



Planning for Nebraska Public Libraries

Population

Total population (# 1.12 from the 2021-2022 Nebraska Public Libraries Survey)	1,470,531
Population of legal service area (# 1.13)	1,630,349

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 – DP05	Number	% of Total Pop.
2021 ACS Estimates - Nebraska	1,963,692	100%
Age Under 5 years	124,596	6.3%
Age 5 - 9	131,276	6.7%
Age 10 - 14	144,006	7.3%
Age 15 - 19	137,800	7.0%
Age 20 - 24	133,478	6.8%
Age 25 - 34	252,836	12.9%
Age 35 - 44	258,269	13.2%
Age 45 – 54	216,069	11.0%
Age 55 – 59	118,788	6.0%
Age 60 - 64	123,741	6.3%
Age 65 – 74	195,585	10.0%
Age 75 - 84	88,320	4.5%
Age 85 and older	38,528	2.0%
MEDIAN AGE	37.2	

Education

Population 3 years and over enrolled in school (S1401)		
2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates		
Population 3 years and older, enrolled in school	517,268	
Nursery school, preschool	34,846	
Kindergarten	27,030	
Elementary (grades 1-8)	211,755	
High school (grades 9-12)	103,921	
College and graduate school	134,716	
Educational Attainment, Pop.25 years + (S1501)		
Less than 9th grade		3.7%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma		4.1%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)		25.2%
Some college, no degree		21.7%

Associate's degree		10.8%
Bachelor's degree		22.2%
Graduate or professional degree		12.3%
Percent high school graduate or higher		92.2%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher		34.4%

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

2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates (S1601)		
Language Spoken at Home (Pop. 5 years +)		
English only		88.2%
Language other than English		11.8%
Spanish		7.7%
Other languages		4.1%

Work Life

From the American FactFinder table Comparative Economic Statistics (CP03)		
2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates		
Own children under 6 years	153,390	
All parents in family in labor force (% of above)		74.3%

Own children 6 to 17 years	311,589	
All parents in family in labor force (% of above)		74.3%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)		19.1

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)	
2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates (S1901, CP03, S1701, and S1702)	
Average (mean) household income?	\$87,815
Median household income?	\$66,644
Unemployment rate?	3.3%
Percentage below poverty line?	6.7% (families) – 10.8% (all people)

Economic Characteristics

From the Economic Census, County Business Patterns (2021) County Business Patterns > Complete Congressional Dist. File	# establishments	# employees
Geography Area Series: County Business Patterns (Nebraska) – 2021		
Manufacturing	1,759	99,378
Wholesale trade	2,990	39,780
Retail trade	6,874	107,725
Information	909	18,659
Real estate and rental and leasing	2,657	12,287
Professional, scientific, and technical services	4,631	40,245
Administrative & support and waste management & remediation svcs	2,853	43,323
Educational services	606	18,669
Health care and social assistance	6,102	138,535
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	969	12,413
Accommodation and food services	4,645	72,261
Other services (except public administration)	5,906	35,038
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	199	1,256
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	105	943
Utilities	103	939
Construction	6,695	51,770
Transportation and warehousing	2,526	32,442
Finance and Insurance	4,156	66,635
Management of companies and enterprises	336	17,914
Industries not classified	61	80
Total for all sectors	55,082	810,292

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.?	