Nebraska

Nickname: The Cornhusker State
Motto: Equality Before the Law
Flower: Goldenrod
Bird: Western Meadowlark
Tree: Western Cottonwood
Song: Beautiful Nebraska
Entered the Union: March 1, 1867
Capital: Lincoln

STATISTICS
Land Area (square miles): 76,824
Rank in Nation: 15th
Population: 1,842,641
Rank in Nation: 38th
Density per square mile: 22.0
Capital City: Lincoln
Population: 258,379
Rank in State: 2nd
Largest City: Omaha
Population: 408,958
Number of Representatives in Congress: 3
Number of 2012 Electoral Votes: 5
Number of County Governments: 93
Number of Municipal Governments: 530
Number of School Districts: 288
Number of Special Districts: 1,294

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
Legislative Body: unicameral
President of the Legislature: Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy
Speaker of the Legislature: Mike Flood
Chairperson of the Executive Board: John Wightman
Clerk of the Legislature: Patrick J. O’Donnell

2012 Regular Session: Jan. 4 – mid-April, 2012
Number of Legislative Districts: 49

EXECUTIVE BRANCH
Governor: Brian Sandoval
Lt. Gov.: Rick Sheehy
Secretary of State: Ross Miller
Controller: Kim Wallin
Auditor: Don B. Stenberg
Acting State Accounting Administrator: Wes Mohling

Governor’s Present Term: 1/2011 – 1/2015
Number of Elected Officials in the Executive Branch: 6
Number of Members in the Cabinet: 20

JUDICIAL BRANCH
Highest Court: Supreme Court
Chief Justice: Michael G. Heavican
Number of Supreme Court Judges: 7
Number of Intermediate Appellate Court Judges: 6
Number of U.S. Court Districts: 1
U.S. Circuit Court: 8th Circuit

STATE INTERNET ADDRESSES
Official State Website: http://www.nebraska.gov
Governor’s Website: http://www.governor.nebraska.gov
Legislative Website: http://nebraskalegislature.gov
Judicial Website: http://www.supremecourt.ne.gov