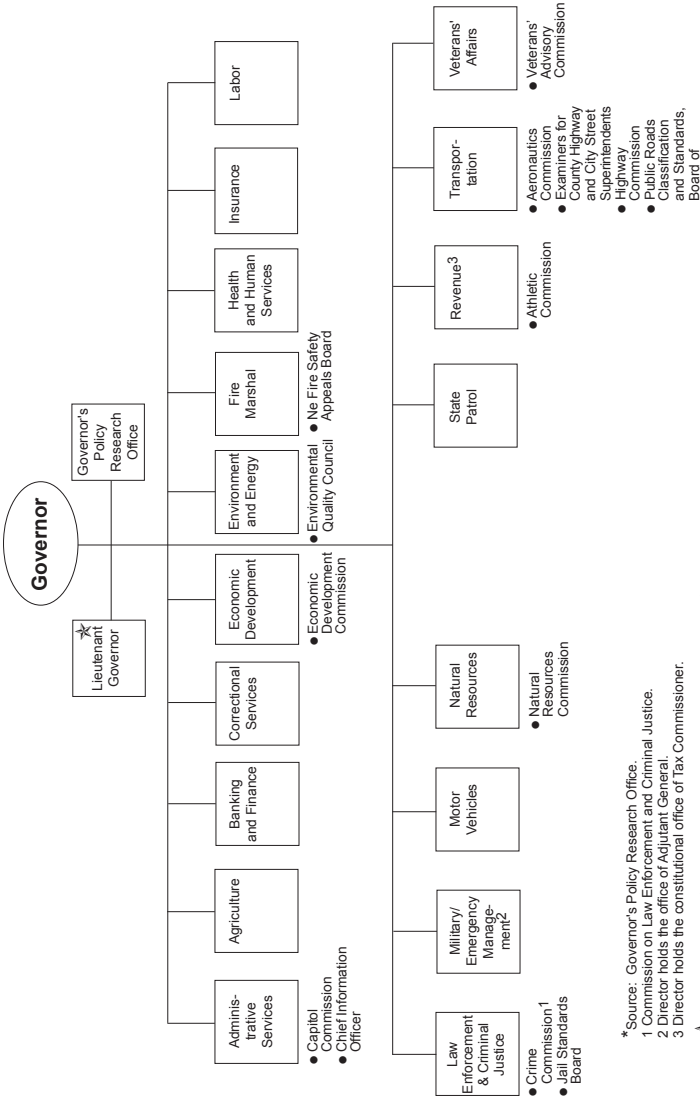


# Nebraska State Government Organization — Executive Branch\*

Agencies Subject to Governor's Direct Control (Code Agencies)



\* Source: Governor's Policy Research Office.  
 1 Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.  
 2 Director holds the office of Adjutant General.  
 3 Director holds the constitutional office of Tax Commissioner.  
 ★ Starred items are offices and agencies established in the Nebraska Constitution.

## CODE AGENCIES

**Editor's Note:** Code agencies are state government departments and agencies subject to the governor's direct control. The directors of these agencies serve at the pleasure of the governor and are directly accountable to him or her. These entities are full-fledged agencies, meaning they have their own staff, are affiliated with no other agency and appear as distinct items within the state budget. All statutory references in this section indicate where each entity was created — unless otherwise noted — in the Nebraska Constitution, Revised Statutes of Nebraska or both. Appointees to boards, commissions, councils, committees and other state governmental bodies serve until they resign or are replaced after their terms expire.

### Administrative Services

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**Director:** Jason Jackson

**Statutory References:** 81-101 and 81-1103

Administrative Services, created by the 1965 Legislature, coordinates and administers the following divisions: Accounting, Budget, State Building, Human Resources, Materiel, Personnel, Risk Management, Task Force for Building Renewal and Transportation Services Bureau.

#### *Accounting Division*

**Contact Person:** Philip Olsen, Accounting Administrator, 1526 K St., Ste. 190, P.O. Box 94664, Lincoln, NE 68509-4664, phone (402) 471-0600

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1108

The Accounting Division, reorganized by the Legislature in 1969, operates and maintains the central accounting and payroll system for state agencies. The operations area is responsible for setting up vendors for accounts payable processing, creating payment groups for internal and external customers, and processing wage attachments and payroll transactions. The division creates and processes about 360,000 warrants and two million electronic payments each year, including biweekly and monthly payrolls for state employees. The division processes more than \$3 billion in federal grants for various agencies.

The systems area of the division reviews the internal controls and accounting methods used by state agencies and also monitors audit reports to evaluate agency accounting methods. The division provides direction to agencies for recording entries of payments, deposits and other transactions into the accounting system. Such transactions are subject to the division's statewide accounting policies. The division prepares a daily general fund cash flow analysis, the state's yearly financial reports, including the audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and obtains and processes master leasing for state agencies. The division also provides technical and functional support for the state's centralized financial system

### Central Finance

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**Statutory References:** 81-1108 and 81-1101

The Central Finance Department provides financial services to all of the Department of Administrative Services' divisions. Services provided by the department include, but are not limited to:

- generation of annual, quarterly and monthly billings and invoice payment
- oversight of all division budgets, finances and fund balances and coordination of each division's budget and rate setting process

### *Budget Division*

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-1108

The Budget Division provides direction, coordination and support for state agencies in the preparation of mid-biennium and biennial budget requests. The division assists the governor in preparing the governor's state budget recommendations and administering the approved state budget.

### *State Building Division*

**Contact Person:** Michelle Potts, Administrator, State Building Division, 1526 K St., Ste. 160, P.O. Box 98940, Lincoln, NE 68509-8940, phone (531) 207-9029

**Statutory References:** 81-1108 and 81-1108.11

The 1974 Legislature created the State Building Division to plan, construct and administer state facilities. The division's sections are facilities planning and construction, operations and maintenance, property management, security and administrative support.

Through its facilities planning and construction section, the division ensures that state funds are used wisely for construction projects, maintains building inventory and use records, plans future state buildings and analyzes capital construction requests, programs, preliminary plans and construction contracts. The planning group also helps prepare the governor's capital construction budget. The section inspects each building project and coordinates change orders, progress payments and time-cost schedule administration to ensure facilities are efficiently built. This section also facilitates the activities of the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee as it develops a statewide facilities master plan for all state government agencies exclusive of higher education.

The division's operations and maintenance section performs daily maintenance and operation activities of buildings. The facilities assigned to this section include the governor's residence, state office buildings in Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha, Scottsbluff and several 24-hour care facilities, such as veterans' homes and regional mental health centers.

The property management section serves as the state's leasing agent in procuring and providing for the space needs for state agencies and implements orders of the Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee which involves the sale and disposition

of various buildings and real estate.

The security section maintains a safe environment for employees and visitors in the Omaha State Office Building.

The administrative support section includes management of the state parking program, conference room scheduling, coordination of the division's budget and accounting activities, personal property inventory and general support to the other sections of the division.

**State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee**

**Contact:** State Building Division, 1526 K St., Ste. 200, P.O. Box 98940, Lincoln, NE 68509-8940, phone (531) 207-9029

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1108.41

The 1995 Legislature directed the State Building Division to develop a state comprehensive capital facilities plan. The plan projects the state's facility needs for a period of six years. To aid in developing the plan, the governor appointed the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee. The committee became responsible for developing planning guidelines and prioritizing projects for state agency capital construction projects. The capital facilities plan is based on the process the committee developed. The plan includes state construction projects for state agencies except the University of Nebraska and the state colleges. The plan is updated or a new plan is developed every two years.

The committee includes state agency personnel, municipal and professional planners and citizens from across the state.

**Members**

**Position**

David Cary, Lincoln.....	Public Member
David K. Fanslau, Papillion.....	Public Member
Barbara J. Gay, Columbus.....	Public Member
Doug Hanson, Hickman.....	Public Member
Larry Kahl, Lincoln.....	Dept. of Health and Human Services
Michelle Potts, Lincoln.....	Dept. of Administrative Services
Diane Sabatka-Rine, Lincoln.....	Dept. of Correctional Services
Tom Sands, Lincoln.....	Department of Transportation

**Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee**

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**Statutory Reference:** 72-812

The Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee reviews potential vacant state-owned buildings or excess land and determines how the buildings or lands should be used, including possible rental, sale or demolition. Once a building or piece of land is declared vacant, the department assumes responsibility for maintenance and disposition of that building or land. The building or land is then disposed of or reused as directed by the committee. If the committee decides to sell the building or land, the director of administrative services disposes of it in the state's best interests.

The director of administrative services, the Task Force for Building Renewal administrator and the State Building Division administrator are permanent commit-

tee members. In addition, a fourth, nonvoting member is the director of the agency responsible for any vacant building or excess land for which action is needed. Members serve at the governor’s pleasure.

**Member**

**Position**

Jason Jackson, Lincoln.....	Director of Administrative Services
Michelle Potts, Lincoln.....	Administrator, State Building Division
Sarah Skinner, Lincoln.....	Administrator, Task Force for Building Renewal

**Task Force for Building Renewal**

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-174

The 1977 Legislature created the Task Force for Building Renewal, also known as the LB309 Task Force, to prioritize deferred maintenance projects in state-owned facilities. The task force reviews, classifies and recommends funding to the governor for deferred maintenance projects, as requested by state agencies. The task force’s main responsibility is to fund projects for deferred maintenance, remove barriers for people with disabilities, complete fire and life safety upgrades and provide for energy conservation improvements within existing state-owned facilities.

The director of administrative services appoints an administrator as the task force’s chief officer. The administrator may have up to four consultants, plus an architect on staff, to provide evaluations of requests and recommendations.

**Member**

**Position**

Gina Alber-Doose, Lincoln.....	Training Coordinator
Gloria Eddins, Lincoln.....	Business Manager
Doug Hanson, Hickman.....	Task Force Administrator
Chris Kreikemeier, Waverly.....	Consultant
Richard Noel, Lincoln.....	Consultant
Nick Pischel, Lincoln.....	Task Force Architect
John Sinclair, Lincoln.....	Consultant

*Materiel Division*

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**Statutory References:** 81-1108 and 81-1118

The role of the Materiel Division was established by the 1969 Legislature, which gave the division its responsibility as state purchasing agent. Division offices for surplus property, purchasing and general services (later known as office services) were created. The division was given control of state inventories in 1974.

The division was given authority to obtain leases of articles — including real property — for state agencies in 1975. Leasing of real property was transferred to the State Building Division by the 1992 Legislature for the purpose of consolidating state building leases.

In 1977, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that the division’s central purchasing and disposal program for property did not apply to the University of Nebraska Board

of Regents or the university.

The 1981 Legislature created a forms management center under the division responsible for the form and content of state agency forms, surveys and other documents. In 1983, the office was eliminated and its responsibilities delegated to the agency level.

Printing of state documents before 1919 was established by various acts that had state executive officers as the head of the Bureau of Printing board. Purchasing agent responsibilities were expanded in 1919 to include the Bureau of Printing, which is now known as the State Print Shop.

In 1943, the Legislature made the purchasing agent a governor-appointed position and gave the agent administrative powers over the state's central mailing service. A postage metering machine was installed, and since July 1, 1943, all official outgoing mail from the State Capitol, and later from the Nebraska State Office Building, has been metered and dispatched by this central mailing service. The central mail operation is responsible for transporting material, tracking shipments and making freight claims.

The State Purchasing Bureau buys goods and services needed by state agencies, except the University of Nebraska. The 1947 Legislature gave the agent authority to buy and sell state surplus property. The State Surplus Property section is responsible for disposing the state's surplus property and maintaining inventory records.

The 1965 Legislature transferred this agency from the state tax commissioner to Administrative Services as the Purchasing Division. The Legislature gave the agent jurisdiction over state university and normal schools' purchasing departments. These functions then transferred to the newly created Materiel Division in 1965.

The Copy Services area purchases and places copier requirements on behalf of state agencies.

The 1992 Legislature transferred the responsibility of the State Government Recycling Program from the Energy Office to the Materiel Division.

The Office Supply Bureau provides agencies with office supplies, paper and forms through competitively bid contracts.

### *Personnel Division*

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**Statutory References:** 81-1108 and 81-1303

The Personnel Division was created in 1967 as the Department of Personnel. The 1992 Legislature made the department part of Administrative Services. The division administers the state personnel system, which has 14,792 employees in 55 classified agencies and 3,122 employees in 17 nonclassified agencies. Employees of the remaining two non-classified agencies — state colleges and the University of Nebraska — are not governed by the Personnel Division. The division:

- maintains a job classification and pay system for state employees
- provides state agencies with qualified job applicants
- promulgates and enforces personnel rules and regulations
- administers an employee grievance appeal procedure

- provides state-sponsored training and development opportunities
- maintains the Human Resource Management System
- administers state benefits
- oversees the statewide employee suggestion system

The division is led by a director of personnel, who is appointed by the AS director. The division is composed of the Classification and Compensation, Talent Acquisition, Teammate Services, Workforce Training and Development and Wellness and Benefits units.

### **Classification and Compensation Unit**

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Classification and Compensation maintains the State Classification and Pay Plan by analyzing and approving agency requests for position reclassification and salary grade adjustments. The unit maintains class specifications for nearly 1,100 job classes and determines salary ranges essential for attracting and retaining qualified employees. A revised classification and pay-plan booklet is issued annually. The unit is responsible for the State Personnel Rules and training on rule subjects, such as overtime and performance evaluation. The unit also develops and publishes the *Personnel Almanac*, which contains history and statistics about the state government work force. The unit conducts annual salary surveys of local and regional employers' wages and benefits and publishes a *Salary Survey* booklet. The unit also is responsible for researching statistics regarding benefits and wages for use in the collective bargaining process.

### *Employee Relations Division*

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-1108 and 81-1376

The Employee Relations Division is responsible for negotiating and administering all labor contracts entered into by the state of Nebraska, except those entered into by constitutional offices, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College System and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska. The chief negotiator, who is appointed by the governor and serves at the governor's pleasure, administers the division. Duties of the chief negotiator and the division include: negotiating and administering all labor contracts involving agencies subject to the state personnel system; developing and coordinating the state's approach to labor relations by consulting, training and other activities; coordinating and processing employee grievance appeals and developing and coordinating surveys used to develop wage and benefit comparability data for collective bargaining purposes.

### **Talent Acquisition**

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Talent Acquisition helps agencies with their staffing needs, including recruiting, selecting, interviewing and hiring qualified candidates. Agencies, except those exempted from the personnel system, are required to post all vacancies with the unit to ensure equal opportunity. Staff in this unit help agencies in developing recruiting plans, offering services such as writing job advertisements, posting positions, attending recruitment events and candidate sourcing, as well as fulfilling other specific recruiting needs. The staff is available to create recruitment campaigns, develop selection tools, offer screening services and assist agencies in selecting a top group of qualified candidates.

Talent Acquisition operates the Specialized Office Services (SOS), a temporary employment program that helps agencies hire temporary help during peak work periods or employee leaves. SOS is the clearinghouse and approval source for all temporary employment requests and is a liaison with contractual temporary agencies. SOS is responsible for providing payroll and benefit services to the employees of this program.

### **Teammate Services**

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Teammate Services manages annual employee recognition programs, coordinates the annual Charitable Giving campaign and other charitable drives, coordinates the state employee discount program and interprets and oversees the vendor solicitation policy.

### **Workforce Training and Development**

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Workforce Training and Development offers training and development opportunities to agencies and employees. Through coordinated learning and development — with an emphasis in management and leadership, human capital management, change management and technical skills — the unit supports agencies and employees in creating an environment of innovation and effectiveness. The unit aims to support the agencies in obtaining higher productivity, improved customer service, increased employee satisfaction and improved morale.

### **State Personnel Board**

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-1318

The State Personnel Board enters decisions on employee grievance appeals for employees covered by the classified system, whether or not the employee is covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Employees covered by the NAPE/AFSCME/FOP Labor Contract have the option to choose whether to have their appeal heard under this system or by an arbitrator under the voluntary final and binding arbitration process.

The board also approves rules and regulations promulgated by the director of personnel and provides legal advice regarding state personnel matters.

The five-member board is appointed by the governor and approved by the



Legislature for five-year terms. No more than three members may be from the same political party. At least three appointees must have experience in personnel administration, business or public administration, labor relations or law. State employees may not be appointed to the board. The board meets monthly. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Erin Bond, Lincoln (N) <sup>1</sup> .....	Aug. 4, 2025
Patrick Guinan, Omaha (R) .....	Aug. 4, 2027
Jerry Lee Jensen, Lincoln (R) .....	Aug. 4, 2026
Sharon Rues, Omaha (N) .....	Aug. 4, 2024
Christopher Waddle, Grand Island (D) .....	Aug. 4, 2023

**Teammate Wellness and Benefits**

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Employee Wellness and Benefits researches and administers health and wellness programs offered to state employees. The unit assists state employees with enrollment and participation in state-sponsored wellness and benefit programs and provides tools, resources and structure for employees to invest in their personal health. Wellness and Benefits also maintains compliance with governing federal legislation and vendor contractual obligations.

*State Risk Management Division*

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-8,239.01 and 81-1108

The state risk manager is responsible for identifying and implementing the most economical and effective methods to reduce the exposure of the state and its employees to personal injury, property damage and legal liability through loss control, loss elimination and, where possible, transfer of costs. Measures include purchasing insurance, identifying resource services for agencies and coordinating nonlitigation legal services.

There are four broad functions of the state’s Risk Management Program: State Claims Board,<sup>2</sup> Workers’ Compensation, Insurance/Self-Insurance and the Statewide Safety Program.

The division administers: the State Tort Claims Act; the State Miscellaneous Claims Act; the State Contract Claims Act; the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act; the state workers’ compensation program; and the state insurance, self-insured property, self-insured indemnification and self-insured liability funds and bonding programs.

*Transportation Services Bureau*

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<sup>1</sup> Political party affiliation: R = Republican, D = Democratic, N = Nonpartisan.

<sup>2</sup> For more information about the State Claims Board, see Page 705.

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-1008

The 1969 Legislature created the Transportation Services Bureau, which provides service and guidance to state agencies in the use, operation and service of state-owned vehicles and the use of privately owned vehicles used for state purposes.

## Department of Agriculture

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**Director:** Sherry Vinton

**Assistant Director:** Cicely Wardyn

**Chief Administrator:** Brent Davis

**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture regulates and works as an advocate for agriculture.

The department was one of six administrative departments created by the Civil Administrative Code Law of 1919. The department was divided into the Bureau of Animal Industry; Bureau of Food, Drugs and Oil; Bureau of Markets and Marketing; Division of Game and Fish; and Clerical and Records Division. In 1933, the department's name was changed to the Department of Agriculture and Inspection. In 1963, it became the Department of Agriculture and Economic Development. In 1967, it became the Department of Agriculture.

The department's duties and organization have changed significantly since 1919. The Division of Game and Fish separated from the department in 1929, and drug inspection was removed in 1941. Licensing of itinerant merchants was removed in 1955.

Many regulatory functions were added to the department's duties. Besides original laws providing for the inspection of all petroleum sold within the state, collection of state gasoline and special fuel taxes was added in 1941, as well as petroleum transport truck regulation and licensing and administration of the Agricultural Refund Law. (Petroleum transport truck regulation and licensing and the Agricultural Refund Law are no longer under the department's jurisdiction.) Licensing of livestock sale rings and frozen food lockers also were added. In 1945, the Division of Potato Development became part of the department.

The 1947 Legislature added the Cigarette Tax Division and the Nebraska Resources Division to the department. It also called for slaughterhouse inspection and antifreeze testing.

The 1955 Legislature added the Oil and Gas Severance Tax Division. The Division of Wheat Development, Utilization and Marketing also was added in 1955, but it later became an agency of its own.

The 1957 Legislature created the Weather Control Commission and assigned its administrative functions to the department.

In 1961, the Legislature created the Auction Livestock Market Board to help administer the auction market licensing law. Corrective legislation in 1963 made several

changes, including changing the name to the Livestock Auction Market Board.

In 1965, the Legislature removed petroleum tax collection and inspection and the cigarette and oil severance tax collections from the department.

Also in 1965, the Legislature established the Division of Dairy Trade Practices (no longer a part of the department) and created a predatory animal control program. It authorized the director of agriculture to participate in a rural rehabilitation educational program to help needy farm and ranch youth with education beyond high school.

The 1967 Legislature removed the Resources Division and its role in economic development from the Department of Agriculture and created a new Department of Economic Development. The Legislature also transferred tractor permit and enforcement responsibility from the Railway Commission to the Department of Agriculture.

In 1982, the Legislature discontinued the Weather Control Commission and directed the Department of Agriculture to assume the commission's duties.

In 1988, the Legislature passed the Farm Mediation Act to give agricultural borrowers and lenders a way to resolve financial disputes without litigation. The governor designated the Department of Agriculture to administer the act.

In 1993, the Legislature passed the Nebraska Pesticide Act. This legislation gave the department authority to regulate pesticides in Nebraska.

In 1996, the Legislature repealed the weather modification laws and declared that after Jan. 1, 1997, no new weather control districts could be formed.

In 1998, the Legislature repealed the laws relating to weather control districts and gave natural resources districts the authority to establish weather modification programs. Also in 1998, the Legislature enacted the Buffer Strip Act, which provided incentives to landowners to establish buffer strips on certain types of lands to help reduce the levels of sediment, crop nutrients and pesticides being introduced into surface water resources.

In 1999, the Bureau of Animal Industry was given the authority to establish a more comprehensive Domesticated Cervine Animal Act. That year, the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act, directed and developed by the Beginning Farmer Board, also was created to strengthen and share resources between new and established producers.

The Commercial Dog and Cat Operation Inspection Act and the Agricultural Opportunities and Value-Added Partnerships Act were enacted in 2000.

In 2002, the Legislature passed the Agricultural Suppliers Lease Protection Act. The act established a system for resolution of lease disputes arising between railroad property owners and agribusiness tenants and guard against unreasonable lease renewal terms or unjust lease termination.

In 2003, the Legislature enacted a disease control and eradication program for scrapie in sheep. The Legislature also passed a law authorizing the director of agriculture to establish a process to recognize and assist efforts by counties to maintain or expand their livestock sectors. The director is authorized to designate a county as a livestock friendly county.

In 2005, the Legislature re-enacted the Agricultural Opportunities Value-Added Partnerships Act with the Department of Agriculture providing assistance to the Department of Economic Development in administering the act.

The 2006 Legislature enacted a law to regulate exotic animal auctions and swap meets and expanded the Nebraska Poultry Disease Control Act relating to avian influenza in poultry.

In 2007, the Legislature amended the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act by adding additional requirements and enforcement powers, provided for mediation of fence disputes by the farm mediation service when the adjoining land is utilized as agricultural or horticultural land, adopted a new Bovine Tuberculosis Act and changed the Nebraska Brand Committee to include the Director of Agriculture or his or her designee as an ex-officio member. The Legislature also required the Department of Agriculture, for promotion purposes, to collect an excise tax on grapes sold or delivered in Nebraska, established the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force relating to vegetation management and treatment with the Department of Agriculture providing administrative assistance and authorized the Department of Agriculture to award grants for management of vegetation to improve streamflow in natural streams.

The 2008 Legislature adopted the Food Supply Animal Veterinarian Incentive Program Act to encourage veterinarians to locate in rural Nebraska and practice food supply animal veterinarian medicine.

In 2009, the Legislature extended the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force's responsibilities for four more years to June 30, 2013. In addition, the Legislature adopted a new Anthrax Control Act.

The 2010 Legislature expanded the Pesticide Act to include licensing of the aerial pesticide applicator business. In addition, the Legislature repealed assessment of an excise tax on corn and grain sorghum to be used for water resources purposes for the period of Oct. 1, 2012, through Sept. 30, 2019.

In 2011, the Legislature repealed the Agricultural Opportunities and Value-Added Partnerships Act. In addition, the Legislature required the Department of Agriculture to adopt a standard for all honey produced by honey bees. The department also was required to provide a report by Nov. 15, 2011, on actions necessary to implement a state meat and poultry inspection program. The Legislature also eliminated the Nebraska Railway Council, on which a representative of the department served as a member.

In 2012, the Legislature created the Nebraska Invasive Species Council, which includes a representative of the Department of Agriculture.

In 2013, the Legislature eliminated the Livestock Auction Market Board. In addition, the Legislature imposed notification and testing requirements in relation to bovine trichomoniasis in beef or dairy breeding bulls and imposed restrictions on sales or transportation of bulls having a laboratory confirmation of this disease. The Legislature also extended the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force's authority to June 30, 2015.

The Legislature in 2014 enacted the Exotic Animal Auction or Exchange Venue Act, establishing new requirements on sales of exotic animals and organizers of such events. The Legislature also required the department to provide a report on the dairy industry in Nebraska. Legislation was enacted allowing the growth and cultivation of industrial hemp for research purposes under set parameters and providing the department authority to adopt regulations.

With the 2013-15 budget, the Legislature approved an agency realignment of the

Nebraska Department of Agriculture. This realignment consisted of combining the agency's nine divisions into four focus areas, as follows: Administration and Laboratory are now in the Administration - Shared Services Focus Area; Ag Promotion and Development, Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing and Potato Development are now included in the Ag Promotion and Development Focus Area; the Bureau of Animal Industry and the Bureau of Plant Industry are now included in the Animal and Plant Health Protection Focus Area; and the Bureau of Dairies and Foods and the Bureau of Weights and Measures are now included in the Food Safety and Consumer Protection Focus Area.

In 2015, the Legislature amended the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act to improve enforcement and further clarify provisions of the act. The Legislature also required the Department of Agriculture to develop an assessment matrix that county officials may use to determine whether to approve or disapprove a conditional use permit or special exception application for a livestock operation. This is to be done in consultation with a committee of experts.

The Legislature reinstated the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force in 2016. The task force has the same responsibilities as it did when created in 2007, except that efforts are not required to be directed initially toward river basins designated as fully appropriated or over appropriated. The 2016 Legislature also created the Nebraska Craft Brewery Board. The department — at the direction of and in cooperation with the board — is to use the money collected to develop and maintain programs for the research and advancement of the beer brewing process and promotion of both the beer industry and agricultural products grown and produced in Nebraska for the beer industry.

In 2017, the Legislature repealed the Nebraska Graded Egg Act because there were only a few licensed operators and it made sense to regulate eggs under the Pure Food Act. Also repealed in 2017 was the outdated Nebraska Rangeland Grasshopper Control Act. Lastly, updates were made to better reflect current practices of producing hybrid seed corn.

LB135, adopted in the Legislature's 2018 session, updated the agricultural promotion and marketing statutes.

In 2019, LB657 was adopted to create the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act. The same year, LB333 amended the Nebraska Milk Act by adopting updated versions of federal guidance. Also, LB320 was adopted making changes to the Pesticide Act to implement changes relating to federal pesticide applicator certification requirements. 2019 also saw the passage of LB243 to create the Healthy Soils Task Force.

LB344 became law in 2020, modernizing the Nebraska animal health and disease statutes. LB835 was also adopted by the 2020 Legislature, updating both the Pure Food Act and the Weights and Measures Act by codifying updates to federal law. LB1152 updated the Hemp Farming Act by bringing the state into alignment with the USDA-approved state plan for hemp production management.

### *Administration - Shared Services*

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The Administration - Shared Services Focus Area administers numerous programs within the department. The director and his or her support staff provide leadership, management, direction and supervision to the entire agency. In addition, this focus area includes: data processing; legal, finance and accounting; commodity boards' revolving funds; communications and public information; and emergency coordination. Also included in this focus area are the State Agriculture Laboratories, composed of three laboratory sections: Feed, Fertilizer and Agricultural Lime; Food, Dairy and Residue; and Quality Assurance.

The Data Center works in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Information Officer to provide data and related services including programming and the setup of hardware and software.

Legal provides legal support and advice to the agency regarding regulatory and advocacy activities.

Finance and Accounting provides support services to the director and all focus areas in accounting, auditing, budgeting, payroll and legislative fiscal information. Fiscal services and fee collection are performed for the commodity checkoff programs through administrative service contracts.

Communications and Public Information manages the NDA's internal and external communications, public records requests and media relations, including writing and distributing press releases and responding to public and media inquiries. The section also manages NDA's website and social media accounts and manages and develops marketing materials.

Emergency Coordination provides coordination among focus areas and with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency for emergency planning and response purposes.

### **Agriculture Laboratories**

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In 1967, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Laboratory was removed from the Bureau of Dairies, Foods and Drugs — now known as the Food Safety and Consumer Protection Focus Area — and given independent program status. Another reorganization in 1975 incorporated the Livestock Disease Control Laboratory and the Seed Laboratory into the Laboratory section. In 1999, these two sections were combined into one laboratory. Brucellosis was the main testing focus of the Livestock Disease Control Laboratory until the disease was eradicated from cattle in Nebraska in 1995. The laboratory closed in 2004 due to a decline in sample volume. Those desiring a brucellosis test now send samples out of state.

In 2007, the Seed Laboratory merged with the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association (NCIA) and testing functions took place at the NCIA laboratory at 267 Plant Science Hall until 2014, when NCIA ended the memorandum of understanding. Currently, NCIA performs seed testing for the department under a contract.

In 1996, the Residue Laboratory was formed separately from the Dairy and Food Laboratory to perform work under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide

Act (FIFRA) administered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Environmental samples such as soil, water and vegetation were examined for herbicide and pesticide residues. Due to increasing cost, testing services of state samples under FIFRA migrated from Nebraska to the FIFRA program at the State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa in 2008. The FDA Food Emergency Response Network (FERN) awarded a cooperative agreement to the Residue Laboratory in 2009 and shifted the focus of testing from environmental samples to food samples. In 2017, the Residue Laboratory merged with the Dairy and Food Laboratory during a management reorganization that also created the Quality Assurance Laboratory section. The QA section oversees compliance with ISO 17025 for food and feed testing.

Today, the NDA Laboratory continues to provide support services to the Food Safety and Consumer Protection and Animal and Plant Health Protection focus areas by performing chemical, physical and biological analyses. These methods evaluate foods, feeds, fertilizers, agricultural lime and dairy products.

### *Ag Promotion and Development*

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Ag Promotion and Development (AP&D) develops markets by coordinating efforts with farmers and ranchers, ag organizations, university and research institutions, other state and national agencies and private businesses. Through various programs and outreach, AP&D strives to create opportunities for ag-related development and profitability. Such efforts include:

- researching and fostering opportunities for marketing a variety of Nebraska agricultural products, as well as disseminating information of importance to the agricultural industry in the state;
- assisting with international trade by assessing market potential, connecting buyers and sellers, helping host trade teams and other promotional efforts and assisting companies with import problems at the point of entry;
- marketing ag-based products in free online directories that provide consumers with access to information about a variety of Nebraska-based businesses, including fresh produce growers, feedlots, food and meat companies, agri-tourism sites, hay producers and Christmas tree growers; and
- fostering special initiatives, including the Beginning Farmer Program, the Farm Mediation Program, the Livestock Friendly County program, the Livestock Siting Matrix, the Nebraska Our Best to You program and the Nebraska: Straight from the Good Life branding program for international and domestic promotional activities.

In addition, AP&D coordinates several federal grants that help expand marketing opportunities, particularly for the specialty crop industry. These programs include the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition and Women, Infants and Children Farmers Market Nutrition programs and the Produce Safety Rule.

AP&D administers six checkoff programs on behalf of their respective industries: poultry and egg, potato, aquaculture, grape and wine, craft brewing and dry pea and



lentils. These industries represent unique production opportunities available to farmers and highlight the diversity of our agriculture industry. The Department of Agriculture is responsible for the budgetary process and administration of the programs.

**Nebraska Grape and Winery Board**

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The 2000 Legislature created the Nebraska Grape and Winery Board to create programs that develop and advance the state’s grape and wine industry. These programs provide grape producers and winery owners with the resources to learn how to grow, sell, market and promote their grape and wine products.

The board consists of five members appointed by the governor on a nonpartisan basis. Board members must be Nebraska residents who are at least 21 years old and either engaged in or previously engaged in wine or grape production or research in this state. At least two board members must be members of the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association. In addition, the state director of agriculture or his or her designee and the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources or his or her designee serve as nonvoting ex officio members.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Jim Ballard, Raymond.....	June 7, 2024
Connie Brittan, North Platte.....	June 7, 2025
David Hanna, Lexington.....	June 7, 2023
Max McFarland, Lexington.....	June 7, 2024
Michael Schilling, Pawnee City.....	June 7, 2023
Hector L. Santiago Anadon, Lincoln... University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.....	Ex Officio
Casey Foster, Lincoln..... Department of Agriculture.....	Ex Officio

**Nebraska Craft Brewery Board**

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The 2016 Legislature created the Nebraska Craft Brewery Board to maintain programs for the research and advancement of the beer brewing process and the marketing and promotion of the state’s beer industry and agricultural products and byproducts grown and produced in Nebraska for use in the beer industry.

The board consists of seven members appointed by the governor on a nonpartisan basis. Members must be residents of Nebraska, at least 21 and either engaged in or previously engaged in the manufacture or wholesale or retail sale of beer in the state or the production of agricultural products used in the brewing process.

At least two board members are selected by the governor from a list submitted by the Nebraska Craft Brewers Guild, and at least two members from a list submitted by the Associated Beverage Distributors of Nebraska. The director of agriculture and the executive director of the Nebraska Tourism Commission or their designees serve



as nonvoting ex officio members.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Joshua Christensen, Fort Calhoun.....	Dec. 31, 2025
Anthony Gillick, Omaha.....	Dec. 31, 2025
Nikolai Knezovich, Lincoln.....	Dec. 31, 2023
Mark Kraus IV, Holdrege.....	Dec. 31, 2025
Ryan Penke, Omaha.....	Dec. 31, 2024
Eric Schafer, Lincoln.....	Dec. 31, 2024
Zachary Triemert, Omaha.....	Dec. 31, 2023
Casey Foster, Lincoln.....	Department of Agriculture.....Ex Officio
Karen Kollars, Kearney.....	Nebraska Tourism Commission.....Ex Officio

**Farm Mediation Service**

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**Statutory Reference:** 2-4801 to 2-4815

Since 1988, the Farm Mediation Service has assisted Nebraska landowners, farmers, ranchers, agricultural lenders and state and federal Department of Agriculture agencies in resolving disputes in a confidential and nonadversarial setting. A mediation may be requested by a Nebraska agricultural landowner concerning a property fence dispute, a Nebraska agricultural borrower or creditor concerning an agricultural credit issue or a Nebraska producer concerning an adverse decision given them by a USDA agency.

Mediation is a process in which an impartial mediator helps the parties identify and clarify issues and directs collaborative problem solving toward a mutually agreed upon solution. The mediation process is designed for quick resolution of disputes and is a cost-effective alternative to litigation. Prior to mediation, both parties are offered no-cost education at individual sessions to learn about the mediation process, farm law and financial options that are available to them. A personal financial analysis and preparation for mediation also is offered at no cost to aid in developing options.

**Beginning Farmer Program**

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**Statutory Reference:** 77-5201 to 77-5214

The Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act was passed by the Legislature in 1999 to help beginning farmers and ranchers gain access to agricultural assets for lease. The act provides a Nebraska income tax credit for owners of agricultural assets such as land, machinery and livestock facilities as an incentive to rent their assets to a beginning farmer who has met specific eligibility requirements.

Eligible beginning farmers also may apply for a personal property tax exemption up to \$100,000 valuation of equipment and machinery used in production agriculture.

The board of directors is appointed by the governor and develops and directs the

programs, approves and certifies the participants and advocates for the farmers as part of their duties.

<b>Members</b>	<b>Represents</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Britt Anderson, Gothenburg.....	District 3 Producer.....	July 16, 2023
Brad Lubben, Lincoln .....	Academia.....	July 16, 2023
Dave Nielsen, Lincoln.....	District 1 Producer.....	July 16, 2023
Wade Thornburg, Table Rock.....	Lending Community .....	July 16, 2023
John Walvoord, Waterloo.....	District 2 Producer.....	July 16, 2023
Sherry Vinton, Whitman.....	Department of Agriculture.....	Nonexpiring
Glen White, Lincoln.....	Department of Revenue.....	Nonexpiring

### **Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council**

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The Nebraska Department of Agriculture supports and enhances Nebraska's agriculture industry through educational activities that teach Nebraska youth about the role of agriculture through educational services, public relations and public information.

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is a five-day summer conference designed to introduce high school juniors and seniors to agricultural issues, leadership skills and career opportunities. NAYI is held in July and is organized by the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council (NAYC) through the Department of Agriculture. Other NAYC projects include ag week promotion, elementary school visits and the Urban Youth Farm Tour.

### **Potato Development Program**

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**Statutory Reference:** 2-1802

The Potato Development Program was established as part of the Department of Agriculture by the 1945 Legislature. Under the guidance of the Potato Development Committee, the program contracts with universities for research activities and conducts market promotion and development activities for potatoes for food and seed.

The 1969 Legislature updated a statute calling for a potato inspection grading service. As a service to the potato industry, the program helps the Potato Certification Association of Nebraska conduct an inspection program on Nebraska-certified seed potatoes. In addition, the program provides potato grading services, which are funded by user fees, as requested.

The program's activities are paid for by a tax on Nebraska-grown potatoes. The tax, originally one-half cent per 100 pounds, currently is 1 cent per 100 pounds. The tax is collected from licensed potato shippers. Any shipper selling at least 180,000 pounds of potatoes a year (including growers not selling through licensed shippers) is defined as a shipper for tax purposes.

### Nebraska Potato Development Committee

**Statutory Reference:** 2-1803

The Nebraska Potato Development Committee provides rules, regulations and guidance for the Potato Development Program. The committee advises the director of agriculture on appointing the program head and his or her deputies, if needed.

The committee consists of three potato shippers and four potato growers, appointed by the governor for two-year terms; the director of agriculture, who serves as chairperson; and the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, as an ex officio member.

The committee meets at least two times a year. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Chase Engel, Scottsbluff .....	Grower .....	Aug. 1, 2024
Tim May, Imperial.....	Potato Grower and Shipper .....	Aug. 1, 2024
Adam Naslund, Cody .....	Potato Grower and Shipper .....	Aug. 1, 2023
Henry Nira, Gering.....	Potato Shipper.....	Aug. 1, 2023
Troy Sorensen, Alliance.....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2023
Matthew Ward, North Platte.....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2022
Laurie Widdowson, Kearney.....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2023
Michael Boehm, Lincoln.....	Institute of Agriculture & Natural Resources.....	Ex Officio
Casey Foster, Lincoln .....	Department of Agriculture .....	Ex Officio

### Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing

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**Statutory Reference:** 2-3402

The Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Program was created in 1976 with the passage of the Poultry and Egg Resources Act by the Legislature. The program works with public and private organizations to conduct services enhancing the image of poultry, eggs and related products. These endeavors include consumer education, research, advertising, promotion, utilization and market development. A voluntary checkoff fee of up to 5 cents per case of eggs and 3 cents per marketed turkey may be assessed to run these programs.

### Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Committee

**Statutory Reference:** 2-3404

The Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Committee advises the director on poultry and egg industry issues. State law calls for the elected directors of Nebraska Poultry Industries Inc. to serve as committee members. Ex officio committee members may include, but are not limited to, the following: the state director of agriculture; the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Insti-

tute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; the UNL Department of Animal Sciences chairperson; a Department of Animal Sciences poultry specialist; the Nebraska Poultry Industries general manager; and a consumer organization representative.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>
Frank Anoina, David City.....	Director
William Bevans, Waverly.....	Director
William Claybaugh, Carroll.....	Director
Ashlee Hartman, Lincoln.....	Director
Adam Hladky, Utica.....	Director
Julie Kelly, Wakefield.....	Director
Carrie McFarland, Bloomfield.....	Director
Pat Melena, Wakefield.....	Director
Brent Nelson, Manhattan, Kan. ....	Director
Jason Perdue, York.....	Director
Kellee Rasmussen, Ericson.....	Director
Jim Sechrist, Bonner Springs, Kan. ....	Director
Jeff Shaner, Fort Calhoun.....	Director
John Toney, Omaha.....	Director
Steve Welch, Grand Island.....	Director
Roger Dudley, DVM, Lincoln.....	State Veterinarian (Ex Officio)
Clint Krehbiel, Lincoln.....	Animal Science Department, UNL (Ex Officio)
Brett Kreifels, Omaha.....	Extension Educator, UNL (Ex Officio)
Sheila Purdum, Lincoln.....	Extension Poultry Specialist, UNL (Ex Officio)
Don Reynolds, Lincoln.....	Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, UNL (Ex Officio)
Kathi Schildt, Milford.....	Nebraska Poultry Industries (Ex Officio)
Kylie Schildt, Milford.....	Nebraska Poultry Industries (Ex Officio)
Jayne Stratton, Lincoln.....	Extension Food Safety Specialist, UNL (Ex Officio)
Allissa Troyer, Lincoln.....	Program Manager, Department of Agriculture (Ex Officio)
Sherry Vinton, Whitman.....	Director of Agriculture (Ex Officio)
Cicely Warydn, Lincoln.....	Deputy Director of Agriculture (Ex Officio)
Curtis Weller, Lincoln.....	Food Science and Technology, UNL (Ex Officio)
Del Wilmot, DVM, Lincoln.....	(Ex Officio)

### *Animal and Plant Health Protection*

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-202

In 2013, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture combined two previously separate divisions into one focus area – combining the Bureau of Plant Industry and the Bureau of Animal Industry to create the Animal and Plant Health Protection (APHP) Focus Area.

Livestock health was first vested in a Livestock Sanitary Board created in 1885 that consisted of a three-member, governor-appointed commission and a state veterinary surgeon. The 1901 Legislature repealed the 1885 act and made the governor the state veterinarian with power to appoint a deputy to perform the work of the office. In 1913,

power was given to a five-member board with the governor as state veterinarian. The 1919 Legislature created the Bureau of Animal Industry as part of the new Department of Agriculture, with the state veterinarian in charge of the bureau. The state veterinarian continues to oversee livestock programming duties under the current APHP Focus Area, which includes the control and eradication of diseases that affect Nebraska livestock.

The ongoing work of the animal health protection programming sector of the APHP Focus Area includes regulation of health requirements for animals imported into, or moving within, the state. Animal movement is one of the primary surveillance functions of this area. In conjunction with our state's import program, which collects animal movement data, the focus area also works with the federal animal identification system.

Licensing programs within the animal programming sector of APHP includes annual licensing and inspection processes for livestock dealers, exotic sales, livestock markets, rendering facilities and pet food facilities.

The department collaborates with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to control and eradicate livestock diseases, federally referred to as "program diseases," such as brucellosis, tuberculosis, pseudorabies, scrapie, chronic wasting disease, equine infectious anemia, avian influenza, equine piroplasmiasis and salmonella pullorum.

The animal programs for APHP also are charged with implementing licensing programs for domesticated cervine animal facilities and commercial dog and cat facilities. Homeland security efforts through outreach activities on production biosecurity, management practices, foreign animal disease education and participation in emergency response activities are supported in the agency. These functions also address production food safety issues at different levels from production to slaughter.

Focus area veterinarians serve as consultants for practicing veterinarians in Nebraska on matters such as emerging disease issues, federal and state regulatory requirements, emergency response and auction market work. They also record and monitor animal health issues related to exotic animal auctions and swap meets.

Plant health protection programming areas consist of the following programs: plant certification and inspection; feed, fertilizer and agricultural lime; pesticides; entomology; noxious weed control; industrial hemp; and seed.

This focus area administers the apiary, plant protection and plant pest, commercial feed, commercial fertilizer and soil conditioner, agricultural liming materials and pesticide, hemp, seed and noxious weed control laws.

The export certification program helps facilitate the export of plants and plant products by inspecting and certifying shipments for interstate and international markets. This program also helps facilitate the shipment of corn, sorghum, broom corn and sudan grass grains to areas with a European corn borer quarantine in effect.

The feed, fertilizer and agricultural lime program has a staff of field inspectors who sample commercial and custom-mixed feeds, fertilizers and agricultural liming materials to assure customers that products meet label guarantees. Samples are submitted to the Nebraska Agricultural Laboratory, where they are analyzed and compared to label guarantees. The inspectors also routinely inspect firms that handle these products to make certain the firms are using good manufacturing practices in their operations.

The commercial feed program has fully implemented the Animal Food Regula-

tory Program Standards. AFRPS is an FDA program intended to standardize animal regulatory programs across the United States. The goal of AFRPS is to move toward risk-based regulatory actions that include components to measure, evaluate and improve the regulatory program while facilitating information sharing between state and federal partners. This goal is aligned with new regulatory methodology that has been implemented via the Food Safety Modernization Act of 2011. FSMA and associated federal regulations regarding animal food manufacturing aim to shift the focus of feed manufacturers and regulators from responding to adverse conditions to preventing them through current good manufacturing practices and preventive controls. These changes represent the largest shift in animal food regulation in the last 70 years. As a response, the commercial feed program has sought outreach and education opportunities that will help industry adapt to the changing landscape of feed manufacture and regulation.

The entomology program is responsible for preventing harmful plant pests from being introduced and becoming established in Nebraska. This is accomplished by conducting statewide detection surveys for plant pests, inspecting plant material and educating industry on exotic and invasive plant pest issues.

The pesticide program regulates the distribution, use, storage, application and disposal of pesticides. Under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the program enforces provisions of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. Programs are developed to implement various provisions of this act that deal with endangered species, worker protection and groundwater.

The 1998 Legislature passed the Nebraska Buffer Strip Act. The intent of the act was to develop a program providing incentives to landowners who establish buffer strips on certain types of lands to reduce the levels of sediment, crop nutrients and pesticides being introduced into surface water resources. Landowners who desire to participate in the buffer strip program are eligible to receive payments of up to \$250 per acre for up to 10 years. Landowners whose lands are accepted into the program are required to enter into agreements with their natural resources districts. This includes agreeing to maintain the lands according to the contract requirements.

The seed program provides for the collection of samples of agricultural seeds, lawn grass seed, hemp seed and vegetable seed. Samples collected are submitted to the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association Laboratory, where tests for purity, germination, content of noxious weed seed and other special tests are performed.

The noxious weed program protects Nebraskans from the threat posed by noxious weeds. The director of agriculture designates which plants are considered noxious and determines what control measures to use. The inspection staff evaluates county noxious weed programs, conducts annual county noxious weed surveys and responds to reports of uncontrolled noxious weed infestations. The program provides assistance to county weed control programs when training is needed for county weed superintendents. In addition, the weed program supports the work of riparian vegetation control in the state's waterways to improve and maintain water conveyance across the state.

The Nebraska Hemp Farming Act was enacted into law with the passage of LB657, allowing for interested persons to plant a hemp commodity in collaboration with USDA guidelines. The legislation authorized the Nebraska Department of Agriculture

to regulate the growing, processing, handling and brokering of hemp in Nebraska. To legally grow hemp in Nebraska, parties must receive a license from NDA, regardless of the size or purpose for cultivation. Growing, processing, handling and/or brokering hemp without a license from NDA or a tribe with a USDA-approved hemp plan is illegal in Nebraska.

### Market News

Market News is a cooperative effort with USDA Market News Service to expand livestock auction feeder cattle market price reporting at a comparable level to surrounding states. Eleven livestock markets have agreements with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

### *Food Safety and Consumer Protection (FSCP)*

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Food regulation in Nebraska began in 1899 with the creation of a Food Commission. In 1907, the commission became the Food, Dairy and Drug Commission. The duties of oil inspector, first established in 1887, were added to the commission in 1913. The governor was the commissioner and appointed a deputy, a state chemist and other employees.

The duties of the defunct Hotel Commission were added by the 1917 Legislature. This involved regulation of hotels, rooming houses, apartments and restaurants.

In 1937, the Legislature changed the bureau's name to the Bureau of Dairies, Foods and Drugs when a law concerning milk and cream testing was rewritten. Drug regulation was vested with the Department of Health in 1941.

The bureau enforced bingo laws from 1959 to 1965 after the 1959 Legislature legalized the game. Bingo law regulation was then transferred to the state tax commissioner's office.

The Department of Agriculture was reorganized by the director in 1967 to transfer administration of feed, fertilizer and poison laws to the Bureau of Plant Industry. Administration of livestock remedies law was transferred to the Bureau of Animal Industry. Also, the department laboratory was given division status.

In 1967, the Legislature passed the Nebraska Egg Law, which set standards for eggs consistent with those established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The act was paid for by a license fee and an inspection fee based on the volume of eggs handled. The law was updated in 1969 with a new licensing and inspection fee schedule. The 1969 act further required mandatory coding and dating of consumer packages of eggs.

In 1981, all previous food laws, with the exception of the Graded Egg Act, adopted in 1977, were repealed by the Legislature and replaced by the Nebraska Pure Food Act. The Graded Egg Act was repealed in 2017.

The Nebraska Pure Food Act, last revised in 2017, regulates food establishments, food processors and salvage operations in the state. The types of establishments licensed and inspected include restaurants, taverns, grocery stores, bakeries, food processors,



food storage establishments, mobile food units and push carts, vending, temporary food establishments, salvage operations and itinerant food vendors.

In 2007, legislation combined the Manufacturing Milk Act and the Grade A Milk Law into one, which is now known as the Nebraska Milk Act. The act retains the farm requirements for manufacturing farms but makes milk processing and various other requirements equivalent to those found in the FDA/PHS Pasteurized Milk Ordinance. In addition, the law modified permit fees and the way inspection fees are calculated. This change is more equitable, spreads costs to all of the industry and provides some flexibility to raise or lower fees as necessary to maintain the program.

In 2013, Nebraska law was brought in line with federal requirements that enable the industry to ship milk and milk products through interstate commerce.

FSCP contains the Weights and Measures Program, formerly the Weights and Measures Division. When the Department of Agriculture was created in 1919, the Division of Weights and Measures became part of the Bureau of Markets and Marketing. The division checked commercial weighing and measuring devices for statewide accuracy. Though packaged products were not widely used, the division monitored the products for accurate quantity and continues to do so today.

In the mid-1940s, the division became part of the Bureau of Dairies and Foods, where it remained until 1972. The division's activities were sporadic and were conducted by the Bureau of Dairies and Foods and the Bureau of Plant Industry. In 1970, staff members were hired specifically for weights. In 1971, the Nebraska Standards Laboratory was created with the capability of making precise calibrations of standards of mass, length and volume.

After a new weights and measures law was passed in 1972, inspection duties were given to one section for administration. In 1974, Weights and Measures became a division within the Department of Agriculture. That same year, a regulation for the Voluntary Registration of Service Agencies and Servicemen for Commercial Weighing and Measuring Devices was adopted, as well as a regulation pertaining to requirements for pit scales that set minimum standards for construction. In 1982, the pit regulations were updated, and regulations were added regarding pitless-type scale installations. In 1991, the regulations again were updated to recognize advancements in technology and require only weighing and measuring devices that hold a national-type evaluation program certificate of conformance to be used in commerce.

The current Weights and Measures program protects the integrity of commercial measurements through certification of weighing and measuring equipment, evaluations of net quantity and pricing representations of packaged commodities and by ensuring that marketing practices provide the ability to make price and quantity comparisons.

The program annually inspects more than 39,500 commercial weighing and measuring units including railroad track and supermarket point of sale scales, meters used to measure bulk deliveries of refined fuels, liquefied petroleum gases and fuel pumps at service stations and convenience stores. In addition, the program conducts inspections of packaged commodities to verify that these packages contain the net quantity represented by the packer.

The Weights and Measures Program is a member of and actively participates in the



National Conference on Weights and Measures and the Central Weights and Measures Association.

## Nebraska National Agricultural Rankings\*

Rank	Category	Number
1st	Cash receipts per capita, 2020	\$10,832
1st	Commercial cattle slaughter, 2021	7,091,600 head
1st	Great Northern beans production, 2021	874,000 cwt.
2nd	Alfalfa hay production, 2021	3,731,000 tons
2nd	Beef and veal exports, 2021	\$1,811,999,179
2nd	Cattle and calves - all, Jan. 1, 2022	6,800,000 head
2nd	Cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2022	2,820,000 head
2nd	Commercial red meat production, 2021	7,967,200,000 pounds
2nd	Ethanol production, 2021	2,296,000,000 gallons
2nd	Light red kidney bean production, 2021	182,000 cwt.
2nd	Pinto bean production, 2021	1,446,000 cwt.
2nd	Proso millet production, 2021	3,840,000 bushels
3rd	Cash receipts from all farm commodities, 2020	\$21,248,190,000
3rd	Corn exports, 2020	\$1,185,000,000
3rd	Corn for grain production, 2021	1,854,640,000 bushels
3rd	Hay production - all, 2021	6,289,000 tons
4th	Beef cows, Jan. 1, 2022	1,832,000 head
4th	Cash receipts from all crops, 2020	\$10,349,015,000
4th	Cash receipts from all livestock and products, 2020	\$10,899,175,000
4th	Dry edible bean production - all, 2021	2,780,000 cwt.
4th	Dry edible pea production, 2021	354,000 cwt.
4th	Grain sorghum production, 2021	19,780,000 bushels
4th	Land in farms and ranches, 2021	44,800,000 acres
4th	Soybean production, 2021	350,910,000 bushels
5th	Agricultural exports, 2020	\$7,141,300,000
5th	Harvested acres of principal crops, 2021	19,453,000 acres
5th	Soybean exports, 2020	\$1,907,300,000
5th	Sugar beet production, 2021	1,397,000 tons
5th	Total animal products exports, 2020	\$1,677,200,000
6th	Commercial hog slaughter, 2021	7,765,300 head
6th	Hogs and pigs - all, Dec. 1, 2021	3,600,000 head
8th	Sunflower production, 2021	34,550,000 pounds
8th	Organic cropland acres, 2019	146,803 acres
8th	Pork exports, 2021	\$325,778,000
11th	Winter wheat production, 2021	41,160,000 bushels

\*Source: Nebraska Agriculture 2022 Fact Card, Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

## Crop Production in Nebraska, 1959-2021\*

Year	WHEAT			CORN FOR GRAIN		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1959	3,104,000	68,204,000	120,023,000	6,558,000	318,063,000	327,605,000
1960	3,011,000	85,712,000	148,263,000	6,538,000	333,438,000	326,769,000
1961	3,220,000	78,807,000	140,276,000	5,296,000	275,392,000	305,685,000
1962	2,760,000	53,820,000	104,411,000	5,031,000	304,376,000	337,857,000
1963	2,815,000	60,522,000	110,755,000	5,031,000	286,767,000	309,708,000
1964	2,871,000	70,340,000	93,552,000	3,793,000	204,822,000	237,594,000
1965	2,727,000	54,540,000	72,538,000	3,565,000	249,550,000	291,974,000
1966	2,860,000	100,100,000	163,163,000	4,100,000	328,000,000	390,320,000
1967	3,265,000	86,523,000	114,210,000	4,510,000	333,740,000	350,427,000
1968	3,070,000	98,240,000	114,941,000	4,239,000	313,686,000	341,918,000
1969	2,650,000	83,495,000	97,666,000	4,620,000	434,280,000	473,365,000
1970	2,410,000	91,580,000	111,728,000	4,828,000	366,928,000	458,660,000
1971	2,434,000	102,228,000	126,763,000	5,300,000	450,500,000	500,055,000
1972	2,509,000	92,833,000	161,529,000	5,135,000	534,040,000	817,081,000
1973	2,680,000	93,800,000	356,440,000	5,900,000	554,600,000	1,336,586,000
1974	2,900,000	98,600,000	395,666,000	5,700,000	399,000,000	1,165,080,000
1975	3,070,000	98,240,000	333,034,000	5,920,000	503,200,000	1,247,936,000
1976	2,950,000	94,400,000	224,672,000	6,100,000	518,500,000	1,068,110,000
1977	2,950,000	103,250,000	229,215,000	6,550,000	648,450,000	1,277,447,000
1978	2,550,000	81,600,000	227,664,000	6,750,000	762,750,000	1,693,305,000
1979	2,550,000	86,700,000	319,056,000	7,150,000	822,250,000	2,039,180,000
1980	2,850,000	108,300,000	413,706,000	7,100,000	603,500,000	1,858,780,000
1981	2,900,000	104,400,000	384,192,000	6,880,000	791,200,000	1,954,264,000
1982	2,900,000	101,500,000	340,025,000	6,800,000	748,000,000	2,109,360,000
1983	2,300,000	98,900,000	331,315,000	4,850,000	470,450,000	1,472,509,000
1984	2,250,000	81,000,000	266,490,000	6,950,000	806,200,000	2,079,996,000
1985	2,300,000	89,700,000	250,263,000	7,450,000	953,600,000	2,116,992,000
1986	2,000,000	76,000,000	169,480,000	7,000,000	896,000,000	1,361,920,000
1987	1,950,000	85,800,000	210,210,000	6,200,000	812,200,000	1,591,912,000
1988	2,000,000	72,000,000	263,520,000	6,600,000	818,400,000	2,029,632,000
1989	2,050,000	55,350,000	207,563,000	7,000,000	847,000,000	1,948,100,000
1990	2,250,000	85,500,000	216,315,000	7,300,000	934,400,000	2,130,432,000
1991	2,100,000	67,200,000	202,272,000	7,800,000	990,600,000	2,318,004,000
1992	1,850,000	55,500,000	175,380,000	7,900,000	1,066,500,000	2,228,985,000
1993	2,100,000	73,500,000	223,440,000	7,550,000	785,200,000	1,978,704,000
1994	2,100,000	71,400,000	242,046,000	8,250,000	1,146,750,000	2,671,928,000
1995	2,100,000	86,100,000	392,616,000	7,700,000	854,700,000	2,752,134,000
1996	2,100,000	73,500,000	315,315,000	8,250,000	1,179,750,000	3,114,540,000
1997	1,900,000	70,300,000	224,960,000	8,600,000	1,135,200,000	2,633,664,000
1998	1,800,000	82,800,000	210,312,000	8,550,000	1,239,750,000	2,330,730,000
1999	1,700,000	81,600,000	179,520,000	8,300,000	1,153,700,000	2,018,975,000
2000	1,650,000	59,400,000	155,034,000	8,050,000	1,014,300,000	1,927,170,000
2001	1,600,000	59,200,000	162,800,000	7,750,000	1,139,250,000	2,210,145,000
2002	1,520,000	50,160,000	180,576,000	7,350,000	940,800,000	2,182,656,000
2003	1,820,000	83,720,000	269,578,000	7,700,000	1,124,200,000	2,686,838,000
2004	1,650,000	61,050,000	197,192,000	7,950,000	1,319,700,000	2,665,794,000
2005	1,760,000	68,640,000	230,630,000	8,250,000	1,270,500,000	2,439,360,000
2006	1,700,000	61,200,000	279,684,000	7,750,000	1,178,000,000	3,534,000,000
2007	1,960,000	84,280,000	490,510,000	9,200,000	1,472,000,000	6,094,080,000
2008	1,670,000	73,480,000	490,846,000	8,550,000	1,393,650,000	5,644,283,000
2009	1,610,000	77,280,000	365,534,000	8,850,000	1,584,150,000	5,671,257,000
2010	1,490,000	64,070,000	337,649,000	8,850,000	1,469,100,000	7,477,719,000
2011	1,480,000	66,000,000	446,220,000	9,600,000	1,536,000,000	9,384,960,000
2012	1,300,000	53,300,000	419,471,000	9,100,000	1,292,200,000	8,851,570,000
2013	1,140,000	39,900,000	277,305,000	9,950,000	1,613,950,000	7,214,357,000
2014	1,450,000	71,050,000	409,959,000	8,950,000	1,602,050,000	6,039,729,000
2015	1,210,000	45,980,000	204,611,000	9,150,000	1,692,750,000	6,043,118,000
2016	1,310,000	70,740,000	222,124,000	9,550,000	1,699,900,000	5,643,668,000
2017	1,020,000	46,920,000	189,088,000	9,300,000	1,683,300,000	5,639,055,000
2018	1,010,000	49,490,000	233,098,000	9,300,000	1,785,600,000	6,392,448,000
2019	970,000	55,290,000	210,102,000	9,810,000	1,785,420,000	6,784,596,000
2020	-	34,030,000	-	-	1,790,090,000	-
2021	-	41,160,000	-	-	1,854,640,000	-

\*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Crop Production in Nebraska, 1959-2021 (Cont'd.)\*

Year	OATS			BARLEY		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1959	1,277,000	31,925,000	20,113,000	317,000	6,816,000	4,976,000
1960	1,213,000	43,062,000	24,976,000	225,000	6,525,000	4,633,000
1961	1,067,000	34,144,000	21,511,000	225,000	6,300,000	5,103,000
1962	939,000	30,987,000	19,832,000	117,000	3,042,000	2,525,000
1963	845,000	23,238,000	15,105,000	84,000	1,512,000	1,270,000
1964	617,000	17,584,000	11,781,000	78,000	1,638,000	1,441,000
1965	617,000	24,680,000	16,042,000	37,000	1,110,000	1,010,000
1966	543,000	21,720,000	14,770,000	32,000	960,000	941,000
1967	483,000	20,010,000	14,287,000	25,000	875,000	831,000
1968	464,000	12,760,000	8,549,000	35,000	1,155,000	1,016,000
1969	561,000	24,404,000	15,130,000	40,000	1,360,000	1,197,000
1970	578,000	24,276,000	15,779,000	45,000	1,620,000	1,442,000
1971	517,000	26,367,000	17,402,000	42,000	1,680,000	1,529,000
1972	390,000	19,110,000	14,715,000	38,000	1,292,000	1,331,000
1973	430,000	21,070,000	24,231,000	30,000	1,080,000	1,890,000
1974	535,000	25,145,000	38,220,000	27,000	945,000	2,079,000
1975	590,000	28,910,000	41,630,000	33,000	1,188,000	2,435,000
1976	660,000	27,720,000	41,580,000	40,000	1,440,000	2,808,000
1977	700,000	40,600,000	40,194,000	43,000	1,935,000	3,077,000
1978	450,000	21,150,000	25,803,000	29,000	1,102,000	1,873,000
1979	400,000	21,200,000	27,984,000	28,000	1,204,000	2,107,000
1980	380,000	15,580,000	28,823,000	25,000	950,000	2,185,000
1981	395,000	15,800,000	30,178,000	22,000	858,000	1,888,000
1982	460,000	26,680,000	38,686,000	22,000	1,100,000	2,200,000
1983	310,000	13,640,000	23,052,000	69,000	2,691,000	6,189,000
1984	320,000	15,680,000	26,813,000	78,000	2,652,000	5,437,000
1985	420,000	25,620,000	29,975,000	120,000	3,840,000	6,336,000
1986	360,000	21,240,000	24,001,000	135,000	5,400,000	6,480,000
1987	360,000	17,640,000	28,577,000	70,000	2,520,000	3,024,000
1988	320,000	12,160,000	29,062,000	60,000	1,920,000	3,648,000
1989	240,000	8,640,000	13,478,000	25,000	650,000	1,138,000
1990	280,000	13,440,000	15,994,000	22,000	880,000	1,945,000
1991	220,000	11,880,000	14,375,000	27,000	1,026,000	1,847,000
1992	220,000	15,400,000	20,174,000	17,000	850,000	1,615,000
1993	160,000	6,880,000	9,838,000	14,000	532,000	958,000
1994	150,000	7,500,000	9,675,000	8,000	304,000	562,000
1995	90,000	4,500,000	8,235,000	6,000	222,000	477,000
1996	105,000	7,455,000	15,730,000	17,000	901,000	1,937,000
1997	90,000	5,850,000	10,472,000	9,000	459,000	1,010,000
1998	95,000	5,320,000	6,331,000	8,000	400,000	720,000
1999	75,000	4,650,000	5,022,000	3,000	144,000	202,000
2000	45,000	1,890,000	2,684,000	5,000	135,000	216,000
2001	60,000	3,660,000	5,819,000	4,000	180,000	297,000
2002	55,000	2,365,000	4,730,000	4,000	128,000	237,000
2003	90,000	6,570,000	10,052,000	4,000	200,000	380,000
2004	50,000	3,400,000	5,134,000	3,000	162,000	292,000
2005	60,000	4,380,000	7,139,000	-	-	-
2006	45,000	2,025,000	4,030,000	-	-	-
2007	35,000	2,135,000	6,704,000	-	-	-
2008	35,000	2,450,000	8,477,000	-	-	-
2009	30,000	2,070,000	4,699,000	-	-	-
2010	25,000	1,700,000	5,151,000	-	-	-
2011	15,000	945,000	3,553,000	-	-	-
2012	18,000	1,026,000	4,319,000	-	-	-
2013	25,000	1,625,000	6,793,000	-	-	-
2014	30,000	2,400,000	7,224,000	-	-	-
2015	40,000	2,680,000	5,896,000	-	-	-
2016	25,000	1,500,000	3,375,000	-	-	-
2017	35,000	1,715,000	4,493,000	-	-	-
2018	22,000	1,518,000	4,326,000	-	-	-
2019	18,000	1,134,000	3,402,000	-	-	-

\* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. Data for 2019 is the most recent available.

## Crop Production in Nebraska, 1959-2021 (Cont'd.)\*

Year	SORGHUM FOR GRAIN			SOYBEANS		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1959	1,418,000	61,683,000	48,113,000	146,000	3,504,000	6,482,000
1960	1,796,000	90,698,000	72,558,000	164,000	4,592,000	8,908,000
1961	1,185,000	59,842,000	59,842,000	292,000	7,446,000	16,158,000
1962	1,540,000	101,640,000	101,640,000	310,000	8,370,000	18,665,000
1963	1,863,000	102,465,000	94,268,000	356,000	10,146,000	24,553,000
1964	1,975,000	90,850,000	89,942,000	523,000	11,506,000	28,535,000
1965	2,271,000	121,498,000	110,563,000	696,000	16,356,000	39,582,000
1966	2,089,000	142,052,000	136,370,000	745,000	21,978,000	58,022,000
1967	2,193,000	123,904,000	110,275,000	782,000	17,595,000	42,932,000
1968	1,700,000	98,600,000	86,768,000	782,000	18,377,000	43,737,000
1969	1,514,000	110,522,000	106,101,000	766,000	24,895,000	55,765,000
1970	1,480,000	75,480,000	81,518,000	812,000	17,864,000	49,662,000
1971	2,057,000	123,420,000	114,781,000	609,000	15,225,000	45,523,000
1972	1,640,000	118,080,000	161,770,000	707,000	22,978,000	102,712,000
1973	2,000,000	136,000,000	284,240,000	1,210,000	36,300,000	194,931,000
1974	1,900,000	62,700,000	168,663,000	1,150,000	28,175,000	175,249,000
1975	1,900,000	104,500,000	237,215,000	1,200,000	32,400,000	155,844,000
1976	2,100,000	119,700,000	215,460,000	980,000	19,600,000	127,008,000
1977	2,070,000	146,970,000	257,198,000	1,130,000	40,680,000	233,503,000
1978	1,870,000	140,250,000	263,670,000	1,250,000	42,500,000	276,250,000
1979	1,920,000	151,680,000	341,280,000	1,610,000	54,740,000	325,703,000
1980	2,030,000	121,800,000	347,130,000	1,770,000	53,100,000	384,975,000
1981	2,060,000	164,800,000	352,672,000	2,070,000	78,660,000	455,441,000
1982	1,760,000	128,480,000	294,219,000	2,250,000	78,750,000	437,700,000
1983	1,000,000	61,000,000	162,260,000	2,070,000	58,995,000	452,492,000
1984	1,900,000	121,600,000	269,952,000	2,550,000	66,300,000	373,269,000
1985	1,930,000	154,400,000	296,448,000	2,360,000	84,960,000	412,906,000
1986	1,530,000	136,170,000	183,830,000	2,450,000	93,100,000	424,536,000
1987	1,300,000	106,600,000	172,692,000	2,350,000	83,425,000	485,534,000
1988	1,360,000	103,360,000	223,258,000	2,360,000	70,800,000	517,548,000
1989	1,630,000	101,060,000	205,152,000	2,560,000	81,920,000	446,464,000
1990	1,410,000	108,570,000	222,568,000	2,360,000	81,420,000	455,138,000
1991	1,350,000	90,450,000	202,608,000	2,460,000	82,410,000	450,783,000
1992	1,530,000	143,820,000	260,314,000	2,460,000	103,320,000	554,828,000
1993	1,250,000	73,750,000	167,413,000	2,500,000	90,000,000	558,000,000
1994	1,200,000	117,600,000	230,496,000	2,860,000	134,420,000	711,082,000
1995	980,000	56,840,000	172,225,000	3,060,000	100,980,000	662,429,000
1996	1,030,000	97,850,000	228,969,000	3,010,000	135,450,000	973,886,000
1997	750,000	60,750,000	130,637,000	3,550,000	143,775,000	902,907,000
1998	600,000	56,400,000	94,752,000	3,750,000	165,000,000	796,950,000
1999	470,000	42,770,000	64,908,000	4,250,000	180,625,000	807,394,000
2000	500,000	35,000,000	64,288,000	4,575,000	173,950,000	771,894,000
2001	425,000	35,700,000	64,574,000	4,900,000	222,950,000	934,161,000
2002	320,000	16,000,000	37,901,000	4,580,000	176,330,000	957,472,000
2003	500,000	31,000,000	72,738,000	4,500,000	182,250,000	1,279,395,000
2004	415,000	32,370,000	55,832,000	4,750,000	218,500,000	1,210,490,000
2005	250,000	21,750,000	37,149,000	4,660,000	235,330,000	1,306,082,000
2006	240,000	18,720,000	58,077,000	5,010,000	250,500,000	1,515,525,000
2007	240,000	22,560,000	89,699,000	3,850,000	196,350,000	1,947,792,000
2008	210,000	19,110,000	62,069,000	4,860,000	225,990,000	2,212,442,000
2009	135,000	12,555,000	39,513,000	4,760,000	259,420,000	2,459,302,000
2010	80,000	7,200,000	35,240,000	5,100,000	267,750,000	2,945,250,000
2011	90,000	8,640,000	50,803,000	4,840,000	261,360,000	3,136,320,000
2012	60,000	3,540,000	23,987,000	4,990,000	207,085,000	2,919,899,000
2013	145,000	9,715,000	40,150,000	4,770,000	255,195,000	3,240,977,000
2014	160,000	13,120,000	52,679,000	5,330,000	287,820,000	3,800,489,000
2015	240,000	23,040,000	74,318,000	5,270,000	305,660,000	2,647,016,000
2016	175,000	17,850,000	48,880,000	5,150,000	314,150,000	2,883,897,000
2017	130,000	11,570,000	33,368,000	5,670,000	326,025,000	2,960,307,000
2018	170,000	15,980,000	48,771,000	5,590,000	324,220,000	1,920,604,000
2019	130,000	12,090,000	39,607,000	4,840,000	283,140,000	2,378,376,000
2020	-	13,650,000	-	-	294,120,000	-
2021	-	19,780,000	-	-	350,910,000	-

\*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Crop Production in Nebraska, 1959-2021 (Cont'd.)\*

Year	SUGAR BEETS			ALL HAY		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Tons	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Tons	Value
1959.....	63,900	1,107,000	13,505,000	4,772,000	6,230,000	92,204,000
1960.....	68,700	1,226,000	15,815,000	4,922,000	6,685,000	100,275,000
1961.....	77,700	1,155,000	14,322,000	4,900,000	6,047,000	100,985,000
1962.....	72,700	940,000	12,314,000	5,227,000	7,433,000	115,212,000
1963.....	83,100	1,594,000	19,766,000	4,809,000	6,602,000	118,836,000
1964.....	86,200	1,407,000	18,150,000	4,724,000	6,272,000	126,067,000
1965.....	66,500	928,000	12,064,000	4,673,000	7,063,000	134,197,000
1966.....	65,200	1,205,000	16,388,000	4,490,000	6,379,000	137,148,000
1967.....	62,900	853,000	12,283,000	4,491,000	6,497,000	126,692,000
1968.....	71,800	1,222,000	18,819,000	4,297,000	6,054,000	133,188,000
1969.....	87,300	1,673,000	19,407,000	4,328,000	6,951,000	142,496,000
1970.....	78,700	1,365,000	20,202,000	4,150,000	6,100,000	128,100,000
1971.....	77,700	1,425,000	23,085,000	4,170,000	6,933,000	145,593,000
1972.....	82,100	1,650,000	29,865,000	4,050,000	7,140,000	171,360,000
1973.....	74,400	1,482,000	53,352,000	4,050,000	7,476,000	242,970,000
1974.....	75,500	1,382,000	69,376,000	3,850,000	6,270,000	282,150,000
1975.....	96,000	1,776,000	51,326,000	3,950,000	6,503,000	292,635,000
1976.....	84,500	1,690,000	35,997,000	3,800,000	5,953,000	315,509,000
1977.....	67,700	1,354,000	36,558,000	3,900,000	7,530,000	252,255,000
1978.....	76,000	1,368,000	38,030,000	3,800,000	7,538,000	263,830,000
1979.....	72,400	1,462,000	49,708,000	3,700,000	7,618,000	312,338,000
1980.....	85,000	1,777,000	83,519,000	3,700,000	7,083,000	389,565,000
1981.....	78,400	1,889,000	63,659,000	3,650,000	7,010,000	417,095,000
1982.....	45,400	926,000	32,317,000	3,700,000	7,855,000	361,330,000
1983.....	65,300	1,233,000	38,963,000	3,650,000	7,635,000	389,385,000
1984.....	67,500	1,480,000	33,596,000	3,700,000	7,695,000	377,055,000
1985.....	53,200	1,229,000	35,027,000	3,300,000	6,755,000	283,710,000
1986.....	59,000	1,387,000	45,078,000	3,450,000	7,388,000	251,192,000
1987.....	60,200	1,102,000	39,121,000	3,100,000	6,865,000	274,600,000
1988.....	62,200	1,319,000	56,981,000	3,400,000	6,510,000	413,385,000
1989.....	62,200	1,169,000	50,501,000	3,200,000	5,705,000	430,228,000
1990.....	71,000	1,491,000	59,789,000	3,650,000	7,205,000	410,548,000
1991.....	78,100	1,578,000	61,542,000	3,600,000	7,473,000	335,856,000
1992.....	77,500	1,387,000	54,925,000	3,450,000	7,793,000	350,570,000
1993.....	79,600	1,473,000	52,586,000	3,450,000	7,323,000	359,011,000
1994.....	74,100	1,504,000	54,896,000	3,300,000	7,415,000	391,490,000
1995.....	72,300	1,186,000	40,798,000	3,150,000	7,200,000	407,700,000
1996.....	51,200	913,000	40,537,000	3,150,000	7,455,000	470,033,000
1997.....	60,300	1,013,000	36,063,000	3,200,000	6,790,000	485,941,000
1998.....	47,400	934,000	32,877,000	3,200,000	7,680,000	363,150,000
1999.....	66,200	1,258,000	41,766,000	3,200,000	7,700,000	286,440,000
2000.....	54,800	1,112,000	32,470,000	2,950,000	5,945,000	409,228,000
2001.....	41,400	840,000	30,996,000	3,200,000	7,400,000	507,230,000
2002.....	42,000	760,000	30,400,000	3,050,000	5,750,000	481,425,000
2003.....	42,400	861,000	36,420,000	3,150,000	7,600,000	407,290,000
2004.....	47,500	1,050,000	41,895,000	2,800,000	6,423,000	323,853,000
2005.....	45,300	924,000	39,824,000	2,850,000	6,945,000	337,970,000
2006.....	57,800	1,347,000	59,942,000	2,750,000	5,588,000	495,484,000
2007.....	44,300	1,041,000	42,056,000	2,650,000	6,185,000	532,455,000
2008.....	37,300	843,000	42,824,000	2,570,000	6,232,000	537,344,000
2009.....	52,600	1,294,000	70,652,000	2,700,000	6,235,000	450,565,000
2010.....	47,500	1,131,000	82,111,000	2,690,000	6,349,000	460,122,000
2011.....	51,600	1,285,000	93,163,000	2,480,000	5,624,000	634,291,000
2012.....	48,900	1,457,000	89,751,000	2,570,000	4,457,000	846,624,000
2013.....	44,200	1,313,000	49,631,000	2,500,000	4,935,000	698,775,000
2014.....	45,900	1,336,000	65,063,000	2,580,000	6,028,000	569,453,000
2015.....	46,800	1,329,000	68,178,000	2,700,000	6,360,000	536,440,000
2016.....	47,200	1,411,000	36,545,000	2,380,000	5,717,000	432,560,000
2017.....	45,200	1,437,000	48,427,000	2,510,000	5,595,000	526,475,000
2018.....	44,100	1,407,000	42,210,000	2,700,000	6,985,000	706,775,000
2019.....	42,100	1,069,000	-	2,450,000	6,085,000	614,900,000
2020.....	-	1,417,000	-	-	6,370,000	-
2021.....	-	1,397,000	-	-	6,289,000	-

\*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Year	CATTLE		SHEEP	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
1959	4,886,000	815,962,000	813,000	15,634,000
1960	5,072,000	664,432,000	836,000	12,653,000
1961	5,134,000	698,224,000	811,000	11,796,000
1962	5,434,000	787,930,000	723,000	9,537,000
1963	5,773,000	894,815,000	671,000	10,188,000
1964	6,048,000	792,288,000	634,000	8,791,000
1965	6,077,000	704,932,000	585,000	9,247,000
1966	6,259,000	863,742,000	577,000	11,104,000
1967	6,377,000	962,927,000	569,000	10,946,000
1968	6,394,000	952,706,000	451,000	8,665,000
1969	6,330,000	1,006,470,000	393,000	8,535,000
1970	6,330,000	1,171,050,000	377,000	9,318,000
1971	6,457,000	1,194,545,000	370,000	7,955,000
1972	6,780,000	1,457,700,000	366,000	8,601,000
1973	6,865,000	1,750,575,000	370,000	9,620,000
1974	7,410,000	2,185,950,000	290,000	9,425,000
1975	6,900,000	1,035,000,000	240,000	6,960,000
1976	6,550,000	1,244,500,000	210,000	7,245,000
1977	6,450,000	1,322,250,000	190,000	7,030,000
1978	6,500,000	1,560,000,000	237,000	11,613,000
1979	6,450,000	2,644,500,000	175,000	11,375,000
1980	6,400,000	3,168,000,000	210,000	14,595,000
1981	6,850,000	3,116,750,000	250,000	16,375,000
1982	7,250,000	2,936,250,000	225,000	12,263,000
1983	7,200,000	2,736,000,000	205,000	10,865,000
1984	6,900,000	2,760,000,000	195,000	9,750,000
1985	6,300,000	2,583,000,000	165,000	8,580,000
1986	6,000,000	2,370,000,000	160,000	9,600,000
1987	5,800,000	2,378,000,000	173,000	13,148,000
1988	5,700,000	2,907,000,000	180,000	14,940,000
1989	5,600,000	3,276,000,000	169,000	13,520,000
1990	5,700,000	3,391,500,000	177,000	12,744,000
1991	5,900,000	4,041,500,000	165,000	11,055,000
1992	5,800,000	3,654,000,000	144,000	7,344,000
1993	5,900,000	3,953,000,000	136,000	8,568,000
1994	6,150,000	4,212,750,000	95,000	6,650,000
1995	6,000,000	3,721,000,000	105,000	7,875,000
1996	6,500,000	3,250,000,000	105,000	10,080,000
1997	6,650,000	3,724,000,000	95,000	8,835,000
1998	6,750,000	4,252,000,000	100,000	10,000,000
1999	6,700,000	3,819,000,000	105,000	10,290,000
2000	6,650,000	4,455,500,000	102,000	11,220,000
2001	6,600,000	4,686,000,000	114,000	13,680,000
2002	6,400,000	4,416,000,000	101,000	10,908,000
2003	6,200,000	4,464,000,000	97,000	11,834,000
2004	6,200,000	5,456,000,000	102,000	13,668,000
2005	6,300,000	5,733,000,000	92,000	13,432,000
2006	6,500,000	6,370,000,000	106,000	16,112,000
2007	6,650,000	5,918,500,000	90,000	12,330,000
2008	6,450,000	6,127,500,000	80,000	10,720,000
2009	6,350,000	5,524,500,000	71,000	9,372,000
2010	6,300,000	5,355,000,000	74,000	9,842,000
2011	6,300,000	6,488,000,000	74,000	12,654,000
2012	6,450,000	7,998,000,000	77,000	17,633,000
2013	6,400,000	7,875,000,000	80,000	15,920,000
2014	6,250,000	8,437,500,000	76,000	18,164,000
2015	6,250,000	10,000,000,000	81,000	21,141,000
2016	6,450,000	9,352,500,000	80,000	18,560,000
2017	6,450,000	7,675,500,000	83,000	19,422,000
2018	6,800,000	8,568,000,000	80,000	18,320,000
2019	6,800,000	8,228,000,000	75,000	17,025,000
2020	6,850,000	-	-	-
2021	6,800,000	-	-	-

\* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Livestock Inventory in Nebraska, 1959-2021 (Cont'd.)

Year	CHICKENS		SWINE	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
1959	10,425,000	6,985,000	2,502,000	48,038,000
1960	9,938,000	10,435,000	2,527,000	74,799,000
1961	9,224,000	7,471,000	2,704,000	78,146,000
1962	8,177,000	6,494,000	2,758,000	79,430,000
1963	7,952,000	6,759,000	2,868,000	69,979,000
1964	7,532,000	6,478,000	2,696,000	68,478,000
1965	6,719,000	6,450,000	2,561,000	123,696,000
1966	6,819,000	6,819,000	2,766,000	97,640,000
1967	6,259,000	4,569,000	3,043,000	\$87,334,000
1968	5,343,000	4,595,000	3,226,000	98,070,000
1969	4,979,000	5,228,000	3,000,000	120,600,000
1970	5,230,000	4,969,000	3,691,000	86,739,000
1971	4,812,000	4,379,000	3,322,000	97,999,000
1972	4,427,000	4,427,000	3,300,000	143,550,000
1973	4,630,000	7,408,000	3,455,000	214,210,000
1974	4,450,000	7,788,000	3,050,000	134,200,000
1975	4,250,000	7,225,000	2,700,000	230,850,000
1976	3,830,000	6,894,000	3,100,000	147,250,000
1977	4,090,000	6,953,000	3,150,000	211,050,000
1978	4,200,000	7,350,000	3,650,000	323,025,000
1979	3,930,000	7,074,000	4,150,000	251,075,000
1980	4,000,000	7,600,000	3,900,000	308,100,000
1981	4,150,000	8,093,000	4,100,000	305,450,000
1982	4,050,000	8,303,000	3,800,000	357,200,000
1983	3,850,000	7,315,000	4,000,000	256,000,000
1984	4,000,000	9,000,000	3,700,000	297,850,000
1985	3,970,000	8,933,000	3,900,000	288,600,000
1986	4,000,000	8,600,000	3,950,000	375,250,000
1987	4,450,000	10,680,000	4,050,000	315,900,000
1988	4,150,000	8,093,000	4,150,000	292,575,000
1989	5,250,000	11,550,000	4,200,000	348,600,000
1990	6,200,000	16,740,000	4,300,000	378,400,000
1991	7,900,000	16,590,000	4,500,000	310,500,000
1992	9,250,000	17,575,000	4,600,000	326,600,000
1993	9,000,000	14,400,000	4,300,000	322,500,000
1994	10,600,000	20,140,000	4,350,000	239,250,000
1995	11,005,000	20,910,000	4,050,000	287,550,000
1996	11,493,000	24,135,000	3,550,000	337,250,000
1997	12,126,000	25,465,000	3,500,000	315,000,000
1998	13,129,000	27,760,000	3,400,000	156,400,000
1999	13,864,000	25,538,000	3,000,000	219,000,000
2000	13,895,000	25,011,000	3,050,000	240,950,000
2001	13,704,000	24,667,000	2,900,000	243,600,000
2002	13,474,000	24,745,000	3,000,000	235,000,000
2003	14,223,000	25,601,000	2,900,000	205,900,000
2004	13,972,000	26,547,000	2,850,000	313,500,000
2005	13,813,000	29,007,000	2,900,000	290,000,000
2006	13,165,000	23,697,000	3,050,000	292,800,000
2007	12,257,000	29,965,000	3,350,000	261,300,000
2008	11,505,000	25,311,000	3,350,000	318,250,000
2009	11,773,000	25,901,000	3,050,000	274,500,000
2010	11,592,000	25,592,000	3,150,000	346,500,000
2011	11,290,000	32,741,000	3,100,000	403,000,000
2012	11,382,000	34,146,000	3,000,000	375,000,000
2013	11,477,000	41,317,000	3,050,000	442,250,000
2014	11,554,000	35,817,000	3,200,000	464,000,000
2015	9,442,000	35,880,000	3,300,000	330,000,000
2016	10,660,000	41,574,000	3,400,000	306,000,000
2017	9,536,000	35,283,000	3,600,000	342,234,000
2018	10,192,000	41,787,000	3,550,000	355,000,000
2019	11,187,000	42,511,000	3,850,000	386,250,000
2020	-	-	3,650,000	-
2021	-	-	3,600,000	-

\* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Nebraska Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2014-2019\*

### Number of Head<sup>1</sup>

Month	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
January	583,300	543,500	569,000	583,300	617,200	643,900
February	451,200	478,200	524,000	541,800	546,200	546,400
March	516,900	525,000	598,600	650,000	600,800	567,100
April	544,900	512,300	546,900	552,400	597,400	620,400
May	583,300	537,300	598,200	668,100	660,000	662,500
June	604,500	544,800	654,200	668,600	656,400	655,500
July	584,400	556,300	590,400	603,900	627,500	651,700
August	568,900	550,700	666,800	695,900	676,400	699,100
September	571,500	582,800	627,000	630,300	595,700	642,400
October	608,700	595,400	623,800	643,100	652,600	711,600
November	519,700	564,000	631,600	631,900	641,900	658,200
December	546,400	590,100	606,600	593,300	580,200	607,200
Total	6,683,700	6,580,300	7,237,100	7,462,500	7,452,200	7,666,000

\* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. Data from 2019 is the most recent available.

<sup>1</sup> Monthly numbers may not add up to total due to rounding.

## Nebraska Commercial Hog Slaughter, 2014-2019\*

### Number of Head<sup>1</sup>

Month	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
January	660,300	692,400	633,200	687,200	695,400	715,600
February	575,800	636,600	640,800	607,800	602,800	634,600
March	563,300	686,200	672,300	683,700	706,300	655,300
April	595,500	654,900	643,300	632,700	625,900	661,800
May	587,200	596,500	633,000	646,000	626,300	643,100
June	533,000	642,500	654,600	650,500	601,500	623,000
July	536,500	641,200	600,600	612,800	608,200	641,300
August	571,300	663,100	712,100	706,900	723,300	685,600
September	600,500	691,800	702,100	694,100	633,700	654,800
October	667,300	684,400	716,900	713,800	728,000	730,800
November	590,500	654,400	702,900	696,300	673,400	695,500
December	657,800	694,100	675,200	671,900	648,300	670,600
Total	7,139,000	7,938,200	7,987,100	8,003,500	7,873,100	8,012,100

\* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. Data from 2019 is the most recent available.

<sup>1</sup> Monthly numbers may not add up to total due to rounding.



## Nebraska Agricultural and Horticultural Land and Assessed Value,\* 1919-2021\*\*

Year	Total Acres Assessed	Assessed Value <sup>1</sup>		Year	Total Acres Assessed	Assessed Value <sup>1</sup>	
		Total	Av. Per Acre			Total	Av. Per Acre
1919	45,703,561	1,379,883,290	30.19	1971	45,120,776	5,390,417,415	119.00
1920	-	2,231,644,795	-	1972	45,734,398	5,453,562,984	119.00
1921	46,389,534	1,831,048,877	39.47	1973	43,910,816	5,539,325,951	126.00
1922	46,421,647	1,753,312,309	37.77	1974	45,384,354	5,614,403,127	124.00
1923	46,487,757	1,797,276,553	38.45	1975	46,181,535	5,614,731,876	122.00
1924	46,452,035	1,773,564,474	38.18	1976	44,681,250	5,544,959,875	124.00
1925	46,466,452	1,774,883,955	38.20	1977	44,301,898	5,746,969,817	130.00
1926	46,611,649	1,775,231,543	38.09	1978	43,580,731	6,513,965,625	149.00
1927	46,611,594	1,778,440,372	38.15	1979	45,235,603	10,575,130,059	234.00
1928	46,990,280	1,780,032,546	38.87	1980	45,411,926	12,302,690,613	271.00
1929	46,622,760	1,782,761,375	38.23	1981	45,318,422	12,420,321,626	274.00
1930	46,802,438	1,736,632,786	37.10	1982	45,332,996	12,476,187,818	275.00
1931	46,700,008	1,736,537,692	37.18	1983	45,432,091	12,563,327,936	277.00
1932	46,811,348	1,435,384,208	30.66	1984	45,349,478	12,605,580,123	278.00
1933	46,663,197	1,148,126,823	24.53	1985	45,300,858	12,653,851,842	279.00
1934	46,791,712	1,140,556,070	24.43	1986	44,997,447	10,801,719,469	240.00
1935	46,758,936	1,140,719,997	24.40	1987	44,982,531	10,048,549,082	223.00
1936	46,689,217	1,136,629,834	24.34	1988	44,977,148	10,044,095,177	223.00
1937	46,559,004	1,136,408,362	24.41	1989	44,973,179	13,509,990,165	300.00
1938	46,538,928	1,132,457,641	24.33	1990	44,968,234	14,932,726,422	332.00
1939	46,513,633	1,129,400,943	24.28	1991	44,955,365	14,941,628,961	332.00
1940	46,412,020	1,032,542,666	22.25	1992	44,952,269	15,067,165,467	335.00
1941	46,443,145	1,032,947,415	22.24	1993	44,954,824	15,632,689,146	348.00
1942	46,318,850	1,015,787,214	21.93	1994	44,938,474	15,755,958,953	351.00
1943	44,792,892	1,014,720,112	22.65	1995	44,911,156	15,927,873,795	355.00
1944	46,229,000	1,011,977,480	21.88	1996	44,904,241	16,313,358,103	363.00
1945	46,007,166	1,012,107,904	22.00	1997	44,845,860	16,950,349,716	377.00
1946	46,211,342	1,019,839,596	22.07	1998	44,861,318	18,148,208,170	405.00
1947	47,362,375	1,020,672,019	21.55	1999	44,887,776	19,423,637,757	433.00
1948	46,304,492	1,039,775,246	22.45	2000	44,830,771	20,364,989,503	454.00
1949	46,197,015	1,044,759,818	22.61	2001	46,231,558	21,206,151,632	459.00
1950	46,180,741	1,050,704,960	22.75	2002	46,136,711	21,904,383,603	475.00
1951	46,215,244	1,051,439,473	22.75	2003	46,234,805	22,878,527,654	495.00
1952	46,109,591	1,075,753,423	23.33	2004	46,191,209	23,893,955,082	517.00
1953	46,192,963	1,289,292,253	27.91	2005	46,184,758	25,247,883,070	547.00
1954	46,130,684	1,195,564,100	25.92	2006	46,146,038	27,405,855,640	594.00
1955	46,242,575	1,201,915,450	25.99	2007	46,091,863	28,247,701,115	613.00
1956	46,058,603	1,197,076,098	26.00	2008	46,078,247	31,188,979,673	677.00
1957	46,058,603	1,194,160,550	25.93	2009	46,067,703	35,015,240,244	760.00
1958	46,058,603	1,429,928,290	31.05	2010	46,053,271	39,170,246,449	850.00
1959	-	1,219,362,899	-	2011	46,041,470	43,676,096,811	949.00
1960	-	1,228,721,457	-	2012	46,034,034	49,269,767,529	1,070.00
1961	-	1,272,133,894	-	2013	46,032,974	60,557,058,156	1,315.00
1962	-	1,293,221,683	-	2014	46,054,315	78,417,880,221	1,070.00
1963	-	1,311,309,620	-	2015	46,050,829	93,546,378,869	1,315.00
1964	-	1,323,914,363	-	2016	46,024,254	99,500,980,388	2,161.00
1965	-	1,470,722,492	-	2017	45,988,278	99,299,018,541	2,159.00
1966	-	1,680,167,588	-	2018	45,970,527	96,517,995,105	2,099.56
1967	-	3,669,246,614	-	2019	45,928,314	92,802,445,958	2,020.59
1968	44,063,435	3,881,568,864	88.00	2020	45,921,348	89,368,270,918	1,946.12
1969	43,694,572	5,345,141,823	122.00	2021	45,898,395	88,362,146,462	1,925.17
1970	46,279,247	5,427,710,974	117.00				

\* Assessed farm land only (leased school land not included.) Values equalized by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment from 1920 to 1996; values equalized by the Tax Equalization and Review Commission since 1997. Between 1920 and 1928, there was some slight difference between the assessed and equalized value. Since 1929, the equalized value is used only as the assessed value.

\*\* Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division.

<sup>1</sup> Up to 1920, the assessed value is 20 percent of actual value. From 1921 to 1952, the assessed value is 100 percent of actual value. From 1953 to 1955, the assessed value is 50 percent of actual value. From 1956 to 1957, the assessed value is 50 percent of base value. From 1958 to 1980, the assessed value is 35 percent of actual value. From 1981 to 1991, agricultural land is assessed at 100 percent of actual value. From 1992 to 2006, agricultural land is assessed at 80 percent of actual value. Beginning in 2007, agricultural and horticultural land is assessed at 75 percent of actual value.

## Nebraska Irrigation Statistics, 2012-2017\*

County and District	Wells Registered to [date] <sup>1</sup>	Total Acres Irrigated <sup>2</sup>	
		2012	2017
Banner.....	401	15,173	26,085
Box Butte.....	1,244	141,563	138,458
Cheyenne.....	551	48,677	52,635
Dawes.....	80	21,390	17,819
Deuel.....	301	17,382	17,406
Garden.....	393	35,725	34,596
Kimball.....	376	34,353	33,786
Morrill.....	954	128,633	121,798
Scotts Bluff.....	819	199,195	170,712
Sheridan.....	657	60,699	74,068
Sioux.....	334	39,527	41,824
NORTHWEST.....	6,110	742,317	729,187
Arthur.....	91	12,401	8,746
Blaine.....	150	6,977	8,480
Boyd.....	106	5,221	13,917
Brown.....	472	40,156	40,051
Cherry.....	646	50,879	52,972
Garfield.....	236	22,477	15,311
Grant.....	26	1,703	1,671
Holt.....	3,422	280,234	303,650
Hooker.....	35	3,124	2,518
Keya Paha.....	354	20,138	24,968
Logan.....	289	22,968	16,222
Loup.....	135	8,222	9,408
McPherson.....	126	7,115	8,071
Rock.....	717	36,290	35,194
Thomas.....	46	2,944	2,587
Wheeler.....	632	39,363	36,900
NORTH.....	7,483	560,210	580,666
Antelope.....	2,595	249,735	255,311
Boone.....	1,758	184,700	169,823
Burt.....	553	37,576	47,496
Cedar.....	1,304	139,048	163,240
Cuming.....	509	52,445	53,146
Dakota.....	157	29,301	29,157
Dixon.....	267	23,966	28,129
Knox.....	796	63,949	70,821
Madison.....	1,110	122,039	130,687
Pierce.....	1,328	130,027	127,066
Stanton.....	428	28,398	34,545
Thurston.....	138	11,915	14,905
Wayne.....	358	49,807	61,632
NORTHEAST.....	11,301	1,122,906	1,185,958
Buffalo.....	3,485	240,799	214,055
Custer.....	2,255	261,502	258,000
Dawson.....	3,533	248,463	234,999
Greeley.....	866	88,190	91,861
Hall.....	3,811	207,639	230,826
Howard.....	1,172	115,436	115,645
Sherman.....	698	71,109	93,262
Valley.....	593	93,080	111,336
CENTRAL.....	16,413	1,326,218	1,349,984

\* Sources: Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

<sup>1</sup>The USDA Census of Agriculture is conducted every five years. Data from the 2022 census is not yet available.

<sup>2</sup>Represents total acres that have wells or ditch water available and could be irrigated if conditions warrant.

## Nebraska Irrigation Statistics, 2012-2017 (Cont'd.)

County and District	Wells Registered to [date]	Total Acres Irrigated <sup>2</sup>	
		2012	2017
Butler.....	1,396	110,839	102,290
Cass .....	51	3,513	3,912
Colfax.....	1,057	66,796	80,968
Dodge .....	1,667	117,968	132,558
Douglas.....	376	19,770	24,557
Hamilton.....	2,876	235,492	248,126
Lancaster.....	375	21,428	21,255
Merrick.....	5,151	167,430	163,772
Nance.....	1,203	63,316	75,573
Platte.....	2,128	194,037	191,820
Polk.....	1,925	151,016	164,224
Sarpy.....	160	10,385	11,518
Saunders.....	1,081	105,618	135,648
Seward.....	1,477	129,932	138,712
Washington.....	154	17,279	22,387
York.....	2,960	252,439	275,403
EAST .....	24,037	1,667,258	1,792,723
Chase.....	1,405	159,692	168,871
Dundy .....	1,001	94,837	78,376
Frontier.....	660	53,286	50,221
Hayes.....	494	57,112	55,839
Hitchcock .....	499	21,491	24,306
Keith.....	1,173	115,304	79,889
Lincoln.....	2,217	239,819	242,765
Perkins.....	942	127,855	131,889
Red Willow .....	844	53,127	52,653
SOUTHWEST .....	9,235	922,523	884,809
Adams .....	2,482	215,269	236,984
Franklin.....	1,027	85,752	97,462
Furnas .....	846	66,352	64,068
Gosper .....	757	98,765	79,236
Harlan .....	1,054	93,336	86,579
Kearney.....	2,096	194,547	189,498
Phelps.....	2,156	231,896	225,436
Webster.....	718	55,006	68,089
SOUTH .....	11,136	1,040,923	1,047,352
Clay.....	2,339	191,700	190,577
Fillmore.....	2,144	210,981	219,895
Gage.....	739	63,795	90,816
Jefferson.....	906	92,769	105,424
Johnson.....	273	14,298	19,449
Nemaha.....	159	11,402	15,411
Nuckolls.....	844	65,246	76,695
Otoe.....	73	8,412	12,817
Pawnee.....	10	7,305	11,381
Richardson .....	84	4,686	11,167
Saline .....	1,304	108,115	135,706
Thayer .....	1,693	135,509	128,372
SOUTHEAST .....	10,568	914,218	1,017,710
TOTAL .....	96,283	8,296,573	8,588,389

<sup>1</sup>The USDA Census of Agriculture is conducted every five years. Data from the 2022 census is not yet available.

<sup>2</sup>Represents total acres that have wells or ditch water available and could be irrigated if conditions warrant.

## Nebraska Farm Size, 2017\*

County	Number of Farms	Acres of Farmland	Average Size of Farms in Acres	County	Number of Farms	Acres of Farmland	Average Size of Farms in Acres
Adams .....	545	340,016	624	Jefferson.....	590	358,869	608
Antelope .....	704	491,922	699	Johnson.....	502	197,399	393
Arthur .....	95	452,733	4,766	Kearney.....	342	291,307	852
Banner.....	239	423,063	1,770	Keith.....	318	491,482	1,546
Blaine.....	101	366,649	3,630	Keya Paha.....	237	422,909	1,784
Boone.....	524	432,231	825	Kimball.....	443	603,457	1,362
Box Butte.....	431	677,164	1,571	Knox.....	956	600,822	628
Boyd.....	286	322,956	1,129	Lancaster.....	1,786	422,996	237
Brown.....	268	614,967	2,295	Lincoln.....	1,040	1,356,769	1,305
Buffalo.....	953	528,404	554	Logan.....	117	298,017	2,547
Burt.....	521	298,103	572	Loup.....	130	279,800	2,152
Butler.....	723	374,138	571	Madison.....	659	353,414	536
Cass.....	766	346,282	452	McPherson.....	109	488,982	4,486
Cedar.....	784	473,500	604	Merrick.....	483	242,865	503
Chase.....	325	568,622	1,750	Morrill.....	426	828,588	1,945
Cherry.....	567	3,562,961	6,284	Nance.....	375	220,091	587
Cheyenne.....	572	759,469	1,328	Nemaha.....	410	260,810	636
Clay.....	441	319,009	723	Nuckolls.....	431	357,443	829
Colfax.....	516	262,364	508	Otoe.....	815	390,020	479
Cuming.....	804	363,505	452	Pawnee.....	460	272,565	593
Custer.....	1,108	1,505,139	1,358	Perkins.....	418	556,062	1,330
Dakota.....	267	166,515	624	Phelps.....	371	341,523	921
Dawes.....	491	750,204	1,528	Pierce.....	625	343,711	550
Dawson.....	686	610,097	889	Platte.....	836	383,635	459
Deuel.....	225	276,135	1,227	Polk.....	432	251,028	581
Dixon.....	567	279,245	492	Red Willow.....	333	439,337	1,319
Dodge.....	676	337,346	499	Richardson.....	708	341,944	483
Douglas.....	367	90,809	247	Rock.....	220	583,993	2,655
Dundy.....	268	540,172	2,016	Saline.....	717	360,323	503
Fillmore.....	439	329,466	750	Sarpy.....	417	99,472	239
Franklin.....	317	316,479	998	Saunders.....	1,118	479,761	429
Frontier.....	371	484,194	1,305	Scotts Bluff.....	760	441,624	581
Furnas.....	377	450,289	1,194	Seward.....	944	363,385	385
Gage.....	1,188	538,982	454	Sheridan.....	525	1,561,598	2,974
Garden.....	221	1,018,381	4,608	Sherman.....	384	310,819	809
Garfield.....	202	342,498	1,696	Sioux.....	307	1,229,719	4,006
Gosper.....	287	282,132	983	Stanton.....	571	266,226	466
Grant.....	64	495,096	7,736	Thayer.....	414	325,649	787
Greeley.....	369	339,287	919	Thomas.....	90	388,140	4,313
Hall.....	582	328,229	564	Thurston.....	309	232,077	751
Hamilton.....	586	312,294	533	Valley.....	362	350,834	969
Harlan.....	281	333,710	1,188	Washington.....	747	247,958	332
Hayes.....	220	436,754	1,985	Wayne.....	485	281,283	580
Hitchcock.....	288	392,644	1,363	Webster.....	406	328,967	810
Holt.....	1,142	1,393,478	1,220	Wheeler.....	215	357,279	1,662
Hooker.....	97	427,028	4,402	York.....	521	346,602	665
Howard.....	617	280,566	455	State Totals.....	46,332	44,986,821	971

\* Source: USDA 2017 Census of Agriculture, which is conducted every five years. Data from the 2022 census is not yet available.

## State Athletic Commissioner

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**State Athletic Commissioner:** Aaron Hendry

**Deputy Athletic Commissioner:** Brian Dunn

**Statutory Reference:** 81-8,128

The Office of the State Athletic Commissioner is under the general supervision of the Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division of the Nebraska Department of Revenue.<sup>3</sup>

The commissioner, appointed by the governor for a two-year term, has sole jurisdiction and control over amateur and professional mixed martial arts as well as professional boxing and sparring matches and exhibitions held within the state. Exceptions are events held by universities, colleges, high schools and military branches and events held by recognized amateur associations for contestants under the age of 16.

The commissioner licenses contestants, promoters, managers, seconds, ringside physicians, judges and referees; promulgates rules and regulations governing bouts; controls and supervises ticket sales and the issuing of complimentary tickets; revokes licenses and issues suspensions when necessary; and controls the number of mixed martial arts and professional boxing and sparring matches and exhibitions held in Nebraska. The commissioner and deputy commissioner are assisted by four inspectors in carrying out the duties of the office.

## Department of Banking and Finance

**Office Address:** 1526 K St., Ste. 300, P.O. Box 95006 Lincoln, NE 68509-5006, phone (402) 471-2171, website — [www.ndbf.nebraska.gov](http://www.ndbf.nebraska.gov)

**Director:** Kelly Lammers

**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

**Publications:** Annual report, rules, policy statements, interpretative opinions, statutes governing: state-chartered banks, savings and loans, building and loan associations, trust companies, credit unions, digital asset depositories, licensed lenders, delayed deposit services companies, securities, commodities, seller assisted marketing plans, loan brokers, mortgage bankers, money transmitters and rental purchase agreements. All publications are available on the department's website.

The department began as the State Banking Board in 1895. In 1919, the board's duties were transferred to the Bureau of Banking in the Department of Trade and Commerce. In that same year, regulation of securities was transferred from the Railway Commission to the Department of Trade and Commerce and operated as the Bureau of Securities.

The Department of Banking was made a separate agency in 1933. In 1939, securities enforcement was transferred to the department and, in 1976, the Legislature changed the agency's name to the Department of Banking and Finance. The department is entirely cash funded through assessments and fees collected from the industries it supervises.

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<sup>3</sup>For more information about the Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division, see Page 545.

The Department of Banking and Finance:

- charters banks, trust companies, savings and loan/building and loan associations, credit unions and digital asset depositories
- licenses installment loan, sales finance, delayed deposit services, funds transmission, mortgage banking, broker-dealer and investment adviser firms
- grants individual licenses to bank executive officers, credit union loan officers, mortgage loan originators, broker-dealer agents, issuer-dealer agents and investment adviser representatives
- registers the offer and sale of securities, unless exempt from registration
- administers, enforces and investigates suspected violations of the following Nebraska laws: the Banking Act, Trust Company Act, Bank Holding Company Act, Credit Union Act, Financial Innovation Act, Money Transmitters Act, Securities Act, Commodity Code, Installment Sales Act, Installment Loan Act, Loan Broker Act, Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, Residential Mortgage Licensing Act, Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act and the Seller-Assisted Marketing Plan Act

## Department of Correctional Services

**Office Address:** Folsom and West Prospecter Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654, fax (402) 479-5623, website — [www.corrections.nebraska.gov](http://www.corrections.nebraska.gov)

**Interim Director:** Diane Sabatka-Rine, Lincoln

**Statutory References:** 81-101 and 83-171

The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services was established as a free-standing agency by the Legislature in 1973. Prior to that, it was part of the Department of Public Institutions.

The governor appoints the agency director. The agency's operating funds come from state general funds, supplemented by federal funds and certain cash funds.

The department's mission is to keep people safe. All NDCS programs and facilities are accredited by the American Correctional Association.

### *Chief of Staff*

**Contact Person:** Laura Strimple, Chief of Staff, Folsom and West Prospecter Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654

The chief of staff reports to the director and provides oversight to the following divisions:

- **Communications.** This division coordinates external and internal communication on behalf of the department, serves as a point of contact for media inquiries, acts as spokesperson for the department and oversees management of the department's website and social media.
- **Legislative Services.** This division serves as a point of contact between the department, the Governor's Policy Research Office and the Legislature. This division also coordinates all aspects of the legislative process within the department.
- **Policy and Accreditation.** This division manages all agency policy and provides

oversight to the accreditation process agency wide.

- **Records.** This division is responsible for the development, security, accountability, control and management of inmate records.
- **Research.** This division researches, gathers information, assists management, evaluates the correctional system and handles major requests for information.

#### *Health Services Division*

**Contact Person:** Harbans Deol, D.O., Ph.D., Medical Director, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1; mailing address: P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654

The medical director reports to the director and oversees all aspects of health care including medical, mental and behavioral health, nursing, dental, pharmacy, lab and other ancillary departments.

#### *Legal Division*

**Contact Person:** Ryan Gilbride, General Counsel, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1; mailing address: P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654

The general counsel reports to the director and provides oversight to agency attorneys, the Public Disclosure Unit and the Americans with Disabilities Act division.

#### *Human Talent Division*

**Contact Person:** Erinn Criner, Human Talent Director, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1; mailing address: P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654

The human talent director reports to the director and provides oversight to all human resources functions to include employee recruitment, retention, competitive compensation and benefits. In addition, the human talent director oversees all training and professional development, staff advocacy and process improvement activities.

#### *Operations Division*

**Contact Person:** Diane Sabatka-Rine, Chief of Operations, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1; mailing address: P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654

The chief of operations reports to the director and provides oversight to the four agency deputy directors, the agency security administrator/investigations division and ancillary departments.

#### *Industries*

**Contact Person:** Jeremy Elder, Deputy Director - Industries, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1; mailing address: P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654

The deputy director of industries oversees the operations of Cornhusker State Industries, Federal Surplus Property, Engineering and the agency safety/sanitation division.

*Community Centered Services*

**Contact Person:** Dawn-Renee Smith, Deputy Director – Programs, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1; mailing address: P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654

**Statutory Reference:** 83-911

In addition to providing oversight to the Community Corrections Center-Lincoln, Community Corrections Center-Omaha, Nebraska Correctional Center for Women and Work Ethic Camp, community centered services includes:

- **Programs.** This division develops and oversees case management services, non-clinical programs, education and libraries.
- **Classification.** This division manages the custody classification process on a department-wide basis. This area also oversees the Special Services/Transportation Division responsible for agency-wide detainer administration, issuance of escape warrants, administrative processing of formal governor's warrants and requisitions, transportation of incarcerated individuals and teletype operations.
- **Reentry.** This division leads the collaborative effort to provide comprehensive re-entry planning for each inmate and oversees the Vocational/Life Skills grant partnerships.
- **Interstate Corrections Compact.**<sup>4</sup> This division provides for the transfer of incarcerated individuals from Nebraska to other states and from other states to Nebraska consistent with Interstate Corrections Compact Act agreements between Nebraska and other states.
- **Volunteer Services.** This division recruits, trains and oversees volunteers who supplement the rehabilitation efforts of the department by leading, attending and supporting religious and self-betterment activities.

*Administrative Services*

**Contact Person:** Robin Spindler, Deputy Director – Administrative Services, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1; mailing address: P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654

**Statutory Reference:** 83-911

Divisions include:

- **Budget.** This division plans, organizes and monitors the department's fiscal allocations and fiscal reporting systems. Fiscal and accounting data are compiled for use in budget evaluation and adjustment, cost analysis and budget projections.
- **Fiscal Management.** This division coordinates the department's accounting function, including payments and investment of surplus funds. It is the clearing center for all transfer appropriations and expenditure documents. It also is responsible for inmate trust fund activities, including receipt and disbursement of individual inmate funds, work stipends, payroll and savings accounts. The division also is responsible for grant award monitoring and reporting.
- **Purchasing/Inventory/Food Service.** This division coordinates the department's purchasing and inventory operations. In addition, it manages the purchase and inventory

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<sup>4</sup>For more information about the Interstate Corrections Compact, see Page 726.



of food items, food equipment and commodities, including the provision of contractual technical assistance with licensed dietitians.

- **Information Systems.** This division provides department-wide support including data management, technical expertise and information retrieval.

#### *Adult Services*

**Contact Person:** Robert Madsen, Deputy Director – Prisons, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1; mailing address: P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654

**Statutory Reference:** 83-911

In addition to providing oversight to the Reception and Treatment Center, Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility, Nebraska State Penitentiary, Omaha Correctional Center and Tecumseh State Correctional Institution, divisions include:

- **Centralized Intelligence.** This division is responsible for identifying, validating and certifying criminal threat groups/activities and the management of the inmate calling system and drug testing/interdiction programs throughout all correctional facilities.
- **Restrictive Housing.** This division provides oversight for the use of restrictive housing and mission-specific housing alternatives to restrictive housing.

#### *NDCS Facilities*

##### **Community Corrections Center-Lincoln**

**Contact Person:** James Jansen, Warden, 2720 West Van Dorn, Lincoln, NE; mailing address: P.O. Box 22200, Lincoln, NE 68542, phone (402) 471-0740, fax (402) 471-6268

Created by the Legislature in 1967, community-based facilities allow incarcerated individuals to be employed or participate in educational, vocational and other program opportunities in the community under limited supervision. The current Community Corrections Center-Lincoln (CCC-L) facility was opened in 1993, housing both male and female community custody level inmates. A 100-bed dormitory was added to the campus in the fall of 2017 and a new female living unit was completed in the spring of 2019. Reentry transitioning is the primary focus and other programs are offered in the community rather than at the facility. Community custody allows for privileges in the form of community passes and furloughs as well as work detail, work release and educational release opportunities for those individuals who are nearing parole release or discharge from their sentence.

##### **Community Corrections Center-Omaha**

**Contact Person:** Shaun Settles, Warden, 2320 Avenue J, Omaha, NE 68110-0099, phone (402) 595-2010, fax (402) 595-3701

The Community Corrections Center-Omaha (CCC-O) has operated out of various locations since 1971, providing a community-based facility for incarcerated individuals to be employed or participate in educational opportunities in the

community under limited supervision. The current facility was opened in 1985 for both male and female community custody inmates. Since the addition of the female housing unit at the Lincoln community facility, CCC-O houses only male community custody level inmates. Reentry transitioning is the primary focus and other programs are offered in the community rather than at the facility. Community custody allows for privileges in the form of community passes and furloughs as well as work detail, work release and educational release opportunities for those individuals who are nearing parole release or discharge from their sentence.

### **Nebraska Correctional Center for Women**

**Contact Person:** Angela Folts-Oberle, Warden, 1107 Recharge Road, York NE 68467-8003, phone (402) 362-3317, fax (402) 362-3892

Established in 1920 as the “State Reformatory for Women” the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women is the only minimum-medium-maximum custody facility for adult females sentenced to NDCS. A two-phase capital construction project completed in 2004 and 2009 significantly modernized the site. In addition to newly sentenced female inmates, female parole returnees, apprehended escapees, interstate transfer admissions/returnees, county safekeepers and 90-day evaluators sentenced by the court for assessment are also received at this facility. Upon admission, all newly sentenced female inmates are housed in reception and orientation housing, complete a reentry orientation program and undergo a series of evaluations and assessments prior to being classified to specific custody.

The facility also provides general population housing as well as housing for a variety of special needs populations to include a protective management, residential substance abuse treatment, acute/subacute and chronic mental health treatment units and a nursery program unit for eligible expectant/new mothers and their babies. Cornhusker State Industries shops provide rehabilitation through employment and work skills training for inmates. Education services and a variety of clinical, non-clinical and vocational/life skills program opportunities are available. Specialized mental health and medical providers provide programming opportunities to meet the needs of residential, acute/subacute and chronic mental health populations.

### **Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility**

**Contact Person:** Loretta Wells, Warden, 2610 N. 20th Street E., Omaha NE 68110, phone (402) 595-2000, fax (402) 636-8610

Opened in 1998, the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility (NCYF) serves as the orientation center for all newly incarcerated males under the age of 18 and facility assignment for all male inmates under the age of 18. In addition, male parole returnees, apprehended escapees, interstate transfer admissions/returnees, county safekeepers and 90-day evaluators sentenced by the court for assessment under the age of 18 are also assigned to this facility. For newly incarcerated individuals under the age of 18, transfer to NCYF is completed immediately following the comple-

tion of initial intake processing at the Reception and Treatment Center. Upon transfer, all newly sentenced males under the age of 18 are housed in reception and orientation housing, complete a reentry orientation program and undergo a series of evaluations and assessments prior to being classified to specific custody. The facility also provides general population housing for individuals 18 and older who are housed separately from those under 18, consistent with applicable standards and regulations. Education services specific to both the under 18 population as well as all others and a variety of clinical, non-clinical and vocational/life skills program opportunities are available.

### **Nebraska State Penitentiary**

**Contact Person:** Michele Wilhelm, Warden, 4201 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 22500, Lincoln, NE 68542-2500, phone (402) 471-3161, fax (402) 471-4326

The Nebraska State Penitentiary (NSP), opened in 1869, is the oldest correctional facility and was at one time the only correctional facility in the state. Multiple capital construction projects have occurred since that time resulting in the current male maximum-medium-minimum custody facility it is today. The facility primarily houses general population inmates and includes a skilled nursing facility and a minimum-custody residential substance abuse treatment unit. Cornhusker State Industries shops provide rehabilitation through employment and work skills training for inmates. Education services and a variety of clinical, non-clinical and vocational/life skills program opportunities are available.

### **Omaha Correctional Center**

**Contact Person:** Barb Lewien, Warden, 2323 Avenue J, Omaha, NE; mailing address: P.O. Box 11099, Omaha, NE 68110-2766, phone (402) 595-3964, fax (402) 595-2227

The Omaha Correctional Center (OCC) opened in 1984 and is a medium-minimum custody facility for male inmates. The facility primarily houses general population inmates preparing for community custody transition and/or parole or discharge and includes an in-patient sex offender program and substance abuse treatment unit. Cornhusker State Industries shops provide rehabilitation through employment and work skills training for inmates. Education services and a variety of clinical, non-clinical and vocational/life skills program opportunities are available.

### **Reception and Treatment Center**

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The Reception and Treatment Center (RTC) opened in 2022 and represents the

joining of the former Diagnostic and Evaluation Center and the Lincoln Correctional Center, both of which originally opened in 1979. The RTC is the agency's Center of Excellence in the administration of health services.

One area of the RTC is designated for intake operations for all male inmates, including those sentenced to the custody of NDCS, parole returnees, apprehended escapees, interstate transfer admissions/returnees, county safekeepers and 90-day evaluators sentenced by the court for assessment.

The facility also houses medium- and maximum-security male inmates as well as populations requiring specialized housing, including: protective management, residential mental health and acute/subacute and chronic mental health treatment.

Cornhusker State Industries shops provide rehabilitation through employment and work skills training for inmates. Education services and a variety of clinical, non-clinical and vocational/life skills program opportunities are available. Specialized mental health and medical providers offer programming opportunities to meet the needs of residential, acute/subacute and chronic mental health populations.

Phase two of the RTC expansion is scheduled to open in 2022 and includes 384 beds designed for individuals who require the highest level of general population security.

### **Tecumseh State Correctional Institution**

**Contact Person:** Craig Gable, Warden, 2725 N. Highway 50, Tecumseh, NE; mailing address: P.O. Box 900, Tecumseh, NE 68540, phone (402) 335-5998, fax (402) 335-5115

The Tecumseh State Correctional Institution (TSCI) opened in late 2001 and is a maximum-medium custody facility for male inmates. The facility houses general population inmates as well as those in need of protective management and includes a skilled nursing facility as well as a dedicated gallery for individuals in need of acute/subacute mental health treatment. This site includes the agency's largest restrictive housing unit and also houses individuals sentenced to death. Cornhusker State Industries shops provide rehabilitation through employment and work skills training for inmates. Education services and a variety of clinical, non-clinical and vocational/life skills program opportunities are available.

### **Work Ethic Camp**

**Contact Person:** Pamela Morello, Warden, 2309 N. Highway 83, McCook, NE 69001, phone (308) 345-8405, fax (308) 345-8407

The Work Ethic Camp (WEC) opened in the spring of 2001 originally housing male and female probationers, parole returnees and sentenced inmates. It is currently a Minimum-B custody facility for male inmates. The facility provides programming and a transition opportunity for individuals nearing community custody eligibility, parole and/or release. Education services and a variety of clinical, non-clinical, vocational/life skills programs and limited work detail opportunities are available.

## Department of Economic Development

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**Director:** Anthony Goins

**Deputy Director Programs:** Dan Curran

**Deputy Director Operations:** Joseph Lauber

**Statutory References:** 81-101 and 81-1201.02

**Publications:** Publications and forms are available on the department's website.

### *Business Development Division*

**Contact Person:** Joe Fox, Business Development Director, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-8604, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1201.07

The Business Development Division's ultimate goal is to expand job opportunities in Nebraska by attracting new business and industry, while encouraging expansion of existing industry. The division helps Nebraska communities seek new business and industry through national and international advertising, direct mail, personal calls to prospective industries and participation in trade shows of targeted industries and special events.

Promotional literature stresses the advantages of locating and expanding new businesses and industries in Nebraska. These advantages include performance-based tax incentives, the state's central location, a productive work force, reliable transportation, a generally positive business climate and low-cost, abundant energy.

Existing business assistance provides direct services, including human resource development, business financing, help in enhancing productivity, market diversification and export assistance. It also serves as a clearinghouse for referrals to other sources, such as the Nebraska Business Development Centers and the Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

Staff coordinate labor training with industrial location and expansion through advertising, screening assessment, referral, pre-employment, on-the-job training and post-employment training for hourly employees.

Business finance consultants identify and structure financial resources to meet the needs of new and expanding businesses.

The division's One-Stop Business Assistance Center improves businesses' access to state government and reduces government's response time to business needs. The center provides information on regulations, licenses, state and federal requirements, economic development programs and assistance with marketing, business and financing research.

### *Housing and Community Development Division*

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-1201.07

The Housing and Community Development Division helps communities build development capacity and provides programs and services for housing and community development.

The division has financial and technical assistance for community and economic development. Financial resources come from the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Nebraska Microenterprise Development Program.

Community Development Block Grant awards are made to communities for economic development and community development activities. Community development grants spur local economic development by funding projects that maintain or expand needed public facilities and adequate housing. They also expand the state's economic base by helping businesses bring new income into — and prevent income from leaving — the state.

The HOME funds provide another source for community and economic development. Through the Technical Assistance Review Team, which is composed of private and public housing partners, communities in need of affordable housing may apply for funds and receive valuable technical assistance and funding for their projects.

The Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund serves as a source of affordable housing funding for the state.

The division's efforts in community betterment include the Community Development Assistance Act, which empowers the department to distribute a 40 percent state tax credit to businesses, corporations, insurance firms or financial institutions that make eligible contributions of cash, services or materials to approved community betterment projects.

The Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan, which is the comprehensive plan that identifies the state's needs in housing, homelessness, and community and economic development, is developed every five years. The Consolidated Plan is revised and reviewed annually in the Annual Performance Report. Both are available from the department.

The division also manages the Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness. The commission is committed to developing housing and policies that foster the creation and preservation of affordable housing for all Nebraskans.

### **Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness**

**Contact Person:** Pam Otto, Housing Coordinator, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-4388, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, email — [pam.otto@nebraska.gov](mailto:pam.otto@nebraska.gov)

The Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness was established in 1998. Its purposes are to develop ongoing, specific affordable housing and homelessness policies; make recommendations to the governor on policies, plans and courses of action; and monitor implementation of the recommendations.

NCHH has 15 members appointed by the governor from private and nonprofit

sectors, including planners, service providers, low-income advocacy groups, developers, bankers, builders and housing manufacturers. The Department of Economic Development provides staff support. No state funds support NCHH activities.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Nancy Bentley, Scottsbluff .....	Housing Partners of Western Nebraska
Jeff Chambers, Adams .....	Community Services Project
Ryan Durant, Elkhorn.....	Cornerstone Associates
Paul Hamelink, Hastings.....	Hastings Village
Lee Ann Heflebower, Lincoln.....	Community Action, Lancaster and Saunders Counties
Tera L. Kucera, Bennington.....	Lincoln Housing Authority
Kathryn Mesner, Central City.....	Mesner Development
Ashley Milner, Hickman.....	Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless
Roger D. Nadrchal, Norfolk.....	NeighborWorks Northeast Nebraska
Mindy Paces, Omaha.....	Heartland Family Service
Judy Petersen, Chambers.....	Central Nebraska Economic Development District
Judy Pederson, North Platte.....	Pro Printing
Amy Thelander, Grant.....	Dawson Area Development
John Turner, Lincoln.....	Region V Systems
Brent Williams, Lincoln.....	Excel Development Group

**Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act**

**Contact Person:** Deb Eggleston, Southeast Nebraska Field Service Representative, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 380-7253

The department provides assistance to communities that want to implement the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act (LB840), the mechanism by which cities and villages can spend local tax dollars on local economic development programs.

*International Division*

**Contact Person:** Cobus Block, International Business Manager, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 480-5806

The International Division coordinates with other state agencies and with the governor’s office to arrange foreign marketing and investment opportunities for Nebraska business and industry.

The office’s Export Program promotes the export of Nebraska products to international markets through counseling, training and referrals to local export services. The Department of Economic Development also offers exposure to international markets and export finance programs for small business through international trade shows and governor-led trade missions abroad.

**Nebraska Film Office**

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The Nebraska Film Office promotes Nebraska to producers of feature films, independent films, made-for-television movies, documentaries, commercials and other film-related activities. The Film Office also publishes a production guide listing services available for filmmaking in Nebraska, provides scouting services for potential projects and serves as a liaison between state agencies and local governments during filming projects.

### Nebraska Hydrogen Hub Industry Work Group

**Contact Person:** Anthony Goins, Department of Economic Development, 245 Fallbrook Blvd., Ste. 002, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68521-6733, phone (402) 471-3111

**Statutory Reference:** 66-2301

The Legislature authorized the Nebraska Hydrogen Hub Industry Work Group within the state Department of Economic Development with the passage of LB1099 in 2022. The purpose of the work group is to develop and draft a competitive proposal that may be submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, which will select four regional clean hydrogen hubs as authorized under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The governor appoints work group members, who represent agriculture, energy and manufacturing or industry. The work group will terminate May 17, 2024.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>
Chad R. Dittberner, Omaha .....	Transportation
Blake Ryan Hotzel, Leawood, Kansas .....	Clean Energy
Thomas J. Kent, Davey .....	Energy
Mark McHargue, Marquette .....	Agriculture
Scott D. Moore, Lincoln .....	Transportation
Amy Ostermeyer, Lincoln .....	Manufacturing

## Department of Environment and Energy

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**Director:** Jim Macy

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1502

The Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) was created through the passage of LB302 in 2019, which merged the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and the Nebraska Energy Office into one agency.

The Department of Environmental Control was created in 1971 by the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act. Legislation passed in 1992 changed the agency’s name to the Department of Environmental Quality. The department administers the rules, regulations and standards adopted to protect and improve water, air and land quality in the state. The department provides services to towns, industries and citizens through several assistance programs, meetings, trainings and conferences.

The Environmental Protection Act also established the Environmental Control Council, now known as the Environmental Quality Council. The department director is appointed by the governor upon recommendation of the council and with the



Legislature's consent. The director serves as secretary of the council. The department operates with state general funds, cash funds and federal funds.

The Energy Office was originally created by executive order in November 1973 as the Fuel Allocation Office within the Department of Revenue. While the Energy Office has been housed either independently or under different agencies over time, it has continued to maintain its statutory mandates, which include: the Weatherization Assistance Program, the Dollar and Energy Saving Loans program; the State Energy Program and data collection and reporting.

### *Air Quality Programs*

The objectives of the Air Quality Programs are to achieve and maintain the national and state ambient air quality standards, protect the air quality in areas of the state that have air cleaner than the standards and to implement air quality rules and regulations. The division devotes extensive resources towards compliance assistance and outreach activities.

### **Permitting Programs**

Through the air construction permit program, facilities are required to obtain a construction permit before they construct, reconstruct or modify any air contaminant source or emission unit where there is a net increase in the potential to emit contaminants above specified levels. The permitting program enforces the federal construction permit program known as Prevention of Significant Deterioration. This program applies to sources that emit significant levels of air contaminants and requires the application of best available control technology.

Once constructed and operational, most facilities must obtain an operating permit. Operating permits are issued to both large and small sources of air pollution and are renewed every five years. Operating permits include all previously issued construction conditions and federal and state performance standards.

### **Compliance Programs**

The division operates an air quality monitoring network to determine compliance with national and state air quality standards. Two agencies assist the department with the day-to-day operation of the network: the Douglas County Health Department and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department. Monitoring is conducted for the following pollutants: particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, ozone, lead and total reduced sulfur.

The division conducts compliance inspections of air pollution sources, responds to citizen complaints and observes and evaluates air contaminant emission tests. The division attempts to obtain compliance with regulations through voluntary efforts, but pursues legal enforcement actions when the issues are serious, chronic or cannot otherwise be resolved.

### **Small Business and Public Assistance Program**

This program assists individuals, businesses and industries in complying with air

quality, waste management and water quality regulations. The Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel (statutory reference: 81-1505.03) helps businesses comply with requirements of the federal Clean Air Act.

### **One-Stop Permit Assistance Program**

The One-Stop Permit Assistance Program serves as a clearinghouse for information related to the department's various permitting processes.

### *Land Management Programs*

To protect Nebraska's land and water resources, Land Management Programs ensure that non-hazardous wastes are properly disposed of, hazardous waste is managed from creation to disposal and contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up according to state and federal standards. The department administers several waste-related grant programs.

### **Solid Waste Program**

The Solid Waste Program is responsible for permitting and inspecting solid waste disposal areas (municipal landfills, construction and demolition disposal sites, delisted waste disposal areas, fossil fuel ash disposal areas, industrial waste disposal areas) and waste processing facilities (compost sites, material recovery [recycling] facilities, and transfer stations).

### **Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Program**

The RCRA program ensures that hazardous waste is properly managed from the point of generation until final disposal. Among this program's duties are: performing compliance inspections at facilities that generate hazardous waste; reviewing permit applications for treatment, storage and disposal facilities; approving closure and post-closure plans for hazardous waste storage areas and disposal sites; and investigating complaints. The RCRA program helps hazardous waste generators maintain compliance with regulations through a Compliance Assistance Program.

### **Superfund Program**

This program administers cooperative agreements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the federal Superfund program that was established to clean up the most seriously contaminated sites in the nation. The NDEE Superfund Program helps in the identification of potential Superfund sites and assists the EPA with ongoing work at the 17 National Priority List sites in Nebraska.

### **Voluntary Cleanup Program**

This program provides property owners and parties responsible for contamination with a mechanism to develop voluntary cleanup plans that are reviewed and approved by the department. The program provides an avenue for businesses to proceed with cleanup of property and an opportunity for review and oversight that may not be available at the federal level.

### **Other Programs**

The Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program assists in financing sound integrated waste management programs and projects through annual grant awards to applicants. The annual Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program supports programs that reduce litter, provide education and promote recycling. The Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program assists political subdivisions in the cleanup of solid waste disposed along public roadways or ditches. The Landfill Disposal Fee Rebate Program provides an incentive to political subdivisions to support and encourage the purchase of products, materials or supplies manufactured or produced from recycled material.

### *Energy and Assistance Division*

The Energy and Assistance Division fulfills the duties that were administered by the former Energy Office and provides assistance to facilities that promote regulatory compliance.

### **Weatherization Assistance Program**

The Energy and Assistance Division administers the federally funded Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program. It provides funds to enable low-income residents to perform various energy conservation measures on their homes. The division partners with the seven Community Action Partnerships and Habitat for Humanity of Omaha to distribute these funds.

### **Dollar and Energy Savings Loan Program**

The department administers the state's Petroleum Violation Escrow funds, also known as oil overcharge funds. These funds were received as a result of federal pricing regulation violations by crude oil producers. States were required to provide restitutionary programs with these funds. Nebraska's largest restitution program is the Dollar and Energy Savings Loan Program. This energy efficiency program partners with the state's lending institutions to provide low-interest loans to residents for energy improvements to their homes, businesses, farms, ranches and nonprofit organizations. Funds also are available for renewable energy and alternate fuel projects throughout the state. Loans are available at eligible Nebraska lenders located throughout the state and have financed more than \$330 million in projects.

### **State Energy Program**

The U.S. Department of Energy provides all states a base allocation to run the day-to-day operations of state energy offices. Nebraska provides its required 20 percent match through legislative appropriations from oil and natural gas severance taxes. State Energy Program funds allow the department to examine and adopt energy codes, participate in the National Association of State Energy Officials and participate in state energy organizations.

The department also uses these funds to maintain the State Energy Assurance Plan. The agency acts as a central repository for energy data and provides that data for public dissemination. This information also is shared in the program's annual report to the Legislature.

### *Legal Services*

Legal Services provides legal support to the director and the agency. Among its responsibilities are preparing legal opinions, interpreting laws and regulations, advising the director and agency staff on duties and program responsibilities and preparing administrative orders and other enforcement actions. The division assists the attorney general's office by providing legal expertise in environmental law and participating in court cases.

### *Management Services*

Management Services provides administrative and technical support to department programs. The division is organized into the following areas of support: fiscal services, grants/contracts coordination, human resources, information technology, public information, records management, emergency response and environmental assistance.

### **Community Right-to-Know Program**

This program assists businesses subject to the state and federal Community Right-to-Know Act.

### **Emergency Response Program**

This program provides technical and regulatory assistance to those responsible for spills, leaks and accidents that pose a hazard to either the environment or public health. The Emergency Response Coordinator is located in this division.

### *Water Quality and Drinking Water Programs*

NDEE administers federally delegated EPA programs under the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act. The department's focus is on protecting the quality of Nebraska's surface water and groundwater resources and ensuring the state's drinking water resources remain safe. The department issues permits regulating facilities to ensure discharges of pollutants into streams and rivers do not exceed levels intended to protect aquatic life or human health. Other water quality programs conduct surface water monitoring, administer groundwater protection programs and conduct a variety of planning, assessment, certification and grant activities. The Petroleum Program ensures that petroleum leak and spill sites are investigated and cleaned up if necessary. After 2021 legislative action, the state's drinking water programs were transferred to the department from the state Department of Health and Human Services.

### **Agriculture Section**

The Livestock Waste Control Program strives to protect Nebraska's surface water and groundwater from contamination by livestock waste by conducting inspections and issuing permits. The program requires many livestock operations to construct livestock waste control facilities. Owners must submit plans and specifications and obtain approval prior to construction and operation of the facilities. Some operations are required to monitor groundwater near their facilities. The Agriculture Section administers the Chemigation and Agricultural Chemical Secondary Containment programs.

### **Wastewater**

The department provides a variety of programs related to wastewater treatment systems and their associated discharges. The Engineering Management program reviews planning documents and issues construction permits for wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer lines. The program provides assistance and training for wastewater facility operators.

The On-Site Wastewater program focuses on protecting surface and groundwater in the area of proposed on-site systems (septic systems and small lagoons) through the certification of on-site professionals and review of subdivision development plans.

The department administers two permitting programs that regulate dischargers of water pollutants: the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the Nebraska Pretreatment Program. NPDES permits issued to municipalities and industries place limits on the pollutants that can be discharged into Nebraska's rivers and streams. This program issues permits that limit the discharge of pollutants in stormwater from industrial, municipal and construction sites. Pretreatment program permits protect municipal wastewater systems from damage or overloading by industries.

### **Financial Assistance**

The agency administers the distribution of state and federal assistance through two community aid programs: the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, which provides low-interest loans and small town matching grants for construction of public wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer collection systems; and the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, which provides low-interest loans for construction of public and private drinking water systems.

### **Surface Water and Groundwater Assessment Programs**

Surface water monitoring program staff collect physical, chemical and biological water quality samples from streams, lakes and wetlands throughout the state to identify and help remediate water quality problems. Fish tissue samples are collected annually for analysis of toxic pollutants; health advisories are issued if necessary. The program investigates fish kills and citizen complaints and monitors over 50 lakes and beaches for the presence of toxic algae.

Groundwater unit assessment programs focus on assessing the quality of the state's groundwater resources and protecting those resources through project reviews, permitting and voluntary programs. The Groundwater Management Area program focuses on assessing areas where groundwater problems from nonpoint source contaminants exist or are likely to exist. The unit conducts hydrogeologic studies, reviews and issues permits for wells used to inject fluids underground and administers the state Wellhead Protection program.

### **Water Well Standards**

The Water Well Standards program administers the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Act, assures availability of training for regulated license holders, conducts inspections of wells, provides staff support for the Water Well Standards

and Contractor's Licensing Board and inspects domestic water wells under a voluntary program.

### **Water Quality Planning**

Water Quality Planning program staff conduct a variety of planning, assessment, certification and grant activities. This unit develops water quality standards that designate the beneficial uses to be made of surface waters and the criteria to protect these uses; administers the Section 401 certification program to determine if applications for federal permits and licenses involving a discharge comply with state water quality standards; develops Total Maximum Daily Loads that include pollution control goals and strategies necessary to improve the quality of impaired surface waters; administers the Nonpoint Source Management Program to protect and improve the quality of water bodies impacted by nonpoint source pollution (grants are provided for eligible projects); and administers the Source Water Assessment Program to assist in protecting public drinking water supplies and systems.

### **Petroleum Remediation Program**

The Petroleum Remediation Program oversees the investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination resulting from leaking underground and aboveground storage tanks and surface spills. The program administers the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Reimbursement Fund (Title 200), a cleanup assistance fund for persons responsible for cleanup costs due to petroleum releases from tanks.

### **Drinking Water Programs**

The Drinking Water Program implements the Safe Drinking Water Act. The program inspects and licenses public water systems; trains and certifies public water system operators; reviews and approves plans and specifications associated with the design and construction of public water systems; develops water sampling schedules for monitoring drinking water in public water systems; monitors laboratory test results for compliance with applicable drinking water standards; issues administrative orders and imposes sanctions for violation of the SDWA; transmits reports and data to the EPA; and provides staff support to the Advisory Council on Public Water Supplies.

### **Environmental Safety Program**

The Environmental Safety Program provides training for certified pool operators and is responsible for licensing swimming pools, mobile home parks and recreation camps. The program also inspects day care centers, schools and public institutions for sanitation and food safety.

### *Environmental Quality Council*

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-1503

The Environmental Quality Council was created to carry out the federal Environmental Protection Act, and adopts rules and regulations that set air, water and land

quality standards designed to protect the environment and the public health and welfare of the state. The governor appoints the director of the Department of Environment and Energy based on recommendations by the council.

The council has 17 members appointed to four-year terms by the governor with legislative approval. Council members represent the food products manufacturing industry, conservation interests, the agricultural processing industry, the automotive or petroleum industry, the chemical industry, heavy industry, the power generating industry, crop production, labor, the livestock industry, minority populations, county government and municipal government (two members, one of which represents cities not of the primary or metropolitan class). Other members include a professional engineer experienced in controlling air and water pollution and solid wastes, a medical doctor with knowledge about the health aspects of air, water and land pollution and a biologist.

The council holds at least two regular meetings each year. Members are paid \$40 a day when conducting council business and are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Douglas Anderson, Aurora.....	Agricultural Processing.....	June 22, 2023
Kurt Bogner, Norfolk.....	Heavy Industry.....	June 22, 2023
Dennis Grams, Lincoln.....	Professional Engineer.....	June 22, 2023
Tassia Falcon da Silva Steidley, Lincoln.....	Minority Populations.....	June 22, 2025
Robert C. Hall, Wahoo.....	Labor.....	June 22, 2025
Seth Harder, Plainview.....	Chemical Industry.....	June 22, 2023
Lance Hedquist, South Sioux City.....	Municipal Government.....	June 22, 2025
Jessica Kolterman, Lincoln.....	Food Products Manufacturing.....	June 22, 2025
Norris Marshall, Kearney.....	Conservation.....	June 22, 2023
Kevin Peterson, Osceola.....	Agricultural Crop Production.....	June 22, 2025
Amy Staples, Broken Bow.....	Biologist.....	June 22, 2025
Marty Strange, Hastings.....	City Government.....	June 22, 2023
Alden Zuhlke, Brunswick.....	Livestock Industry.....	June 22, 2025
Vacant.....	Automotive/Petroleum Industry.....	June 22, 2025
Vacant.....	County Government.....	June 22, 2023
Vacant.....	Physician.....	June 22, 2023
Vacant.....	Power Generating Industry.....	June 22, 2025

## State Fire Marshal

**Office Address:** 246 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-2027

**State Fire Marshal:** Scott Cordes

**Statutory Reference:** 81-501.01

**Publications:** Annual report

The 1909 Legislature created a Fire Commission. Its duties were transferred in 1919 to the Division of Fire Prevention in the Department of Trade and Commerce. In 1925, appointing the state fire marshal became the responsibility of the governor. The state fire marshal was placed under the Department of Trade and Commerce and in 1933, under the Department of Insurance. In 1974, the state fire marshal was made responsible to the governor by the Legislature.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal includes eight divisions. The Administration Division provides support and management services for the agency. The division's pri-

mary responsibility is the supervision and direction of all divisions within the agency and promotion of fire prevention activities.

The Arson Investigation Division consists of a chief investigator, seven arson investigators and a fire investigations technician. These investigators are designated special state sheriffs and are certified law enforcement personnel. Their responsibilities include investigation of all suspicious fires, post-blast explosions and arson-related crimes. Investigators also inspect fireworks storage facilities and conduct investigations involving unlawful use and sale of fireworks.

The Fuels Division conducts surveys of gas systems, checks gas pipes for insulation and cathodic protection, conducts program replacement of pipeline additions and collections to distribution systems, reports all noncompliance and deficiencies with regard to state and federal regulations, investigates all natural gas pipeline explosions, coordinates the examination of plans and specifications of new facilities and remodeling of existing facilities and makes needed state regulatory updates to remain compliant with state and federal governing agencies. The division also is responsible for enforcing all technical regulations relating to the installation and maintenance of underground storage tank systems.

The Life Safety Inspection Division inspects hospitals, nursing homes, child care centers, day care homes, liquor establishments, fireworks stands and buildings of public assembly. Three grain elevator deputies inspect all grain facilities throughout the state.

The Plans Division reviews plans submitted by architects, engineers, building contractors and the public for accessibility and life safety codes. The division also provides technical assistance to deputy fire marshals, architects and builders during the initial phases of a new building or remodeling project.

The Training Division was transferred from the Nebraska Department of Education in 1993. The division operates a statewide training program for fire department personnel, persons involved in fire safety education and emergency responders from various service fields that require specialized training for abnormal types of emergencies.

In 2009, the Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity Act was enacted, under which all cigarettes sold in the state must meet the standards required to be labeled as "Fire Safe." All information and documentation required for certification must be submitted to the agency for review and publication.

The Mechanical Safety Program was transferred from the Nebraska Department of Labor to the Office of the State Fire Marshal in 2019. The program conducts regular inspections of conveyances and boilers in the state to ensure that national safety standards are met. The amusement ride program ensures that all traveling and permanent amusement rides have been inspected by qualified inspectors.

### *Nebraska Fire Safety Appeals Board*

**Contact Person:** Scott Cordes, State Fire Marshal, 246 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-2027

**Statutory Reference:** 81-502.01

The 1971 Legislature created an advisory committee to the Office of the State Fire



Marshal. In 1977, the advisory committee was changed to the Nebraska Fire Safety Appeals Board. The board hears requested appeals on the application of fire regulations.

The board has nine members: a fire insurance industry representative; an architect; a public school district board member; a fire protection engineer; a fire department inspector; a volunteer fire department member; a state Department of Health and Human Services representative; a Nebraska Association of Hospitals and Health Systems representative; and a state Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure representative. Members are chosen by the governor and serve four-year terms. They are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Richard J. Burton, Lincoln.....	Architect.....	Sept. 24, 2023
Ronald Geary, Lincoln.....	Fire Protection.....	Sept. 24, 2023
Tim Higgins, Kearney.....	NE Association of School Boards.....	Sept. 24, 2019
P. Rodney Morris, Omaha.....	Fire Insurance Industry.....	Sept. 24, 2023
Donald J. Sheets, Lincoln.....	Nebraska Hospital Association.....	Sept. 24, 2023
Jeff Soukup, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services.....	Sept. 24, 2019
Steven Thornburg, Omaha.....	Fire Department Inspector.....	Sept. 24, 2023
Alan Viox, Nebraska City.....	City Building Inspector.....	Sept. 24, 2019
Vacant.....	Health and Human Services.....	Sept. 24, 2019

**Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board**

**Statutory Reference:** 48-739; 81-5,184

The Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board, created in 1988, holds hearings and advises the commissioner on rules and regulations for testing, constructing and installing equipment covered by the Boiler Inspection Act.

The board has seven governor-appointed members approved by the Legislature for four-year terms. Members represent owners and users of boilers; boiler sellers; craftsmen involved in boiler construction, repair or operation; the insurance industry; licensed professional engineers with boiler experience; public safety interests; and the public. The state boiler inspector is a nonvoting member. The board meets each July. Other meetings may be called by the chairperson or at the request of four other members. Members receive \$50 per day plus reimbursement for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Steven Bley, Omaha.....	Boiler Owners/Users.....	Jan. 1, 2023
Jason Girmus, Ithaca.....	Public.....	Jan. 1, 2021
Scott Hollman, Lincoln.....	Construction/Repair Crafts.....	Jan. 1, 2023
Aaron Jazynka, Omaha.....	Boiler Seller.....	Jan. 1, 2021
Martin D. Kasl, Lincoln.....	Professional Engineer.....	Jan. 1, 2021
Thomas Phipps, Omaha.....	Public Safety.....	Jan. 1, 2023
Gerald Whitlock, Papillion.....	Insurance Industry.....	Jan. 1, 2021
Jim Cover, Lincoln.....	Department of Labor.....	Ex Officio

**Conveyance Advisory Committee (Elevators)**

**Statutory Reference:** 48-2503; 81-5,212

The Conveyance Advisory Committee, created in 2007, has seven governor-appointed members approved by the Legislature for three-year terms. Members represent elevator manufacturers, elevator servicing companies, building managers, elevator

mechanics and the public. The state elevator inspector and the State Fire Marshal or his or her designee also are members.

The committee meets quarterly, at the call of the chairperson or at the request of two or more members. Members are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Bret Abels, Papillion .....	Elevator Servicing.....	March 30, 2023
Greg Anglim, LaVista.....	Elevator Mechanics .....	March 30, 2022
Mike Cimino, Fort Calhoun.....	Building Manager.....	March 30, 2021
Gordon Hardle, Lincoln .....	Public .....	March 30, 2021
Matthew Murphy, Omaha.....	Major Elevator Manufacturer .....	March 30, 2022
Gregory J. Virant, Omaha.....	Public .....	March 30, 2023
Vacant .....	Public .....	March 30, 2019
Gerald Brown, Omaha.....	Chief Elevator Inspector.....	Ex Officio
Scott Cordes, Norfolk .....	State Fire Marshal .....	Ex Officio

## Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

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**Chief Executive Officer:** Danette R. Smith

**Statutory Reference:** 81-3111

The Department of Health and Human Services was established by the Nebraska Health and Human Services Act, which was passed by the Legislature in March of 2007 and became effective July 1, 2007. The act merged the three agencies of the Health and Human Services System into one department.

The previous Health and Human Services System, which consisted of three separate state agencies, was established in 1997 through the merger of the Aging, Health, Public Institutions and Social Services departments and the Office of Juvenile Services in the Department of Correctional Services. The three agencies that were formed were the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure and Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support. The Health and Human Services System was governed by a Policy Cabinet consisting of the department directors and a policy secretary.

The current Department of Health and Human Services responds to the health and human service needs of Nebraskans through its six divisions and through offices and facilities located across the state. It is a code agency, reporting to the governor. The organizational structure includes a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and five division directors appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Legislature.

The CEO reports to the governor and the division directors report to the CEO. The five divisions are the Division of Behavioral Health, Division of Children and Family Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care and Division of Public Health. The governor also appoints a Chief Medical Officer if the director of the Division of Public Health is not a physician. Operational areas provide specialized expertise and support to the department.

### Chief Executive Officer

**Contact Person:** Dannette R. Smith, CEO, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, phone (402) 471-9433

A Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Legislature to direct the Department of Health and Human Services.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer include:

- supervise and administer the department and employees, and allow for transfer of personnel between divisions
- manage services and programs
- enter into necessary agreements for provision of services
- recommend legislation that is deemed necessary and appropriate
- consult and cooperate with other state agencies
- adopt and promulgate rules and regulations as required
- coordinate assistance programs under direction of the Adjutant General, established under section 81-829.72, with programs of the department
- coordinate budget, research and data collection efforts
- ensure the Legislature's Appropriations Committee is provided any information required to make funding determinations and recommendations
- seek grants and other funds from federal and other public and private sources to carry out the purposes of the act
- act as an agent of the federal government in matters of mutual concern in conformity with the Act and scope of authority of the department as provided by law
- facilitate joint planning initiatives, and encourage and direct initiatives and collaboration in the department
- delegate the authority to division directors to act as a decision maker in contested cases
- consider adopting rules and regulations regarding access to and security of confidential information among divisions and within divisions based on several factors

### *Chief of Staff*

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The Chief of Staff to the CEO provides agency-wide oversight and direction on strategic and operational activities.

### Operations

#### *Chief Operations Office*

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The Chief Operating Officer provides leadership of DHHS operations in the following areas: Human Resources, Finance, Procurement, Contract Management, Central Operations & Materiel Services, Regional Hospital Administrator and Office

of Juvenile Services Administrator, as well as oversight of the seven state run residential facilities of Beatrice State Developmental Center, Lincoln Regional Center, Norfolk Regional Center, the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers in Kearney, Hastings and Lincoln, and the Whitehall Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility.

#### *Office of Communications*

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The Office of Communications manages public, internal and stakeholder communications including media relations, outreach, publicity and promotion efforts, the department's website, social media, newsletters, video productions and graphic design.

#### *Office of Legislative Services*

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The Office of Legislative Services leads legislative activities for the department.

#### *Information Systems and Technology*

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Information Systems and Technology provides planning, project management, implementation and ongoing support of information systems, network and hardware support, including procurement and installation and local area network management and maintenance. The office also offers internal help desk support for both system-specific and department-wide questions and concerns.

#### *Financial Services*

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Financial Services provides support through budget development and monitoring, state and federal report preparation, program evaluation, accounting transactions and revenue collections and monitoring. Financial Services also leads internal audits and offers grant and contract support, claims processing, research, financial and program analysis and cost allocation.

#### *Legal Services*

**Contact Person:** Bo Botelho, J.D., Chief Legal Counsel, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-1668, email — [bo.botelho@nebraska.gov](mailto:bo.botelho@nebraska.gov)

Legal Services provides legal advice to DHHS divisions, represents the department in administrative hearings and court cases, interprets state and federal laws and

regulations, provides records management and drafts and reviews legislation, rules and regulations, contracts and other documents.

#### *Human Resources*

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Human Resources provides support to department employees and managers across the state, including staffing requests for position reclassification and salary grade adjustments; analysis of staffing plans; workers' compensation and benefits; employee and labor relations; employee recognition, recruitment, selection, placement, retention and succession planning; and the Employee Assistance Program. In addition, HR is responsible for training coordination, staff development and team facilitation.

#### *Internal Audit*

**Contact Person:** Doug Szwaneck, Administrator, Internal Audit, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 613-0464, email — doug.szwaneck@nebraska.gov

Internal Audit evaluates, identifies and assists areas in need of improvements with their current processes and procedures and provides guidance and information to DHHS staff regarding procedures, operational controls, regulations, internal controls and best practices. Internal Audit also maintains audit records.

#### *Office of Business Transformation*

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The Office of Business Transformation is an internal consulting team that identifies, develops, implements and evaluates business practices throughout DHHS for effectiveness and efficiency with a concentration on improved services, reduced costs and streamlined processes. The Office of Business Transformation provides additional assistance to DHHS program staff to implement corrective action plans.

#### *Support Services*

**Contact Person:** Connor Griess, Administrator, Support Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-7721, email — connor.griess@nebraska.gov

Support Services provides technical assistance and support in purchasing, equipment inventory, surplus property, vehicle management, risk management, land-based telecommunications, language line, Spanish translation, security and emergency planning, building access control, centralized scanning, property insurance administration, distribution of mail and forms, supply management, contractual services and sub-awards.

### Division of Behavioral Health

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The Division of Behavioral Health administers the state's publicly funded community-based services and, with the DHHS Chief Operating Officer, administers the two state regional centers for persons with behavioral health disorders.

**Lincoln Regional Center:** Peter Snyder, Adult Facility Administrator, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 479-5410, email — [peter.snyder@nebraska.gov](mailto:peter.snyder@nebraska.gov)

**Norfolk Regional Center:** Don Whitmire, Facility Operating Officer, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, (402) 370-3328, email — [don.whitmire@nebraska.gov](mailto:don.whitmire@nebraska.gov); or

**Statutory References for Regional Centers:** 83-107.01 and 83-305

The Division of Behavioral Health implements mental health and substance use disorder treatment, recovery and prevention programs through community and regional clinical programs and services.

The Division of Behavioral Health is the statutory and federal recognized behavioral health authority for the state and directs the administration and coordination of the public behavioral health system to address prevention, treatment and recovery of mental health and substance use disorders. The division's mission is to provide leadership and resources for systems of care that promote resilience, hope, health and well-being for Nebraskans.

The Division of Behavioral Health community-based section administers and provides funding and oversight for community-based services through six behavioral health regions, four state and federally recognized tribes and a variety of providers for the provision of emergency services, community-based mental health and substance use prevention, treatment and recovery services. Funding sources include the Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant, Community Mental Health Services Block Grant and discretionary grants, as well as funds appropriated by the Legislature. Division funding primarily is focused on services for individuals who are not Medicaid eligible and do not have private insurance. As the federally designated state mental health and substance use authority, the division serves as the behavioral health system strategist.

An Office of Consumer Affairs focuses on recovery initiatives, planning, peer support and advocacy for behavioral health consumers. The role of the two regional centers is to provide indigent acute care and secure residential services.

Two advisory committees assist in the work of the Division of Behavioral Health, including the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services (statutory reference: 71-814) and the State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services (statutory reference: 71-815). Both committees provide recommendations to the Division of Behavioral Health.

#### *State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services*

**Contact Person:** Tony Green, Division of Behavioral Health, 301 Centennial Mall

South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-6038, email — tony.green@nebraska.gov

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Ashley Berg, Omaha.....	Region 6.....	July 1, 2024
Heather Bird, Bennington.....	Region 6.....	July 1, 2025
Kenneth “Beau” Boryca, Omaha.....	Region 6.....	July 1, 2024
Heather Crawford, Bellevue.....	Region 1.....	July 1, 2023
Victor Gehrig, Gordon.....	Region 1.....	July 1, 2022
Jill Gregg, Hastings.....	Region 3.....	July 1, 2024
Leah K. Harms, Lincoln.....	Region 6.....	July 1, 2025
Kelli Means, Norfolk.....	Region 4.....	July 1, 2023
Daniel Rutt, Hastings.....	Region 3.....	July 1, 2023
Michael Sheridan, Omaha.....	Region 6.....	July 1, 2023
Gage Stermensky II, Gering.....	Region 3.....	July 1, 2025
Mike Tefft, Omaha.....	Region 6.....	July 1, 2020

*State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services*

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Margaret Damme, Lincoln.....	Region 5.....	July 1, 2024
Victor Gehrig, Gordon.....	Region 6.....	July 1, 2023
Timothy Heller, Omaha.....	Region 6.....	July 1, 2023
Robert Hutt, Tecumseh.....	Region 5.....	July 1, 2023
Susan Jensen, Omaha.....	Region 6.....	July 1, 2024
C.J. Johnson, Marquette.....	Region 3.....	July 1, 2022
Tracy Jordan, Papillion.....	Region 6.....	July 1, 2024
David Kass, Omaha.....	Region 6.....	July 1, 2023
Kyle Long, Scottsbluff.....	Region 3.....	July 1, 2025
Diana Meadors, Omaha.....	Region 5.....	July 1, 2025
Ashley Pankonin, Grant.....	Region 2.....	July 1, 2020
Melody A. Sandona, Chadron.....	Region 1.....	July 1, 2024
Danielle Smith, Lincoln.....	Region 5.....	July 1, 2025
Roger Donovick, Lincoln.....	DHHS Behavioral Health, Region 5.....	Nonexpiring
Lindy Foley, Elkhorn.....	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Region 5.....	Nonexpiring
Ingrid Gansebom, Lincoln.....	DHHS Behavioral Health, Region 4.....	Nonexpiring
Laura Hart, Lincoln.....	Department of Economic Development, Region 5.....	Nonexpiring
Angie Ludemann, Lincoln.....	DHHS Children and Family Services, Region 5.....	Nonexpiring
Carisa Schweitzer Masek, Lincoln.....	DHHS Medicaid, Region 5.....	Nonexpiring
Athena Sherman, Lincoln.....	Crime Commission, Region 5.....	Nonexpiring

### Division of Children and Family Services

**Contact Person:** Dannette Smith, Interim Division Director, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-1878

The Division of Children and Family Services administers Protection and Safety and the Office of Juvenile Services; Economic and Family Support programs and services, including public assistance programs and child support enforcement. There are five Service Areas that organize the division's work geographically across the state. Service Area employees are responsible for the administration and delivery of services at the local level.

#### *Protection and Safety*

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Responsibilities of this area include the delivery of protection and safety services to children and families across the state. The outcomes are to achieve the safety of children, ensure permanency and encourage physical, educational and mental well-being. These results are accomplished by assessing the risks of child abuse, neglect and exploitation; helping people become or remain self-supporting and independent; and providing services for dependent, neglected and status offender youth and their families.

This area sets policy and procedures for child welfare programs. These programs include child protective services, foster care, adoption and subsidized adoption programs, adoptions search, preparation for independent living, the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, help for victims of domestic abuse and resource development.

Adult Protective Services administers a central registry, which contains reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable adults and provides training and technical assistance to DHHS staff.

A Field Operations Administrator oversees the five administrators in the field who are responsible for the delivery of these services:

**Central Service Area:** Kathleen Stolz, Administrator, P.O. Box 40, Grand Island, NE 68802, phone (308) 385-6173, email — [kathleen.stolz@nebraska.gov](mailto:kathleen.stolz@nebraska.gov)

Includes Adams, Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Cherry, Custer, Franklin, Garfield, Greeley, Hall, Harlan, Holt, Howard, Kearney, Keya Paha, Loup, Phelps, Rock, Sherman, Valley, Webster and Wheeler counties.

**Eastern Service Area:** Lana Verbrigghe, Administrator, 11949 Q St., Omaha, NE 68137, phone (402) 595-2228, email — [lana.verbrigghe@nebraska.gov](mailto:lana.verbrigghe@nebraska.gov)

Includes Douglas and Sarpy counties.

**Northern Service Area:** Lara Swerczek, Administrator, P.O. Box 339, 209 N. Fifth St., Norfolk, NE 68702-0339, phone (402) 562-9614, email — [lara.swerczek@nebraska.gov](mailto:lara.swerczek@nebraska.gov)

Includes Antelope, Boone, Burt, Butler, Cedar, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Hamilton, Knox, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Saunders, Seward, Stanton, Thurston, Washington, Wayne and York counties.

**Southeast Service Area:** Remonte Green, Administrator, 5220 South 16th St.,



Lincoln, NE 68512, phone (402) 471-1353, email — remonte.green@nebraska.gov

Includes Cass, Clay, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline and Thayer counties.

**Western Service Area:** Brenda Brooks, Administrator, P.O. Box 540, 1600 10th St., Gering, NE 69341, phone (308) 535-8042, email — brenda.brooks@nebraska.gov

Includes Arthur, Banner, Box Butte, Chase, Cheyenne, Dawes, Dawson, Deuel, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Garden, Gosper, Grant, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Keith, Kimball, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Morrill, Perkins, Red Willow, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux and Thomas counties.

#### *Office of Juvenile Services*

**Contact Person:** Mark LaBouchardiere, Administrator, Juvenile Services and Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (308) 338-2000, email — mark.labouchardiere@nebraska.gov

**Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney:** Paul Gordon, Facility Operating Officer, 2802 30th Ave., Kearney, NE 68847-9599, phone (308) 338-2000, email — paul.gordon@nebraska.gov

**Statutory References:** 43-404 and 83-107.01

Juvenile Services originally was established in 1994 within the Department of Correctional Services. The programs and functions of the office were transferred to DHHS in 1997.

The functions of the Office of Juvenile Services include administration of the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTCs) in Kearney, Hastings and Lincoln and juvenile community supervision services. The office provides, coordinates and monitors community-based services and programs for juveniles and their families committed to the office's custody.

Juvenile services officers are responsible for case management of juveniles committed to the office and supervising juveniles paroled from the YRTCs or committed by the courts for direct community placement.

#### *Economic Assistance*

**Contact Person:** Vacant, Interim Deputy Director, Economic Assistance, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-1878

This area develops statewide public assistance policies and procedures for economic assistance programs and is responsible for the delivery of services through the Service Areas and four customer service centers in Lexington and Lincoln. Services include: Aid to Dependent Children; Employment First; State Supplemental Assistance for the Aged, Blind or Disabled; the State Disability Program; the Low-Income Energy Block Grant; Child Care Subsidy; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Child Support Enforcement; and the Refugee Resettlement Program.

Aid to Dependent Children provides financial assistance to dependent children deprived of support or care from parents because their parents have died, are absent from home, are physically or mentally unable, are without a job or work only part-time.

State Supplemental Assistance to the Aged, Blind or Disabled provides financial help to needy aged, blind or disabled adults. People eligible for these two programs also are eligible for medical assistance.

Employment First provides job training, education and employment preparation to those who receive Aid to Dependent Children benefits. Supportive services, including medical and childcare, are provided for up to two years after a cash grant ceases to ensure the person is able to keep his or her job.

State Disability provides financial and medical assistance to needy adults who are temporarily disabled and do not qualify for Supplemental Security Income, State Supplement or Medical Assistance.

Low-Income Energy Assistance helps low-income Nebraskans defray their utility costs. Also, LIHEAP recipients' homes are weatherized upon request through local community action agencies.

Refugee Resettlement assists with refugees' financial and medical assistance during their initial resettlement in the United States.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly the Food Stamp Program, enables low-income households to buy a greater variety of food to provide a more nutritious diet. Each participant gets a coupon allotment based on the number of people in the household and the household's net total income.

The Food Distribution Program Unit administers U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus food and commodity distribution to school lunch programs and coordinates commodity distribution to needy individuals.

The Nebraska child care program assists Nebraska families with the costs of child care, provides funding for child care providers to help them expand services within a community and provides training and development opportunities for child care providers and parents.

Help with child care expenses is available, on a sliding fee scale, to families with children 12 years of age or younger and/or with special needs. Family members must be employed, attend school or training sessions, go to medical or counseling appointments or be incapacitated.

The Nebraska Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council (statutory reference: 43-3401) provides coordination for the state agencies responsible for childcare, early childhood education services and early intervention services.

#### *Child Support Enforcement*

**Contact Person:** Cindy Wiesen, Administrator, Child Support Enforcement, 220 S. 17th St., Lincoln, NE 68508-1811, phone (402) 471-7309, email — [cindy.wiesen@nebraska.gov](mailto:cindy.wiesen@nebraska.gov)

Child Support Enforcement services include locating parents, establishing paternity, establishing child and medical support orders, enforcing support orders and reviewing and modifying court orders. The methods available to locate parents and collect support have increased because of recent legislation tied to welfare reform efforts, including a new hire registry and license suspension for people failing to pay support. Child Support Enforcement services are provided through a network of DHHS staff, county attorneys,

authorized attorneys and contracted service providers.

### **Division of Developmental Disabilities**

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The Division of Developmental Disabilities is charged by state statute with carrying out the Development Disabilities Services and Developmental Disability Court Ordered Custody acts and operating the Beatrice State Developmental Center (a 24-hour intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities). The Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities (statutory reference: 83-1212.01) gives advice on the funding and delivery of services to persons with developmental disabilities and assists, provides feedback and guides implementation of the family support program (statutory reference: 68-1530).

#### *Community Services*

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The responsibility of the community services component is to link individuals within the developmental disabilities, aged and disabled and traumatic brain injury communities to support and services. This includes identifying non-specialized community supports; assessing the need for specialized services; monitoring service delivery and administering state and federal funds used by developmental disabilities, aged and disabled and traumatic brain injury Medicaid waiver programs in the state.

#### *Finance and Operations*

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This section oversees the provider enrollment, project management, financial analysis, reimbursement and associated financial and data reporting.

#### *Eligibility and Quality*

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The primary responsibilities of the policy and quality team are to ensure consistent application of all state and federal regulations and to develop and disseminate communications from the division. The office is responsible for monitoring potential legislation that would impact individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The team acts as liaison with Medicaid and Long-Term Care on issues related to services funded through Medicaid.

*Beatrice State Developmental Center*

**Contact Person:** Corina Harrison, Adult Facility Administrator, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, (402) 223-6801, email — [corina.harrison@nebraska.gov](mailto:corina.harrison@nebraska.gov)

**Statutory References for BSDC:** 83-107.01 and 83-217

The Beatrice State Developmental Center is a residential facility providing on-site intensive 24-hour habilitative and medical services to approximately 85 Nebraskans with developmental disabilities.

**Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care**

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The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care includes Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) and the State Unit on Aging. Medicaid pays for health care services to eligible elderly, persons with disabilities, low-income pregnant women and low-income children and their parents — covering more than one in every ten Nebraskans. The division also administers non-institutional home and community-based waivers including the aged, adults and children with disabilities. The division includes the State Unit on Aging.

*Medical Services*

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This section oversees the program's data and analytics team, demonstration waivers and the business integration and performance team.

*Business Performance and Analytics*

**Contact Person:** Todd Baustert, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-2135

This section oversees the program integrity unit, financial analysis and reimbursement and associated reporting.

*Eligibility Operations*

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*Finance and Program Integrity*

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*Policy and Plan Management*

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*Population Health*

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*Communications and Compliance*

**Contact Person:** Nate Watson, Deputy, Healthcare Informatics and Business Integration, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-0300, email — [nate.watson@nebraska.gov](mailto:nate.watson@nebraska.gov)

*State Unit on Aging*

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The unit collaborates with public and private service providers to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated community-based services system that assists individuals to live in a setting of their choice and continue to be contributing members of their community.

**Division of Public Health**

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The Division of Public Health administers preventive and community health programs and services, the regulation and licensure of health-related profession, occupations, health care facilities and health care services.

If the director of public health is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Nebraska, he or she is also the chief medical officer. If the director of public health is not licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Nebraska, the governor appoints a chief medical officer in addition to the director. The chief medical officer is the final decision maker in contested cases of health care facilities and professionals, performs duties under current licensing laws and other duties as provided by law.

*Operations*

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The Public Health Director of Operations strategically leads and manages the day-to-day operations of all public health programs. The director contributes significantly to the development and achievement of the organization's strategic goals through the implementation of policies, allocation of resources and ensuring long term sustainability of agency programs.

*Community and Environmental Health Section*

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ronmental Health, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-0928, email — [caryn.vincent@nebraska.gov](mailto:caryn.vincent@nebraska.gov)

### *Lifespan Health Services*

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This area promotes public health activities that enhance the health of families and individuals through education, prevention of disease, reduction of morbidity and mortality and access to appropriate services. This mission is carried out through a wide range of programs and activities.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides nutrition education and foods distributed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through eight local agencies statewide to low-income seniors age 60 and older.

The Immunization Program provides vaccines, assessment and informational support to immunization clinics and private providers for children from birth to age 18, as well as selected vaccines for eligible adults and information about Hepatitis B prevention, adult immunization and travel immunizations. Newborn Screening and Genetics coordinates the screening of all newborns in the state for hearing and for 32 metabolic, endocrine, hematologic, lysosomal storage diseases, immunodeficiencies and other general conditions. The area also funds certain formulas and medically necessary foods.

Maternal Child Adolescent Health promotes school and community health programs, works with consumers and providers on a number of maternal and child health issues and administers the Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Helpline, Abstinence Education, Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting and Personal Responsibility and Education.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a preventive nutrition and health program for pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children up to age 5 that provides nutrient-specific foods, nutrition, health education and breastfeeding promotion and support through 13 local agencies that provide services at approximately 100 clinic sites.

MCH Epidemiology plans and manages data and surveillance projects, including the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Systems and the Child Death Review and Maternal Death Review teams.

Reproductive Health provides education and funds for comprehensive medical reproductive health services to eligible subrecipients. Services are provided to men and women on a sliding fee scale, including breast and pelvic exams, pap smears, blood pressure, urinalysis, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, pregnancy testing, contraceptive methods, follow-up and referral.

Every Woman Matters is a program that helps women obtain preventive breast cancer, cervical cancer, heart disease and diabetes screenings based on health history and program guidelines. The Nebraska Colon Cancer Screening Program helps men and women obtain preventive colon cancer screenings based on health history and program guidelines.

*Health Promotion*

**Contact Person:** Gwen Hurst, Administrator, Health Promotion, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, (402) 471-2910, email — gwen.hurst@nebraska.gov

Health Promotion works to reduce or prevent negative health outcomes through surveillance, public education and prevention activities and interventions. The area includes the following programs: Tobacco Free Nebraska; Chronic Disease; Infectious Disease; and Preventive Health and Health Services.

*Community and Rural Health Management*

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Community and Rural Health Planning includes the offices of Community and Performance Management, Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities, Emergency Health Systems, Health Disparities and Health Equity and Rural Health.

The Office of Community and Performance Management provides technical assistance to local health departments, manages the Stem Cell Research Project, coordinates efforts within the Division of Public Health to achieve national accreditation, coordinates development and implementation of the division's strategic plan, provides a public health needs assessment and works with key partners to develop and implement the State Health Improvement Plan.

The Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities (statutory reference: Federal Public Health Law 103-230) develops a statewide plan for persons with developmental disabilities; evaluates quality of services; advocates for human and legal rights of persons with developmental disabilities; provides subawards to address gaps and barriers; identifies legislation and educates policy makers on the impact of bills; and provides staff to serve on committees to ensure discussions include the needs of persons with developmental disabilities.

The Office of Emergency Health Systems promotes the statewide development and enhancement of emergency medical services (EMS); coordinates and develops the trauma, stroke and STEMI systems among hospitals and coordinated EMS services; oversees the EMS for Children grant and provides training and education to EMS providers. The office coordinates with the licensure area and provides reports of activities to the EMS Licensure Board.

The Office of Health Disparities and Health Equity works to improve health outcomes for Nebraska's culturally diverse populations. Priority populations are racial ethnic minorities, American Indians, refugees and immigrants. The office promotes and provides training on cultural competency and Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS); provides statistical data to assess and identify health status of priority populations; works with partners at all levels to establish and strengthen networks, coalitions and partnerships; and oversees the Minority Health Initiative funds and the Native American Public Health funds and associated agreements.

The Office of Rural Health supports rural health care through the placement of

medical providers in underserved areas, encourages collaboration among hospitals and providers and shares information regarding system changes affecting hospitals and clinics. The Rural Health Advisory Commission (statutory reference: 71-5654), staffed by the Office of Rural Health, advises the department, Legislature, governor, University of Nebraska and the citizens of Nebraska concerning all aspects of rural health. It also advises the office regarding administration of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act. The office oversees five federal grants and administers the Nebraska State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program created by federal legislation to provide federal shortage areas with physician services.

### *Community and Environmental Health*

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Environmental Health includes the Office of Environmental Health Hazards and Indoor Air, Office of Radiological Health, Office of Environmental Health and the Office of Public Health Environmental Laboratory Services.

The Office of Environmental Health Hazards and Indoor Air enforces regulations to prevent diseases due to environmental risks and includes the Asbestos and Lead-Based Paint program, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention program and the Radon and Indoor Air program. The office licenses and inspects businesses involved in environmental activities.

The Office of Radiological Health registers and inspects all x-ray generating equipment in the state. Under authority granted to Nebraska by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the office licenses and inspects facilities that possess or use radioactive materials, issues permits for transportation of radioactive shipments across the state and maintains radiological emergency response capabilities in the event of a potential or actual release of radiation during a transportation accident or an incident at a nuclear power plant.

The Drinking Water program implements the Safe Drinking Water Act by inspecting and licensing public water systems; trains and certifies public water system operators; reviews and approves plans and specifications associated with the design and construction of public water systems; develops water sampling schedules for monitoring drinking water in public water systems; monitors laboratory test results for compliance with applicable drinking water standards; issues administrative orders and imposes sanctions for violation of the SDWA; transmits reports and data to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and provides staff support for the Advisory Council on Public Water Supplies.

The Water Well Standards program administers the Well Water Standards and Contractors' Licensing Act, assures availability of training for regulated license holders, conducts inspections of wells, provides staff support for the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board and inspects domestic water wells under a voluntary program.

The Environmental Health program provides training for certified pool operators and is responsible for licensing swimming pools, mobile homes parks and recreation camps. The program also inspects day care centers, schools and public institutions for



sanitation and food safety and investigates nuisance complaints.

The Office of Public Health Environmental Laboratory Services provides reliable and accurate test results on samples of water, air and human blood and maintains certification from the EPA or an EPA-approved certification entity to assure the quality of test results.

*Health Licensure and Health Data*

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*Vital Records*

**Contact Person:** Sarah Bohnenkamp, Administrator, Vital Records, Gold's Building, 1033 O St., Ste. 500, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-0915, email — sarah.bohnenkamp@nebraska.gov

Vital Records was created in 1905 as a legal depository for the state's vital records. This section officially registers, preserves, indexes and tabulates records of birth, death, marriage and divorce. It also maintains certificates of delayed birth registration and adoptive certificates and serves as a resource for information about biological parents and siblings, subject to statutory guidelines on adoption. It serves as a central registry of adoptees' medical histories and as the biological fathers registry for those wishing to make a paternity claim for newborns. Vital Records also works with law enforcement agencies under the state's Missing Children Act. From these vital records, statistical reports are developed and made available for the public and various health planning and assessment purposes.

*Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response*

**Contact Person:** Vacant, Administrator, Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-4956, phone (402) 471-1995

The Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response section provides assistance to local public health departments, health care systems and various other response partners to assist in the management of preparedness activities and response capabilities.

The office coordinates efforts and manages grant funds and cooperative agreements provided to Nebraska to prepare for and respond to the threat of bioterrorism, public health emergencies and other all-hazard threats to the public health and safety of Nebraskans.

Primary programs within the section include Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Hospital Preparedness, Cities Readiness Initiative, Strategic National Stockpile and various Ebola virus disease grants.

The section also maintains the ability to provide response activities during a public health emergency, including command and control functions and assistance to local jurisdictions.

*Investigations*

**Contact Person:** Russ Fosler, Investigations Administrator, Gold's Building, 1033 O St., Ste. 500, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-4964, email — russ.fosler@nebraska.gov

This area's activities include investigations of licensed, registered or certified health care professionals and professionals in health care-related fields; unlicensed health care practice; precicensure investigations; and compliance with provisions of the Uniform Credentialing Act, rules and regulations governing professional practice and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

*Epidemiology and Informatics*

**Contact Person:** Vacant, Administrator, Epidemiology and Informatics, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-0566

Epidemiology and Informatics conducts public health surveillance, collects and maintains various health data and conducts data quality assurance with secured confidentiality.

Epidemiology responds to reports and outbreaks of acute diseases of public health significance and is responsible for infectious disease surveillance such as foodborne illnesses, vaccine-preventable diseases, influenza, vector-borne diseases and animal-related diseases; coordinates with bioterrorism surveillance and conducts outbreak investigations, hospital associated infection surveillance, occupational safety and health surveillance and antimicrobial resistance surveillance; and interfaces with electronic health records in clinics, hospitals and laboratories.

Health Statistics is responsible for health data collection and distribution, including the Cancer, Parkinson's and Birth Defects registries; outpatient surgical procedures data, hospital and nursing home utilization statistics, emergency medical services data, vital statistics and hospital discharge data. The office also collects survey data on major health risk factors among adults living in Nebraska to track changes in behaviors and gather other information related to health care.

Injury Surveillance provides epidemiological and data support for injury prevention and control activities and meets the needs of federal, state and local public health, highway safety, violence prevention and substance use prevention agencies. It uses the Trauma and Traumatic Brain Injury registries, CODES, the Nebraska violent death reporting system and prescription drug monitoring data.

Geographic Information Systems and the Nebraska Public Health Joint Data Center develop, maintain and update public health data to improve public health practice and research.

*Licensure*

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The Licensure Unit is responsible for the licensure of individuals, facilities, services and programs that provide health-related services. These responsibilities are carried out through the following programs:

- Professional and Occupational Credentialing

- Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification
- Developmental Disabilities Community Based Services Provider Certification
- Child Care Program Licensure

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/or Registered*

## Medical and Specialized Health

**Dentistry:**

Dentist  
 Dental Anesthesia Permits  
 Dental Assistant  
 Dental Faculty License  
 Dental Hygienist  
 Local Anesthesia Certification  
 Locum Tenens

**Medicine & Surgery:**

Acupuncturist  
 Genetic Counselor  
 Locum Tenens  
 Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery  
 Perfusionist  
 Physician  
 Physician Assistant  
 Surgical First Assistant  
 Temporary Educational Permit  
 Temporary Physician Assistant  
 Temporary Visiting Faculty Permit

**Optometry:**

Optometrist  
 Therapeutic Certifications

**Pharmacy:**

Pharmacist  
 Pharmacy Intern  
 Pharmacy Technician  
 Dispensing Practitioner  
 Temporary Educational Permit

**Podiatry:**

Podiatrist

**Radiography:**

Limited Radiographer  
 Medical Radiographer  
 Podiatric Limited Radiographer  
 Provisional Limited Radiographer  
 Temporary Medical Radiographer

**Veterinary Medicine & Surgery:**

Veterinarian  
 Veterinary Technician  
 Locum Tenens

## Nursing and Nursing Support

**Nursing:**

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse -  
 Certified Nurse Midwife  
 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse -  
 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist  
 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse -  
 Clinical Nurse Specialist  
 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse -  
 Nurse Practitioner  
 Licensed Practical Nurse/Registered Nurse

**Nursing Support:**

Dialysis Patient Care Technician  
 Medication Aide  
 Nurse Aide  
 Paid Dining Assistant

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/ or Registered (Cont'd.)*

## Behavioral Health and Consumer Services

**Alcohol and Drug Counseling:**

Alcohol and Drug Counselor  
Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor

**Alcohol Breath/Blood Testing Permits****Body Art:**

Body Brander  
Body Piercer  
Permanent Color Technician  
Tattoo Artist

**Cosmetology:**

Apprentice  
Cosmetologist  
Cosmetology Instructor  
Temporary Practitioner

**Electrology:**

Electrologist  
Electrology Instructor

**Esthetician:**

Esthetician  
Esthetics Instructor

**Funeral Directing & Embalming:**

Funeral Director/Embalmer  
Apprentice Funeral Director/Embalmer

**Massage Therapy:**

Massage Therapist  
Temporary Massage Therapist

**Medical Nutrition Therapist:**

Medical Nutrition Therapist

**Mental Health Practice:**

Certified Social Worker  
Independent Mental Health Practitioner  
Marriage & Family Therapist  
Master Social Work  
Mental Health Practitioner  
Professional Counselor  
Provisionally Certified Master Social Worker  
Provisionally Licensed Mental Health Practitioner

**Nail Technology:**

Nail Technician  
Nail Technology Instructor  
Temporary Practitioner

**Nursing Home Administration:**

Administrator-in-Training/Mentoring Program  
Nursing Home Administrator  
Preceptor  
Provisional Nursing Home Administrator

**Psychology:**

30-day Permit  
Provisionally Licensed Psychologist  
Psychological Assistant/Psychologist Associate  
Psychologist  
Special Licensed Psychologist  
Temporary Psychologist

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/or Registered (Cont'd.)*

## Rehabilitation and Community Services

**Asbestos:**

Inspector  
 Management Planner  
 Project Designer  
 Project Monitor  
 Supervisor  
 Worker  
 Limited Management Planner  
 Limited Project Designer

**Athletic Training:**

Athletic Trainer

**Audiology/Speech-Language Pathology:**

Audiologist  
 Audiology Assistant  
 Speech-Language Pathologist

**Chiropractic:**

Chiropractor

**Emergency Medical Care Workers:**

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician  
 Emergency Medical Responder  
 Emergency Medical Technician  
 Emergency Medical Service Instructor  
 Emergency Medical Technician -  
 Intermediate  
 Paramedic

**Environmental Health Specialist:**

Provisional Environmental Health Specialist  
 Registered Environmental Health Specialist

**Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensing and Fitting:**

Hearing Instrument Specialist

**Lead:**

Worker  
 Inspector  
 Risk Assessor  
 Project Designer  
 Supervisor  
 Visual Lead Hazard Advisor  
 Elevated Blood Lead Level Inspector

**Occupational Therapy:**

Occupational Therapist  
 Occupational Therapy Assistant

**Physical Therapy:**

Physical Therapist  
 Physical Therapy Assistant

**Radon:**

Radon Measurement Specialist  
 Radon Mitigation Specialist

**Respiratory Care:**

Respiratory Care Practitioner

**Swimming Pool Operator****Water Operator:**

Grades 1-4  
 Grade 5  
 Grade 6

**Well Drillers:**

Natural Resource Ground Water Technician  
 Pump Installation Contractor  
 Pump Installation Supervisor  
 Water Well Monitoring Supervisor  
 Water Well Monitoring Technician  
 Well Drilling Contractor  
 Well Drilling Supervisor  
 Well Drilling/Pump Installation Contractor  
 Well Drilling/Pump Installation Supervisor  
 Well Drilling Contractor/Water Well  
 Monitor Supervisor  
 Well Drilling Supervisor/Water Well  
 Monitor Supervisor

## Credentialed Facilities, Services and Programs

### Adult Day Services

### Assisted Living Facilities

#### Body Art:

Body Art Facility

#### Child Care Facilities:

Family Home I's  
Family Home II's  
Child Care Centers  
Preschools

### Children's Day Health Services

### Community Based Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

### Community Mental Health Centers

### Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility

#### Cosmetology Establishments:

Apprentice Training Salons  
Cosmetology Salons  
Cosmetology Schools  
Home Services  
Satellite Classrooms

#### Developmental Disabilities:

Centers for Persons with  
Developmental Disabilities  
Community Based Services for Persons with  
Developmental Disabilities

### Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

#### Emergency Medical Services:

Advanced Life Support Service  
Basic Life Support Service  
EMT Training Agencies

### End Stage Renal Disease Services

#### Esthetician Establishments:

Esthetic Salons  
School of Esthetics

### Federally Qualified Health Centers

#### Funeral Establishments:

Funeral Establishment  
Branch Establishments  
Crematories

#### Health Clinics:

Abortion Clinics  
Ambulatory Surgical Centers  
Public Health Clinics

### Home Health Agencies

### Hospices

#### Hospitals:

Critical Access  
General Acute  
Long-Term Care  
Psychiatric  
Rehabilitation  
Transplant

### Laboratories

#### Massage Therapy Establishments:

Massage Therapy Establishments  
Massage Therapy Schools

### Mental Health Substance Abuse Treatment Centers:

In-Patient

#### Nail Technology Establishments:

Nail Technology Salons  
Nail Technology Schools

### Nursing Homes

### Organ Procurement Organizations

#### Pharmacy Facilities:

Community Pharmacies  
Delegated Dispensing Permit  
Long-Term Care Automated Pharmacy  
Mail-Order Ophthalmic Providers  
Mail Service Pharmacy Permit  
Remote Dispensing Pharmacy  
Wholesale Drug Distributor

### Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities

#### Rehabilitation Agencies:

Certified Occupational Rehabilitation  
Facilities  
Occupational Therapy  
Out-Patient Physical Therapy  
Speech Therapy

### Respite Care Services

### Rural Health Clinics

#### Veterinary Medicine:

Veterinary Drug Distributor

### X-ray Units - Portable

*Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses***Statutory Reference:** 38-205

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kent A. Dunovan, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Sheila J. Ellis, Omaha.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Barbara J. Foss, Elwood.....	Nurse Practitioner.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Timothy P. Glidden, Omaha.....	Anesthetist.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Alice M. Kindschuh, Omaha.....	Clinical Nurse Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Andrew J. Russell, Lincoln.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Jackie L. Sandersfeld, Alliance.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Jenda M. Stauffer, Omaha.....	Midwife.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Vacant.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2025

*Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling***Statutory Reference:** 38-167

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Brian D. Bierschenk, Norfolk.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Tina (Christine) Chasek, Omaha.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Lori K. Cleveland, Grand Island.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Jill M. Colegrove, Columbus.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Terry L. Duffy, Norfolk.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Amy R. Eigenberg, Kearney.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Victor L. Gehrig, Gordon.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Natasha A. Robinson, Boys Town.....	Psychiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Mary C. Sneckenberg, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2024

*Board of Athletic Training***Statutory Reference:** 38-167

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Rebecca L. Docter, Omaha.....	Athletic Trainer.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Vanetta A. Early, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Michael E. Nicola, Bellevue.....	Athletic Trainer.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Jessica R. Roberts, Omaha.....	Athletic Trainer.....	Nov. 30, 2026

*Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology***Statutory Reference:** 38-167

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kathryn "Anne" Anderson, Omaha.....	Speech-Language Pathologist.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Katie Rybak Brennan, Lincoln.....	Speech-Language Pathologist.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Rhonda R. Dick, Omaha.....	Audiologist.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Michelle M. Leenerts, Omaha.....	Audiologist.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Robert F. Thornhill, Papillion.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2024

*Board of Chiropractic***Statutory Reference:** 38-167

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Heather D. Henrichs, Plattsmouth.....	Chiropractor.....	Nov. 30, 2025
David D. Henske, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Scott D. Misek, Omaha.....	Chiropractor.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Brian E. Stevens, Omaha.....	Chiropractor.....	Nov. 30, 2026



*Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology and Body Art*

**Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Bridget S. Anderson, Lincoln	Public Member	Nov. 30, 2025
Matt K. Bavougian, Lincoln	Body Art Practitioner	Nov. 30, 2025
Shannon M. Bingham, Omaha	Cosmetologist/Salon Owner	Nov. 30, 2025
Kyoung A. Bonn, Omaha	Tanning Salon Owner	Nov. 30, 2024
Vicki R. Criswell, Plattsmouth	Esthetician	Nov. 30, 2022
Jacqueline J. Hornig, Omaha	School Owner	Nov. 30, 2026
Ruth J. Lucas, McCook	Instructor	Nov. 30, 2025
Marie F. Nordboe, Fremont	Cosmetologist	Nov. 30, 2022
Brandy D. Phillips, Kearney	Cosmetologist	Nov. 30, 2023
Leslie B. Reed, Lincoln	Public Member	Nov. 30, 2022
Pamela A. Rowland, Omaha	Licensed Instructor	Nov. 30, 2024
Harold F. Sims, Omaha	Nail Technician	Nov. 30, 2024
Vacant	Electrologist	Nov. 30, 2024

*Board of Dentistry*

**Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Yoshiharu Ameku, Lincoln	Dental School Faculty	Nov. 30, 2025
Dean D. Cope, Cambridge	Dentist	Nov. 30, 2025
Gene R. Giles, Alliance	Dentist	Nov. 30, 2026
Lisa M. Kucera, Omaha	Dental Hygienist	Nov. 30, 2024
Terrence F. Lanphier, Omaha	Dental School Faculty	Nov. 30, 2026
Lynlee F. Mehdi, Elkhorn	Public Member	Nov. 30, 2024
Michael J. O'Hara, Omaha	Public Member	Nov. 30, 2024
Hannah E. Randell, Aurora	Dental Hygienist	Nov. 30, 2024
Melanie A. Steckelberg, Lincoln	Dentist	Nov. 30, 2024
John B. Thomas, La Vista	Dentist	Nov. 30, 2024

*Board of Emergency Medical Services*

**Statutory Reference: 38-1215**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Michael D. Bailey, Kearney	Paramedic	Dec. 1, 2023
Ryan K. Batenhorst, Lincoln	Paramedic	Dec. 1, 2026
Noah Bernhardson, Lincoln	Board-Certified Emergency Physician	Dec. 1, 2027
Gary (Randy) Boldt, Omaha	First Responder	Dec. 1, 2022
Karen K. Bowlin, Ogallala	Approved Training Agency Representative	Dec. 1, 2027
Joel E. Cerny, Schuyler	First Responder	Dec. 1, 2021
Ann F. Fiala, Ainsworth	Emergency Medical Technician	Dec. 1, 2022
Prince Harrison, Omaha	Physician	Dec. 1, 2026
Todd Hovey, McCook	Emergency Medical Technician	Dec. 1, 2023
Linda Lee Jensen, Herman	Registered Nurse	Dec. 1, 2026
Jonathan L. Kilstrom, Omaha	Physician Assistant	Dec. 1, 2023
Brent E. Lottman, Peru	Emergency Medical Technician	Dec. 1, 2026
Dion Neumiller, North Platte	Consumer	Dec. 1, 2023
Carolyn A. Petersen, Valentine	Consumer	Dec. 1, 2023
Michael Sheridan, Omaha	Emergency Medical Technician	Dec. 1, 2022
James E. Smith, North Platte	Board-Certified Emergency Physician	Dec. 1, 2026
Leslie L. Vaughn, Jr., Omaha	Member At Large	Dec. 1, 2027

*Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Lawrence J. Battaglia, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Steven C. Brunken, Lincoln.....	Funeral Director/Embalmer.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Leo P. Seger, Atkinson.....	Funeral Director/Embalmer.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Arvid D. Wiest, Beatrice.....	Funeral Director/Embalmer.....	Nov. 30, 2024

*Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists***Statutory Reference: 38-1508**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Edward G. Granger, Lincoln.....	Hearing Instrument Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Misti M. Lutt-Chmiel, Grand Island.....	Hearing Instrument Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Kelly L. Pritchett, Lincoln.....	Audiologist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Aaron D. Robinson, Lincoln.....	Otolaryngologist.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Vacant.....	Hearing Instrument Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Vacant.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2025

*Board of Massage Therapy***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Steven E. Carper, Omaha.....	Massage Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Mallory R. Carstens, Hickman.....	Massage Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Michele R. Helaney, Omaha.....	Massage Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Kristine S. Roberts, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2023

*Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kristy K. Anderson, Omaha.....	Medical Nutrition Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Crystal M. Zabka Belsky, Omaha.....	Medical Nutrition Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Melissa S. Dodge, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Cristina Fernandez, Omaha.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Shannon M. Frink, Hastings.....	Medical Nutrition Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2025

*Board of Medical Radiography***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Brandon D. Holt, Lexington.....	Medical Radiographer.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Denise E. Logan, Lincoln.....	Medical Radiographer.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Randy R. Prouty, Scottsbluff.....	Medical Radiographer.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Challese N. Sanchez, Lincoln.....	Medical Radiographer.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Vacant.....	Limited Radiographer.....	Nov. 30, 2023

*Board of Medicine and Surgery***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Rachel A. Blake, Lincoln.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Mark D. Goodman, Omaha.....	Medical School Faculty.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Jodanne W. Hedrick, Omaha.....	Osteopathic Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Jeffrey L. Howorth, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Brian J. Keegan, Norfolk.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2024

Adam B. Kuenning, Omaha.....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2024
John R. Massey, Lincoln.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Maria A. Michaelis, Omaha.....	Medical School Faculty.....	Nov. 30, 2023

*Board of Mental Health Practice*

**Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Laurie A. Andrews, Aurora.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Sara E. Batter, Omaha.....	Certified Master Social Worker.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Dale G. Battleson, Omaha.....	Certified Marriage and Family Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2024
Rebecca R. Czaja-Stevens, Lincoln.....	Certified Master Social Worker.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Paul A. Davies, Norfolk .....	Certified Professional Counselor .....	Nov. 30, 2026
Cassandra M. Dittmer, Lincoln.....	Certified Marriage and Family Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2023
L. Janeen Gill, North Platte.....	Licensed Mental Health Practitioner.....	Nov. 30, 2025
David D. Hof, Kearney .....	Certified Professional Counselor .....	Nov. 30, 2023
Mychelle L. Martinez, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Susan D. Meyerle, Lincoln.....	Licensed Mental Health Practitioner.....	Nov. 30, 2025

*Nebraska Center for Nursing Board*

**Statutory Reference: 71-1799**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Tamara J. Allen, Grand Island.....	Governor Designee.....	June 21, 2023
Shelia F. Bjerrum, Bradshaw.....	State Board of Health Designee .....	June 21, 2024
Wayne E. Briner Jr., Wayne.....	Hospital Industry.....	June 21, 2023
Jerry L. Cooper, Thedford.....	Governor Designee.....	June 21, 2023
Suzanne D. Deyke, Columbus.....	Governor Designee.....	June 21, 2020
Ronda S. Ehly, Kenesaw.....	Governor Designee.....	June 21, 2025
Janelle L. Francis, Lincoln.....	Nurse Educator .....	June 21, 2025
Kathy A. Harrison, North Platte.....	Nurse Educator .....	June 21, 2020
Ashley Havel, Milligan.....	Registered Nurse .....	June 21, 2023
Angela M. Johnson, Laurel.....	Nurse Educator .....	June 21, 2024
Adam B. Kuenning, Omaha.....	Governor Designee.....	June 21, 2025
Leah Logan, Lincoln.....	Governor Designee.....	June 21, 2025
Joan E. Nelson, Elkhorn.....	State Board of Health Designee .....	June 21, 2021
Michelle Summers, Lincoln.....	State Board of Health Designee .....	June 21, 2024
Vacant .....	Licensed Practical Nurse.....	June 21, 2022

*Board of Nursing*

**Statutory Reference: 38-2213**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Theresa M. Delahoyde, Lincoln.....	Baccalaureate Nurse Educator.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Tag K. Herbek, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Tom R. Hoover, Fairbury .....	Associate Degree or Diploma Nurse Educator.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Lisa K. Kollasch, Omaha.....	Registered Nurse Advanced Practice .....	Nov. 30, 2026
Angela L. Kula, Elkhorn.....	Practical Nurse.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Kandis K. Lefler, Malcolm .....	Practical Nurse.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Patricia E. Motl, Omaha .....	Staff Nurse.....	Nov. 30, 2025

Kristin M. Ruiz, Lincoln .....	Practical Nurse Educator .....	Nov. 30, 2024
Brenda S. Smidt, Omaha .....	Nursing Service Administrator.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Sone't S. Smutny, Norfolk.....	Staff Nurse .....	Nov. 30, 2024
Linda R. Stones, Lincoln.....	Nursing Service Administrator.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Rita M. Thalken, Lincoln .....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2023

*Board of Nursing Home Administration*

**Statutory Reference: 38-2406**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Janelle Ali-Dinar, Lincoln .....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Linda M. Bryant, Panama .....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Shannon M. Buckminster, Nebraska City .....	Proprietary Home .....	Nov. 30, 2024
David A. Deemer, Oakland.....	Nonprofit Home .....	Nov. 30, 2024
Amy M. Fish, Lincoln.....	Proprietary Home .....	Nov. 30, 2025
Natalie A. Manley, Omaha.....	Physician .....	Nov. 30, 2023
Theresa L. Parker, Lincoln.....	College Faculty.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Debra L. Sutton, Endicott.....	Nurse.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Alexander G. Willford, Lincoln .....	Nonprofit Home .....	Nov. 30, 2025

*Board of Occupational Therapy Practice*

**Statutory Reference: 38-2515**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Alfred G. Bracciano, Papillion.....	Occupational Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2022
Marcus A. Doughty, North Platte .....	Occupational Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2026
Nancy M. Peetz, Ewing.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Mary M. Walsh-Sterup, Hastings .....	Occupational Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2023

*Board of Optometry*

**Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Jeremiah D. Baumfalk, Lincoln.....	Optometrist.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Linda J. Heiden, Bertrand .....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Creston M. Myers, Alliance .....	Optometrist.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Robert S. Vandervort, Omaha .....	Optometrist.....	Nov. 30, 2024

*Board of Pharmacy*

**Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Sabrina L. Beck, Omaha.....	Hospital Pharmacist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Kenneth A. Kester, Lincoln .....	Pharmacist.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Darrell D. Klein, Lincoln .....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Todd M. Larimer, Plattsmouth .....	Pharmacist.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Charles T. Tomlinson, Omaha .....	Pharmacist.....	Nov. 30, 2025

*Board of Physical Therapy*

**Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Betsy J. Becker, Omaha .....	Physical Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Kimberly M. Oliphant, Kearney.....	Physical Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Kirk M. Peck, Omaha.....	Physical Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Thomas C. Victor, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2024

*Physician Assistant Committee*

**Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Tamara A. Dolphens, Papillion.....	Physician Assistant.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Merle J. Henkenius, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2024
John R. Massey, Lincoln.....	Medical Board Member.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Corrigan L. McBride, Omaha.....	Supervising Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Nicole M. Schwensow, Hastings.....	Physician Assistant.....	Nov. 30, 2026

*Board of Podiatry*

**Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Zackary B. Gangwer, Norfolk.....	Podiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Jon R. Goldsmith, Omaha.....	Podiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Derek R. Miller, Lincoln.....	Podiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2025
R. McLaran Sawyer, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2024

*Board of Psychology*

**Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Stephanie L. Bruhn, Lincoln.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Jennifer L. Dreibelbis, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Tomeka C. Johnson, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Mark E. Lukin, Lincoln.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Connie L. Petersen, Norfolk.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Rebecca A. Schroeder, Curtis.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Stacy A. Waldron, Lincoln.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2026

*Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists*

**Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Jeremy M. Collinson, Grand Island.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Larry L. Hardesty, Kearney.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Nathan C. Hartman, Lincoln.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Kathy L. King, Lincoln.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Sarah F. Pistillo, Omaha.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Michael L. Wentink, North Platte.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2024

*Board of Respiratory Care Practice*

**Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Rene A. Botts, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Ryan A. Martin, Lincoln.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Jill H. Sand, Lincoln.....	Respiratory Care Practitioner.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Marcy J. Wyrens, Lincoln.....	Respiratory Care Practitioner.....	Nov. 30, 2026

*Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery*

**Statutory Reference: 38-167**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Christopher G. Byers, Omaha.....	Veterinarian.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Theresa M. Clary, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2024
Elizabeth L. Farrington, Omaha.....	Veterinarian.....	Nov. 30, 2026
Donovan C. Hauser, Grand Island.....	Veterinarian.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Joshua M. Schlote, Norfolk.....	Veterinary Technician.....	Nov. 30, 2026

*State Board of Health***Statutory Reference:** 71-2601

The State Board of Health, created by the Legislature in 1891, appoints members to 26 healthcare professional licensing boards and actively recruits applicants. The board reviews initial credentialing and scope of practice changes of health professionals prior to final consideration by the Legislature, which is known as the 407 Process Credentialing Review. They also review rules and regulations.

The State Board of Health views public health as a major initiative and has a recognition program for community preventive health efforts. The board continues to research other issues including alcohol and tobacco use and cessation, indoor air quality, youth violence, obesity, school bus seat belt use and mental health services.

The board prepares an annual report to the governor, which is also available to senators on the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee, DHHS, the 26 healthcare professional boards, major healthcare professional associations and other interested parties. The board has representatives assigned to the Nebraska Center for Nursing Board and Credentialing Review Technical Review Committees.

The board's four standing committees are: Rules and Regulations, Credentialing Review, Professional Boards and Public Health, Education and Legislation. The board holds one of its regular public meetings in a location other than Lincoln and conducts separate meetings to interview professional board applicants and address legislative issues.

The board's 17 members are appointed by the governor, with approval from the Legislature, to five-year terms. Members include two medical doctors, two nurses, a hospital administrator, a dentist, a veterinarian, a professional engineer, a pharmacist, an optometrist, a podiatrist, an osteopath or osteopathic surgeon, a chiropractor, a physical therapist, a mental health professional and two people representing the public. The governor serves as an ex officio member, with voting power only in case of tie. The board elects officers annually.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Heather Cramer, Omaha.....	Nurse .....	Aug 1, 2024
Russell Crotty, Auburn.....	Optometrist .....	Aug 1, 2023
Jaime Kent Dodge, Lincoln.....	Physician.....	Aug 1, 2025
Michael Hansen, Columbus.....	Hospital Administrator.....	Aug 1, 2020
Diane Jackson, Kearney .....	Nurse .....	Aug 1, 2020
Michael Kotopka, Lincoln .....	Dentist.....	Aug 1, 2024
John Kuehn, Heartwell.....	Veterinarian.....	Aug 1, 2023
Mark R. Patefield, Laurel.....	Pharmacist .....	Aug 1, 2024
Daniel Rosenthal, Lincoln .....	Professional Engineer .....	Aug 1, 2023
Wayne Stuberg, Omaha.....	Physical Therapist.....	Aug 1, 2020
Robert (Bud) Synhorst, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Aug 1, 2025
Timothy Tesmer, Lincoln .....	Physician.....	Aug 1, 2024
Douglas Vander Broek, Lincoln .....	Chiropractor .....	Aug 1, 2020
Dan Vehle, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Aug 1, 2025
Joshua Vest, Lincoln.....	Podiatrist .....	Aug 1, 2018
Jeromy Warner, Hastings.....	Clinical Psychologist.....	Aug 1, 2018
Vacant .....	Osteopathic Physician.....	Aug 1, 2019
Jim Pillen, Columbus.....	Governor.....	Ex Officio



## Department of Insurance

**Office Address:** 1526 K St., Ste. 200, Lincoln, NE 68509-5087, P.O. Box 95087, phone (402) 471-2201, TDD (800) 833-7352, website —[www.doi.nebraska.gov](http://www.doi.nebraska.gov)

**Director:** Eric Dunning

**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

**Publications:** *Summary of Insurance Business in Nebraska*

The first complete insurance code in Nebraska, enacted in 1913, provided for an insurance board to administer the code. Before 1913, the territorial auditor and later the state auditor issued certificates to insurance companies and exercised some powers in investigating and inspecting those companies.

The duties of the Insurance Board were given to the Bureau of Insurance in the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1919. In 1933, the bureau became the Department of Insurance. In 1947, the Legislature passed laws that updated the 1913 code. The director of insurance is appointed by the governor.

The Department of Insurance is the primary financial solvency regulator for all Nebraska domestic insurers and the market regulator for insurance transactions in Nebraska. The department's mission is to safeguard those affected by the business of insurance through the fulfillment of its statutory obligations and to promote fair and just treatment of all parties to insurance transactions.

The department includes the following divisions: Administration, Administrative Services, Financial Regulation, Fraud Prevention, Insurance Complaint, Legal, Life and Health, Market Conduct, Producer Licensing and Property and Casualty. Regulation by the department includes state and federal statutory responsibilities related to financial oversight, collection of premium tax and surplus lines tax, market conduct surveillance, licensure of all producers, agencies and companies wishing to do business in Nebraska, periodic examinations of company affairs, review and approval of policy filings and rates for life, health and property and casualty insurance, investigation of rating and claims practice inquiries, addressing consumers' insurance-related complaints and investigating suspected insurance fraud.

The department also coordinates and maintains the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), a federally funded statewide seniors counseling program that provides free, unbiased health insurance information to Medicare-eligible individuals.

The department is responsible for oversight of the Nebraska Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool, the Nebraska Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association and the Nebraska Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association. The department is responsible for entering into an agreement with one or more workers' compensation insurers to provide workers' compensation insurance to assigned risk employees. The department also administers the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act, which entails the qualifying of applicable medical professionals and hospitals for the excess liability fund, collecting surcharges, qualifying individuals for the medical liability residual fund and monitoring and participating in the defense of applicable medical liability suits.

The department works closely with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, an organization with regulatory members from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several territories. The NAIC fosters coordination among the states



and provides numerous services to the department including specialized regulatory information technology and database management services.

## Department of Labor

**Office Address:** 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9000, email — [ndol.pio@nebraska.gov](mailto:ndol.pio@nebraska.gov), website — [dol.nebraska.gov](http://dol.nebraska.gov)

**Commissioner:** John H. Albin

**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

**Publications:** A number of publications, including news releases, labor market information publications and annual reports are available at [dol.nebraska.gov](http://dol.nebraska.gov)

The 1887 Legislature created the Bureau of Labor, Census and Industrial Statistics. The governor was named commissioner of labor with office duties performed by a deputy commissioner and other employees. The 1917 Legislature created the office of deputy compensation commissioner, and in 1919 the office's duties were assigned to the secretary of labor. In 1933, the title of the chief deputy was changed to commissioner.

Today, the Nebraska Department of Labor provides responsive workforce services that connect the state's employers to educated and skilled workers through a service delivery network of public and private partners.

### *Commissioner of Labor*

**Commissioner of Labor:** John H. Albin, P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9000, email — [john.albin@nebraska.gov](mailto:john.albin@nebraska.gov)

The commissioner of labor is the chief executive officer for the Nebraska Department of Labor, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Legislature. The office is responsible for oversight of all department divisions. In addition to the duties prescribed by statute, the commissioner serves on boards, commissions and task force entities as determined by the governor.

### *Administrative Services*

**Director:** Angela Hansen-Kruse, P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-8358, email — [angela.hansen-kruse@nebraska.gov](mailto:angela.hansen-kruse@nebraska.gov)

The Administrative Services division oversees the agency's technology resources, the human resources team and buildings projects.

### *Finance*

**Chief Financial Officer:** Rea Easton, P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 416-6809, email — [rea.easton@nebraska.gov](mailto:rea.easton@nebraska.gov)

The Finance division oversees budget preparation, financial reporting and long-term financial planning for the agency.

### *General Counsel*

**Director:** Katie S. Thurber, P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9912, fax (402) 471-9917, email — [katie.thurber@nebraska.gov](mailto:katie.thurber@nebraska.gov)

The General Counsel division provides legal and legislative services to the commissioner, department divisions and agency boards. General counsel handles Unemployment Insurance appeals and oversees the Benefit Accuracy Measurement program, which reviews the payment and denial of unemployment benefits.

*Labor Market Information*

**Administrator:** Scott Hunzeker, P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-2600, fax (402) 471-9867, email — [scott.hunzeker@nebraska.gov](mailto:scott.hunzeker@nebraska.gov)

The Labor Market Information division develops and provides comparable, accurate and timely workforce data for local, state and national customers, including monthly employment data and unemployment rates. The division also collects and disseminates information about wages, labor availability, industrial and occupational projections, business staffing patterns and labor force demographics, among other topics.

*Reemployment Services*

**Director:** Brad Pierce, P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 473-7018, email — [bradley.pierce@nebraska.gov](mailto:bradley.pierce@nebraska.gov)

The Reemployment Services division provides direct services to employers and job seekers statewide through American Job Centers and department locations throughout the state, as well as through the state’s online labor exchange, [NEworks.nebraska.gov](http://NEworks.nebraska.gov). The department administers the Reemployment Program, which utilizes one-on-one assistance and NEworks to help unemployment claimants and other job seekers become reemployed as quickly as possible. Reemployment Services has grant management and reporting responsibilities for a variety of federal employment and training grants.

Nebraska Department of Labor job centers help job seekers search for available jobs, research employers, complete skills assessments, develop resumes and cover letters and prepare for interviews. The job centers also connect businesses with a variety of resources to upskill and diversify their workforce, including USDOL Registered Apprenticeships and worker training programs. Job center locations are listed at [dol.nebraska.gov](http://dol.nebraska.gov).

**Nebraska Workforce Development Board**

The Nebraska Workforce Development Board is mandated by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. The board is appointed by the governor and represents a wide variety of individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the state. The board guides Nebraska’s implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, which requires aligning federal investments in job training, integrating service delivery across programs and ensuring that workforce investments are job-driven and match employers with skilled workers.

**Member**

**Represents**

John Albin, Lincoln .....	Department of Labor
Kyle Arganbright, Valentine .....	Local Elected Official
Elizabeth Babcock, Broken Bow .....	Business

Brian Deakin, Holdrege .....	Business
Gary Dixon, Jr., Omaha .....	Workforce
Lindy Foley, Lincoln .....	Government
Michael Geary, Omaha .....	Business
Anthony Goins, Lincoln .....	Department of Economic Development
James Hansen, Lincoln .....	Business
James Hanson, Jr., Omaha .....	Business
Tate Lauer, Lincoln .....	Department of Education
Susan Martin, Omaha .....	Labor
Mark Moravec, Grand Island .....	Business
Kyle J. Nixon, Omaha .....	Business
Don Nordell, Lincoln .....	Business
Gov. Jim Pillen, Columbus .....	Governor
Terri Ridder, West Point .....	Business
Sen. Merv Riepe, Ralston .....	Legislature
Bradley Schroeder, Omaha .....	Business
Jennifer Sedlacek, Omaha .....	Business
Dannette R. Smith, Lincoln .....	Department of Health and Human Services
Jim Smith, Lincoln .....	Business
Becky L. Stitt, Scottsbluff .....	Business
Paul Turman, Lincoln .....	Workforce
Lisa Wilson, Grand Island .....	Business
Courtney Wittstruck, Lincoln .....	Workforce

### Nebraska Worker Training Board

**Contact Person:** Kim Neesen, Coordinator, Nebraska Worker Training Program, 105 E. Norfolk Ave., Ste. 120, Norfolk, NE 68701, phone (308) 217-2015, email — NDOL.WTG@nebraska.gov

**Statutory Reference:** 48-622.03

The Worker Training Board prepares an annual program plan and develops guidelines for the operation of all training programs financed by the Nebraska Training and Support Cash Fund. The board reports to the governor annually on the activities and performance of programs financed by the cash fund and serves as an advisory body on all program oversight issues.

The board has six governor-appointed members: three members of the State Advisory Council (a representative of employers, a representative of employees and a representative of the public); the commissioner of labor/director of economic development (or his or her designee); and a representative of the Nebraska Community College Association. The governor determines terms of office for board members. The governor also designates a chairperson, selected from one of the three council members.

The board meets quarterly. Other meetings are called by the chairperson or at the request of other board members. Members are paid mileage when conducting board business. Program disbursements require the approval of the governor, upon recommendation of the commissioner of labor. The commissioner employs staff to perform duties as the board requires.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
John Albin, Lincoln .....	Department of Labor .....	Jan. 1, 2024
Rose Baker, Lincoln .....	Department of Economic Development .....	Jan. 1, 2024

John Bourne, Omaha.....	Employees.....	Jan. 1, 2024
Greg Eden, Lincoln.....	Employers.....	Jan. 1, 2024
Katie Graham, Lincoln.....	Department of Education.....	Jan. 1, 2024
Jacquie Slagle, Kearney.....	Public.....	Jan. 1, 2024
Courtney Wittstruck, Lincoln.....	Nebraska Community College Association.....	Jan. 1, 2024

### *Safety and Labor Standards*

**Director:** Justin Schroeder, 550 S. 16th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-3712, fax (402) 471-5039, email — [justin.schroeder@nebraska.gov](mailto:justin.schroeder@nebraska.gov)

The Safety and Labor Standards division assists employers and workers with labor standards compliance issues, including resolution of wage complaints. NDOL administers the Contractor Registration Act, the Employee Classification Act, the Farm Labor Contractors Act and the Meatpacking Industry Workers Bill of Rights.

At the request of private employers, the agency conducts no-cost safety and health consultations to assist businesses in identifying potential hazards. OSHA has provided funding for this program since 1973 to help reduce injury, illness and death rates.

### *Unemployment Insurance*

**Director:** Andi Bridgmon, P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-4474, email — [andi.bridgmon@nebraska.gov](mailto:andi.bridgmon@nebraska.gov)

The Unemployment Insurance division administers Unemployment Insurance benefits per Nebraska Employment Security Law, including the payment of benefits to unemployed workers and the collection of employer taxes that fund those benefits.

The division also administers short-term federal unemployment assistance programs such as Disaster Unemployment Assistance and the Short-Time Compensation program, which provides prorated unemployment benefits to employees working reduced hours. Quality control programs ensure that benefits are paid accurately and overpayments are recovered.

## **Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Nebraska Crime Commission)**

**Office Address:** 301 Centennial Mall South, Fifth Floor, P.O. Box 94946, Lincoln, NE 68509-4946, phone (402) 471-2194, website — [www.ncc.nebraska.gov](http://www.ncc.nebraska.gov)

**Executive Director:** Don Arp, Jr.

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1416

**Publications:** Annual report; annual crime statistics report; biannual law enforcement training schedule

The Governor's Crime Control Commission was created in 1967. The name was changed to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice with legislation enacted in 1969 to establish the Crime Commission as a state agency. The Crime Commission was established to develop comprehensive plans and coordinate activities related to the improvement of criminal justice administration among state and

local agencies. Since its inception, more statutory responsibilities have been assigned to the commission, which now serves as an umbrella agency for many criminal and juvenile justice programs mandated by state and federal law.

The governing body of the Crime Commission has 19 members, most of whom are appointed by the governor for six-year terms. Statute requires the governor, attorney general, superintendent of the State Patrol, director of the Department of Correctional Services, chairperson of the Police Standards Advisory Council and chairperson of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice to be commission members. The commission meets quarterly to review the activities of its committees, take final action in awarding state and federal grant funds, provide oversight of staff activities and conduct other business as required. The commission’s five standing committees are the Education, Research and Planning Committee; the Grant Review Committee; the Crime Victim’s Reparations Committee (statutory reference: 81-1802); the Data Processing Committee and the Police Standards Advisory Council (statutory reference: 81-1406).

Member	Position	Term Expires
Candice Batton, Walton	Public at Large	Dec. 31, 2021
James Clang, Broken Bow	Public at Large	Dec. 31, 2023
Jeff Davis, Papillion	County Sheriff	Dec. 31, 2023
Weysan Dun, Omaha	Public at Large	Dec. 31, 2021
Shawn Eatherton, Kearney	County Attorney	Dec. 31, 2023
Joe Hewgley, North Platte	County Commissioner	Dec. 31, 2021
Lou Leone, Nebraska City	City Administrator	Dec. 31, 2023
Tom McBride, Lincoln	Public at Large	Dec. 31, 2025
David Nelson, Gretna	Public at Large	Dec. 31, 2025
Dan Osmond, Broken Bow	Police Standards Advisory Council Chairman	Dec. 31, 2025
Steven Rathman, Plattsmouth	Police Chief	Dec. 31, 2023
Todd Schmaderer, Omaha	Police Chief	Dec. 31, 2023
Vacant	Juvenile Delinquency Control	Dec. 31, 2023
Col. John Bolduc, Lincoln	Superintendent, State Patrol	Nonexpiring
Mike Hilgers, Lincoln	Attorney General	Nonexpiring
Elaine Menzel, Lincoln	Juvenile Justice Coalition	Nonexpiring
Jim Pillen, Columbus	Governor	Nonexpiring
Diane Sabatka-Rine, Lincoln	Interim Dir. Correctional Services	Nonexpiring

*Federal and State Aid*

**Contact Person:** Alexandra Beck

The Crime Commission administers federal and state aid programs in the areas of anti-drug abuse, violent crime, victim assistance, juvenile justice, law enforcement and criminal justice information systems. The commission awards grant funds to eligible programs that address priority issues and foster improvement in Nebraska’s criminal and juvenile justice systems. Grant-funded projects are monitored and evaluated, with continuation funding based on each program’s success in achieving its goals and objectives. Aid programs administered by the commission include: federal Justice Assistance Grant funds, federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program funds, federal Project Safe Neighborhoods funds, state Crime Stoppers funds, federal and state Victims of Crime Act funds, federal and state Crime Victim’s Reparation Act funds, federal Stop

Violence Against Women Act funds, federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act funds, federal Juvenile Accountability funds, state Juvenile Services Act funds, state Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid funds, federal and state Criminal Justice Information Systems funds and federal discretionary funds.

### *Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant Funds*

Since 1986, the Crime Commission has administered and coordinated federal Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) funds. Funds have been awarded to state and local programs addressing violent crime, prevention and education, prosecution and defense. Other funded projects have included violent crime enforcement, offender treatment programs, strategic planning, prosecution, problem solving courts, substance abuse assessments for culturally specific groups, indigent defense and a statewide computerized law enforcement intelligence system.

### *Crime Victim Assistance*

**Contact Person:** Sher Schrader

Since 1985, the Crime Commission has administered federal and state funds for crime victim assistance programs. These programs provide medical, emotional, financial and legal assistance as well as shelter, support and advocacy to crime victims during a time of crisis.

The Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act, passed in 1979, provides compensation to eligible victims of crime for certain expenses directly related to the criminal act. Victims may be reimbursed up to \$25,000 for medical and \$5,000 for funeral expenses, loss of wages or earning power, counseling fees up to \$2,000 and residential crime scene cleanup up to \$1,000. The commission's executive director serves as a hearing officer for claims received for reimbursement, with the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee responsible for any appeals received regarding the hearing officer's decisions.

In 1995, the commission began administering the federal Stop Violence Against Women Act Formula Block Grant Program. Since the program's inception, grant funds have been awarded to enhance the criminal justice system's response in serving women who have been victims of violence.

In 1999, the commission established a statewide Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) system. The VINE system is a computerized system that automatically notifies victims of crime whenever an offender is released or moved from a jail or prison or transferred to another detention or correctional facility.

### *Juvenile Justice*

**Contact Person:** Amy Hoffman

The Crime Commission administers state grant funds to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs throughout Nebraska and coordinates the development of juvenile justice initiatives and projects. The Nebraska Legislature has found that the incarceration of juveniles in adult jails, lockups and correctional facilities is contrary to the best interests and well-being of juveniles and frequently is inconsistent with state

and federal law requiring intervention by the least restrictive method. The Legislature further has found that the lack of available alternatives at the local level is a significant factor in the incarceration of juveniles in such facilities.

The Nebraska Juvenile Services Act appropriates general funds to assist local communities with programs that provide alternatives to adult incarceration. The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice awards funds, sets policy and recommends actions that will improve Nebraska's juvenile justice system.

### *Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center*

**Contact Person:** Brenda Urbanek, Director, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, 3600 N. Academy Road, Grand Island, NE 68801-9403, phone (308) 385-6030

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1402

The Crime Commission has been responsible for the administration and supervision of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island since 1971. In 1994, legislation gave the Police Standards Advisory Council responsibility for training curricula development, establishing required course hours and issuing training certificates. In 2011, legislation gave the executive director of the Crime Commission supervision of the director of training. The center provides mandatory basic and specialized training for law enforcement and detention officers statewide, including continuing education and specialized training programs. Specialized training topics include law enforcement, drug enforcement, highway safety, emergency vehicle operation, firearms, violent crime and homicide investigations and Spanish for law enforcement. Training programs are conducted at the center and throughout the state, with selected courses via the internet. Several institutions of higher learning, such as the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Peru State College, Bellevue University, Southeast Community College, Metro Community College and Northeast Community College, grant college credit for training center coursework.

### *Office of Violence Prevention*

**Contact Person:** Athena Sherman

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1447

The 2009 Legislature created the Office of Violence Prevention, which is housed within the Crime Commission. The office's primary responsibility is to help promote, assess and fund statewide violence prevention programs.

The office aids privately funded organizations, local government subdivisions and other advocacy groups in developing proven prevention, intervention, diversion and enforcement programs. In 2017, through a competitive grants process, the office awarded \$350,000 to seven separate organizations with a history of success in reducing violent crime. Grant recipients are required to develop goals, objectives and performance indicators and submit quarterly activity reports to the Office of Violence Prevention. Grantees also are required to provide an evaluation report. A portion of the grant funds must be used for a professional evaluator.

A six-member advisory council, appointed by the governor, meets quarterly. The council is required to recommend to the Crime Commission regulations regarding

program fundraising, evaluation and coordination and criteria used to assess and award funds to violence prevention programs.

### *Crime Statistics, Research and Data Collection*

In 1971, the Crime Commission became responsible for collecting Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All law enforcement agencies in the state are required by law to submit Uniform Crime Reports detailing the number of crimes reported or known to them and the number of arrests and citations issued on a monthly basis. Crime statistics are compiled by the commission's UCR program and forwarded to the FBI for inclusion in national crime statistics and use by federal, state and local agencies and policy makers. The UCR program publishes preliminary and annual statistical reports. Participating law enforcement agencies receive monthly reports, including a summary of reported data, a trends report for monthly comparisons to the previous year and year-to-date statistics. The UCR program also maintains a central data repository for crimes motivated by hate on the part of the offender as well as domestic assault statistics.

The FBI has announced a change in the requirements for how data will be collected from agencies and reported to the bureau. By 2021, all law enforcement agencies will move to the National Incident Based Reporting System, a detailed collection of data on a wider range of crimes. This change will require electronic reporting and will significantly impact both law enforcement agencies and the Crime Commission.

In addition to the UCR program, the commission's Statistical Analysis Center maintains several statewide databases, including the Jail and Juvenile Detention Admission and Release Database, Juvenile Court Database, and Drug and Violent Crime Database, with statistical information compiled and published on a regular basis. The commission collects traffic stop data, including the race or ethnicity of the person stopped and the nature of the violation, and issues an annual report. Ongoing research is conducted and published. Statistical information and research is available to assist in criminal and juvenile justice initiatives and planning efforts at the local, state and federal levels. This information and research also is available online.

Since 2000, the commission has hosted the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information Systems. NCJIS is a statewide integrated data system with more than 8,000 users who conduct more than 7 million data searches each year. The NCJIS Advisory Committee builds ways for agencies to efficiently and effectively share criminal justice data. The primary purposes of NCJIS are to promote the sharing of data among agencies, to implement programs and systems that assist state and local agencies in the performance of their jobs and to provide a forum to discuss issues.

### *Community Corrections Division*

**Contact Person:** Athena Sherman

**Statutory Reference:** 47-622

The primary mandate of the Community Corrections Division is to support the continued development and implementation of a statewide network of community corrections programs as a means to reduce prison overcrowding. This mandate is part of a



collaborative effort involving both criminal justice agencies and community stakeholders. The role of the division in this effort is to evaluate and recommend improvements to existing community corrections programs, improve the data collection and analysis capabilities of community corrections programs and provide objective research and information on community corrections issues to policy-makers, stakeholders and the public.

### *Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid*

**Contact Persons:** Amy Hoffman

**Statutory Reference:** 43-2401 to 43-2413

The purpose of the Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid program is to aid in the establishment and provision of community-based services for juveniles who come in contact with the juvenile justice system in accordance with the Juvenile Services Act. The purpose of the Juvenile Services Act is to assist in the provision of appropriate preventive, diversionary and dispositional alternatives for juveniles; to encourage coordination of the elements of the juvenile services system; and to provide an opportunity for local involvement in developing community programs for juveniles so that the following objectives may be obtained:

- preservation of the family unit whenever the best interests of the juvenile are served and such preservation does not place the juvenile at imminent risk
- limitation of intervention to those actions that are necessary and utilize the least restrictive yet most effective and appropriate resources
- encouragement of active family participation in whatever treatment is afforded a juvenile whenever the best interests of the juvenile require it
- treatment in the community rather than commitment to a youth rehabilitation and treatment center whenever the best interests of the juvenile require it
- assistance in the development of alternatives to secure temporary custody for juveniles who do not require secure detention

### *Nebraska Jail Standards Board*

**Contact Person:** Denny Macomber

**Statutory Reference:** 83-4,124

The Nebraska Jail Standards Board, created in 1978 and placed with the Crime Commission in 1981, is responsible for developing, implementing and enforcing minimum standards for the state's adult jails and temporary holding facilities. With the enactment of the Juvenile Detention Facility Standards in 1993, the board's scope was expanded to include juvenile detention facilities.

The Jail Standards Board is composed of 12 members, nine of whom are appointed by the governor for three-year terms. The state fire marshal and director of the Department of Correctional Services serve on the board by statute. Appointed board members include two county commissioners or supervisors, a county sheriff, a police chief, a juvenile detention facility administrator, an administrator of a large jail, a member of the Nebraska Bar Association and two laypersons. The board, which meets on a quarterly basis, operates as an independent governing board with staff and administrative support provided by the Crime Commission's Jail Standards Division.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Brad Alexander, Plattsmouth	Staff Secured Juvenile Facility Administrator	July 7, 2025
Mark Benne, Columbus	Juvenile Detention Facility Administrator	July 7, 2023
Jacci Brown, Champion	County Administrator	July 7, 2025
Vonnie Cotant, Gering	Layperson	July 7, 2025
Keith Harvat, Omaha	Nebraska Bar Association	July 7, 2025
Bradley Johnson, Martell	Large Jail Administrator	July 7, 2024
Sherry Morrow, Kearney	County Commissioner	July 7, 2024
Connie Pfeifer, La Vista	Layperson	July 7, 2024
Kevin Stukenholtz, Wahoo	County Sheriff	July 7, 2024
Vacant	Police Chief	July 7, 2020
Scott Cordes, Norfolk	State Fire Marshal	Nonexpiring
Diane Sabatka-Rine, Lincoln	Interim Director of Correctional Services	Nonexpiring

*Advisory Groups*

**Nebraska County Attorney Standards Advisory Council**

**Statutory Reference:** 23-1213

The eleven-member County Attorney Standards Advisory Council has statutory responsibility for advising the Crime Commission on developing a continuing legal education curriculum required for all Nebraska county attorneys and their deputies as well as establishing the required number of annual training hours. The 2009 Legislature mandated a training requirement for all persons who are elected or appointed as a coroner or deputy coroner. The advisory council oversees this training requirement. Council members are appointed by the governor for four-year terms and include six county attorneys or deputy county attorneys, one professor of law, two county commissioners or supervisors, one county sheriff or chief of police and one certified forensic pathologist.

**Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

**Statutory Reference:** 43-2411

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice is made up of 19 individuals appointed by the governor to identify juvenile justice issues, monitor and evaluate programs in the juvenile justice system and recommend guidelines and supervision procedures to develop or expand local diversion programs for juveniles. The coalition meets at least two times per year. Among other responsibilities required by state law, the coalition prepares an annual report on their activities that is submitted to the governor, the Legislature, the Office of Probation Administration and the Office of Juvenile Services.

**Task Force on Human Trafficking**

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1430

The Task Force on Human Trafficking was established with the passage of LB1145 in 2012. The task force investigates and studies human trafficking, methods of advertising human trafficking service and the victimization of individuals coerced to participate in human trafficking. The task force has approved a curriculum for criminal justice agencies for mandatory training regarding issues in human trafficking.

Members include representatives of the attorney general’s office, law enforcement,

political subdivisions, advocacy groups and the general public. Members are appointed by the governor and serve six-year terms. Members are reimbursed for their expenses.

### **Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council**

#### **Statutory Reference:** 81-1406

The seven-member Police Standards Advisory Council acts for the Crime Commission in matters relating to law enforcement training and the training center with the exception of budgetary and personnel matters. The council establishes and enforces minimum qualification and training standards for law enforcement officers as well as assesses current and future law enforcement needs related to standards and training. The council also is responsible for establishing training center admission criteria and the training curriculum for law enforcement certification in Nebraska. The council serves as an appeals board for actions related to the enforcement of standards, admission to the training center and actions taken by the center's director. The council also is the hearing body for decertification of law enforcement officers. Council members are appointed by the governor for four-year terms and include two county sheriffs, two police chiefs, a Lincoln or Omaha police department representative, a State Patrol representative and a member of the public, with representatives from the Crime Commission and the Omaha FBI office serving as ex officio members.

### **Racial Profiling Advisory Committee**

#### **Statutory Reference:** 20-506

In 2004, the Racial Profiling Advisory Committee was created to advise the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice on the prevalence of motor vehicle stops involving racial profiling. The commission is required to annually submit to the governor and the Legislature a review of the prevalence and disposition of motor vehicle stops based on racial profiling and allegations reported. The committee developed a reporting form for motor vehicle stops and a form for receiving allegations of racial profiling.

The committee consists of the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and a representative from each of the following organizations: Fraternal Order of Police, Nebraska County Sheriffs Association, Police Officers Association of Nebraska, American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska, Nebraska State Patrol, AFL-CIO, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Commission on Indian Affairs, Latino-American Commission, Nebraska State Bar Association and the Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska. The committee meets semiannually.

### **Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee**

The Crime Commission established the Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee in 1995 to provide advice and direction on issues relating to data sharing and use of information technology among criminal justice agencies. The committee advises the commission on criminal justice information system issues, establishes and promotes standards for data processing and communication, facilitates the develop-

ment and coordination of state and local criminal justice information systems, provides an avenue for cooperation and coordination among state and local information systems and establishes future directions for data sharing. Committee members are appointed by the commission's executive director and include representatives from a variety of state and local criminal justice agencies and professional associations.

## Military Department

**Office Address:** 2433 N.W. 24th St., Lincoln, NE 68524-1801, phone (402) 309-8210, toll-free phone for Army National Guard recruiting information (800) GO-GUARD (464-8273) or Air National Guard recruiting information (800) 688-2196, website — [ne.ng.mil](http://ne.ng.mil)

**Adjutant General:** Maj. Gen. Daryl L. Bohac

**Statutory Reference:** 55-120

**Authorized Troop Strength:** Army National Guard, 3,404; Air National Guard, 1,064

**Publications:** *Prairie Soldier* online newspaper and directives applicable to the department

The Military Department functions as a state department for military and non-military operations.

The Army National Guard, the Air National Guard and the State Guard, when organized (statutory reference: 55-201), make up the state's military forces. They conduct military operations and missions to support civil authority when authorized by the governor, who is commander in chief. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, a component of the Military Department, coordinates civil resources to support civil authority in an emergency.

On Feb. 15, 1864, the Legislature established the adjutant general's office for the Nebraska Territory. The territorial militia was organized under an act approved in 1865. However, the initial organization of two regiments took place in 1854.

The militia was first organized in reaction to the Great Sioux and Cheyenne Indian War on the territorial border. The nature of the early militia changed to meet the state's needs from 1854 until the end of the Indian Wars in 1890. By 1881, the office of adjutant general again was established as a separate entity after being part of the secretary of state's office for 10 years. The office has continued in this capacity since that time. Legislation passed in 1974 formally changed the office's name to the Military Department.

The adjutant general, besides commanding the state military forces, is state emergency management director, emergency resource management coordinator, emergency preparedness director and state disaster coordinator.

The governor, as state military force commander in chief, appoints the adjutant general from commissioned officers of the Nebraska National Guard. The adjutant general serves until resignation, reaching the mandatory retirement age of 64 or being relieved. The adjutant general controls Military Department forces and executes the governor's orders.

The adjutant general represents the state at national, regional and area military and nonmilitary defense conferences. The adjutant general develops all civil and military

defense, state emergency preparedness and disaster recovery plans for the state. He coordinates with appropriate regional and national agencies and other states to formulate Army, Air Force, civil defense and emergency plans for the state.

### *Nebraska National Guard<sup>5</sup>*

**Statutory Reference:** 55-105

The Nebraska National Guard is made up of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. The Army National Guard comprises three Major Subordinate Commands with an authorized strength of 3,633. The MSCs are the 67th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 92nd Troop Command and the 209th Regional Training Institute. Units are located in 23 Nebraska communities. The Air National Guard consists of one major command, the 155th Air Refueling Wing located in Lincoln, along with the 170th Group located at Offutt Air Force Base and the Air Element of the Joint Forces Headquarters with a total authorized strength of 980 members.

Service members can be called to state active duty to execute missions within the state when authorized by the governor. The state mission of the Nebraska National Guard is to provide trained and equipped organizations to protect life and property and to preserve peace, order and public safety.

Service members are called to federal service for national defense missions, either in the United States or abroad, when authorized by the president. The federal mission of the Nebraska National Guard is to provide the armed forces with trained and equipped units ready for a national emergency or war, in accordance with U.S. Department of Defense plans.

Most fiscal support for the Nebraska National Guard comes from federal sources. The budget for pay and allowances for Active Guard Reserves, federal technicians and part-time Guard members exceeds \$145.4 million annually. Other expenses paid by the U.S. government, such as fuel, travel, repairs and construction, supplies and equipment, amount to more than \$76.2 million each year. The present equipment and real property for both the Army and Air National Guard is valued at more than \$1.2 billion.

### *Nebraska Emergency Management Agency*

**Office Address:** 2433 N.W. 24th St., Lincoln, NE 68524-1801, phone (402) 471-7421, 24-hour emergency response phone (877) 297-2368

**Assistant Director:** Bryan Tuma

**Statutory Reference:** 81-829.31

The adjutant general is the state emergency management director. The assistant director conducts the agency's day-to-day operations. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency has a full-time civilian staff that can respond at any time through an established watch officer system.

If a disaster occurs, local government responds using local resources. When these resources are deemed inadequate and state resources are required to assist with the response, local officials will contact NEMA. NEMA assesses the disaster and makes

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<sup>5</sup>For more information about the Nebraska National Guard, see Pages 130-131.

a recommendation to the governor on whether a state declaration is needed. If the governor declares a state emergency, state resources can be used within certain restrictions to provide assistance.

NEMA also supports other state agencies and local governments with training and education programs, public information, disaster recovery assistance and disaster planning. NEMA writes plans at the state level, including the State Emergency Operations Plan and the Nebraska Radiological Emergency Response Plans for the state's two nuclear power plants. The agency coordinates state and federal emergency planning and disaster recovery and homeland security activities in support of the state's homeland security director.

NEMA occupies the state's Emergency Operations Center at the Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) on the Nebraska National Guard base in Lincoln. The EOC provides a secure location from where Nebraska government can operate during emergencies.

### State Emergency Response Commission

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-15,210

The State Emergency Response Commission appoints, supervises and coordinates the activities of the Local Emergency Planning Committees under the Nebraska Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act for hazardous materials.

Commission members include the director of the Department of Environment and Energy, the director of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, the director of the Department of Transportation, the superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol, the State Fire Marshal and the director of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, or their designees. The commission also includes two elected officials or employees of municipal or county government and one citizen representing each of the following groups: firefighters, local emergency management, public or community health, environmental protection, labor, school districts, small business, agricultural business, the chemical industry, highway transportation and rail transportation. The governor appoints the municipal or county government members and the citizen members with the approval of the Legislature. The appointments must represent Nebraska's three congressional districts as equally as possible. Members are appointed for four-year terms and are reimbursed for expenses. The commission meets on a quarterly basis.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Rod Buehe, Gretna.....	Firefighters.....	Sept. 13, 2022
Steven F. Danon, Omaha.....	Small Business.....	Sept. 13, 2020
Matthew DiVito, Lincoln.....	Highway Transportation.....	Sept. 13, 2021
Rick Grauerholz, Ashland.....	City Government.....	Sept. 13, 2022
John Grimes, Norfolk.....	Chemical Industry.....	Sept. 13, 2021
Tim Hofbauer, Columbus.....	Local Emergency Management.....	Sept. 13, 2022
Polly Jordening, Grand Island.....	Labor.....	Sept. 13, 2023
Kyle Keeling, North Platte.....	Rail Transportation.....	Sept. 13, 2021
Tonya Ngotol, Omaha.....	Public/Community Health.....	Sept. 13, 2022
Joe Oswalt, Adams.....	Agribusiness.....	Sept. 13, 2021
Kimberly Plouzek, Crete.....	Environmental Protection.....	Sept. 13, 2023

Vacant .....	Local Elected Official .....	Sept. 13, 2021
Vacant .....	School/Education .....	Sept. 13, 2019
John Bolduc, Lincoln.....	Nebraska State Patrol.....	Ex Officio
Scott Cordes, Norfolk .....	State Fire Marshal.....	Ex Officio
Sue Dempsey, Lincoln.....	Department of Health and Human Services.....	Ex Officio
Vicki Kramer, Lincoln.....	Department of Transportation.....	Ex Officio
Jim Macy, Lincoln.....	Department of Environment and Energy.....	Ex Officio
Alyssa Sanders, Lincoln.....	NEMA.....	Ex Officio
Bryan Tuma, Lincoln.....	NEMA.....	Ex Officio

## Department of Motor Vehicles

**Office Address:** 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln, NE 68509-4789, phone (402) 471-3900, fax (402) 471-3920, website — [www.dmv.nebraska.gov](http://www.dmv.nebraska.gov)

**Director:** Rhonda K. Lahm

**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

**Publications:** Book containing Nebraska motor vehicle laws; driver license manual; commercial driver license manual; instruction manuals for treasurers; motorcycle operator’s manual; annual report; strategic plan; motor carrier services manual

The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles is responsible for the regulation, enforcement and education of motor vehicle operators and vehicle requirements. The DMV ensures licensed Nebraska drivers meet the eligibility requirements for operating a motor vehicle and that vehicles are properly titled and registered. The department collects and distributes revenues that support DMV services and other government entities. In order to fulfill these responsibilities, the DMV examines and licenses drivers; administers the driver license point system, financial responsibility and administrative license revocation laws; issues certificates of title; and registers motor vehicles, including motor carrier proration, fuel tax and reciprocity.

County treasurers act as agents for the department and issue motor vehicle titles and registrations. They also collect the fee for driver licenses except in Douglas and Sarpy counties.

The department performs functions previously administered by the Division of Motor Vehicles, except those related to the Motor Vehicle Dealer Licensing Act. Under previous law, administration of this act was given to the head of the Department of Roads and Irrigation, acting with a supervisory board. In 1957, a new Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board was created, with the director of the Department of Motor Vehicles as its chairperson.

The first motor vehicle laws were enacted in 1905 when vehicles were defined and required to be registered with the secretary of state. Motor vehicle supervision was transferred in 1919 to the Bureau of Roads and Bridges, then to a section of the Department of Public Works. In 1921, responsibility was given to the Department of Public Works, and in 1933, responsibility was transferred to the new Department of Roads and Irrigations. In 1957, the Legislature created a separate Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Today, the DMV director’s office oversees operations of the six divisions below,

which include approximately 210 employees and had an annual budget of \$27.9 million in fiscal year 2020-21. Administration includes the deputy director, controller, personnel manager, project and information manager, training and support staff.

### *Driver and Vehicle Records Division*

**Contact Person:** Betty Johnson, Administrator, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln, NE 68509-4789, phone (402) 471-3918, fax (402) 471-8694

Motor vehicles were first registered in June 1905. Individuals made their own plates, and registrations were recorded by the state. In 1915, the state began issuing license plates. In 1922, the state established the practice of using prefix numbers to identify the counties in which vehicles were registered. Each county was assigned a number based on the number of registered vehicles in the county at that time. The county with the most vehicles, Douglas, was assigned the number 1; the county with the second highest number of vehicles, Lancaster, was number 2; and so forth. Beginning with the 2002 license plate issue, Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy counties began issuing a three-letter, three-number plate.

The 1955 Legislature provided for the slogan “The Beef State” on license plates. From 1966 to 1968, the word “Centennial” replaced “The Beef State.” This was later replaced by “Cornhusker State.”

The 1974 Legislature provided that plates issued during 1972 were valid through 1975. In 1976, specially designed license plates with the inscription “1776 BICENTENNIAL 1976” were issued. At the upper left and right corners were drawings of a covered wagon and an Indian chief in full headdress.

Current law requires a new license plate to be issued every six years. The plates are distinctive for each new issuance. Annual renewal tab stickers are affixed to plates during the six years. This division (DVR) is responsible for budget, inventory control and issuance of 91 types of license plates throughout all 93 counties. DVR also is responsible for managing the message and specialty plate programs.

Graphic-designed license plates were first issued in 1988. The plates have no slogans and instead use graphic art designs contained in the reflective sheeting. These plates are issued for general-use passenger vehicles and a majority of vehicles registered in Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy counties, reflecting three letters and three numbers.

Digitally printed flat license plates were introduced with the 2005 plate reissuance.

In addition to license plates and registrations, DVR is responsible for the administration of the statewide Vehicle Titling and Registration System. VTR is used by all 93 counties for the titling and registration of Nebraska’s approximately 2.4 million motor vehicles. VTR is the system through which all motor vehicle taxes, motor vehicle fees, motor vehicle registration fees, sales tax, wheel tax and other assorted fees are collected — totaling more than \$855 million. The division reviews applications and issues approximately 162,000 handicapped parking permits and maintains the Motor Vehicle Insurance Database.

DVR also is responsible for the database maintaining the records of 1.5 million licensed drivers and State ID card holders. The DVR Help Desk provides technology and business support for county officials and the general public. DVR also houses a



Fraud Unit, which was created in 2005, that investigates identity theft, driver license fraud, and title and odometer fraud. The unit also manages the facial recognition process incorporated into the driver license issuance workflow as a security measure in 2009.

### *Driver Licensing Services*

**Contact Person:** Sara O'Rourke, Administrator, Driver Licensing Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94726, Lincoln, NE 68509-4726, phone (402) 471-3861, fax (402) 471-4020

Driver Licensing Services ensures that individuals meet Nebraska's licensing standards and requirements for issuance of driver permits, licenses and State ID cards. The division utilizes numerous systems to effectively administer its programs, including: the Interactive Driver License System, Digital Driver License System, Commercial Skills Test Information Management System, Central Card Production and Issuance System, Automated Testing System, Problem Driver Pointer System, State to State/Commercial Driver License Information System, Social Security Online Verification, Systematic Alien Verification Entitlements Program and the Commercial Driver License (CDL) Third Party Tester Database.

The division certifies driver training schools, driver safety schools and CDL third party testers and examiners. Driver training schools and CDL third party testers are audited annually. There are 95 offices and 137 employees located throughout the state who assist individuals to obtain 10 different types of permits and six types of licenses and State ID cards. Eleven offices are open five days a week. In 2021, more than 511,000 applicants were assisted in driver licensing offices statewide. In addition, over 185,000 applicants used online DMV services.

### *Motor Carrier Services Division*

**Contact Person:** Cathy Beedle, Administrator, Division of Motor Carrier Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94729, Lincoln, NE 68509-4729, phone (402) 471-4435, fax (402) 471-4024

**Statutory Reference:** 75-385

The 1996 Legislature established the Division of Motor Carrier Services within the department. The division:

- promotes the motor carrier industry of the state of Nebraska
- promotes the public health and welfare of Nebraska citizens by ensuring that the motor carrier industry operates in an efficient and safe manner
- provides for efficient and uniform governmental oversight of the motor carrier industry
- promotes financial responsibility on the part of motor carriers operating in and through Nebraska
- administers provisions of the International Registration Plan (IRP). In 2021, the division collected more than \$88.7 million in IRP fees, retaining almost \$38.8 million in Nebraska and distributing the 49.9 million balance to other IRP jurisdictions.
- administers the International Fuel Tax Agreement Act. In 2021, the division col-

lected more than \$5.5 million in fuel tax revenues, retaining \$1.89 million in Nebraska and distributing \$5.3 million to other IFTA jurisdictions.

- administers the Unified Carrier Registration System
- in 2021, the division issued over 21,000 certificates of title to apportioned registered motor vehicles
- conducts mileage and fuel audits of motor carriers

### *Financial Responsibility Division*

**Contact Person:** Lisa Wolfe, Division Manager, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94877, Lincoln, NE 68509-4877, phone (402) 471-3985, fax (402) 471-8288

**Statutory Reference:** 60-501

The Financial Responsibility Division carries out the provisions of the Financial Responsibility Act. They suspend and revoke operator's licenses for:

- no proof of liability insurance
- court orders
- accumulation of violation points
- failure to comply with payment of fine
- unsatisfied judgment
- insurance cancellation
- violation of child support order

The division processes driver license reinstatement applications for suspensions or revocations and reviews and approves applications for ignition interlock sobriety program and employment drive permits. The division also is the point of contact for issuance of medical hardship permits and aids in the collection of traffic fines and child support order payments.

### *Legal Division*

**Contact Person:** Kenneth Lackey, Administrator and Agency Counsel, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94699, Lincoln, NE 68509-4699, phone (402) 471-9595, fax (402) 471-4828

**Statutory Reference:** 60-1503, 60-498.01, 60-6,209, 60-6,211.05, 29-3606, 60-2901

The primary responsibility of the Legal Division is to manage all the legal requirements for the department and to provide legal support to all the divisions. The division handles the department's legislation, rules and regulations, administrative hearings, contracts, certification of interlock providers, STOP program, claims, Board of Pardons reprieve applications and HR matters. The division also administers the administrative license revocation (ALR) program for persons arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. In 2021, the ALR program affirmed the administrative revocation of 5,401 driver licenses of persons arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The division is also tasked with overseeing the audits and protection of all DMV data.

### *Information Systems Division*

**Contact Person:** John Brophy, Information Systems Manager, 301 Centennial

Mall South, P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln, NE 68509-4789, phone (402) 471-3906, fax (402) 471-4020

**Statutory Reference:** 60-1503

The division is responsible for the development, implementation, maintenance and support of all DMV related business applications. The division provides the technological tools, expertise and support needed to develop more efficient methods to serve Nebraskans. The focus of the DMV is to provide customers with easy access to both services and data hosted by the department. DMV online services are provided through [www.nebraska.gov](http://www.nebraska.gov)

**County Numbers for Nebraska License Plates\***

Number	County	Number	County	Number	County
3	Gage	34	Fillmore	66	Cherry
4	Custer	35	Dixon	67	Hitchcock
5	Dodge	36	Holt	68	Keith
6	Saunders	37	Phelps	69	Dawes
7	Madison	38	Furnas	70	Dakota
8	Hall	39	Cheyenne	71	Kimball
9	Buffalo	40	Pierce	72	Chase
10	Platte	41	Polk	73	Gosper
11	Otoe	42	Nuckolls	74	Perkins
12	Knox	43	Colfax	75	Brown
13	Cedar	44	Nemaha	76	Dundy
14	Adams	45	Webster	77	Garden
15	Lincoln	46	Merrick	78	Deuel
16	Seward	47	Valley	79	Hayes
17	York	48	Red Willow	80	Sioux
18	Dawson	49	Howard	81	Rock
19	Richardson	50	Franklin	82	Keya Paha
20	Cass	51	Harlan	83	Garfield
21	Scotts Bluff	52	Kearney	84	Wheeler
22	Saline	53	Stanton	85	Banner
23	Boone	54	Pawnee	86	Blaine
24	Cuming	55	Thurston	87	Logan
25	Butler	56	Sherman	88	Loup
26	Antelope	57	Johnson	89	Thomas
27	Wayne	58	Nance	90	McPherson
28	Hamilton	60	Frontier	91	Arthur
29	Washington	61	Sheridan	92	Grant
30	Clay	62	Greeley	93	Hooker
31	Burt	63	Boyd	A/N	Douglas <sup>1</sup>
32	Thayer	64	Morrill	A/N	Lancaster <sup>1</sup>
33	Jefferson	65	Box Butte	A/N	Sarpy <sup>1</sup>

\*Source: Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles.

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in 2002, Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster counties began using alphanumeric plates with three letters and three numbers instead of county-number plates.

## Department of Natural Resources

**Office Address:** 245 Fallbrook Blvd., Ste. 201, Lincoln, NE 68521, phone (402) 471-2363, fax (402) 471-2900, website — [www.dnr.nebraska.gov](http://www.dnr.nebraska.gov)

**Director:** Thomas Riley

**Statutory Reference:** 61-201

**Publications:** newsletter; periodic special reports; daily river and canal bulletins (May-September); biennial report for the Nebraska Resources Development Fund; Annual Evaluation of Availability of Hydrologically Connected Water Supplies and numerous other reports and brochures.

The Department of Natural Resources was created on July 1, 2000, by a merger of the Department of Water Resources and the Natural Resources Commission (LB900).

The 1895 Legislature created the state Board of Irrigation and gave it jurisdiction over water rights for irrigation, power and other purposes. In 1911, the name was changed to the state Board of Irrigation, Highways and Drainage. The board's director, the state engineer, was given responsibility in other fields. In 1919, the name was changed to the Department of Public Works. In 1933, it became known as the Department of Roads and Irrigation, with jurisdiction over highways, vehicle registration and law enforcement, in addition to water rights issues.

The 1957 Legislature created the Department of Water Resources and gave it the powers and duties formerly exercised by the Bureau of Irrigation, Water Power and Drainage, and the Department of Roads and Irrigation. The department carried out the work started by the state Board of Irrigation.

The Natural Resources Commission was originally established in 1937 as the State Soil Conservation Committee. The committee was later known as the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and then was renamed the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission in 1972.

The Department of Natural Resources carries out the functions and programs of the merged agencies. It regulates the use and storage of surface water from Nebraska's streams, lakes and reservoirs and authorizes the transfer of groundwater by industrial and municipal groundwater users. The department also measures and records state streamflows. The department maintains the state water wells registration system and approves requests to waive state water well spacing requirements. The department issues permits to allow the development of geothermal groundwater use and to allow groundwater transfers to another state.

The department's floodplain management duties include administering Nebraska's Flood Plain Regulation Act and providing state coordination of the National Flood Insurance Program. Local governments with zoning jurisdiction have one year after receiving acceptable floodway boundaries to adopt zoning ordinances restricting development and land use within those floodway lines. The department helps local subdivisions meet requirements prescribed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which administers the flood insurance program. The department is responsible for reviewing and approving plans and specifications for dams to ensure that the dams will be safe and regularly inspects dams for safety violations.

The Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act requires the de-

partment to review the state's water supplies annually and decide if any basins are fully appropriated and, therefore, subject to the integrated management planning process. In areas of the state that have been declared fully appropriated or overappropriated, the department works with natural resources districts to create integrated management plans that will sustain water uses and supplies.<sup>6</sup>

The department and the natural resources districts may limit water use through a variety of methods including assigning allocations to water use, prohibiting new wells and new surface water appropriations, rotating well use, tougher well-spacing standards, better management practices and educational programs.

The department director is the Nebraska member of several interstate bodies that administer stream and border compacts.<sup>7</sup> The department is responsible for coordinating the state's efforts to comply with interstate stream compacts.

### *Natural Resources Commission*

**Contact Person:** Kent Zimmerman, Department of Natural Resources, 245 Fallbrook Blvd., Ste. 201, Lincoln, NE 68521, phone (402) 471-0575, fax (402) 471-2900, website — [www.nrc.nebraska.gov](http://www.nrc.nebraska.gov)

**Statutory Reference:** 2-1504

The Natural Resources Commission carries out certain specific responsibilities in connection with natural resources districts including providing special funds for district projects. The commission created the original NRD boundaries in 1971 and is responsible for approving boundary alterations. The commission additionally has statutory responsibilities for the ranking and distribution of available funding from the Water Sustainability Fund, not in connection with the NRDs.

The WSF is a source of financial support to help the state achieve goals set out in statute and rules adopted by the NRC. The NRC oversees fund operations, including selecting successful applications, and the state Department of Natural Resources oversees administration. Of the funding appropriated annually by the Legislature, 10 percent is designated to projects addressing combined storm and sewer water overflow and 10 percent to projects requesting \$250,000 or less.

WSF applications are filed electronically between July 16 and 31 each year. Applications are reviewed by DNR staff, and those found by the director to be "sufficient" are forwarded to the NRC for scoring. Scores assigned by the NRC determine which applications are funded from available funds.

Through passage of LB1098, the 2014 Legislature increased the commission's size from 16 members to 27. Thirteen commission members represent the river basins and are elected to four-year terms at individual caucuses of elected members of the natural resources districts. The 14 other members are appointed to four-year terms by the governor and represent: agribusiness interests, agricultural interests, groundwater irrigators, irrigation districts, manufacturing interests, metropolitan utilities districts, municipal water users from a primary class city, municipal water users from a first or second class city or village, outdoor recreation users, public power districts, public power

<sup>6</sup> For more information on Natural Resources Districts, see Page 863.

<sup>7</sup> For more details on these interstate compacts, see Page 725.

and irrigation districts, range livestock owners, surface water irrigators and wildlife conservation interests.

Member	Representing	Term Expires
Garry A. Anderson, Dixon.....	Elkhorn River Basin .....	Jan. 21, 2025
Donald Batic, Lexington.....	Agricultural Interests .....	May 31, 2026
Lawrence Bradley, Omaha.....	Missouri Tributaries River Basin.....	Jan. 19, 2023
Devin M. Brundage, Gothenburg .....	Public Power and Irrigation Districts.....	May 31, 2026
Stan Clouse, Kearney.....	Municipal Water Users.....	May 31, 2024
Mark Czaplewski, Grand Island.....	Wildlife Conservation Interests.....	May 31, 2026
Dave Deines, Gering .....	North Platte River Basin.....	Jan. 21, 2025
Brad Dunbar, Omaha.....	Manufacturing Interests.....	May 31, 2024
Kevin Fornoff, Hayes Center.....	Republican River Basin .....	Jan. 21, 2025
N. Richard Hadenfeldt, Dannebrog.....	Loup River Basin .....	Jan. 19, 2023
Bill Halligan, Bushnell.....	South Platte River Basin.....	Jan. 21, 2025
Thomas L. Knutson, St. Paul .....	Surface Water Irrigators.....	May 31, 2024
Timothy Krause, Broken Bow .....	Range Livestock Owners .....	May 31, 2026
Rick Kubat, Omaha .....	Metropolitan Utilities Districts.....	May 31, 2024
Mike McDonald, Adams.....	Nemaha River Basin .....	Jan. 19, 2023
John Miller, Beatrice .....	Big Blue River Basin.....	Jan. 19, 2023
Michael (Mick) Reynolds, Wood River.....	Middle Platte River Basin.....	Jan. 21, 2025
Lyle Schroer, Lawrence .....	Little Blue River Basin.....	Jan. 21, 2025
LeRoy Sievers, Lincoln .....	Municipal Water Users .....	May 31, 2024
Scott Smathers, Lincoln .....	Outdoor Recreation Users .....	May 31, 2024
Jeff Steffen, Crofton.....	Missouri Tributaries River Basin.....	Jan. 19, 2023
Dan Steinkruger, Lincoln.....	Agribusiness Interests .....	May 31, 2026
Walter Dennis Strauch, Mitchell .....	Irrigation Districts.....	May 31, 2026
Loren Taylor, Broken Bow .....	Groundwater Irrigators .....	May 31, 2026
Greg Wilke, Ainsworth.....	Niobrara-White-Hat river basins .....	Jan. 21, 2025
Vacant .....	Public Power Districts .....	May 31, 2020

## Nebraska State Patrol

**Office Address:** 4600 Innovation Drive, P.O. Box 94907, Lincoln, NE 68521, phone (402) 471-4545, toll-free Emergency Highway Help Line (800) 525-5555 (\*55 on cellular phones), toll-free statewide Crime Stoppers Line (800) 422-1494, Road Conditions Line dial 511, Recruitment Hot Line (866) 564-6677, website — [www.statepatrol.nebraska.gov](http://www.statepatrol.nebraska.gov)

**Superintendent:** Col. John A. Bolduc

**Administration:** Lt. Col. Andrew Duis, Assistant Superintendent; Maj. Russell Lewis, Administrative Services; Maj. Jeff Pelowski, Central Field Services; Maj. Brenda Konfrst, Eastern Field Services; Acting Maj. Martin Denton, Western Field Services

**Statutory References:** 81-101 and 81-2001

**Publications:** Law enforcement bulletin; *The Informer* (internal newsletter); annual report; strategic plan; pamphlets and brochures

**Troop HQ:** 4600 Innovation Drive, P.O. Box 94907, Lincoln, NE 68521, phone (402) 471-0105

**Troop A:** 4411 S. 108th St., Omaha, NE 68137, phone (402) 331-3333

**Troop B:** 1401 W. Eisenhower Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701-2199, phone (402) 370-3456

**Troop C:** 3431 W. Old Potash, P.O. Box 1602, Grand Island, NE 68802-1602,

phone (308) 385-6000

**Troop D:** Junction Highway 83 and Interstate 80, 300 W. South River Road, North Platte, NE 69101-6988, phone (308) 535-8047

**Troop E:** Panhandle Office Complex, 4500 Ave. I, P.O. Box 1500, Scottsbluff, NE 69361-0872, phone (308) 632-1211

In 1937, the Legislature created the Nebraska Safety Patrol, making it a division of the Department of Roads and Irrigation. As amended in 1941, the law named the patrol's chief officer as "superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety." In 1967, the Legislature changed the name to State Patrol and broadened the division's duties. In 1981, the Legislature made the State Patrol a separate agency, removing it from Department of Roads' control.

The superintendent's office directly supervises professional standards, public information and executive protection. Other state patrol duties are classified under three general areas: administrative services, investigative services and field services.

Officers of the state patrol also provide executive protection for the governor and the governor's family, legislative security and Supreme/Appellate Court security.

### *Administrative Services*

This division includes accounting, grants, information technology, supply, purchasing, CLEIN network administration, research and planning, project management and the training academy.

### **Internal Affairs Division**

The Internal Affairs Division provides the agency a means of maintaining professional conduct within the Nebraska State Patrol. The Internal Affairs lieutenant receives complaints from the public and within the agency and initiates administrative investigations into complaints that allege misconduct. The division also tracks incidents where officers were required to use force or discharge weapons in the performance of their duties.

### *Investigative Services Division*

The Investigative Services Division includes criminal investigations, drug investigations, the Nebraska Information Analysis Center (intelligence sharing of all crimes and hazards), criminal identification (fingerprint and criminal history files) and the following divisions: alcohol/tobacco, auto/fuel fraud, crime lab, hazardous devices, Internet crimes and the sex offender registry program.

### **Alcohol/Tobacco Division**

The Nebraska State Patrol serves as the primary enforcement agency for the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. In addition to liquor law enforcement, the patrol investigates the background of liquor license applicants and complaints of alleged violations and conducts licensed premise inspections. The patrol also provides training to retail liquor license holders regarding state law, the rules and regulations of the Liquor Control Commission and methods of detecting false identification.

### **Auto/Fuel Fraud Division**

The Auto Fraud Division tracks stolen vehicles and educates key individuals about identification of false vehicle documents. The division promotes anti-auto fraud and public awareness programs and provides certification training to vehicle title inspectors. Fuel fraud personnel investigate fuel tax fraud, illegal use of dyed diesel fuel and consumer fraud involving fuel quality and quantity. The division also investigates fraud involving the nonpayment of tax and registration fees related to the sale and/or purchase of vehicles in Nebraska.

### **Crime Laboratory**

The mission of the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Laboratory is to serve as a state leader in the field of forensic science serving law enforcement agencies statewide. Key functions include evidence analysis, operation of the state's DNA databank, expert court testimony and evidence collection and preservation training. The crime lab provides all services free of charge to Nebraska law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

### **Drug Investigations**

Nebraska State Patrol drug investigators throughout the state investigate all levels of crime involving the manufacture, sale and distribution of illegal drugs. Investigators increasingly are focusing on identifying, infiltrating and dismantling upper-level drug trafficking organizations through cooperative efforts with the state's Drug Task Force units, many of which have a state patrol investigator assigned on a full time basis.

### **Hazardous Devices Squad**

The Hazardous Devices Squad consists of hazardous device technicians certified through the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Hazardous Devices School. The squad's responsibilities include responding to explosives calls, providing training in explosive recognition and awareness and enforcing laws regarding the purchase, use and storage of commercial explosives.

### **Technical Crimes Unit/Internet Crimes Against Children**

The Technical Crimes Unit addresses the use of computers and electronic devices to commit fraud, identity theft and other related computer crimes. The Internet Crimes Against Children unit is one of 60 federally funded ICAC task forces in the United States. The unit works proactive and reactive cases involving child pornography and online enticement of children for sexual purposes. The unit also works with other agencies to investigate threats to the State of Nebraska's technology infrastructure.

### **Sex Offender Registry**

The Sex Offender Registry was created to maintain records of convicted sex offenders. Program personnel determine the length of the mandatory registration period for each offender, track offenders' address and employment changes, conduct community notification and investigate violations of registry laws.



### *Field Services*

Field Services include highway patrolling, crash investigations, motor carrier enforcement, SWAT team services and the Aviation Support, Community Policing and Police Service Dog divisions.

#### **Aviation Support**

The Aviation Support Division has pilots stationed in Lincoln and Ogallala. Three fixed-wing aircraft and one helicopter are used to enforce motor vehicle laws, conduct surveillance, search for missing persons and assist other law enforcement agencies.

#### **Community Policing Division**

The Nebraska State Patrol has officers dedicated to participate in community policing, which is a partnership between police and the communities they serve. The program is designed to identify problems and to develop solutions to these problems. Nebraska State Patrol Community Service Officers conduct or assist with a variety of programs, including the Metro Area Motorist Assist Program, Nebraska Motorist Assist Program, Central Nebraska Motorist Assist Program and Junior Law Program.

#### **Police Service Dog Division**

The Police Service Dog Division consists of 11 officers and their police service dogs. The dogs are trained to track suspects or missing persons, search buildings or vehicles for drugs and explosives, protect officers and apprehend suspects.

## **Department of Revenue**

**Office Address:** 301 Centennial Mall South, Second Floor, P.O. Box 94818, Lincoln, NE 68509-4818, phone (402) 471-5729, toll-free taxpayer assistance line for Nebraska and Iowa 1-800-742-7474, website — [revenue.nebraska.gov](http://revenue.nebraska.gov)

**Interim Tax Commissioner:** Glen White

**Statutory References:** Nebraska Constitution, Article IV, Section 28; and 77-360

**Publications:** Statistical information annual report; Fund Summary Report; Department of Revenue Annual Incentives Report; Tax Expenditure Report; and other reports required by law or for informational purposes

The Nebraska Department of Revenue, through the tax commissioner, has indirect authority over state revenues and directly administers major state tax programs except alcoholic beverage and insurance premium taxes.

A constitutional amendment in 1967 prohibited state government from using property tax revenues. To replace this revenue, the Legislature enacted a state sales and use tax and a state income tax. The sales and use tax became effective in 1967, and the income tax became effective in 1968.

The department prepares an annual report that includes statistical information on collected state taxes. This report is available at [revenue.nebraska.gov](http://revenue.nebraska.gov).

### *Administration*

The department is organized into five divisions: Administrative Services, Compliance and Motor Fuels, Lottery and Charitable Gaming, Operations and Information Technology and Property Assessment.

#### *Administrative Services Division*

The Administrative Services Division:

- develops legislative and regulatory policies that clearly inform the public about Nebraska tax law
- conducts economic research, such as preparing the forecast of state receipts and estimating the tax impact of proposed legislation
- is responsible for human resources, financial and accounting systems and related support services for the department

#### *Compliance and Motor Fuels Division*

The Compliance and Motor Fuels Division is responsible for:

- assuring fair and uniform payment and collection of tax due under Nebraska's tax system
- performing audit, legal and collection duties related to enforcement of Nebraska's tax laws
- investigating tax fraud and evasion
- administering motor fuels and tax incentive programs

#### *Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division*

**Statutory Reference:** 9-804 and 9-1,101

The Legislature established the Charitable Gaming Division in 1986 to regulate charitable gaming activities in Nebraska. In November 1992, Nebraska voters approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the creation of a state lottery. The Nebraska Lottery was created by LB138, passed by the 1993 Legislature.

The State Athletic Commissioner is co-located in the Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division and is responsible for regulating mixed martial arts, professional wrestling and professional boxing in Nebraska.

The Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division:

- generates funds for lottery beneficiaries, including the Nebraska Environmental Trust, education as directed by the Legislature, the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and the Nebraska State Fair Board through the sale of instant-win and online lottery games
- administers laws relating to bingo, keno, pickle cards, raffles, mechanical amusement devices and cash devices, including responsibility for licensing, policy and enforcement activities
- ensures that charitable gaming proceeds are accurately accounted for and used in a lawful manner

### *Operations and Information Technology Division*

The Operations and Information Technology Division:

- manages and administers the department's various resources to provide staff with information and services needed to deliver efficient and high quality service to the public
- is responsible for information and tax return processing, procurement, facilities and technology management and support services for the department
- provides taxpayer assistance through educational information on the department's website, over the phone or in person at educational seminars

### *Property Assessment Division*

**Statutory Reference:** 77-701

The Property Assessment Division:

- provides legal, policy and assessment information through regulations, directives, standards, manuals and education to county assessors and other assessing officers to ensure uniform execution of property tax laws
- researches and develops information and reports regarding property valuations and taxes to assist the Legislature, administrators and taxpayers in making informed decisions concerning the quality of the assessment function of the property tax system
- determines valuations and distributes value or tax of centrally assessed property such as railroads, public service entities, car lines and air carriers
- qualifies eligible personal property for exemption under tax incentive programs and administers programs, including: homestead exemption; documentary stamp tax; real property tax credit; Personal Property Tax Relief Act; Rent-Restricted Housing Projects Valuation Committee and the nameplate capacity tax
- determines assessable valuations for school districts for use in the school aid formula

### *Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Board*

**Contact Person:** Glen White, Interim Tax Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Revenue, 301 Centennial Mall South, Second Floor, P.O. Box 94818, Lincoln, NE 68509-4818, phone (402) 471-5604

**Statutory Reference:** 13-2601

In 1999, the Legislature created the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act to ensure that the state may receive long-term economic and fiscal benefits from convention facilities. The board determined whether political subdivisions that file applications under this act qualify for state assistance.

Under the act, there can be no new applicants for state assistance after Dec. 31, 2012. However, the department continues to administer the state assistance as approved by the board for two successful applicants.

### *Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Board*

**Contact Person:** Glen White, Interim Tax Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Revenue, 301 Centennial Mall South, Second Floor, P.O. Box 94818, Lincoln, NE 68509-4818, phone (402) 471-5604

**Statutory Reference:** 13-3101

In 2010, the Legislature created the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act. The board determines whether political subdivisions that file applications under this act qualify for state assistance.

The board consists of the governor, state treasurer, chairperson of the Nebraska Investment Council, chairperson of the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy and a professor of economics from a state postsecondary educational institution appointed by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

<b>Members</b>	<b>Position</b>
John Murante, Omaha.....	State Treasurer
Jim Pillen, Columbus.....	Governor
Tom Purcell, Omaha.....	Chair, Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy
Eric Thompson, Lincoln .....	Director, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Bureau of Business Research
Gail Werner-Robertson, Omaha.....	Chairperson, Nebraska Investment Council

**Total Property Taxes Levied in Nebraska, 1887-2021\***

Year	Total Assessed Valuation <sup>1-18</sup>	Total State Levy in Mills	Total State Taxes Levied	Total Amount of State Taxes Levied	Total Amount of County Taxes Levied	Total Amount of City/Village Taxes Levied	Total Amount of Township Taxes Levied	Total Amount of School Taxes Levied	Total Amount of Other Taxes Levied <sup>16</sup>	Grand Total All Property Taxes Levied
1887.....	160,506,266	8.13	1,305,659	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1897.....	165,193,736	7.15	1,181,919	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1907.....	329,413,349	7.00	2,305,893	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1917.....	528,891,424	8.48	4,484,999	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,600,457.36
1920.....	762,284,909	10.39	7,932,575	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,365,699.26
1921.....	3,212,737,091	3.30	10,930,607	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,967,004.92
1925.....	3,176,773,795	2.35	7,482,542	-	-	-	-	-	-	54,970,346.96
1926.....	3,177,159,318	1.80	5,718,886	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,028,255.91
1927.....	3,141,146,610	3.75	11,779,299	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,273,807.24
1928.....	3,125,855,662	2.06	6,439,262	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,442,398.97
1929.....	3,167,489,383	2.40	7,645,798	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,485,076.39
1930.....	3,102,050,571	2.34	7,258,798	-	-	-	-	-	-	56,424,184.07
1931.....	3,045,793,706	2.04	6,213,419	-	-	-	-	-	-	49,388,994.64
1932.....	2,521,000,981	2.37	5,974,772	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,906,527.94
1933.....	2,073,283,250	2.59	4,955,147	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,068,482.03
1934.....	2,059,678,928	2.10	4,424,207	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,878,947.41
1935.....	2,030,243,533	2.15	4,467,760	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,113,357.43
1936.....	2,060,835,168	1.76	3,732,183	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,024,422.95
1937.....	2,058,224,967	2.64	5,536,161	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,183,558.77
1938.....	2,033,302,482	2.68	6,213,375 <sup>a</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,819,088.50
1939.....	2,047,519,591	2.61	6,111,012 <sup>a</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,713,054.72
1940.....	1,922,271,788	2.57	5,751,790.31 <sup>a</sup>	8,522,835.62	9,363,959.00	827,583.52	19,089,644.91	2,157,241.36	1,965,941.85	46,271,291.87
1941.....	1,949,775,725	2.71	6,114,720.49 <sup>a</sup>	8,544,696.34	9,528,105.72	868,795.63	19,249,031.84	1,931,019.45	1,931,019.45	47,416,936.73
1942.....	2,042,442,436	2.39	5,892,250.53 <sup>a</sup>	8,437,615.85	9,923,106.54	911,358.28	20,321,586.08	2,780,305.76	2,780,305.76	49,791,714.25
1943.....	2,123,882,890	2.48	6,434,989.90 <sup>a</sup>	7,346,061.49	9,731,625.33	902,633.21	22,596,098.56	2,862,832.43	2,862,832.43	51,814,011.79
1944.....	2,115,063,748	2.54 <sup>a</sup>	6,646,877.64 <sup>a</sup>	7,089,268.72	9,635,450.57	918,210.88	24,661,371.55	2,951,922.42	2,951,922.42	57,511,244.81
1945.....	2,153,798,946	2.84 <sup>a</sup>	7,541,696.98 <sup>a</sup>	8,344,525.21	10,360,226.65	1,119,521.03	27,193,352.52	3,473,962.23	3,473,962.23	63,243,778.23
1946.....	2,160,972,214	3.30 <sup>a</sup>	8,970,146.90 <sup>a</sup>	8,945,475.72	11,392,713.44	1,299,012.87	29,212,466.96	3,202,980.14	3,202,980.14	81,396,348.29
1947.....	2,315,539,866	5.99 <sup>a</sup>	16,226,395.97 <sup>a</sup>	10,021,306.17	12,190,072.88	1,528,623.29	37,887,372.40	43,285,645.46	43,285,645.46	90,287,562.48 <sup>b</sup>
1948.....	2,499,222,769	5.26 <sup>a</sup>	16,590,938.10 <sup>a</sup>	11,128,634.02	14,026,147.84	1,829,223.68	45,907,269.75	3,005,280.95	3,005,280.95	98,664,524.15 <sup>c</sup>
1949.....	2,640,565,444	5.86 <sup>a</sup>	19,118,120.38 <sup>a</sup>	12,798,837.04	15,451,581.85	2,081,642.24	45,907,269.75	3,218,657.15	3,218,657.15	107,576,591.44 <sup>d</sup>
1950.....	2,719,489,576	5.76	19,519,763.70 <sup>a</sup>	12,835,629.71	16,199,324.47	2,182,106.43	53,225,772.76	2,621,995.26	2,621,995.26	122,665,280.82
1951.....	3,014,247,350	6.59	24,171,059.33 <sup>a</sup>	14,358,334.06	18,371,648.03	2,296,761.73	58,205,008.79	2,683,738.43	2,683,738.43	124,347,195.93
1952.....	3,104,475,679	6.98	27,025,733.01 <sup>a</sup>	14,424,701.63	20,346,311.25	2,467,706.17	55,240,372.79	2,621,022.59	2,621,022.59	128,041,382.23 <sup>b</sup>
1953.....	3,383,619,610	5.75	24,830,943.41 <sup>a</sup>	14,194,973.78	21,824,327.76	2,480,913.40	57,896,786.43	2,902,266.64	2,902,266.64	128,041,382.23 <sup>b</sup>
1954.....	3,043,753,089	6.69	20,820,539.57 <sup>a</sup>	19,138,043.41	21,692,901.55	2,351,358.95	60,463,284.26	2,902,266.64	2,902,266.64	128,041,382.23 <sup>b</sup>

\* Source: Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division.

Total Property Taxes Levied in Nebraska, 1887-2021 (Cont'd.)

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1955.....	3,059,667,317	8.18	25,468,398.01*	21,939,063.84	22,761,837.33	2,171,542.77	66,811,906.76	2,856,726.27	142,627,677.96 <sup>5</sup>
1956.....	2,958,572,814	8.09	24,388,599.86	22,741,831.79	23,187,048.99	1,974,012.50	70,246,466.64	3,094,990.67	146,212,379.98 <sup>6</sup>
1957.....	2,968,251,035	8.23	24,949,837.30	24,081,108.68	23,874,781.65	1,891,013.32	75,396,263.55	2,795,780.66	153,524,482.99 <sup>7</sup>
1958.....	3,026,479,555	7.97	24,598,189.28	25,162,038.00	25,072,458.92	2,010,803.07	80,258,148.92	2,789,387.21	161,513,035.51 <sup>8</sup>
1959.....	3,175,363,640	8.45	27,742,734.00 <sup>9</sup>	27,010,154.00 <sup>10</sup>	26,916,580.00 <sup>10</sup>	2,108,651.00	89,390,547.00 <sup>10</sup>	1,823,095.00	175,700,835.00 <sup>9</sup>
1960.....	3,212,814,395	8.43	27,084,022.00 <sup>10</sup>	29,209,653.04	29,078,360.40	2,379,647.37	97,361,961.77	1,797,134.61	189,000,049.35
1961.....	3,278,007,212	8.41	27,668,040.00	30,288,018.27	31,089,977.95	2,416,917.37	102,502,803.84	2,283,652.45	198,260,199.20
1962.....	3,367,213,872	8.43	28,885,612.00	33,298,733.90	33,540,949.22	2,472,914.89	110,833,920.33	2,862,106.94	214,740,261.73
1963.....	3,458,065,766	9.80	33,871,754.17	35,173,883.83	35,979,276.30	2,665,803.07	120,789,718.71	3,508,721.12	235,101,945.65
1964.....	3,553,328,531	9.14	32,477,422.77	37,387,165.00	38,454,973.00	2,585,621.00	126,797,196.00	4,527,456.00	246,617,142.00
1965.....	3,824,944,306	11.75	44,866,596.73	42,191,781.00	42,010,524.00	2,526,240.00	137,366,909.00	5,595,374.00	278,511,202.00
1966.....	4,334,187,613	10.67	49,317,239.46	47,162,520.04	47,093,081.86	2,590,065.42	155,612,952.14	5,227,918.82	308,319,630.21
1967.....	4,250,081,231	-	52,228,134.16	52,228,134.16	47,711,381.94	2,772,969.00	188,637,979.46	2,673,756.93	296,865,045.75
1968.....	4,450,148,845	-	52,698,236.33	52,698,236.33	48,477,535.15	2,707,718.34	186,970,844.29	1,703,395.38	291,657,729.49
1969.....	5,134,365,585	-	55,240,378.58	55,240,378.58	52,225,096.24	2,978,619.20	207,010,518.22	1,877,520.28	319,322,132.65
1970.....	5,375,575,178	-	60,070,893.23	60,070,893.23	55,540,398.42	2,886,917.00	227,298,397.69	5,494,558.40	351,261,164.85
1971.....	5,537,901,733 <sup>11</sup>	-	67,941,724.18 <sup>12</sup>	67,941,724.18 <sup>12</sup>	58,579,109.57 <sup>12</sup>	3,021,725.63	253,055,623.67 <sup>13</sup>	6,957,773.65	389,555,956.70
1972.....	5,731,535,854	-	66,815,345.18	66,815,345.18	59,850,069.91	3,067,721.90	268,140,216.20	11,841,962.08	409,715,315.27
1973.....	6,077,281,894	-	67,530,676.69	67,530,676.69	63,207,701.26	3,192,637.20	266,937,559.55	14,836,694.79	415,705,269.49
1974.....	6,503,268,242	-	79,948,378.28	79,948,378.28	69,070,859.84	3,583,457.94	283,085,525.68	16,840,694.20	452,528,855.94
1975.....	6,748,224,013	-	89,488,177.16	89,488,177.16	77,568,121.34	3,938,242.37	335,418,412.12	20,170,789.27	526,583,742.26
1976.....	7,017,779,158	-	97,559,784.14	97,559,784.14	84,249,319.60	4,169,473.22	390,698,319.60	20,534,040.50	597,011,527.96
1977.....	7,627,733,927	-	104,203,795.14	104,203,795.14	88,979,987.30	4,215,692.98	418,143,601.85	23,306,318.55	638,849,455.82
1978.....	7,613,655,151	-	92,085,281.43	92,085,281.43	91,670,649.88	4,302,523.80	419,938,308.46	28,324,536.08	636,321,709.65
1979.....	11,980,897,548	-	106,732,742.66	106,732,742.66	96,719,718.42	5,275,881.41	445,372,813.04	29,031,662.80	683,132,818.45
1980.....	12,671,717,612	-	118,268,175.56	118,268,175.56	111,214,847.08	5,563,853.87	444,546,095.81	29,078,338.43	708,671,290.75
1981.....	37,323,254,040 <sup>14</sup>	-	127,122,316.17	119,606,762.19	119,606,762.19	5,885,564.33	490,175,200.88	31,251,930.94	774,041,774.51
1982.....	38,553,689,126	-	132,536,518.71	129,261,511.73	129,261,511.73	6,705,460.35	519,235,159.61	33,342,822.26	820,801,472.09
1983.....	41,035,051,624	-	145,712,192.81	137,795,517.16	137,795,517.16	7,478,969.60	567,520,722.10	35,376,554.34	893,894,758.60
1984.....	41,632,906,878	-	149,167,872.98	138,939,350.26	138,939,350.26	8,052,530.26	609,396,444.64	43,989,999.79	949,606,197.93
1985.....	44,606,914,842	-	156,689,853.19	136,371,552.53	136,371,552.53	8,278,854.46	662,503,133.90	51,428,651.23	1,015,272,045.51
1986.....	43,925,258,319	-	152,584,555.93	143,342,404.22	143,342,404.22	7,873,142.86	697,383,486.92	57,595,701.77	1,059,179,271.70
1987.....	44,309,579,823	-	154,933,300.94	145,214,398.57	145,214,398.57	7,690,335.05	713,128,598.70	61,851,081.68	1,100,975,101.94
1988.....	44,697,049,210	-	162,574,423.42	148,990,983.71	148,990,983.71	7,718,588.90	777,782,709.17	66,819,052.85	1,163,685,758.05
1989.....	49,991,878,637	-	176,918,895.88	159,159,830.51	159,159,830.51	7,860,447.76	874,142,429.63	72,335,081.60	1,291,988,680.84
1990.....	52,725,587,844	-	183,324,179.08	160,949,818.35	160,949,818.35	7,969,656.39	792,951,893.81	73,413,706.30	1,217,708,654.73
1991.....	54,041,010,920	-	193,159,277.33	164,070,911.90	164,070,911.90	8,080,419.88	813,288,636.89	78,448,202.84	1,257,047,448.83

Total Property Taxes Levied in Nebraska, 1887-2021 (Cont'd.)

Year	Total Assessed Valuation <sup>1, 18</sup>	Total State Levy in Mills	Total State Taxes Levied	Total County Taxes Levied	Total City/Village Taxes Levied	Total Township Taxes Levied	Total School Taxes Levied	Total Amount of Other Taxes Levied <sup>16</sup>	Grand Total All Property Taxes Levied
1992	56,004,491,961.15	-	-	201,879,272.15	166,154,038.92	8,260,817.28	855,628,353.49	82,364,305.22	1,314,286,787.06
1993	57,861,622,350	-	-	218,962,439.61	171,372,563.13	8,553,226.25	929,381,710.83	85,595,621.83	1,413,865,561.65
1994	63,265,656,339	-	-	229,536,803.30	177,038,220.01	8,700,649.39	1,008,550,114.90	92,717,692.33	1,516,543,479.93
1995	66,323,588,789	-	-	240,542,678.67	189,442,108.16	8,864,252.86	977,113,665.94	168,914,201.08	1,584,893,906.72
1996	70,501,578,300	-	-	243,650,064.85	190,419,199.29	9,219,214.58	1,021,743,386.08	179,116,083.26	1,644,147,948.05
1997	69,048,638,885 <sup>17</sup>	-	-	229,054,744.74	175,080,143.47	9,126,158.00	957,975,231.90	173,305,191.98	1,546,541,470.09
1998	74,603,633,524	-	-	227,198,972.00	175,402,964.00	8,487,915.00	897,530,846.00	165,051,939.00	1,471,472,636.00
1999	81,499,658,329	-	-	229,116,147.00	186,516,508.00	8,781,760.00	950,994,794.00	144,062,329.00	1,519,471,538.00
2000	88,307,553,325	-	-	242,907,650.00	190,534,175.00	8,976,206.00	1,045,882,574.00	154,882,574.00	1,640,581,719.00
2001	93,938,214,211	-	-	270,198,652.00	203,672,425.00	9,348,336.00	1,078,506,900.00	200,107,277.00	1,761,833,590.00
2002	98,162,679,918	-	-	292,056,327.00	210,563,949.00	9,489,709.00	1,143,578,889.00	212,457,717.00	1,868,146,583.00
2003	109,123,041,103	-	-	321,016,370.00	219,615,828.00	9,800,769.00	1,254,770,485.00	233,423,949.00	2,038,627,402.00
2004	109,123,243,710	-	-	340,066,873.00	226,999,695.00	10,233,494.00	1,307,534,623.00	254,165,416.00	2,139,540,101.00
2005	116,267,633,375	-	-	368,559,351.00	241,989,667.00	10,464,502.00	1,378,914,526.00	282,070,221.00	2,281,998,267.00
2006	125,064,178,626	-	-	393,816,418.00	253,672,669.00	11,102,880.00	1,474,275,271.00	309,196,343.00	2,442,063,581.00
2007	131,993,854,563	-	-	417,047,416.00	274,204,507.00	11,822,448.00	1,552,763,379.00	325,774,758.00	2,581,612,508.00
2008	139,910,063,115	-	-	442,543,981.00	290,516,115.00	12,601,710.00	1,632,162,008.00	395,028,998.00	2,772,852,812.00
2009	147,626,212,873	-	-	464,194,036.00	311,282,052.00	13,081,116.00	1,716,241,503.00	371,327,467.00	2,876,126,174.00
2010	154,005,148,221	-	-	492,464,502.00	320,814,632.00	13,925,486.00	1,778,846,009.00	385,030,621.00	2,991,080,851.00
2011	160,728,246,466	-	-	513,500,121.00	335,718,492.00	14,608,497.00	1,843,237,551.00	405,883,258.00	3,108,747,898.00
2012	169,958,724,711	-	-	541,757,212.00	340,610,815.00	15,109,242.00	1,922,638,274.00	411,764,206.00	3,231,879,749.00
2013	184,353,161,915	-	-	564,516,999.00	344,063,476.00	16,099,936.00	2,026,910,373.00	451,129,091.00	3,400,720,239.00
2014	206,170,399,495	-	-	577,726,938.00	351,918,875.00	16,420,904.00	2,139,647,684.00	479,364,303.00	3,565,078,704.00
2015	227,668,925,779	-	-	600,786,669.00	369,262,696.00	16,708,931.00	2,280,164,356.00	514,510,815.00	3,781,433,467.00
2016	238,324,364,379	-	-	620,330,265.00	380,643,702.00	17,037,332.00	2,353,467,456.00	533,406,222.00	3,904,884,977.00
2017	245,203,340,134	-	-	644,226,173.00	398,746,875.00	17,572,907.00	2,436,664,177.00	557,527,303.00	4,054,737,550.00
2018	249,234,881,561	-	-	668,473,795.00	422,665,391.00	17,601,696.00	2,506,634,286.00	564,617,208.00	4,179,992,371.00
2019	254,420,007,333	-	-	681,587,817.00	451,587,817.00	19,244,061.00	2,606,691,477.00	580,508,263.00	4,378,148,328.00
2020	260,240,097,486	-	-	748,690,781.00	481,977,874.00	19,212,932.00	2,701,590,618.00	589,731,033.00	4,541,712,238.00
2021	270,323,853,894	-	-	770,733,199.00	504,542,267.00	20,098,091.00	2,817,322,422.00	616,147,486.00	4,728,843,465.00

<sup>1</sup> From 1921 to 1952, property was assessed at full value instead of one-fifth value, as in past years. From 1953 to 1957, property was assessed at 50 percent of value. From 1959 to 1980, property was assessed at 35 percent of value. Starting in 1981, property has been assessed at full value.

<sup>2</sup> Includes tax levied by counties but remitted to state for hospitals for the "insane and feebleminded."

<sup>3</sup> Includes one-tenth of a mill for reimbursing permanent school fund.

<sup>4</sup> Includes one-tenth of a mill for reimbursing permanent school fund and .47 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy.

<sup>5</sup> Includes one-tenth of a mill for historical society buildings, .44 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and 1.10 mills for Building Fund Levy.

From 1959 to

## Footnotes (Cont'd.)

- <sup>6</sup> Includes .41 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and 1.10 mills for Building Fund Levy.
- <sup>7</sup> Includes .38 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and 1.10 mills for Building Fund Levy.
- <sup>8</sup> Includes Douglas County Tax Appraisal Board Taxes and Veterans Aid Fund, 1950-55.
- <sup>9</sup> Includes Rural Fire District Taxes, Road District Taxes and Grain and Seed Taxes, 1947-79.
- <sup>10</sup> Includes Head Tax.
- <sup>11</sup> Homestead exemption amount of \$6.3 million.
- <sup>12</sup> State aid to cities and counties amount to \$12.6 million annually.
- <sup>13</sup> State aid to public schools amount to \$35 million annually.
- <sup>14</sup> Actual value.
- <sup>15</sup> In 1992, Nebraska changed the valuation methodology for personal property from market value to a depreciated net book basis. See *Nebraska Department of Revenue Annual Report*, Beginning in 1992, agricultural land is assessed at 80 percent, and all other real property is assessed at 100 percent of actual value.
- <sup>16</sup> Reflects taxes levied for rural fire districts, natural resources districts, educational service units, community colleges and miscellaneous districts.
- <sup>17</sup> 1997 value excludes motor vehicle values per LB271, passed in 1997.
- <sup>18</sup> Beginning in 2007, assessment of agricultural land decreased from 80 percent to 75 percent of actual value, and all other real property is assessed at 100 percent of actual value.



## Assessment of Nebraska Real Property, Personal Tangible and Intangible Property, and Railroads, 1867-2021\*

Year	Total Assessed Valuation		Real Property <sup>16</sup>		Personal Property Exclusive of Railroad <sup>17</sup>		Personal Property Assessment		Railroad Property Assessment		Total Intangible Property	
	\$		\$	Percent of Total Assessment	\$	Percent of Total Assessment	\$	Percent of Total Assessment	\$	Percent of Total Assessment	\$	Percent of Total Assessment
1867	20,069,222		12,101,211	60.30	6,889,961	34.33	1,078,050	5.37	1,064,638			
1877	71,311,578		46,833,647	65.67	16,130,095	22.62	8,347,836	11.71	2,199,341			
1887	160,506,266		96,358,889	60.03	40,546,015	25.26	23,601,362	14.70	4,032,794			
1897	165,193,736		112,968,973	68.39	26,605,662	16.11	25,619,101	15.51	2,272,418			
1907	329,413,349		192,933,917	58.57	83,081,460 <sup>2</sup>	25.22	53,397,972	16.21	15,361,496			
1917	528,891,424		352,057,625	66.57	119,978,346	22.68	56,855,453	10.75	16,418,836			
1920	762,284,909		540,197,502	70.87	160,788,213	21.09	61,299,188	8.04	20,267,538			
1921	3,212,737,091 <sup>3</sup>		2,366,548,145	73.66	539,068,627	16.78	307,120,316	9.56	84,235,452			
1922	3,202,705,714		2,293,043,094 <sup>4</sup>	71.60	594,032,740	18.35	315,629,880	9.86	141,266,092 <sup>5</sup>			
1925	3,176,773,795 <sup>6</sup>		2,356,963,175	74.19	506,667,668	15.95	313,422,952	9.86	151,642,492 <sup>7</sup>			
1926	3,177,159,318		2,376,019,296	74.78	488,050,275	15.36	313,089,747	9.85	144,582,220			
1927	3,141,146,610		2,391,522,671	76.14	468,475,552	14.91	281,148,387	8.95	142,235,872			
1928	3,125,855,462		2,400,614,031	76.80	466,799,354	14.93	258,442,077	8.27	172,562,291			
1929	3,167,489,383		2,409,769,335	76.08	497,716,692	15.71	260,003,356	8.21	300,783,204 <sup>8</sup>			
1930	3,102,030,571		2,357,541,588	76.00	484,373,892	15.61	260,135,091	8.39	242,115,831			
1931	3,043,793,706		2,358,299,796	77.43	434,652,071	14.27	252,841,839	8.30	206,321,388			
1932	2,521,000,981		1,965,705,448	77.97	334,338,251	13.26	220,957,282	8.76	150,962,544			
1933	2,073,283,250		1,598,243,869	77.09	291,457,726	14.06	183,581,655	8.85	119,704,144			
1934	2,059,678,928		1,587,987,654	77.10	304,087,911	14.76	167,603,363	8.14	103,080,003			
1935	2,030,243,533		1,587,710,975	78.20	296,795,706	14.62	145,736,852	7.18	104,081,555			
1936	2,060,835,168		1,581,278,483	76.73	331,270,590	16.07	148,286,095	7.20	110,960,397			
1937	2,038,224,967		1,580,200,530	76.77	318,594,227	15.48	159,430,210	7.75	115,662,946			
1938	2,033,302,482		1,573,646,085	77.49	314,819,092	15.48	142,837,305	7.02	106,260,614			
1939	2,047,519,591		1,575,350,879	76.84	335,457,877	16.38	138,710,925	6.77	112,891,068			
1940	1,922,271,788		1,457,849,933	75.84	333,129,615	17.33	131,292,240	6.83	114,623,255			
1941	1,949,775,725		1,463,623,407	75.07	353,189,958	18.22	130,962,360	6.72	133,246,090			
1942	2,042,442,436		1,448,884,200	70.94	457,905,661	22.42	135,632,575	6.64	142,369,989			
1943	2,123,882,890		1,450,987,413	68.32	531,938,227	25.05	149,057,250	6.64	169,066,125			
1944	2,115,063,748		1,455,194,829	68.71	517,587,944	24.47	144,280,975	6.82	215,206,984			
1945	2,153,798,946		1,453,766,320	67.50	551,837,326	25.62	148,195,100	6.88	243,865,914			
1946	2,160,972,214		1,482,406,559	68.60	529,705,150	24.51	148,860,505	6.89	318,114,173			
1947	2,315,569,866		1,488,397,061	64.28	674,712,300	29.14	152,260,505	6.58	413,462,649			
1948	2,499,222,769		1,533,713,684	61.37	811,321,135	32.46	154,187,950	6.17	474,139,556			

\* Source: Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division

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Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Real Property <sup>16</sup>	Real Property Percent of Total Assessment	Personal Property Exclusive of Railroad <sup>17</sup>	Personal Property Percent of Total Assessment	Railroad Property	Railroad Property Percent of Total Assessment	Total Intangible Personal Property
1949.....	2,640,565,444	1,557,543,971	58.90	927,048,668	35.11	155,972,805	5.91	500,682,682
1950.....	2,719,489,560	1,586,594,626	58.34	978,066,444	35.96	154,828,490	5.69	507,602,933
1951.....	3,014,247,550	1,610,856,676	53.44	1,246,515,574	41.35	156,875,300	5.20	555,907,085
1952.....	3,104,475,679	1,670,371,892 <sup>2</sup>	53.81	1,275,736,527	41.09	158,367,260	5.10	573,707,391
1953.....	3,383,619,610 <sup>10</sup>	2,255,487,203	66.66	970,874,127	28.69	157,258,280	4.65	616,303,295
1954.....	3,043,753,089	2,030,914,111	66.72	870,580,928	28.60	142,258,050	4.67	630,066,852 <sup>11</sup>
1955.....	3,059,667,319	2,072,888,026	68.04	839,224,448	27.11	147,554,845	4.84	696,306,628
1956.....	2,955,664,238	2,099,906,982	71.05	717,248,081	24.25	138,509,175	4.69	681,728,426
1957.....	2,968,251,035	2,113,714,760	71.21	829,518,930	27.95	138,319,455	4.66	717,252,624
1958.....	3,192,817,877	2,174,291,860	68.10	849,636,484	26.61	134,401,405	4.21	762,321,077
1959.....	3,175,691,135	2,205,839,408	69.46	833,861,697	26.25	135,990,130	4.28	1,240,857,320
1960.....	3,212,807,088	2,243,524,342	69.83	870,120,735	27.10	99,102,011	3.09	1,529,115,007
1961.....	3,278,007,212	2,318,617,271	70.73	866,017,201	26.40	93,372,740	2.84	1,584,952,524
1962.....	3,367,213,876	2,371,833,563	70.43	902,065,914	26.78	89,224,590	2.65	-
1963.....	3,458,065,766	2,424,048,733	70.10	945,614,038	27.24	88,402,995	2.56	2,108,598,300
1964.....	3,553,328,531	2,470,718,926	69.53	995,576,495	28.02	86,933,110	2.45	2,501,310,940
1965.....	3,824,944,306	2,732,479,530	71.44	1,001,128,073	26.17	86,529,081	2.26	2,652,907,328
1966.....	4,334,187,613	3,159,596,852	72.90	1,086,309,231	25.06	88,281,530	2.04	2,884,000,414
1967.....	4,250,081,231	2,984,666,685	70.23	1,175,988,689	27.67	89,425,857	2.10	2,863,209,129
1968.....	4,468,372,540	3,200,919,638	71.63	1,176,104,251	26.32	91,348,451	2.05	- <sup>12</sup>
1969.....	5,134,478,973	3,849,257,487	74.97	1,199,053,359	22.35	86,187,927	1.68	-
1970.....	5,375,575,178	3,998,915,338	74.39	1,291,269,257	24.02	85,390,583	1.59	-
1971.....	5,537,901,733	4,098,047,282	74.00	1,355,531,749	24.83	84,322,702	1.52	-
1972.....	5,731,535,854	4,225,861,385	73.73	1,422,997,118	24.88	82,677,351	1.44	-
1973.....	6,077,281,894	4,399,344,363	72.39	1,595,208,108	26.25	82,729,423	1.36	-
1974.....	5,032,688,242	4,545,771,789	69.90	1,869,689,620	28.75	87,806,833	1.35	-
1975.....	6,748,224,013	4,714,977,422	69.87	1,936,470,363	28.70	96,776,228	1.43	-
1976.....	7,014,552,162	4,870,738,201	69.43	2,033,928,295	29.00	109,885,666	1.57	-
1977.....	7,617,569,159	5,090,179,350	66.82	2,408,764,867	31.62	118,424,942	1.56	-
1978.....	7,497,203,141	5,809,800,395	77.49	1,582,305,010	21.11	105,097,736	1.40	-
1979.....	11,709,501,051	9,921,248,413	84.73	1,616,594,675	13.80	171,657,963	1.47	-
1980.....	12,595,238,136	10,766,455,938	85.48	1,650,872,705	13.11	177,909,493	1.41	-
1981.....	37,323,254,040 <sup>11</sup>	31,906,074,891	84.92	5,049,099,285	13.53	578,079,864	1.55	-
1982.....	38,553,689,126	32,289,596,653	83.75	5,684,471,669	14.75	579,620,804	1.50	-

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Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Real Property <sup>16</sup>	Real Property Percent of Total Assessment	Personal Property Exclusive of Railroad <sup>17</sup>	Personal Property Percent of Total Assessment	Railroad Property	Railroad Property Percent of Total Assessment	Total Intangible Personal Property
1983	41,035,051,624	34,064,600,796	83.01	6,327,056,917	15.42	643,333,917	1.57	-
1984	41,632,906,878	34,384,265,705	82.59	6,659,041,648	15.99	589,599,525	1.42	-
1985	44,606,914,842	37,104,591,262	83.18	6,870,176,725	15.40	632,146,855	1.42	-
1986	43,925,238,519	35,970,385,552	81.89	7,176,500,759	16.34	778,112,028	1.77	-
1987	44,309,579,823	35,296,445,550	81.24	7,447,918,983	16.81	865,215,290	1.95	-
1988	44,697,049,210	36,393,161,035	81.42	7,397,672,672	16.55	906,215,503	2.03	-
1989	49,991,878,637	40,829,220,012	81.67	8,435,065,040	16.87	727,593,585	1.46	-
1990	52,725,587,844	43,171,451,761	81.88	8,789,762,416	16.67	764,373,667	1.45	-
1991	54,041,010,920	44,186,914,412	81.77	9,092,048,991	16.82	762,047,517	1.41	-
1992	56,004,491,961	46,377,140,154	82.81	8,823,435,894	15.75	803,915,913	1.44	-
1993	57,861,622,350	47,341,319,554	81.82	9,696,217,529	16.76	824,085,267	1.42	-
1994	63,265,656,295	52,051,782,739	82.27	10,285,974,593	16.26	927,898,963	1.47	-
1995	66,323,588,789	54,630,627,888	82.37	10,666,680,980 <sup>14</sup>	16.08	1,026,279,921	1.55	-
1996	70,501,578,300	57,924,806,143	82.16	11,482,465,515	16.29	1,094,306,642	1.55	-
1997	69,048,638,885	62,016,909,786	89.82	5,891,413,763 <sup>15</sup>	8.53	1,140,315,336	1.65	-
1998	74,603,633,524	67,008,740,898	89.82	6,449,831,324	8.65	1,145,061,302	1.53	-
1999	81,499,638,239	73,225,029,337	89.85	6,915,801,938	8.48	1,358,826,964	1.67	-
2000	88,307,533,325	79,685,257,667	90.24	7,119,165,417	8.06	1,503,130,241	1.70	-
2001	93,938,214,211	84,953,847,915	90.44	7,345,914,312	7.82	1,638,451,985	1.74	-
2002	98,162,679,918	88,843,723,480	90.51	7,609,223,132	7.75	1,709,733,306	1.74	-
2003	104,200,041,103	94,695,127,160	90.88	7,765,667,307	7.45	1,739,246,636	1.67	-
2004	109,123,243,710	99,963,078,318	91.61	7,279,339,135	6.67	1,880,826,257	1.72	-
2005	116,267,633,375	107,098,152,213	92.11	7,532,099,132	6.51	1,856,822,030	1.58	-
2006	125,064,178,626	115,873,475,468	92.65	7,296,098,925	5.83	1,894,604,233	1.51	-
2007	131,993,854,563	122,498,199,691	92.81	7,576,334,841	5.74	1,919,320,053	1.45	-
2008	139,910,063,115	129,349,834,846	92.45	8,425,595,986	6.02	2,134,632,284	1.53	-
2009	147,626,212,873	135,251,012,262	91.62	9,987,067,812	6.77	2,388,132,800	1.62	-
2010	154,005,148,221	140,544,220,029	91.26	10,689,035,035	6.94	2,771,893,157	1.80	-
2011	160,728,246,466	147,109,647,837	91.55	10,238,273,110	6.38	3,360,325,519	2.09	-
2012	169,958,724,741	154,935,309,785	91.16	11,337,159,368	6.67	3,686,255,538	2.17	-
2013	184,353,161,915	168,164,750,773	91.22	12,273,328,604	6.66	3,914,582,538	2.12	-
2014	200,170,399,495	189,029,168,710	94.43	12,874,604,145	6.29	4,166,626,637	2.02	-
2015	227,668,925,779	209,406,488,552	91.98	13,615,859,525	5.98	4,646,577,972	2.04	-
2016	238,324,364,379	220,007,382,713	92.31	13,405,340,895	5.62	4,911,640,772	2.06	-

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2017	245,203,340,134	226,902,199,211	92.54	13,310,223,353	5.43	4,990,917,570	2.04	-
2018	249,234,881,561	230,854,186,710	92.63	12,935,672,601	5.19	5,445,022,250	2.18	-
2019	254,420,007,333	235,873,584,535	92.71	12,956,024,241	5.09	5,590,598,557	2.20	-
2020	260,240,097,486	241,187,809,946	92.68	13,263,757,753	5.10	5,788,529,786	2.22	-
2021	270,323,853,894	250,370,577,923	92.62	13,785,003,330	5.10	6,168,472,641	2.28	-

<sup>1</sup>Total contains valuation of railroad and pullman cars. Prior to 1889, no provision was made for the separate assessment of sleeping cars and dining cars.

<sup>2</sup>In this table, pullman car valuations have been included in the personal property, beginning with 1907.

<sup>3</sup>From 1921 to 1952, property was assessed at full value instead of one-fifth value, as in past years.

<sup>4</sup>Purchasers' interest in state lands included.

<sup>5</sup>Intangible property was assessed at one-fourth its actual value from 1922 to 1924, inclusive.

<sup>6</sup>From 1925, the total assessment does not include valuation of intangible property, Classes A and B.

<sup>7</sup>Intangible property was divided into two classes, A and B, in 1925. The levy on Class A intangible property was 2 1/2 mills; on Class B, 5 mills.

<sup>8</sup>In 1929, the levy on Class B intangible property was raised to 8 mills.

<sup>9</sup>Includes mineral interests.

<sup>10</sup>From 1953 to 1957, property was assessed at 50 percent of value. From 1958 to 1980, property was assessed at 35 percent of value.

<sup>11</sup>From 1954, the levy on Class B intangible property was 4 mills.

<sup>12</sup>Tax on intangible property repealed.

<sup>13</sup>LB187 in 1979 changed the level of assessment from 35 percent of actual value to 100 percent of actual value starting in 1981.

<sup>14</sup>Agricultural livestock personal property exempted.

<sup>15</sup>1997 value excludes motor vehicle values per LB271, passed in 1997.

<sup>16</sup>Real property excludes centrally assessed railroads and public service entities.

<sup>17</sup>Personal property includes public service entities value.

## Department of Transportation

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is the state agency responsible for highway, bridge, rail, public transit and other surface transportation programs. The department's duties include planning, design, construction, maintenance, operations and federal program administration.

The 1895 Legislature established the State Board of Irrigation, which was changed to the State Board of Irrigation, Highways and Drainage in 1911. In 1919, the board became the Department of Public Works and included the Bureau of Roads and Bridges, the Bureau of Irrigation, Water Power and Drainage and the Motor Vehicle Records Division. The department became the Department of Roads and Irrigation in 1933. The 1957 Legislature changed the name to Department of Roads and transferred the other functions to the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Water Resources. The Nebraska State Patrol became part of the Department of Roads in 1937 but became a separate agency in 1982. In 2017, the Department of Aeronautics merged with the Department of Roads to become the Department of Transportation.

### *Director*

The director is the department's chief executive officer. The director's responsibilities include:

- implementing objectives established by the Legislature and the governor consistent with an integrated transportation system, including highway, rail and public transportation programs
- directing the planning, design, construction, maintenance, operations and administration of the department
- maintaining relationships with federal, county and municipal governments, other state agencies and private entities in matters pertaining to an improved and integrated state transportation system
- developing a performance-based Department of Transportation

### **Bridge Division**

The Bridge Division has seven sections: bridge design (two), hydrology and hydraulics, in-service bridges, bridge inventory and data, bridge management and research. The division is responsible for:

- managing all bridges on the state highway system
- determining the specific scope of bridge preservation or improvements
- providing hydraulic/hydrologic studies and assessments at bridge sites
- preparing complete bridge plans and special structure plans

- inspecting in-service bridges to determine condition and load carrying capacity
- maintaining a record of all bridges within the state
- coordinating bridge-related research activities
- reviewing bridge consultant engineering work, including hydrology/hydraulics, bridge design, inspection, load rating and research

### **Business Technology Support Division**

The Business Technology Support Division has two sections: technical services and project management. The division is responsible for:

- providing data processing technical services to the department's users
- providing LAN service operations (including backups and disaster recovery), facsimile and computer production control services for the department
- identifying, tagging, entering and maintaining the inventory of computer hardware and software
- scheduling the use of computer resources to optimize their use and service to the department
- participating in evaluating, selecting and procuring computer hardware, software and supplies for the computer operations function
- providing liaison with the Office of the CIO on computer or data communication operation, service and technical services matters
- providing liaison with DAS/Material on IT hardware and software purchasing
- providing help desk services, including logging and assigning reported hardware, software and application problems to appropriate BTSD staff for resolution
- determining if application development solutions should be purchased, developed by utilizing consultant services or developed by BTSD or department personnel
- developing, implementing and administering project management standards, policies, methodologies and best practices to ensure efficient project delivery
- providing technical support for department-wide applications such as MicroStation, Onbase, GIS, Crystal Enterprise and others
- developing, maintaining and administering the various databases that store mission-critical and other data that is utilized by applications throughout the department
- communicating and working with the Office of the CIO on matters concerning application development, integration and implementation

### **Communication and Public Policy Division**

The Communication Division is directly responsible to the director and has the following sections: highway communication, government affairs, public affairs and communication services. The division is responsible for:

- developing and reviewing policies, programs and procedures concerning agency communication, public affairs and public involvement
- preparing and distributing information, news releases, pamphlets, brochures, newsletters and motorist advisories on highway projects, coordinating the biennial state highway map, overseeing media relations, providing customer service and coordinating/maintaining the department's website and multimedia

- preparing, coordinating and facilitating public hearings, public meetings and public involvement for highway improvement projects
- providing transportation information resources, coordinating records and archival management, providing information processing, photo, video and multi graphics, engineering blueprints/plan printing, copying and agency mail services
- coordinating and overseeing State Highway Commission meetings and activities
- coordinating state and federal legislation affecting or of interest to the department
- assisting NDOT leadership and divisions in engaging with the Congressional delegation, the Unicameral and the governor's Policy Research Office
- coordinating the department's rules and regulations, including preparation, adoption, revision and repeal
- acting as the department's overall tribal liaison

### **Construction Division**

The Construction Division has the following sections: plan review, specifications and estimating, construction scheduling and contracts; contract administration; bituminous and concrete pavements, final review of project records and grading and structures. The division is responsible for:

- conducting activities relating to the letting and administration of construction contracts
- creating and maintaining policies and actions pertaining to construction activities, standards, techniques, manuals and uniformity of application of specifications, special provisions and inspection
- coordinating and communicating with heavy highway construction industry partners
- creating engineer's estimates for each job from preliminary to letting estimates
- checking and assembling final plans and proposals for highway construction projects
- reviewing each job for constructability and determining construction working days
- prequalifying contractors, conducting bid lettings and preparing and executing all final highway construction contracts
- monitoring all construction contract activities once contracts are executed, such as notice to proceed, subcontracts, insurance, progress payments and change orders
- resolving construction issues that are brought forward from the districts or the industry
- monitoring and resolving labor rate issues

### **Controller Division**

The Controller Division has the following sections: budget and finance, accounting, financial systems and audit. The division is responsible for:

- advising on department financial matters and compliance with state statutes and federal laws
- financial planning and programming, revenue and expenditure projections, budgeting, fund controls, financial analysis and innovative financing techniques

- accounting, budgeting, cash flow management, project finance and related systems
- analyzing proposed state and federal transportation legislation and interpreting statutes and laws
- conducting financial management analysis to determine current and future highway construction program size and to make informed business decisions

### **Human Resources Division**

The Human Resources Division has the following sections: employee services and safety, workforce development, classification, compensation, recruitment and EEO, employee performance and civil rights coordination. The division is responsible for:

- administering the department Workforce Development Program, including leadership development
- administering state and department human resources policies, including the department Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual, rules and regulations, the labor contract, state and federal statutes and regulatory agency guidelines
- administering procedures for labor relations, disciplinary actions, grievance resolution, performance management, mediation, recruitment, classification and compensation, benefits, FLSA, EEO/AA/ADA/diversity, safety and training programs
- administering the employee safety, workers compensation, family medical leave, catastrophic illness, employee assistance, drug and alcohol testing, driving records, employee recognition, wellness and suggestion system programs
- developing policies and procedures for the administration of the department payroll, time reporting and leave accounting systems

### **Local Assistance Division**

The Local Assistance Division has four sections: local projects, liaison services, rail and transit. The division is responsible for:

- providing primary NDOT oversight for project initiation, preliminary and final project plan, construction and project closeout and other development activities
- providing administrative support to the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards and the Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents and serving as an information resource to counties and municipalities in administering their highway road and street programs
- implementing rail-related policies; coordinating railroad engineering review and agreement execution for state and certain local projects; monitoring potential rail line abandonments; overseeing rail/highway safety and rail crossing inventory; and serving as the department's liaison to all railroads in Nebraska
- providing a transportation alternative in congested urban areas and serving as a lifeline to rural communities for transit services
- administering the Nebraska Grade Crossing Protection Program, federal rail safety funds and all agreements with railroads where highway improvements impact railroad facilities
- administering federal and state transit assistance programs



### **Materials and Research Division**

The Materials and Research Division has the following sections: portland cement concrete, flexible pavement and quality assurance, pavement design, geotechnical, road-way asset management, research and administration support and the AASHTOWare project. The division is responsible for:

- developing material specifications and quality control standards
- determining pavement type, thickness and associated plan quantities
- inspecting, testing and reporting of construction and maintenance materials
- coordinating and/or providing certification programs for field technicians
- performing field investigations to determine material performance
- preparing a materials sampling guide
- determining the 20-year needs for the state's highway system
- providing pavement management reports and maintaining the pavement inventory
- providing soil and aggregate requirements
- managing and coordinating the research program
- maintaining statewide mapping and classification needs
- developing, maintaining and providing technical support for the department-wide

AASHTOWare project

- coordinating programs and projects for local agencies involving federal and state aid
- managing and coordinating the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Local Technical Assistance Program
- reviewing local public agency qualifications and assisting with training needs

### **Operations Division**

The Operations Division has two sections: Maintenance Management and Transportation Systems Management and Operations. The division is responsible for:

- promoting, coordinating, facilitating and assisting in all Homeland Security activities
- formulating and implementing policies, procedures and programs pertaining to Homeland Security
- administering and developing the departmental emergency operations plan and assisting with and coordinating information and activities for snowstorms, floods and other emergencies
- planning and implementing an intelligent transportation system
- developing, implementing and monitoring the department's communications network
- constructing, maintaining and repairing capital facilities
- implementing and monitoring policies governing rest areas and environmental issues
- administering the statewide Adopt-A-Highway, hay harvesting and mowing programs
- preparing agreements with local governmental units that assume responsibilities for the maintenance of roads, streets and bridges within their jurisdiction

- managing the department's fleet
- developing specifications for and requisitioning of all numbered equipment components, accessories and shop equipment
  - administering the state gas system and the Voyager fleet credit card system
  - procuring all commodities and maintenance services
- managing the Statewide Operations Center, which detects and coordinates the response to incidents on state, IS and interstate highways, including notifying the public through the 511 Traveler Information System
  - issuing oversize/overweight loads and permits and administering department rules and regulations for oversize/overweight loads and permits

### **Project Development Division**

The Project Development Division has the following sections: environmental, planning and location studies, agreements and consultant services and utilities, noise and air. The division is responsible for:

- providing project scoping documents and corridor studies on selected highway projects and coordinating with local, state and federal agencies to assist in the evaluation of engineering alternatives and effects associated with highway projects
  - obtaining environmental approvals, 404 permits and floodplain permits
  - preparing, negotiating and administering engineering and other agreements with utilities, consultants and political subdivisions
  - providing liaison with utility companies
  - providing long-range collaborative planning statewide
  - conducting traffic counts and providing travel demand modeling
  - developing and managing the department's outcome-based performance measures
  - providing liaison with local officials on community planning and design of noise abatement and air studies

### **Program Management Division**

The Program Management Division includes the scheduling and programming sections. The division is responsible for:

- developing and managing the one- and six-year highway construction program with input from district engineers and the State Highway Commission
- developing a highway construction program that balances time, personnel, funds and needs, scheduling the preconstruction process of all projects and coordinating the schedules with all levels of management
  - maintaining computer databases with information about projects under the department's jurisdiction
  - directing and accomplishing functions necessary to program and fund federal-aid projects with the Federal Highway Administration
  - preparing the annual Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
  - administering the department's civil rights program

### **Right of Way Division**

The Right of Way Division has the following sections: appraisal, negotiation and relocation, highway beautification, property management and right of way design. The division is responsible for:

- providing all real estate services to the Department of Transportation
- creating right of way plans and developing legal descriptions of all real estate acquired for construction and maintenance programs
- making and reviewing appraisals establishing the value of land and interests in land
- negotiating for and purchasing real estate needed by the NDOT
- managing the NDOT's newly purchased property until project construction begins
- disposing of surplus real estate
- providing relocation assistance payments and services to those displaced by the NDOT
- managing the NDOT's highway beautification program
- issuing use and occupancy permits to those wishing to occupy the NDOT's right of way
- monitoring local public agencies' right of way activities to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state law and rules and regulations

### **Roadway Design Division**

The Roadway Design Division has the following sections: design support, interstate, expressways and major arterials group, urban, resurfacing and lighting and hydraulics and environmental liaison. The division is responsible for:

- determining the specific location and scope of highway improvements
- preparing complete roadway plans for the state highway system
- reviewing the one- and five-year Highway Improvement Program
- conducting value engineering reviews
- maintaining the department's design manual and standard and special plans
- performing land, geodetic and aerial surveys
- providing hydraulic/hydrologic study and assessments
- providing recommendations to the districts on right of way permit applications

### **Strategic Planning Division**

The Intermodal Planning Division has three sections: planning, rail/transit and Lean Six Sigma. The division is responsible for:

- providing long-range, collaborative statewide planning and statewide freight planning
- conducting traffic counts and providing travel demand modeling
- developing and managing the department's outcome-based performance measures
- providing strategic direction to the department
- providing process improvement support using Lean Six Sigma methods
- providing support for business intelligence efforts and data-driven decision making

**Traffic Engineering Division**

The Traffic Engineering Division has the following sections: traffic control, traffic analysis, highway safety/accident records and the Office of Highway Safety. The division is responsible for:

- making recommendations for the functional design features of intersections, interchanges and other highway facilities
- designing signs, signals, pavement markings and other traffic control devices and preparing standards and policies for installation and maintenance
- continuing surveillance of the highway system to identify high-accident and congested locations, conducting studies of the locations and recommending or implementing actions to improve conditions
- maintaining the statewide traffic accident database
- maintaining the fatal accident reporting system database
- performing statistical analyses and preparing reports for purposes of increased highway and traffic safety
- coordinating the state property damage system
- identifying areas of loss to the agency through a risk management program
- coordinating the state’s strategic highway safety plan

In 2009, the Office of Highway Safety was transferred from the Department of Motor Vehicles to the Department of Roads. This section is financed primarily with federal funding. The director of the agency serves as the governor’s highway safety representative. The section is responsible for providing assistance for state and local highway safety projects and administering the state highway safety program.

**Field Districts**

The Field Districts are responsible for all construction and maintenance of highways within their areas.

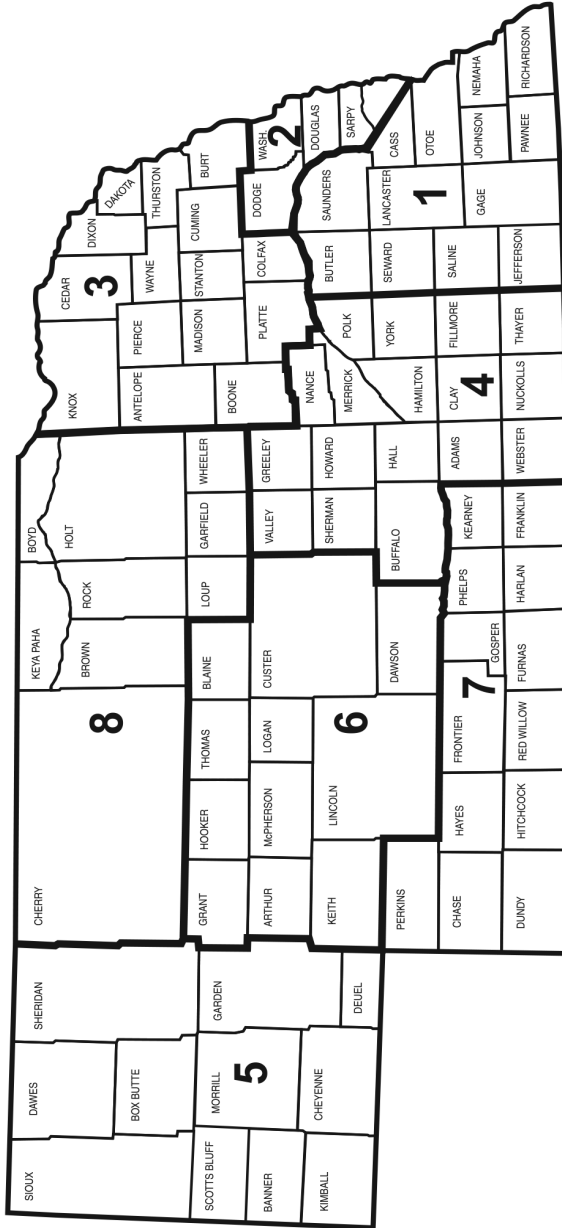
Headquarters for the Department of Transportation field districts are:

District 1 .....	Lincoln	District 5 .....	Gering
District 2 .....	Omaha	District 6 .....	North Platte
District 3 .....	Norfolk	District 7 .....	McCook
District 4 .....	Grand Island	District 8 .....	Ainsworth

**Roads Section of the Department of Justice**

The attorney general established the Roads Section of the Department of Justice, and it is housed by the Department of Transportation. This section provides all legal representation and counseling concerning the legal business of the Department of Transportation.

# Department of Transportation Field Districts and State Highway Commission Districts\*



\*Source: Nebraska Department of Transportation.

### *Division of Aeronautics*

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**Director:** Ann Richart

**Statutory Reference:** 3-103

**Publications:** *Nebraska Airport Directory*, *PIREPS* (a bi-monthly newsletter)

### **Navigational Aids Division**

The Navigational Aids Division installs, operates and maintains Nebraska's Aeronautical Radio Navigation, Communication and Aviation Weather Reporting Network. This network consists of:

- seven VHF Omni Directional Radio Range facilities at Beatrice, Broken Bow, Cozad, Kearney, Ogallala, Scribner/Fremont and Thedford
- four pieces of distance-measuring equipment at Thedford, Broken Bow, Ogallala and Scribner/Fremont
- 14 nondirectional radio beacons at Cambridge, Chappell, Fairbury, Fairmont, Gordon, Grant, Nebraska City, Ord, Oshkosh, Plattsmouth, Valentine, Wahoo, Whitney and York
- 20 Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS III) facilities at Ainsworth, Albion, Aurora, Beatrice, Blair, Fremont, Gordon, Hebron, Holdrege, Kimball, Lexington, Millard, Nebraska City, O'Neill, Ogallala, Plattsmouth, Thedford, Wahoo, Wayne and York

The division also maintains the division office, maintenance shop and warehouse in Kearney; coordinates the state runway lighting program; acquires federal equipment for government use; and coordinates activities and programs with the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Weather Service and cities and towns involved.

### **Planning and Engineering Division**

The Planning and Engineering Division oversees all phases of the Federal Aviation Administration's grant program for general aviation airports. This includes applications, inspections, review of construction plans and specifications and payment approval. Federal funds used to develop Nebraska general aviation airports must pass through the Division of Aeronautics.

Other duties include administration of state-aid grants, revolving hangar and fuel-storage loans, pavement preservation grants, airport safety and pavement inspections, preparing annual DBE programs, licensing public-use airports, issuing building permits for structures taller than 150 feet, airport layout plan review, state airport system planning, review of notices of construction that obstructs airports and helping communities with height-restriction zoning. The division also manages a crack and joint filling program and a marking program.

### **State-Owned Airfields Division**

The State-Owned Airfields Division operates and maintains Nebraska's state-owned airfields at Fairmont, Harvard and Scribner. The division leases available land and build-

ings at these sites, as well as at the site of the closed Bruning Airbase.

**Flight Operations and Aviation Services Division**

The operations division operates state-owned, rented and leased aircraft dedicated to providing transportation for all three branches of state government. This includes the governor, his staff and officials from state agencies, the University of Nebraska (Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney), the University Board of Regents, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the judiciary and the Legislature.

In addition to providing transportation, the division performs the following duties:

- publishing the Nebraska Airport Directory. The directory is issued at no charge to pilots and other aviation interests. It is published every two years and covers Nebraska and portions of states bordering Nebraska
- publishing an aviation newsletter, *PIREPS*. This newsletter is published six times a year and addresses aviation news and items of interest to the flying public in Nebraska. It is mailed free of charge to anyone wishing to receive the publication and is available electronically.
- conducting aviation education and career activities, including the Nebraska portion of an international aviation art contest. The division also participates in aviation career fairs to promote career opportunities available in aviation.

*Nebraska Aeronautics Commission*

**Contact Person:** Dick Trail, Chairperson, P.O. Box 82088, Lincoln, NE 68501-2088, phone (402) 471-2371

**Statutory Reference:** 3-104

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission advises the director. The commission:

- allocates state and federal airport construction and maintenance funds
- designates airport sites
- authorizes the state’s purchase of aircraft
- approves pilots to work for the state
- helps the division director develop regulations and policies

The commission also advises the Director - State Engineer in appointing the director of the Division of Aeronautics.

The commission has five members who are appointed by the governor to five-year terms. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses. The commission meets approximately five times per year.

<b>Members</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Michael Cook, Bellevue.....	March 1, 2027
Diana Smith, Beatrice.....	March 1, 2024
Scott Tarry, Omaha.....	March 1, 2025
Dick Trail, McCook.....	March 1, 2026
Thomas Trumble, Lincoln.....	March 1, 2023

# Nebraska Licensed Airports, 2023\*

## Municipal Airports

City	Airport	City	Airport	City	Airport
Ainsworth	Ainsworth Regional	Fremont	Fremont Municipal	Omaha	Eppley Airfield
Albion	Albion Municipal	Genoa	Genoa Municipal	Omaha	Millard Airport
Alliance	Alliance Municipal	Gordon	Gordon Municipal	O'Neill	O'Neill Municipal John L. Baker Field
Alma	Alma Municipal	Gothenburg	Quinn Field	Ord	Evelyn Sharp Field
Arapahoe	Arapahoe Municipal	Grand Island	Central Nebraska Regional	Oshkosh	Garden County Airport
Atkinson	Stuart-Atkinson Municipal	Grant	Grant Municipal	Pawnee City	Pawnee City Municipal
Auburn	Farington Field	Hartington	Hartington Municipal	Pender	Pender Municipal
Aurora	Aurora Municipal	Hastings	Hastings Municipal	Plattsmouth	Plattsmouth Municipal
Bassett	Rock County Airport	Hay Springs	Hay Springs Municipal	Red Cloud	Red Cloud Municipal
Beatrice	Beatrice Municipal	Hebron	Hebron Municipal	Rushville	Modisett Field
Blair	Blair Municipal	Holdrege	Brewster Field	Sargent	Sargent Municipal
Bloomfield	Bloomfield Municipal	Hyannis	Grant County Airport	Scottsbluff	Western Nebraska Regional
Broken Bow	Broken Bow Municipal	Imperial	Imperial Municipal	Seward	Seward Municipal
Burwell	Cram Field	Kearney	Kearney Regional	Sidney	Sidney Municipal
Cambridge	Cambridge Municipal	Kimball	Robert E. Arraj Field	Superior	Superior Municipal
Central City	Central City Municipal	Lexington	Jim Kelly Field	Tecumseh	Tecumseh Municipal
Chadron	Chadron Municipal	Lincoln	Lincoln Airport	Tekamah	Tekamah Municipal
Chappell	Billy G. Ray Field	Loup City	Loup City Municipal	Theftord	Thomas County Airport
Columbus	Columbus Municipal	McCook	McCook Ben Nelson Regional	Valentine	Miller Field
Cozad	Cozad Municipal	Minden	Pioneer Village Field	Wahoo	Wahoo Municipal
Creighton	Creighton Municipal	Nebraska City	Nebraska City Municipal	Wallace	Wallace Municipal
Crete	Crete Municipal	Neligh	Antelope County Airport	Wayne	Wayne Municipal
Curtis	Curtis Municipal	Norfolk	Norfolk Regional	York	York Municipal
David City	David City Municipal	North Platte	North Platte Regional		
Fairbury	Fairbury Municipal	Ogallala	Searle Field		
Falls City	Brenner Field				

## Privately Owned Public Use Airports

City	Airport	City	Airport
Omaha	North Omaha Airport	South Sioux City	Martin Field

## U.S. Government Airport<sup>1</sup>

## Seaplane Base

City	Airport	City	Landing Area
Bellevue	Offutt Air Force Base	Alma	Harlan County Lake SPB

## State Government Airports

City	Airport	City	Airport
Fairmont	Fairmont State Airfield	Scribner	Scribner State Airport
Harvard	Harvard State Airfield		

\* Source: Nebraska Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics.

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## Department of Veterans' Affairs

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**Director:** John Hilgert

**Statutory Reference:** 80-401.02

The Department of Veterans' Affairs, created in 1947, serves as the advocacy agency for Nebraska's veterans. The department, led by a director appointed by the governor and approved by the Legislature, administers the interest from the Nebraska Veterans' Aid Trust Fund to provide temporary assistance to needy veterans and their dependents.

The agency has nine state veterans' service officers who represent veterans and their dependents before the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The department operates the Nebraska State Veterans Cemetery in Alliance and maintains the Nebraska Veterans Registry. The department also administers the state's waiver of tuition and Reserve Tuition Credit programs and serves as the state's custodian of veteran discharges and grave registrations.

The director certifies the statutory eligibility of county veterans' service officers. The director must reside in Nebraska five years prior to his or her appointment, be a U.S. citizen and be an honorably discharged veteran during a period designated by Nebraska law. The Veterans' Advisory Commission is the agency's oversight body.

### *Veterans' Advisory Commission*

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**Statutory Reference:** 80-401.06

The Veterans' Advisory Commission provides counsel to the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs on matters concerning veterans' advocacy and administration of the agency. The commission also approves those hired by the director for state veterans' service officer positions.

The commission also serves as the appeals board on decisions made by the department for Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund claims.

The commission's five members are appointed by the governor to five-year terms. Each of the three congressional districts has one commissioner and two commissioners serve at large. Each commissioner must have lived in Nebraska for five years prior to appointment, be considered a wartime veteran under Nebraska law, have been honorably discharged and be a member of a recognized veterans' organization.

The commission is required to meet twice each year. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Jim Cada, Lincoln.....	At Large.....	March 1, 2025
John Iossi, Columbus.....	District 1.....	March 1, 2023
John Liebsack, Omaha.....	District 2.....	March 1, 2024

Daniel Stramel, McCook.....	District 3.....	March 1, 2026
Ron Winchell, Scottsbluff .....	At Large.....	March 1, 2027

### *Division of Veterans' Homes*

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In 2017, the Legislature passed LB340, which transferred the Division of Veterans' Homes from the state Department of Health and Human Services to the state Department of Veterans' Affairs. The division administers the state's four Veterans' Homes in Bellevue, Kearney, Norfolk and Scottsbluff.

**Central Nebraska Veterans' Home:** Dorin Vaipan, Administrator, 4510 E. 56th St., Kearney, NE 68847, phone (308) 865-6000, email — [dorin.vaipan@nebraska.gov](mailto:dorin.vaipan@nebraska.gov)

**Norfolk Veterans' Home:** Jerry Eisenhauer, Administrator, 600 E. Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701-0830, phone (402) 370-3330, email — [jerry.eisenhauer@nebraska.gov](mailto:jerry.eisenhauer@nebraska.gov)

**Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home:** Matt Bauman, Administrator, 12505 Harrison Tull Dr., Bellevue, NE 68123, phone (402) 595-2180, email — [matt.bauman@nebraska.gov](mailto:matt.bauman@nebraska.gov)

**Western Nebraska Veterans' Home:** Peggy Ratzlaff, Administrator, 1102 W. 42nd St., Scottsbluff, NE 69361-4939, phone (308) 632-0300, email — [peggy.ratzlaff@nebraska.gov](mailto:peggy.ratzlaff@nebraska.gov)

**Statutory References:** 80-314, 80-315, 80-316 and 83-107.01

To live in one of these facilities, veterans must have served in active duty during war, lived in Nebraska at least two years and be disabled. Disability qualifications include injury during service, old age, inability to earn a livelihood, whole or partial dependence on public assistance or requiring care available only at a state facility. Spouses of veterans and Gold Star Mothers and Fathers are eligible under similar requirements.

The focus of the veterans' homes is on wellness, allowing people to live their lives to the fullest through different levels of care: domiciliary, intermediate and skilled. The homes provide specialized services such as physical therapy and a wide range of recreational and religious services. The homes have a supportive relationship with various veterans' organizations whose members donate time, money and companionship to the people living there.

### *Veterans' Homes Board*

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**Statutory Reference:** 80-318

The Veterans' Homes Board was established to determine continued eligibility of members to remain in one of the Nebraska veterans' homes. The board makes all final determinations regarding initial and continued admission. The board also makes recommendations on matters of policy, rules and regulations, administration and maintenance pertaining to each of the Nebraska veterans' homes.

The board is composed of two members selected by each of the state’s recognized veterans’ organizations. The Department of Veterans’ Affairs director serves as the permanent board secretary. Board members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>
Bernard Brosnihan, Omaha.....	AMVETS
Tom Brown, Fort Calhoun.....	Marine Corps League
Jim Cada, Lincoln.....	Military Order of the Purple Heart
Virgil Hagel, Gordon.....	American Legion
John Hilgert, Omaha.....	Director, Department of Veterans’ Affairs
Gregory Holloway, Bee.....	Vietnam Veterans of America
James Jakub, Columbus.....	Disabled American Veterans
John Liebsack, Lincoln.....	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Dave Nelson, Gretna.....	Paralyzed Veteran of America
David Ossian, Lincoln.....	Marine Corps League
Dave Salak, Omaha.....	American Legion
Dennis Schissel, Weston.....	Vietnam Veterans of America
Mike Sheets, Lincoln.....	Military Order of the Purple Heart
Jim Shuey, Omaha.....	Disabled American Veterans
Joe Smith, Bellevue.....	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Randy Squier, Glenwood, Iowa.....	Paralyzed Veterans of America
Deborah Wehrli, Blair.....	AMVETS