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*We need your help to learn about how
Nebraskans think, feel, and live.*

*Researchers from the University of Nebraska and
across the state are counting on your help to learn about a variety of issues.
Your responses will help shape program and policy development
in Nebraska now and into the future.*

Life in Nebraska

- 1. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with living in Nebraska?**
 - Very satisfied
 - Somewhat satisfied
 - Neutral
 - Somewhat dissatisfied
 - Very dissatisfied
- 2. All in all, do you think things in Nebraska are generally headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?**
 - Right direction
 - Wrong direction
 - Unsure
- 3. All in all, do you think things in the country as a whole are generally headed in the right direction or wrong direction?**
 - Right direction
 - Wrong direction
 - Unsure

Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

- 4. How urgent are water quantity issues in Nebraska?**
 - Extremely urgent
 - Urgent
 - Somewhat urgent
 - Not very urgent
 - Not at all urgent
 - Don't know/Unsure
- 5. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *I have confidence in the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to responsibly manage Nebraska's water.***
 - Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Neither agree nor disagree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
- 6. Do you feel that your region of the state is suffering adverse outcomes due to water issues (e.g., too much or too little)?**
 - Yes
 - No
 - Don't know/Unsure

- 7. Have you experienced water shortages or water use restrictions in the last 4 years?**
 - Yes, including major damage to my property or major harm
 - Yes, but with no major damage to my property or major harm
 - No
- 8. Have you experienced problems with flooding from a stream or river in the last 4 years?**
 - Yes, including major damage to my property or major harm
 - Yes, but with no major damage to my property or major harm
 - No
- 9. Over the past 12 months, how many times did you seek out information about water issues?**
 - None → Go to question #11
 - 1-5 times
 - 6-10 times
 - More than 10 times
- 10. If at least once, where did you seek out information? (Check all that apply)**
 - Websites or social media
 - Newsletter, TV, radio, newspaper, or magazine
 - Attended a meeting/conference
 - Talked to a friend or family member
 - Talked with an elected or appointed official, or local or state employee
 - Other (please specify)
- 11. How familiar or unfamiliar are you with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources?**
 - Very familiar
 - Somewhat familiar
 - Neither familiar nor unfamiliar
 - Somewhat unfamiliar
 - Very unfamiliar
- 12. How interested would you be in subscribing to email updates from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources?**
 - Very interested
 - Somewhat interested
 - Slightly interested
 - Not at all interested

Underage Drinking

13. Please indicate for each of the following if you think it is very wrong, wrong, a little wrong, or not at all wrong for:

	Very wrong	Wrong	A little wrong	Not at all wrong
a. Individuals under the age of 18 to have one or two drinks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Individuals under the age of 18 to have 5 or more drinks at one setting.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Individuals 18-20 years old to have one or two drinks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Individuals 18-20 years old to have 5 or more drinks at one setting.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Individuals 21 and older to provide alcohol for people under 21 years old.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. In your community, or the area around where you live, how likely is each of the following?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	Don't know
a. A person under age 21 would be served a drink if they asked for one in a local bar or restaurant.	<input type="radio"/>				
b. A person under age 21 would be sold an alcoholic beverage if they tried to buy it in a local convenience store.	<input type="radio"/>				
c. The police would arrest an adult who is believed to have provided alcohol for persons under age 21.	<input type="radio"/>				

15. How wrong would most adults (over 21) in your community, or the area around where you live, think it is for kids under the age of 21 to drink alcohol?

- Very wrong
- Wrong
- A little wrong
- Not at all wrong

16. During the past 12 months, do you recall hearing, reading, or watching an advertisement about the prevention of substance abuse?

- Yes
- No → Go to question #18

17. If yes, which substances were the advertisements about? (Check all that apply)

- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Tobacco

18. How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they have 5 or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week?

- Great risk
- Moderate risk
- Slight risk
- No risk

19. During the past 12 months, have you allowed underage youth to drink alcohol on your property (home, barn, garage, etc.)?

- Yes
- No

20. In general, how supportive are you of additional taxes on alcohol purchases?

- Very supportive
- Somewhat supportive
- Not very supportive
- Not at all supportive
- Don't know

21. Are you the parent or guardian of a 12-20 year old?

- Yes
- No → Go to question #24

22. During the past 12 months, have you talked with your child about the dangers of alcohol?

- Yes
- No

23. During the past 12 months, have you provided alcohol to any of your underage children? Do not include sips for religious purposes.

- Yes
- No

Safety

24. In the past year, have you been the victim of any crime?

- Yes
- No

25. How often do you worry about identity theft?

- Almost always
- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

26. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

- Most people can be trusted
- You cannot be too careful

27. In general, would you say that you tend to be suspicious of other people or open to other people?

- Suspicious of other people
- Open to other people

28. How concerned are you about threats to personal privacy in America today?

- Very concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- A little concerned
- Not at all concerned

Vaccinations

29. If all children were to receive vaccines, what option best describes the result?

- Fewer people will get sick
- The same number of people will get sick
- More people will get sick

- Don't know

30. When a child receives the measles vaccine, what option best describes the result?

- The vaccine protects the child's health
- The vaccine harms the child's health
- The vaccine doesn't make much difference to the child's health

- Don't know

31. Do you believe that people can die from the measles?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

32. Do you know someone who has had the following diseases?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
a. Measles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Mumps	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Polio	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Affordable Care Act

The Affordable Care Act is the law that the U.S. Congress passed and President Obama signed back in 2010 that has recently changed the health care system in many ways.

33. Please indicate whether or not each of the following changes has applied to you or your family in the past 4 years.

	Yes	No	Don't Know
a. I have children under the age of 26 that can now be included on my insurance.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. I purchased health insurance as required by the Affordable Care Act.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. I was previously unable to obtain private insurance but have now purchased it on the Health Insurance Marketplace (also referred to as a health insurance exchange).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. I was able to get financial assistance for my insurance premium through the Health Insurance Marketplace.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. My health insurance was dropped or significantly changed because of the Affordable Care Act.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. I have a health condition that is now covered by insurance that was not previously covered because it was considered a pre-existing health condition.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. I now have preventative health coverage through my insurance for things such as shots and screening tests.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. I had to change my doctor or other health providers, such as my hospital, because of the Affordable Care Act.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. I am a senior on Medicare and due to a coverage gap in Medicare Part D I previously did not receive discounts and savings with my prescription drugs, but now I do.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

34. Overall, have changes to your health care due to the Affordable Care Act helped, hurt, or had no impact?

- Helped
- Hurt
- No impact

35. Do you generally support or oppose the 2010 Affordable Care Act?

- Support
- Oppose
- Unsure

36. Nebraska is one of many states that have currently chosen not to expand its Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act. Do you support or oppose expanding the Medicaid program in Nebraska?

- Support
- Oppose
- Unsure

Plant Management in Nebraska

37. Do you own or rent property in Nebraska with outdoor land for which you are the caretaker (e.g., garden, lawn, recreational, or agricultural land)?

- Yes
 No → Go to question #46 [skip section]

38. How are unwanted plants managed or controlled in your yard or garden? (Check all that apply)

- I do not have unwanted plants in my yard
 I do not control any plants in my yard
 I mow unwanted plants
 I only remove unwanted plants from the garden
 I remove unwanted plants by cutting or digging them up with tools and/or machinery
 I spray unwanted plants with herbicides
 Other, specify:

39. Which of the following has been done to control unwanted plants on any of your property that is not your yard or garden? (Check all that apply)

- I do not own property beyond my yard (I only own a yard or garden)
 Prescribed fire or controlled burning (NOT burning brush piles)
 Herbicide application
 Mechanical removal (shovel, chainsaw, skid steer, bulldozer, or similar machines)
 Shredding or mowing
 Other, specify:
 No activities have been done on my property

40. Have you ever paid someone to manage or control unwanted plants on any of your property using any of the techniques in Questions 38 or 39?

- Yes
 No → Go to question #42

41. Which of the following is a reason you paid someone to manage or control unwanted plants on your property? (Check all that apply)

- I did not own the proper equipment
 I was not confident in my abilities to manage or control unwanted plants
 I did not know which plants to control
 I did not have time to do the work myself
 Other, specify:

42. Do you own or have access to equipment for controlling or removing unwanted plants on your property?

- I have all of the equipment I need
 I have some of the equipment I need
 I have none of the equipment I need
 I don't know what the proper equipment is for controlling or removing unwanted plants

43. How confident are you in your abilities to manage or control unwanted plants on your property?

- Very confident
 Somewhat confident
 Slightly confident
 Not at all confident
 I have not thought about the kinds of plants on my property

44. Which of the following statements best describes your overall attitude toward plants on your property?

- All of the plants on my property are there for a reason, and should not be controlled
 A few species need to be controlled, the rest are fine
 I have not thought at all about the kinds of plants on my property

45. Prescribed fire (controlled burning) is a management tool used to improve forage quality; reduce wildfire risk, and control unwanted plants in rangelands and woodlands in Nebraska. In general, how would you describe your attitude toward the use of prescribed fire to control unwanted plants?

- Very positive
 Positive
 Neutral
 Negative
 Very negative
 Don't know

About Your Household

46. For each of the people who are living or staying at your residence, including yourself, please provide initials, relationship to you, date of birth, and sex in the spaces below.

You

Your Initials:

Relationship to you:

Your date of birth:
 / /
 MM DD YYYY

Your sex:
 Male
 Female

Person 2

Initials:

Relationship to you:

Date of birth:
 / /
 MM DD YYYY

Sex:
 Male
 Female

Person 3

Initials:

Relationship to you:

Date of birth:
 / /
 MM DD YYYY

Sex:
 Male
 Female

Person 4

Initials:

Relationship to you:

Date of birth:
 / /
 MM DD YYYY

Sex:
 Male
 Female

Person 5

Initials:

Relationship to you:

Date of birth:
 / /
 MM DD YYYY

Sex:
 Male
 Female

Person 6

Initials:

Relationship to you:

Date of birth:
 / /
 MM DD YYYY

Sex:
 Male
 Female

47. We are interested in how households split up tasks. Thinking about the people you listed in question #46, who is most likely to do each of the following tasks?

	You	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4	Person 5	Person 6	N/A
a. Grocery shopping	<input type="radio"/>						
b. Household repairs	<input type="radio"/>						
c. Opening the mail	<input type="radio"/>						
d. Answering the house's landline phone	<input type="radio"/>						
e. Opening the door for strangers	<input type="radio"/>						
f. Opening the door for friends/family	<input type="radio"/>						
g. Childcare	<input type="radio"/>						
h. Paying bills	<input type="radio"/>						
i. Housekeeping	<input type="radio"/>						

48. Please indicate how likely each person you listed in question #46 is to answer surveys like this one.

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Slightly likely	Not at all likely	N/A
You	<input type="radio"/>				
Person 2	<input type="radio"/>				
Person 3	<input type="radio"/>				
Person 4	<input type="radio"/>				
Person 5	<input type="radio"/>				
Person 6	<input type="radio"/>				

49. Please indicate if each of the following statements is true or false.

- | | True | False |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. There are 25 or more books in your home right now. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. There is a variety of magazines and other reading materials in your home. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

50. What is your current marital or relationship status?

- Married
- Married, living apart
- Not married, but living with a partner (cohabiting)
- Never married
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Separated

→ Go to Question #52

51. Does your spouse or partner typically work full-time, part-time, go to school, keep house, or something else? (Check all that apply)

- Working full-time (35 hours or more)
- Working part-time
- Has a job, but not at work (due to illness, vacation, strike)
- Unemployed, laid off, looking for work
- Retired
- In school
- Keeping house
- Disabled
- Other, specify:

52. How many children ages: (Please write "0" if none.)

- a. 5 and younger live in your household?
- b. 6 to 12 live in your household?
- c. 13 to 18 live in your household?

53. Including yourself, how many adults age 19 and older live in your household?

Number of adults (age 19 and older)

Finances

54. Please indicate the category that describes your total family income in the last 12 months.

- Under \$5,000
- \$5,000 to \$9,999
- \$10,000 to \$14,999
- \$15,000 to \$19,999
- \$20,000 to \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$29,999
- \$30,000 to \$39,999
- \$40,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$59,999
- \$60,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 or more

55. During the past 12 months, how much difficulty have you had paying your bills?

- A great deal of difficulty
- Quite a bit of difficulty
- Some difficulty
- A little difficulty
- No difficulty at all

56. Think again over the past 12 months. Generally, at the end of each month did you end up with...

- More than enough money left
- Some money left over
- Just enough to make ends meet
- Almost enough to make ends meet
- Not enough to make ends meet

57. Overall, how satisfied are you with your current financial situation?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

58. What about your financial prospects? Do you feel that you are better off this year than you were two years ago at this time, about the same, or worse off?

- Better
- Same
- Worse

The following statements concern your family's financial situation. For each statement, please indicate how much you agree or disagree.

59. My family has enough money to afford the kind of home we need.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

60. We have enough money to afford the kind of clothing we need.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

61. We have enough money to afford the kind of food we need.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

62. We have enough money to afford the kind of medical care we need.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

63. Do you typically work full-time, part-time, go to school, keep house, or something else? (Check all that apply)

- Working full-time (35 hours or more)
- Working part-time
- Have a job, but not at work (due to illness, vacation, strike)
- Unemployed, laid off, looking for work
- Retired
- In school
- Keeping house
- Disabled
- Other, specify:

→ Go to #66

64. During the average week, how many hours do you usually work? (Please include hours from all jobs but do not include travel to and from work.)

 hours per week

65. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your job?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

About Yourself

66. Are you:

- Male
- Female

67. Would you say that your overall health and well-being is excellent, good, fair or poor?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

68. Do you smoke cigarettes?

- Yes
- No

69. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino/a?

- Yes
- No

70. What race or races do you consider yourself to be?
(Check all that apply)

- White (Caucasian)
- Black or African American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Other, specify:

71. In what year were you born?

72. With regard to the English language, how well do you understand it when it is spoken to you?

- Very well
- Well
- Not well
- Not at all

73. With regard to the English language, how well do you read it?

- Very well
- Well
- Not well
- Not at all

74. With regard to the English language, how well do you write it?

- Very well
- Well
- Not well
- Not at all

75. What is the highest degree you have attained?

- No diploma
- High School Diploma/GED
- Some college, but no degree
- Technical/Associate/Junior College (2 yr, LPN)
- Bachelor's Degree (4 yr, BA, BS, RN)
- Graduate Degree (Masters, PhD, Law, Medicine)

76. In general, how would you describe your political views?

- Very liberal
- Liberal
- Middle-of-the-road
- Conservative
- Very conservative
- Other, specify:

77. In general, what do you consider yourself politically?

- Democrat
- Republican
- Independent
- Other, specify:

78. Who did you vote for in the 2012 Presidential Election?

- Obama
- Romney
- Other, specify:
- Did not vote

79. Do you consider yourself to be Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, or something else?

- Protestant
- Catholic
- Jewish
- Muslim
- None (no religion)
- Other, specify:

→ Go to
#81

80. Within the Protestant faith, do you consider yourself to be:

- Evangelical
- Fundamentalist Protestant
- Mainline Protestant
- Liberal Protestant
- Other, specify:

81. Would you describe yourself as a born-again Christian?

- Yes
- No

82. How often do you attend religious services?

- Several times a week
- Once a week
- Nearly every week
- About once a month
- Several times a year
- About once a year
- Less than once a year
- Never

83. In general, how much do your religious or spiritual beliefs influence your daily life?

- Very much
- Quite a bit
- Some
- A little
- None
- Doesn't apply, not religious or spiritual

84. Now we have some statements about how you might have felt during the past week. Below, please indicate the number of days in the past week, including today, that:

- a. You felt sad. days (0-7)
- b. You felt hopeful about the future. days (0-7)
- c. You felt you were as good as other people. days (0-7)
- d. You felt bothered by things that usually don't bother you. days (0-7)
- e. You felt lonely. days (0-7)
- f. You had trouble keeping your mind on what you were doing. days (0-7)
- g. You felt that everything you did was an effort. days (0-7)
- h. You felt fearful. days (0-7)
- i. You talked less than usual. days (0-7)
- j. You felt depressed. days (0-7)
- k. You did not feel like eating; your appetite was poor. days (0-7)
- l. You felt that you could not shake off the blues even with the help of family or friends. days (0-7)
- m. Your sleep was restless. days (0-7)
- n. You could not get "going." days (0-7)

Nebraska Residence

85. Are you still living in the same residence as you were 2 years ago?

- Yes
- No

86. Do you live on a farm, in open country but not on a farm, or in a town or city?

- Farm
- Open country, but not a farm
- Town or city

87. Do you or some member of your household own your home outright, buying it, or renting?

- Own outright
- Buying (paying a mortgage)
- Renting
- Provided as part of job/wages
- Other, specify:

88. Which of the following comes closest to the kind of housing unit you now live in?

- Detached single family house
- Mobile home
- Townhouse/Condominium
- Apartment/Duplex
- Other, specify:

89. What is your current zip code?

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90. How many years have you lived in this Nebraska county? (Please enter "0" if less than 1 year.)

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 year(s)

91. Have you or has anyone in your household ever attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln?

- Yes
- No

92. Were you born in Nebraska, another state, or a foreign country?

- Nebraska
- Another state
- Foreign country

93. Please use the space below to provide any comments or feedback.

Thank you!

That completes our questions. We greatly appreciate the time you have taken to complete this survey. For your convenience, please use the postage-paid return envelope included in your survey packet to return your questionnaire to the Bureau of Sociological Research.

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