



# Planning for Nebraska Public Libraries

## Population

Total population (# 1.9 from the 2024-2025 Nebraska Public Libraries Survey)	<b>1,494,021</b>
Population of legal service area (# 1.10)	<b>1,679,925</b>

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 Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, Age and Sex – S0101	Number	% of Total Pop.
2023 ACS Estimates - Nebraska	2,005,466	100%
Age Under 5 years	121,522	5.9%
Age 5 - 9	133,424	6.6%
Age 10 - 14	136,906	6.6%
Age 15 - 19	143,504	6.8%
Age 20 - 24	143,303	7.1%
Age 25 - 29	128,877	6.3%
Age 30 - 34	132,526	6.5%
Age 35 - 39	128,735	6.2%
Age 40 – 44	136,555	6.8%
Age 45 – 49	117,847	5.8%
Age 50 – 54	104,997	5.1%
Age 55 – 59	108,663	5.5%
Age 60 - 64	120,555	5.9%
Age 65 – 69	106,667	5.4%
Age 70 – 74	97,031	5.2%
Age 75 – 79	65,854	3.7%
Age 80 – 84	41,021	2.3%
Age 85 and older	37,479	2.2%
MEDIAN AGE	37.4	

## Education

Population 3 years and over enrolled in school (S1401)		
2024 ACS 5-Year Estimates		
Population 3 years and older, enrolled in school	520,322	
Nursery school, preschool	32,174	
Kindergarten	24,962	
Elementary (grades 1-8)	213,773	
High school (grades 9-12)	112,746	
College and graduate school	136,667	

Educational Attainment, Pop.25 years + (S1501)		
Less than 9th grade		3.8%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma		3.5%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)		25.2%
Some college, no degree		20.8%
Associate's degree		11.3%
Bachelor's degree		22.3%
Graduate or professional degree		13.0%
Percent high school graduate or higher		92.6%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher		35.4%

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

2024 ACS 5-Year Estimates (S1601)		
Language Spoken at Home (Pop. 5 years +)		
English only		86%
Language other than English		14%
Spanish		9.3%
Other languages		4.7%

## Work Life

From the American FactFinder table Comparative Economic Statistics (CP03)
2024 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Own children under 6 years	143,274	
All parents in family in labor force (% of above)		75.7%
Own children 6 to 17 years	316,493	
All parents in family in labor force (% of above)		78.8%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)		19.9

### Household/Family Economics

Free and Reduced Lunch Counts by School (available at: <a href="https://www.education.ne.gov/dataservices/data-reports/">https://www.education.ne.gov/dataservices/data-reports/</a> or this number may already be in your Technology Plan)	
2024 ACS 5-Year Estimates (S1901, CP03, S1701, and S1702)	
Average (mean) household income?	\$100,280
Median household income?	\$76,376
Unemployment rate?	2.3%
Percentage below poverty line?	7.4% (families) – 10.9% (all people)

### Economic Characteristics

From the Economic Census, County Business Patterns (2023) County Business Patterns > Complete Congressional Dist. File	# establishments	# employees
Geography Area Series: County Business Patterns (Nebraska) – 2023		
Manufacturing	1,761	104,418
Wholesale trade	3,062	41,355
Retail trade	6,925	110,079
Information	978	25,307
Real estate and rental and leasing	2,641	13,418
Professional, scientific, and technical services	4,765	46,177
Administrative & support and waste management & remediation svcs	2,904	92,709
Educational services	641	21,698
Health care and social assistance	6,363	143,276
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	1,030	14,965
Accommodation and food services	4,882	80,966
Other services (except public administration)	5,968	37,488
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	212	1,242
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	111	1,109
Utilities	107	1036
Construction	6,931	57,175
Transportation and warehousing	2,583	35,303
Finance and Insurance	4,249	70,923
Management of companies and enterprises	329	24,341
Total for all sectors	56,503	923,066

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.?	