

## Highlights of CPAR's recent projects, publications, and presentations are organized by the following topics:

**Data for Policy and Decision Makers**

**Workforce Access and Equity**

**Community and Economic Development**

### Housing Availability and Quality Grow as Concerns in Nebraska

9/26/2023 | Research by UNO CPAR has shown that job opportunities have been a main driver of domestic migration away from Nebraska. However, in 2022 housing availability and quality have grown as concerns. Explore these topics in a brief on [housing availability and quality in Nebraska](#).

**Media Mentions:**

- Nebraska Examiner - [Survey: Housing surpasses jobs as top reason Nebraskans moved away](#)
- Nebraska Public Media - [Cost burden for renters in parts of Central Nebraska is more prevalent, new study finds](#)
- KETV NewsWatch 7 - [Developer reaffirms commitment to bring a grocery store to downtown Omaha](#)
- KETV NewsWatch 7 - [Study ranks Omaha 7th most competitive rental market across US](#)
- KMTV 3 News Now - [We're super excited! Rental-only development coming to Elk Horn area](#)

### Housing Perceptions in Nebraska

1/9/2023 | CPAR partnered with the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority to conduct analysis of focus group data regarding housing perceptions in Nebraska for the statewide strategic housing plan. Over 170 responses were analyzed and provide key insights on challenges and opportunities related to housing in Nebraska. A recent [article in the Nebraska Examiner](#) describes a new Nebraska housing council assembled to implement the Nebraska Strategic Housing Framework, which includes CPAR's analysis.

### Poverty in Nebraska

12/16/2022 | After years of declining poverty, the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the well-being of Nebraskans in many ways, including an increase in poverty. As a result, UNO CPAR gathered a range of U.S. Census data sources to produce an infographic on poverty in Nebraska. Watch [HLN's coverage](#) of the Coalition for a Strong Nebraska's Healthy Families, Strong Communities conference where nonprofits, policymakers, and state officials all came to discuss better ways to help struggling Nebraska families.

### Childhood Poverty

11/10/2022 | UNO CPAR Director Josie Schaffer spoke with Cathy Wyatt and community leaders on the topic of childhood poverty that aired on [Nebraska Public Media](#).

### Construction Workforce and Businesses in Nebraska

4/1/2023 | CPAR recently provided the Nebraska Building Chapter of the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America, Inc. a data brief about construction turnover and retention in Nebraska. The brief includes data about occupations, demographics, earnings, economic impact, and more.

### CPAR Collaborates with UNMC to Analyze the Status and Future of the Healthcare Workforce in Nebraska

5/26/2024 | CPAR collaborated with the University of Nebraska Medical Center to project employment trends in the healthcare sector and explore the opportunities and challenges involved in maintaining and growing Nebraska's healthcare workforce. Our analysis aims to provide strategic insights to support the development of a robust and sustainable healthcare system in the state.

**Media Mentions:**

- UNMC Newsroom - [Health care workforce report highlights challenges, accomplishments](#)
- Lincoln Journal Star - [UNMC report sees growth, continued challenges for Nebraska's health care workforce](#)
- KORN 890 Rural Radio - [Health care workforce report highlights challenges, accomplishments](#)
- KOPF of 1340 AM (96.1 FM) - [Health care workforce report highlights challenges, accomplishments](#)

### CPAR Partners with William Brennan Institute for Labor Studies to Study Nebraska's Labor Movement

4/29/2024 | CPAR partnered with the William Brennan Institute for Labor Studies, also housed in UNO's College of Public Affairs and Community Service, to study perceptions of organized labor in Nebraska. The survey findings demonstrate that there is strong support for organized labor among union members and non-union members in Nebraska. Read the [executive summary and full report](#) to learn more.

### Where Nebraska Workers Live

4/9/2024 | This [brief](#) explores the commuter patterns of workers that live in Nebraska and Iowa. CPAR found that workers are more likely to live in Iowa and work in Nebraska than work in Iowa and live in Nebraska, although most workers in Nebraska, live in Nebraska. 92%. These findings indicate that Nebraska has a strong regional economy with ample opportunities for the workforce, yet housing and other quality of life factors could be improved to ensure those that work in Nebraska choose to live in Nebraska.

### Report Provides Evidence that Tax Increment Financing Remains a Pivotal Tool for Nebraska's Continued Economic Development and Community Revitalization

2/7/2023 | UNO CPAR collaborated with the Greater Omaha Chamber to produce a report examining the requirements, activities, and outcomes of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) projects in Nebraska. TIF is a critical economic development tool that fosters growth and revitalization by leveraging future property tax revenue to fund redevelopment efforts.

**Media Mentions:**

- First Alert 5 - [Commissioner TIF study gives Omaha projects high marks](#)
- Nebraska Examiner - [State public investment and ancestral projects fire up Omaha mayoral race](#)
- Omaha World Herald - [Omaha's use of TIF complies with state law, says analysis commissioned by Mayor Jean Stothert](#)

### Greater Omaha Chamber Survey Reveals 88% of Respondents are Satisfied with Overall Quality of Life in Omaha

9/30/2024 | UNO CPAR collaborated with the Young Professionals Council and COOE (Commitment to Opportunity, Diversity, and Equity) of the Greater Omaha Chamber to conduct a survey to explore the quality of life and workplace culture in the Greater Omaha region. The focus of the survey derived from previous survey efforts which identified the importance of job opportunities and growth to young professionals' decisions to move away from the Greater Omaha region. View highlights in the [summary and results](#) from all questions, as well as comparisons by age, gender, sexual orientation, and race and ethnicity in the report.

**Media Mentions:**

- Omaha World Herald - [More transit, lower taxes and housing costs needed to prevent brain drain in Omaha](#)
- KMTV 3 News Now - [Young Professionals Survey: 88% are satisfied with overall quality of life in Omaha area](#)
- KETV NewsWatch 7 - [What they're wanting, what they're needing: The findings from a new survey that looks at young professionals in the metro](#)

### Nebraska's Second Congressional District

4/26/2024 | As Nebraska gets closer to its 2024 Primary, KETV Investigates took a closer look at how the state's Second Congressional District has changed since the last presidential election year. "Redistricting is a constitutional requirement that after every census, we try to make voting areas as equal in population as possible so we really live up to the idea of one person, one vote," said Josie Schaffer, director of UNO CPAR.

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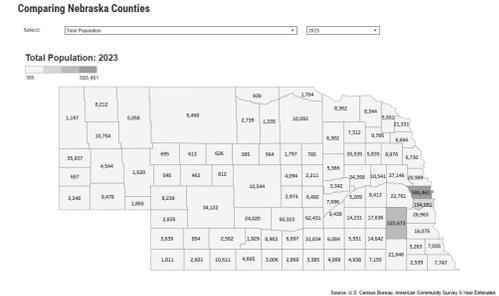
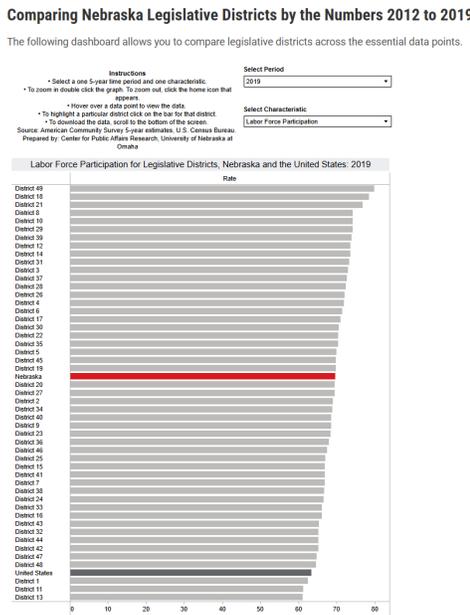
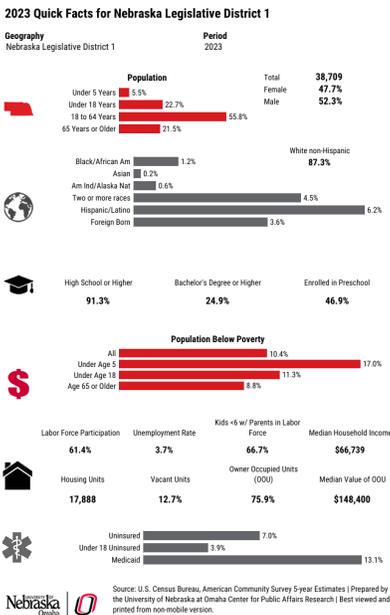
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## Nebraska Legislative Districts by the Numbers Dashboard

## Comparing Nebraska Legislative Districts by the Numbers Dashboard

## Nebraska Counties By the Numbers



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