

YOUR DATA: IN THE NEWS

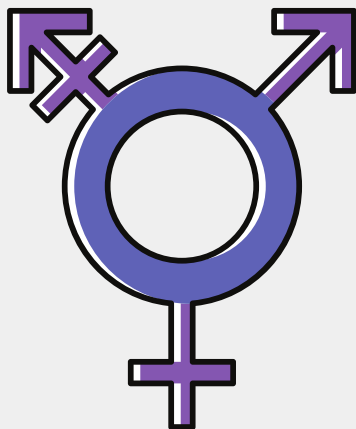


In this newsletter, we are highlighting a few of the ways your data has been featured in local news in the past few years. Data from the Nebraska Annual Social Indicators Survey (NASIS), which you might have participated in, and studies using the NebrASKa Voices panel, have been used for a range of research and reported in a variety of media. We have summarized some of these reports here.

TRANSGENDER RIGHTS

Sociologists at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln included questions about Nebraskans' opinions on transgender rights in a previous NASIS. They found whether or not a transgender person should be able to use a public restroom that aligns with their gender identity is evenly split.

They ask that this research continue, especially in areas that include youth, athletics, and access to health care.



MENTAL HEALTH OVER TIME

Because NASIS includes a set of core questions, which are asked in every administration, the results of these questions can be looked at over time. In 2021, BOSR staff and interns conducted analyses to understand the effects of the COVID Pandemic on the mental health of Nebraskans.

The results showed that Nebraskans did see increases in mental distress during the pandemic. In fact, younger adults, people of color, parents, individuals with lower income, and those less educated were most affected. BOSR will continue these trends once the 2021 NASIS data are publicly available this winter to understand how Nebraskans' mental health was affected as the pandemic progressed.

QUICK STATS

27% of Nebraskans have heard of 3D printed food, and 20% of Nebraskans would be willing to eat 3D printed food.

-2020

68% of Nebraskans say it is important they have meat to eat.

-2020

57% of Nebraskans think drug addiction in the country today is a very big problem.

-2020

2021 was another exciting year at BOSR! Our annual report is available at <https://bosr.unl.edu/annual-report-2021> if you would like to see what we have been up to.

NASIS TURNS 45!

The Nebraska Annual Social Indicators Survey (NASIS) is celebrating its 45th year this year! NASIS has been conducted annually since 1977. Over the years, NASIS has evolved. Historically, NASIS was conducted as a telephone survey, which was the norm in survey research for decades. In 2010, NASIS moved to a mail survey administration as a way to deal with the increased costs of telephone surveys due to declining response rates, increased cell phone use, and increased use of technological barriers (caller ID, "Spam" designation on incoming calls).

In 2018, BOSR added a winter administration to help meet an increased demand from clients adding questions to NASIS without increasing the burden on those we survey. Thank you for your past participation in NASIS! Your participation has contributed to years of data collection positively shaping academic research and public policy.

HOW NEBRASKANS PREFER TO COMPLETE SURVEYS

BOSR staff presented findings from two experiments conducted on NASIS. The two experiments were conducted through the 2020 Winter NASIS and 2021 Summer NASIS. Sampled households were able to complete the survey through a web link, paper survey or both through six different combinations.

Both studies found that more Nebraskans completed the survey when they were given a paper survey to complete or given a paper survey and web link at the same time to decide which they would rather use. BOSR will be adapting our surveys based on these findings.