



## NEStatewide\_0323

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q1. Before we begin, I need to know whether I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a safe place where we can continue this conversation?

No, not on a cell phone	55 %
Yes, on a cell phone, but in safe place	45 %

q2. Are you an adult age 18 or older and registered to vote in Nebraska?

Yes	100 %
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q3. What was the last level of education that you completed?

High school graduate or less	19 %
Some college education	26 %
College graduate	36 %
Postgraduate	18 %

q4. Generally speaking, do you think things in Nebraska are moving in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	64 %
Wrong track	29 %
DK/NA	7 %

Do you approve or disapprove of the job being done by the following elected officials and groups? [IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or only somewhat? [ROTATE]

	Approve, strongly	Approve, somewhat	Disapprove, somewhat	Disapprove, strongly	DK/NA
q5. President Donald Trump	40%	14%	6%	37%	2%
q6. Governor Pete Ricketts	35%	28%	10%	22%	4%
q7. The Nebraska Legislature	18%	46%	18%	11%	8%

q8. What is the biggest issue or area you think state government is failing on? [OPEN END]

Property taxes	23 %
Healthcare / mental health / Medicaid expansion	12 %
Coronavirus	7 %
Education	6 %
The economy / good-paying jobs	5 %
Roads / infrastructure / flooding	5 %
Doing well--nothing to complain about	4 %
Helping seniors / vulnerable	3 %
Crime/the justice system	3 %
Government spending / waste	3 %
Trade / agriculture / help for farmers	3 %
Trump / Republicans	2 %
Special interest and wealthy influence / not listening to the people	2 %
Immigration	2 %
Partisan division	2 %
Urban vs. rural divide	1 %
Abortion	1 %
Medical marijuana	1 %
Climate change / environment	1 %
Democrats / socialism	1 %
Guns / 2nd Amendment	1 %
Don't know/nothing	12 %

Now I'm going to read you a series of proposed policies that the Nebraska state government could adopt. Please rate each of them on a scale from 1 to 10, in which 1 means not at all helpful to you and your family, and 10 means extremely helpful to you and your family. You may choose any number from 1 to 10. The higher the number, the more helpful the proposal is to you and your family. [ROTATE]

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1-3	4-7	8-10
q9. Creating more jobs	4%	1%	1%	2%	11%	7%	13%	18%	8%	35%	6%	36%	61%
q10. Making health care affordable and accessible	4%	2%	2%	3%	8%	4%	8%	11%	7%	51%	8%	23%	69%
q11. Lowering taxes for property and landowners	4%	4%	4%	3%	13%	4%	8%	12%	6%	39%	12%	28%	57%
q12. Fully funding K through twelve public education	6%	2%	2%	4%	13%	5%	9%	15%	6%	38%	10%	31%	59%
q13. Making college affordable	7%	3%	4%	4%	14%	8%	9%	12%	5%	33%	14%	35%	50%
q14. Providing pathways to job training and career, technical and vocational education to support and develop the workforce	3%	2%	2%	3%	11%	9%	13%	20%	7%	29%	7%	36%	56%
q15. Creating more access to affordable early childhood care and education	8%	4%	5%	6%	16%	7%	10%	14%	6%	22%	17%	39%	42%
q16. Providing working people with employee benefits like paid family and medical leave	4%	2%	3%	5%	12%	7%	11%	14%	5%	36%	9%	35%	55%
q17. Ensuring all working people are paid a livable wage so they can afford basic needs	6%	3%	5%	3%	12%	6%	8%	12%	6%	40%	14%	29%	58%

Please tell me if you think state government in Nebraska is doing an excellent, good, just fair, poor job on each of the following. [ROTATE]

	Excellent	Good	Just Fair	Poor	DK	NET POSITIVE	NET NEGATIVE
q18. Providing high quality public education	14%	48%	29%	9%	1%	<b>62%</b>	<b>38%</b>
q19. Providing job training and access to career, technical and vocational education that is affordable	7%	38%	42%	10%	2%	<b>45%</b>	<b>52%</b>
q20. Making childcare more available and affordable	3%	27%	45%	19%	5%	<b>30%</b>	<b>64%</b>
q21. Supporting workers with benefits like paid sick leave	4%	32%	40%	22%	3%	<b>36%</b>	<b>62%</b>
q22. Supporting workers with benefits like paid family leave	3%	32%	38%	23%	4%	<b>35%</b>	<b>61%</b>
q23. Providing necessary funding to make sure college tuition is affordable	4%	23%	42%	28%	2%	<b>27%</b>	<b>70%</b>
q24. Ensuring workers are paid reasonable wages so they can afford basic needs	5%	33%	38%	23%	1%	<b>38%</b>	<b>61%</b>

q25. Which groups or people do you think state government is focused on helping the most? [OPEN END]

The wealthy	22 %
Everyone / not biased	11 %
Middle class	8 %
Farmers / Ranchers / Rural Nebraska	7 %
Working families	6 %
The vulnerable / low income Nebraskans	6 %
Persons of color / immigrants	4 %
Big corporations	4 %
Urban Nebraskans	3 %
Politicians / bureaucrats	3 %
The elderly	2 %
People on welfare / chronically unemployed	2 %
Small businesses	2 %
Children	2 %
White people	2 %
Property owners	1 %
Don't know	13 %

q26. Do you support or oppose removing tax incentives provided to profitable Nebraska businesses in order to expand K through 12 education to include pre-K early childhood education in Nebraska?

[IF SUPPORT / OPPOSE, ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Support, strongly	41 %
Support, not strongly	24 %
Oppose, not strongly	11 %
Oppose, strongly	18 %
DK	6 %
<b>NET SUPPORT</b>	<b>65 %</b>
<b>NET OPPOSE</b>	<b>29 %</b>

q27. Based on what you know, should Nebraska's leaders be more focused on [ROTATE:]

\_\_ [STATEMENT A] increasing the number of jobs available in the state or

\_\_ [STATEMENT B] increasing pathways that allow Nebraskan workers access to quality high-paying jobs with benefits?

[IF STATEMENT A/B ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Statement A, strongly	26 %
Statement A, not strongly	11 %
Statement B, not strongly	14 %
Statement B, strongly	44 %
DK/NA	5 %
<b>NET STATEMENT A</b>	<b>37 %</b>
<b>NET STATEMENT B</b>	<b>58 %</b>

q28. I'm now going to read you two points of view regarding Nebraska's economy:

\_\_ STATEMENT A: Nebraska's healthy economy is the result of the state's decision to provide tax incentives to corporations in order to create more jobs. We need to provide businesses in our state more tax incentives to make Nebraska even more competitive than it is today.

\_\_ STATEMENT B: While Nebraska's unemployment rate is low, too many of the jobs created are low wage and without benefits, forcing many Nebraskans to work two or even three jobs just to make ends meet.

Having heard these two points of view, which one comes closest to your own point of view even if neither is exactly right? [IF STATEMETN A/B ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Statement A, strongly	24 %
Statement A, not strongly	14 %
Statement B, not strongly	15 %
Statement B, strongly	41 %
DK/NA	6 %
<b>NET STATEMENT A</b>	<b>38 %</b>
<b>NET STATEMENT B</b>	<b>56 %</b>

I'm now going to read you a list of policies that some say will ensure Nebraskans have access to more high quality jobs. Please rate each of them on a scale from 1 to 10, in which 1 means it would do nothing to increase the quality of jobs in Nebraska, and 10 means it would significantly increase the quality of jobs in Nebraska. You may choose any number from 1 to 10. The higher the number, the more likely the policy is to increase the quality of jobs in Nebraska. [ROTATE]

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1-3	4-7	8-10
q29. Providing every Nebraskan worker with access to a state paid family and medical leave program	6%	2%	4%	5%	12%	7%	11%	15%	8%	30%	12%	35%	53%
q30. Ensuring all Nebraska workers are earning a livable wage	4%	2%	2%	3%	10%	6%	10%	12%	9%	40%	8%	29%	61%
q31. Providing access to early childhood care and education	4%	2%	4%	5%	14%	9%	12%	14%	8%	28%	8%	40%	50%
q32. Prohibiting workplace discrimination	5%	2%	3%	2%	10%	5%	9%	11%	7%	44%	10%	26%	62%
q33. Creating more opportunities and pathways to secondary higher education and career training	2%	1%	2%	2%	12%	8%	15%	20%	10%	27%	5%	37%	57%
q34. Providing every Nebraskan worker with access to a specific number of days of paid sick leave	5%	3%	4%	5%	14%	9%	10%	15%	7%	28%	12%	38%	50%
q35. Requiring Nebraskan companies to provide full-time jobs for existing employees before hiring more part-time workers	6%	3%	3%	4%	12%	9%	12%	16%	8%	26%	12%	37%	50%
q36. Provide workers compensated with tips with a normal minimum wage of nine dollars instead of the existing tipped minimum wage of two dollars and 13 cents	7%	3%	3%	4%	14%	6%	9%	15%	8%	30%	13%	33%	53%

q37. Would you support or oppose establishing a paid family and medical leave program for every worker in Nebraska by increasing income taxes on the wealthiest four percent of Nebraskans?

[IF SUPPORT / OPPOSE, ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Support, strongly	44 %
Support, not strongly	12 %
Oppose, not strongly	10 %
Oppose, strongly	32 %
DK/NA [VOL]	1 %
<b>NET SUPPORT</b>	<b>56 %</b>
<b>NET OPPOSE</b>	<b>42 %</b>

q38. Do you support or oppose efforts to stimulate the economy by reducing taxes for big corporations—even if it means less money will be available for education, roads and other services?

[IF SUPPORT / OPPOSE, ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Support, strongly	14 %
Support, not strongly	9 %
Oppose, not strongly	23 %
Oppose, strongly	51 %
DK/NA [VOL]	3 %
<b>NET SUPPORT</b>	<b>23 %</b>
<b>NET OPPOSE</b>	<b>74 %</b>

**[IF Q38 CODE 1 OR 2, ASK Q39:]**

q39. Some people say that many of the jobs created by giving tax incentives to big corporations will likely be low wage jobs without benefits. Having heard this, let me ask you again: do you support or oppose efforts to stimulate the economy by reducing taxes for big corporations even if it means less money will be available for education, roads and other services? [IF SUPPORT / OPPOSE, ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Support, strongly	42 %
Support, not strongly	18 %
Oppose, not strongly	13 %
Oppose, strongly	23 %
DK/NA [VOL]	4 %
<b>NET SUPPORT</b>	<b>60 %</b>
<b>NET OPPOSE</b>	<b>36 %</b>

**[IF Q38 CODE 3 OR 4, ASK Q40:]**

q40. Some people say that in order to receive corporate tax incentives, corporations should be required to use the money to create high wage jobs with benefits. If this were the case, would you support or oppose efforts to stimulate the economy by reducing taxes for big corporations even if it means less money will be available for education, roads and other services? [IF SUPPORT / OPPOSE, ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Support, strongly	8 %
Support, not strongly	12 %
Oppose, not strongly	29 %
Oppose, strongly	48 %
DK/NA [VOL]	3 %
<b>NET SUPPORT</b>	<b>20 %</b>
<b>NET OPPOSE</b>	<b>77 %</b>

q41. Which of the following would be more helpful to you and your family: [ROTATE]

Lowering taxes for property and land owners.	58 %
Fully funding education and investing services like child care, health care, higher education and vocational training?	41 %
DK/NA	1 %

q42. As you may know, Nebraska voters approved an expansion of the state's Medicaid program in last year's elections. Governor Ricketts is currently attempting to add restrictions on who qualifies for the voter-approved Medicaid expansion and the process of adding those restrictions will delay implementation of the Medicaid expansion. Would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, a little concerned or not at all concerned about Governor Ricketts' actions on Medicaid expansion?

Very concerned	36 %
Somewhat concerned	23 %
Not too concerned	12 %
Not concerned at all	27 %
DK/NA [VOL]	1 %
<b>NET CONCERNED</b>	<b>59 %</b>
<b>NET NOT CONCERNED</b>	<b>39 %</b>

**[ASK Q43 ONLY AMONG Q42 CODES 1, 2 OR 3]**

q43. What concerns you most about Governor Ricketts' actions? [OPEN END]

He's unfairly limiting access for neediest, kids, seniors	22 %
Refusing to follow the will of the people	14 %
He's unfairly delaying implementation of Medicaid reform	8 %
Too many can't afford private health care / need health care for all	7 %
Nothing -- general support for the Governor's actions on the issue	7 %
No concerns -- he's making sure the plan is affordable	6 %
Governor Ricketts cares only about himself / the wealthy	5 %
General dislike for the Governor	2 %
Everything -- dislike all his actions on the issue	1 %
Flip flips / says one thing but does another	1 %
Hasn't lowered taxes / hasn't helped farmers	1 %
He's doing a good job	1 %
Single parents need help	1 %
Delaying healthcare access during a pandemic is bad	1 %
Don't know	20 %

Now I am going to read you some statements about ways government in Nebraska can support and grow the middle class. Each statement will make a claim about something government in Nebraska is currently doing to grow the middle class. After I read you each statement, I want you to tell me if you agree or disagree that this is something the government in Nebraska is currently doing. [ROTATE]

	Agree strongly	Agree somewhat	Disagree somewhat	Disagree strongly	Neither/Neutral	DK/Refused
q44. State government is properly funding public education, we have motivated well-paid teachers and our world class public schools help develop our workforce and grow the middle class	20%	35%	17%	24%	1%	2%
q45. State government is making investments in early childhood care and education making it easy and affordable for working families to grow and succeed	16%	35%	23%	21%	2%	3%
q46. State government is supporting the middle class by holding the line on upper income taxes and keeping corporate taxes low	14%	34%	25%	23%	1%	3%

Now I am going to read you some pairs of statements about state government in Nebraska and I want you to tell me whether you agree more with the first statement or more with the second statement, even if neither is exactly right. [ROTATE QX THROUGH QY AND EACH STATEMENT A/B]

	Statement A, much more	Statement A, somewhat more	Statement B, somewhat more	Statement B, much more	BOTH	Neither	DK/Refused
q47. STATEMENT A: State government in Nebraska under funds public education and as a result our property taxes are high, and many kids get left behind. STATEMENT B: State government in Nebraska properly funds our kids' schools. Property taxes are high because local school districts waste taxpayers' money.	21%	35%	24%	14%	1%	2%	3%
q48. STATEMENT A: State government should be investing in higher education and making job training and career, technical and vocational training more accessible to grow and support our workforce. STATEMENT B: State government should continue giving more tax breaks and incentives to private sector job creators that will encourage them to develop and support the workforce in Nebraska.	28%	31%	23%	15%	1%	0%	1%

q49. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else? [IF REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT, ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong \_\_\_\_ [REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT] or a not so strong \_\_\_\_ [REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT]? [IF INDEPENDENT, ASK:] Would you say that you lean more towards the Republican or more towards the Democratic Party?

Republican, strongly	29 %
Republican, not so strongly	14 %
Independent, leans Republican	10 %
Independent	7 %
Independent, leans Democrat	10 %
Democrat, not so strongly	11 %
Democrat, strongly	17 %
DK/NA/OTHER	2 %
<b>NET REPUBLICAN</b>	<b>53 %</b>
<b>NET DEMOCRAT</b>	<b>38 %</b>

q50. Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	20 %
Moderate	37 %
Conservative	42 %
DK/NA	2 %

q51. What is your age? [RECORD AGE: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_; CODE BELOW:]

18-29	14 %
30-39	15 %
40-49	16 %
50-64	26 %
65+	26 %

q52. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home who are still in school?

Yes, in school	28 %
Yes, but not in school	2 %
No	70 %
DK/NA	1 %

q53. Do you come from an Hispanic, Latino, or a Spanish-speaking background?

Yes	4 %
No	95 %
DK/NA	2 %

**[ASK Q54 ONLY AMONG Q53 CODES 2 OR 3]**

q54. What is your race or ethnic identity?

White	91 %
African, African American, or other black	3 %
Native American or American Indian	2 %
Asian or Pacific Islander	1 %
OTHER [SPECIFY:]	1 %
DK/NA/REF	3 %