

## Nebraska's Legislative Planning Database

### Health and Human Services

This benchmark examines health and human services in Nebraska by reviewing five broad areas: Health access, Health status, Family welfare, Poverty, and Cost. The most currently available data at the time the data files were put together are used. Additional information can be found from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services website <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/>. A list of rules and regulations relating to Health and Human Services is available at <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/reg/regs.htm>. Finally, county and other area profiles can be found at <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/profiles/index.htm>.

#### Health Status

In 2008 18.4 percent of adult Nebraskans were tobacco users. This compares to 18.3 percent for the United States. Although there have been year-to-year fluctuations, there has been a general decreasing trend in tobacco use since 2000. Heavy drinking (defined as two drinks per day for men and 1 drink per day for women) fluctuated from year-to-year but has remained relatively unchanged since 2001. The value for 2009 was 5.1 percent.

Nebraska's adult obesity rate has been consistently higher than national rate between 2005 and 2009. 2009's value was 28.0 percent compared to the national value of 26.9 percent. Child obesity, on the other hand, has been lower in Nebraska than in the nation (11.6 percent compared to 12.0 percent in 2009).

In 2009, 72.0 percent of Nebraska mothers received prenatal care in the 1st trimester. The infant mortality rate in 2009 was 5.4 per 1000 live births. This was tied for the lowest in the past five years. Also in 2009, there were 2249 teen pregnancies, which was about average for the 2005-2009 period.

#### Poverty

The poverty rate for Nebraska's children in 2008 was 13.4 percent and was among the lowest in the nation, ranking 39th. In the area, only Wyoming and Minnesota recorded lower child poverty rates. Also in 2008, 38.5 percent of the female headed families with no spouse present were living in poverty. This ranked 30th nationally and was in the middle of the region.

In 2009, the number of TANF enrollees averaged 8,869 monthly, a steady decline from 2004 which had a monthly average of 12,302 enrollees. During 2009, an average of 404 TANF enrollees were sanctioned or dropped. Also in 2009, 63.3 percent of the IV-D Child Support Enforcement cases had a collection in arrears, ranking 9th lowest in the nation.

## **Cost**

In 2006-06, Nebraska spent \$1,134 per capita at the state level and \$46 per capita at the local level on public welfare. Both of these expenditures were toward the middle of the states. Per capita state expenditures ranked 26th, and per capita local expenditures ranked 22nd.

Nebraska recorded \$175.8 million in developmental disability expenditures in FY 2009. This amounted to \$103 in per capita expenditures. Per capita expenditures for developmental disabilities have been increasing steadily over the past five years and are about 30 percent higher than those in FY 2005. Behavioral health expenditures on the other hand, were somewhat lower than they were in FY 2005. In FY 2009, total expenditures were \$189.6 million and amounted to \$111 per capita.

In FY 2009, Medicaid and CHIP expenditures totaled more than \$1.5 billion, the majority of which (42 percent) was for the blind and disabled. The next highest category was for children (29 percent); followed by aged (22 percent) and ADC adult (7 percent). Since FY 2005, the largest increases by category were for the blind and disabled and for children. Expenditures for the aged were down slightly, while they were up slightly for ADC adults. The decline in expenditures for the aged population should be viewed with caution because the impact of the aging baby boom will not be felt for a few more years.

Looking at expenditures per eligible person, a different pattern emerges. The highest expenditures were still for the blind and disabled at \$1,695 per eligible person, but now this was nearly equaled by the expenditures for the aged at \$1,628 per eligible person. Although total expenditures for children were relatively high, they were the lowest on an eligible person basis (\$272).

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## Health Access

### Nebraska Rural Response Hotline Summary: 1999-2009

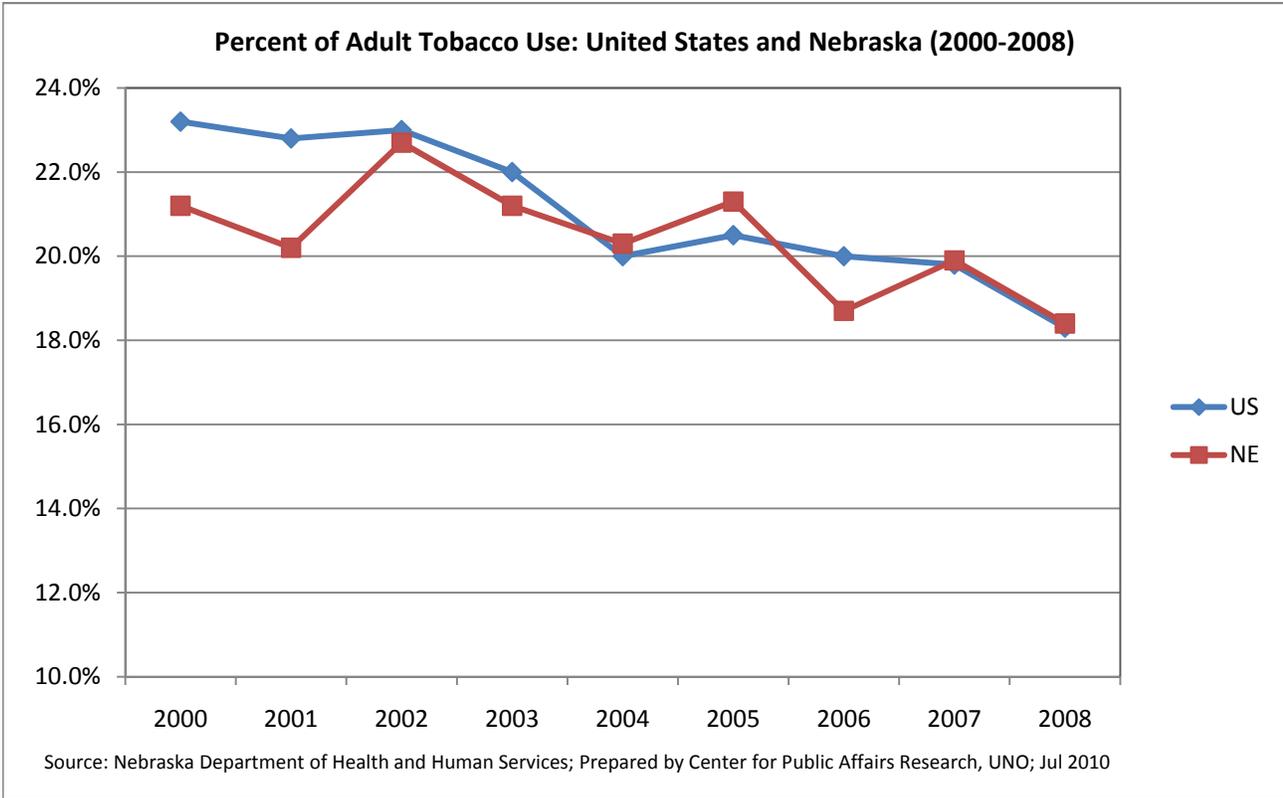
Year	Calls	Vouchers
1999	2,983	737
2000	3,319	1,053
2001	3,567	2,014
2002	4,366	3,878
2003	4,052	1,573
2004	5,522	1,743
2005	4,405	1,542
2006	6,102	3,524
2007	4,943	2,394
2008	4,245	2,719
2009	4,703	3,089

## Health Status

### Percent of Adult Tobacco Use: United States and Nebraska (2000-2008)

Source: Report of Data and Trends on Tobacco Use in Nebraska, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (<http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/tfn/10TFNData&Trends.pdf>)

Year	United States	Nebraska
2000	23.2%	21.2%
2001	22.8%	20.2%
2002	23.0%	22.7%
2003	22.0%	21.2%
2004	20.0%	20.3%
2005	20.5%	21.3%
2006	20.0%	18.7%
2007	19.8%	19.9%
2008	18.3%	18.4%



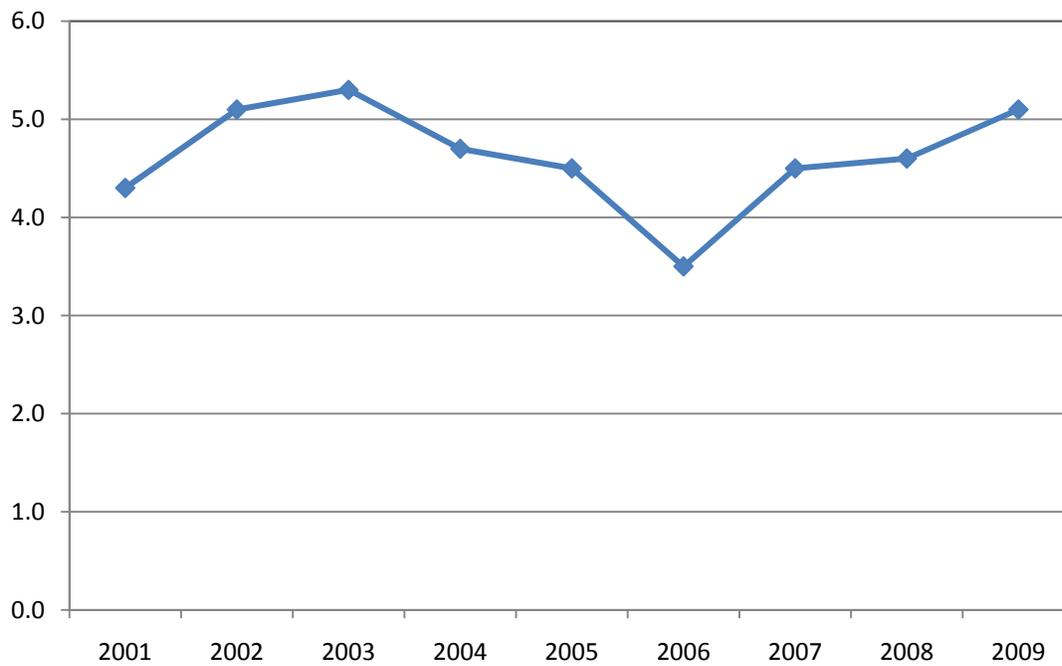
**Substance Abuse-Alcohol (Heavy Drinking): Nebraska (2001-2009)**

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/brfss/display.asp>)

Year	Weighted Percentage
2001	4.3
2002	5.1
2003	5.3
2004	4.7
2005	4.5
2006	3.5
2007	4.5
2008	4.6
2009	5.1

Note: Heavy drinking is defined as 2 drinks per day for men and 1 drink per day for women.

### Substance Abuse-Alcohol (Heavy Drinking): Nebraska (2001-2009)



Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Prepared by Center for Public Affairs Research, UNO; Jul 2010

### Adult obesity

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/brfss/display.asp>)

Year	Percent of Adults	
	Nebraska	National
2005	26.0%	24.4%
2006	26.9%	25.1%
2007	26.5%	26.3%
2008	27.2%	26.7%
2009	28.0%	26.9%

### Child obesity

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/brfss/display.asp>)

Year	Percent of Children	
	Nebraska	National
2005	11.0%	13.1%
2007	11.8%	13.0%
2009	11.6%	12.0%

**Resident Births and Percentage of Women Receiving Prenatal Care in 1st Trimester: Nebraska (2005-2009)**

Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Year	Total Births	1st Trimester	Percent
2005	26,142	18,627	71.3
2006	26,723	19,096	71.5
2007	26,935	19,721	73.2
2008	26,992	19,464	72.1
2009	26,931	19,382	72.0

**Number of Nebraska Resident Teen Pregnancies\* by Race and Hispanic Origin: Nebraska (2005-2009)**

Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

**2005**

Race/Ethnicity	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Unknown	Total
White	164	1,218	0	1,382
Black	4	284	0	288
Native American	14	76	0	90
Asian/Pacific Islander	7	21	0	28
Other	381	12	0	393
Unknown	4	0	1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,186</b>

**2006**

Race/Ethnicity	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Unknown	Total
White	206	1,143	0	1,349
Black	8	316	0	324
Native American	10	87	1	98
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	14	0	22
Other	357	4	0	361
Unknown	7	0	1	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>1,564</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,162</b>

**2007**

Race/Ethnicity	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Unknown	Total
White	136	1,243	0	1,379
Black	15	353	0	368
Native American	12	106	0	118
Asian/Pacific Islander	7	17	0	24
Other	427	6	1	434
Unknown	1	0	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,325</b>

**2008**

<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>Non-Hispanic</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>White</b>	153	1,242	0	1,395
<b>Black</b>	7	292	1	300
<b>Native American</b>	9	84	0	93
<b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	5	16	0	21
<b>Other</b>	498	10	0	508
<b>Unknown</b>	4	0	0	4
<b>Total</b>	676	1,644	1	2,321

**2009**

<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>Non-Hispanic</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>White</b>	105	1,237	0	1,342
<b>Black</b>	13	289	0	302
<b>Native American</b>	8	73	0	81
<b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	5	23	0	28
<b>Other</b>	486	4	0	490
<b>Unknown</b>	5	0	1	6
<b>Total</b>	622	1,626	1	2,249

\*Includes Live Births and Fetal Deaths

**Infant Mortality Rate (Per 1,000 Live Births): Nebraska (2005-2009)**

Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

<b>Year</b>	<b>Mortality Rate</b>
2005	5.6
2006	5.5
2007	6.8
2008	5.4
2009	5.4

## Family Welfare

### Number of State Wards: Nebraska: 2001-2009

Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Year	State Wards
2001	83,946
2002	83,421
2003	79,524
2004	83,291
2005	90,182
2006	90,906
2007	84,912
2008	81,389
2009	76,204

## Poverty

### Percentage of Children Living in Poverty: 2008

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey

State	Percent Below Poverty Level	Rank
Missouri	18.6%	19
South Dakota	17.6%	25
North Dakota	15.3%	31
Colorado	15.1%	32
Kansas	14.5%	34
Iowa	14.4%	35
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>39</b>
Wyoming	11.6%	45
Minnesota	11.4%	46

**Percentage of Female Head of Families Living in Poverty: 2008**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey

<b>State</b>	<b>Percent Below Poverty Level</b>	<b>Rank</b>
North Dakota	0.4	6
South Dakota	0.4	14
Missouri	0.4	17
Iowa	0.4	22
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>30</b>
Minnesota	0.3	32
Wyoming	0.3	35
Kansas	0.3	39
Colorado	0.3	43

**Number of TANF Enrollees: Nebraska (2004-2009)**

Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Monthly Average</b>
2004	147,625	12,302
2005	139,033	11,586
2006	136,072	11,339
2007	111,533	9,294
2008	105,748	8,812
2009	106,422	8,869

**Number of TANF Enrollees Sanctioned or Dropped: Nebraska (2008-2009)**

Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Monthly Average</b>
Jul-Dec 2008	1,894	315
Jan-Oct 2009	4,048	404

Note: For historical data, the sanction totals are only available for the most recent 15 months because it is a special report that is only ran when requested.

### The Percentage of Cases with a Collection in the Arrears: United States and Nebraska (2009)

Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

State	% of IV-D Cases	Rank
United States	69.70%	
Nebraska	63.34%	9

Note: IV-D cases refers to cases being work by the Child Support Enforcement Program in a state/territory only, not all the court orders in a state/territory.

## Health Cost

### Per Capita State Public Welfare Expenditures: 2006-07

Source: The figures are calculated based on the data from 2007 Census of Government Finance and 2000 Population Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau

State	Per Capita Public Welfare Expenditures	Rank
Minnesota	\$1,521.70	9
Wyoming	\$1,190.40	22
Iowa	\$1,183.30	23
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>\$1,134.10</b>	<b>26</b>
North Dakota	\$1,084.00	29
Kansas	\$1,073.00	30
Missouri	\$987.30	38
South Dakota	\$958.80	42
Colorado	\$668.30	49

### Per Capita Local Public Welfare Expenditures: 2006-07

Source: The figures are calculated based on the data from 2007 Census of Government Finance and 2000 Population Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau

State	Per Capita Public Welfare Expenditures	Rank
Minnesota	\$307.00	4
Colorado	\$134.20	11
North Dakota	\$73.90	16
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>\$46.10</b>	<b>22</b>
Iowa	\$33.10	25
Wyoming	\$25.70	29
Missouri	\$22.80	32
South Dakota	\$16.60	36
Kansas	\$15.50	37

**Developmental Disabilities Expenditures: Nebraska (2005-09)**

Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

	<b>DD Waiver - Medicaid</b>	<b>DD Aid (State Only) (Millions)</b>	<b>Total DD- Related</b>	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>
<b>FY 2005</b>	\$115.3	\$19.4	\$134.7	\$79
<b>FY 2006</b>	\$126.3	\$18.5	\$144.8	\$85
<b>FY 2007</b>	\$136.2	\$20.9	\$157.1	\$92
<b>FY 2008</b>	\$145.7	\$13.5	\$159.3	\$93
<b>FY 2009</b>	\$163.9	\$11.9	\$175.8	\$103

**Behavioral Health Related Expenditures - Medicaid\*: Nebraska (2005-09)**

Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

	<b>Total Expenditures (Millions)</b>	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>
<b>FY 2005</b>	\$208.4	\$122
<b>FY 2006</b>	\$204.3	\$119
<b>FY 2007</b>	\$183.5	\$107
<b>FY 2008</b>	\$188.1	\$110
<b>FY 2009</b>	\$189.6	\$111

\*Includes prescribed drugs and services such as Inpatient Acute Psych, Adult Substance Abuse, 24 Hour Residential, Medicaid Rehab Option, Injectable Drugs, Outpatient, Wraparound, and Transportation.

**Medicaid & CHIP Vendor Expenditures\*\*: Nebraska (2005-09)**

Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

	<b>Aged</b>	<b>Blind and Disabled</b>	<b>ADC Adult (Millions)</b>	<b>Children (includes CHIP)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>FY 2005</b>	\$365.0	\$566.6	\$104.1	\$360.9	\$1,396.6
<b>FY 2006</b>	\$356.2	\$580.6	\$102.0	\$392.1	\$1,430.9
<b>FY 2007</b>	\$333.4	\$586.0	\$105.2	\$414.2	\$1,438.8
<b>FY 2008</b>	\$341.1	\$610.6	\$105.5	\$439.5	\$1,496.8
<b>FY 2009</b>	\$345.6	\$639.8	\$108.7	\$444.4	\$1,538.4

\*\*Medicaid & CHIP expenditures include expenditures for DD waiver services and behavioral health services

**Medicaid & CHIP Average Monthly Cost per Eligible\*\*: Nebraska (2005-09)**

Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

	<b>Aged</b>	<b>Blind and Disabled</b>	<b>ADC Adult</b>	<b>Children (includes CHIP)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>FY 2005</b>	\$1,663	\$1,644	\$367	\$235	\$586
<b>FY 2006</b>	\$1,616	\$1,630	\$361	\$253	\$594
<b>FY 2007</b>	\$1,526	\$1,621	\$387	\$265	\$596
<b>FY 2008</b>	\$1,588	\$1,664	\$423	\$276	\$617
<b>FY 2009</b>	\$1,628	\$1,695	\$419	\$272	\$619

\*\*Medicaid & CHIP expenditures include expenditures for DD waiver services and behavioral health services