

Native Education State Profiles

Nebraska



Report Summary

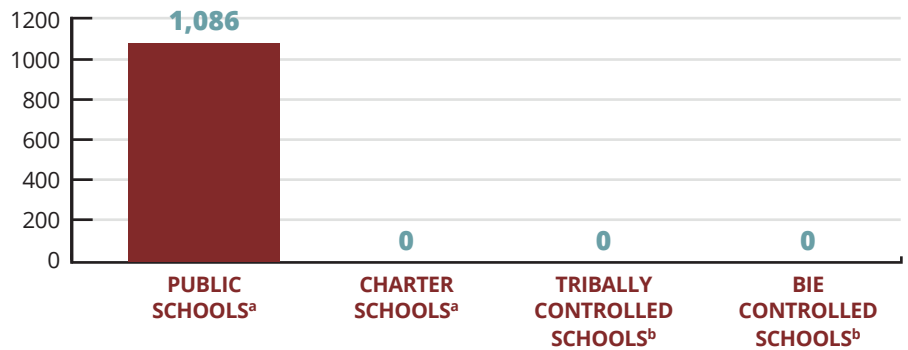
The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides tribes and states an important opportunity to advance tribal sovereignty and create positive and inclusive learning environments for Native students. Schools and Native communities must collaborate to ensure students are college, career, and community ready. As the only national organization advocating for improved educational opportunities for Native students, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) supports and builds partnerships between Native and allied stakeholders that provide opportunities for Native students to thrive in the classroom and beyond. This state profile is available to NIEA membership, tribal leadership, educators, and allies to provide important information and highlight available resources that may be of assistance in advocacy work.

State Leadership

Jim Pillen <i>Governor</i>	The Governor is publicly elected, and the State Board of Education is publicly elected.
Matthew L. Blomstedt <i>Commissioner of Education</i>	The Nebraska Commissioner of Education is appointed by the State Board of Education.
Freida Lange <i>Senior Administrator, Multicultural and Native American Education</i>	The Senior Administrator of Multicultural and Native American Education works within the Nebraska Department of Education.
Marian Holstein <i>Nebraska Indian Education Association, Executive Director</i>	NeIEA is the primary state organization for advocacy on Native education issues.

District Snapshot

Number of School Districts: 251^a



Where Do Native Students Attend School?^c



PUBLIC
4,191 students



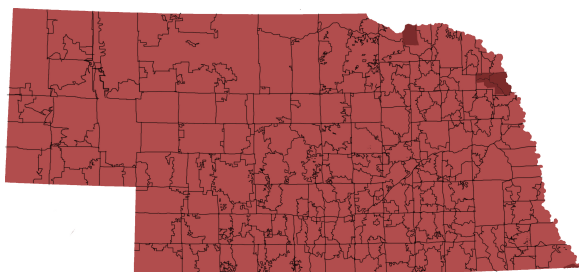
CHARTER
0 students



BIE FUNDED
0 students

Nebraska School Districts

	Student Enrollment ^c	Student Enrollment ^c
Native	4,191	1.3%
Total	324,697	100%



Federally Recognized Tribes

- Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska
- Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
- Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
- Sac & Fox Nation
- Santee Sioux Nation
- Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska



Nebraska Native Education Legislation

1971

The Nebraska Legislature establishes the Commission on Indian Affairs, which includes 14 governor-appointed Indian commissioners.

1992

Nebraska creates the Office of Multicultural and Native American Education in the Nebraska Department of Education.

2005

Nebraska Department of Education publishes a Native American Education Curriculum Guide for teachers.

2018

The Department of Education approves the Nebraska state plan to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Equal Opportunities

National Statistics (%)					
	AI/AN	Black	Hispanic	White	Asian
Attend Rural Schools ^c	24	3	2	9	1
Students with Disabilities ^d	15	15	13	12	7
Children in Poverty ^e	31	32	26	11	11
Full-Time Teachers ^f	0.5	7	9	79	2
High School Graduation Rate ^g	74	80	82	89	93

Nebraska Statistics (%)					
	AI/AN	Black	Hispanic	White	Asian
Attend Rural Schools ^c	59	2	13	22	3
Students with Disabilities ^d	21	20	6	13	10
Children in Poverty ^e	29	31	23	7	13
Full-Time Teachers ^h	0.2	1	3	95	1
High School Graduation Rate ^g	71	78	81	93	84

Engage

Language Immersion Programs

Umonhon Nation Public Schools Language Program
Macy, NE

Website: www.sites.google.com/a/unpsk-12.org/ushkon/

ESSA Working Groups

Find out more about how Nebraska is fulfilling ESSA requirements through its work on accountability, assessment, teacher quality, English learner, and school improvement.

Website: <https://www.education.ne.gov/essa/>

Phone: (402) 471-2295

Nebraska Student Profile

Young Childrenⁱ

36%

of the American Indian & Alaska Native population are under the age of 18.

11%

of American Indian & Alaska Natives in Nebraska are under the age of 5.

Higher Education

2

Tribal Colleges serve 323 students in Nebraska.^j

15%

of American Indians and Alaska Natives* in Nebraska have a Bachelors degree or higher.^k

Connectivity^l

7%

of American Indians living in Nebraska do not have access to a personal computer.

13%

of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Nebraska do not have a broadband Internet subscription.

Percent Reading Proficiency in...^m

	4th Grade Students	8th Grade Students
Nebraska Native	12	18
Nebraska	37	34
United States	35	34

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*Indicates the measure includes multiracial AI/ANs.

