



## NEBRASKA

### In Brief

"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*

Capital: Lincoln

Area: 77,354 sq mi

Population: 1,768,331

*Resource: World Almanac 2008*

Nebraska had a 2007 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 65 percent of Nebraska's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election; the national rate was 64 percent.

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

| Selected Characteristics              | Nebraska  | U.S.      |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Median age                            | 36.0      | 36.4      |
| Women                                 | 50.4%     | 50.7%     |
| White alone, not Hispanic or Latino   | 84.9%     | 66.4%     |
| Black alone                           | 4.4%      | 12.8%     |
| Hispanic or Latino                    | 7.4%      | 14.8%     |
| Median household income               | \$45,474  | \$48,451  |
| Foreign born                          | 5.6%      | 12.5%     |
| Persons below poverty                 | 11.5%     | 13.3%     |
| Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+) | 26.9%     | 27.0%     |
| Median home value                     | \$119,200 | \$185,200 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Total Population Estimates (2007), State Population Estimates by Characteristics (2006), American Community Survey (2006).

## More Resources

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| <b>Government Information</b>   |
| <p>The Official Web site for the State Nebraska<br/><a href="http://www.nebraska.gov/dynamicindex.html">http://www.nebraska.gov/dynamicindex.html</a></p> <p>Governor of Nebraska<br/><a href="http://www.gov.state.ne.us/">http://www.gov.state.ne.us/</a></p> <p>Nebraska - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate<br/><a href="http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=NE">http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=NE</a></p> <p>Nebraska - Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives<br/><a href="http://www.house.gov/house/MemStateSearch.shtml#ne">http://www.house.gov/house/MemStateSearch.shtml#ne</a></p> |
| <b>Elections 2008</b>   |
| <p>Politics 1: Nebraska Directory<br/><a href="http://www.politics1.com/ne.htm">http://www.politics1.com/ne.htm</a></p> <p>The Green Papers: Nebraska 2008 General Elections<br/>General<br/><a href="http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/NE.phtml">http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/NE.phtml</a></p> <p>Secretary of State – Elections<br/><a href="http://www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/">http://www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/</a></p>  |
| <b>Statistics</b>   |
| <p>Nebraska - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau<br/><a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/31000.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/31000.html</a></p>   |
| <b>Media</b>  |
| <p>Local Newspapers<br/><a href="http://www.newslink.org/nenews.html">http://www.newslink.org/nenews.html</a></p> <p>Local radio stations<br/><a href="http://www.newslink.org/neradi.html">http://www.newslink.org/neradi.html</a></p>   |
| <b>General Information</b>  |
| <p>Infoplease Nebraska<br/><a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108240.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108240.html</a></p> <p>50states.com - Nebraska<br/><a href="http://www.50states.com/nebraska.htm">http://www.50states.com/nebraska.htm</a></p>   |

Please find more information at

<http://usa.usembassy.de/classroom/electionproject2008/index>