

DFM Research

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**NEBRASKA STATEWIDE
RAIL ISSUE SURVEY**

OCTOBER 23-27, 2018

Topline

<u>Interviews:</u>	683 Nebraska Likely Voters by Live Caller
<u>Margin of Error:</u>	± 3.8 percentage points with a 95 percent confidence
<u>Interview Dates:</u>	October 23-27, 2018
<u>Sample:</u>	Landline and cell phone sample by live caller. Calls were stratified by the three congressional districts, with an oversample in the second district. Final data weighted by gender, age, education and congressional districts based on expected 2018 general election turnout.
<u>Survey Sponsor:</u>	SMART Transportation Division's Nebraska State Legislative Board

Q2: And generally speaking, do you think the country is moving in the right direction, or is the country off on the wrong track?

Right Direction	49%
Wrong Track	43
(VOL) Unsure	8

Q3: I'm now going to read you some names of public figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know:

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Neutral (VOL)</u>	<u>Never Heard Of</u>
a: Donald Trump	52%	46	3	0
b: Deb Fischer	52	36	9	3
c: Jane Raybould	29	23	19	30
h: University of Nebraska	83	9	8	1
i: Scott Frost	78	5	10	7
j: Ben Sasse	53	30	11	6

Q5: In the race for United States Senate. If the election was held today would you vote for Jane Raybould the Democrat or Deb Fischer the Republican?

Jane Raybould	39%
Deb Fischer	54
(VOL) Unsure	7

Q6: And in the race for United States House of Representative in the 2nd District. If the election was today, would you vote for Kara Eastman the Democrat or Don Bacon the Republican? (n=350, MoE +5.2%pts, asked only to respondent in the 2nd CD)

Kara Eastman	45%
Don Bacon	52
(VOL) Unsure	3

I now have a few questions on transportation issues here in Nebraska

Q7: Thinking about Nebraska transportation infrastructure – including roads, highways, bridges, rail, air, and public transportation – how would you rate it?

Excellent	2%
Good	30
Satisfactory	44
Poor	17
Failing	7

Q8: I now have a few questions about railroads here in Nebraska, first off, how many people do you think operate a freight train that travels through Nebraska?

One	6%
Two	22
Three	17
Four or More	33
(VOL) Don't Know	23

Q9: The current practice is a crew of two on all freight trains. When it comes to railroad safety and operations, do you think a train with a crew of one individual can be operated as safe as a train with a crew of two individuals?

Yes, one operator can be as safe as two	11%
No, one operator cannot be as safe	79
(VOL) Unsure	10

Q10: Some railroads would like the option to operate freight trains with one or even zero crew members. Let's suppose freight trains in your area operated with just a crew of one, how worried would you be about a train derailling in your community?

Very worried	35%
Fairly worried	14
Just somewhat worried	23
Not that worried	21
(VOL) Unsure	6

Q11: There have been several past efforts in Nebraska to require a crew of two on all freight trains, all which have failed in a legislative committee. Suppose you could vote on whether or not to require a crew of two on all freight trains in Nebraska. Would you vote YES to require a crew of two, or would you voted NO, and reject requiring a crew of two.

Yes, Pass	77%
No, Reject	9
(VOL) Unsure	13

Select Crosstabs

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<u>Gender</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Failing</u>
Men	2	33	48	11	6
Women	2	27	41	22	7
<u>Age</u>					
18-39	1	25	46	19	9
40-64	1	32	46	15	7
65 plus	5	33	40	17	5
<u>Education</u>					
No College Degree	3	27	43	18	9
College Degree	1	34	46	15	4
<u>Region</u>					
First District	2	31	42	17	7
Second District	1	33	42	19	6
Third District	3	26	48	15	7
<u>Party Identification</u>					
Democrat	1	21	50	21	7
Independent	1	30	42	18	10
Republican	4	36	42	14	5
<u>Trump Rating</u>					
Favorable	2	36	41	15	6
Unfavorable	1	25	48	18	8

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 (VOL) Don't Know **23**

<u>Gender</u>	<u>One</u>	<u>Two</u>	<u>Three</u>	<u>Four +</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Men	7	32	17	29	16
Women	4	14	17	36	29
<u>Age</u>					
18-39	4	21	16	38	20
40-64	6	22	16	35	21
65 plus	8	23	19	22	28
<u>Education</u>					
No College Degree	5	23	15	30	26
College Degree	6	21	19	36	18
<u>Region</u>					
First District	10	25	17	31	17
Second District	3	18	16	31	31
Third District	4	24	18	36	19
<u>Party Identification</u>					
Democrat	8	19	17	35	21
Independent	6	26	17	24	26
Republican	4	21	17	36	22
<u>Trump Rating</u>					
Favorable	5	21	16	36	22
Unfavorable	7	23	18	30	23

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Men	13	75	12
Women	9	83	8
<u>Age</u>			
18-39	13	78	10
40-64	8	81	10
65 plus	12	78	9
<u>Education</u>			
No College Degree	11	79	9
College Degree	10	79	10
<u>Region</u>			
First District	12	83	5
Second District	10	73	17
Third District	10	82	8
<u>Party Identification</u>			
Democrat	6	86	8
Independent	12	77	11
Republican	13	77	10
<u>Trump Rating</u>			
Favorable	12	78	10
Unfavorable	9	82	9

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Women	41	17	21	14	7
<u>Age</u>					
18-39	30	12	21	29	8
40-64	37	17	23	18	5
65 plus	39	12	25	17	6
<u>Education</u>					
No College Degree	40	14	23	16	6
College Degree	29	14	22	27	7
<u>Region</u>					
First District	36	16	21	23	4
Second District	38	13	22	18	9
Third District	32	14	25	23	5
<u>Party Identification</u>					
Democrat	45	14	23	14	4
Independent	35	17	17	25	6
Republican	29	13	26	24	8
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Favorable	31	15	23	24	7
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Men	71	15	14
Women	83	4	13
<u>Age</u>			
18-39	73	10	16
40-64	82	8	10
65 plus	74	11	15
<u>Education</u>			
No College Degree	81	9	10
College Degree	72	10	18
<u>Region</u>			
First District	82	9	8
Second District	71	9	20
Third District	79	9	11
<u>Party Identification</u>			
Democrat	86	4	10
Independent	76	10	14
Republican	72	13	15
<u>Trump Rating</u>			
Favorable	74	13	14
Unfavorable	83	7	11