October 30, 2026

The Ninety-Three

Nebraska Elections by the Numbers

It's almost election day, and NACO wants to take a moment to express our appreciation for the people who help keep Nebraska's elections fair and secure!

Also, don't forget that MIPS tracks Nebraska election results. You can follow along here.

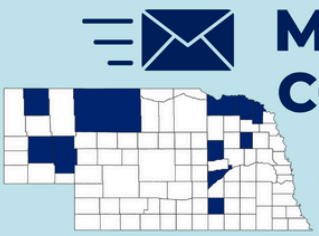
NEBRASKA ELECTIONS BY THE NUMBERS

1.2 MILLION
REGISTERED VOTERS

1,083 STATEWIDE
POLLING LOCATIONS

965,236 **NEBRASKANS CAST BALLOTS IN THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION**

564,660	341,054	46,417	10,620	2,395	90
AT POLLING PLACES	VIA EARLY VOTING	FROM MAIL-ONLY PRECINCTS	THROUGH PROVISIONAL BALLOTS	FROM MILITARY AND OVERSEAS	FROM NEW & FORMER RESIDENTS



MAIL-ONLY COUNTIES

11 Nebraska Counties conduct elections by mail-only.

NEARLY 8,000 POLL WORKERS

In every election, Nebraska's local county election officials coordinate nearly 8,000 poll workers.

VOTER REMINDERS

ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 3, 2026
Polling Hours: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. CT / 7 a.m.-7 p.m. MT

EARLY VOTING
OCTOBER 16-NOVEMBER 3, 2026
All early voting ballots must be received by 8 p.m. CT / 7 p.m. MT on November 3.

Sources: Nebraska Secretary of State, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
For additional information, visit the Nebraska Secretary of State's website at https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections.

Nebraska Election Results - Powered by MIPS

News Release: USDA Awards Three Nebraska Organizations with Housing Preservation Grants

(Lincoln, Neb., October 29, 2026) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Nebraska State Director Neil Moseman today announced that three Nebraska organizations will receive a combined $113,558 in Housing Preservation Grants to support home repairs and housing rehabilitation for very-low and low-income rural residents.

“Rural Development is excited to partner with these organizations receiving Housing Preservation Grants to assist rural Nebraska homeowners that are in need,” said **Moseman**. “This program remains an essential federal tool for maintaining safe, affordable, rural housing within our state.”

Nationwide, Rural Development is investing nearly $8 million through its Housing Preservation Grant Program to fund home repairs and housing rehabilitation for very-low- and low-income rural residents. The funds will repair an estimated 1,228 housing units across rural America.

In Nebraska, the following three organizations received Housing Preservation Grants:

Habitat Omaha received $19,279 in grant funding that will assist one low-income homeowner to repair their home in Burt County.

Habitat for Humanity of Columbus received $75,000 in grant funding to support Habitat for Heroes, an initiative designed specifically to honor and assist veteran homeowners who are living in aging, substandard, or unsafe housing conditions. This funding will assist up to 10 veterans living in Platte County, Nebraska.

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska received $19,279 in grant funding that will support its Senior Home Improvement Project program, which maintains adequate housing for senior citizen homeowners on the Winnebago Reservation. These funds will assist up to five low-income homeowners living on the reservation.

For more information on USDA Rural Development investments in rural America, visit the Rural Data Gateway. The Rural Data Gateway is an online tool that strengthens USDA Rural Development partnerships with rural people, entrepreneurs, government officials and Congress by making RD’s investment data accessible to the public. For more information about USDA Rural Development programs, visit www.rd.usda.gov/ne.

Reorganization Meetings to Occur in January and New Officials to be Sworn In

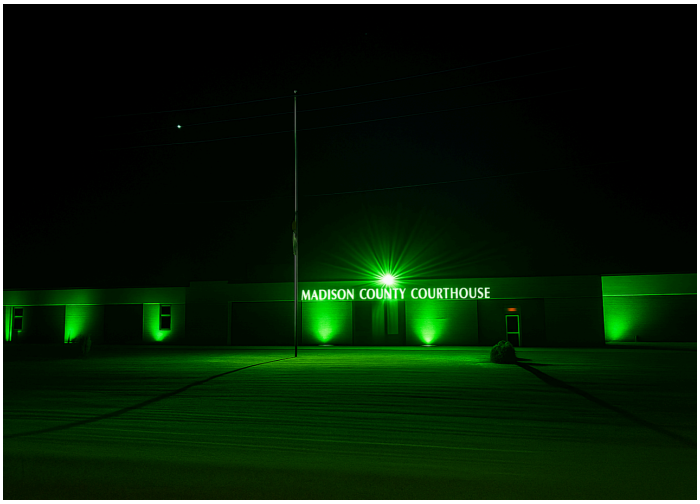
After elections, questions often arise about swearing-in dates and related issues. The article below is intended to help answer those questions and provide an overview of some of those issues.

Reorganization Meetings Article

November 2026 Operation Green Light

November 4th-11th, join the National Association of Counties and counties across the country for Operation Green Light! Light your courthouse, county buildings, or other landmarks green in honor of America's veterans. Click the button below to access NACo's Operation Green Light resources.

Share your photos with Lauren.Franken@NebraskaCounties.org so we can post them on our channels!





NACo: Operation Green Light

Counties - Foundation of the Nation - Register for the NACO Annual Conference!



We're excited to announce the theme of this year's NACO Annual Conference: *Counties – Foundation of the Nation*. The theme reflects our celebration of America's 250th and highlights the integral part that counties play in laying the foundation for thriving communities across the nation.

Registration closes November 20th, so please be sure to sign up as soon as you can!

Register Here!

Nebraska Association of Emergency Management Award Nominations Open

Submit your nominations for the annual Nebraska Association of Emergency Management awards. Nomination categories include:

Emergency Manager of the Year

- New Emergency Manager of the Year
- Deputy Director or Administrative Assistant of the Year
- Emergency Management Support Professional—Statewide and Regional
- Lifetime Achievement Award

You can find award criteria, nomination forms, and more information on the NAEM website.

NAEM Award Information

Interim Study Special Hearing Schedule

The Legislature's standing committees have begun scheduling public hearings on issues designated for study over the interim. The legislative resolutions are introduced by senators during the regular session. Ideas generated from the studies are often introduced as legislation in the following session. A full list of the resolutions can be found here, and hearings are here.

Here are some of the hearings of interest to counties. Note that other studies may be heard at the same hearing. Hearings held at the State Capitol are generally livestreamed on Nebraska Public Media.

November 5, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, Room 1507

LR384 (Sanders) Interim study to review the Licensing of Truth and Deception Examiners Act and any rules and regulations for truth and deception examiners in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act

LR385 (Sanders) Interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature that may arise in the interim

November 6, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Urban Affairs Committee, Room 1510

LR415 (Conrad) Interim study to examine current practices under Nebraska law related to the designation of real property as blighted and substandard

LR407 (McKinney) Interim study to examine revitalization of urban areas and how cities and villages may utilize the role of culture as a driver of economic development, workforce attraction, tourism, and community revitalization in Nebraska

LR419 (Urban Affairs Committee) Interim study to examine volunteer burnout on municipal boards and commissions and identify specific municipal boards or commissions that could effectively function with a reduced number of members

LR467 (McKinney) Interim study to examine strategies, policies, and investments that cities, villages, and the State of Nebraska may use to make the state more attractive to young people

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Nominations Open: NACo Board of Director Representative for Nebraska

NACO is now accepting nominations for a 2027 Nebraska Board of Directors Representative to the National Association of Counties (NACo). This position gives Nebraska counties a voice on NACo's national board, helping shape federal policy and programs that affect counties across the state.

Any current county elected official is eligible to be nominated. Any questions regarding the appointment, please reach out to Candace Meredith.

Deadline: Nominations must be submitted by December 31.

NACo Board Representative Nomination Form

NACO Business Memberships

Support provided by our generous business members helps NACO expand our educational programming for Nebraska county officials. Business members enjoy a number of benefits, including features on our website and social media pages. We also offer our business members discounts on sponsorships and 15% off the cost of booking our NACO West Training Center in Ogallala.

2027 NACO Business Memberships are now open on our website! Click here to learn more.

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NRIN
Berggren Architects, P.C.
NextEra Energy Resources
UBT Union Bank & Trust — You belong here.
first CONCORD Benefits Group

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August 2026-August 2027 Legal Calendar

2026 Election Calendar

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