall between 2000 and 2010. Various age cohorts changed at different rates. The elderly population, or persons aged 65 or older, changed by -2.4 percent to a total of 602 persons in 2010. Those aged 25 to 34 changed by 0.3 percent, and those aged under 5 changed by 12.1 percent.

Year	Age Group			Total
	5–11	11–13	14–18	
1992	412	126	260	798
1993	387	123	282	792
1994	362	133	284	779
1995	367	129	308	804
1996	374	121	326	821
1997	358	127	334	819
1998	347	128	309	784
1999	309	123	311	743
2000	313	97	297	707
2001	304	86	291	681
2002	262	102	266	630
2003	234	90	248	572
2004	240	94	246	580
2005	258	76	227	561
2006	268	78	217	563
2007	289	70	205	564
2008	274	76	202	552
2009	292	79	194	565
2010	293	71	194	558
2011	301	70	185	556
2012	285	95	187	567
2013	271	98	179	548
2014	321	92	222	635
2015	325	87	210	622
2016	284	98	212	594
2017	298	79	207	584

Table II.68.6 Population by Age Perkins County 2000 & 2010 Census SF1 Data					
Age	2000 Census		2010 Census		% Change 00-10
	Population	% of Total	Population	% of Total	
Under 5	173	5.4%	194	6.5%	12.1%
5 to 19	751	23.5%	588	19.8%	-21.7%
20 to 24	119	3.7%	130	4.4%	9.2%
25 to 34	305	9.5%	306	10.3%	0.3%
35 to 54	917	28.7%	730	24.6%	-20.4%
55 to 64	318	9.9%	420	14.1%	32.1%
65 or Older	617	19.3%	602	20.3%	-2.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,970</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>

The elderly population is further explored in Table II.68.7. Those aged 65 to 66 changed by 7.4 percent between 2000 and 2010, resulting in a population of 58 persons. Those aged 85 or older changed by 14.8 percent during the same time period, and resulted in 132 persons over age 85 in 2010.

Table II.68.7 Elderly Population by Age Perkins County 2000 & 2010 Census SF1 Data					
Age	2000 Census		2010 Census		% Change 00-10
	Population	% of Total	Population	% of Total	
65 to 66	54	8.8%	58	9.6%	7.4%
67 to 69	76	12.3%	84	14%	10.5%
70 to 74	116	18.8%	148	24.6%	27.6%
75 to 79	147	23.8%	89	14.8%	-39.5%
80 to 84	109	17.7%	91	15.1%	-16.5%
85 or Older	115	18.6%	132	21.9%	14.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>

Population by race and ethnicity is shown in Table II.68.8, with the white population representing 97.1 percent in 2010. The black population changed by 1000 percent, representing 0.4 percent of the population in 2010. The American Indian and Asian populations represented 0.2 and 0.2 percent, respectively, in 2010. As for ethnicity, the Hispanic population changed by 28.4 percent between 2000 and 2010, compared to the -8 percent growth rate for non-Hispanics.

Table II.68.8 Population by Race and Ethnicity Perkins County 2000 & 2010 Census SF1 Data					
Race	2000 Census		2010 Census		% Change 00-10
	Population	% of Total	Population	% of Total	
White	3,126	97.7%	2,884	97.1%	-7.7%
Black	1	0%	11	0.4%	1,000%
American Indian	9	0.3%	6	0.2%	-33.3%
Asian	7	0.2%	5	0.2%	-28.6%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0%	0	0%	%
Other	43	1.3%	53	1.8%	23.3%
Two or More Races	14	0.4%	11	0.4%	-21.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,970</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>
<b>Hispanic</b>	74	2.3%	95	3.2%	28.4%
<b>Non-Hispanic</b>	3,126	97.7%	2,875	96.8%	-8%



Population by race and ethnicity through 2016 is shown in Table II.68.9. The white population represented 99.1 percent of the population in 2016, compared with the black population accounting for 0.2 percent of the population. Hispanic population represented 3.7 percent of the population in 2016.

<b>Table II.68.9</b>				
<b>Population by Race and Ethnicity</b>				
Perkins County				
2010 Census & 2016 Five-Year ACS				
Race	2010 Census		2016 Five-Year ACS	
	Population	% of Total	Population	% of Total
White	2,884	97.1%	2,884	99.1%
Black	11	0.4%	5	0.2%
American Indian	6	0.2%	2	0.1%
Asian	5	0.2%	0	0%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0%	0	0%
Other	53	1.8%	8	0.3%
Two or More Races	11	0.4%	12	0.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,970</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,911</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Non-Hispanic</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>96.8%</b>	<b>2,802</b>	<b>96.3%</b>
<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>3.7%</b>

The population by race is broken down further by ethnicity in Table II.68.10. While the white non-Hispanic population changed by -7.8 percent between 2000 and 2010, the white Hispanic population changed by 0 percent. The black non-Hispanic population changed by 900 percent.

<b>Table II.68.10</b>					
<b>Population by Race and Ethnicity</b>					
Perkins County					
2000 & 2010 Census Data					
Race	2000		2010 Census		% Change 00 - 10
	Population	% of Total	Population	% of Total	
<b>Non-Hispanic</b>					
White	3,090	98.8%	2,848	99.1%	-7.8%
Black	1	0%	10	0.3%	900%
American Indian	8	0.3%	3	0.1%	-62.5%
Asian	7	0.2%	5	0.2%	-28.6%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0%	0	0%	%
Other	8	0.3%	1	0%	-87.5%
Two or More Races	12	0.4%	8	0.3%	-33.3%
<b>Total Non-Hispanic</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-8%</b>
<b>Hispanic</b>					
White	36	48.6%	36	37.9%	0%
Black	0	0%	1	1.1%	%
American Indian	1	1.4%	3	3.2%	200%
Asian	0	0%	0	0%	%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0%	0	0%	%
Other	35	47.3%	52	54.7%	48.6%
Two or More Races	2	2.7%	3	3.2%	50%
<b>Total Hispanic</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>28.4%</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,970</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>



The change in race and ethnicity between 2010 and 2016 is shown in Table II.68.11. During this time, the total non-Hispanic population was 2,802 persons in 2016. The Hispanic population was 109.

<b>Table II.68.11</b>				
<b>Population by Race and Ethnicity</b>				
Perkins County				
2010 Census & 2016 Five-Year ACS				
<b>Race</b>	<b>2010 Census</b>		<b>2016 Five-Year ACS</b>	
	<b>Population</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
<b>Non-Hispanic</b>				
White	2,848	99.1%	2,784	99.4%
Black	10	0.3%	5	0.2%
American Indian	3	0.1%	0	0%
Asian	5	0.2%	0	0%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0%	0	0%
Other	1	0%	1	0%
Two or More Races	8	0.3%	12	0.4%
<b>Total Non-Hispanic</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,802</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Hispanic</b>				
White	36	37.9%	100	91.7%
Black	1	1.1%	0	0%
American Indian	3	3.2%	2	1.8%
Asian	0	0%	0	0%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0	0%	0	0%
Other	52	54.7%	7	6.4%
Two or More Races	3	3.2%	0	0%
<b>Total Hispanic</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>2,970</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,911</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Households by type and tenure are shown in Table II.68.12. Family households represented 65 percent of households, while non-family households accounted for 35 percent. These changed from 68.3 and 31.7 percent, respectively.

<b>Table II.68.12</b>				
<b>Household Type by Tenure</b>				
Perkins County				
2010 Census SF1 & 2016 Five-Year ACS Data				
<b>Household Type</b>	<b>2010 Census</b>		<b>2016 Five-Year ACS</b>	
	<b>Households</b>	<b>Households</b>	<b>Households</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Family Households	846	68.3%	807	65%
Married-Couple Family	759	89.7%	749	92.8%
Owner-Occupied	654	86.2%	671	89.6%
Renter-Occupied	105	13.8%	78	10.4%
Other Family	87	10.3%	58	10.8%
Male Householder, No Spouse Present	33	37.9%	22	56.9%
Owner-Occupied	22	66.7%	9	40.9%
Renter-Occupied	11	33.3%	13	59.1%
Female Householder, No Spouse Present	54	62.1%	36	93.1%
Owner-Occupied	30	55.6%	23	63.9%
Renter-Occupied	24	44.4%	13	36.1%
Non-Family Households	393	31.7%	434	35%
Owner-Occupied	258	65.6%	244	56.2%
Renter-Occupied	135	34.4%	190	43.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



The group quarters population was 44 in 2010, compared to 54 in 2000.

<b>Table II.68.13</b>					
<b>Group Quarters Population</b>					
Perkins County					
2000 & 2010 Census SF1 Data					
Group Quarters Type	2000 Census		2010 Census		% Change 00-10
	Population	% of Total	Population	% of Total	
<b>Institutionalized</b>					
Correctional Institutions	0	0%	0	0%	%
Juvenile Facilities	.	.	0	0%	.
Nursing Homes	54	100%	44	100%	-18.5%
Other Institutions	0	0%	0	0%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-18.5%</b>
<b>Non-Institutionalized</b>					
College Dormitories	0	%	0	%	%
Military Quarters	0	%	0	%	%
Other Non-Institutionalized	0	%	0	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Group Quarters Population</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-18.5%</b>

The number of foreign born persons are shown in Table II.68.14. An estimated 2 percent of the population was born in Mexico with 0.6 percent born in Germany and another 0.2 percent were born in Nigeria.

<b>Table II.68.14</b>			
<b>Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population</b>			
Perkins County			
2016 Five-Year ACS			
Number	Country	Number of Persons	Percent of Total Population
#1 country of origin	Mexico	59	2%
#2 country of origin	Germany	18	0.6%
#3 country of origin	Nigeria	5	0.2%
#4 country of origin	Canada	4	0.1%
#5 country of origin	Ireland	2	0.1%
#6 country of origin	Afghanistan	0	0%
#7 country of origin	Africa n.e.c	0	0%
#8 country of origin	Albania	0	0%
#9 country of origin	Argentina	0	0%
#10 country of origin	Armenia	0	0%

Limited English Proficiency and the language spoken at home are shown in Table II.68.15. An estimated 0.7 percent of the population speaks Spanish at home, followed by 0.2 percent speaking German or other West Germanic languages.

<b>Table II.68.15</b> <b>Limited English Proficiency and Language Spoken at Home</b> Perkins County 2016 Five-Year ACS			
Number	Country	Number of Persons	Percent of Total Population
#1 LEP Language	Spanish	18	0.7%
#2 LEP Language	German or other West Germanic languages	6	0.2%
#3 LEP Language	French, Haitian, or Cajun	4	0.1%
#4 LEP Language	Arabic	0	0%
#5 LEP Language	Chinese	0	0%
#6 LEP Language	Korean	0	0%
#7 LEP Language	Other Asian and Pacific Island languages	0	0%
#8 LEP Language	Other Indo-European languages	0	0%
#9 LEP Language	Other and unspecified languages	0	0%
#10 LEP Language	Russian, Polish, or other Slavic languages	0	0%

**Disability**

The disability rate from the 2000 Census is shown in Table II.68.16. Some 16.4 percent of the population was disabled in 2000, or a total of 487 persons. The disability rate was highest for those over 65, with 36.8 percent disabled.

<b>Table II.68.16</b> <b>Disability by Age</b> Perkins County 2000 Census SF3 Data		
Age	Total	
	Disabled Population	Disability Rate
5 to 15	26	4.8%
16 to 64	250	13.5%
65 and older	211	36.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>16.4%</b>

Table II.68.17 shows disability by type in 2000. There were 226 physical disabilities in 2000, some 155 employment disabilities, and 172 go-outside-home disabilities.

<b>Table II.68.17</b> <b>Total Disabilities Tallied: Aged 5 and Older</b> Perkins County 2000 Census SF3 Data	
Disability Type	Population
Sensory disability	124
Physical disability	226
Mental disability	100
Self-care disability	60
Employment disability	155
Go-outside-home disability	172
<b>Total</b>	<b>837</b>



Disability by age, as estimated by the 2016 ACS, is shown in Table II.68.18. The disability rate for females was 13.4 percent, compared to 10.5 percent for males. The disability rate changed precipitously higher with age, with 54.7 percent of those over 75 experiencing a disability.

<b>Table II.68.18</b>						
<b>Disability by Age</b>						
Perkins County 2016 Five-Year ACS Data						
Age	Male		Female		Total	
	Disabled Population	Disability Rate	Disabled Population	Disability Rate	Disabled Population	Disability Rate
Under 5	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
5 to 17	12	4.1%	2	0.9%	14	2.8%
18 to 34	1	0.4%	1	0.4%	2	0.4%
35 to 64	70	12.6%	52	9.4%	122	11%
65 to 74	24	15.9%	17	12.1%	41	14.1%
75 or Older	46	39.3%	118	64.5%	164	54.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>11.9%</b>

The number of disabilities by type, as estimated by the 2016 ACS, is shown in Table II.68.19. Some 7.9 percent have an ambulatory disability, 7.2 have an independent living disability, and 4.1 percent have a self-care disability.

<b>Table II.68.19</b>		
<b>Total Disabilities Tallied: Aged 5 and Older</b>		
Perkins County 2016 Five-Year ACS		
Disability Type	Population with Disability	Percent with Disability
Hearing disability	127	4.4%
Vision disability	41	1.4%
Cognitive disability	107	4%
Ambulatory disability	214	7.9%
Self-Care disability	111	4.1%
Independent living disability	158	7.2%

## Education

Education and employment data, as estimated by the 2016 ACS, is presented in Table II.68.20 and Table II.68.21. In 2016, some 1,470 persons were employed and 28 were unemployed. This totaled a labor force of 1,498 persons. The unemployment rate for Perkins County was estimated to be 1.9 in 2016.

<b>Table II.68.20</b>	
<b>Employment, Labor Force and Unemployment</b>	
Perkins County 2016 Five-Year ACS Data	
Employment Status	2016 Five-Year ACS
Employed	1,470
Unemployed	28
<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>1,498</b>
Unemployment Rate	1.9%



In 2016, 89 percent of households in Perkins County had a high school education or greater.

<b>Table II.68.21</b>	
<b>High School or Greater Education</b>	
Perkins County 2016 Five-Year ACS Data	
<b>Education Level</b>	<b>Households</b>
High School or Greater	1,104
Total Households	1,241
<b>Percent High School or Above</b>	<b>89%</b>

As seen in Table II.68.22, 31.4 percent of the population had a high school diploma or equivalent, another 34.8 percent have some college, 13 percent have a Bachelor's Degree, and 8.7 percent of the population had a graduate or professional degree.

<b>Table II.68.22</b>		
<b>Educational Attainment</b>		
Perkins County 2016 Five-Year ACS Data		
<b>Education Level</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Less Than High School	270	12.1%
High School or Equivalent	701	31.4%
Some College or Associates Degree	775	34.8%
Bachelor's Degree	291	13%
Graduate or Professional Degree	193	8.7%
<b>Total Population Above 18 years</b>	<b>2,230</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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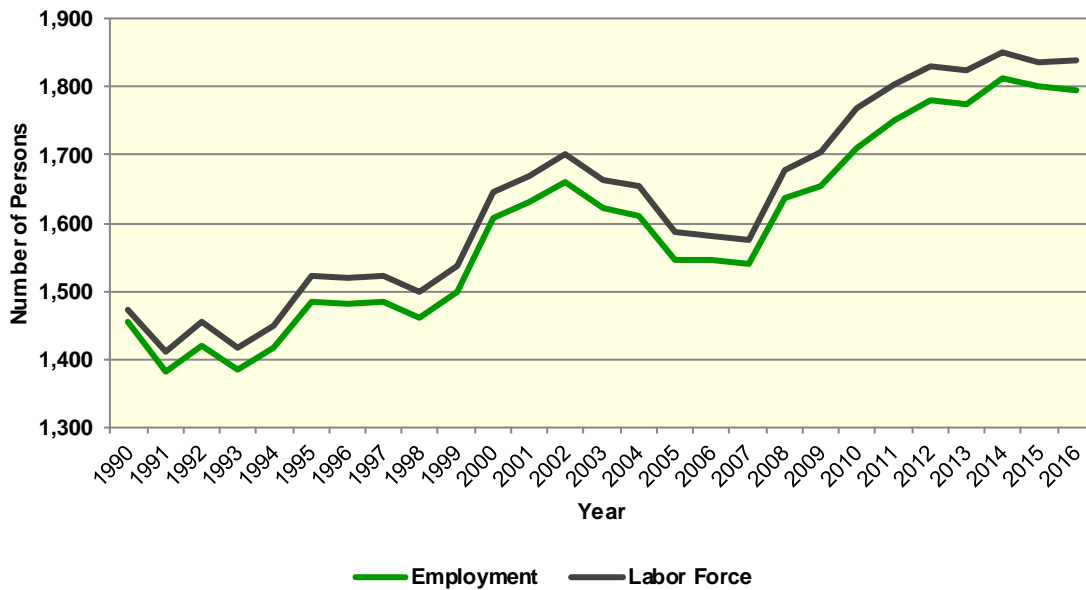
### Labor Force

Table II.68.23, shows the labor force statistics for Perkins County from 1990 to the present. Over the entire series the lowest unemployment rate occurred in 1990 with a rate of 1.2. The highest level of unemployment occurred during 2010 rising to a rate of 3.3. 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 Perkins County increased from 1.9 percent in 2015 to 2.3 percent in 2016, which compared to a statewide increase to 3.2 percent.

Table II.68.23 Labor Force Statistics Perkins County 1990 - 2016 BLS Data					
Year	Perkins County				Statewide
	Unemployment	Employment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate	Unemployment Rate
1990	17	1,455	1,472	1.2%	2.3%
1991	29	1,382	1,411	2.1%	2.7%
1992	35	1,420	1,455	2.4%	2.9%
1993	34	1,384	1,418	2.4%	2.8%
1994	34	1,417	1,451	2.3%	2.6%
1995	38	1,486	1,524	2.5%	2.6%
1996	38	1,482	1,520	2.5%	2.7%
1997	38	1,486	1,524	2.5%	2.5%
1998	38	1,461	1,499	2.5%	2.6%
1999	40	1,498	1,538	2.6%	2.8%
2000	37	1,609	1,646	2.2%	2.8%
2001	37	1,632	1,669	2.2%	3.1%
2002	42	1,659	1,701	2.5%	3.6%
2003	43	1,621	1,664	2.6%	3.9%
2004	42	1,612	1,654	2.5%	3.9%
2005	40	1,547	1,587	2.5%	3.8%
2006	35	1,547	1,582	2.2%	3.1%
2007	38	1,539	1,577	2.4%	3%
2008	41	1,636	1,677	2.4%	3.3%
2009	51	1,654	1,705	3%	4.6%
2010	59	1,710	1,769	3.3%	4.6%
2011	52	1,751	1,803	2.9%	4.4%
2012	49	1,781	1,830	2.7%	4%
2013	47	1,776	1,823	2.6%	3.8%
2014	39	1,812	1,851	2.1%	3.3%
2015	34	1,802	1,836	1.9%	3%
2016	42	1,796	1,838	2.3%	3.2%

Diagram II.68.2, shows the employment and labor force for Perkins County. The difference between the two lines represents the number of unemployed persons. In the most recent year, employment stood at 1,796 persons, with the labor force reaching 1,838, indicating there were a total of 42 unemployed persons.

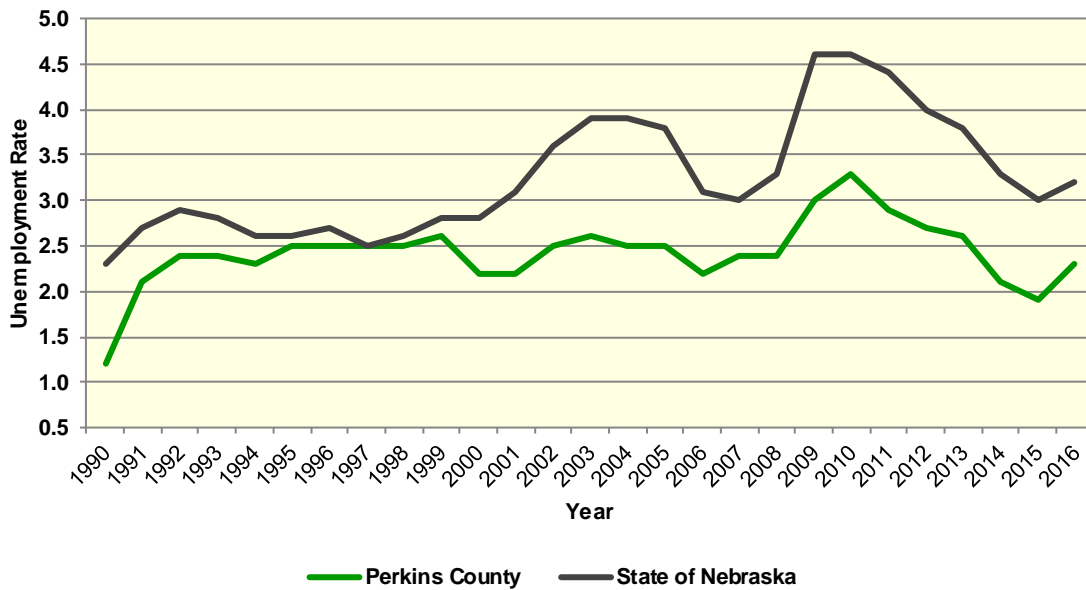
**Diagram II.68.2**  
**Employment and Labor Force**  
 Perkins County  
 1990 – 2016 BLS Data



### Unemployment

Diagram II.68.3, shows the unemployment rate for both the State and Perkins County. During the 1990’s the average rate for Perkins County was 2.3, which compared to 2.6 statewide. Between 2000 and 2010 the unemployment rate had an average of 2.5, which compared to 3.5 statewide. Since 2010 the average unemployment rate was 2.5. Over the course of the entire period Perkins County had an average unemployment rate lower than the state, 2.4 percent for Perkins County, versus 3.3 statewide.

**Diagram II.68.3**  
**Annual Unemployment Rate**  
 Perkins 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.68.24, shows total real earnings by industry for Perkins County. In the most recent 2016 estimate, the farm industry had the largest total real earnings, with total real earnings reaching 26,271,000 dollars. Between 2015 and 2016 the farm industry saw the largest percentage increase, rising by 17 percent to 26,271,000 dollars.



**Table II.68.24**  
**Real Earnings by Industry**  
 Perkins 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	33,168	29,762	92,370	82,271	73,603	55,208	22,461	26,271	17
Forestry, fishing, related activities, and other	0	0	3,873	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining	0	90	0	68	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	6,085	9,162	9,793	10,952	11,665	12,559	11,398	10,971	-3.7
Manufacturing	1,654	4,399	4,485	5,131	4,627	5,318	5,555	4,892	-11.9
Wholesale trade	7,971	12,414	13,272	14,349	13,990	14,838	14,722	14,165	-3.8
Retail trade	3,450	3,384	3,179	3,420	3,841	3,644	3,459	3,419	-1.2
Transportation and warehousing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Information	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finance and insurance	2,857	4,943	3,045	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real estate and rental and leasing	246	685	440	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional and technical services	785	0	0	0	1,422	1,940	0	0	0
Management of companies and enterprises	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative and waste services	0	0	0	0	100	84	0	0	0
Educational services	121	84	0	186	176	178	177	183	3.2
Health care and social assistance	1,979	2,280	2,383	2,544	2,499	2,535	2,763	3,230	16.9
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	0
Accommodation and food services	398	386	297	376	0	0	0	347	0
Other services, except public administration	4,008	3,924	3,668	3,893	0	0	0	0	0
Government and government enterprises	14,719	18,723	18,754	19,051	18,861	19,679	21,244	21,759	2.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,482</b>	<b>100,983</b>	<b>163,012</b>	<b>158,702</b>	<b>149,679</b>	<b>136,616</b>	<b>105,570</b>	<b>109,439</b>	<b>3.7</b>



Table II.68.25, shows the total employment by industry for Perkins County. The most recent estimates show the farm industry was the largest employer in Perkins County, with employment reaching 403 jobs in 2016. Between 2015 and 2016 the educational services industry saw the largest percentage increase, rising by 5.9 percent.

**Table II.68.25**  
**Employment by Industry**  
Perkins County  
BEA Table CA25 Data

NAICS Categories	2001	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 15-16
Farm earnings	542	428	421	395	397	393	417	403	-3.4
Forestry, fishing, related activities, and other	0	0	133	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining	0	10	10	12	13	12	13	13	0
Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	132	175	172	178	187	210	202	200	-1
Manufacturing	31	72	71	69	71	73	76	78	2.6
Wholesale trade	160	202	217	223	215	229	219	224	2.3
Retail trade	152	147	144	144	152	173	166	163	-1.8
Transportation and warehousing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Information	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finance and insurance	107	68	83	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real estate and rental and leasing	25	34	33	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional and technical services	45	0	0	0	57	74	0	0	0
Management of companies and enterprises	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative and waste services	0	0	0	0	17	18	0	0	0
Educational services	12	0	0	13	14	17	17	18	5.9
Health care and social assistance	73	94	97	103	94	108	119	121	1.7
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0
Accommodation and food services	48	31	30	36	0	0	0	37	0
Other services, except public administration	96	107	111	113	0	0	0	0	0
Government and government enterprises	411	385	388	394	378	398	395	400	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>2,097</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,138</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>2,256</b>	<b>2,251</b>	<b>2,240</b>	<b>-0.5</b>

Table II.68.26, shows the real average earnings per job by industry for Perkins County. These figures are calculated by dividing the Total Real Earning displayed in Table II.68.24 and Table II.68.25, by Industry. In 2016, the farm industry had the highest average earnings reaching 65,189 dollars. Between 2015 and 2016 the farm industry saw the largest percentage increase, rising by 21 percent to 65,189 dollars.

**Table II.68.26**  
**Real Earnings Per Job by Industry**  
 Perkins County  
 BEA Table CA5N and CA25 Data

NAICS Categories	2001	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 15-16
Farm earnings	61,196	69,538	219,406	208,281	185,397	140,479	53,863	65,189	21
Forestry, fishing, related activities, and other	0	0	29,118	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining	0	9,028	0	5,649	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	46,100	52,355	56,935	61,529	62,378	59,805	56,427	54,855	-2.8
Manufacturing	53,356	61,103	63,175	74,360	65,174	72,849	73,095	62,718	-14.2
Wholesale trade	49,817	61,457	61,161	64,346	65,072	64,793	67,226	63,237	-5.9
Retail trade	22,700	23,023	22,077	23,751	25,272	21,061	20,837	20,975	0.7
Transportation and warehousing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Information	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finance and insurance	26,700	72,696	36,690	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real estate and rental and leasing	9,847	20,141	13,337	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional and technical services	17,447	0	0	0	24,945	26,211	0	0	0
Management of companies and enterprises	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative and waste services	0	0	0	0	5,887	4,665	0	0	0
Educational services	10,091	0	0	14,340	12,584	10,482	10,430	10,167	-2.5
Health care and social assistance	27,106	24,256	24,567	24,701	26,582	23,468	23,218	26,694	15
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,737	0
Accommodation and food services	8,289	12,466	9,889	10,445	0	0	0	9,378	0
Other services, except public administration	41,750	36,671	33,043	34,448	0	0	0	0	0
Government and government enterprises	35,812	48,631	48,335	48,353	49,896	49,446	53,783	54,398	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,047</b>	<b>48,156</b>	<b>76,281</b>	<b>74,229</b>	<b>69,846</b>	<b>60,557</b>	<b>46,899</b>	<b>48,857</b>	<b>4.2</b>

Table II.68.27 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 \$145,002,000 a 3.2 percent change between 2015 and 2016. The Table shows further annual data for the years 1969 through 2016. In 2010, total employment was 2,097 and 2,240 in 2016.

**Table II.68.27**  
**Total Employment and Real Personal Income**  
 Perkins 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	54,552	1,926	556	14,372	6,153	73,708	21,092	1,745	31,262
1970	52,534	2,006	401	14,946	6,546	72,422	21,341	1,772	29,648
1971	53,710	2,039	680	14,921	7,076	74,348	22,598	1,769	30,363
1972	70,268	2,191	910	16,502	7,390	92,878	28,746	1,829	38,420
1973	93,919	2,755	1,189	19,344	8,680	120,377	36,344	1,842	50,986
1974	68,688	3,043	1,487	19,845	8,855	95,831	29,297	1,901	36,134
1975	90,789	3,141	1,688	22,058	9,488	120,881	35,576	1,967	46,155
1976	71,704	3,375	2,159	21,058	10,040	101,586	28,663	2,003	35,800
1977	74,941	3,327	2,537	21,487	10,127	105,766	29,686	2,022	37,063
1978	79,057	3,468	2,839	22,433	10,003	110,865	30,711	2,043	38,696
1979	65,694	3,433	3,148	22,842	10,624	98,875	27,164	1,948	33,723
1980	72,325	3,631	3,350	26,421	10,836	109,302	30,045	2,034	35,558
1981	72,281	3,868	2,878	29,465	11,291	112,046	30,808	2,025	35,694
1982	76,330	3,912	2,238	32,837	12,333	119,827	32,948	2,075	36,786
1983	88,679	3,812	1,598	32,849	12,601	131,914	35,974	2,109	42,047
1984	118,298	4,087	1,015	35,582	12,463	163,271	44,573	2,091	56,574
1985	117,190	4,095	477	33,910	12,901	160,384	43,929	2,050	57,165
1986	91,071	4,210	-109	33,195	13,242	133,189	37,592	1,978	46,042
1987	82,220	4,402	-692	31,014	13,076	121,217	35,269	2,051	40,087
1988	90,013	4,840	-1,312	30,431	13,134	127,425	37,325	2,046	43,995
1989	76,179	4,882	-1,859	29,808	13,963	113,209	33,494	2,026	37,601
1990	81,058	4,865	-2,333	27,338	14,122	115,320	34,261	2,008	40,367
1991	66,690	4,636	-1,581	26,673	15,086	102,232	31,302	1,936	34,447
1992	71,650	4,809	-1,341	26,774	14,577	106,851	32,928	1,946	36,819
1993	84,817	4,813	-708	26,441	15,459	121,197	37,120	1,931	43,924
1994	70,224	4,934	27	24,146	15,869	105,332	32,163	1,995	35,200
1995	78,022	5,044	456	25,640	16,699	115,773	34,934	2,035	38,340
1996	91,026	5,353	936	25,038	17,527	129,173	38,745	2,096	43,428
1997	78,567	5,680	1,427	25,676	17,087	117,077	35,127	2,153	36,491
1998	96,343	5,619	2,282	26,427	17,829	137,263	41,759	2,125	45,338
1999	92,027	5,629	3,139	23,822	17,802	131,161	39,976	2,099	43,843
2000	72,729	5,683	3,790	24,746	18,240	113,821	35,781	2,072	35,101
2001	85,482	6,012	3,006	24,230	19,485	126,192	40,382	2,033	42,048
2002	64,167	6,172	2,385	22,470	19,845	102,696	32,926	2,014	31,861
2003	98,197	6,149	1,728	23,418	21,178	138,372	44,897	1,936	50,722
2004	86,910	6,082	1,105	18,576	19,786	120,295	38,384	1,967	44,184
2005	79,355	6,050	446	18,341	20,726	112,818	35,872	1,885	42,098
2006	57,486	6,340	-176	17,364	21,279	89,612	29,468	1,920	29,940
2007	93,908	7,067	-907	20,182	21,239	127,355	42,268	2,022	46,443
2008	124,895	7,461	-1,722	23,673	22,791	162,176	54,994	2,061	60,600
2009	98,873	7,952	-4,502	23,618	22,615	132,651	45,165	2,101	47,060
2010	100,983	8,160	-5,772	22,225	23,499	132,774	44,555	2,097	48,156
2011	163,012	7,254	-5,506	24,840	23,003	198,096	67,243	2,137	76,280
2012	158,702	7,496	-7,479	32,867	22,069	198,663	67,641	2,138	74,229
2013	149,679	8,621	-7,993	28,434	22,097	183,596	63,374	2,143	69,846
2014	136,616	8,934	-8,482	29,744	22,316	171,261	59,362	2,256	60,557
2015	105,570	9,004	-8,940	29,190	23,657	140,473	47,796	2,251	46,900
2016	109,439	9,044	-8,916	29,361	24,162	145,002	50,035	2,240	48,857



Diagram II.68.4, shows real average earnings per job for Perkins County from 1990 to 2016. Over this period the average earning per job for Perkins County was 46,410 dollars, which was higher than the statewide average of 46,130 dollars over the same period.

**Diagram II.68.4**  
**Real Average Earnings Per Job**  
 Perkins County  
 BEA Data 1990 - 2016

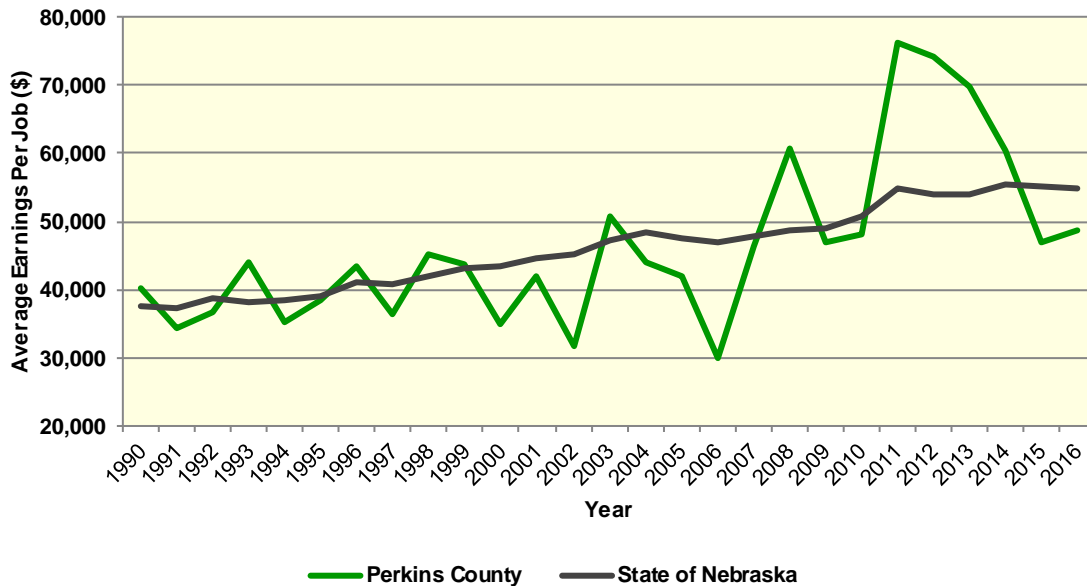
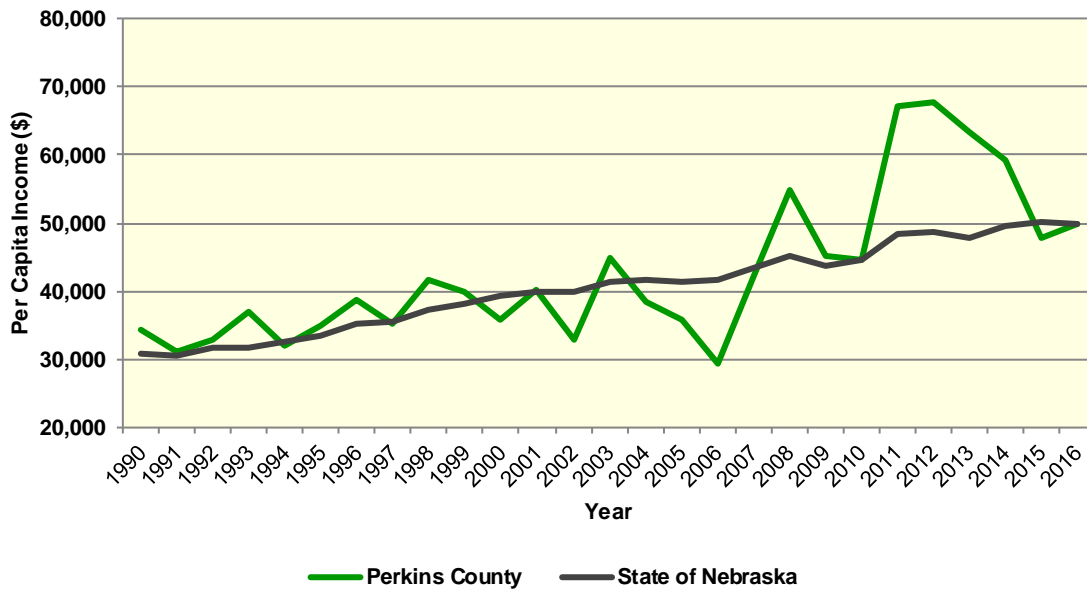


Diagram II.68.5, shows real per capita income in Perkins County from 1990 to 2016, which is calculated by dividing total personal income from all sources by population. Per capita income is a broader measure of wealth than real average earnings per job, which only captures the working population. Over this period the real per capita income for Perkins County was 42,906 dollars, which was higher than the statewide average of 40,548 dollars over the same period.

**Diagram II.68.5**  
**Real Per Capita Income**  
 Perkins 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.68.28 with the 2016 information considered preliminary. Between 2015 and 2016, total annual employment decreased from 1,149 persons in 2015 to 1,137 in 2016, a change of -1 percent.

**Table II.68.28**  
**Total Monthly Employment**  
 Perkins County  
 BLS QCEW Data, 2001–2016(p)

Period	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jan	946	946	1,012	1,032	1,014	1,034	1,095	1,097	1,144	1,139	1,115
Feb	934	967	1,027	1,037	983	1,022	1,090	1,089	1,137	1,148	1,118
Mar	939	962	1,041	1,040	1,001	1,067	1,115	1,095	1,150	1,140	1,146
Apr	937	978	1,041	1,049	1,036	1,061	1,114	1,108	1,178	1,137	1,125
May	951	1,008	1,076	1,062	1,059	1,083	1,152	1,120	1,199	1,162	1,142
Jun	997	1,047	1,090	1,085	1,077	1,113	1,148	1,143	1,235	1,174	1,179
Jul	969	1,009	1,081	1,071	1,052	1,078	1,148	1,138	1,197	1,160	1,117
Aug	959	983	1,062	1,047	1,034	1,052	1,123	1,101	1,159	1,141	1,129
Sep	948	978	1,067	1,046	1,029	1,047	1,104	1,125	1,152	1,132	1,154
Oct	943	980	1,067	1,052	1,041	1,069	1,114	1,121	1,166	1,149	1,142
Nov	944	943	1,071	1,051	1,044	1,063	1,122	1,140	1,150	1,155	1,120
Dec	938	967	1,065	1,060	1,016	1,067	1,117	1,135	1,158	1,150	1,151
<b>Annual</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>1,053</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,137</b>
% Change	2%	3%	8%	(ND)%	-2%	3%	5%	(ND)%	5%	-2%	-1%

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 \$755 in 2015. In 2016, average weekly wages saw a increase of 1 percent over the prior year, rising to 765 dollars, or by 10 dollars. These data are shown in Table II.68.29.

<b>Table II.68.29</b>						
<b>Average Weekly Wages</b>						
Perkins County						
BLS QCEW Data, 2001–2016(p)						
<b>Year</b>	<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>Second Quarter</b>	<b>Third Quarter</b>	<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>% Change</b>
2001	391	394	410	459	413	
2002	386	408	434	462	422	2%
2003	431	383	463	559	458	9%
2004	432	458	469	520	470	3%
2005	437	471	502	518	482	3%
2006	457	484	498	529	492	2%
2007	479	519	553	554	526	7%
2008	498	526	566	607	550	5%
2009	514	567	637	649	592	8%
2010	576	611	659	687	634	7%
2011	573	622	727	701	656	3%
2012	623	608	715	761	677	3%
2013	664	656	738	774	708	5%
2014	671	649	751	797	717	1%
2015	700	689	776	853	755	5%
2016(p)	697	723	797	842	765	1%

Total business establishments reported by the QCEW are displayed in Table II.68.28. Between 2015 and 2016, the total number of business establishments in Perkins County increased from 172 to 174 establishments.

<b>Table II.68.30</b>						
<b>Number of Business Establishments</b>						
Perkins County						
BLS QCEW Data, 2001–2016(p)						
<b>Year</b>	<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>Second Quarter</b>	<b>Third Quarter</b>	<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>% Change</b>
2001	122	122	120	122	122	
2002	124	129	126	125	126	3%
2003	129	129	134	129	130	3%
2004	129	131	136	129	131	1%
2005	129	127	126	123	126	-4%
2006	126	128	130	128	128	2%
2007	134	134	134	133	134	5%
2008	140	142	148	153	146	9%
2009	148	145	146	145	146	(ND)%
2010	144	148	150	148	148	1%
2011	157	155	155	154	155	5%
2012	164	164	166	166	165	6%
2013	168	171	173	175	172	4%
2014	178	175	174	173	175	2%
2015	172	173	171	171	172	-2%
2016	172	174	175	173	174	1%

### 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 0.9 percent between 2010 and 2016. Returns from taxpayers with AGIs of \$35,001 to \$50,000 decreased by 2.4 percent over the period. On the other hand, by 2016 there were 189 returns for AGIs of \$100,000 or more. Table II.68.31 presents AGI distribution for the years 1991 through 2016.

<b>Table II.68.31</b>										
<b>Income Tax Returns by Adjusted Gross Income</b>										
Perkins County										
1991–2016 DOR Data										
<b>Year</b>	<b>Less than \$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,001–\$15,000</b>	<b>\$15,001–\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,001–\$35,000</b>	<b>\$35,001–\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,001–\$75,000</b>	<b>\$75,001–\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,001–\$250,000</b>	<b>More than \$250,000</b>	<b>Total<sup>80</sup></b>
1991	461	138	256	205	178	67	0	23	0	1,372
1992	514	122	264	168	184	95	0	24	0	1,407
1993	508	121	258	192	179	113	0	21	0	1,429
1994	539	126	264	197	156	120	0	18	0	1,449
1995	551	116	247	190	164	129	13	20	0	1,445
1996	503	117	243	179	181	140	37	18	0	1,430
1997	526	114	223	181	184	149	23	29	0	1,452
1998	477	120	246	180	199	158	12	35	0	1,459
1999	435	116	233	183	190	180	38	53	0	1,445
2000	445	103	240	167	181	174	33	57	0	1,419
2001	457	105	207	151	179	171	57	34	0	1,377
2002	458	110	220	143	193	149	49	38	0	1,380
2003	405	105	219	173	172	176	42	40	0	1,351
2004	397	114	202	149	207	176	55	42	0	1,363
2005	330	97	181	131	185	180	0	52	0	1,229
2006	312	102	194	165	194	182	0	72	0	1,317
2007	297	102	164	141	196	221	0	96	0	1,317
2008	285	102	160	138	163	212	132	104	14	1,310
2009	260	95	157	150	177	206	124	99	18	1,286
2010	226	95	132	119	170	218	128	119	13	1,220
2011	230	100	164	131	181	208	138	136	20	1,308
2012	230	80	148	119	173	207	121	192	35	1,305
2013	216	77	147	119	166	208	133	179	30	1,275
2014	206	83	140	110	180	210	133	204	24	1,290
2015	224	75	133	128	189	193	142	185	20	1,289
2016	224	87	132	130	166	216	131	167	22	1,275

<sup>80</sup> 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 310 in 2010 to 301 in 2016, with the poverty rate reaching 10.6 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.68.32 presents poverty data for the county.

Year	Persons in Poverty	Poverty Rate
2000	340	11.1%
2001	340	11.1%
2002	336	11.1%
2003	306	10%
2004	315	10.4%
2005	373	12.4%
2006	354	12.1%
2007	328	11.4%
2008	303	10.7%
2009	332	12.3%
2010	310	10.6%
2011	328	11.3%
2012	295	10.3%
2013	287	10%
2014	295	10.4%
2015	294	10.1%
2016	301	10.6%

The rate of poverty for Perkins County is shown in Table II.68.33. In 2016, there were an estimated 194 persons living in poverty. This represented a 6.8 percent poverty rate, compared to 13.6 percent poverty in 2000. In 2016, some 12.4 percent of those in poverty were under age 6, and 13.9 percent were 65 or older.

Age	2000 Census		2016 Five-Year ACS	
	Persons in Poverty	% of Total	Persons in Poverty	% of Total
Under 6	45	10.5%	24	12.4%
6 to 17	125	29.2%	46	23.7%
18 to 64	207	48.4%	97	50%
65 or Older	51	11.9%	27	13.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Poverty Rate</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	.	<b>6.8%</b>	.

## HOUSING

The Census Bureau estimates that the total number of housing units decreased by -0.7 percent in Perkins County between 2010 and 2016, from 1,450 to 1,440. This compared to an estimated 3.8 percent increase statewide, as shown in Table II.68.34.

Subject	Nebraska	% Growth Since Census	Perkins County	% Growth Since Census
2000 Census Base	722,656	.	1,443	.
2010 Census	796,793	10.3	1,450	0.5
July 2011 Estimate	801,068	0.5	1,446	-0.3
July 2012 Estimate	804,586	1	1,443	-0.5
July 2013 Estimate	809,062	1.5	1,443	-0.5
July 2014 Estimate	814,835	2.3	1,442	-0.6
July 2015 Estimate	820,725	3	1,440	-0.7
July 2016 Estimate	827,156	3.8	1,440	-0.7

### Housing Production

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



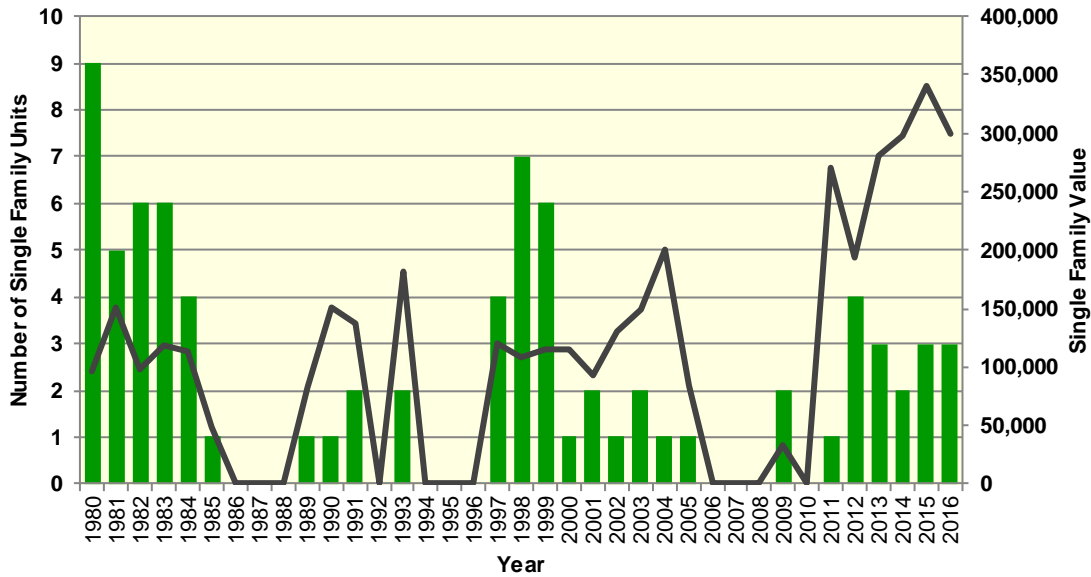
valuation of building permits by county annually. Single-family construction usually represents most residential development in the county. Single-family building permit authorizations in Perkins County remained unchanged from 3 authorizations in 2015 to 3 in 2016.

The real value of single-family building permits decreased from \$341,101 in 2015 to \$300,000 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.68.35.

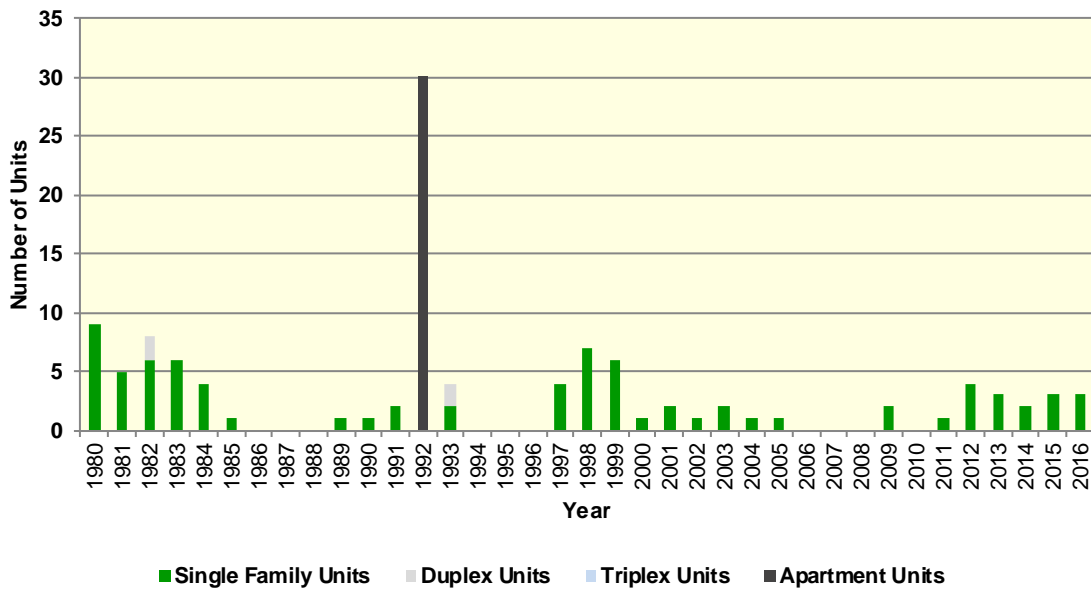
<b>Table II.68.35</b> <b>Building Permits and Valuation</b> Perkins County Census Bureau Data, 1980–2016							
Year	Authorized Construction in Permit Issuing Areas					Per Unit Valuation, (Real 2016\$)	
	Single-Family	Duplex Units	Tri- and Four-Plex	Multi-Family Units	Total Units	Single-Family Units	Multi-Family Units
1980	9	0	0	0	9	96,959	0
1981	5	0	0	0	5	150,666	0
1982	6	2	0	0	8	98,400	0
1983	6	0	0	0	6	118,255	0
1984	4	0	0	0	4	112,668	0
1985	1	0	0	0	1	48,676	0
1986	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1987	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1988	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1989	1	0	0	0	1	83,074	0
1990	1	0	0	0	1	150,200	0
1991	2	0	0	0	2	137,296	0
1992	0	0	0	30	30	0	47,273
1993	2	2	0	0	4	182,014	0
1994	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1995	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1996	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1997	4	0	0	0	4	119,643	0
1998	7	0	0	0	7	108,819	0
1999	6	0	0	0	6	115,535	0
2000	1	0	0	0	1	115,678	0
2001	2	0	0	0	2	93,147	0
2002	1	0	0	0	1	131,044	0
2003	2	0	0	0	2	149,043	0
2004	1	0	0	0	1	201,325	0
2005	1	0	0	0	1	84,807	0
2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	2	0	0	0	2	32,319	0
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	1	0	0	0	1	269,687	0
2012	4	0	0	0	4	193,173	0
2013	3	0	0	0	3	281,455	0
2014	2	0	0	0	2	296,979	0
2015	3	0	0	0	3	341,101	0
2016	3	0	0	0	3	300,000	0



**Diagram II.68.6**  
**Single-Family Permits**  
 Perkins County  
 Census Bureau Data, 1980–2016



**Diagram II.68.7**  
**Total Permits by Unit Type**  
 Perkins County  
 Census Bureau Data, 1980–2016



### Housing Characteristics

Housing types by unit are shown in Table II.68.36. In 2016, there were 1,444 housing units, same as 1,444 in 2000. Single-family units accounted for 91.7 percent of units in 2016, compared to 86.2 in 2000. Apartment units accounted for 4.1 percent in 2016, compared to 3.2 percent in 2000.

<b>Table II.68.36 Housing Units by Type</b> Perkins 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	1,245	86.2%	1,324	91.7%
Duplex	14	1%	19	1.3%
Tri- or Four-Plex	18	1.2%	11	0.8%
Apartment	46	3.2%	59	4.1%
Mobile Home	121	8.4%	31	2.1%
Boat, RV, Van, Etc.	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Some 85.4 percent of housing was occupied in 2010, compared to 88.3 percent in 2000. Owner-occupied housing changed -0.1 percent between 2000 and 2010, ending with owner-occupied units representing 77.8 percent of units. Vacant units changed by 24.9 percent, resulting in 211 vacant units in 2010.

<b>Table II.68.37 Housing Units by Tenure</b> Perkins County 2000 & 2010 Census SF1 Data					
Tenure	2000 Census		2010 Census		% Change 00-10
	Units	% of Total	Units	% of Total	
Occupied Housing Units	1,275	88.3%	1,239	85.4%	-2.8%
Owner-Occupied	965	75.7%	964	77.8%	-0.1%
Renter-Occupied	310	24.3%	275	22.2%	-11.3%
Vacant Housing Units	169	11.7%	211	14.6%	24.9%
<b>Total Housing Units</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>

Table II.68.38 shows housing units by tenure from 2010 to 2016. By 2016, there were 1,444 housing units. An estimated 76.3 percent were owner-occupied, and 14.1 percent were vacant.

<b>Table II.68.38 Housing Units by Tenure</b> Perkins County 2010 Census & 2016 Five-Year ACS Data				
Tenure	2010 Census		2016 Five-Year ACS	
	Units	% of Total	Units	% of Total
Occupied Housing Units	1,239	85.4%	1,241	85.9%
Owner-Occupied	964	77.8%	947	76.3%
Renter-Occupied	275	22.2%	294	23.7%
Vacant Housing Units	211	14.6%	203	14.1%
<b>Total Housing Units</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



Households by household size are shown in Table II.68.39. There were a total of 1,239 households in 2010, down from 1,275 in 2000. One person households changed by 2.3 percent between 2000 and 2010, while two person households changed by 6.9 percent. Three and four person households changed by -18 and -29.2 respectively, representing 11.1 percent and 10.2 percent of the population in 2010.

<b>Table II.68.39</b>					
<b>Households by Household Size</b>					
Perkins County					
2000 & 2010 Census SF1 Data					
Size	2000 Census		2010 Census		% Change 00–10
	Households	% of Total	Households	% of Total	
One Person	350	27.5%	358	28.9%	2.3%
Two Persons	462	36.2%	494	39.9%	6.9%
Three Persons	167	13.1%	137	11.1%	-18%
Four Persons	178	14%	126	10.2%	-29.2%
Five Persons	73	5.7%	93	7.5%	27.4%
Six Persons	28	2.2%	20	1.6%	-28.6%
Seven Persons or More	17	1.3%	11	0.9%	-35.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>

Households by income is shown in Table II.68.40. Households earning more than \$100,000 per year represented 18.6 percent of households in 2016, compared to 6.3 percent in 2000. Households earning between \$50,000 and \$74,999 represented 24.9 percent of households in 2016, compared to 17.3 percent in 2000. Meanwhile, households earning less than \$15,000 accounted for 11.7 percent of households in 2016, compared to 17.9 percent in 2000.

<b>Table II.68.40</b>				
<b>Households by Income</b>				
Perkins 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	229	17.9%	145	11.7%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	104	8.1%	42	3.4%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	110	8.6%	66	5.3%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	206	16.1%	91	7.3%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	255	20%	165	13.3%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	221	17.3%	309	24.9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	72	5.6%	192	15.5%
\$100,000 or More	80	6.3%	231	18.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Table II.68.41 shows households by year home built. Housing units built between 2000 and 2009, account for 3.1 percent and those built in 2010 or later accounted for 2.1 percent of households. Households built in the 1970's, 1980's, and 1990's account for 25.7 percent, 6.1 percent, and 5.5, respectively. Housing units built prior to 1939 represented 21.4 percent of households in 2016.

<b>Table II.68.41</b>				
<b>Households by Year Home Built</b>				
Perkins 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	470	36.9%	265	21.4%
1940 to 1949	158	12.4%	154	12.4%
1950 to 1959	143	11.2%	178	14.3%
1960 to 1969	101	7.9%	117	9.4%
1970 to 1979	185	14.5%	319	25.7%
1980 to 1989	111	8.7%	76	6.1%
1990 to 1999	107	8.4%	68	5.5%
2000 to 2009	.	.	38	3.1%
2010 or Later	.	.	26	2.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The distribution of unit types by race are shown in Table II.68.42. An estimated 92.5 percent of white households occupy single-family homes, while 100 percent of black households do. Some 3.5 percent of white households occupy apartments, while 0 percent of black households do. An estimated 100 percent of American Indian households occupy single-family homes.

<b>Table II.68.42</b>							
<b>Distribution of Units in Structure by Race</b>							
Perkins County							
2016 Five-Year ACS Data							
Unit Type	White	Black	American Indian	Asian	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islanders	Other	Two or More Races
Single-Family	92.5%	100%	100%	%	%	100%	50%
Duplex	1.6%	0%	0%	%	%	0%	0%
Tri- or Four-Plex	0.9%	0%	0%	%	%	0%	0%
Apartment	3.5%	0%	0%	%	%	0%	0%
Mobile Home	1.6%	0%	0%	%	%	0%	50%
Boat, RV, Van, Etc.	0%	0%	0%	%	%	0%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The disposition of vacant housing units in 2000 and 2010 are shown in Table II.68.43. An estimated 24.6 percent of vacant units were for rent in 2010, a 62.5 percent change since 2000. In addition, some 5.7 percent of vacant units were for sale, a change of -52 percent between 2000 and 2010. "Other" vacant units represented 48.3 percent of vacant units in 2010. This is a change of 21.4 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.

<b>Table II.68.43</b>					
<b>Disposition of Vacant Housing Units</b>					
Perkins County					
2000 & 2010 Census SF1 Data					
Disposition	2000 Census		2010 Census		% Change 00–10
	Units	% of Total	Units	% of Total	
For Rent	32	18.9%	52	24.6%	62.5%
For Sale	25	14.8%	12	5.7%	-52%
Rented or Sold, Not Occupied	11	6.5%	11	5.2%	0%
For Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use	17	10.1%	33	15.6%	94.1%
For Migrant Workers	0	0%	1	0.5%	%
Other Vacant	84	49.7%	102	48.3%	21.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>24.9%</b>

The disposition of vacant units between 2010 and 2016 are shown in Table II.68.44. By 2016, for rent units accounted for 6.4 percent of vacant units, while for sale units accounted for 16.3 percent. “Other” vacant units accounted for 55.7 percent of vacant units, representing a total of 113 “other” vacant units.

<b>Table II.68.44</b>				
<b>Disposition of Vacant Housing Units</b>				
Perkins County				
2010 Census & 2016 Five-Year ACS Data				
Disposition	2010 Census		2016 Five-Year ACS	
	Units	% of Total	Units	% of Total
For Rent	52	24.6%	13	6.4%
For Sale	12	5.7%	33	16.3%
Rented Not Occupied	3	1.4%	0	0%
Sold Not Occupied	8	3.8%	0	0%
For Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use	33	15.6%	44	21.7%
For Migrant Workers	1	0.5%	0	0%
Other Vacant	102	48.3%	113	55.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### 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 755 property transactions in Perkins County. Of these, 713 were for single-family homes during this 19-year period, as shown in Table II.68.45.

<b>Table II.68.45</b>						
<b>Residential Property Transactions</b>						
Perkins County						
Fiscal Years 1999–2017 PAD Data						
<b>Year</b>	<b>Single-Family</b>	<b>Mobile Home</b>	<b>Duplex</b>	<b>Townhome</b>	<b>Missing</b>	<b>Total</b>
1999	42	4	0	3	0	49
2000	51	1	0	0	0	52
2001	44	2	0	0	5	51
2002	40	3	0	0	6	49
2003	23	2	0	0	2	27
2004	35	1	0	1	0	37
2005	41	2	0	0	0	43
2006	48	5	0	0	0	53
2007	38	1	0	0	1	40
2008	20	0	0	0	3	23
2009	27	0	0	0	0	27
2010	26	0	0	0	0	26
2011	21	0	0	0	0	21
2012	45	0	0	0	0	45
2013	36	0	0	0	0	36
2014	51	0	0	0	0	51
2015	43	0	0	0	0	43
2016	36	0	0	0	0	36
2017	46	0	0	0	0	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>755</b>

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 244 single-family home property transactions for units built before 1930, 16.8 percent of units were of low quality and 60.2 percent were of fair quality. Conversely, of the 10 homes built from 2001 through 2010, 0 percent of units were of low quality and 10 percent of fair quality. Table II.68.46 provides details on the quality of these single-family residential dwellings by vintage of construction.

<b>Table II.68.46</b>										
<b>Single-Family Homes by Year Built and Quality of Materials and Workmanship</b>										
Perkins County										
Fiscal Years 1999–2017 PAD Data										
<b>Quality</b>	<b>Before 1931</b>	<b>1931-1960</b>	<b>1961-1970</b>	<b>1971-1980</b>	<b>1981-1990</b>	<b>1991-2000</b>	<b>2001-2010</b>	<b>2011-2017</b>	<b>Missing</b>	<b>Total</b>
Low	41	30	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	80
Fair	147	118	15	19	8	1	1	0	0	309
Average	56	106	35	73	17	9	6	0	0	302
Good	0	2	1	6	2	7	3	0	0	21
Very Good	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Excellent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>713</b>

In regard to the current condition of residential dwellings, of the same 244 single-family homes built before 1930, 61.5 percent of the homes were worn out or badly worn, and 32.8 percent were in average condition. Table II.68.47 provides details about the condition of single-family residential dwellings by year built.



Table II.68.47 Single-Family Homes by Year Built and Condition Perkins 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	33	17	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	59
Badly Worn	117	98	9	12	5	0	0	0	0	241
Average	80	121	28	67	17	7	2	0	0	322
Good	14	19	8	15	4	8	8	0	0	76
Very Good	0	2	5	3	1	2	0	0	0	13
Excellent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>713</b>

### Housing Costs

Between 2010 and 2017, the average price of an existing single-family home changed from \$56,144 to \$96,033, a total increase of 71 percent, as shown in Table II.68.48.

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 Perkins County ranged from \$39,070 for homes built before 1930 to \$178,350 for homes built from 2001 to 2010.<sup>81</sup> Homes built from 2001 through 2010 were also larger, averaging 1,625 square feet per unit. Table II.68.49, provides additional details about single-family homes.

Table II.68.48 Average Sales Price of Single-Family Homes Perkins County Fiscal Years 1999–2017 PAD Data	
Fiscal Year	Average Sales Price (\$)
1999	38,506
2000	52,267
2001	49,247
2002	60,838
2003	52,283
2004	45,650
2005	71,549
2006	59,424
2007	67,970
2008	74,345
2009	73,104
2010	56,144
2011	93,138
2012	63,700
2013	87,044
2014	77,675
2015	77,436
2016	76,029
2017	96,033
<b>Average</b>	<b>66,444</b>

Table II.68.49 Single-Family Homes by Year Built, Average Sales Price, Average Floor Area, and Price Per Square Foot Perkins County Fiscal Years 1999–2017 PAD Data			
Year Built	Average Sales Price (\$)	Average Floor Area (Sq. Ft.)	Price per Sq. Ft. <sup>82</sup> (\$)
Before 1931	39,070	1,201	32.52
1931-1960	60,161	1,323	45.47
1961-1970	88,333	1,491	59.24
1971-1980	98,417	1,543	63.8
1981-1990	113,963	1,536	74.17
1991-2000	147,876	1,822	81.18
2001-2010	178,350	1,625	109.77
2011-2017	0	0	0
<b>Average</b>	<b>66,444</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>49.2</b>

<sup>81</sup> 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.

<sup>82</sup> 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.68.50. In 2016, an estimated 0.1 percent of households were overcrowded, and an additional 0 percent were severely overcrowded.

<b>Table II.68.50</b> <b>Overcrowding and Severe Overcrowding</b> Perkins 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	
<b>Owner</b>							
2000 Census	950	98.5%	11	1.1%	3	0.3%	964
2016 Five-Year ACS	946	99.9%	1	0.1%	0	0%	947
<b>Renter</b>							
2000 Census	305	98.1%	4	1.3%	2	0.6%	311
2016 Five-Year ACS	294	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1,241
<b>Total</b>							
2000 Census	1,255	98.4%	15	1.2%	5	0.4%	1,275
2016 Five-Year ACS	1,240	99.9%	1	0.1%	0	0%	1,241

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 0 households with incomplete plumbing facilities in 2016, representing 0 percent of households in Perkins County. This is compared to 0 percent of households lacking complete plumbing facilities in 2000.

<b>Table II.68.51</b> <b>Households with Incomplete Plumbing Facilities</b> Perkins County 2000 Census SF3 & 2016 Five-Year ACS Data		
Households	2000 Census	2016 Five-Year ACS
With Complete Plumbing Facilities	1,275	1,241
Lacking Complete Plumbing Facilities	0	0
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,241</b>
<b>Percent Lacking</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>

There were 20 households lacking complete kitchen facilities in 2016, compared to 2 households in 2000. This was a change from 0.2 percent of households in 2000 to 1.6 percent in 2016.



<b>Table II.68.52</b> <b>Households with Incomplete Kitchen Facilities</b> Perkins County 2000 Census SF3 & 2016 Five-Year ACS Data		
Households	2000 Census	2016 Five-Year ACS
With Complete Kitchen Facilities	1,273	1,221
Lacking Complete Kitchen Facilities	2	20
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,241</b>
<b>Percent Lacking</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>

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 Perkins County, 10 percent of households had a cost burden and 8.5 percent had a severe cost burden. Some 10.2 percent of renters were cost burdened, and 20.7 percent were severely cost burdened. Owner-occupied households without a mortgage had a cost burden rate of 5.9 percent and a severe cost burden rate of 1.7 percent. Owner occupied households with a mortgage had a cost burden rate of 15 percent, and severe cost burden at 8.3 percent.

<b>Table II.68.53</b> <b>Cost Burden and Severe Cost Burden by Tenure</b> Perkins 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	
<b>Owner With a Mortgage</b>									
2000 Census	221	82.2%	30	11.2%	10	3.7%	8	3%	269
2016 Five-Year ACS	322	76.7%	63	15%	35	8.3%	0	0%	420
<b>Owner Without a Mortgage</b>									
2000 Census	327	85.2%	34	8.9%	14	3.6%	9	2.3%	384
2016 Five-Year ACS	485	92%	31	5.9%	9	1.7%	2	0.4%	527
<b>Renter</b>									
2000 Census	141	51.6%	29	10.6%	35	12.8%	68	24.9%	273
2016 Five-Year ACS	164	55.8%	30	10.2%	61	20.7%	39	13.3%	294
<b>Total</b>									
2000 Census	689	74.4%	93	10%	59	6.4%	85	9.2%	926
2016 Five-Year ACS	971	78.2%	124	10%	105	8.5%	41	3.3%	1,241



### Housing Problems by Income

Table II.68.54, shows the HUD calculated Median Family Income (MFI) for a family of four for Perkins County. As can be seen in 2017 the MFI was \$69,900, which compared to \$68,200 for the State of Nebraska.

Table II.68.55 shows Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data for housing problems by tenure and income. As can be seen there are a total of 74 owner-occupied and 28 renter-occupied households with a cost burden of greater than 30 percent and less than 50 percent. An additional 32 owner-occupied and 43 renter-occupied households had a cost burden greater than 50 percent of income. Overall there are 1,055 households without a housing problem.

<b>Table II.68.54</b> <b>Median Family Income</b> Perkins County 2000–2017 HUD MFI		
Year	MFI	State of Nebraska MFI
2000	39,300	50,400
2001	41,400	53,400
2002	41,800	55,100
2003	48,200	55,400
2004	49,000	56,300
2005	50,200	57,400
2006	52,300	59,400
2007	51,100	58,200
2008	52,400	59,800
2009	54,300	62,000
2010	54,800	62,600
2011	58,200	63,500
2012	59,000	64,400
2013	62,400	64,600
2014	68,200	66,000
2015	65,400	66,800
2016	67,700	66,500
2017	69,900	68,200

**Table II.68.55**  
**Housing Problems by Income and Tenure**  
 Perkins 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
<b>Owner-Occupied</b>						
Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	0	0	0	0	4	4
Severely Overcrowded with > 1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	20	4	4	4	0	32
Housing cost burden greater than 30% but less than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	25	10	25	4	10	74
Zero/negative income (and none of the above problems)	4	0	0	0	0	4
Has none of the 4 housing problems	10	70	115	120	540	855
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>969</b>
<b>Renter-Occupied</b>						
Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	4	4	4	0	0	12
Severely Overcrowded with > 1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	35	4	0	4	0	43
Housing cost burden greater than 30% but less than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	20	0	4	0	4	28
Zero/negative income (and none of the above problems)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Has none of the 4 housing problems	10	35	70	25	60	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>283</b>
<b>Total</b>						
Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	4	4	4	0	4	16
Severely Overcrowded with > 1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	55	8	4	8	0	75
Housing cost burden greater than 30% but less than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	45	10	29	4	14	102
Zero/negative income (and none of the above problems)	4	0	0	0	0	4
Has none of the 4 housing problems	20	105	185	145	600	1,055
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>1,252</b>

## 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.68.56, of the 49 loans in 2016, 23 loans were for Home Purchases, 8 were for Home Improvement and 18 were for refinancing.

<b>Table II.68.56</b> <b>Owner-Occupied Single-Family Home Loans by Loan Type</b> Perkins County 2008 – 2016 HMDA Data				
Year	Home Purchase	Home Improvement	Refinancing	Total
2008	10	11	15	36
2009	19	8	21	48
2010	11	4	17	32
2011	14	4	22	40
2012	14	5	16	35
2013	25	8	20	53
2014	14	3	17	34
2015	25	5	20	50
2016	23	8	18	49

Table II.68.57 shows the average loan value by loan type. In 2008, average home purchase loans was \$79,900 and \$89,786 in 2012 and \$85,609 in 2016. Overall, average loans were \$72,806 in 2008 and \$135,224 in 2016.

<b>Table II.68.57</b> <b>Owner-Occupied Single-Family Home Loans by Average Loan Amount</b> Perkins County 2008 – 2016 HMDA Data				
Year	Home Purchase	Home Improvement	Refinancing	Total
2008	\$79,900	\$41,909	\$90,733	\$72,806
2009	\$83,421	\$24,750	\$97,381	\$79,750
2010	\$122,091	\$15,250	\$105,647	\$100,000
2011	\$68,071	\$22,750	\$91,636	\$76,500
2012	\$89,786	\$44,400	\$114,750	\$94,714
2013	\$95,360	\$71,500	\$98,900	\$93,094
2014	\$57,643	\$10,667	\$182,235	\$115,794
2015	\$87,080	\$37,800	\$106,650	\$89,980
2016	\$85,609	\$39,000	\$241,389	\$135,224

Table II.68.58 shows the total volume of owner-occupied single-family loans. In 2008, average home purchase loans was \$799,000 and \$1,257,000 in 2012 and \$1,969,000 in 2016. Overall, average loans were \$2,621,000 in 2008 and \$6,626,000 in 2016.

<b>Table II.68.58</b>				
<b>Total Volume of Owner-Occupied Single-Family Loans</b>				
Perkins County				
2008 – 2016 HMDA Data				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Home Purchase</b>	<b>Home Improvement</b>	<b>Refinancing</b>	<b>Total</b>
2008	799,000	461,000	1,361,000	2,621,000
2009	1,585,000	198,000	2,045,000	3,828,000
2010	1,343,000	61,000	1,796,000	3,200,000
2011	953,000	91,000	2,016,000	3,060,000
2012	1,257,000	222,000	1,836,000	3,315,000
2013	2,384,000	572,000	1,978,000	4,934,000
2014	807,000	32,000	3,098,000	3,937,000
2015	2,177,000	189,000	2,133,000	4,499,000
2016	1,969,000	312,000	4,345,000	6,626,000

### 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.68.59 presents some basic statistics about the completed surveys from this and other surveys conducted from 2002 through 2017 in Perkins County. The number of completed surveys decreased from 2 in 2016 to 1 in 2017. Between 2016 and 2017 the vacancy rate for all units decreased by 10 percentage points and was at 0 percent in 2017.

Table II.68.60 shows the amount of total and vacant units with their associated vacancy rates. At the time of the survey, there were an estimated 0 single-family units in Perkins County, with 0 of them available. This

translates into a vacancy rate of percent in Perkins County, which compares to a single-family vacancy rate of 3.9 percent for the State of Nebraska. There were 6 apartment units reported in the survey, with 0 of them available, which resulted in a vacancy rate of 0 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 1.5 percent.

<b>Table II.68.59</b>				
<b>Survey of Rental Properties</b>				
Perkins County				
2002–2017 Survey of Rental Properties				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Completed Surveys</b>	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>Vacancy Rate</b>	<b>Absorption Rate</b>
2002	0	0	0	
2003	1	20	10	180
2004	2	8	12.5	30.4
2005	4	28	10.7	85
2006	5	43	2.3	50.1
2007	5	41	12.2	31.3
2008	4	29	20.7	30
2009	3	10	10	71
2010	3	30	0	105
2011	2	26	7.7	105
2012	2	10	0	15
2013	2	26	7.7	
2014	2	8	0	
2015	2	26	0	
2016	2	10	10	60
2017	1	6	0	

<b>Table II.68.60</b> <b>Rental Vacancy Survey by Type</b> Perkins County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties				
Place	Total Units	Vacant Units	Vacancy Rate	5-Year Vacancy Rate Average
Single-Family	0	0	%	0%
Apartments	6	0	0%	3.5%
Mobile Homes	0	0	%	%
"Other" Units	0	0	0%	.
Don't Know	0	0	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

Table II.68.61, reports units by number of bedrooms. Four bedroom units were the most common type of reported single-family unit, with 0 units. The most common apartment units were three bedroom units, with 6 units.

<b>Table II.68.61</b> <b>Rental Units by Number of Bedrooms</b> Perkins County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties						
Number of Bedrooms	Single-Family Units	Apartment Units	Mobile Homes	"Other" Units	Don't Know	Total
Efficiency	0	0	0	0	.	0
One	0	0	0	0	.	0
Two	0	0	0	0	.	0
Three	0	6	0	0	.	6
Four	0	0	0	0	.	0
Don't Know	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>

Table II.68.62 displays the vacancy rate of apartment units by the number of bedrooms. The most common apartment units were three bedroom units, which had a vacancy rate of 0 percent.

<b>Table II.68.62</b> <b>Apartment Units by Number of Bedrooms</b> Perkins County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties			
Number of Bedrooms	Units	Available Units	Vacancy Rates
Efficiency	0	0	%
One	0	0	%
Two	0	0	%
Three	6	0	0%
Four	0	0	%
Don't know	0	0	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>



Average market-rate rents by unit type are shown in Table II.68.63. 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.

<b>Table II.68.63</b> <b>Average Market Rate Rents by Number of Bedrooms</b> Perkins County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties					
Number of Bedrooms	Single-Family Units	Apartment Units	Mobile Homes	“Other” Units	Total
Efficiency	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
One	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Two	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Three	\$	\$475	\$	\$	\$475
Four	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Don't know	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$475</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$475</b>

The average rent and availability of apartment units is displayed in Table II.68.64. The most common rent for apartments was less than \$500 dollars and the units in this price range had a vacancy rate of 0 percent.

<b>Table II.68.64</b> <b>Apartment Market Rate Rents by Vacancy Status</b> Perkins County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties			
Average Rents	Apartment Units	Available Apartment Units	Vacancy Rate
Less Than \$500	6	0	0%
\$500 to \$749	0	0	%
\$750 to \$999	0	0	%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	0	0	%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	0	0	%
Above \$1,500	0	0	%
Missing	0	0	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>

Respondents were asked if utilities are included in the rent and, as shown in Table II.68.65, respondents, or percent, included some sort of utility in the rent.

<b>Table II.68.65</b> <b>Are there any utilities included with the rent?</b> Perkins County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties	
Period	Respondent
Yes	
No	1
<b>% Offering Utilities</b>	<b>%</b>



The type of utility included in the rent is shown in Table II.68.66. There were 0 respondents who included electricity, 0 respondents who included natural gas, 0 respondents who included water and sewer and 0 respondents included trash collection in the rent.

<b>Table II.68.66</b> <b>Which utilities are included with the rent?</b> Perkins County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties	
Type of Utility Provided	Respondent
Electricity	0
Natural Gas	0
Water/Sewer	0
Trash Collection	0

Table II.68.67 shows the number of survey respondents who keep a waiting list. As can be seen, 1 respondent said they keep a waitlist, with an estimated 8 persons on the wait list.

<b>Table II.68.67</b> <b>Do you keep a waiting list?</b> Perkins County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties	
Period	Respondent
Yes	1
No	
<b>Waitlist Size</b>	<b>8</b>

Respondents were also asked how they would rate the need for renovating existing units. As shown in Table II.68.68 most respondents indicated there was extreme need for the renovation of existing single-family units and extreme need for the renovation of existing apartment units.

<b>Table II.68.68</b> <b>How would you rate the need for renovation of existing units in the city?</b> Perkins County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties				
Need	Single-Family	Apartments	Mobile Homes	Other Units
No Need	0	0		
Low Need	0	0		
Moderate Need	0	0		
High Need	0	0		
Extreme Need	1	1	1	1

Respondents were also asked how they would rate the need for the construction of new units. As shown in Table II.68.69 most respondents indicated there was extreme need for the construction of new single-family units and extreme need for the construction of new apartment units.

<b>Table II.68.69</b> <b>How would you rate the need for construction of new units in the city?</b> Perkins County 2017 Survey of Rental Properties				
<b>Need</b>	<b>Single-Family</b>	<b>Apartments</b>	<b>Mobile Homes</b>	<b>Other Units</b>
No Need	0	0		
Low Need	0	0		
Moderate Need	0	0		
High Need	0	0		
Extreme Need	1	1	1	1



