



## NEBRASKA [NE]

Capital: Lincoln  
 Area: 77,349 sq. mi.  
 Population: 1,826,341  
 Pop. Density: 24.0/sq. mi.  
 Nickname: "The Cornhusker State", "Beef State"  
 State motto: "Equality Before the Law"  
 Governor: Dave Heineman (R)  
 U.S. Senators: Ben Nelson (D), Mike Johanns (R)



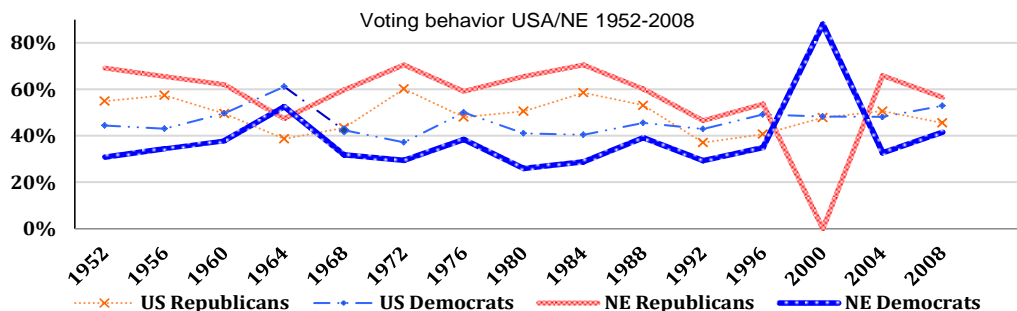
"Nebraska." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. June 6, 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/407533/Nebraska>>.



### I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

All members of the Legislature, all judges and school officials, and many local officials are elected or approved on nonpartisan ballots. This system has weakened party politics in the state. However, in most of the elections for governor, the winner has been a Republican. In most presidential elections, the state's electoral votes have gone to the Republican candidate. Two of Nebraska's most famous citizens were political reformers. William Jennings Bryan ran for president unsuccessfully three times and served as secretary of state under President Woodrow Wilson. George W. Norris won fame as an independent politician during his 40 years in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

Resource: *World Book 2008*



Resource: "Election Information" *Office of the Clerk*. February 2008. June 8, 2012. <[http://clerk.house.gov/member\\_info/electioninfo/index.aspx](http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electioninfo/index.aspx)>

### VOTING RATES

|      | Percent voted (citizen) US | Percent voted (citizen) NE |
|------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2000 | 50.3%                      | 55.2%                      |
| 2004 | 55.7%                      | 60.0%                      |
| 2008 | 57.1%                      | 60.1%                      |

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2012*. June 8, 2012. <<http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/12statab/election.pdf>>

Nebraska had a 2010 population of 1.8 million that includes a higher percentage of non-Hispanic whites and a lower percentage of blacks and Hispanics than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 60 percent of Nebraska's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election; higher than the national rate of 57 percent.

More information at: <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/voting.html>



## II. DEMOGRAPHICS

| Selected Characteristics              | Nebraska  | U.S.      |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Median age                            | 36.0      | 36.4      |
| Women                                 | 50.4%     | 50.8%     |
| White persons, not Hispanic           | 86.1%     | 63.7%     |
| Black persons                         | 4.5%      | 12.6%     |
| Hispanic or Latino                    | 9.2%      | 16.3%     |
| Median household income               | \$49,342  | \$51,914  |
| Foreign born                          | 5.9%      | 12.7%     |
| Persons below poverty                 | 11.8%     | 13.8%     |
| Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+) | 27.7%     | 27.9%     |
| Median home value                     | \$123,900 | \$188,400 |

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. June 8, 2012.  
<<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/31000.html>>



## III. MORE RESOURCES

### Government Information

The Official Web site for the State Nebraska: <http://www.nebraska.gov/>  
 Governor of Nebraska: <http://www.governor.nebraska.gov/>  
 Elected Officials in U.S. Senate - Nebraska:  
[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm?State=NE](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=NE)  
 Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – Nebraska:  
[http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state\\_al](http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_al)

### Elections 2012

*Politics 1* – Nebraska Directory: <http://www.politics1.com/ne.htm>  
*The Green Papers* – Nebraska 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/NE>  
*My Time to Vote*: <http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/nebraska.html>  
 Secretary of State – Nebraska: <http://www.sos.ne.gov/dyindex.html>

### Statistics

*Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau* – Nebraska: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/31000.html>  
 Election 2008 (Voting and Registration): <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/socdemo/voting/index.html>  
*Polling Report* – Collection of National Polling Results: <http://www.pollingreport.com/>  
*Gallup* – America's largest Polling Institute: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/election.aspx>

### Media

General Media Collection by the U.S. Embassy: <http://usa.usembassy.de/media.htm>

### Local newspapers

*News Link*, newspapers: <http://newslink.org/nenews.html>  
*U.S. Newspapers List* (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/nenews.php>

### Local radio stations

*News Link*, radio stations: <http://newslink.org/neradi.html>  
*On the Radio*: <http://www.ontheradio.net/states/nebraska.aspx>

### General Information

*Infoplease* – Nebraska: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108240.html>  
*50states.com* – Nebraska: <http://www.50states.com/nebraska.htm>  
*Official Tourism Website*: <http://www.visitnebraska.gov/>

### Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

|                   | Democratic Party  | Republican Party  |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Official website: | <a href="http://www.nebraskademocrats.org/">http://www.nebraskademocrats.org/</a>                             | <a href="http://negop.org/">http://negop.org/</a>   |
| Facebook:         | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/NebraskaDemocraticParty">http://www.facebook.com/NebraskaDemocraticParty</a> | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/nebraskagop">http://www.facebook.com/nebraskagop</a>         |
| YouTube:          | <a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/nebraskademocrats">http://www.youtube.com/user/nebraskademocrats</a>     | <a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/NebraskaGOP">http://www.youtube.com/user/NebraskaGOP</a> |
| Twitter:          | <a href="http://twitter.com/nebraskadems">http://twitter.com/nebraskadems</a>                                 | <a href="http://twitter.com/NEGOP">http://twitter.com/NEGOP</a>                               |