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Nebraska Annual Social Indicators Survey

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Nebraskans think, feel, and live.*

*Researchers from the University of Nebraska and
across the state are counting on your help to learn about a variety of issues.
Your responses will help shape program and policy development
in Nebraska now and into the future.*

Life in Nebraska

1. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with living in Nebraska?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neutral
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

2. All in all, do you think things in Nebraska are generally headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

- Right direction
- Wrong direction
- Unsure

3. All in all, do you think things in the country as a whole are generally headed in the right direction or wrong direction?

- Right direction
- Wrong direction
- Unsure

4-H, Youth and Community

For the next set of questions, please think about the young people (ages 8-19) who live in your community.

4. Overall, how committed are young people in your community to making positive community contributions?

- Very committed
- Somewhat committed
- Slightly committed
- Not at all committed
- Don't know

5. Overall, how committed are young people in your community to creating positive futures for themselves?

- Very committed
- Somewhat committed
- Slightly committed
- Not at all committed
- Don't know

6. How many young people in your community have positive role models in their lives?

- A great deal
- Some
- Few
- Very few
- Don't know

7. Who are the role models young people have in your community? (Check all that apply)

- Parents
- Family members other than parents
- Teachers/coaches
- Police officers
- Community volunteers
- 4-H youth development professionals

8. How would you describe the opportunities for positive community involvement available to young people in your community?

- Very adequate opportunities
- Somewhat adequate opportunities
- Somewhat inadequate opportunities
- Very inadequate opportunities
- Don't know

9. How many young people in your community participate in positive community involvement?

- A great deal
- Some
- Few
- Very few
- Don't know

10. How familiar or unfamiliar are you with your local 4-H program?

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Somewhat unfamiliar
- Very unfamiliar

11. How involved is your local 4-H program in partnerships with other youth programs and educational services in your community?

- Very involved
- Somewhat involved
- Not very involved
- Not at all involved
- Don't know

12. How valuable do you believe the 4-H program is for young people in your community?

- Very valuable
- Somewhat valuable
- Not very valuable
- Not at all valuable
- Don't know

13. In your opinion, how important is it to have the following programs available for young people?

| | Not at all important | Not very important | Somewhat important | Very important |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Athletic Programs | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. After-school clubs | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Youth clubs/organizations | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Other, specify: <input type="text"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

14. Are any of the following programs available in your community for young people?

| | Yes | No | Don't know |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Athletic Programs | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. After-school clubs | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Youth clubs/organizations | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Other, specify: <input type="text"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

15. How accessible or inaccessible is your local 4-H program to young people and families in your community?

- Very accessible
- Somewhat accessible
- Somewhat inaccessible
- Very inaccessible
- Don't Know

16. Are any of the following program types offered by 4-H in your community?

| | Yes | No | Don't know |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Healthy Lifestyles | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Career and College Readiness | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Leadership Development | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. Agricultural Literacy/Food Supply Confidence | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f. Youth Entrepreneurship | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g. Community Development | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Natural Resources

17. How urgent are water quantity issues in Nebraska?

- Extremely urgent
- Urgent
- Somewhat urgent
- Not very urgent
- Not at all urgent
- Don't know

18. Have you experienced water shortages or water use restrictions in the last 4 years?

- Yes, including major damage to my property or major harm
- Yes, but with no major damage to my property or major harm
- No

19. Have you experienced problems with flooding from a stream or river in the last 4 years?

- Yes, including major damage to my property or major harm
- Yes, but with no major damage to my property or major harm
- No

20. How confident are you that your region of the state is prepared to handle a flood?

- Extremely confident
- Confident
- Somewhat confident
- Not very confident
- Not at all confident
- Don't know

21. How confident are you that your region of the state is prepared to handle an extended drought?

- Extremely confident
- Confident
- Somewhat confident
- Not very confident
- Not at all confident
- Don't know

22. How confident are you that Nebraska is prepared to handle an extended drought?

- Extremely confident
- Confident
- Somewhat confident
- Not very confident
- Not at all confident
- Don't know

23. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way regional planning balances water supplies and uses?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know

24. Please indicate how familiar or unfamiliar you are with each below.

| | Very familiar | Familiar | Neither familiar nor unfamiliar | Unfamiliar | Very unfamiliar |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Nebraska's locally-driven, state-supported water planning process led by local Natural Resource Districts and NeDNR | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. State and local funding to balance water supplies and uses | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

25. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the follow statements.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. I have confidence in the NeDNR to responsibly manage Nebraska's water. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Funding is adequate for my region of the state to balance water supplies and uses. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Funding is adequate for Nebraska to balance water supplies and uses. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Food and Health

26. How important are the following factors when selecting your foods?

| | Not at all important | Not very important | Somewhat important | Important | Very important |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Allergen free | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Antibiotic free | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Certified organic | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Convenient purchase location | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. Cost | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f. Easy preparation | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g. Gluten free | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| h. Humanely raised | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| i. Locally grown | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| j. Non GMO | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| k. Nutritional value | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| l. Produced in the USA | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| m. Taste | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

27. How concerned are you about the following food safety issues?

| | Not at all concerned | Not very concerned | Somewhat concerned | Concerned | Very concerned |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Allergens in food (peanuts, tree nuts, soy, wheat, shellfish, milk, eggs, etc.) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Animal antibiotics | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Biotechnology (GMO, etc.) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Carcinogens or cancer-causing chemicals in food | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. Chemicals in food (arsenic, mercury, BPA) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f. Food additives and ingredients (caffeine, MSG, flavors, colors, preservatives, etc.) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g. Foodborne illness from bacteria (E.coli, Salmonella, Listeria, etc.) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| h. Pesticides/pesticide residues | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

28. The last time you wanted to find information about the food you eat, where did you get the information? (Select up to two)

- Family/Friends
- Farmers/Ranchers
- Food processors/Labels
- Websites
- Social media/Bloggers
- Workshops
- Other, specify:

- I have not looked for information about the food I eat

29. Do you believe eating genetically modified foods is:

- Generally safe
- Generally unsafe
- Don't know

30. Do you believe that scientists' understanding of the health effects of genetically modified foods is:

- Clear
- Not clear
- Don't know

Eastern Redcedar

31. Do you feel Eastern Redcedar are a problem in Nebraska?

- Yes
- No

32. Do you feel prescribed burning is an effective way to control Eastern Redcedar?

- Yes
- No

33. Do you have Eastern Redcedar (ERC) on your property?

- Yes
- No → **Go to question #42 on the next page**

34. Do you have a windbreak with Eastern Redcedar on your property?

- Yes
- No

35. Approximately how many acres of Eastern Redcedar do you have on your property?

 acres

36. Approximately what percentage of your property has Eastern Redcedar?

- 0-20%
- 21-40%
- 41-60%
- 61-80%
- 81-100%

37. Do you control Eastern Redcedar on your property?

- Yes
- No → **Go to question #40 on the next page**

38. How much money do you spend on Eastern Redcedar control annually?

 \$

39. How do you control Eastern Redcedar on your property? (Check all that apply)

- Mechanically
- Chemically
- Prescribed fire
- Other, specify:

40. Which of the following would increase your Eastern Redcedar control efforts on your property? (Check all that apply)

- Prescribed burn training
- Access to prescribed burning equipment
- Education on control options
- List of contractors
- Other, specify:

41. What limits you from controlling Eastern Redcedar on your property? (Check all that apply)

- Time
- Money
- Not concerned with Eastern Redcedar
- Lack of knowledge on control options
- Other, specify:

Criminal Justice System

42. Do you think the rate of crime in the United States seems to be increasing, about the same, or decreasing?

- Increasing
- About the same
- Decreasing

43. Do you think the rate of crime in your area seems to be increasing, about the same, or decreasing?

- Increasing
- About the same
- Decreasing

44. How angry do you feel when you think about crime in this country?

- Very angry
- Fairly angry
- Somewhat angry
- Not at all angry

45. How angry do you feel when you think about crime in your community?

- Very angry
- Fairly angry
- Somewhat angry
- Not at all angry

46. Below are several different functions of the criminal justice system. Please rank each function by how important they are to you. Use "1" for the most important function, "2" for the second most important function, and so forth until you have completed all four.

- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| a. Punishing offenders for their crimes | <input type="text"/> |
| b. Rehabilitating offenders | <input type="text"/> |
| c. Discouraging other people from committing crimes | <input type="text"/> |
| d. Protecting society from offenders | <input type="text"/> |

47. If you could choose between the following approaches, which do you think is the best penalty for murder?

- Death penalty
- Life in prison without the possibility of parole
- Prison with the possibility of parole
- Unsure/Do not want to answer

48. Last year, the Nebraska Legislature repealed the use of the death penalty, and the November ballot includes an initiative to reinstate it. Do you follow news about the death penalty in Nebraska by doing each of the following?

- | | Yes | No |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Read about it in a newspaper | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Listen to local radio news coverage about it | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Watch local TV news coverage about it | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Read or watch stories about it on social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. Conduct Internet searches to learn more about it | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f. Talk to family or friends about it | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g. Attend in-person events related to it | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

52. How fair is the justice system in its:

| | Not at all fair | Somewhat fair | Mostly fair | Very fair |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Treatment of people accused of committing crime | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Treatment of people victimized by crime | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Use of prison sentences for people found guilty of committing a crime | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Use of the death penalty | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

53. How reliable is:

| | Not all reliable | Somewhat reliable | Mostly reliable | Very reliable |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. The media as a source of information about crime | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. The government as a source of information about crime | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

People You Know

For the following questions, we are interested in how many people you know that engage in certain behaviors. When we ask about how many people you know, it means that you know them and they know you by sight or name, that you could contact them, and that there has been some contact (either in person, by telephone, mail, or web) in the past 2 years. Please write "0" if you do not know anyone that engages in a particular behavior.

54. How many people do you know in Nebraska who...

- a. Have used marijuana or hashish at least once during the past 30 days?
- b. Have used methamphetamine (also known as meth, crystal, speed, crank, or ice) at least once during the past 30 days?
- c. Have taken prescription pain pills (such as OxyContin, Hydrocodone, Vicodin, Percocet, or codeine) at least once without a doctor's prescription or who took more than a doctor prescribed to them during the past 30 days?
- d. Have attempted or committed suicide during the past 12 months?
- e. You believe thought about attempting suicide but did not actually attempt it during the past 12 months?

For the following four sets of questions please keep in mind what it means to know someone as previously defined. Please write "0" if you do not know anyone that could give you a particular substance.

55. How many men who are of your own race and ethnicity do you know in Nebraska that you could get each of the following substances from if you wanted to?

- a. Marijuana or hashish
- b. Methamphetamine
- c. Heroin
- d. Prescription Pills

56. How many men who are not of your own race and ethnicity do you know in Nebraska that you could get each of the following substances from if you wanted to?

- a. Marijuana or hashish
- b. Methamphetamine
- c. Heroin
- d. Prescription Pills

57. How many women who are of your own race and ethnicity do you know in Nebraska that you could get each of the following substances from if you wanted to?

a. Marijuana or hashish

b. Methamphetamine

c. Heroin

d. Prescription Pills

58. How many women who are not of your own race and ethnicity do you know in Nebraska that you could get each of the following substances from if you wanted to?

a. Marijuana or hashish

b. Methamphetamine

c. Heroin

d. Prescription Pills

For the following three questions include people you know in Nebraska who did not have a home of their own for at least part of the past 12 months. Do not include people you know who were temporarily without a home due to relationship problems with their spouse or significant other or were temporarily without a home due to some type of damage to their home such as water or fire damage. Please write "0" if you do not know anyone that fits the following descriptions.

59. How many people do you know in Nebraska who...

a. Have slept in their car at least once during the past 12 months because they had no home of their own?

b. Have slept at another person's home (such as on their couch) at least once during the past 12 months because they had no home of their own?

c. Have slept at a shelter at least once during the past 12 months because they had no home of their own?

Engineering

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement below.

60. I believe that engineering impacts my daily life.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

61. I can make informed decisions about engineering/technology in my everyday life.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

62. I am confident my elected officials can make informed policy decisions concerning engineering and technology.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

63. Beginning in early grades, schools should be more focused on teaching engineering skills and concepts.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

64. I would encourage a child I know to consider a career in engineering.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

65. Engineering is mostly for males.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

66. Engineers help people.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

67. Please indicate whether or not you consider each of the following to be the job of an engineer.

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Fixing cars, washing machines and other home appliances | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Developing new ways to provide food for people in the future | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Managing water issues | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Assembling parts in a car factory | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. Designing video games and apps for phones and tablets | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f. Designing stadiums, like the Olympics | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g. Machining and welding | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| h. Developing new medicines & ways to deliver them in the body | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| i. Producing products like diapers and detergent | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| j. Creating new agricultural crops | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Gambling

68. Please indicate whether you consider each of the following to be gambling.

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Lottery | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Keno | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Bingo | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Slot machines | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. Poker | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f. Online daily fantasy sports | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g. Pickle cards | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| h. Casino games | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| i. Horse racing | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| j. Any activity where a thing of value is risked on the outcome of something involving chance | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

69. Please indicate whether you believe each statement to be true or false.

| | True | False |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Gambling of any type is harmless. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Gambling can be a way to earn income. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Gambling can be harmful if it gets out of hand. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Gambling is a difficult way to make a living. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. Gambling isn't fun. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f. Gambling is a pointless pastime. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g. Gambling must not be bad if people love to gamble. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| h. Gambling is okay if it is legal. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| i. There is no such thing as a gambling addiction. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| j. Gambling is a personal freedom. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| k. Gambling is the best path to personal wealth. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| l. Gambling provides tax relief to Nebraskans. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

70. Please indicate whether you believe each statement to be true or false.

| | True | False |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Gambling should be allowed in Nebraska because it is allowed in other states. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Gambling is a harmless social outlet. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Gambling creates jobs. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. There is no good reason to allow gambling in Nebraska. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. Gambling is a way to win money from people from other states. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f. Allowing gambling opens the door to potential addiction. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g. Gambling increases the cost of social services through gambling addiction. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| h. Gambling increases crime. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| i. Gambling is immoral. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| j. Gambling results in the loss of my income to gambling interests. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| k. Gambling hurts local businesses. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| l. Gambling can destroy families. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

71. Do you gamble?

- Yes
 No → **Go to question #72**

71a. Please indicate whether each of the following is a reason you gamble.

| | Yes | No |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. To have a good time with friends | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. To take risks | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. To make money | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. To escape | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. For the excitement | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f. For alone time | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

72. Do you consider gambling to be . . .

| | Yes | No |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Good clean fun? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Harmless? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. A social ill? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. A moral harm? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. No one's business but mine? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f. Entertainment only? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

73. If a family member or friend had a gambling addiction, what do you think would be the most effective thing you could say or do to help them seek help?

- Tell him or her how they will lose you as a friend if they don't stop.
- Tell him or her how worried their family is about their gambling.
- Tell him or her how poor their family will become if they lose everything to gambling.
- Tell him or her how you will be forced to tell others about their gambling.
- I would do or say nothing.

74. Do you view professional gambling as an occupation?

- Yes
 No

75. Which of the following ways do you think is the average Nebraskan's best opportunity for financial success today?

- Investing
- Saving
- Gambling
- Working
- Crime
- Business start-up
- No good opportunities today

76. Do you consider gambling an activity requiring more luck or skill?

- More luck
- More skill

77. Which of the following ways do you think is your best bet for making \$200,000 in your lifetime?

- By earning it through work
- By inheriting it from my parents or a family member
- By winning the lottery
- By gambling at a casino
- By stealing it or doing something illegal
- I never see myself having \$200,000, by whatever means

78. How much do you agree or disagree that gambling in any form has become more socially acceptable over the last ten years?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Railway Transportation

79. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the follow statements.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. US Congress should provide a dedicated source of funding for Amtrak, the national intercity passenger rail service, as already exists for highways and airlines. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Nebraska should start planning commuter rail service between Lincoln and Omaha now before urban and rural growth make commuter rail much more expensive and difficult to put in place. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Nebraska should support a plan to establish increased passenger rail service between Chicago, Omaha, Lincoln, and Denver. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Nebraska should continue its charter membership with nine states in the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact that assists members in improving regional passenger rail service. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

About Your Household

80. Please indicate if each of the following statements is true or false.

| | True | False |
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| a. There are 25 or more books in your home right now. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. There is a variety of magazines and other reading materials in your home. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

81. Have you, or has a person close to you, been a victim of any crime in the last 12 months?

| | Yes | No |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. You | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. A person close to you | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

82. What is your current marital or relationship status?

- Married
- Married, living apart
- Not married, but living with a partner (cohabiting)

- Never married
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Separated

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83. Does your spouse or partner typically work full-time, part-time, go to school, keep house, or something else? (Check all that apply)

- Working full-time (35 hours or more)
- Working part-time
- Has a job, but not at work (due to illness, vacation, or strike)
- Unemployed, laid off, looking for work
- Retired
- In school
- Keeping house
- Disabled
- Other, specify:

84. Including yourself, how many adults age 19 and older live in your household?

 adults (age 19 and older)

85. How many children ages:
(Please write "0" if none.)

a. 5 and younger live in your household?

b. 6 to 12 live in your household?

c. 13 to 18 live in your household?

86. Have you or has anyone in your household ever attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln?

- Yes
- No

87. Do you or some member of your household own your home outright, buying it, or renting?

- Own outright
- Buying (paying a mortgage)
- Renting
- Provided as part of job/wages
- Other, specify:

88. Which of the following comes closest to the kind of housing unit you now live in?

- Detached single family house
- Mobile home
- Townhouse/Condominium
- Apartment/Duplex
- Other, specify:

89. Please indicate the category that describes your total family income in the last 12 months.

- Under \$5,000
- \$5,000 to \$9,999
- \$10,000 to \$14,999
- \$15,000 to \$19,999
- \$20,000 to \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$29,999
- \$30,000 to \$39,999
- \$40,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$59,999
- \$60,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 or more

90. During the past 12 months, how much difficulty have you had paying your bills?

- A great deal of difficulty
- Quite a bit of difficulty
- Some difficulty
- A little difficulty
- No difficulty at all

91. Think again over the past 12 months. Generally, at the end of each month did you end up with:

- More than enough money left
- Some money left over
- Just enough to make ends meet
- Almost enough to make ends meet
- Not enough to make ends meet

92. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your current financial situation?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

93. What about your financial prospects? Do you feel that you are better off this year than you were two years ago at this time, about the same, or worse off?

- Better
- Same
- Worse

The following statements concern your family's financial situation. For each statement, please indicate how much you agree or disagree.

94. My family has enough money to afford the kind of home we need.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

95. We have enough money to afford the kind of clothing we need.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

96. We have enough money to afford the kind of food we need.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

- Don't know

97. We have enough money to afford the kind of medical care we need.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

- Don't know

About Yourself

98. Are you:

- Male
- Female

99. Do you think of yourself as:

- Heterosexual/straight
- Homosexual/gay or lesbian
- Bisexual
- Something else
- Not sure

100. As far as you know, are any of your immediate family members, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, or close friends, gay, lesbian, or bisexual?

- Yes
- No

101. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino/a?

- Yes
- No

102. What race or races do you consider yourself to be? (Check all that apply)

- White (Caucasian)
- Black or African American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Other specify:

103. Were you born in Nebraska, another state, or a foreign country?

- Nebraska
- Another state
- Foreign country

104. Are you still living in the same residence as you were 2 years ago?

- Yes
- No

105. Do you live on a farm, in open country but not on a farm, or in a town or city?

- Farm
- Open country, but not a farm
- Town or city

106. How many years have you lived in this Nebraska county? (Please enter "0" if less than 1 year.)

 year(s)

107. With regard to the English language, how well do you understand it when it is spoken to you?

- Very well
- Well
- Not well
- Not at all

108. With regard to the English language, how well do you read it?

- Very well
- Well
- Not well
- Not at all

109. With regard to the English language, how well do you write it?

- Very well
- Well
- Not well
- Not at all

110. What is the highest degree you have attained?

- No diploma
- High School Diploma/GED
- Some college, but no degree
- Technical/Associate/Junior College (2 yr, LPN)
- Bachelor's Degree (4 yr, BA, BS, RN)
- Graduate Degree (Masters, PhD, Law, Medicine)

111. Now we have some statements about how you might have felt during the past week. Below, please indicate the number of days in the past week, including today, that:

a. You felt sad. days (0-7)

b. You felt hopeful about the future. days (0-7)

c. You felt you were as good as other people. days (0-7)

d. You felt bothered by things that usually don't bother you. days (0-7)

e. You felt lonely. days (0-7)

f. You had trouble keeping your mind on what you were doing. days (0-7)

g. You felt that everything you did was an effort. days (0-7)

h. You felt fearful. days (0-7)

i. You talked less than usual. days (0-7)

j. You felt depressed. days (0-7)

k. You did not feel like eating; your appetite was poor. days (0-7)

l. You felt that you could not shake off the blues even with the help of family or friends. days (0-7)

m. Your sleep was restless. days (0-7)

n. You could not get "going." days (0-7)

112. In general, how would you describe your political views?

- Very liberal
- Liberal
- Middle-of-the-road
- Conservative
- Very conservative
- Other, specify:

113. In general, what do you consider yourself politically?

- Democrat
- Republican
- Independent
- Other, specify:

114. Who did you vote for in the 2012 Presidential Election?

- Obama
- Romney
- Other, specify:

Did not vote

115. Would you say that your overall health and well-being is excellent, good, fair or poor?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

116. Do you smoke cigarettes?

- Yes
- No

117. Do you typically work full-time, part-time, go to school, keep house, or something else? (Check all that apply)

- Working full-time (35 hours or more)
- Working part-time
- Have a job, but not at work (due to illness, vacation, strike)
- Unemployed, laid off, looking for work
- Retired
- In school
- Keeping house
- Disabled
- Other, specify:

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118. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your job?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

119. During the average week, how many hours do you usually work, NOT including the time you travel to and from work? (In the box below, write the total hours worked including any second jobs.)

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| | average total hours per week |
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120. Do you consider yourself to be Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, or something else?

- Protestant
- Catholic
- Jewish
- Muslim
- None (no religion)
- Other, specify:

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121. Within the Protestant faith, do you consider yourself to be:

- Evangelical
- Fundamentalist Protestant
- Mainline Protestant
- Liberal Protestant
- Other, specify:

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122. Would you describe yourself as a born-again Christian?

- Yes
- No

123. How often do you attend religious services?

- Several times a week
- Once a week
- Nearly every week
- About once a month
- Several times a year
- About once a year
- Less than once a year
- Never

124. In general, how much do your religious or spiritual beliefs influence your daily life?

- Very much
- Quite a bit
- Some
- A little
- None
- Doesn't apply, not religious or spiritual

125. In what year were you born?

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126. What is your current zip code?

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127. Please use the space below to provide any comments or feedback.

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Thank you!

We greatly appreciate the time you have taken to complete this survey. For your convenience, please use the postage-paid return envelope included in your survey packet to return your questionnaire.

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