



Making an Impact in our Local Community

In order to identify the greatest breast health needs in its communities, Susan G. Komen Great Plains works with local health care professionals and community leaders to conduct a comprehensive community needs assessment every four years called the Community Profile. This assessment identifies areas with higher late-stage diagnosis and death rates from breast cancer as well as gaps in breast health services. Information collected influences Komen Great Plains outreach and funding priorities to ensure the greatest impact across Nebraska and the Dakotas.

2015 Community Profile Priority Areas

Priority areas face a higher late-stage diagnosis rate and death rate from breast cancer.

Some issues facing these priority areas include:

- Lack of education about breast health
- Affordability of screening and treatment
- Accessibility to services

Priority areas include:

North Dakota

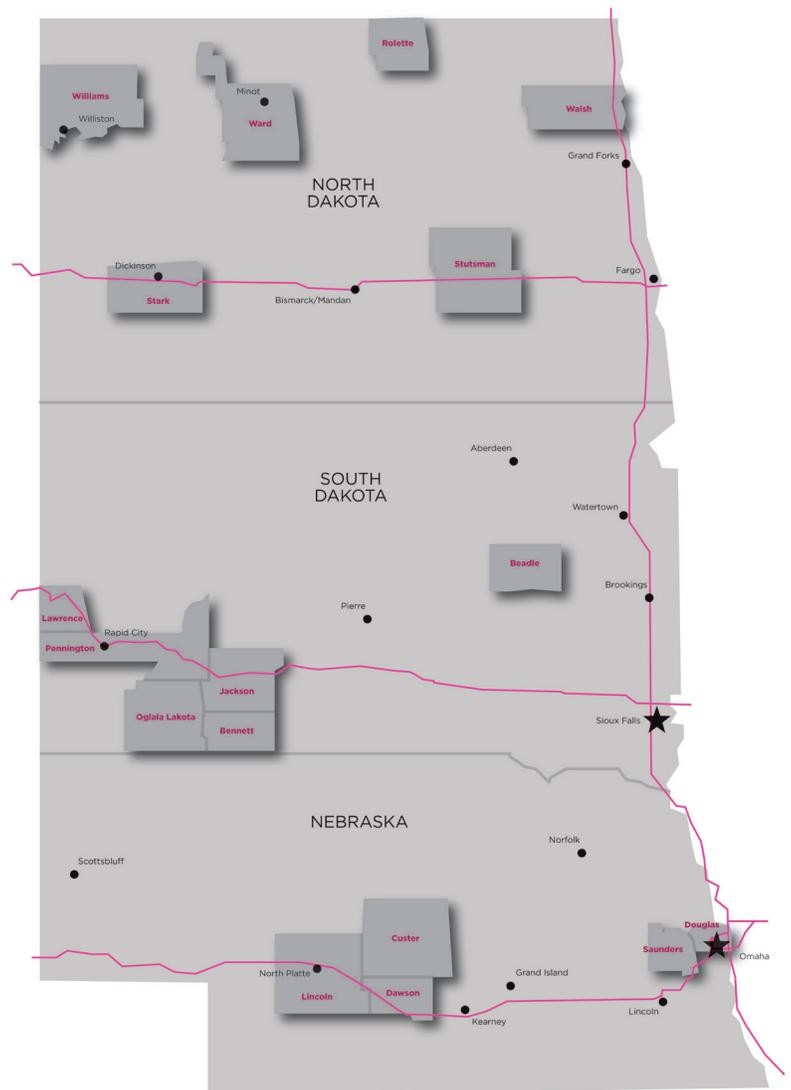
- Rolette County
- Stark County
- Stutsman County
- Walsh County
- Ward County
- Williams County

South Dakota

- Beadle County
- Lawrence & Pennington Counties
- Oglala Lakota, Jackson & Bennett Counties

Nebraska

- Custer, Dawson & Lincoln Counties
- Douglas County
- Saunders County



Our Bold Goal: Reduce the current number of breast cancer deaths in the U.S. by 50% by 2026.



Priority Areas:

NEBRASKA

Saunders County

In Saunders County, a lack of knowledge of local services available, affordability of preventative services and the lack of trust of local services make it difficult for women to seek care.

1 mammogram screening facility in Saunders County

12% higher death rate than the U.S. average

Douglas County

The breast cancer death rate for Black women living in Douglas County is higher than the county as a whole and the state. Breast cancer is also the leading cause of cancer death among Hispanic women in the U.S.

37% The breast cancer death rates for Black women in Douglas County is 37% higher than the county as a whole and the state.



Douglas County has the largest number of breast cancer treatment facilities in the state, but access to service is still an issue

Custer, Dawson, and Lincoln Counties

All three counties face similar, yet independent challenges and issues. Affordability and availability of services impact residents across this area.



Lincoln County has a 25% higher death rate than the U.S. average. Custer County has a 44% higher late stage diagnosis rate than the U.S. average

12% increase in the late-stage diagnosis trend in Dawson County each year

Mission Action Plan

Accessibility

Improve timely access to quality, affordable screening and treatment services for women over 40, particularly for rural, underserved women

Addressing Breast Health Disparities

Ensure quality care for all women by collaborating with local partners to increase access to and seamless progression through screening, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up

Education

Continue to empower women and their communities to learn about breast health and support services available