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## County Consolidation: Is Less More?

Having 93 counties in Nebraska does not make sense. The latest study released today by the Platte Institute for Economic Research concludes that eliminating 65 counties, thereby dropping the total number to 28, makes much more geographical sense.

[Download a copy of the report, "County Consolidation: Is Less More?" by clicking here.](#)

The report, authored by Dr. Paul Burger and Dr. H. Jason Combs of the University of Nebraska-Kearney, states that Nebraska counties were originally designed to be, "small enough that any resident of a county could journey to the seat of government on horseback or by stagecoach, transact business, and return home before nightfall."

While transportation and methods for transacting business have changed drastically in the last century, Nebraska's counties are still

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the same. This study gives citizens and lawmakers the tools necessary for beginning the process of consolidating Nebraska counties – a process which is long overdue.



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