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Nebraska Voters Outlook: Public Opinion on Policy Issues related to Taxes, Healthcare, and Food Assistance

OMAHA, NE - Holland Children's Institute, a nonpartisan nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, [releases survey results](#) of its ongoing Nebraska Voters' Outlook (NVO) series, a statewide public opinion research initiative measuring Nebraskans' insights into policy impacting children and families. Nebraska Voters' Outlook is commissioned by the Institute and conducted in partnership with Patinkin Research Strategies LLC, from January 31 through February 4, 2024, and surveyed approximately 600 registered Nebraska voters across the state.

Our latest public opinion research indicates that a majority of Nebraskans believe the state government is not doing enough to help working families get ahead (63%). Additionally, more than half of Nebraskans (52%) have indicated that they believe the State is on the "wrong track." Compared to our 2023 poll, which was split (45% wrong track vs. 44% right direction), these results indicate that the State is moving in the wrong direction.

"It's evident that the people of Nebraska are concerned about the state government's lack of action to help individuals and families meet their true needs," states Holland Children's Institute CEO, Hadley Richters. "Nebraskans would like to see investments in health care services, affordable child care, and public education, rather than raising the state sales tax and providing tax breaks to large businesses and corporations -- ultimately hurting low-income individuals and families."

When asked about a number of legislation and policy issues, an overwhelming majority would like to see the Nebraska Legislature establish a 2-month paid and medical leave program (72% net favor) to help care for a seriously ill family member, newborn, or newly placed adopted or foster child. Additionally, there is strong support for the federal child tax credit (62% net favor), and Nebraska child tax credit (62% net favor), with even more support if the child tax credit includes a smaller credit for families earning \$110,000 or more (72% net support).

"With the astronomical cost of living and increases in child care, Nebraska children and families need support more than ever. Based on these results, the child tax credit is one of the critical solutions that the State Legislature should prioritize to help children and working families across the state."

Lawmakers must consider these results to better align legislative action with public policy priorities and deliver better outcomes for the people of Nebraska.

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