



Planning for Nebraska Public Libraries

Population

Total population (# 1.12 from the 2015-2016 Nebraska Public Libraries Survey)	1,392,923
Population of legal service area (# 1.13)	1,539,445

For the following:

If the library service area includes the entire county, use county figures.

If the library service area includes only the municipality, or the municipality and a small area outside the municipality, use city figures.

from the American FactFinder ACS 5-Year Estimates, Age and Sex – S0101	Number	% of Total Pop.
2015 ACS Estimates - Nebraska	1,869,365	100%
Age Under 5 years		7.0%
Age 5 - 9		7.1%
Age 10 - 14		6.8%
Age 15 - 19		6.9%
Age 20 - 24		7.2%
Age 25 - 29		6.7%
Age 30 - 34		6.8%
Age 35 - 39		6.1%
Age 40 - 44		5.9%
Age 45 - 49		6.1%
Age 50 - 54		6.9%
Age 55 - 59		6.6%
Age 60 - 64		5.8%
Age 65 - 69		4.3%
Age 70 - 74		3.2%
Age 75 - 79		2.5%
Age 80 - 84		2.0%
Age 85 and older		2.2%

Education

Population 3 years and over enrolled in school (From the American FactFinder table that includes: School Enrollment, S1401)		
2015 ACS 5-Year Estimates		
Population 3 years and older, enrolled in school	511,862	
Nursery school, preschool	33,421	
Kindergarten	26,536	
Elementary (grades 1-8)	205,385	
High school (grades 9-12)	101,468	
College and graduate school	145,052	

Educational Attainment, Pop.25 years + (S1501)		
Less than 9th grade		4.1%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma		5.2%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)		27.5%
Some college, no degree		23.9%
Associate's degree		9.9%
Bachelor's degree		19.6%
Graduate or professional degree		9.7%
Percent high school graduate or higher		90.7%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher		29.3%

List the schools in your community	approximate enrollments:
high schools	
jr. highs or middle schools	
elementary schools	

Describe the library/media facilities in the listed schools - are they adequate?	
List higher education institutions available (include extension services, distance education, etc.)	
What library services that they need are available to them?	

Language

2015 ACS 5-Year Estimates (S1601)		
Language Spoken at Home (Pop. 5 years +)		
English only		89.2%
Language other than English		10.8%
Spanish		7.2%
Other languages		3.6%

Work Life

From the American FactFinder table Comparative Economic Statistics (CP03)		
2015 ACS 5-Year Estimates		
Own children under 6 years	151,457	
All parents in family in labor force (% of above)		72.1%
Own children 6 to 17 years	293,875	
All parents in family in labor force (% of above)		78.5%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)		18.3

Household/Family Economics

Free and Reduced Lunch Counts by School (available at: http://www.education.ne.gov/DataServices/Data_and_Information.html or this number may already be in your Technology Plan)	
2015 ACS 5-Year Estimates (S1901 and CP03)	
Average (mean) household income?	\$69,392
Median household income?	\$52,997
Unemployment rate?	4.7%
Percentage below poverty line?	8.7% (families) – 12.7% (all people)

Economic Characteristics

From the Economic Census, County Business Patterns (2015) (CB1500A11)	# establishments	# employees
Geography Area Series: County Business Patterns (Nebraska) - 2015		
Manufacturing	1,785	93,149
Wholesale trade	3,209	42,341
Retail trade	7,352	112,829
Information	885	20,980
Real estate and rental and leasing	2,133	10,778
Professional, scientific, and technical services	4,629	98,940
Administrative & support and waste management & remediation svcs	2,672	60,906
Educational services	566	18,838
Health care and social assistance	5,529	125,501
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	880	14,166
Accommodation and food services	4,426	74,336
Other services (except public administration)	5,785	36,823
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	193	1,215
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	128	1,171
Utilities	120	957
Construction	6,245	44,765
Transportation and warehousing	2,390	29,602
Finance and Insurance	4,299	62,428
Management of companies and enterprises	374	20,409
Industries not classified	119	145
Total for all sectors	53,719	870,279

Who are the major employers?

Cultural Characteristics of Your Community

Describe the cultural and recreational activities that are popular in your community.	
List the cultural and recreational facilities available (facilities include parks, pools, gyms, theatres, etc.	List the cultural and recreational organizations that are active groups including clubs:
List civic groups are active in your service area	What are their goals and interests and what services do they provide for residents?
What are your community's means for public communication - newspaper, radio, social media such as Facebook, etc.?	