



Topline Report
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q3. What was the last level of education that you completed?

High school graduate or less	28 %
Some college education	32 %
College graduate	27 %
Postgraduate	14 %
DK/NA	0 %

q4. What is your gender?

Male	50 %
Female	50 %
Non-binary/third gender	0 %
Prefer not to say	0 %
Prefer to self describe	0 %

q5. 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	39 %
Wrong track	52 %
DK/NA	9 %

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? [READ; RANDOMIZE]

	Approve, strongly	Approve, not strongly	Disapprove, not strongly	Disapprove, strongly	DK/NA
q6. Governor Jim Pillen	20%	30%	11%	29%	9%
q7. President Joe Biden	14%	11%	10%	65%	0%
q8. Your local school board	22%	27%	16%	18%	17%
q9. Your county commission	11%	34%	17%	13%	25%
q10. Local government	16%	41%	16%	22%	6%
q11. The Nebraska Legislature	9%	40%	23%	24%	6%

q12. Switching gears, do you think Nebraska's state government is doing more than enough to help average income people and families meet their needs to be able to succeed, is it doing the right amount, or not enough to help average income people and families meet their needs to be able to succeed?

More than enough	5 %
Right amount	28 %
Not enough	63 %
DK	4 %

SPLIT SAMPLE A

q13. Which of the following do you trust more to be a good steward of your taxpayer dollars, [ROTATE] ___local governments like your county commission, school board, or city council, ___or the state legislature? [IF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS / STATE LEGISLATURE, ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Local governments, strongly	32 %
Local governments, not strongly	20 %
State legislature, not strongly	14 %
State legislature, strongly	11 %
NEITHER	13 %
BOTH	4 %
DK	6 %
NET LOCAL GOVERNMENT	52 %
NET STATE LEGISLATURE	25 %

SPLIT SAMPLE B

q14. Which of the following do you trust more to be a good steward of your taxpayer dollars, [ROTATE] ___local governments like your county commission, school board, or city council, ___or the governor? [IF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS / GOVERNOR, ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Local governments, strongly	31 %
Local governments, not strongly	24 %
The governor, not strongly	10 %
The governor, strongly	8 %
NEITHER	17 %
BOTH	2 %
DK	8 %
NET LOCAL GOVERNMENT	55 %
NET GOVERNOR	18 %

Next is a list of proposals that may be considered by the Nebraska state legislature. After each, please indicate whether you would favor or oppose that proposal. [IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly? [READ; RANDOMIZE]

	Favor, strongly	Favor, not strongly	Oppose, not strongly	Oppose, strongly	DK/NA	NET FAVOR	NET OPPOSE
q15. Reduce Nebraska's state property taxes by raising state sales taxes from five point five percent to six point five percent	27%	16%	17%	28%	12%	43%	45%
q16. Allowing state government to mandate across the board restrictions on local government spending and levy increases	17%	22%	19%	32%	11%	39%	51%
q17. Requiring the state to fully fund education for all public school districts	50%	20%	10%	13%	7%	70%	23%
SPLIT SAMPLE A	44%	18%	18%	18%	3%	62%	36%
q18. Create a Nebraska Child Tax Credit, to refund poor, working, and middle-class families up to one thousand dollars for each child under age 6 with the credit fully available for all families with low incomes.							
SPLIT SAMPLE B	50%	22%	10%	12%	6%	72%	22%
q19. Create a Nebraska Child Tax Credit, to refund poor, working, and middle-class families up to one thousand dollars for each child under age six with a smaller credit for families earning over one hundred and ten thousand dollars or more but the credit fully available for all families with low incomes.							
q20. Expanding health care coverage that can be offered to low-income children in public schools to include mental health, dental, hearing aid, and prescription drug services	53%	17%	12%	15%	3%	70%	27%
q21. Creating an express lane eligibility process that simplifies enrollment for qualifying children in the Children's Health Insurance Program, also known as Chip	33%	33%	12%	9%	13%	66%	21%
q22. Prohibiting politicians from creating laws that interfere with private decisions that should be made between a doctor and their patient	57%	9%	12%	18%	4%	66%	30%
q23. Raising service workers' current minimum wage of two dollars and 13 cents an hour to the state's standard 12 dollar minimum wage that adjusts for inflation every year	42%	16%	10%	30%	2%	58%	40%

	Favor, strongly	Favor, not strongly	Oppose, not strongly	Oppose, strongly	DK/NA	NET FAVOR	NET OPPOSE
q24. Establishing a paid family and medical leave program for every worker in Nebraska by increasing income taxes on the wealthiest four percent of Nebraskans	36%	12%	14%	35%	2%	48%	49%
SPLIT SAMPLE C	52%	17%	7%	24%	0%	69%	31%
q25. Establishes a paid family and medical leave program that makes employees eligible for one month of paid family leave to help care for a seriously ill family member, newborn or newly placed adopted or foster child							
SPLIT SAMPLE D	42%	30%	9%	16%	3%	72%	25%
q26. Establishes a paid family and medical leave program that makes employees eligible for two months of paid family leave to help care for a seriously ill family member, newborn or newly placed adopted or foster child							
SPLIT SAMPLE E	44%	18%	13%	25%	0%	62%	38%
q27. Establishes a paid family and medical leave program that makes employees eligible for three months of paid family leave to help care for a seriously ill family member, newborn or newly placed adopted or foster child							

Next is a list of programs that could be better funded with Nebraska’s budget surplus. After each, please tell me how important it is that the Nebraska legislature fund that program—is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all to fund that program. If you aren’t sure, you can indicate that, too. [READ; RANDOMIZE]

	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK	NET IMP.	NET NOT IMP.
q28. Food assistance for families in need	36%	31%	21%	9%	3%	0%	67%	33%
q29. Ensuring that Medicaid covers all uninsured, eligible Nebraska children	38%	20%	26%	7%	7%	2%	58%	40%
q30. Expanding access to school-based health care for children	28%	24%	19%	15%	9%	4%	52%	43%
q31. Prenatal and postpartum medical care for low-income Nebraskans who do not have access to care	34%	31%	20%	9%	5%	1%	65%	34%
q32. Increasing the availability of quality early childhood education programs	32%	29%	27%	6%	6%	1%	61%	39%

	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK	NET IMP.	NET NOT IMP.
q33. Providing tax breaks and incentives to large businesses and corporations to grow Nebraska's economy	12%	20%	37%	13%	14%	4%	32%	64%
q34. Retaining and recruiting more medical and mental health professionals to the state by increasing Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement rates for providers focused on child welfare, behavioral, and mental health	30%	30%	24%	7%	6%	3%	60%	37%

q35. Next are two points of view about how to address concerns about local property taxes: [READ; ROTATE]

__STATEMENT 1: To address concerns about high local property taxes the state needs to provide income tax rebates to homeowners and businesses that offset skyrocketing property taxes.

__STATEMENT 2: In order to lower local property taxes, state government needs to better fund programs and services that help reduce the burden on our local governments such as roads, schools, and public safety.

Now, which one of these points of view do you agree with more even if neither is exactly right? [IF STATEMENT 1 OR 2, ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Statement 1, strongly	24 %
Statement 1, not strongly	18 %
Statement 2, not strongly	16 %
Statement 2, strongly	23 %
DK	18 %
NET STATEMENT 1	42 %
NET STATEMENT 2	39 %

q36. Governor Pillen recently rejected \$18 million dollars in federal funding for a childhood hunger program that would provide food for low-income children during times when they do not have access to free and reduced meals through school, such as during summer break. Knowing this, would you support or oppose requiring Governor Pillen to accept this funding to address childhood hunger in Nebraska? [IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Support, strongly	51 %
Support, not strongly	10 %
Oppose, not strongly	12 %
Oppose, strongly	21 %
DK/NA	6 %
NET SUPPORT	61 %
NET OPPOSE	33 %

q37. Do you support or oppose expanding the federal Child Tax Credit? [IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Support, strongly	46 %
Support, not strongly	16 %
Oppose, not strongly	9 %
Oppose, strongly	18 %
DK/NA	11 %
NET SUPPORT	62 %
NET OPPOSE	27 %

q38. 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	33 %
Republican, not so strongly	11 %
Independent, leans Republican	14 %
Independent	7 %
Independent, leans Democrat	11 %
Democrat, not so strongly	5 %
Democrat, strongly	10 %
DK/NA/OTHER	9 %

q39. Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	15 %
Moderate	34 %
Conservative	42 %
DK/NA	8 %

q40. What is your age?

18-29	10 %
30-39	13 %
40-49	15 %
50-59	16 %
60-69	22 %
70+	24 %
DK/NA	1 %

q41. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home who are still in school?

Yes	27 %
No	2 %
DK/NA	71 %

q42. Do you come from an Hispanic, Latino, or a Spanish-speaking background?

Yes	5 %
No	94 %
DK/NA	1 %

q43. What is your race or ethnic identity?

White	81 %
African, African American, or other black	3 %
Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish	5 %
Native American or American Indian	4 %
Asian	1 %
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	3 %
OTHER	4 %
DK/NA/REF	0 %

q44. In which of the following ranges does your household income fall?

Below \$25 thousand	11 %
Above \$25 thousand but less than \$50 thousand	25 %
Above \$50 thousand but less than \$75 thousand	20 %
Above \$75 thousand but less than \$100 thousand	12 %
Above \$100 thousand but less than \$150 thousand	17 %
Over \$150 thousand	7 %
DK/NA/REFUSED	8 %

q45. Thinking back to the November 2020 Presidential Election, did you vote for: [RANDOMIZE CODES]
Donald Trump

Donald Trump	53 %
Joe Biden	33 %
Someone else	2 %
I didn't vote in the Presidential Election	6 %
Prefer not to say	6 %