

Breast & Cervical Cancer Engagement

Quick Facts Snapshot for SAUNDERS COUNTY

SAUNDERS COUNTY: Key Points

Mammogram rate: 72%; Cervical screening: 71%

- Explore barriers preventing these rates from increasing further (fear, lack of time, provider engagement).
- High but plateaued rates may still mask disparities in smaller subgroups.

Low broadband access

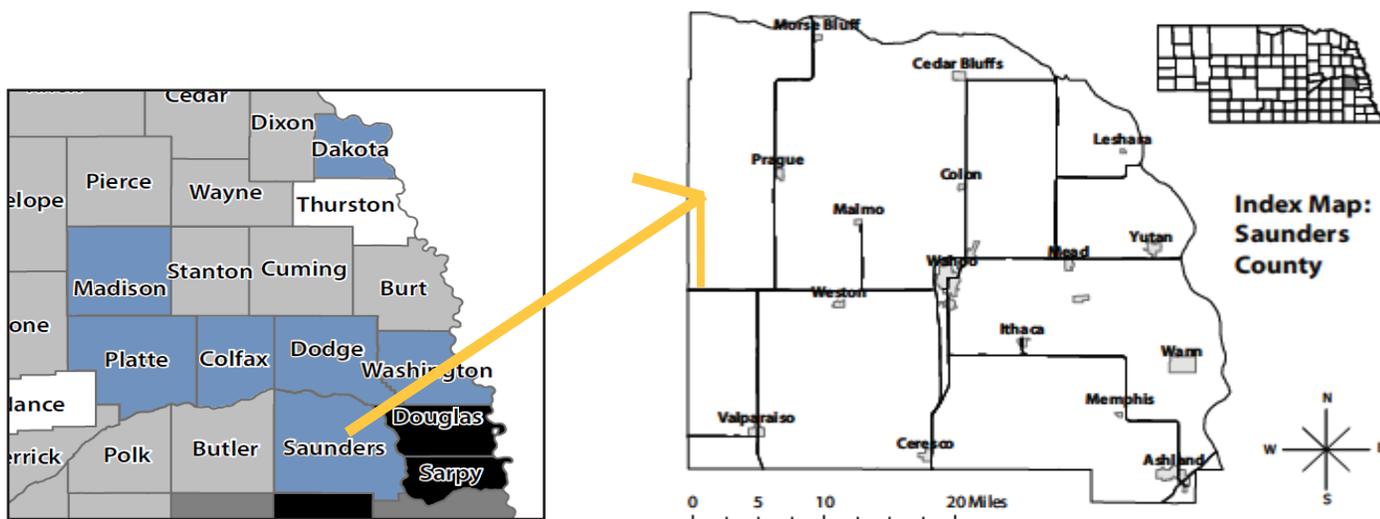
- Adjust communication strategies to use radio, community bulletin boards, and direct mail.
- Low connectivity impacts access to appointment reminders, education, and telehealth.

Employment/labor force data unclear

- Clarify employment patterns and assess if flexible work policies can support preventive care access.
- Understanding job patterns helps align wellness initiatives.

34% obesity rate

- Integrate healthy lifestyle messaging with cancer prevention campaigns.
- Obesity is a risk factor and opportunity for holistic prevention.



SAUNDERS COUNTY: Screening Data



SAUNDERS County	State Rate	National Rate	Goal
Mammography Screening Rates:			
72.2%	67.6%	70.2%	76%
Breast Cancer Mortality Rates:			
<3; suppressed data	19.5%	19.3%	15.3%
Cervical Cancer Screening Rates:			
72.4%	77.7%	77.7%	84%

Number of Participating EWM Clinics: 2



Saunders County Program-Eligible Female Population Distribution for Breast Cancer Screening: 115

Saunders County Program-Eligible Female Population Distribution for Cervical Cancer Screening: 282

Source: <https://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov> and [Nebraska State Cancer Plan](#)

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Promising Approaches

As part of the internal synthesis process, the NDHHS team reviewed partner-generated input, county-level data insights, and the solutions from the Reverse Brainstorming session on 6/12/25. Through this review, the team identified priority focus areas as being most ready for implementation.

These priority areas were selected based on their alignment with NDHHS's organizational role, capacity, and established/emerging relationships with community-based partners. They also represent strategic opportunities to advance equitable access to breast and cervical cancer screening across the Northeast Region.

Fewer locally specific strategies were identified for Saunders County during this phase of engagement. However, several strategies and opportunities emerged in neighboring counties that may be relevant for this community. Several regional strategies may be adaptable for Saunders County with the right partners and support. We invite local partners to share additional ideas, activities, or resources to expand those strategies in a meaningful way.

Patterns & Opportunities

The above promising approaches were identified as most ready for implementation based on their alignment with DHHS's role, capacity and existing partnerships. In addition to these, additional strategies were identified that reflect meaningful opportunities but were not prioritized at this time.

These strategies may require additional research, broader collaboration or future investment to move forward. They represent important insights from partners and have potential for shared, cross-county solutions in the future.

NDHHS acknowledges them as valuable areas to revisit and will consider opportunities for further exploration as resources and partnerships evolve. Below are the high-level additional strategies:

1. Family-focused, community-based events

Data Limitations & Next Steps

Due to limited available data, this summary may not reflect all local efforts or needs. NDHHS is committed to working with community partners to improve data collection for developing strategies.