

Nebraska Adult Problem-Solving Courts

2008

Year-End-Report

(Presented to the Community Corrections Council, March 2009)

Highlights for End of Year, December 2008

Chart 1				
Problem-Solving Courts, December, 2008				
Year-End Totals				
Court	Start Date	Capacity	December 2008 Population	% Capacity
Douglas County Adult Drug Court Track 1	Apr-97	150	116	77%
Douglas County Adult Drug Court Track 2	Feb-03	100	80	80%
Lancaster County Adult Drug Court	Jun-01	60	73	122%
Central Nebraska Adult Drug Court	Sep-01	100	70	70%
Northeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court	Dec-05	60	13	22%
Midwest Nebraska Adult Drug Court	Jul-06	60	22	37%
Sarpy County Adult Drug Court	Feb-07	50	37	74%
Southeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court	Oct-07	40	33	83%
Scotts Bluff County Adult Drug Court	Feb-07	15	11	73%
District 16 Adult Drug Court (Dodge County)	Dec-07	15	22	147%
Total for Adult Drug Courts		650	477	73%

Chart 1: December 2008 Highlights

- 1) At the end of December 2008, the overall population for Adult Drug Courts is 477, which is 73% of capacity.
- 2) Lancaster County Adult Drug Court and District 16 Adult Drug Court (Dodge County) are operating above 100% capacity.
- 3) The District 16 Drug Court has since begun the hiring of a supervision officer so capacity will increase from 15 to a minimum of 30 participants.
- 4) Northeast (Madison County) Nebraska Adult Drug Court (22%) and Midwest (Dawson and Furnas Counties) Nebraska Adult Drug Court (37%) are operating at the lowest percentage of capacity. The Northeast Nebraska program had an issue with a lack of referrals from the county attorney. They then added a juvenile drug court in order to increase numbers and soon thereafter referrals increased in the adult program. The Midwest program is taking steps to increase their numbers through expansion into neighboring counties.

Cumulative Monthly Averages, January through December, 2008.

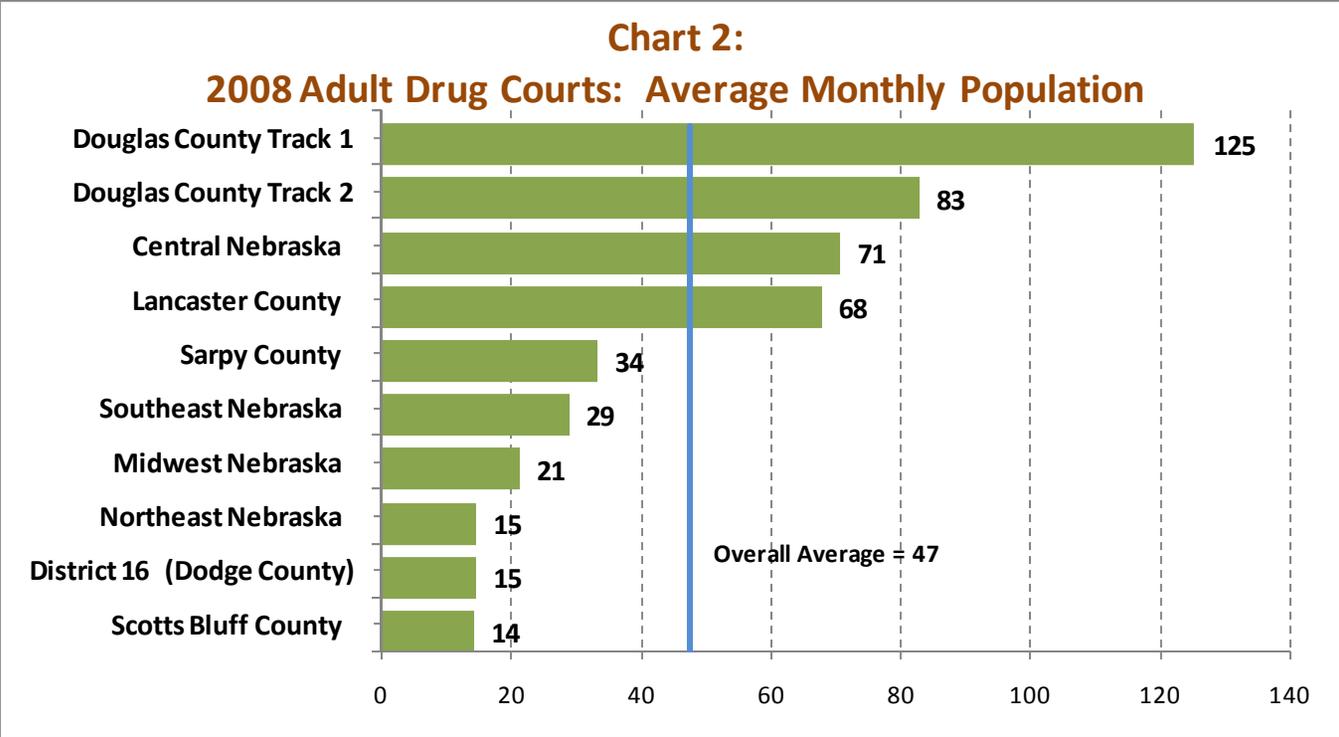


Chart 2: Average Population Highlights

- 1) Adult drug courts had an average monthly population of 47 (represented by blue line).
- 2) Courts in Douglas, Central (Hall, Buffalo, Adams, and Phelps), and Lancaster Counties had above average populations.
- 3) Northeast (Madison County), District 16 (Dodge County) and Scotts Bluff County had the lowest populations, with an average of 15 participants per month.

Chart 3:
2008 Adult Drug Courts: Average Monthly Percentage of Capacity Utilized

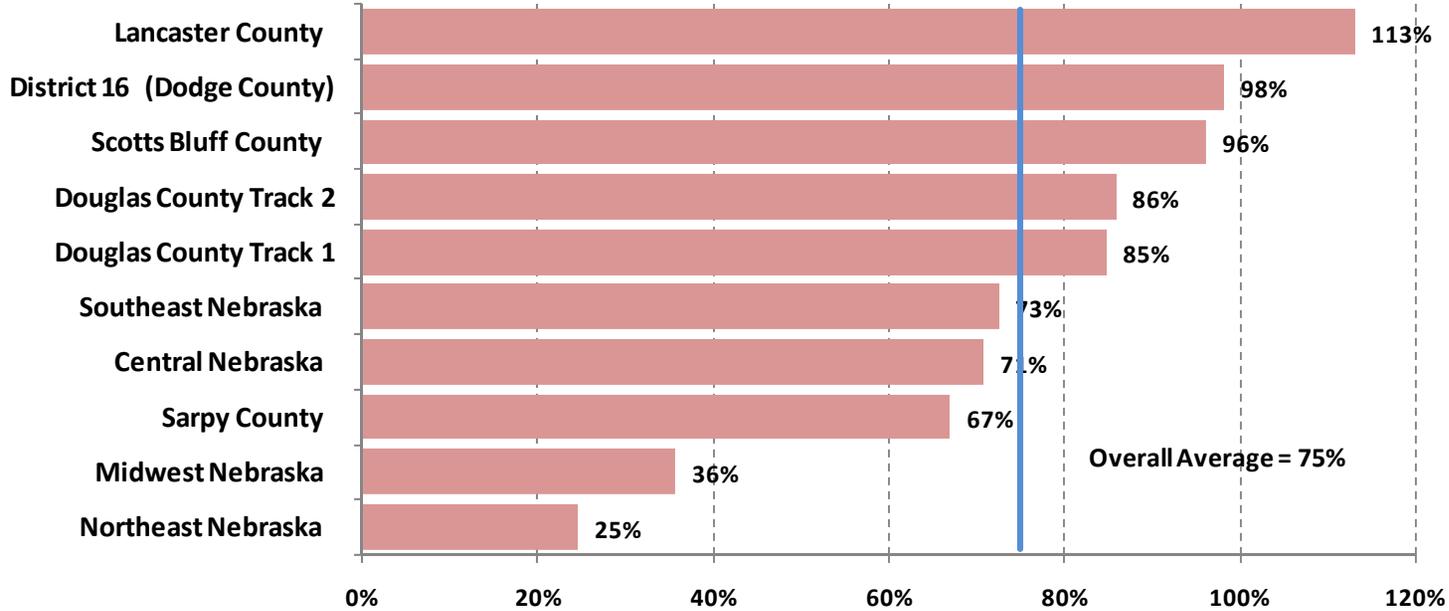


Chart 3: Average Capacity Utilization Highlights

- 1) Based on averaged monthly data, adult drug courts utilized 75% of their capacity during 2008.
- 2) Courts in Douglas, Lancaster, Dodge (District 16), and Scotts Bluff counties had above average utilization—each operating at or above 85% of capacity. On average, the court in Lancaster operated above 100% capacity for 2008.
- 3) Midwest (Dawson, Furnas) and Northeast (Madison) drug courts were noticeably lower in both population and utilization. See note (4) after Chart 1.

Chart 4

2008 Adult Drug Courts: Average Monthly Admissions

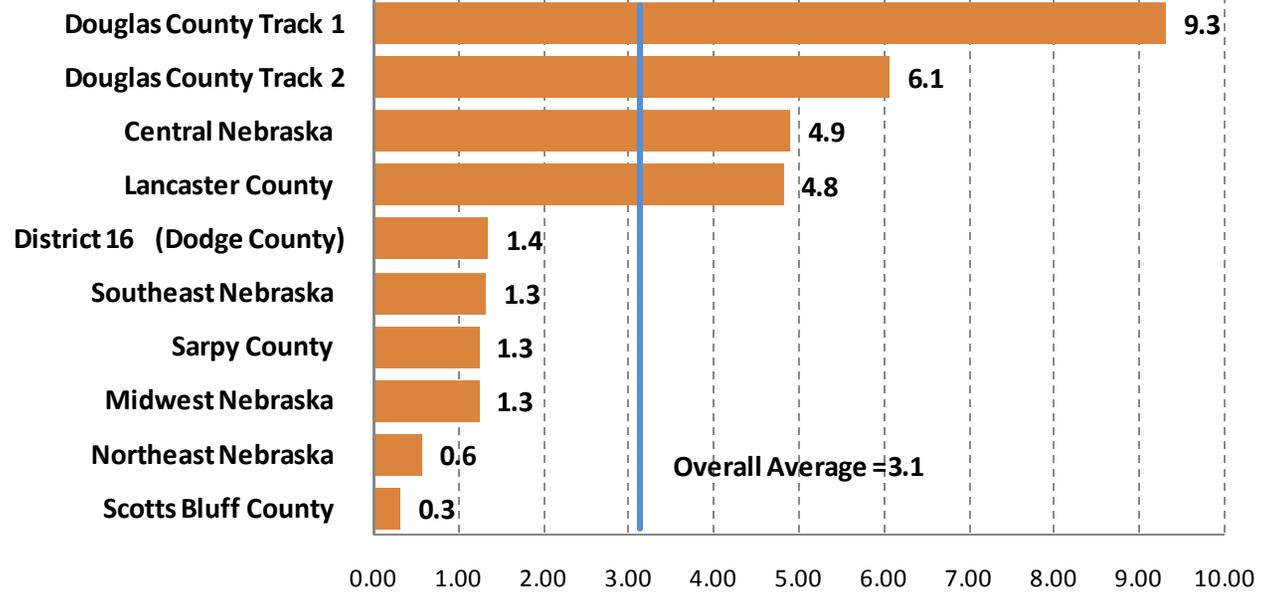


Chart 4: Average Monthly Admissions Highlights

- 1) Overall, adult drug courts averaged slightly more than 3 admissions per month in 2008.
- 2) Douglas County Courts occupied an upper tier of admissions with an average of 9 and 6 participants admitted per month.
- 3) Lancaster and Central Nebraska Courts were next with similar admission rates near 5 participants per month.
- 4) The remaining Courts occupy the lowest tier, with an average of about 1 or fewer admissions per month.

Chart 5:

2008 Adult Drug Courts: Average Monthly Departures

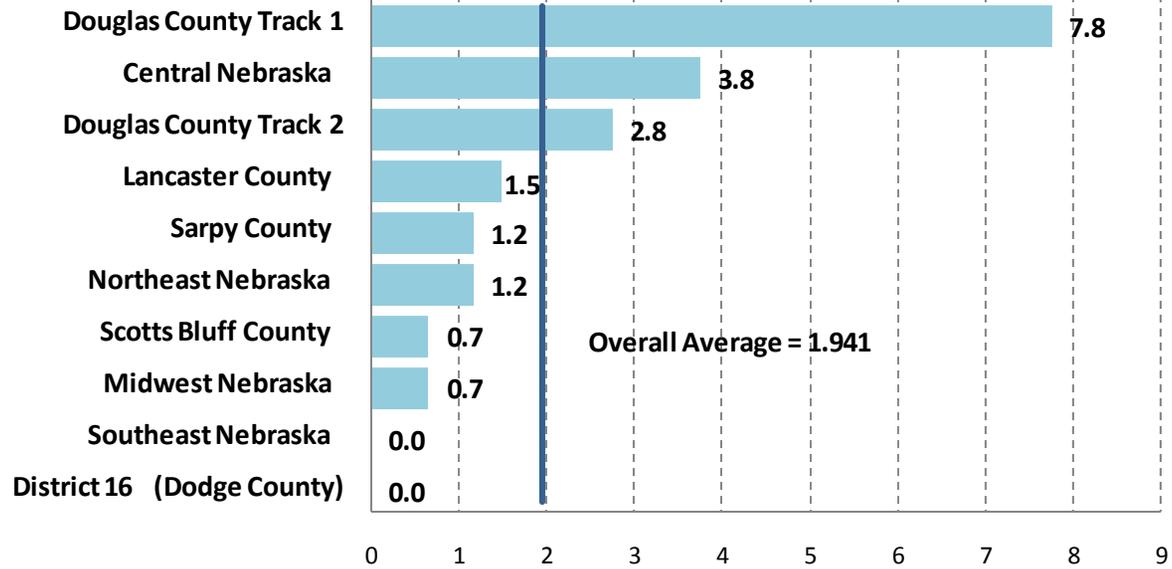


Chart 5: Average Monthly Departures Highlights

- 1) Overall, adult drug courts averaged slightly less than 2 departures per month in 2008. This may be due to the newness of several programs with participants needing to complete well over a year of the program before graduating. In addition, several programs limit graduations to a certain number of times per year.
- 2) Douglas County Track 1 had the highest departure rate.
- 3) Comparing departure rates with admissions rates, only Northeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court had a higher average number of departures than number of admissions over the course of 2008.