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ABOUT Chadron NEBRASKA



Located where the west meets the mountains, Chadron sits on US Highways 385 and 20. Chadron is rural, agricultural and home to Chadron State College, the only 4 year institution of higher education in Western Nebraska. Recreation, natural resources, national forest and grasslands surround the city and provide a playground for visitors like no other place in Nebraska. The world renown Museum of the Fur Trade and Mari Sandoz Center offer a glimpse of those who founded our economy more than 150 years ago.

Chadron is the county seat of Dawes County and regional trade center expanding 60 miles in any direction.

2020 U.S Census Population

Chadron	5,206
Dawes County	8,199

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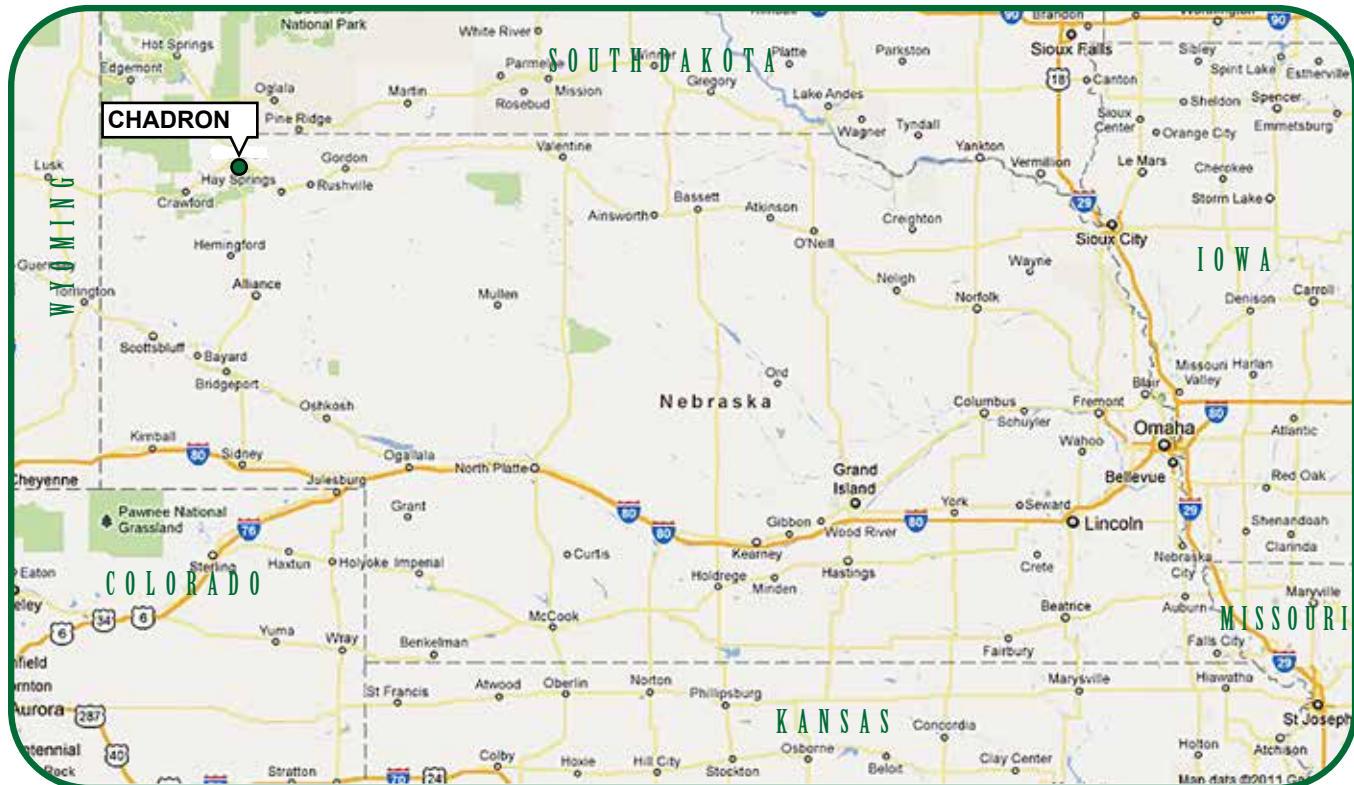
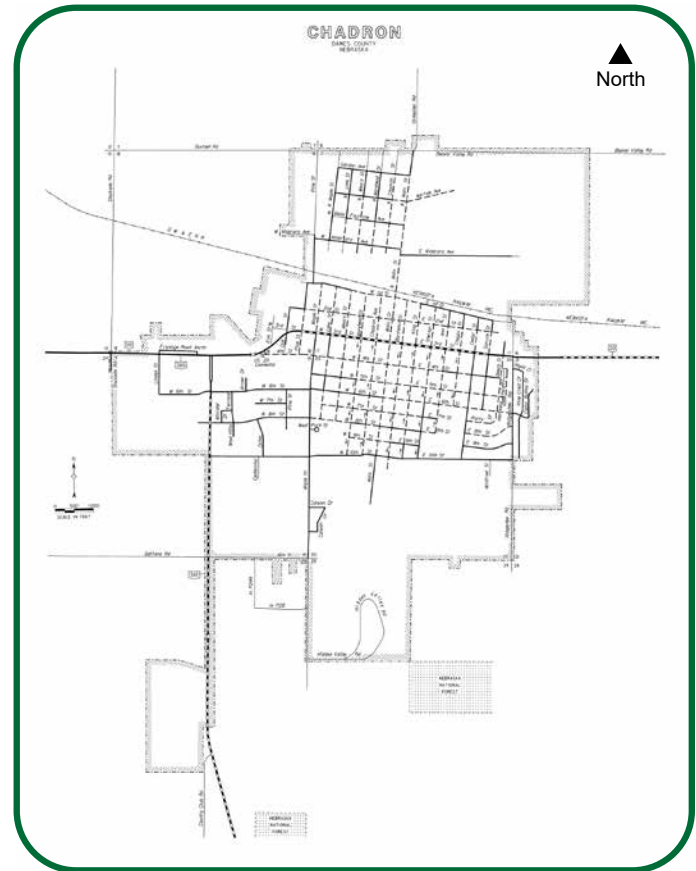
Geography

Location

Chadron, the county seat of Dawes County, is located in northwest Nebraska at the intersection of U.S. Highways 20 and 385. Chadron is 90 miles south of Interstate 90, 140 miles north of Interstate 80, 99 miles northeast of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and 102 miles south of Rapid City, South Dakota.

Elevation

Chadron, is 3,365 feet above sea level.



Economic Development

Firms with retail sales tax permits in Chadron reported 2021 net taxable retail sales of \$103,756,134, while Dawes County reported retail sales of \$113,225,299.

Economic Development Organizations

A private, not-for-profit organization, Northwest Nebraska Development Corporation (NNDC)'s mission is promoting and assisting responsible economic development. NNDC is the first organization businesses come to when looking to expand, start up, or move a business to Dawes County. They provide consulting, revolving loan funds, advocacy on business related issues, and act as the contact point for any business looking to locate or expand in Dawes County. The organization is funded by business members, the cities of Chadron and Crawford, and Dawes County.

Chadron has 40 acres available for industrial use. The price of the available property is \$14,500 to \$20,000 per acre.



*Single Engine Air Tanker
(Based in Chadron for Fire Suppression)*



New Retail Development in Chadron

Chadron's Manufacturing Employers

	<i>Employees</i>
Metal Products Company 10 <i>HVAC systems</i>	
Croell Redi-Mix Concrete 5 <i>Concrete</i>	



Croell Redi-Mix Concrete



Metal Products Company



U.S. Forest Service, Nebraska National Forest

Chadron's Top Ten Nonmanufacturing Employers

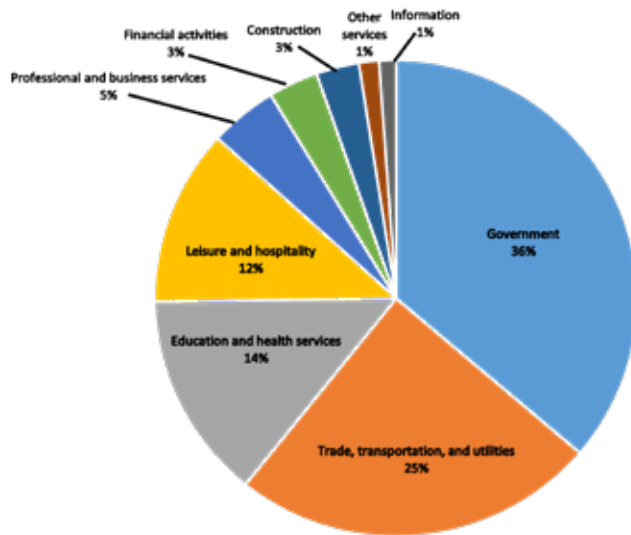
	<i>Employees</i>
Chadron State College 375 <i>Education</i>	
Chadron Community Hospital 220 <i>Medical</i>	
Chadron Public Schools 210 <i>Education</i>	
Wal-Mart 180 <i>Retail</i>	
U.S. Forest Service, Nebraska National Forest 113 <i>(including Pine Ridge Job Corps)</i> <i>Government</i>	
City of Chadron 81 <i>Government (includes 31 part-time employees)</i>	
Dawes County 56 <i>Government</i>	
Crest View Manor 45 <i>Nursing home (includes 15 support personnel)</i>	
Your Selling Team 18 <i>Telemarketing</i>	
Petersen Drug 15 <i>Pharmacy, home health</i>	



Your Selling Team

Labor

Nonfarm Wage & Salary Employment, Dawes County, 2020 Annual Average



Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

Dawes County Labor Supply Annual Average 2018

	<i>Dawes & Contiguous Counties*</i>	<i>Dawes County</i>
Nonfarm wage and salary workers.....	8,590	3,094
Total employment.....	13,735	4,925
Labor force population	10,028	5,020
ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY		
Commuting out of county (2015).....		806
Unemployed.....		293
Total.....		1,099

NOTE: Does not include estimated number of homemakers, seasonal and part-time workers, and workers who would shift from low-paying jobs who could be expected to work for industry.

*Contiguous counties include Box Butte, Sheridan, and Sioux Counties in Nebraska.

Unemployment Rate Annual Average 2021

Dawes County	1.9%
Nebraska	2.5%
United States	5.3%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unionization

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution. In 2021, 6.8 percent of Nebraska's wage and salary workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 10.8.

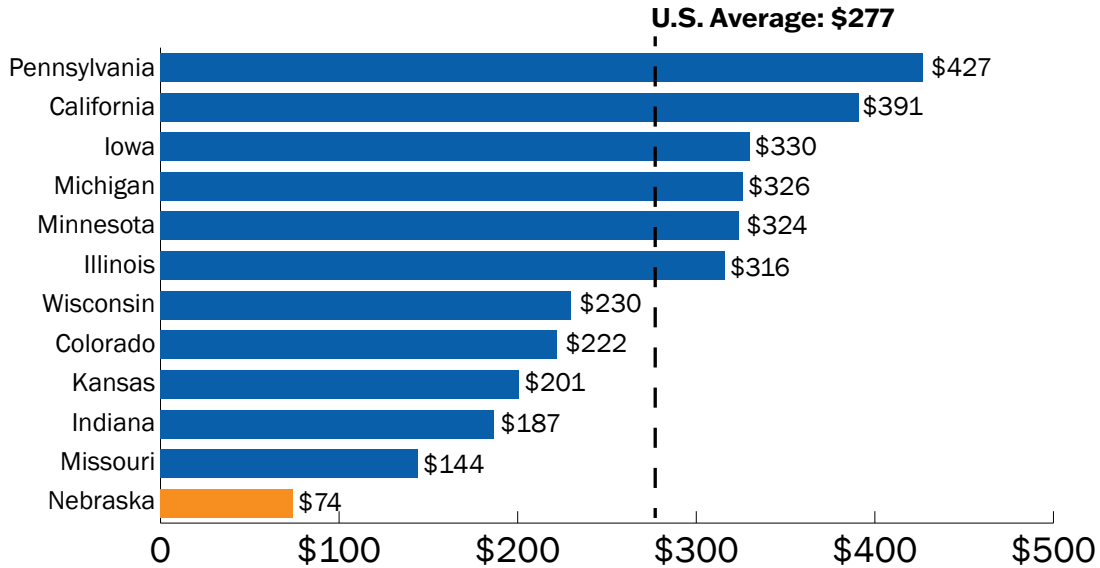
Local Labor Unions

- Chadron Public Schools -
Nebraska State Education Association
- Chadron State College -
Chadron State College Education Association,
Nebraska State College Professional Association,
Nebraska Association of Public Employees
- U.S. Forest Service -
American Federation of Government Employees

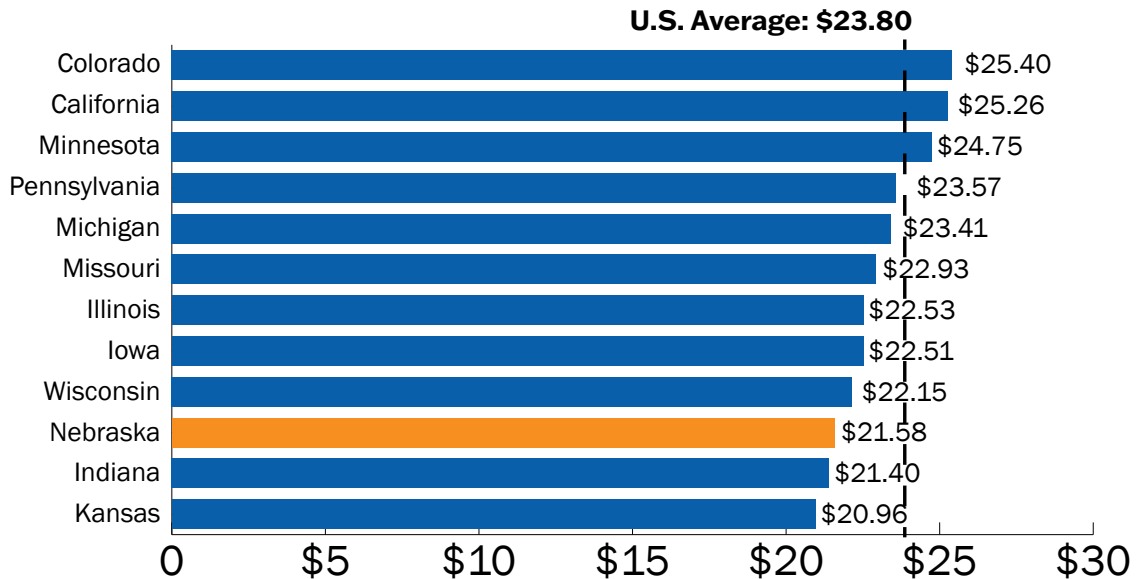
Workforce

The Nebraska Department of Labor serves employers and job seekers across Nebraska through its "Career Centers" located across the state. Services for employers include employee recruitment and screening, posting job openings, tax credit information, and labor market and labor law information. Job seekers can find a fully array of employment and training related services including on-site services provided by a network of mandatory Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act partners. To access Nebraska Department of Labor's One-Stop for Jobs, go to neworks.nebraska.gov.

Average Employer Tax Amount per Covered Employee, 2020



Average Hourly Earninds of Production Employees, 2020



Wage Sampling: Hourly wage rates for various occupations, Panhandle Region, Nebraska (2020 Q2)

Job Title	10th Percentile	50th Percentile	90th Percentile
Computer and Information Systems Managers	35.67	52.91	73.21
Accountants and Auditors	20.58	31.68	48.13
Registered Nurses	25	32.11	40.28
Retail Salespersons	10.17	12.75	19.35
Customer Service Representatives	12.86	14.73	19.83
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	9.81	16.31	23.17
Office Clerks, General	10.09	14.65	20.15
Electricians	14.18	22.9	35.89
Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators	9.95	15.99	21.06
Machinists	13.58	16.16	25.04
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	14.24	19.31	28.88
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	17.68	26.31	32.05
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	11.21	14.96	22.35

Market Access

Highways

U.S. Highways 20 and 385 intersect in Chadron. North-south U.S. Highway 385 is part of a federally designated high-priority corridor known as the Heartland Expressway. Work continues to improve the highway to a four-lane expressway status, connecting Colorado and South Dakota to additional expressways. Rapid City, South Dakota, 102 miles north and Denver, Colorado, 298 miles to the southwest are the closest major metropolitan areas. Interstate 90 is 90 miles north while Interstate 80 is 140 miles south.

Trucklines

More than 13,500 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.

Local trucking companies include Larry Johnson Trucking and Cross Country Freight.

The following trucking map is based on Scottsbluff, Nebraska, 99 miles southwest of Chadron.



Source: Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Legal Trucking Distance from Scottsbluff, Nebraska [maps] 2016. Generated by Andrew Eckerson using ESRI Business Analyst Desktop.

Bus Lines

The nearest bus service is provided by Greyhound Bus Lines in Kimball, 148 miles southwest of Chadron.

Rail

Chadron is served by the shortline Nebraska Northwestern Railroad, which connects to BNSF Railway to the west.



Air

The Chadron Municipal Airport, located four miles west of Chadron, has two commercial flights in and out daily by Southwest Airlines with service to the Denver International Airport. The airport has two hard-surfaced runways (6,000 and 4,000 feet). Services include instrument landing service, storage, fuel, and aircraft maintenance. The latitude at the airport is 42-50-15N and the longitude is 103-05-43W.



Chadron Municipal Airport

Nearest Commercial Air Service

Chadron Municipal Airport

Chadron, Nebraska5 miles, 10 minutes

Western Nebraska Regional Airport

Scottsbluff, Nebraska103 miles, 103 minutes

Rapid City Regional Airport

Rapid City, South Dakota108 miles, 108 minutes

Infrastructure

Nebraska Highlights

Energy costs are a considerable part of any business' operational budget. These costs can vary greatly between states, but in Nebraska (the only state in the nation where all electric utilities are publicly owned) electric costs are passed to consumers at low, cost-of-service rates. As a result, industrial rates are well below the national average. Nebraska's electric utilities can offer low rates, in part, because they draw from an efficient "mix" of generation resources including coal, natural gas, oil, diesel, and methane, along with carbon-free "fuels," like nuclear, wind, hydro, and solar power.

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) is the state's largest electric generating utility in terms of chartered territory, which includes all or parts of 84 of Nebraska's 93 counties. NPPD relies upon 9 major generating facilities, more than 5,000 miles of high-voltage power lines, approximately 260 substations, and thousands more miles of distribution lines. Because the system is interconnected to electrical grids in other states, NPPD works with regional utilities and industry entities to ensure power is delivered safely and dependably to Nebraskans.



Beatrice Power Station



Cooper Nuclear Station



Gerald Gentleman Station



Ainsworth Wind Facility

NPPD's renewable resources play a central role in a strong carbon-free footprint. In addition to a power purchase agreement with seven of the state's wind farms, NPPD owns and operates the largest public power wind facility in the state near Ainsworth.

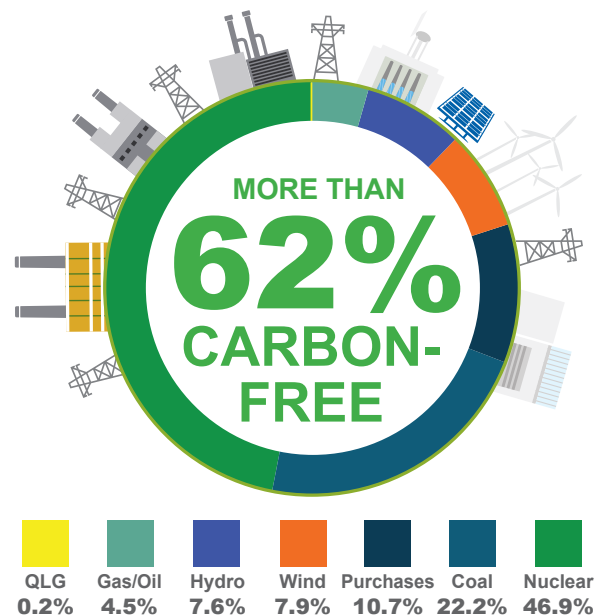
NPPD has two hydropower facilities and contracts for generation from three other hydropower facilities. Community solar is operational in five communities, with more on the way. NPPD's Cooper Nuclear Station contributes to an energy portfolio that was more than 60 percent carbon-free in 2020-2021.

Natural gas in Nebraska is also attractive to industry for service, supply, and price. A gas-producing state, Nebraska is close and well-connected by pipeline to the major gas fields of the central and southern plains. The state's average cost of industrial gas is less than both the regional and national averages.

The pipelines of two major companies, Northern Natural Gas and Tallgrass Energy Partners, provide an ample supply of natural gas to most areas of Nebraska. Depending on usage requirements, natural gas is offered both on a "firm" and "interruptible" basis.

NPPD ENERGY GENERATION RESOURCES FOR NEBRASKA CUSTOMERS

2020-2021 Rolling Two-Year Average - Preliminary



*Qualifying Local Generation (QLG) includes renewable energy facilities installed by our wholesale customers and in NPPD retail communities.

Nebraska's Energy Costs Are Among The Lowest In The Nation

U.S. Average

NEBRASKA

California

Colorado

Illinois

Indiana

Iowa

Kansas

Massachusetts

Michigan

Minnesota

Missouri

Nevada

New Jersey

New York

Ohio

Pennsylvania

Wisconsin

Average Retail Price of Energy Costs

Electric

(Cents per Kilowatt Hour 2021)

	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
U.S. Average	13.72	11.27	7.26
NEBRASKA	10.85	8.85	7.37
California	22.85	19.21	15.14
Colorado	13.13	10.86	8.05
Illinois	13.24	9.70	7.36
Indiana	13.46	11.63	7.38
Iowa	12.75	10.17	6.67
Kansas	12.93	10.50	7.38
Massachusetts	22.91	17.16	15.31
Michigan	17.53	12.27	7.77
Minnesota	13.42	11.16	8.43
Missouri	11.49	9.20	7.10
Nevada	11.50	7.77	6.14
New Jersey	16.37	12.81	10.79
New York	19.44	16.14	6.33
Ohio	12.78	9.77	6.61
Pennsylvania	13.79	8.92	6.58
Wisconsin	14.55	10.92	7.66

Natural Gas

(Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet 2020)

	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
U.S. Average	10.78	7.49	3.32
NEBRASKA	8.04	5.46	3.88
California	14.14	9.78	7.55
Colorado	7.22	6.23	4.95
Illinois	7.94	6.84	4.26
Indiana	8.59	6.86	5.41
Iowa	7.78	5.85	3.93
Kansas	9.37	7.49	3.38
Massachusetts	14.71	11.20	9.30
Michigan	8.25	6.86	5.25
Minnesota	8.04	6.39	3.99
Missouri	10.39	7.35	5.77
Nevada	10.36	7.25	6.00
New Jersey	9.92	8.79	7.54
New York	12.80	6.88	7.00
Ohio	9.53	5.63	5.93
Pennsylvania	11.48	9.10	7.98
Wisconsin	7.52	5.74	4.44

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Chadron Utilities

Electricity

Chadron is provided retail electric service by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). Three 115,000 volt transmission lines tie to NPPD's statewide transmission system and a fourth line is interconnected with the Western Area Power Administration. A 28 MVA 115/34.5 kV transformer, located adjacent to the city, provides ample capacity for present and future load projections. The city has a complete ring bus of 34,500 volts consisting of five substations with a combined capacity of 22,500 kVA. The distribution voltage is operated at 4,160 wye and 12,470 wye. The system is tied into the statewide grid system.

Prospective customers should contact Nebraska Public Power District, (877) 275-6773, or www.nppd.com, for further information regarding electric rates and service.

Natural Gas

Black Hills Energy, a subsidiary of Black Hills Corp., serves 300,000 natural gas customers in 300 Nebraska communities. Black Hills Energy's Nebraska headquarters is located in Lincoln.

Black Hills Energy is the distributor of natural gas in Chadron. The transmission provider is Northern Natural Gas. Natural gas in Chadron is provided by a 4-inch line with 650 pounds per square inch (PSI), with an average value of 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, and is available for residential, commercial, and industrial customers for base and peak use on a firm basis. Interruptible service is available for customers with alternate fuel capability. Annual curtailment of interruptible customers varies with the type of service selected by the customer.

Rates vary slightly due to seasonal and commodity price fluctuation. Current rates for the commercial/light industrial class customer, can be found on Black Hill's website at www.blackhillsenergy.com.

Contact Black Hills Energy at (888) 890-5554 for information regarding rates and services.

Other Fuels

LP Gas

LP gas is available in Chadron for residential, commercial, and industrial uses from Westco in Chadron.

Oil

Oil is available in Chadron for residential, commercial, and industrial uses from Westco in Chadron.

Water

The municipal water system in Chadron is supplied by five wells, which have an average depth of 200 feet. The system, serving the entire city, has a combined pumping capacity of 4,000 gallons per minute and an underground and surface storage capacity of 2.1 million gallons. The average daily demand is 1.05 million gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 4.1 million gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 7.86 million gallons per day. The static pressure is 40–70 pounds per square inch and the residential pressure is 35–65 pounds per square inch.

The city's wells produce up to 900 gallons of water per minute. The water table has not changed in the past five years. The quality of water in Chadron does not necessitate a water treatment plant. The water is clear with a hardness of 14–16 GPG and the turbidity is 0.233 NTU. The temperature ranges from 41 degrees in the winter to 57 degrees in the summer.

Water Rates *(effective 10/1/18)*

A water connection fee of \$115 is charged to all new water services. A Turn On/Turn Off fee of \$5 is charged (\$100 after hours). Line tapping fees for new service are \$380 for 3/4", \$460 for 1", \$745 for 1 1/2", and \$890 for 2" lines.

Residential and Commercial

Base Unit Fee (Based on Meter Size)

5/8"	\$ 9.40 per month
3/4"	\$ 13.00 per month
1"	\$ 17.00 per month
1 1/2"	\$ 31.00 per month
2"	\$ 46.50 per month
3"	\$ 65.25 per month
4"	\$126.25 per month
6"	\$246.25 per month

Consumption

Monthly Fee

0–300 cubic feet	\$1.75 per 100 cubic feet
301–5,000 cubic feet	\$1.85 per 100 cubic feet
5,001–10,000 cubic feet	\$1.90 per 100 cubic feet
>10,000 cubic feet	\$1.95 per 100 cubic feet

Sewerage

Chadron has an activated sludge sanitary sewerage system and an underground storm water runoff. The subsurface and surface mechanical treatment plant was built in 2008 and has a daily capacity of 1,300,000 gallons and an average daily flow of 450,000 gallons.

A new underground storm water runoff system was installed mid-2015 in downtown Chadron.

Sewer-Use Charges *(effective 10/1/21)*

A line tapping fee of \$400 is charged for new service.

Residential and Commercial**Base Unit Fee**

Base unit fee	\$28.60 per month
Multiple family unit	\$28.60 per month plus \$24.00 per additional unit each month

Consumption Fee

Base Fee plus \$1.00 per 100 cubic feet of water used in excess of 800 cubic feet, based on average consumption for December–February usage of fiscal year preceding the effective fiscal year of this ordinance.

Sewer fees are doubled outside the city limits.

**Apartment
Crawford & Hemingford
(disposal only)**

First Unit	\$14.15 per month
Additional Units	\$14.15 per month

**Commercial
(collection & disposal)**

Small dumpster (1 cu. yd.)	\$24.00 per month
Medium dumpster (1.5 cu. yd.)	\$36.00 per month
Large dumpster (3 cu. yd.)	\$71.30 per month
Extra pickup	\$8.92 per month

Solid Waste Disposal

Public waste removal is provided by Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska (SWANN).

Solid Waste Removal Rates

(effective 7/1/19)

Residential

City (collection & disposal)	\$24.25 per month
City (disposal only), Crawford and Hemingford Only	\$14.30 per month
Rural	\$12.45 per month

**Apartment
(collection & disposal)**

First Unit	\$24.25 per month
Additional Units	\$14.15 per month

**Commercial
Crawford & Hemingford
(disposal only)**

Small dumpster (1 cu. yd.)	\$15.80 per month
Medium dumpster (1.5 cu. yd.)	\$23.70 per month
Large dumpster (3 cu. yd.)	\$47.30 per month

Recycling

Chadron Clean Community System provides pick-up of office paper and newsprint from businesses. Community collection containers for newsprint, plastics, and cans are available with payment. Containers are then collected by Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska (SWANN).



Chadron City Offices



Dawes County Courthouse in Chadron

Communications

Nebraska is the first state to be served totally by digital switching, and continues to be served by one of the nation's most advanced telecommunications networks.

Telecommunications & Internet

Great Plains Communications, Century Link, and Hemingford Telephone Cooperative provide telecommunication services in Chadron. Verizon Wireless and Viaero Wireless provide cellular telephone services.

Internet providers include Mobius Communications, Century Link, and Great Plains Communications.

Post Office

The U.S. Postal Service in Chadron provides house-to-house delivery service and has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily.



U.S. Post Office in Chadron

Package Delivery Service

Federal Express, United Parcel Service, and the U.S. Postal Service provide package delivery services in the Chadron area.

Newspaper

The Chadron Record, the local weekly newspaper, has 1,800 subscribers. The daily paper delivered locally is the South Dakota Rapid City Journal.



Chadron Record

Radio

Stations Carrying Local News

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KCSR-AM	610 KHz	Chadron
KCNB-FM	94.7 MHz	Chadron
KQSK-FM	97.5 MHz	Chadron
KBPY-FM	107.7 MHz	Chadron

Television

Stations Carrying Local News

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KDUH	4	Scottsbluff
KTNE (PBS)	12	Lincoln

Tax Structure

Nebraska Highlights

- Nebraska assesses income tax based upon the amount of federal taxable income
- No state property tax
- No inventory tax
- No sales tax on:
 - raw materials when used as ingredients or component parts in manufacturing operations
 - sales of energy for processing or manufacturing purposes
 - water used exclusively in manufacturing and processing
 - qualified agricultural machinery and equipment
 - manufacturing machinery, equipment, and related services
- Sales and use tax refunds are available on qualifying air and water pollution control equipment
- Sales and use tax refunds are available on property qualifying for certain investment incentives

The Nebraska State Government is financed by an individual income tax, corporate income tax, 5.5 percent sales and use tax, corporate occupation tax, and selective excise taxes (liquor, tobacco, motor fuels, etc.). Local governments are financed primarily by property taxes, although some cities and counties collect a local option sales tax of between 0.5 and 2.0 percent.

Property taxes are levied against real and personal property by local political subdivisions such as counties, cities, school districts, fire districts, etc., to provide for local services. All real property except agricultural land is assessed at actual or market value. Agricultural land is assessed at 75 percent of actual value. Personal property is assessed at net book value. Tax rates are expressed in dollars and cents for each \$100 of actual value.

Market value is determined by each county assessor through professionally accepted mass appraisal methods, which include, but are not limited to:

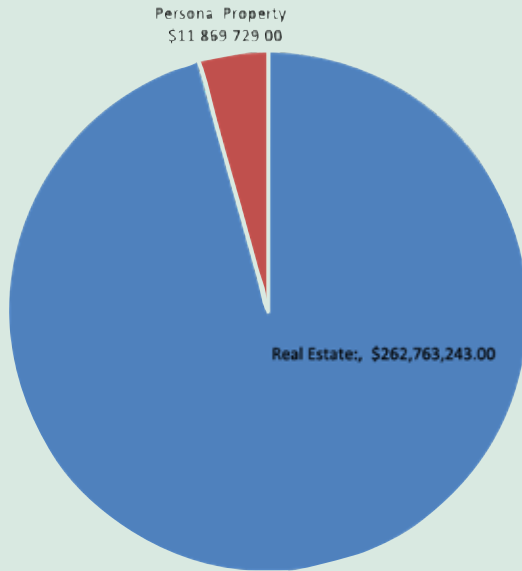
- Comparison with sales of real property of known or recognized value, taking into account location, zoning, current functional use, and other statutory guidelines (sales comparison approach)
- Earning capacity of the real property (income approach)
- Cost less depreciation (cost approach)

ImagiNE Nebraska Tax Incentives

ImagiNE is a performance-based incentives program that rewards you for hiring, investing, relocating and expanding in Nebraska. Credits earned are based on the number of Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTE's) that are added and the amount of investment made at qualified locations in the state. Eight application levels, all with different qualification requirements and benefits, have been designed with businesses of all sizes in mind. Businesses who apply for ImagiNE are given 4 years from the date of application to reach required FTE and investment levels. Qualification requirements and benefits can be found at ImagiNE.nebraska.gov.

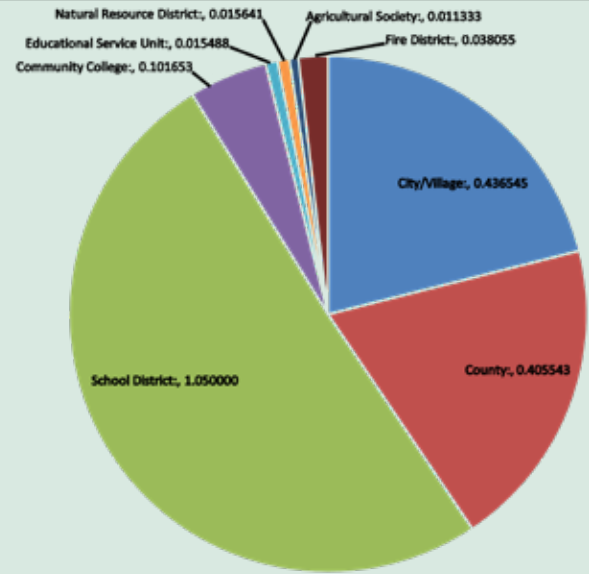


2021 Actual Valuation City of Chadron, Nebraska



Total \$274,632,972

Chadron 2021 Tax Rates



Total: \$2.074258 (dollars and cents per \$100 of actual value)

Local Bonded Indebtedness

As of 8/1/22:

City General Obligation Bonds	None
City Revenue Bonds (as of 10/1/2021)	\$5,473,440.56
School District Bonds	None
County Bonds (as of 7/15/2022)	\$970,000



Chadron Fire Department

Local Government

Chadron, a first-class city, has a mayor-council form of government. The mayor serves a two-year term and is elected by the council members. Council members serve four-year terms and are elected at large. The 2020-21 actual city budget was \$12,921,331.

Dawes County has three precincts and is governed by three county commissioners, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The actual county budget for 2020-21 for the general fund is \$3,972,112. The county belongs to the Panhandle Area Development District along with 11 other counties.

Fire Protection

Fire protection is provided to Chadron by a 50-member volunteer fire department; 25 members are certified emergency medical technicians and 1 is a paramedic. The department participates in mutual aid within a 960 square-mile radius with the Pine Ridge Mutual Aid Association including Alliance, Chadron, Crawford, Gordon, Harrison, Hay Springs, Hemingford, Merriman, and Rushville in Nebraska and Ardmore and Oelrichs in South Dakota. Mutual Aid is provided to Dawes, Sioux, and Sheridan Counties.

Chadron has one fire station and 260 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 4; outside it is 8–9. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$136,763.

Law Enforcement

The Chadron Police Department employs 15 full-time police officers and 7 support personnel. The department utilized standard law enforcement equipment. Regular patrol by the police department is provided to existing area industries. Annual expenditures for police protection for the past three years averaged \$1,428,000.



Chadron Police Department

2020 Crime Rates (per 1,000 population)

	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Chadron	2.3	16.4
Nebraska	3.3	19.1
U.S. Total	3.9	19.6

Source: ucr.fbi.gov

Sheriff

The Dawes County Sheriff's Department has six full-time sworn officers and ten full-time support personnel. Standard equipment is utilized by the sheriff's department along with an emergency response trailer. Regular patrol is provided to existing industries.

State Patrol

Troop E of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Scottsbluff, 99 miles southwest of Chadron. Three patrol officers are stationed in Chadron.

Streets

Chadron has 30 miles of streets; 20 miles are hard-surfaced (99 percent with concrete and asphalt and one percent gravel). Ninety-five percent of the streets have curbs and 55 percent have sidewalks.

Building Regulations

The following codes are enforced in Chadron: International Residential Code, International Plumbing Code, International Sewer Code, International Property Maintenance Code, and the International Building Code.

Planning

Chadron has a nine-member planning commission. Members are appointed by the City Council to serve three-year terms.

The Comprehensive Plan for Chadron was prepared in June 2016 by Lakota Company of Madison, Wisconsin.

Education

Chadron School District

Chadron Public Schools	Students	Teacher/Pupil Ratio	Computer/Pupil Ratio
Elementary (Pre-K)	20	1:20	1:10
Elementary (K-2)	207	1:17	1:1
Elementary (3-4)	151	1:12	1:1
Middle School (5-8)	274	1:12	1:1
High School (9-12)	291	1:13	1:1

School District No. 23-0002 in Dawes County covers 723.4 square miles and has a 2020-21 actual valuation of \$579,506,232, with an actual valuation per student of \$598,045. This Class III school is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and AdvancED.

The 2020-21 school operating expenses totaled \$12,965,506 with an average cost per pupil of \$14,949.

Report Card 2020-21

ACT Test	Composite
Chadron	19.9
Nebraska	18.8
National	20.3

Source: Nebraska Department of Education

Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 13 (ESU), headquartered in Scottsbluff, serves 12 counties including Dawes County. ESU 13 covers approximately 15,000 square miles and 21 school districts. Services provided include technology support, early childhood services, staff development, migrant, psychological services, and behavioral-mental health.

Specialized Services

The Pine Ridge Job Corps Center is located in Chadron. Job Corps is a no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16 through 24 improve the quality of their lives through career technical and academic training.

Higher Education

An abundance of public colleges and universities are available in Nebraska. There are also a number of community colleges as well as private colleges and trade schools. A large number of degree programs are available and some institutions offer courses and workshops specially tailored to meet specific training needs of industry, education, and business.

Several of Nebraska's universities are ranked as national leaders at making quality education affordable.

Colleges & Universities Frequently Attended by Chadron High School Graduates

	Miles
Chadron, Nebraska Chadron State College	—
Scottsbluff, Nebraska Western Nebraska Community College	99
Spearfish, South Dakota Black Hills State University	150
Kearney, Nebraska University of Nebraska at Kearney	310
Lincoln, Nebraska University of Nebraska-Lincoln	450



East Ward Elementary School



Kenwood Elementary School



Chadron Middle School



Chadron High School



Pine Ridge Job Corps Wind Turbine Class Project



Pine Ridge Job Corps





Chadron State College Dormitory



Chadron State College Coffee Ag Pavilion



Chadron State College Chicoine Center



Chadron State College Sandoz Center

Quality of Life

Health Care

Built in 2009, Chadron Community Hospital and Chadron Medical Clinic provide primary care; 24-hour emergency room; surgery; radiology; respiratory therapy; laboratory; home health and hospice; assisted living; and physical, occupational, and speech therapies.

Hospital

The **Chadron Community Hospital**, in Chadron, is an acute care facility with 25 beds. Services include 24-hour emergency room, surgery, radiology, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, laboratory, home health and hospice, assisted living, occupational and speech therapies, community health resources, dialysis, and IV therapy.

Special clinics at the hospital include: audiology, bariatric, cardiology, ECHO, ENT, internal medicine, nephrology, neurology, OB/GYN, orthopedics, pacemakers, pathology, and urology.

Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, 99 miles from Chadron, is an ancillary facility utilized by Chadron patients.

Clinics

Chadron Medical Clinic provides diagnostics, laboratory, wellness and physical exams, and education.

Rescue Squad

The Chadron Rescue Service has two ambulances, 25 volunteer emergency medical technicians, and one support personnel. The city owns the ambulance with the first responder service transport run by volunteers.

Nursing Homes

Crestview Care Center
70-bed facility

Independent / Assisted Living

Prairie Pines
46-bed independent living
20-bed assisted living

Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

Pine Oak Vista	34 units
Heritage Apartments	23 units
Royal Court	18 units
Pine Court Apartments	12 units
West Hills Villa	12 units

Dawes County Child Care

Type of Provider	# of Providers	Capacity
Childcare Center	3	96
Home Child Care I	6	60
Home Child Care 2	6	72



Chadron Community Hospital

Library

The Chadron Public Library contains 35,368 hard copy volumes and has an average annual circulation of 60,000. Library services include a copier, public computers, scanner, digital printer, high-speed Internet (fiber), 13 electronic databases, downloadable e-books, and talking books.

Library programs include a summer Reading Program, Adult Winter Reading Program, Knowledge programs featuring local experts, Native American movie festival called Trading Stories with instruction of historic games, guided walking tours, book club, yoga class, craft classes, and Story Time held weekly. Moon Night features a different location for viewing of the night sky each October, and other science programs. Call for specific dates or check the web or facebook page. www.chadronpubliclibrary.com



Chadron Public Library

Churches

Denominations

- Assembly of God
- Baptist
- Catholic
- Church of the Nazarene
- Church of Christ
- Congregational
- Episcopalian
- Jehovah's Witness
- Lutheran
- Methodist
- Mormon/Latter-Day Saints
- Nondenominational
- Protestant
- Seven-Day Adventist



Ridgeview Golf Course



Wilson Park Playground & Gazebo

Recreation

Eight parks in Chadron cover 50 acres. **Wilson Park** has playground equipment, picnic shelters, picnic tables, and grills. **Finnegan Park** has picnic shelters, picnic tables, grills, and disc golf. **Memorial Park** has a swimming pool, picnic tables, disc golf, playground equipment, and tennis courts.

Recreational programs in the community include Little League baseball, wrestling, men's and women's softball, T-ball, soccer, basketball, volleyball, and flag football.

Ridgeview Golf Course is a publicly owned nine-hole golf course with grass greens and a full-service club house.

Chadron State Park is located eight miles south of Chadron with camping, hiking, horseback riding, biking, activities building, cabins, swimming pool, and picnic areas. Open for services Memorial Day through Labor Day, with other activities year round. The **Nebraska National Forest** with 40,000 acres of public land and the **Oglala National Grasslands** are also within ten miles of Chadron providing hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, and primitive camping.

The **Museum of the Fur Trade** is an internationally known museum interpreting history of the North American Fur Trade from 1840 forward. The rebuilt Bordeaux Trading Post offers a view of the actual trading post. Items from the area include a planted native garden, displays of wars, and guns from the era.

The **Dawes County Historical Society** displays local history, genealogy, a toy collection, a school house, and annual demonstrations of early ranch techniques.

The **Senior Citizens Community Center** in Chadron operates as a nutrition site for the elderly where lunches are served Monday through Friday. Weekly activities include dancing, cards, and crafts.

Chadron State College provides cultural activities in Chadron throughout the year, including theatre, music, dance, art displays, cultural organizations, and student activities.

Financial Institutions

- Bank of the West
- Chadron Federal Credit Union
- Farmers State Bank
- First National Bank of Chadron
- First National Bank of North Platte (Chadron branch)
- Security First Bank

Annual Celebrations

- SPRING** College Rodeo
Sponsored by Chadron State College
- MAY** Don Beebe Classic Golf
Golf tournament
- JUNE** Ride the Ridge
Horseback ride
- JULY** Fur Trade Days
Parade, buffalo chip throw, primitive rendezvous, class reunions, flea market, buffalo BBQ, queen contest & flag ceremony, Fur Trade Days Regatta, cemetery tours, and live music

Bands on Bordeaux
Each Thursday in July there is a free concert with live band, vendors, beer garden, and kids games
- AUGUST** Dawes County Fair
4-H exhibits & livestock sale, tough truck contest, ranch (rodeo) contests, BBQ, watermelon feed, AKSARBEN Good Neighbor Award, Heritage Farm Award, and rubber check races
- OCTOBER** Chadron State College Homecoming
Parade, king & queen coronation, and football game

Harvest Festival
Kids games, vendor booths, and entertainment downtown

Trunk or Treat
Trick or treating downtown (sponsored by Kiwanis)

Housing

Eight new homes were constructed in the past three years and it is estimated five will be built in 2022. The cost of new home construction averages \$151 per square foot.



New Housing in Chadron



Dawes County Museum



Museum of the Fur Trade



Elliot Field, home of the Chadron State Eagles



Chadron Aquatic Center



Chadron Aquatic Center



Statue at Memorial Park



Bicycle Run at Chadron State Park



Paddle Boats at Chadron State Park



Trail Riding at Chadron State Park



Swimming Pool at Chadron State Park

Community Services

With a business climate full of opportunity, Chadron continues to expand its retail choices and offers a full pallet of services to its residents. It offers an ideal blend of small town living with large city amenities. The residents of Chadron have combined talent and a strong work ethic to create an ideal setting in which to work and live.

Professional

Attorneys	8
Auctioneers.....	1
Certified Public Accountants.....	8
Medical	
Anesthesiologist.....	1
Chiropractors	2
Dentists.....	4
Family Practice Physicians.....	7
General Surgeons	1
Internal Medicine	1
Medical Assistants	4
Nurse Practitioners	3
Nurses, Registered.....	25
Optometrists	5
Orthodontists	1
Pharmacists.....	8
Physical Therapists.....	4
Physician Assistants	3
Veterinarians.....	2

Business and Commercial

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies	3
Agricultural Implement Dealers	1
Antique Shops	1
Apparel Stores	
Children's.....	2
Combination	2
Men's	2
Women's.....	2
Appliance Stores	2
Auto Body Repair & Services	3
Auto Repair & Services	5

Auto Supply Parts.....	2
Automobile Dealers	6
Automobile Renting/Leasing.....	2
Bakeries.....	4
Banquet Facilities, Halls	
Auditoriums & Meeting Rooms	5
Beauty Salons/Barber Shops	9
Bed & Breakfasts..... (12 rooms)	2
Caterers.....	2
Child Care Services.....	5
Computer Services	2
Contractor	
Building.....	6
Carpentry	4
Concrete	2
Electric.....	2
Excavating	3
Flooring.....	1
General (commercial)	4
General (residential)	4
Gravel	1
Heating and Air Conditioning	2
Painting.....	4
Plumbing.....	2
Remodeling	5
Roofing	2
Convenience Stores	4
Copying & Duplicating Services	2
Craft Stores	1
Dance Studios	1
Department Stores	1
Discount Stores	1
Electric Motor Repair	1
Farm/Ranch Supplies	2
Feed & Seed Dealers	1
Fertilizer Suppliers/Applicators	1
Floral Shops	2
Funeral Homes	1
Furniture Stores.....	1
Gift Shops.....	4
Grain Dealers	1

Grocery Stores	2
Hardware Stores.....	1
Health Clubs	2
Heavy Equipment Repairs.....	1
Insurance Companies.....	5
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies.....	2
Laundromats.....	1
Lawn Services	3
Lumberyards.....	2
Machine Shops.....	2
Motels/Hotels.....(300 Rooms)	9
Nurseries & Garden Centers	3
Office Equipment Sales, Service & Supplies.....	2

Pet Boarding/Grooming Services	2
Pharmacies.....	3
Photography Studios	2
Preschools.....	2
Printers	2
Real Estate Firms.....	3
Restaurants	15
Service Stations.....	4
Shoe Store.....	2
Theatres	1
Travel Agencies.....	1
Variety Stores	1
Welding Shops	1



Art Alley in Chadron

Agriculture & Raw Materials

In 2021, Nebraska ranked first among all states in commercial cattle slaughter, Great Northern bean production, and popcorn production. Food processing is the state's largest manufacturing sector and foreign markets are important for many of the state's manufacturers.

Sources: Nebraska Agriculture Rankings - USDA ERS, USDA NASS; Food Processing Status - Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

The **Ogallala Aquifer** underlies 174,000 square miles in parts of eight states. The Ogallala Aquifer within Nebraska contains approximately 65 percent of the water in storage in the entire aquifer. With the implementation of more efficient irrigation systems and other water management measures, the Ogallala Aquifer will remain a valuable resource in Nebraska.

Nebraska's Natural Resource Districts (NRDs) have responsibility for managing groundwater resources. The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources maintains responsibility for administration of surface water rights. In locations where groundwater and surface water are connected, the responsibility is shared among the NRDs and the state for achieving a sustainable balance between water supplies and water use.



Nebraska's Rank Among States

1st...

Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2021
Great Northern Bean Production, 2021
Popcorn Production, 2017
Cash Receipts per capita, 2020

2nd...

Beef and Veal exports, 2021
All Cattle and Calves, Jan. 2022
All Cattle on feed, Jan. 2022
Commercial red meat production, 2021
Alfalfa hay production, 2021
Ethanol production, 2021
Pinto bean production, 2021
Proso millet production, 2021
Light red kidney bean production, 2021
Bison, 2017

3rd...

Corn for Grain, 2021
Corn Exports, 2020
Cash Receipts from All farm commodities, 2020
All hay production, 2021

4th...

Beef Cows, Jan. 2022
Soybean Production, 2021
Grain Sorghum production, 2021
Cash receipts, all crops, 2020
Cash receipts from all livestock and products 2020
Dry edible bean production, 2021
Land in farm and ranches, 2021
Dry edible pea production, 2021

5th...

Soybean exports, 2020
Sugarbeet production, 2021
Agricultural exports, 2020
Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, 2021
Total animal products exports, 2020

6th...

All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 2021
Commercial Hog Slaughter, 2021

8th...

Sunflower production, 2021
Organic cropland acres, 2019
Pork Exports, 2021

Source: Nebraska Department of Agriculture - USDA, NASS, NFO, and NBA

Dawes County

2017 Statistics	Dawes County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms.....	491.....	46,332
Land in Farms (acres)	750,204.....	44,986,821
Average Size of Farms (acres).....	1,528.....	971
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$60,933,000.....	\$21,983,430,000
Market Value Per Farm.....	\$124,100.....	\$474,476
Total Acres Irrigated.....	17,819.....	8,588,389
Percent of Farmland Irrigated.....	2.4%.....	19.1%
Source: 2017 Census of Agriculture		

Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2013–2017)	Dawes County	State of Nebraska
Corn for Grain (bushels).....	539,975*	1,658,390,000
Hay, Alfalfa (tons)	76,220	3,122,000
Winter Wheat (bushels).....	943,475*	54,918,000
*4-year average		

Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2013–2017)	Dawes County	State of Nebraska
All Cattle	66,600	6,360,000

Raw Materials

Uranium is mined near Crawford, 25 miles southwest of Chadron, recovering 750,000 pounds of yellow cake annually. Commercial quality Ponderosa Pine timber is available in an estimated 50,000 acres in the Chadron area.



Climate

Nebraskans enjoy four distinct seasons... spring, summer, fall, and winter

Nebraska has a continental climate, with hot summers and cold winters. Temperatures are highly variable from season to season and year to year. The majority of the state has an average annual maximum temperature of 60°F to 65°F with average annual minimum temperatures in the 30°F to 40°F range. State temperature records are -47°F and 118°F. The average number of days in excess of 100°F range from 5 (northeast) to 11 (southwest) with most of the state between 6 and 9 days. Minimum temperatures below zero occur on average 7 days per year in southeast Nebraska to 20 days in north-central Nebraska.

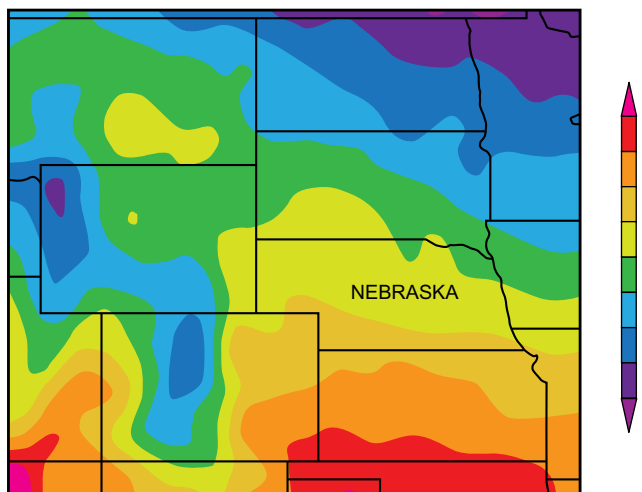
Precipitation

Precipitation is also variable and ranges from an annual average of 15 to 20 inches in the west to 30 to 35 inches in southeast Nebraska. Approximately 75 percent of the precipitation falls as rain from April to September. Annual average snowfall ranges from 20 inches in the southeast to 50 inches in the northwest. Snowfall usually increases during late winter and reaches a maximum in March.

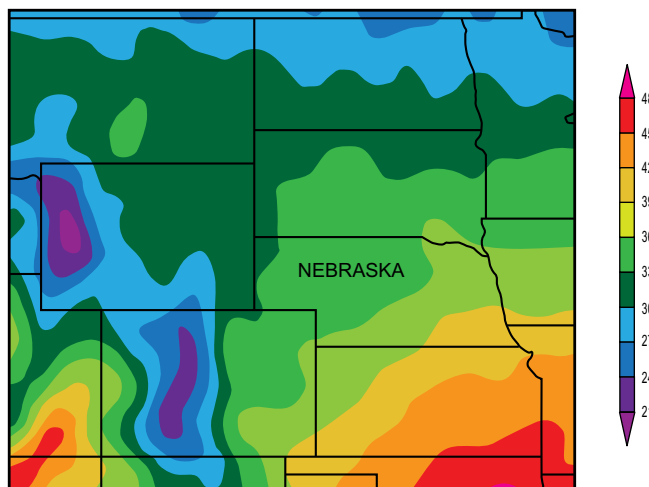
Growing Season

The growing season fluctuates in length, but on average it ranges from 120 days in the extreme northwest to 170 days in the southeast. The average date of the last freeze in spring varies from April 25 in extreme southeast Nebraska to May 21 in extreme northwest. The first fall freeze typically occurs from September 20 in the extreme northwest to October 6 in the southeast part of the state.

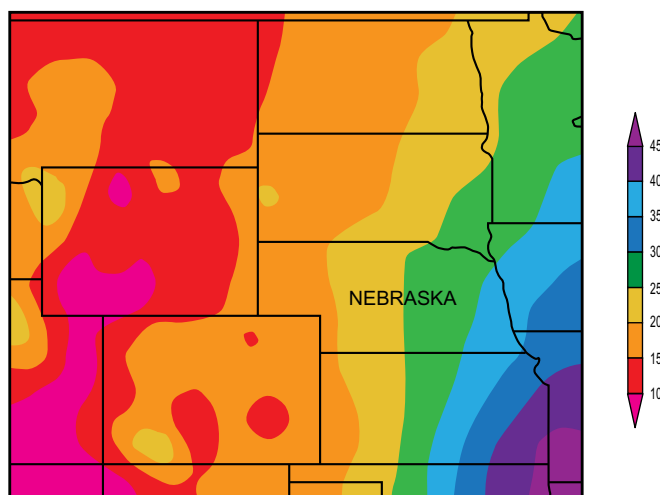
Annual Maximum Temperature (F)



Annual Minimum Temperature (F)



Annual Precipitation (inches)



Based on 30-year climate normals 1981–2010 data from the High Plains Climate Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Source: www.hprcc.unl.edu

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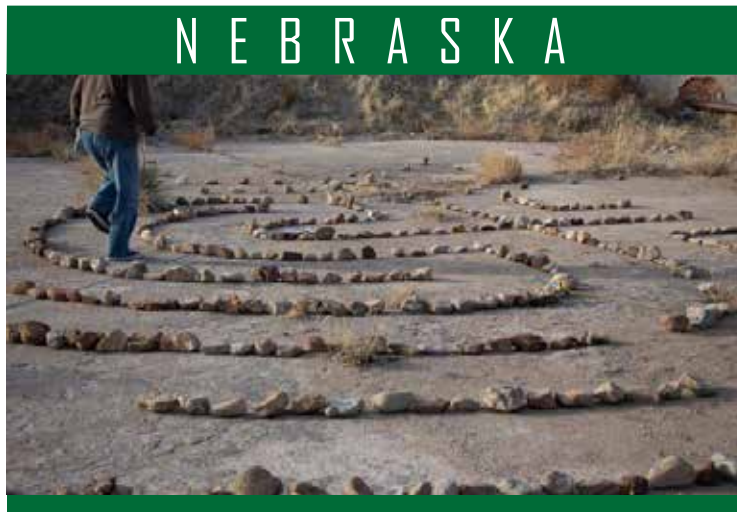
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