



Planning for Nebraska Public Libraries

Population

Total population (# 1.12 from the 2016-2017 Nebraska Public Libraries Survey)	1,399,314
Population of legal service area (# 1.13)	1,574,606

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.
2016 ACS Estimates - Nebraska	1,881,259	100%
Age Under 5 years		6.9%
Age 5 - 9		7.1%
Age 10 - 14		6.9%
Age 15 - 19		6.8%
Age 20 - 24		7.3%
Age 25 - 34		13.4%
Age 35 - 44		12.0%
Age 45 – 54		12.7%
Age 55 – 59		6.6%
Age 60 - 64		5.9%
Age 65 – 74		7.8%
Age 75 - 84		4.5%
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)		
2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates		
Population 3 years and older, enrolled in school	508,455	
Nursery school, preschool	33,111	
Kindergarten	26,471	
Elementary (grades 1-8)	206,087	
High school (grades 9-12)	101,656	
College and graduate school	141,130	
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)		27.0%
Some college, no degree		23.6%

Associate's degree		10.1%
Bachelor's degree		20.1%
Graduate or professional degree		9.9%
Percent high school graduate or higher		90.7%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher		30.0%

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

2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates (S1601)		
Language Spoken at Home (Pop. 5 years +)		
English only		89.0%
Language other than English		11.0%
Spanish		7.4%
Other languages		3.7%

Work Life

From the American FactFinder table Comparative Economic Statistics (CP03)		
2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates		
Own children under 6 years	152,456	
All parents in family in labor force (% of above)		72.2%

Own children 6 to 17 years	295,329	
All parents in family in labor force (% of above)		78.8%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)		18.3

Household/Family Economics

Free and Reduced Lunch Counts by School (available at: https://www.education.ne.gov/dataservices/data-reports/ or this number may already be in your Technology Plan)	
2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates (S1901 and CP03)	
Average (mean) household income?	\$71,166
Median household income?	\$54,384
Unemployment rate?	4.2%
Percentage below poverty line?	8.4% (families) – 12.4% (all people)

Economic Characteristics

From the Economic Census, County Business Patterns (2016) (CB1500A11)	# establishments	# employees
Geography Area Series: County Business Patterns (Nebraska) – 2016		
Manufacturing	1,772	91,984
Wholesale trade	3,205	42,001
Retail trade	7,253	112,718
Information	915	19,203
Real estate and rental and leasing	2,248	11,284
Professional, scientific, and technical services	4,683	40,375
Administrative & support and waste management & remediation svcs	2,709	125,407
Educational services	599	18,990
Health care and social assistance	5,679	129,977
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	907	14,252
Accommodation and food services	4,493	77,384
Other services (except public administration)	5,830	36,181
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	196	1,236
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	122	1,188
Utilities	120	937
Construction	6,357	45,909
Transportation and warehousing	2,415	30,505
Finance and Insurance	4,334	63,100
Management of companies and enterprises	374	21,719
Industries not classified	94	100
Total for all sectors	54,265	884,450

Who are the major employers?

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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.?	