

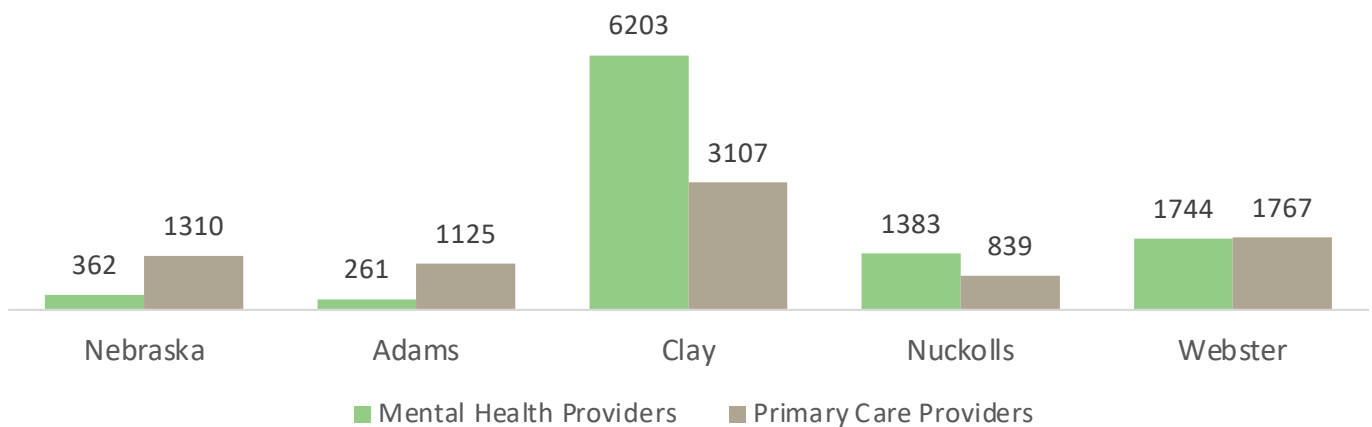


Behavioral Health Workforce

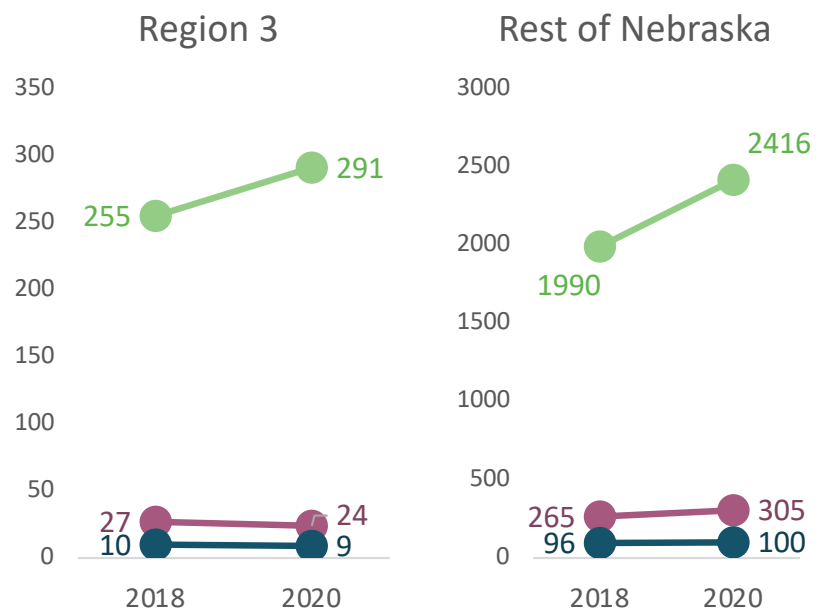
The ratios of mental health providers to the population was much higher in the counties of Nuckolls, Webster, and especially Clay. Primary care providers (as primary managers for patients with psychiatric conditions) were also less available in Webster and Clay Counties.



The number of persons per provider varies greatly by county, and by type of provider (2021)



Between **2018** and **2020**, the number of **psychiatric prescribers** ((psychiatrists, APRNs and PAs practicing psychiatry) and **drug and alcohol counselors** (LADACs) in Region 3 decreased, while there was a 14% increase in the number of **behavioral health practitioners** (psychologists, LIMHPs, LMHPs). In comparison, the rest of the state had increases for all three categories of behavioral health providers.



Data sources: BHCEN (2018, 2020), County Health Rankings (2021)
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