

FOREWORD

Nebraska statute requires that records of birth, death, fetal death, marriage and divorce be filed with the Vital Statistics Section of the Nebraska Health and Human Services Department of Finance and Support. Approximately 60,000 records of vital events occurring in Nebraska are filed annually, adding to the nearly 6 million such records already on file. Over 100,000 certified copies of these records are issued each year.

Responsibility for filing certificates of birth lies with the individual in attendance at birth, usually a physician. Funeral directors are responsible for filing certificates of death and of fetal death when burial takes place. Hospitals must file fetal death certificates when hospital disposal is performed. County clerks and District Court clerks are, respectively, responsible for filing records of marriage and divorce. The excellent cooperation of all these individuals is appreciated. Without their support, this report would not be possible.

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Providing useful data stands as the goal of this report. Any questions or comments regarding the report, or requests for more detailed information, should be directed to:

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