

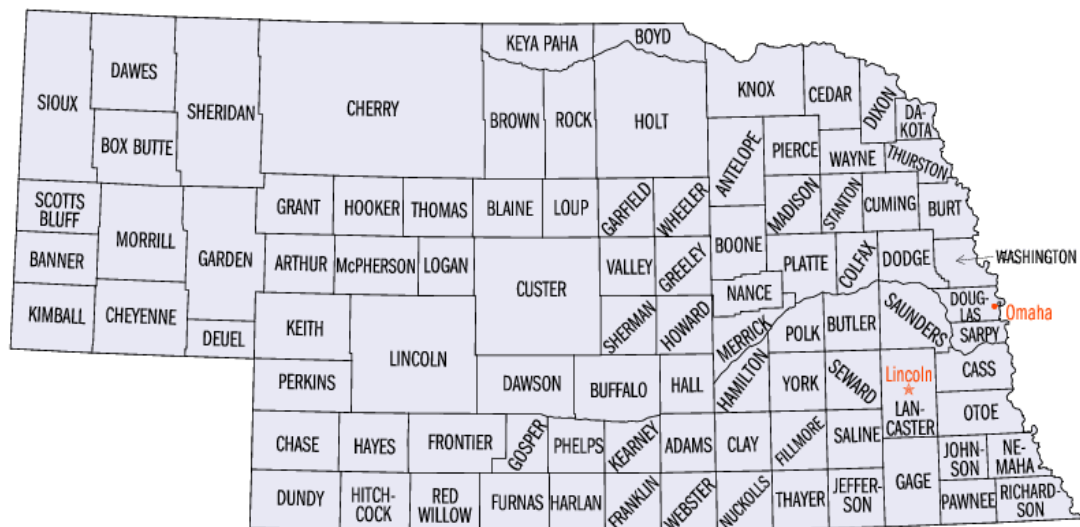
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Nebraska

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking and enforcement.

Demographics

- Population (2006 American Community Survey): 1,768,331¹
- Race/ethnicity (2006 American Community Survey): 88.6% white; 4.1% black/African American; 0.9% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.7% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 3.2% other race; 1.5% two or more races; 7.4% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²

Politics

- Governor: Dave Heineman³
- Lt. Governor: Rick Sheehy⁴
- Attorney General: Jon Bruning⁵
- Secretary of State: John Gale⁶
- U.S. Senate: Chuck Hagel (R); Ben Nelson (D)⁷
- U.S. House of Representatives: Jeff Fortenberry (R); Lee Terry (R); Adrian Smith (R)⁸
- Capital: Lincoln⁹

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)¹⁰
Designated in 1996, the Midwest HIDTA consists of counties in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. In Nebraska, the Midwest HIDTA is responsible for the following counties: Dakota, Dawson, Dodge, Douglas, Gage, Hall, Jefferson, Lancaster, Madison, Platte, Sarpy and Scotts Bluff.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2007, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported making 132 arrests for drug violations in Nebraska.¹¹

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Nebraska, 2003-2007

Year	Arrests
2003	140
2004	116
2005	105
2006	75
2007	132

- Preliminary data indicate that there were 62,420 index offenses known to police in Nebraska during 2006. This is a 2% decrease from 63,809 in 2005.¹²

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Nebraska, 2005-2006

Offense	2005	2006	% Change
Murder/manslaughter	43	53	+ 23%
Forcible rape	576	540	- 6
Robbery	1,031	1,124	+ 9
Aggravated assault	3,282	3,204	- 2
Burglary	9,103	9,034	- 1
Larceny-theft	44,114	43,334	- 2
Motor vehicle theft	5,516	4,973	- 10
Arson	144	158	+ 10
Total	63,809	62,420	- 2

- Preliminary data indicate that there were 42 adult arrests for murder/manslaughter in Nebraska in 2006.¹³

Number of Arrests, Index Offenses, Nebraska, 2005-2006

Offense	<u>Juvenile</u>		<u>Adult</u>	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
Murder/manslaughter	1	3	40	42
Forcible rape	9	18	155	139
Robbery	59	59	262	266
Aggravated assault	117	112	1,146	1,031
Burglary	303	383	649	648
Larceny-theft	2,907	2,848	5,514	5,030
Motor vehicle theft	132	138	231	245
Arson	82	74	43	41

- Preliminary data indicate that there were 9,382 adult and 1,169 juvenile arrests for drug abuse violations in Nebraska during 2006.¹⁴

Number of Arrests, Drug/Alcohol Offenses, Nebraska, 2005-2006

Offense	<u>Juvenile</u>		<u>Adult</u>	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
Drug violations	1,169	1,138	10,086	9,382
Driving under influence	295	341	14,071	13,039
Liquor law violations	2,402	2,684	10,250	10,007

Drugs

- Cocaine¹⁵
Cocaine remains readily available in the larger cities of Nebraska and is abused by all social and ethnic groups.
- Heroin¹⁶
While not considered a drug of choice in Nebraska, some Hispanic trafficking organizations have heroin available for consumer use.

- Marijuana¹⁷
Marijuana is readily available throughout the major cities in Nebraska. The marijuana available in the state includes marijuana from Mexico and from sources in the state of Washington.
- Methamphetamine¹⁸
Methamphetamine is the major concern for law enforcement within the state of Nebraska. The availability of imported methamphetamine is stable in all areas of Nebraska with a negligible presence of local low-yield labs in the rural areas.
- Club Drugs¹⁹
The popularity of club drugs continues to be a concern to law enforcement and to local communities. There is a perception among users that these drugs are “safe” to use.
- Diverted Pharmaceuticals²⁰
OxyContin is widely available throughout Nebraska. “Pharming” parties are becoming popular among junior high and high school students, where controlled pharmaceuticals are traded and abused.
- According to 2005-2006 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 102,000 (7%) of Nebraska citizens (ages 12 or older) reported past month use of an illicit drug.²¹

Citizens (Ages 12 or Older) Reporting Drug Use, Nebraska, 2005-2006 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	102	7.05%
Past year marijuana use	136	9.39
Past month marijuana use	75	5.21
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	48	3.30
Past year cocaine use	34	2.37
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	68	4.68

* The number of users is in thousands

- Approximately 593,000 (41.14%) Nebraska citizens reported that using marijuana occasionally (once a month) was a “great risk”.²²
- Additional 2005-2006 NSDUH results indicate that 34,000 (2.36%) Nebraska citizens reported illicit drug dependence or abuse within the past year. Approximately 26,000 (1.78%) reported past year illicit drug dependence.²³

Juveniles

- According to 2005-2006 NSDUH data, approximately 9% of Nebraska 12-17 year olds reported past month use of an illicit drug.²⁴

Youth (12-17 Year Olds) Reporting Drug Use, Nebraska, 2005-2006 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	13	8.97%
Past year marijuana use	16	11.02
Past month marijuana use	8	5.52
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	8	5.15

Past year cocaine use	2	1.53
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	10	6.72

* The number of users is in thousands

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2007, there were 4,693 full-time law enforcement employees in Nebraska (3,408 officers and 1,285 civilian employees).²⁵

Trafficking and Seizures

- Nebraska serves as a transshipment point for Mexican methamphetamine. Interstate 80 provides traffickers with easy west to east access across the state.²⁶
- Preliminary investigations show that organizations in Nebraska have been receiving multi-hundred to thousand dosage units of MDMA (ecstasy) from Texas, Florida and Arizona.²⁷
- During 2007, the DEA and state and local authorities in Nebraska reported 16 methamphetamine laboratory incidents.²⁸

Methamphetamine Laboratory Incidents, Nebraska, 2003-2007

Year	# of Laboratory Incidents
2003	245
2004	65
2005	228
2006	28
2007	16

- More than 3,000 kilograms of marijuana were seized by Federal agencies in Nebraska during 2007.²⁹

Amount of Federal Drug Seizures, Nebraska, 2007

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Cocaine	31.1 kilograms
Heroin	2.6 kilograms
Methamphetamine	12.2 kilograms
Marijuana	3,228.1 kilograms
MDMA	18 dosage units

- During 2007, there were 1,203 cultivated marijuana plants eradicated in Nebraska under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.³⁰

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated/Seized, Nebraska, 2007

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Plants Eradicated
Eradicated Plots	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
3	171	23	1,032	1,203

Courts

➤ Drug Courts³¹

As of April 16, 2007, there were 20 drug courts in existence or being planned in Nebraska. Ten drug courts had been operating for at least two years, 4 had recently been implemented and 6 were being planned at that time.

➤ During FY 2007, approximately 53.9% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Nebraska had committed drug offenses. More than 60% of the drug cases involved methamphetamine.³²

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Cases, Nebraska, FY 2007

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Powder cocaine	32	8.5%
Crack cocaine	74	19.6
Heroin	3	0.8
Marijuana	30	8.0
Methamphetamine	237	62.9
Other	1	0.3

Corrections

➤ On June 6, 2008, there were 4,408 inmates within Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (DCS) facilities.³³

➤ On June 1, 2008, drug offenses were reported as the most serious offense for 30.1% of the female and 14.2% of the male inmates within Nebraska DCS facilities.³⁴

Inmate Population by Most Serious Offense Category, Nebraska, June 1, 2008

Category	Females		Males	
	#	%	#	%
Homicide	30	7.7%	480	11.6
Robbery	13	3.3	417	10.1
Burglary	14	3.6	404	9.8
Assault	41	10.5	532	12.9
Theft	62	15.9	355	8.6
Sex offenses	11	2.8	721	17.5
Arson	n/a	n/a	26	0.6
Drugs	117	30.1	587	14.2
Fraud	64	16.5	129	3.1
Weapons	2	0.5	88	2.1
Morals	1	0.3	62	1.5
Motor vehicle	38	9.8	324	7.8
Restraint	n/a	n/a	59	1.4
Other	25	6.4	137	3.3
Total	389	100.0	4,129	100.0

➤ There were 997 adults on parole in Nebraska on June 3, 2008.³⁵

➤ Substance abuse treatment programs available through DCS:³⁶

- Residential Treatment Services: focus on recovery, relapse prevention and transitions issues with an additional emphasis on criminal attitudes and behaviors.
- Non-Residential Services: These programs address the needs of inmates during the course of their sentences who, due to the nature of their sentences, or due to the nature of their problems, are not eligible for treatment services in the residential treatment programs.

Treatment

- During 2007, there were 15,416 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Nebraska.³⁷ There were 14,968 such treatment admissions in 2006.³⁸ During 2005, there were 15,189 treatment admissions in Nebraska.³⁹

Admissions to Treatment, Nebraska, 2005-2007

Drug Type	2005		2006		2007	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	8,704	57.3%	8,910	59.5%	9,302	60.3%
Alc. w/ second. drug	2,151	14.2	2,124	14.2	2,292	14.9
Cocaine – smoked	560	3.7	518	3.5	529	3.4
Cocaine – other route	126	0.8	147	1.0	183	1.2
Marijuana	1,079	7.1	1,023	6.8	1,058	6.9
Heroin	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14	0.1
Other opiates	206	1.4	209	1.4	180	1.2
PCP	1	0.0	9	0.1	3	0.0
Hallucinogens	8	0.1	5	0.0	8	0.1
Amphetamines	2,100	13.8	1,662	11.1	1,433	9.3
Other stimulants	21	0.1	17	0.1	6	0.0
Tranquilizers	11	0.1	25	0.2	19	0.1
Sedatives	25	0.2	13	0.1	15	0.1
Inhalants	13	0.1	7	0.0	33	0.2
Other/none specified	184	1.2	299	2.0	341	2.2
Total	15,189	100.0	14,968	100.0	15,416	100.0

- According to 2005-2006 NSDUH data, approximately 32,000 (2.18%) Nebraska citizens reported needing but not receiving treatment for illicit drug use within the past year.⁴⁰

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