

## Summary of Selected Findings: Nebraska

		State	Nation	Region	
Making Ends Meet					
Difficulty covering expenses and paying bills					
Very difficult		12%	14%	14%	
Somewhat difficult		46%	40%	40%	
Not at all difficult		40%	44%	44%	
Spending vs. saving					
Spending less than income		35%	38%	38%	
Spending about equal to income		34%	33%	34%	
Spending more than income		27%	26%	25%	
Overdraw checking account occasionally		28%	24%	24%	Respondents with checking accounts
Have unpaid medical bills		28%	22%	26%	
Number of times mortgage payments have been late					
Once		5%	8%	6%	Respondents with mortgages
More than once		8%	8%	10%	
Have taken a loan from retirement account in past year		14%	12%	13%	Respondents with defined contribution retirement accounts
Have taken a hardship withdrawal from retirement account in past year		7%	11%	10%	
Have experienced large unexpected drop in income in past year		25%	25%	23%	
Planning Ahead					
Have emergency funds		42%	46%	45%	
Do not have emergency funds		54%	50%	52%	
Have tried to figure out retirement savings needs		39%	39%	39%	Non-retired respondents
Have not tried to figure out retirement savings needs		57%	57%	57%	
Have set aside money for children’s college education		32%	36%	34%	Respondents with financially dependent children
Have not set aside money for children’s college education		67%	61%	62%	
Retirement Accounts					
Have employer-provided retirement plan (e.g., pension, 401(k))		60%	52%	56%	Non-retired respondents
Have non-employer retirement plan (e.g., IRA, Keogh, SEP, etc.)		32%	25%	28%	
Regularly contribute to retirement account		82%	80%	82%	Respondents with defined contribution retirement accounts

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*Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds*

Invest in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or other securities outside of retirement account

37%	34%	34%
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**Managing Financial Products**

*Banking*

Have checking account

95%	92%	92%
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Have savings account, money market account, or CDs

73%	72%	71%
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*Credit Cards*

Credit card behaviors in past year

Always paid credit cards in full

50%	53%	52%
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Carried over a balance and was charged interest

49%	48%	47%
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Paid the minimum payment only

41%	41%	39%
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Charged a late fee for late payment

24%	21%	20%
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Charged an over the limit fee for exceeding credit line

14%	13%	11%
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Used the cards for a cash advance

12%	15%	12%
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*Respondents with credit cards*

*Mobile Payment Methods*

Use mobile device to pay at point of sale

47%	53%	48%
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Use mobile device to transfer money to another person

65%	65%	62%
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*Mortgages*

Have mortgage

57%	53%	56%
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Have home equity loan

15%	12%	12%
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*Homeowners*

Home “underwater” (negative equity)

4%	5%	4%
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*Homeowners*

*Other Debt*

Have student loan

25%	22%	26%
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Have auto loan

34%	27%	31%
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*Non-Bank Borrowing*

Non-bank borrowing methods used in past 5 years

Auto title loan

9%	10%	10%
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Short term “payday” loan

15%	15%	15%
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Tax refund advance

8%	10%	8%
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Pawn shop

19%	19%	18%
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Rent-to-own store

11%	11%	10%
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Used one or more non-bank borrowing methods in past 5 years

30%	31%	31%
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## Financial Knowledge

Suppose you had \$100 in a savings account and the interest rate was 2% per year. After 5 years, how much do you think you would have in the account if you left the money to grow?

<u>More than \$102</u> (correct answer)	74%	69%	70%
Exactly \$102	8%	8%	9%
Less than \$102	4%	5%	5%
Don't know	12%	16%	16%

Imagine that the interest rate on your savings account was 1% per year and inflation was 2% per year. After 1 year, how much would you be able to buy with the money in this account?

More than today	8%	8%	7%
Exactly the same	9%	10%	8%
<u>Less than today</u> (correct answer)	64%	58%	63%
Don't know	19%	23%	21%

If interest rates rise, what will typically happen to bond prices?

They will rise	21%	20%	21%
<u>They will fall</u> (correct answer)	25%	25%	25%
They will stay the same	3%	5%	4%
There is no relationship between bond prices and the interest rate	9%	8%	8%
Don't know	41%	42%	42%

Suppose you owe \$1,000 on a loan and the interest rate you are charged is 20% per year compounded annually. If you didn't pay anything off, at this interest rate, how many years would it take for the amount you owe to double?

Less than 2 years	6%	5%	5%
<u>At least 2 years but less than 5 years</u> (correct answer)	32%	29%	29%
At least 5 years but less than 10 years	26%	27%	29%
At least 10 years	9%	8%	8%
Don't know	26%	30%	28%

Which of the following indicates the highest probability of getting a particular disease?

<u>There is a one-in-twenty chance of getting the disease</u> (correct answer)	36%	35%	38%
2% of the population will get the disease	12%	12%	11%
25 out of every 1,000 people will get the disease	18%	16%	15%
Don't know	34%	36%	34%

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A 15-year mortgage typically requires higher monthly payments than a 30-year mortgage, but the total interest paid over the life of the loan will be less.			
<u>True</u> (correct answer)	72%	69%	73%
False	7%	9%	8%
Don't know	20%	22%	19%
Buying a single company's stock usually provides a safer return than a stock mutual fund.			
True	8%	11%	8%
<u>False</u> (correct answer)	43%	41%	44%
Don't know	48%	47%	48%
Mean number of correct quiz answers	3.46	3.26	3.41
Mean number of incorrect quiz answers	1.49	1.53	1.45
Mean number of "don't know" quiz answers	2.00	2.16	2.09

#### Notes:

Region = West North Central Census Division (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota).

State figures are weighted by age × gender, ethnicity and education.

National figures are weighted by age × gender, ethnicity, education and Census Division.

Census Division figures are weighted by age × gender, ethnicity, education and state.

Differences between groups may or may not be statistically significant.

Percentages may not add up to 100 because of missing or "don't know" responses.

Survey was conducted June – October 2024.

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