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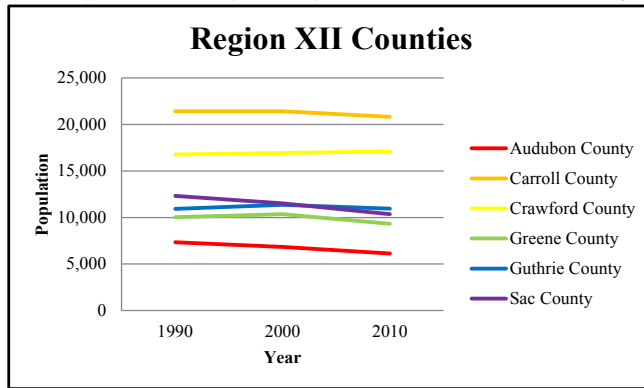
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## 2010 CENSUS DATA RELEASED

The initial data from the 2010 Census was released in March and included total population counts, housing vacancy rates, and racial diversity at the county and city level.

### County Data

Changes in population at the county level over the past 30 years are shown below. Between 2000 and 2010, Crawford County was the only county to experience population growth.



Housing vacancy rates increased in all six counties between 2000 and 2010.

Housing Vacancy Rates: 2000 and 2010						
	Audubon	Carroll	Crawford	Greene	Guthrie	Sac
2000	7%	6%	7%	9%	15%	13%
2010	12%	7%	8%	12%	21%	17%

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## RECENTLY AWARDED FUNDING

The following grants were written by Region XII staff and recently awarded.

PROGRAM	RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
CDBG-Housing Rehab	City of Jefferson	\$352,490
CDBG-Housing Rehab	City of Perry	\$352,490
CDBG-Housing Rehab	City of Odebolt	\$289,862
CDBG-Sewer	City of Nemaha	\$102,000
CDBG-Water	City of Lanesboro	\$152,000
CDBG-Water	City of Lidderdale	\$186,000
DNR State Revolving Fund	City of Ralston	\$137,440 forgivable loan
Guthrie County Community Found.	City of Bayard	\$7,000
Local Comprehensive Planning Grant	City of Carroll	\$12,000
Local Comprehensive Planning Grant	City of Dow City	\$4,000
Local Comprehensive Planning Grant	City of Manning	\$6,000
USDA Rural Utilities Service	City of Linden	\$766,000 grant; \$601,000 loan
<b>Total Loans</b>		<b>\$601,000</b>
<b>Total Forgivable Loans</b>		<b>\$137,400</b>
<b>Total Grants</b>		<b>\$2,229,842</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>\$2,968,282</b>

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**REGION XII PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

The COG's Partnership Program is an opportunity for private, non-government businesses and organizations to become a part of the COG's mission to provide various needed services to the region's cities and counties. The Partnership Program philosophy is that all groups making up a community, including non-government entities like local businesses, are essential to promoting, advancing, and developing the community. The COG appreciates the investment made by 2010 Partners listed below. For more information on the Partnership Program, contact Rick Hunsaker at rhunsaker@region12cog.org.

**GOLD MEMBERSHIP—\$1,000**

**West Central Cooperative**, Ralston  
**POET Biorefining**, Coon Rapids

**SILVER MEMBERSHIP - \$500**

**Mid-Iowa Insurance & Real Estate**, Carroll  
**JEO Consulting Group, Inc**, Carroll

**BRONZE MEMBERSHIP - \$250**

**Ace Hardware**, Audubon  
**Agri-Drain Corporation**, Adair  
**Aspinwall Cooperative Co**, Aspinwall  
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**Carroll County State Bank**, Carroll  
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**Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities**, Coon Rapids  
**Denison Job Corps Center**, Denison  
**Farmers State Bank**, Lake View  
**Farner Bocken Company**, Carroll  
**The Graphic Edge**, Carroll  
**HGM Associates**, Council Bluffs  
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**Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.**, Denison  
**Westside State Bank**, Westside

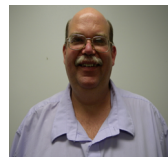
**NEW STAFF MEMBERS**

**Kathy Klocke** was hired as a part-time fiscal officer in February. She is currently enrolled in the Paraprofessional Accounting program at DMACC and anticipates completing her AS degree after the summer semester. Kathy lives on an acreage near Templeton with her husband and has four grown children.



**Kim Motl** was hired in January as the Lead Career Development Specialist serving the employees of Electrolux through the National Emergency Grant program. She has 20 years of experience in the customer service field. Kim formerly served as a County Supervisor in Webster County and lives in Fort Dodge. Kim works primarily at the Fort Dodge office.

**Paul Eriksen** was hired in January as a part-time Dislocated Worker Specialist through the National Emergency Grant program. He has since become a full-time staff member. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Iowa and an Associate's Degree from Hawkeye Institute. Paul was a 20-year employee of Electrolux and served as president of the union for 15 years. Paul works in the Webster City office.



**Danielle VanKooten** was hired in January as a Dislocated Worker Specialist through the National Emergency Grant program. She is a former Electrolux employee and is working on a degree in Human Services through the trade benefits program and will be helping fellow workers receive the same benefit. Danielle lives in Williams with her husband and has three children. Danielle works in the Webster City office.

**Leanne Shimon** was hired in as a Dislocated Worker Specialist to assist clients affected by the Electrolux plant closing through the National Emergency Grant program. She and her spouse have two adult sons and a high school daughter. Leanne works in the Fort Dodge office.



**Heidi Hofbauer** was hired in January as a Dislocated Worker Specialist through the National Emergency Grant program. She was previously employed as a Family Team Coordinator at the Department of Human Services. She is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and looks forward to serving a wide variety of clients with unique needs. Heidi works in the Fort Dodge office.

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## **MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING GRANTS AWARDED**

Region XII has been awarded funding from FEMA through Iowa Homeland Security Emergency Management to develop multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plans in Audubon, Carroll, Crawford, Greene, Guthrie and Sac Counties. These plans will replace the single jurisdiction plans of the past. Now, each county will develop a plan that will include every city within it, streamlining the process and ensuring that every city is covered by a FEMA approved plan to maintain eligibility for FEMA disaster relief funds.

Region XII will coordinate with County Emergency Managers to develop Hazard Mitigation Committees made up of representatives from each jurisdiction that wants to be included in the plan. There will be public hearings to allow for public comment on the plan and all meetings regarding the plan will be open to the public. Each jurisdiction must also review and adopt the completed plan to be considered covered by FEMA. Public notices will be published when the process begins in your community.

If you have any questions or would like to participate in the planning process, please contact the planning lead for your community:

Carroll & Guthrie Counties – Chad Schreck at [cschreck@region12cog.org](mailto:cschreck@region12cog.org) or (712)775-7812

Crawford & Greene Counties – Karina Ward at [kward@region12cog.org](mailto:kward@region12cog.org) or (712)775-7814

Audubon & Sac Counties – Casey Mai at [cmai@region12cog.org](mailto:cmai@region12cog.org) or (712)775-7816

## **BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM UPDATE**

Region XII Development Corporation's Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) is available to assist with business startup and expansion costs. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and reviewed monthly by a Loan Review Committee that consists of lenders and economic development professionals from throughout the region. The goal of the RLF is to create or retain jobs and leverage private investment. Most types of business that will create or retain jobs as a result of a startup or expansion project are eligible. Certain types of projects are not eligible, including new businesses that directly compete with existing established business that provide the same service or product. Refinancing of existing debt is also ineligible. The interest rate on loans varies depending on the Wall Street Journal Prime rate, but rates are very favorable right now. Since December, \$950,000 in financing has been approved for six projects throughout the region.

For more information, contact Joe Behrens at [jbehrens@region12cog.org](mailto:jbehrens@region12cog.org) or (712)775-7810. Information is also available on the COG's website, [www.region12cog.org](http://www.region12cog.org), by clicking on the "Region XII Development Corporation" icon.

## **REGION XII ORGANIZES BIKE-PEDESTRIAN ROUNDTABLE**

On March 30, Region XII staff facilitated the inaugural meeting of the Region XII Bike-Pedestrian Roundtable (Bike-Ped Roundtable). The Bike-Ped Roundtable is comprised of 18 members plus ex-officio members from IDOT and FHWA. Members include the county conservation directors and two trail advocates, developers, or people with trail experience from each of the six counties. This advisory committee will discuss trail issues, funding, long range trail plans, trail maintenance and promotion of trail activities.

If you have questions regarding the Region XII Bike-Ped Roundtable, please contact Chris Whitaker at [cwhitaker@region12cog.org](mailto:cwhitaker@region12cog.org) or (712)775-7811.

## **UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

<u>FUNDING PROGRAM</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
Alliant Energy Foundation	Funding for programs addressing community needs including human needs, education, culture and art, civic, and environment.	May 15th
Living Roadway Trust Fund	Roadside enhancements; education and training; and special equipment.	June 1st
FEMA Mitigation Project Grants	Tornado safe rooms; retrofitting buildings against wind, ice, or flood hazards; and hazard control or protection projects, including storm water management.	June
Resource Enhancement and Protection	City parks and open space; county conservation, including land acquisition, facility repair and upgrades, and equipment; and private/public open space acquisition.	August 15th

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Public Participation Workshop

Please join us on *Thursday, April 21st* at Region XII for “**input plan•it**”, a public participation training workshop sponsored by the Iowa Department of Economic Development. A one-hour session for city officials and community stakeholders will be offered from 12:00 to 1:00 pm and includes lunch. The session will include an interactive discussion on the important role that community leaders and stakeholders can play in supporting, promoting, and enhancing the public participation process.

There is no cost to attend, but please RSVP to Jean Johnson, IDED Special Projects Manager at [jean.m.johnson@iowa.gov](mailto:jean.m.johnson@iowa.gov) or (515)725-3070.

### Retroreflectivity Workshop

Please join us on *Tuesday, May 3rd* from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at Region XII to learn about the MUTCD requirements for Sign Retroreflectivity. The workshop is co-sponsored by Region XII and the Center for Transportation Research and Education.

For more information about the workshop, please contact Chris Whitaker at [cwhitaker@region12cog.org](mailto:cwhitaker@region12cog.org) or (712)775-7811.

## NATIONAL EMERGENCY GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR ELECTROLUX EMPLOYEES

### Jefferson

An Employment Transition Center to assist those who are affected by the Jefferson Electrolux plant closing officially opened in January. The Transition Center is located on the second floor of the Greene County Community Center. Region XII Career Development Specialist Lisa Smith staffs the center two and a half days a week to assist people as they make their re-employment plans. Services include career counseling, organizing a job search, guidance in accessing services, vocational training, and financial support. The center is equipped with five resource computers that are networked to the Iowa Workforce Development information and data systems. They allow local access to Workforce job listings and other Workforce services that can be accessed electronically. Job Club workshops are currently being offered as well as resume assistance. The capability to send resumes electronically or to print professional copies is also available.

### Fort Dodge and Webster City

Region XII has a team of five Dislocated Worker Re-employment Specialists available in Fort Dodge and Webster City Workforce Centers to assist employees who will be affected by the Electrolux plant closings in Service Delivery Region 5. Over 300 people are presently receiving assistance as they work to meet their employment goals. The final lay off on March 31, 2011 resulted in job loss for approximately 500 employees. In addition to Electrolux employees, employees at Kenco Logistic Services, Vantec Inc., Canteen Cafeteria, and Taster Inc. are eligible for a variety of services, including career counseling, vocational training, childcare, and transportation assistance.

Informational meetings for those wanting to access services were held the week of April 4th in both Webster City and Fort Dodge. Workers seeking assistance in the Fort Dodge and Webster City area should contact Kim Motl at [Kim.Motl@iwd.iowa.gov](mailto:Kim.Motl@iwd.iowa.gov) or (515) 576-3131 ext 106.

## NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAMS IN PROCESS

Region XII continues to work with the cities of Audubon, Boone, Guthrie Center, Jefferson, and Perry on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Homes purchased with NSP funds have been repaired to meet state requirements and will be resold to income eligible home buyers. Home buyers must be able to acquire conventional financing. This is a great opportunity for those who are considering buying a home as the program can offer a subsidy to buy down the mortgage.

For more information, please contact Laurie Gilbert at [lgilbert@region12cog.org](mailto:lgilbert@region12cog.org) or (712) 775-7820.

## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLANNING CONTINUES

The planning process for the Safe Routes to School program is underway for all 22 school districts within the region. Administrators at each school district have been contacted and many school districts have created committees to prioritize future infrastructure improvements. Region XII staff are conducting assessments of existing infrastructure and schools are distributing parent surveys.

If you would like to be involved in the planning process for your community, contact Casey Mai at [cmai@region12cog.org](mailto:cmai@region12cog.org) or (712)775-7816.

## REGION XII TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

As the regional planning affiliation (RPA), Region XII recently accepted applications for Surface Transportation Projects and Transportation Enhancements for funding in 2012-2015. RPA XII is targeted to receive approximately \$2.0 million dollars annually for regional Surface Transportation Projects (STP) and approximately \$130,000 per year for regional transportation enhancements.

The following entities have requested STP funding:

PROJECT SPONSOR	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COST	GRANT REQUEST
Carroll County	N14	\$1,750,000	\$1,050,000
Guthrie County	N54	\$2,225,000	\$1,760,000
Iowa DOT	Hwy 141	\$4,600,000	\$460,000
Region XII/Western Iowa Transit	3 Non-ADA minivans	\$75,000	\$60,000

The following transportation enhancement applications have also requested funding:

PROJECT SPONSOR	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COST	GRANT REQUEST
City of Denison	Downtown Streetscape	\$230,500	\$157,600
City of Lake View	Black Hawk Lake Trail Phase 2	\$528,125	\$200,000

The applications are being reviewed by the County Transportation Stakeholder Committees and the Region XII Technical Advisory Committee. The Technical Advisory Committee will prioritize these projects in April and make recommendations for funding to the Region XII Policy Council in July.

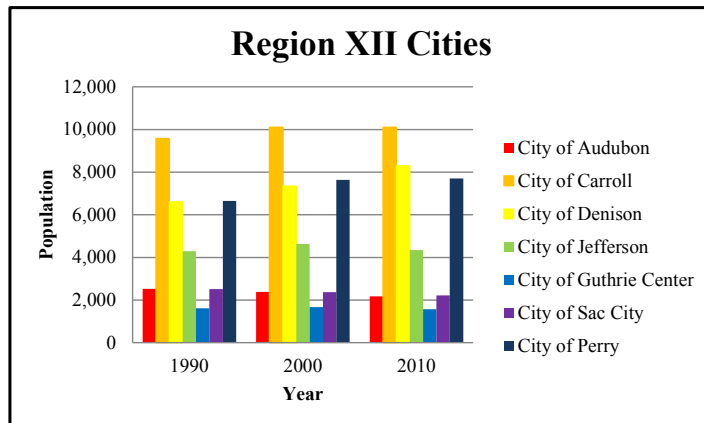
If you have any questions regarding the Region XII Transportation Program, please contact Chris Whitaker at [cwhitaker@region12cog.org](mailto:cwhitaker@region12cog.org) or (712)775-7811.

## 2010 CENSUS DATA RELEASED (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Crawford County saw a dramatic increase in Hispanic and Latino population from 9 percent of the population in 2000 to 24 percent of the population in 2010. Hispanic and Latino populations increased only slightly in all other counties.

### City Data

Changes in population for the largest city in each county over the past 30 years is shown below. Between 2000 and 2010, the cities of Carroll, Denison, and Perry all experienced population growth.



City	2000	2010
Audubon	7%	13%
Carroll	6%	7%
Denison	6%	5%
Jefferson	7%	12%
Guthrie Center	13%	15%
Sac City	11%	13%
Perry	5%	12%

Housing Vacancy rates decreased in Denison between 2000 and 2010 while they increased in the six other cities.

The City of Denison saw a dramatic increase in Hispanic and Latino population from 17 percent of the population in 2000 to 42 percent of the population in 2010. The City of Perry also saw an increase in Hispanic and Latino population from 25 percent of the population in 2000 to 35 percent of the population in 2010. Hispanic and Latino populations changed only slightly in the five other cities.

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