



# Planning for Nebraska Public Libraries

## Population

Total population (# 1.12 from the 2020-2021 Nebraska Public Libraries Survey)	<b>1,435,284</b>
Population of legal service area (# 1.13)	<b>1,592,474</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 – DP05	Number	% of Total Pop.
2020 ACS Estimates - Nebraska	1,923,826	100%
Age Under 5 years	130,742	6.8%
Age 5 - 9	132,038	6.9%
Age 10 - 14	134,239	7.0%
Age 15 - 19	131,348	6.8%
Age 20 - 24	135,919	7.1%
Age 25 - 34	255,441	13.3%
Age 35 - 44	239,612	12.5%
Age 45 – 54	220,472	11.5%
Age 55 – 59	121,405	6.3%
Age 60 - 64	120,579	6.3%
Age 65 – 74	171,887	8.9%
Age 75 - 84	87,155	4.5%
Age 85 and older	42,989	2.2%

## Education

Population 3 years and over enrolled in school (S1401)		
2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates		
Population 3 years and older, enrolled in school	505,631	
Nursery school, preschool	33,693	
Kindergarten	26,331	
Elementary (grades 1-8)	206,256	
High school (grades 9-12)	103,820	
College and graduate school	135,387	
Educational Attainment, Pop.25 years + (S1501)		
Less than 9th grade		3.8%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma		4.6%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)		25.7%
Some college, no degree		22.7%
Associate's degree		10.7%

Bachelor's degree		21.4%
Graduate or professional degree		11.1%
Percent high school graduate or higher		91.6%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher		32.5%

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

2020 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)		
2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates		
Own children under 6 years	152,669	
All parents in family in labor force (% of above)		75%
Own children 6 to 17 years	300,932	

All parents in family in labor force (% of above)		79.7%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)		18.9

### 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)	
2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates (S1901, CP03, S1701, and S1702)	
Average (mean) household income?	\$82,306
Median household income?	\$63,015
Unemployment rate?	2.3%
Percentage below poverty line?	6.6% (families) – 9.2% (all people)

### Economic Characteristics

From the Economic Census, County Business Patterns (2020) (CB1600A11)	# establishments	# employees
Geography Area Series: County Business Patterns (Nebraska) – 2020		
Manufacturing	1,737	100,037
Wholesale trade	2,998	40,202
Retail trade	6,914	107,974
Information	919	20,147
Real estate and rental and leasing	2,496	12,229
Professional, scientific, and technical services	4,589	39,098
Administrative & support and waste management & remediation svcs	2,761	42,559
Educational services	569	18,637
Health care and social assistance	5,980	137,441
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	937	14,924
Accommodation and food services	4,536	78,076
Other services (except public administration)	5,804	36,007
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	188	1,321
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	108	984
Utilities	112	945
Construction	6,528	51,760
Transportation and warehousing	2,439	32,920
Finance and Insurance	4,336	72,587
Management of companies and enterprises	332	21,276
Industries not classified	105	139
Total for all sectors	54,388	829,263

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.?	