

## Summary of Selected Findings: Nebraska

				State	Nation	Region	
<b>Making Ends Meet</b>							
Difficulty covering expenses and paying bills							
Very difficult				8%	11%	9%	
Somewhat difficult				35%	39%	38%	
Not at all difficult				56%	48%	51%	
Spending vs. saving							
Spending less than income				41%	40%	41%	
Spending about equal to income				43%	38%	38%	
Spending more than income				13%	18%	17%	
Overdraw checking account occasionally				13%	19%	16%	Respondents with checking accounts
Have unpaid medical bills				22%	21%	20%	
Number of times mortgage payments have been late							
Once				3%	7%	6%	Respondents with mortgages
More than once				2%	9%	7%	
Have taken a loan from retirement account in past year				7%	13%	10%	Respondents with self-directed employer plan or non-employer plan
Have taken a hardship withdrawal from retirement account in past year				6%	10%	6%	
Have experienced large unexpected drop in income in past year				15%	22%	19%	
<b>Planning Ahead</b>							
Have emergency funds				51%	46%	47%	
Do not have emergency funds				47%	50%	49%	
Have tried to figure out retirement savings needs				41%	39%	40%	Non-retired respondents
Have not tried to figure out retirement savings needs				56%	56%	56%	
Have set aside money for children’s college education				32%	41%	39%	Respondents with financially dependent children
Have not set aside money for children’s college education				66%	56%	58%	
<i>Retirement Accounts</i>							
Have employer-provided retirement plan (e.g., pension, 401(k))				59%	53%	55%	Non-retired respondents
Have non-employer retirement plan (e.g., IRA, Keogh, SEP, etc.)				28%	28%	30%	
Regularly contribute to self-directed retirement account				78%	79%	79%	Respondents with self-directed employer plan or non-employer plan

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*Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds*

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

30%	30%	31%
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**Managing Financial Products**

*Banking*

Have checking account

95%	91%	92%
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Have savings account, money market account, or CDs

77%	75%	76%
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*Credit Cards*

Credit card behaviors in past year

Always paid credit cards in full

52%	52%	55%
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Carried over a balance and was charged interest

46%	47%	45%
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Paid the minimum payment only

30%	32%	30%
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Charged a late fee for late payment

10%	14%	13%
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Charged an over the limit fee for exceeding credit line

4%	8%	6%
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Used the cards for a cash advance

8%	11%	9%
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*Respondents with credit cards*

*Other Payment Methods*

Use reloadable prepaid debit cards

16%	24%	20%
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Use mobile payment methods

17%	22%	19%
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*Mortgages*

Have mortgage

57%	57%	58%
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Have home equity loan

15%	16%	15%
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*Homeowners*

Home "underwater" (negative equity)

4%	9%	8%
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*Homeowners*

*Other Debt*

Have student loan

25%	26%	28%
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Have auto loan

32%	30%	34%
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*Non-Bank Borrowing*

Non-bank borrowing methods used in past 5 years

Auto title loan

6%	10%	10%
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Short term 'payday' loan

10%	12%	11%
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Pawn shop

13%	16%	15%
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Rent-to-own store

5%	10%	9%
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Used one or more non-bank borrowing methods in past 5 years

22%	26%	25%
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## Financial Knowledge & Decision-Making

### Financial Literacy

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)	83%	75%	80%
Exactly \$102	5%	8%	6%
Less than \$102	4%	5%	4%
Don't know	8%	12%	10%

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%	10%	9%
Exactly the same	7%	10%	8%
<u>Less than today</u> (correct answer)	66%	59%	64%
Don't know	18%	20%	18%

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

They will rise	21%	19%	19%
<u>They will fall</u> (correct answer)	26%	28%	29%
They will stay the same	5%	5%	4%
There is no relationship between bond prices and the interest rate	9%	9%	9%
Don't know	39%	38%	38%

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	4%	4%	4%
<u>At least 2 years but less than 5 years</u> (correct answer)	34%	33%	36%
At least 5 years but less than 10 years	32%	29%	30%
At least 10 years	5%	8%	7%
Don't know	24%	25%	23%

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)	82%	75%	79%
False	6%	8%	6%
Don't know	12%	16%	14%

Buying a single company's stock usually provides a safer return than a stock mutual fund.

True	6%	10%	8%
<u>False</u> (correct answer)	57%	46%	51%
Don't know	36%	44%	40%

Mean number of correct quiz answers	3.47	3.16	3.39
Mean number of incorrect quiz answers	1.11	1.25	1.14
Mean number of "don't know" quiz answers	1.37	1.54	1.44

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<i>Comparison Shopping</i>				
Compared credit cards	30%	35%	31%	<i>Respondents with credit cards</i>
Did not compare credit cards	63%	58%	61%	

**Notes:**

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

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

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

Census Division figures are weighted by age x 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 2015.

For additional findings and details, full survey results are available for download at [http://usfinancialcapability.org/downloads/NFCS\\_2015\\_Full\\_Data\\_Tables.xls](http://usfinancialcapability.org/downloads/NFCS_2015_Full_Data_Tables.xls)