

# NASIS 2017

## Nebraska Annual Social Indicators Survey

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***We need your help to learn about how  
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 the 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. 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="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**12. 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="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**13. 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

**14. 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

**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"/>

**Engineering**

**17. 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"/>

**18. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. I believe that engineering impacts my daily life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. I can make informed decisions about engineering/technology in my everyday life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. I am confident my elected officials can make informed policy decisions concerning engineering and technology.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Beginning in early grades, schools should be more focused on teaching engineering skills and concepts.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. I would encourage a child I know to consider a career in engineering.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Engineers help people.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Engineering is mostly for males.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Immigration and Human Rights

**19. For each of the following issues, to what extent do you feel the issue is a problem?**

	Is not a problem at all	Is a minor problem	Is a moderate problem	Is a serious problem
a. The lack of respect for human rights in Nebraska	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. The lack of respect for human rights in the United States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Immigration to Nebraska	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Immigration to the United States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Resettlement of refugees to Nebraska	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Resettlement of refugees to the United States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**20. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. I am a person who feels strong ties to the American people.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Being an American is important to the way I think of myself as a person.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Overall, I think Americans are a great group of people.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. My family and I feel safe in this community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Feeling safe is important to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Overall, I trust law enforcement in my community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Overall, I trust state and federal law enforcement agencies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. How likely or unlikely do you think it is that the following institutions commit violations against immigrants' human rights nowadays?

	Extremely unlikely	Unlikely	Likely	Extremely likely
a. Immigration and Customs Enforcement/Department of Homeland Security	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. FBI/Department of Justice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. U.S. Customs & Border Protection/Border Patrol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Nebraska State Patrol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Local police	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. In your opinion, would you say that respect for human rights in our country has improved, stayed the same, or worsened since Donald J. Trump became president of the United States?

- Worsened a lot
- Worsened a little
- Stayed the same
- Improved a little
- Improved a lot

23. People differ in how attached they feel to, or how much they identify with, the various social groups they belong to. How much do you feel part of the American people?

- I do **not** feel part of the American people as a group **at all**
- I feel **slightly** part of the American people as a group
- I feel **moderately** part of the American people as a group
- I feel **strongly** part of the American people as a group
- I feel **very strongly** part of the American people as a group

## Natural Resources

24. How urgent are water quantity issues in Nebraska?

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

25. 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

26. 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

27. 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

28. 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

29. 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

30. 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

31. Do you consider the amount of state tax you have to pay as too high, about right, or too low?

- Too high
- About right
- Too low
- Don't know

32. There are many different institutions in this country, for example, the government, courts, police, and civil servants. Please indicate your personal trust in the following institutions.

	Very strong distrust	Strong distrust	Distrust	Neither trust nor distrust	Trust	Strong trust	Very strong trust
a. The federal government in Washington, D.C.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. The state government	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Local government	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

33. 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	<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 Nebraska Department of Natural Resources	<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"/>

34. 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 Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to responsibly manage Nebraska's water.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. I would be willing to pay higher taxes to support local water management.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



## Community Composition

36. How often do you interact face-to-face with people of a different race or ethnicity?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Almost never
- Never

37. Do you work with anyone who is a different race or ethnicity?

- Yes
- No

38. Do you or have you ever supervised people of a different race or ethnicity?

- Yes
- No

39. How many friends of a different race or ethnicity do you have?

40. How comfortable are you interacting face-to-face with people of a different race or ethnicity?

- Very comfortable
- Somewhat comfortable
- Not at all comfortable

## Substance Access

41. How many people do you know that you could get marijuana from if you wanted to?

a. Who live in Nebraska

b. Who live outside Nebraska

42. How many people do you know that you could get methamphetamine from if you wanted to?

a. Who live in Nebraska.

b. Who live outside Nebraska

43. How many people do you know that you could get heroin from if you wanted to?

a. Who live in Nebraska

b. Who live outside Nebraska

44. How many people do you know that you could get prescription pills from if you wanted to?

a. Who live in Nebraska

b. Who live outside Nebraska

## Addiction Opinions

45. Do you think that drug use and addiction is on the rise in Nebraska?

- Yes
- No

46. How concerned are you about drug use and addiction in Nebraska?

- Very concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- A little concerned
- Not at all concerned

47. Do you know what a “needle exchange program” is?

- Yes
- No

48. Do you think that “needle exchange programs” should be encouraged in Nebraska?

- Yes
- No

49. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Drug users should be helped by the justice system.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Drug users should be helped by the healthcare system.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Drug users should be helped by social services.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Drug users should not be helped by publicly funded services.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



## Underage Drinking

50. Please indicate for each of the following if you think it is very wrong, wrong, a little wrong, or not at all wrong.

	Very wrong	Wrong	A little wrong	Not at all wrong
a. Individuals under the age of 18 to have one or two drinks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Individuals under the age of 18 to have 5 or more drinks at one setting.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Individuals 18-20 years old to have one or two drinks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Individuals 18-20 years old to have 5 or more drinks at one setting.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Individuals 21 and older to provide alcohol for people under 21 years old.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

51. Please tell us how strongly you agree or disagree with each statement, where 1 means you strongly disagree and 7 means you strongly agree.

a. A parent/guardian is the best person to introduce alcohol to a teenager.

b. If parents don't allow teenagers to try alcohol under their supervision, they will try it elsewhere.

52. How wrong would most adults (over 21) in your community, or the area around where you live, think it is for kids under the age of 21 to drink alcohol?

- Very wrong
- Wrong
- A little wrong
- Not at all wrong

53. During the past 12 months, do you recall hearing, reading, or watching an advertisement about the prevention of substance abuse?

- Yes
- No → Go to question #55

54. If yes, which substances were the advertisements about? (Check all that apply)

- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Tobacco
- Prescription pain killers

55. How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they have 5 or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week?

- Great risk
- Moderate risk
- Slight risk
- No risk

56. During the past 12 months, have you allowed underage youth to drink alcohol on your property (home, barn, garage, etc.)?

- Yes
- No

57. In general, how supportive are you of additional taxes on alcohol purchases?

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

58. Are you the parent or guardian of a 12-20 year old?

- Yes
- No → Go to question #61

59. During the past 12 months, have you talked with your child about the dangers of alcohol?

- Yes
- No

60. During the past 12 months, have you provided alcohol to any of your underage children? Do not include sips for religious purposes.

- Yes
- No

61. One drink is equivalent to a 12-ounce beer, a 5-ounce glass of wine, or a drink with one shot of liquor. During the past 30 days, on the days when you drank, about how many drinks did you drink on the average?

Number of drinks

No drinks in the past 30 days

## Nebraska Legislature

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

62. Nebraska should return to a two-house, partisan legislature.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

63. Nebraska's legislature seems to work better than two-house, partisan legislatures in other states.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

## Sex Offender Registry and Laws

64. Do you think that sex offender community notification prevents sex crimes from occurring?

- Yes
- More likely than not
- Not likely but maybe
- No

65. Do you think that housing restrictions applied to where sex offenders can live prevents sex crimes from occurring?

- Yes
- More likely than not
- Not likely but maybe
- No

66. Do you think females commit sex crimes?

- Yes
- No

67. Currently, many cities in Nebraska have housing restrictions against convicted sex offenders living within 500 feet of a daycare center or school. In your opinion:

- There should be no housing restrictions
- There should be some housing restrictions, but 500 feet is too much
- 500 feet is about right
- 500 feet is not enough

68. Have you ever accessed the State of Nebraska's sex offender registry using the Internet?

- Yes
- No → Go to question #73

69. How many times have you accessed the State of Nebraska's sex offender registry in the last 12 months?

70. Why did you access the sex offender registry? (Check all that apply)

- Safety
- Job obligations
- Curiosity or personal interest
- Other, specify:

71. Have you taken any preventative measures as a result of the information?

- Yes
- No

72. Do you feel safer knowing this information?

- Yes
- No

73. If people under the age of 19 convicted of a crime of a sexual nature were legally required to be on the public sex offender registry, how long do you think they should be on it?

- 3 years
- 5 years
- 10 years
- 25 years
- For life
- Other, specify:

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

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. People under the age of 19 who are convicted of a crime of a sexual nature should be treated the same as adults who commit crimes of a sexual nature.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Nebraska should have a law that requires people under the age of 19 who are convicted of a crime of a sexual nature to be on the public sex offender registry.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Nebraska should give judges discretion over whether people under the age of 19 who are convicted of a crime of a sexual nature to be on the public sex offender registry (versus having a law that requires all people under the age of 19 convicted of such crimes to be automatically registered).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Two people under the age of 19 engaging in sexual activity should be a crime.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. People under the age of 19 who are convicted of a crime of a sexual nature should be prohibited from living near a school zone.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. People under the age of 19 who are convicted of a crime of a sexual nature should not be allowed to attend public schools.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. People under the age of 19 who are convicted of a crime of a sexual nature should be prohibited from entering public parks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. People under the age of 19 who are convicted of a crime of a sexual nature should be banned from using social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Kik, Snapchat).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Identifying people under the age of 19 who are convicted of a crime of a sexual nature as "sex offenders" can create significant obstacles to rehabilitation and public safety.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. If there was evidence from other states that policies that required people under the age of 19 to register as sex offenders did NOT enhance public safety, rather these measures undermined rehabilitation and the long-term well-being of victims, families, youth, and communities, I would support a law in Nebraska to include people 19 or younger on the sex offender registry.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**About Your Household**

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

	True	False
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"/>

**76. 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"/>

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

- Yes
- No

**78. 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:

**79. 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:

**80. 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

→ **Go to question #82**

**81. 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:

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

adults (age 19 and older)

**83. 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?

**84. 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

**85. 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

**86. 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

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

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

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

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
a. My family has enough money to afford the kind of home we need.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. We have enough money to afford the kind of clothing we need.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. We have enough money to afford the kind of food we need.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. We have enough money to afford the kind of medical care we need.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

89. 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

## About Yourself

90. Are you:

- Male
- Female

91. Do you think of yourself as:

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

92. 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

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

- Nebraska
- Another state
- Foreign country

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

- Yes
- No

95. 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

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

year(s)

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

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

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

- Democrat
- Republican
- Independent
- Other, specify:

99. Who did you vote for in the 2016 Presidential Election?

- Clinton
- Trump
- Other, specify:

- Did not vote

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

- Yes
- No

**101. 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:

**102. 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)

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

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

**104. Do you smoke cigarettes?**

- Yes
- No

**105. How busy are you on a typical day?**

- Extremely busy
- Very busy
- Somewhat busy
- A little bit busy
- Not at all busy

**106. Are you the person who typically gets the mail in your household?**

- Yes
- No

**107. Please indicate how you typically read each of the following types of mail.**

	Mostly skim	Do a mix of skimming and reading every word	Read almost every word	Do not read
a. Catalogs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Coupons	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Advertising materials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Bills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Bank or other account statements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Greeting cards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Personal correspondence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Credit card and loan offers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Magazines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**108. Please indicate how you typically read each of the following.**

	Mostly skim	Do a mix of skimming and reading every word	Read almost every word	Do not read
a. Print books	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Electronic books	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Print magazine or newspaper articles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Electronic magazine or newspaper articles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Postal letters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Emails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**109. 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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**110. 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.)**

average total hours per week

**111. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your job?**

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

**112. How many times in the past 12 months have you:**

- a. Worked on a community project?
- b. Attended any public meeting in which there was a discussion of town or school affairs?
- c. Attended a political meeting or rally?
- d. Attended any club or organizational meeting (not including meetings for work)?
- e. Volunteered?
- f. Attended religious services (not including weddings and funerals)?

**113. 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)

**114. 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

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

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

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

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

**117. Are you fluent in any languages other than English?**

- No
- Yes, specify:

**118. 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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**119. Within the Protestant faith, do you consider yourself to be:**

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

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

- Yes
- No

**121. 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

**122. 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

**123. In what year were you born?**

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**124. What is your current zip code?**

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

## 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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