RESEARCH AND EVALUATION DATA SOURCE DIRECTORY

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PURPOSE OF THIS DIRECTORY

This directory provides a general summary of external, publicly available, regularly updated data sources and reports that may be useful for Nebraska Children-related work with community partners, funders, or internally. One-time issue briefs or reports are not included in this directory. Furthermore, detailed information on each data source is not provided. The directory is intentionally broad so that the reader can self-determine which specific sources they want to further research based on their needs. The list is by no means exhaustive, and sources will be added as they are discovered.

HOW THE DIRECTORY IS ORGANIZED

The directory is organized alphabetically by the name of the data source. Each listing follows a standard template, with not applicable categories indicated as needed.

Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau

How to Access Source: http://ndacan.cornell.edu

1. Click on datasets tab.
2. Near the top of the screen, there are three links for AFCARS: Foster Care, Adoption, and 6-month file. Select the type of file you would like to download (see descriptions below).
3. Select the year of file.
4. After you have selected your dataset, click on the "Order Dataset" link and follow the instructions to register and download the dataset.

Source Summary:

The Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) includes information on all children in foster care and children who have been adopted through state child welfare agencies. States are federally mandated to submit data to AFCARS. However, the quality of data will vary from state to state. Topics include demographic information on children and caretakers, removal and discharge reasons, dates of entry into care and exit from care, and placement settings, among others. Separate data files for foster care and adoption are available for each fiscal year. Records do not currently include unique identifiers that enable linkages across years.

Suggested Citation:

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Children's Bureau (year of dataset). *Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS).* Dataset obtained from http://ndacan.cornell.edu.

Data Source Details

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☒ Nation ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Other	Youth in foster care and youth who are adopted nationwide.	☐ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☒ Raw dataset	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

- **What is the format of the report?** Dataset available for download (fairly straightforward to analyze using any statistical software).

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** Yes, dataset will allow for a wide array of customizations.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Can be used to determine basic information on youth in foster care (demographics, setting, etc.). Can also be used to assess how long children are in foster care before being adopted.

U.S. Census Bureau

How to Access Source: https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/

Source Summary:
Data and narrative profiles based on American Community Survey 5-Year estimates. Includes a broad array of "census-type" data including basic demographics, housing, employment, income, poverty, household and family data, education, insurance coverage, and other similar areas. Data are accessed via a web-based platform. This is an easier way to access the most commonly used Census data as compared to American FactFinder, but has less available data and may be less current than what can be obtained through American FactFinder.

Suggested Citation:
U.S. Census Bureau (2011-2015). *American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.* Retrieved from https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☒ Nation ☒ State ☒ County ☒ Other: city, census tract, zip code, national congressional district, among other options	All people living in the U.S.	☒ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

- **Additional notes on geographic scope:** Data are available by nation, state, county, and other categories (including city, census tract, zip code, national congressional district, and other options). There may be some limitations on the data available for less populated areas. Data are survey estimates, and therefore are more reliable for larger populated areas.

- **What is the format of the report?** Data tables with some narrative are obtained online via a web-based platform.

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** Data are provided for an array of customizable geographic regions. American FactFinder is recommended if data on specific populations (racial/ethnic groups, age groups, etc.) are needed.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Broad demographic data on the entire U.S. population.

American FactFinder

U.S. Census Bureau

How to Access Source: https://factfinder.census.gov/ (select "Advanced Search")

Source Summary:
This is the recommended source of Census data for most Nebraska Children purposes. A broad array of data from the Decennial Census (every 10 years), American Community Survey (every year), and other U.S. Census Surveys. Broad topics include basic demographics, housing, employment, income, poverty, household and family data, education, insurance coverage, and other similar areas. Data are accessed via a web-based platform using specific or general searches.

Suggested Citation:
U.S. Census Bureau (2011-2015). *American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates*. Retrieved from https://factfinder.census.gov.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☒ Nation ☒ State ☒ County ☒ Other: city, census tract, zip code, national congressional district, among other options	All people living in the U.S.	☒ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

- **Additional notes on geographic scope:** Data are available by nation, state, county, and other categories (including city, census tract, zip code, national congressional district, and other options). There may be some limitations on the data available for less populated areas. Data are survey estimates, and therefore are more reliable for more populated areas.

- **What is the format of the report?** Data tables are obtained online via a web-based platform.

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** Yes, data can be customized by geographic region, race/ethnicity, age, sex, and other variables by selecting different population characteristics. Certain data tables will have age and/or gender breakdowns as part of their basic format. Geographic and race/ethnic groups can be selected.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Broad demographic data on the entire U.S. population.

Casey Family Programs

How to Access Source: https://www.casey.org/community-opportunity-map/

Source Summary:
An interactive map that allows for the selection of U.S. Census data at the county, city/town, and zip code levels. The different map views can be very useful when comparing different areas within a community (e.g., comparing poverty rates at different zip codes within a city). For each selected community/area, indicators are available in the areas of housing, children and adults, education and economic indicators, and demographic characteristics.

Suggested Citation:
Casey Family Programs (2018). *The Community Opportunity Map*. Retrieved from https://www.casey.org/community-opportunity-map.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☐ Nation ☐ State ☒ County ☒ Other: city/town, zip code	All people living in the U.S.	☒ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

- **What is the format of the report?** Interactive map.

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** This source is customizable to the extent that it provides data as low as the zip code level and allows for easy comparisons from area to area.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Locating areas of need and opportunities for community investment.

Community Services Management Information System (CS-MIS)

University of Nebraska–Lincoln Center on Children, Families, and the Law

How to Access Source: https://ccfl.unl.edu/community-services-management/reports

Source Summary:

Contains brief annual reports on the homeless population in Lincoln and the "balance of the state". Types of reports include point-in-time counts, housing inventory, and system performance. The reports provide basic counts of the homeless population, including sheltered and unsheltered individuals. For the same type of homeless data in just the Omaha/Council Bluffs area, see the Institute for Community Alliances (page 11 in this directory).

Suggested Citation:

Institute for Community Alliances (2018). [*Name of specific report*]. Retrieved from https://ccfl.unl.edu/community-services-management/reports.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☐ Nation ☐ State ☐ County ☒ Other: Lincoln and the balance of the state	Homeless individuals in Lincoln and the balance of the state	☐ Customizable data ☒ Static report ☐ Raw dataset ☐ Varies	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

- **What is the format of the report?** Links to PDF reports. The Housing Inventory Count is an Excel document.

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** No. The point-in-time count reports include data on sub-populations.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Counts of the homeless population in Lincoln and the balance of the state.

County Health Rankings

How to Access Source: http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/

Source Summary:

A collection of public health data under the topics of length of life, quality of life, health behaviors, clinical care, social & economic factors, physical environment, and numerous other measures. Data are aggregated within these topic areas to give rankings, allowing for a quick comparison between counties.

Suggested Citation:

County Health Rankings (2018). Retrieved from http://www.countyhealthrankings.org.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☐ Nation ☒ State ☒ County ☐ Other	All individuals within a given state or county	☒ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

· **What is the format of the report?** Data are retrieved on the interactive website. Summary reports and Excel workbooks containing all of the data indicators can be downloaded.

· **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** It is easy to navigate between counties and compare data. However, data cannot be customized or explored beyond the total population of a given county.

· **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Issues related to the general public health with the intention of locating counties with greater public health needs.

Data USA

How to Access Source: https://datausa.io/

Source Summary:

An array of data is combined into visually-appealing, community-level reports under the topics of economy, health & safety, diversity, education, and housing & living. Useful for a quick overview, but should generally be used as a starting point before going to the original sources cited or other sources. Sources summarized in Data USA include U.S. Census Data (American Community Survey), The Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care, County Health Rankings, Department of Education, and other data sources.

Suggested Citation:

Data USA (2018). Retrieved from https://datausa.io.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☒ Nation ☒ State ☒ County ☒ Other: city and other	All people living in the U.S.	☐ Customizable data ☒ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

- **What is the format of the report?** Links to PDF reports. The Housing Inventory Count is an Excel document.

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** No. The point-in-time count reports include data on sub-populations.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Counts of the homeless population in Lincoln and the balance of the state.

HealthData.gov

<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>

How to Access Source: https://www.healthdata.gov/

Source Summary:
Provides access to datasets, databases, and reports on a variety of health-specific topics, with some statewide and community-level reports available. Health topics include community, health, quality, Medicare, hospital, and inpatient. Data and reports are generally more applicable to academic researchers.

Suggested Citation:
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2018). *HealthData.gov*. Retrieved from https://www.healthdata.gov.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☒ Nation ☒ State ☒ County ☒ Other: varies	Varies by source.	☐ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☐ Raw dataset ☒ Various	☐ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☒ Sporadically

- **Additional notes on geographic scope:** Nationwide data is most common, but state and community-level data can be found.

- **What is the format of the report?** Varies. Downloadable datasets, accessible databases, and formal reports.

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** Varies. Datasets and databases will be highly customizable.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Health-specific issues.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

How to Access Source: https://www.healthypeople.gov/

Source Summary:

A comprehensive source for a variety of data related to public health within 42 topic areas. Examples of topic areas include adolescent health; cancer; diabetes; environmental health; maternal, infant, and child health; mental health and mental disorders, physical activity, social determinants of health, substance abuse; and numerous other topics. Each topic area has several indicators with baseline and trend data, and a goal for the year 2020 (goals we set in 2010).

Suggested Citation:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (2018). *Healthy People 2020*. Retrieved from https://www.healthypeople.gov.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☒ Nation ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Other:	Varies by source.	☒ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☐ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☒ Sporadically

- **Additional notes on geographic scope:** All data indicators are for the entire nation. Many indicators have state-level data.

- **What is the format of the report?** Online data tables are retrieved by selecting indicator data under each topic.

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** Varies for each indicator. When available, state-level data and demographic breakdowns focusing on disparities, are available within each page of indicator data. Criteria for finding data on specific populations or states can be selected within the "Data Search" tab of the site.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Issues affecting the public health of the U.S. population.

Institute for Community Alliances

(various data sources)

How to Access Source: https://www.icalliances.org/omahacouncil-bluffs-reports

Source Summary:
Contains brief annual reports on the homeless population in Omaha and Council Bluffs. Types of reports include point-in-time counts, housing inventory, and system performance. The reports provide basic counts of the homeless population, including sheltered and unsheltered individuals. For the same type of homeless data on Lincoln and the rest of the state, see the Community Services Management Information System (page 6 in this directory).

Suggested Citation:
Institute for Community Alliances (2018). [*A*]. Retrieved from
https://www.icalliances.org/omahacouncil-bluffs-reports.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☐ Nation ☐ State ☐ County ☒ Other: Omaha and Council Bluffs	Homeless individuals in Omaha and Council Bluffs	☐ Customizable data ☒ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

- **What is the format of the report?** Links to PDF reports. The Housing Inventory Chart is an Excel document.

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** No. The point-in-time count reports include data on sub-populations.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Counts of the homeless population in Omaha and Council Bluffs.

Annie E. Casey Foundation

How to Access Source: https://datacenter.kidscount.org/

Source Summary:
A broad, web-based platform that presents national, statewide, and county-level data on numerous indicators of well-being for children in the areas of: demographics, economic well-being, education, family & community, health, safety & risky behaviors. It compiles data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Nebraska Department of Education, and other state and federal data sources.

Suggested Citation:
Annie E. Casey Foundation (2018). *Kids Count Data Center*. Retrieved from
https://datacenter.kidscount.org.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☒ Nation ☒ State ☒ County ☒ Other: city and state congressional district	Children ages 0-18 living in U.S.	☒ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

· **Additional notes on geographic scope:** Both national and state-specific data are provided, with considerable data available by county, city, or congressional district**.**

· **What is the format of the report?** Indicator data available online via the web-based platform.

· **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** Data are available by the geographic regions noted above. Beyond this, there are no options for customization. However, some indicators will provide some comparisons. Select different options within the "Characteristics" section of the platform.

· **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Broad, well-being data on all children (general population).

Voices for Children in Nebraska

How to Access Source: https://kidscountnebraska.com

Source Summary:
A broad report of child well-being data for the State of Nebraska with select county-level data in the areas of: demographics, health, education, economic well-being, education, child welfare, and juvenile justice. It compiles data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Nebraska Department of Education, and other data sources. Data can be accessed via a hard copy report, or online at kidscountnebraska.com. Online customizable data by county are more easily accessed via the Kids Count Data Center (see page 12 in this directory).

Suggested Citation:
Voices for Children in Nebraska (2018). *Kids Count in Nebraska Report*. Retrieved from https://kidscountnebraska.com.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☐ Nation ☒ State ☒ County ☐ Other:	Children ages 0-18 living in Nebraska	☐ Customizable data ☒ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

- **Additional notes on geographic scope:** Nebraska data only. County-level data are located at the end of the hard copy report.

- **What is the format of the report?** PDF report (downloadable) or online via kindscountnebraska.com.

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** No.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Broad, well-being data on all children in Nebraska (general population).

U.S. Census Bureau

How to Access Source: https://www.census.gov/tribal/

Source Summary:
This is the recommended source of Census data for Tribal Areas. Includes demographic, employment, housing, economic, and educational data from the American Community Survey for tribal areas. Data area accessed via a web-based platform.

Suggested Citation:
U.S. Census Bureau (2012-2016). *American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates*. Retrieved from https://www.census.gov/tribal/

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☐ Nation ☐ State ☐ County ☒ Other: tribal area	All individuals living within tribal areas	☒ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

- **What is the format of the report?** Data tables are obtained online via a web-based platform.

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** No. Data are available for each tribal area.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Broad demographic data on U.S. tribal areas.

National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP)

Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics

How to Access Source: https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/ (reports and data available in the "Publications and Newsroom" tab)

Source Summary:
National and state-level scores on standardized assessments in math, reading, science, and writing for students in grades 4, 8, and 12. Other data on assessments in other areas and for other grades are also available with limited statewide availability. This source can be useful to get a broad picture of how Nebraska compares to other states in terms of educational achievement. However, the Nebraska Department of Education's Education Profiles (see page 23 in this directory) will be more useful for most Nebraska Children's purposes.

Suggested Citation:
Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics (2017). *National Assessment of Education Progress*. Retrieved from http://nep.education.ne.gov.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☒ Nation ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Other:	Students nationwide (primarily grades 4, 8, and 12)	☐ Customizable data ☒ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☐ Annually ☒ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

- **What is the format of the report?** Interactive web-based data maps. Datasets are also available for download (requires expertise to analyze).

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** Data readily available on the website cannot be manipulated beyond comparing states. Datasets can be downloaded which would allow for considerable customization.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Nationwide standardized assessment scores.

National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau

How to Access Source: http://ndacan.cornell.edu
1. Click on datasets tab.
2. Near the top of the screen, there are two links for NCANDS: Child File and Agency File. Select the type of file you would like to download (see descriptions below).
3. Select the year of file.
4. After you have selected your dataset, clink on the "Order Dataset" link and follow the instructions to register and download the dataset.

PDF reports available at https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/research-data-technology/statistics-research/child-maltreatment

Source Summary:

The National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) consists of information on child maltreatment reports to Child Protective Services (CPS) agencies. While participation is voluntary, all states are currently providing data to NCANDS. Topics of the data include demographic information about children and their perpetrators, types of maltreatment, report sources, dispositions/findings of investigations, and services provided, among others. Two data files are available for download. The Child File contains case-level data for each instance of abuse and neglect. The Agency File contains data on services, CPS staff, and other elements.

Suggested Citation:

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Children's Bureau (*year of dataset*). *National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS).* Dataset obtained from http://ndacan.cornell.edu.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☒ Nation ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Other:	Youth who experience maltreatment	☐ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☒ Raw dataset	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

· **What is the format of the report?** Dataset available for download (more complex and difficult to analyze than AFCARS data). PDF report is also available.

· **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** Yes, dataset will allow for a wide array of customizations.

· **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Child maltreatment.

National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research & Evaluation

How to Access Source: http://ndacan.cornell.edu

1. Click on datasets tab.
2. Select NSCAW (there is a link near the top of the page).
3. There are two basic types of files: NSCAW I and NSCAW II (see descriptions below). Select the file you want to download.
4. After you have selected your dataset, clink on the "Order Dataset" link and follow the instructions to register and download the dataset.

Source Summary:

The National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW) is a nationally-representative, longitudinal survey on children who have been involved with the child welfare system due to maltreatment reports. The survey includes multiple respondents and data sources (children, parents and other caregivers, caseworkers, teachers, and administrative data). Topics include characteristics of children and families who come to the attention of child welfare systems, experiences of families (including services received) while involved with the child welfare system, outcomes for these children. NSCAW I followed children in CPS and long-term foster care from 1999/2000 to 2007. NSCAW II will follow children involved in child welfare investigations from 2008/2009 to 2022. NSCAW I collected data in five waves (all of which are available). Currently, Waves 1-3 are available for NSCAW II. The NSCAW II collected Wave 1 (baseline) in 2008-2009, Wave II in 2009-2011 (18 months after Wave I, and Wave III in 2011-2012 (18 months after Wave II).

Suggested Citation:

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Office of Planning, Research & Evaluation (*year of dataset*). *National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW).* Dataset obtained from http://ndacan.cornell.edu.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☒ Nation ☒ State (NSCAW I only) ☐ County ☐ Other:	Youth and their families who are involved in the child welfare system	☐ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☒ Raw dataset	☐ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☒ Sporadically (data collected in waves)

- **What is the format of the report?** Dataset available for download (may require some training to analyze).

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** Yes, dataset will allow for a wide array of customizations.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Long-term outcomes for youth who are involved in the child welfare system.

National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH)

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

How to Access Source: http://www.childhealthdata.org/

Datasets available for download at: https://www.census.gov/data/datasets/2017/demo/nsch/nsch2017.html

Source Summary:

The National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) collects information about children's health and well-being, demographic characteristics, and about their family, including socio-economic characteristics. The last administration occurred in 2016. State and nationwide data can be easily obtained from an online interactive data query system. A wide array of indicators is available on specific health topics. Often, the National Survey of Children's Health will contain a follow-on module that serves as a separate survey on a specific focus area. For example, in the 2007/2008 administration, the National Survey of Adoptive Parents (NASP) was administered to parents of adoptive children. In 2011/2012, the National Survey of Children in Nonparental Care (NSCNC) was used to gather data on children who were living apart from their parents.

Suggested Citation:

Health Resources & Services Administration (2016). *National Survey of Children's Health*. Dataset obtained from http://www.childhealthdata.org.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☒ Nation ☒ State (NSCAW I only) ☐ County ☐ Other:	All children under the age of 18 nationwide	☒ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☒ Raw dataset	☐ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☒ Every five years

- **What is the format of the report?** Interactive web-query system. Datasets are also available for download (see the second link above).

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** Once a specific indicator is selected, a wide array of subgroups can be compared. However, use caution with small sample sizes.

- **Additional notes on update frequency:** Administrations occur around every five years. The most recent administration was in 2016. Previous administrations were 2005/2006 and 2011/2012.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Issues related to the general health and well-being of children under the age of 18. Includes a wide array of specific health indicators for children.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau

How to Access Source: http://ndacan.cornell.edu

1. Click on datasets tab.
2. Select NYTD (there is a link near the top of the page).
3. There are two types of files: "Services" and "Outcomes" (see descriptions below). Select the file you want to download.
4. After you have selected your dataset, clink on the "Order Dataset" link and follow the instructions to register and download the dataset.

Source Summary:

The National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) collects information on youth in foster care, including demographic information; services received; and well-being, financial, education, and independent living outcomes. States began collecting data in 2010, and the first data set was submitted in May 2011.Two types of datasets are available for download. The Services file provides demographic information on youth in foster care, education information, and the type of services that they have received. The Outcomes file provides information gathered from surveys examining issues related to well-being, financial and education outcomes, and the transition from foster care to independence. NYTD data are collected in waves, with Wave 1 conducted during the year of the youth's 17th birthday, Wave 2 at age 19, and Wave 3 at age 21.

Suggested Citation:

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Children's Bureau (*year of dataset*). *National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD).* Dataset obtained from http://ndacan.cornell.edu.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☒ Nation ☒ State (NSCAW I only) ☒ County ☒ Other:	All children under the age of 18 nationwide	☐ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☒ Raw dataset	☐ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☒ Three-year cohorts (see below)

- **What is the format of the report?** Dataset available for download (may require some training to analyze).

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** Yes, dataset will allow for a wide array of customizations.

- **Additional notes on update frequency:** Cohorts are established every three years. Data are currently available for the cohort of youth who were age 17 in 2011 and the cohort of youth who were age 17 in 2014. All three waves of data have been collected for the 2011 cohort. Waves 1 and 2 have been collected for the 2014 cohort.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Basic information and outcomes (well-being, financial, education, and independence) for youth in foster care nationwide.

Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families, & Schools

How to Access Source: http://dhhs.ne.gov/Reports/Child%20Care%20Market%20Rate%20Survey%20-%202017.pdf

Source Summary:

Bi-annual survey of child care providers to determine the market rate of child care services in Nebraska. Data on the programmatic elements of the child care centers is available (accreditation, funding, staffing, etc.) Select demographic information on "special populations" is also included on the type of children served by the child care providers who respond to the survey.

Suggested Citation:

Knoche, L.L., Welch, G.W. & Deng, Q. (2017). 2017 *Nebraska Child Care Market Rate Study*. University of Nebraska–Lincoln: Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools. Retrieved from http://dhhs.ne.gov/Reports/Child%20Care%20Market%20Rate%20Survey%20-%202017.pdf.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☐ Nation ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Other:	All children under the age of 18 nationwide	☐ Customizable data ☒ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☐ Annually ☒ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

· **What is the format of the report?** PDF report.

· **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** No. Urban and rural comparisons are included in the report. The report also includes comparisons by the type of provider (e.g. home vs. center). Some data on special populations served by child care providers is also included.

· **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Cost of child care, the make-up of child care centers, and special populations served.

Nebraska Department of Economic Development

How to Access Source: https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/sites-buildings-locate-a-business/communities/

Source Summary:

A quick and easy-to-navigate source for basic demographic, employment, income, and other data pertinent to local economies. Summaries of business growth, education, leading employers, and other information pertinent to local industry and the workforce are also available.

Suggested Citation:

Nebraska Department of Economic Development (2018). *Communities*. Retrieved from https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/sites-buildings-locate-a-business/communities.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☐ Nation ☒ State ☒ County (varies) ☒ Other: metro areas and community-level	The general population with a focus on the workforce	☒ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

· **What is the format of the report?** Web-based reports.

· **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** No. Data are available by geographic area (community, county, and metro area).

· **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Issues impacting employment and the local economies of Nebraska.

(various data sources including Behavioral Health, Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System (BRFSS), Child Abuse, Children & Family Services, Vital Statistics, and others)

How to Access Source: http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/stats.aspx

Source Summary:
A directory to various Nebraska DHHS sources, the most relevant of which to Nebraska Children's purposes are listed above.

Suggested Citation:
Knoche, L.L., Welch, G.W. & Deng, Q. (2017). 2017 *Nebraska Child Care Market Rate Study*. University of Nebraska–Lincoln: Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools. Retrieved from http://dhhs.ne.gov/Reports/Child%20Care%20Market%20Rate%20Survey%20-%202017.pdf.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☐ Nation ☒ State ☒ County (varies) ☒ Other: Varies by source, local health district	Varies by source	☐ Customizable data ☒ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☐ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☒ Sporadically

- **Additional notes on geographic scope**: Nebraska only, with data commonly available by county and/or local health district.

- **What is the format of the report?** Typically, PDFs to be downloaded within the specific source pages.

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)?** If so, how? Generally, no. Some data sources may include geographic and other demographic breakdowns. It may be possible to make a request to DHHS, if data on a specific population is needed.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Issues related to the general public health and well-being of individuals in Nebraska

Nebraska Education Profile

Nebraska Department of Education

How to Access Source: http://nep.education.ne.gov/

Source Summary:
Education data compiled on all students attending public schools in Nebraska. Data are available at the school building level or school district level (in addition to statewide). Topics of data include student demographics, school mobility, special education, English Language Learners, graduation & dropout rates, standardized assessment scores, special education, and other areas pertinent to public schools.

Suggested Citation:
Nebraska Department of Education (2016-2017). *Nebraska Education Profile.* Retrieved from http://nep.education.ne.gov.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☐ Nation ☒ State ☐ County ☒ Other: school district and school building	Students in public schools in Nebraska. Limited data also available on teachers.	☒ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

- **What is the format of the report?** Web-based reports.

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** Yes, most reports include demographic breakdowns. For example, standardized assessment scores can be viewed by gender, race/ethnicity, English Language Learners, and other variables.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Education and other data relevant to students attending public schools in Nebraska

Nebraska Foster Care Review Office

How to Access Source: http://www.fcro.nebraska.gov/publications.html#

Source Summary:
Annual and quarterly data reports on youth in out-of-home care in Nebraska stretching back to 1999. A wide array of topics are covered in the annual report, including safety, permanency, well-being, probation, rehabilitation and treatment, and other issues affecting youth placed in out-of-home care.

Suggested Citation:
Nebraska Foster Care Review Office (2018). *Annual Report*. Dataset obtained from http://www.fcro.nebraska.gov/publications.html#.

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☐ Nation ☒ State ☒ County ☒ Other: probation district	Youth in out-of-home care in Nebraska.	☐ Customizable data ☒ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

· **Additional notes on geographic scope:** Most data are reported at the state-level, with basic counts provided at the county and probation district levels.

· **What is the format of the report?** PDF report.

· **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** No, but the annual reports contain geographic and other demographic breakdowns of some of the data.

· **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Issues related to youth in out-of-home care in Nebraska and the response by state institutions to serve them

Roster of Licensed Child Care and Preschool Programs in Nebraska

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

How to Access Source: http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Documents/ChildCareRoster.pdf

Source Summary:
A directory of every licensed child care and pre-school program in Nebraska. Includes information on capacity, ages of children served, hours, and other relevant information for those seeking a child care provider in their area.

Suggested Citation:
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (date of report). *Roster of Licensed Child Care and Preschool Programs in Nebraska*. Retrieved from http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Documents/ChildCareRoster.pdf

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☐ Nation ☒ State ☐ County ☒ Other: location of program	Child care and pre-school programs	☐ Customizable data ☒ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☐ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☒ Sporadically (ongoing)

· **Additional notes on geographic scope:** Contact and capacity information for each licensed provider included.

· **What is the format of the report?** PDF report.

· **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** No. Different programs can be compared.

· **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** An inventory of child care and pre-school programs.

Child Care Aware of America

How to Access Source: https://usa.childcareaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/NE_Facts.pdf

Source Summary:
A brief two-page fact sheet outlining the potential need for child care in Nebraska with nationwide comparisons. Quick facts on children and families, poverty, working mothers, child care programs, and the child care workforce.

Suggested Citation:
Child Care Aware of America (2017). 2017 *State Child Care Facts in the State of Nebraska*. Retrieved from https://usa.childcareaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/NE_Facts.pdf

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☒ Nation ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Other:	Children in or in need of child care, working mothers, and child care programs	☐ Customizable data ☒ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☒ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Sporadically

- **What is the format of the report?** PDF fact sheet.

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** No. Fact sheet does include comparisons between Nebraska and the U.S.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Child care.

Step Up to Quality Program Ratings

<u>Nebraska Department of Education</u>

How to Access Source: https://www.education.ne.gov/stepuptoquality/

Program list and rankings: https://www.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/SUTQ-Levels.pdf

Source Summary:
A guide to child care and pre-school programs with "step ratings" on a scale from 1 to 5 for each program. Use caution when interpreting the ratings. It is not entirely clear how the ratings are assigned, and it appears to be somewhat subjective. Child care providers are encouraged to enroll with Step Up to Quality. Programs who do not enroll, may automatically receive the lowest rating.

Suggested Citation:
Nebraska Department of Education (2018). *Step Up to Quality*. Retrieved from https://www.education.ne.gov/stepuptoquality

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☐ Nation ☒ State ☐ County ☒ Other: location of program	Child care and pre-school programs	☐ Customizable data ☒ Static report ☐ Raw dataset	☐ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☒ Sporadically (ongoing)

- **What is the format of the report?** PDF report.

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** No. Different programs can be compared.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** The search for quality child care.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

(various data sources)

How to Access Source: https://www.samhsa.gov/data/

Source Summary:
A collection of SAMHSA-funded data reports and datasets in the areas of alcohol and substance use and mental health. SAMHSA conducts numerous surveys, such as the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, the National Mental Health Services Survey, the National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services, among others.

Suggested Citation:
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (2015). *National Survey on Drug Use and Health*. Retrieved from https://www.samhsa.gov/data

Data Source Details:

Geographic Scope	Population of Focus	Type of Data	Update Frequency
☒ Nation ☒ State ☐ County ☒ Other: varies by source	Varies by source. Generally, the entire U.S. population or specific treatment/service providers.	☐ Customizable data ☐ Static report ☐ Raw dataset ☒ Varies	☐ Annually ☐ Bi-annually ☒ Sporadically

- **Additional notes on geographic scope:** Varies. Usually nationwide and state-level data, with some other smaller geographic breakdowns available depending on the source.

- **What is the format of the report?** PDF reports and datasets that can be downloaded.

- **Can I customize the data (splice by geography, cross tab elements, etc.)? If so, how?** Varies for each source.

- **What is the topical focus of the dataset?** Issues related to substance abuse and mental health.