



Nebraska Geography

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Objectives:



New and existing prior authorization, provider services, and member services staff to gain knowledge of:

- Geography of the State
- Cities
- Counties
- CFS Service Areas

Nebraska Geography



Nebraska lies in both the **Great Plains** and the **Midwestern United States**. It is bordered by **South Dakota** to the north, **Iowa** to the east and **Missouri** to the southeast, both across the **Missouri River**, **Kansas** to the south, **Colorado** to the southwest and **Wyoming** to the west. It is the only **triply landlocked U.S. state**. Nebraska's area is just over 77,220 square miles (200,000 km²) with almost 1.9 million people. Its **state capital** is **Lincoln**, and its largest city is **Omaha**, which is on the **Missouri River**.

Nebraska has **93 counties** and is split between **two time zones**, with the state's eastern half observing **Central Time** and the western half observing **Mountain Time**. Three rivers cross the state from west to east. The **Platte River**, formed by the confluence of the **North Platte** and the **South Platte**, runs through the state's central portion, the **Niobrara River** flows through the northern part, and the **Republican River** runs across the southern part.

Indigenous peoples including **Omaha**, **Missouria**, **Ponca**, **Pawnee**, **Otoe**, and various branches of the **Lakota (Sioux)** tribes lived in the region for thousands of years before European exploration. The state is crossed by many historic trails and was explored by the **Lewis and Clark Expedition**.

State of Nebraska

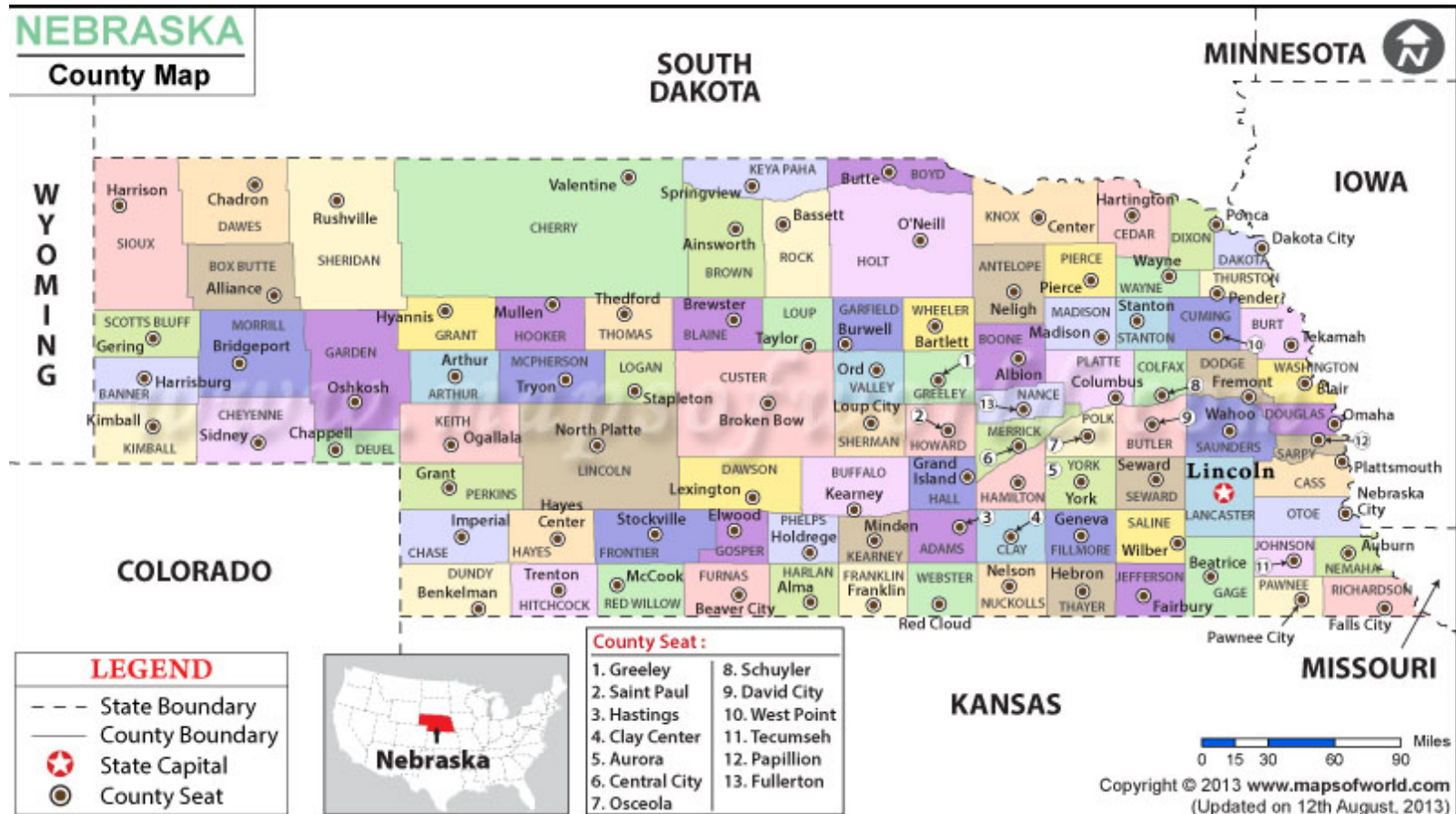


State of Nebraska	
	
Flag	Seal
Nickname(s): Cornhusker State Motto(s): Equality before the law Anthem: "Beautiful Nebraska"	
	
Map of the United States with Nebraska highlighted	
Country	United States
Before statehood	Nebraska Territory
Admitted to the Union	March 1, 1867 (37th)
Capital	Lincoln
Largest city	Omaha
Largest metro	Omaha–Council Bluffs
Government	
• Governor	Pete Ricketts (R)
• Lieutenant Governor	Mike Foley (R)

Area	
• Total	77,358 sq mi (200,356 km ²)
• Land	76,874 sq mi (199,099 km ²)
• Water	481 sq mi (1,247 km ²) 0.7%
Area rank	16th
Dimensions	
• Length	430 mi (690 km)
• Width	210 mi (340 km)
Elevation	2,600 ft (790 m)
Highest elevation (Panorama Point ^{[1][2]})	5,424 ft (1,654 m)
Lowest elevation (Missouri River at Kansas border ^{[1][2]})	840 ft (256 m)
Population	
• Total	1,929,268 (2,018)
• Rank	37th
• Density	24.94/sq mi (9.63/km ²)
• Density rank	43rd
• Median household income	\$59,970 ^[3]
• Income rank	22nd
Demonym(s)	Nebraskan
Language	
• Official language	English

Time zones	
most of state	UTC−06:00 (Central)
• Summer (DST)	UTC−05:00 (CDT)
Panhandle	UTC−07:00 (Mountain)
• Summer (DST)	UTC−06:00 (MDT)
USPS abbreviation	NE
ISO 3166 code	US-NE
Trad. abbreviation	Neb., Nebr.
Legislature	Nebraska Legislature
• Upper house	None (unicameral)
• Lower house	None (unicameral)
U.S. Senators	Deb Fischer (R) Ben Sasse (R)
U.S. House delegation	1: Jeff Fortenberry (R) 2: Don Bacon (R) 3: Adrian Smith (R) (list)
Latitude	40° N to 43° N
Longitude	95° 19' W to 104° 03' W
Website	www.nebraska.gov

City & County Map



93 Counties



Adams
Antelope
Arthur
Banner
Blaine
Boone
Box Butte
Boyd
Brown
Buffalo
Burt
Butler
Cass
Cedar
Chase
Cherry
Cheyenne
Clay
Colfax

Cuming
Custer
Dakota
Dawes
Dawson
Deuel
Dixon
Dodge
Douglas
Dundy
Fillmore
Franklin
Frontier
Furnas
Gage
Garden
Garfield
Gosper
Grant

Greeley
Hall
Hamilton
Harlan
Hayes
Hitchcock
Holt
Hooker
Howard
Jefferson
Johnson
Kearney
Keith
Keya Paha
Kimball
Knox
Lancaster
Lincoln
Logan

Loup
Madison
McPherson
Merrick
Morrill
Nance
Nemaha
Nuckolls
Otoe
Pawnee
Perkins
Phelps
Pierce
Platte
Polk
Red Willow
Richardson
Rock
Saline

Sarpy
Saunders
Scotts Bluff
Seward
Sheridan
Sherman
Sioux
Stanton
Thayer
Thomas
Thurston
Valley
Washington
Wayne
Webster
Wheeler
York

Largest Cities



List of largest cities in Nebraska by [population](#)^[edit]

Population data based on 2010 census.^[2]

County seat
State capital and county seat

2014 Rank	City	2016 Estimate ^[2]	2010 Census ^[2]	Change	County
1	Omaha	446,970	408,958	+9.29%	Douglas
2	Lincoln	280,364	258,379	+8.51%	Lancaster
3	Bellevue	53,505	50,137	+6.72%	Sarpy
4	Grand Island	51,517	48,520	+6.18%	Hall
5	Kearney	33,520	30,787	+8.88%	Buffalo

Largest Cities



2014 Rank	City	2016 Estimate ²³	2010 Census ²⁴	Change	County
6	Fremont	26,519	26,397	+0.46%	Dodge
7	Hastings	24,991	24,907	+0.34%	Adams
9	North Platte	24,110	24,733	-2.52%	Lincoln
8	Norfolk	24,348	24,210	+0.57%	Madison
10	Columbus	22,851	22,111	+3.35%	Platte
11	Papillion	19,597	18,894	+3.72%	Sarpy
12	La Vista	17,143	15,758	+8.79%	Sarpy
13	Scottsbluff	14,883	15,039	-1.04%	Scotts Bluff
14	South Sioux City	13,120	13,353	-1.74%	Dakota
15	Beatrice	12,362	12,459	-0.78%	Gage
16	Lexington	10,004	10,230	-2.21%	Dawson
17	Alliance	8,403	8,491	-1.04%	Box Butte
18	Gering	8,360	8,500	-1.65%	Scotts Bluff

Largest Cities



2014 Rank	City	2016 Estimate ²³	2010 Census ²⁴	Change	County
19	Blair	8,089	7,990	+1.24%	Washington
20	York	7,860	7,766	+1.21%	York
21	McCook	7,526	7,698	-2.23%	Red Willow
22	Nebraska City	7,347	7,289	+0.80%	Otoe
23	Ralston	7,329	5,943	+23.32%	Douglas
25	Crete	7,059	6,960	+1.42%	Saline
24	Seward	7,219	6,964	+3.66%	Seward
26	Sidney	6,888	6,757	+1.94%	Cheyenne
27	Plattsmouth	6,479	6,502	-0.35%	Cass
28	Schuyler	6,106	6,211	-1.69%	Colfax
29	Chadron	5,725	5,851	-2.15%	Dawes
32	Gretna	5,060	4,441	+13.94%	Sarpy
30	Wayne	5,573	5,660	-1.54%	Wayne
31	Holdrege	5,555	5,495	+1.09%	Phelps

Largest Cities



2014 Rank	City	2016 Estimate ²	2010 Census ¹	Change	County
33	Ogallala	4,543	4,737	-4.10%	Keith
34	Wahoo	4,499	4,508	-0.20%	Saunders
35	Aurora	4,484	4,479	+0.11%	Hamilton
36	Falls City	4,214	4,325	-2.57%	Richardson
37	Cozad	3,805	3,977	-4.32%	Dawson
39	Fairbury	3,714	3,942	-5.78%	Jefferson
40	O'Neill	3,631	3,705	-2.00%	Holt
38	Waverly	3,786	3,277	+15.53%	Lancaster
42	Gothenburg	3,475	3,574	-2.77%	Dawson
41	Broken Bow	3,539	3,559	-0.56%	Custer
44	Auburn	3,299	3,460	-4.65%	Nemaha
43	West Point	3,327	3,364	-1.10%	Cuming
45	Minden	2,996	2,923	+2.50%	Kearney
46	Central City	2,905	2,934	-0.99%	Merrick

Largest Cities



2014 Rank	City	2016 Estimate ⁽²⁾	2010 Census ⁽¹⁾	Change	County
47	David City	2,815	2,906	-3.13%	Butler
48	Valentine	2,803	2,737	+2.41%	Cherry
49	Ashland	2,566	2,453	+4.61%	Saunders
50	Kimball	2,400	2,496	-3.85%	Kimball
51	Madison	2,364	2,438	-3.04%	Madison
52	St. Paul	2,349	2,290	+2.58%	Howard
53	Milford	2,194	2,090	+4.98%	Seward
55	Geneva	2,162	2,217	-2.48%	Fillmore
57	Imperial	2,047	2,071	-1.16%	Chase
56	Ord	2,078	2,112	-1.61%	Valley
54	Valley	2,172	1,875	+15.84%	Douglas

Statistics

Population estimates, July 1, 2018, (V2018)	1,929,268
PEOPLE	
Population	
Population estimates, July 1, 2018, (V2018)	1,929,268
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2018)	1,828,305
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2018, (V2018)	5.8%
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	1,828,341
Age and Sex	
Persons under 5 years, percent	△ 6.9%
Persons under 18 years, percent	△ 24.7%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	△ 15.7%
Female persons, percent	△ 50.1%
Race and Hispanic Origin	
White alone, percent	△ 88.3%
Black or African American alone, percent (a)	△ 5.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	△ 1.5%
Asian alone, percent (a)	△ 2.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	△ 0.1%
Two or More Races, percent	△ 2.3%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	△ 11.2%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	△ 78.8%
Population Characteristics	
Veterans, 2013-2017	122,311
Foreign born persons, percent, 2013-2017	6.9%
Housing	
Housing units, July 1, 2018, (V2018)	845,042
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2013-2017	68.0%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2013-2017	\$142,400
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2013-2017	\$1,315
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2013-2017	\$494
Median gross rent, 2013-2017	\$773
Building permits, 2018	7,888

Statistics



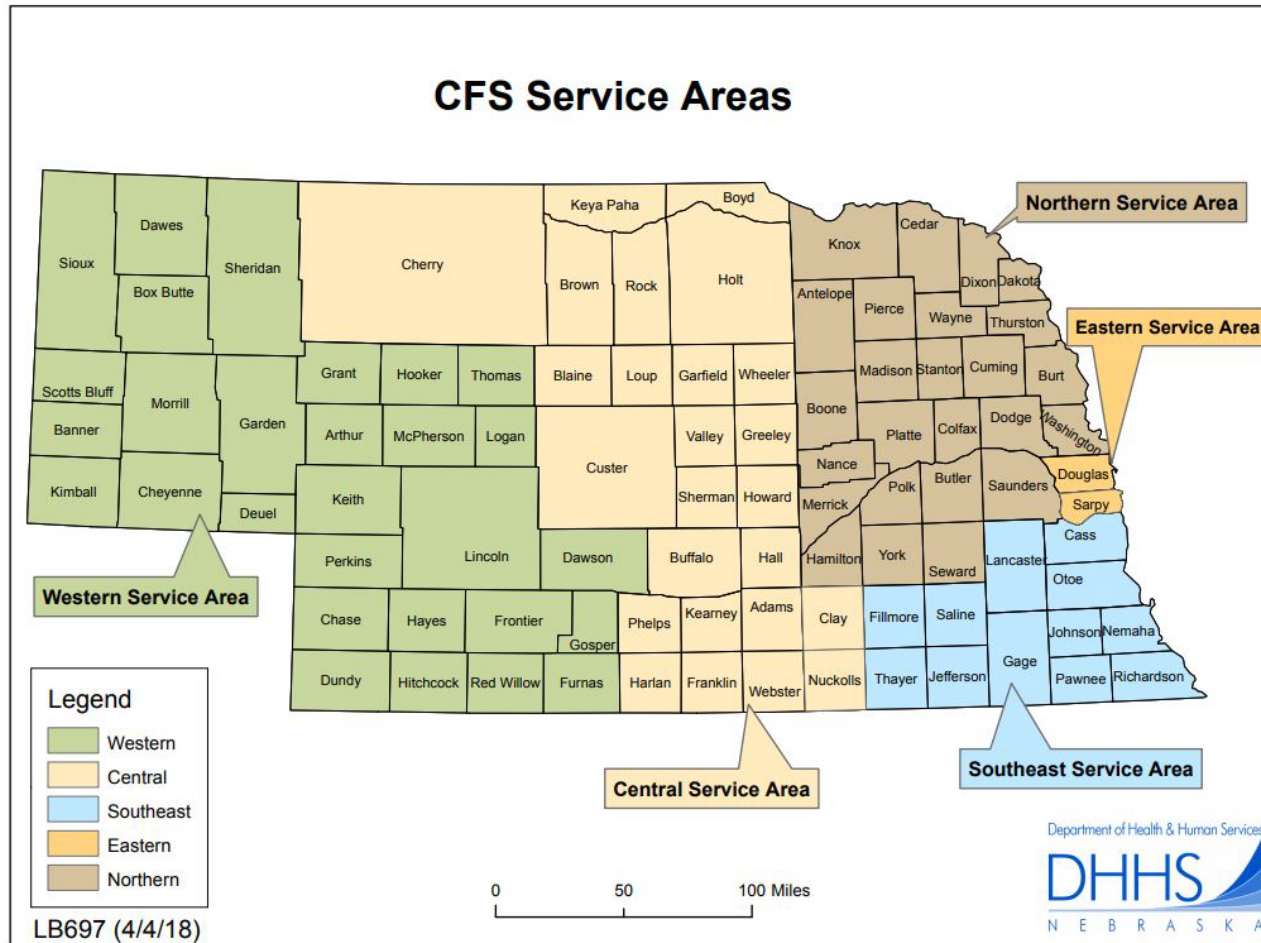
Families & Living Arrangements	
Households, 2013-2017	748,405
Persons per household, 2013-2017	2.46
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 years+, 2013-2017	83.8%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2013-2017	11.2%
Computer and Internet Use	
Households with a computer, percent, 2013-2017	86.9%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2013-2017	78.5%
Education	
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2013-2017	90.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2013-2017	30.6%
Health	
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2013-2017	7.6%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	9.6%
Economy	
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2013-2017	69.6%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2013-2017	64.9%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	3,094,498
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	12,889,418
Total manufacturers shipments, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	57,499,177
Total merchant wholesaler sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	42,618,995
Total retail sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	30,470,717
Total retail sales per capita, 2012 (c)	\$16,422
Transportation	
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2013-2017	18.4
Income & Poverty	
Median household income (in 2017 dollars), 2013-2017	\$56,675
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2017 dollars), 2013-2017	\$29,888
Persons in poverty, percent	10.8%

Statistics



BUSINESSES	
Businesses	
Total employer establishments, 2016	54,265 ¹
Total employment, 2016	884,450 ¹
Total annual payroll, 2016 (\$1,000)	37,715,004 ¹
Total employment, percent change, 2015-2016	1.6% ¹
Total nonemployer establishments, 2017	137,380
All firms, 2012	164,089
Men-owned firms, 2012	83,698
Women-owned firms, 2012	51,936
Minority-owned firms, 2012	14,571
Nonminority-owned firms, 2012	144,122
Veteran-owned firms, 2012	16,693
Nonveteran-owned firms, 2012	137,254
GEOGRAPHY	
Geography	
Population per square mile, 2010	23.8
Land area in square miles, 2010	76,824.17
FIPS Code	31

CFS Service Areas



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