

# COMMUNITY FACTS

## AUBURN, NEBRASKA

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### POPULATION (Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008 Est.</u>
Auburn	3,350	3,358
Nemaha County	7,576	7,085
Labor Market*	51,860	48,965

\*Includes Nemaha County and contiguous counties

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# INTRODUCTION

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### LOCATION

Auburn lies in the center of Nemaha County, located in the southeastern corner of the state and bordered on the east by the Missouri River. Strategically located at the intersection of U.S. Highways 136 and 75, Auburn is 15 miles west of Interstate 29 and 65 miles south of Interstate 80. Auburn is 67 miles south of Omaha, 70 miles southeast of Lincoln, and 132 miles north of Kansas City.

### POPULATION (U.S. Census)

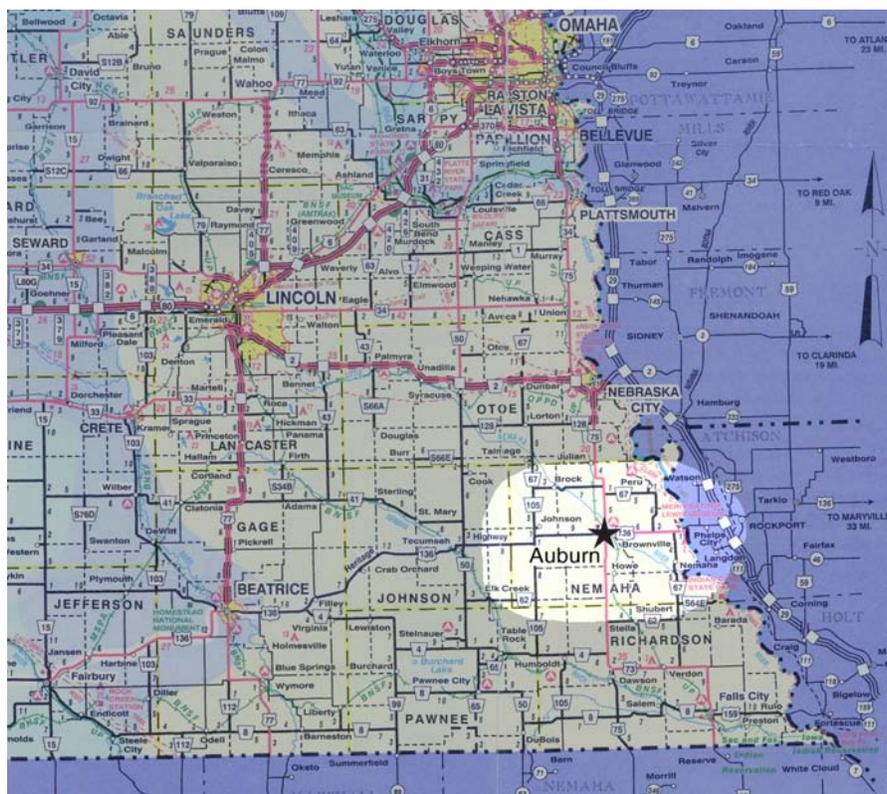
Year	Auburn	Nemaha County
1970	3,650	8,976
1980	3,482	8,367
1990	3,447	7,980
2000	3,350	7,576
2008 (Est.)	3,358	7,085

Nemaha County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin 2008 U.S. Census	
One Race	
White	97.5%
Black	0.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4%
Asian	0.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	*
Two or More Races	0.8%
Hispanic or Latino Origin**	2.5%
White Not Hispanic	95.2%

\*Value greater than zero but less than one-half unit of measure shown.

\*\*Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories.

Approximately 40 people in Auburn are fluent in Spanish, 15 in German, and 5 in French.



Primary Retail Trade Area

The 2008 U.S. Census estimates 48,965 people live within Nemaha County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Johnson, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson as well as Atchinson and Holt Counties in Missouri.

## LOCAL ECONOMY

Basic economic activities in Auburn, the county seat of Nemaha County, include farming, education, tourism, industry, and retail sales.

The primary retail trade area extends approximately 8 miles north, 16 miles east, 12 miles south, and 17 miles west and contains an estimated 11,750 people. Firms in Auburn with retail sales tax permits reported 2008 net taxable retail sales of \$28,877,543, while Nemaha County reported retail sales of \$33,094,241. The one wholesale firm in the community distributes honey.

## ELEVATION

The elevation in Auburn ranges from 950 to 1,100 feet above sea level.

## TOPOGRAPHY

The terrain in Nemaha County is characterized by rolling wooded hills and numerous streams. The sandy clay soil is made up of loess, alluvium, and glacial till in most of the county. Approximately 8 percent of the soils formed in glacial till are located in the southeastern part of the county and the valley along the Missouri River. Drainage is good.

## HISTORY

Auburn, one of the newest cities in Nemaha County, included three earlier towns within its city limits—St. George, Sheridan, and Calvert.

The 40 acres of St. George, now northeast Auburn, were platted in the 1850s. Sheridan was surveyed as a 160-acre town site in 1868, just a short distance west of St. George. Calvert began in 1881 as the result of a new railroad depot site being selected south of Sheridan. The site was selected by the Burlington and Missouri Railroad, who purchased the land and named it in honor of Thomas E. Calvert, a railroad official.

Under the leadership of Church Howe and Charles Nixon, the towns of Calvert and Sheridan incorporated into the town of Auburn on May 1, 1882. The city was named after Auburn, New York.

Auburn became the county seat of Nemaha County on February 27, 1883. Nixon and Howe sold the land for a city park for \$5,000, which now includes the memorial “Avenue of Flags” honoring all veterans from Nemaha County.

A vestige of the past, Auburn still supports two “downtown” areas—one being the courthouse square and the other in Sheridan along with the crestview business district in south Auburn.

Auburn is Nebraska’s first Tree City USA, an honor they have held since 1976.



Downtown Auburn

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### MANUFACTURERS

<u>Company/Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Ariens 2007	Ground maintenance & earth construction equipment	National & International	79 10*	13	None
Magnolia Metals, Inc. 1962	Bronze bushings, bearings, babbitts & wear plates	National & International	65	10	None
Southeast Ready Mix 1977 (formerly Concrete Ind.)	Ready-mix concrete	Regional	6	0	None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

### MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 10 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Auburn Board of Public Works	Utilities	21	5 1*	None
Auburn Public Schools	Education	133 Total		NSEA
City of Auburn	Government	10 24*	6 19*	None
Educational Service Unit 4	Education	4 2*	24 6*	NSEA
Good Samaritan Society-Auburn	Health care	6	129	None
		135* Total		
Nebraska Public Power District Sheridan Training Center Emergency Preparedness Center	Electric utility	18	6	None
Nemaha County	Government	33	22	NAPE
		16* Total		
Nemaha County Hospital	Medical	8 6*	61 23*	None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Pamida	Retail	0 11*	8 10*	None
SunMart	Grocery	17 13*	21 13*	None
USDA Service Center	Government	4 4*	8 2*	None
United Parcel Service	Package transport service	25–50 Total		Teamsters

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

**OTHER MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS** (within 40 miles and employing 100 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
<b>Brownville, 11 miles</b>			
Nebraska Public Power District's Cooper Nuclear Station	Electric utility	698 8* 10**	None
<b>Peru, 11 miles</b>			
Peru State College	Education	166 1*	NAPE/ NSCPA/ SCEA
<b>Tecumseh, 20 miles</b>			
Smart Chicken	Chicken processing	100+	UNPP
Tecumseh State Correctional Institute	State prison	442	NAPE
<b>Nebraska City, 20 miles</b>			
Ambassador Group	Health care	150	None
Arbor Day Farms	Lied conference center	200	None
Cargill Value Added Meats	Processed meats	600	UFCW

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

\*\* Temporary & coop students

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
Elster American Meter Company	Residential gas meters & regulators	700	None
Nebraska City Public Schools	Education	180	NSEA
Omaha Public Power District	Electric utility	160	IBEW
<b>Falls City, 35 miles</b>			
Community Medical Center	Medical	190	None
Falls City Public Schools	Education	180	NSEA
<b>Pawnee City, 36 miles</b>			
CJ Foods, Inc.	Premium pet food manufacturing & packaging	168 3*	None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

\*\* Temporary & coop students

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

The Auburn Development Council (ADC) is the group designated by the Auburn City Council to promote economic development activity in the city of Auburn and Nemaha County. The ADC is comprised of 70 individuals, businesses, certain government entities, and associations carrying out their mission “to facilitate the retention, recruitment, and expansion of business in Auburn, Nebraska, and the surrounding Nemaha County region.”

Twelve members of the executive committee meet weekly to monitor and manage various projects. This group usually has a dozen projects under management, all intended to promote economic activity in Nemaha County. ADC owns a 24-acre industrial park in northwest Auburn and another parcel of land in the central business district.

In addition to the city of Auburn, the Auburn Development Council maintains a close working relationship with the Auburn Public Schools, the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Nebraska Public Power District, Union Pacific Railroad, and Black Hills Energy.

Ariens Company began production in Auburn in 2007. The company manufactures lawn care equipment and employs approximately 100 people.

Approximately 150 acres of land in and adjacent to Auburn are zoned for industry. Industrially zoned land ranges from \$2,000 to \$7,500 per acre.

## **INDUSTRIAL SITES AVAILABLE**

Click here to go to Nebraska Public Power District’s [searchable sites and buildings database](#).



Ariens



Nebraska Public Power District  
Sheridan Training Center



United Parcel Service

# LABOR

## LABOR SUPPLY

A. Employment in the Auburn labor market, which is defined as the whole of Nemaha County and the total labor market consisting of Nemaha County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Johnson, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson (12-month average, November 2008 through October 2009). Figures for Atchinson and Holt Counties in Missouri were not available.

<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)	<u>Nemaha County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Goods-Producing	363	2,606
Manufacturing	(D)	(D)
Natural Resources & Construction	50	559
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	388	2,595
Wholesale Trade	70	(D)
Retail Trade	283	1,745
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	(D)	(D)
Information	(D)	(D)
Financial Activities	123	608
Professional & Business Services	121	(D)
Education & Health Services	(D)	(D)
Leisure & Hospitality	325	1,279
Other Services	79	(D)
Government	1,550	4,644
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	3,250	14,930
Farm Employment	510	3,073
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	3,172	19,961
B. Commuting Out of County	1,372	N/A
C. Unemployment	185	1,072
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	3,357	21,033
D. 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.	500	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	80	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	2,137	

(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

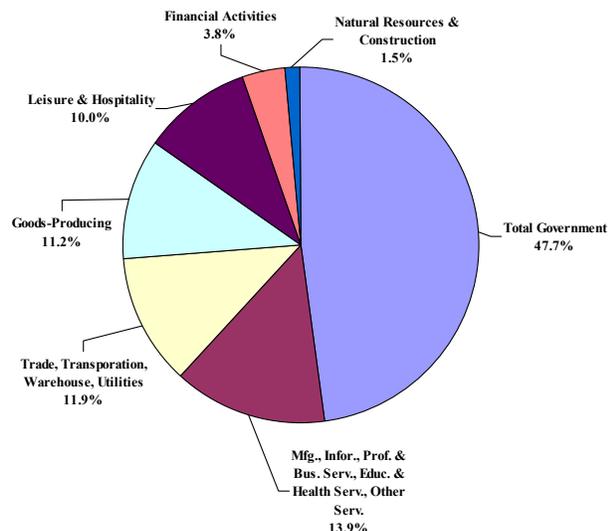
Source: Nebraska Workforce Development

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2007

U.S. Census

Auburn is willing to conduct a labor survey for a prospective industry.

**NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT  
NEMAHA COUNTY  
12-MONTH AVERAGE  
NOVEMBER 2008 THROUGH OCTOBER 2009**



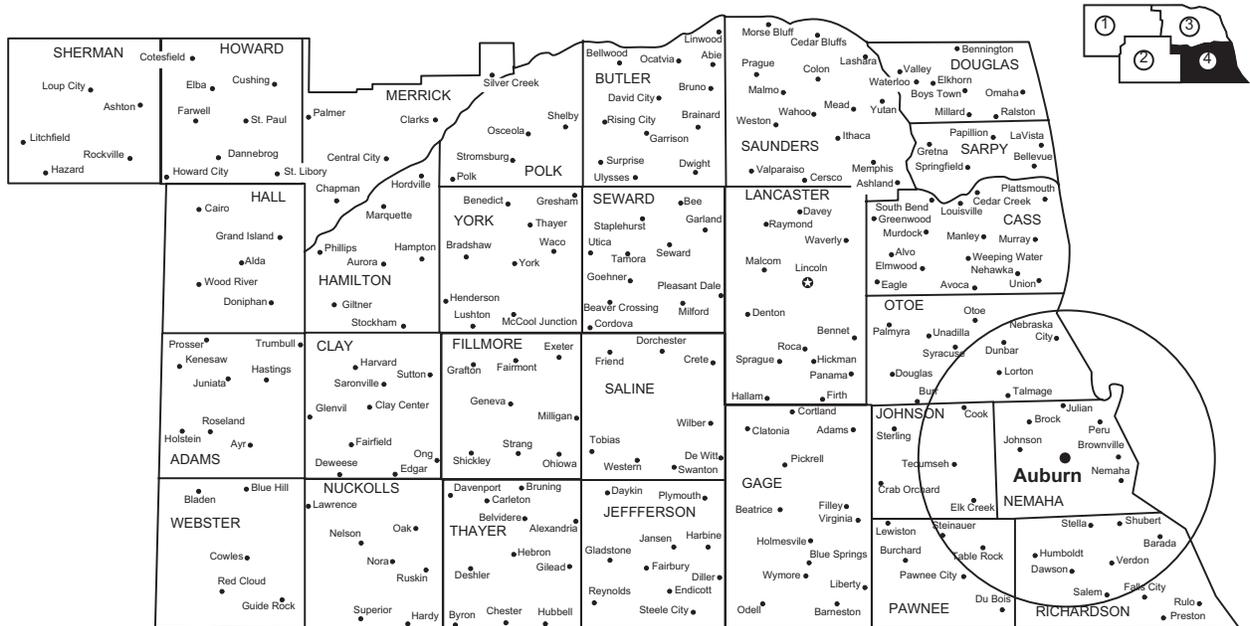
## POPULATION DATA

Location	2000			2008		
	Density/Sq. Mile	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Age	County Median Family Income
Nemaha Co.	18.5	85.5	22.9	19.2	43.5	\$54,500
Nebraska	22.3	86.6	23.7	13.5	36.2	\$59,800
U.S.	79.6	80.4	24.4	12.8	36.8	\$61,500

Nemaha County had 5,260 registered voters in 2008; 67.1 percent voted in the national election compared to 70.2 percent in Nebraska.

Source: U.S. Census, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)  
 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2009  
 Statewide General Election 2008 Results, [www.sos.state.ne.us](http://www.sos.state.ne.us)

## LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE AUBURN AREA



## POPULATION DATA U.S. Census Estimates

2008 Estimate		
City of Auburn	—	3,358
Nemaha County	—	7,085
30-Mile Radius	—	53,700

Nemaha County Population Ages/Gender, 2008		
Ages	Male	Female
18–24	497	457
25–44	686	675
45–64	1,033	987

## UNIONIZATION

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution. In 2006, 7.9 percent of Nebraska's nonfarm wage and salary workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 12.0 percent.

Labor organizations operating in Auburn:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Union</u>
Auburn Public Schools	Nebraska State Education Association
Educational Service Unit	Nebraska State Education Association
Nemaha County	Nebraska Association of Public Employees
United Parcel Service	Teamsters

It is estimated that less than 1 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in Auburn is unionized. There have been no known strikes during the last ten years.

## WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Professional</b>			
Accountants & Auditors	15.06	24.71	38.75
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	21.29	40.78	53.21
Electrical Engineers*	25.99	39.27	54.70
Industrial Engineers	24.17	30.82	40.26
Mechanical Engineers	27.62	37.11	52.63
Computer Programmers	18.16	32.03	39.76
Computer Systems Analysts*	17.08	31.34	50.08
Registered Nurses	17.68	24.08	32.05
<b>Retail</b>			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	6.74	8.61	9.97
Retail Salespersons	6.41	8.51	16.33
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	7.02	11.36	27.05
Driver/Sales Workers	7.74	13.84	21.13
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	6.55	8.38	13.27
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	8.65	13.18	19.87
<b>Clerical</b>			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	7.99	12.64	17.85
Customer Service Representatives	7.48	12.24	20.79
Data Entry Keyers	8.88	11.46	14.89
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	8.45	11.52	16.16
Office Clerks, General	6.60	8.91	13.53
Receptionists & Information Clerks	7.37	9.74	13.55
Telemarketers*	7.83	9.30	12.62

\*Wage information taken from Balance of the State 9 \_

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Unskilled</b>			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	8.61	11.74	15.77
Packers & Packers, Hand	7.32	11.05	12.49
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other*	9.81	13.25	16.03
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	8.50	10.90	14.29
<b>Semi-Skilled</b>			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	10.89	13.34	18.54
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	10.35	13.81	27.20
Maintenance Workers, Machinery*	13.19	19.19	25.04
Machine Operators			
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	10.47	17.07	20.13
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	9.69	13.80	16.47
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	10.54	13.45	18.33
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.*	8.54	11.12	17.04
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	8.98	11.88	15.95
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	8.26	12.28	15.64
<b>Skilled</b>			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	8.38	14.94	24.84
Electricians	12.56	16.01	24.50
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	13.17	18.63	35.87
Machinists	10.94	16.68	20.63
Tool & Die Makers	8.42	13.99	24.01
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	10.93	14.61	19.35
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	11.30	14.33	18.15
<b>Technical</b>			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	16.83	23.78	39.35
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	16.51	23.94	33.04
Computer Operators	7.93	11.83	17.14

\*Wage information taken from Balance of the State

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Third Quarter 2009 wage estimates, All Industries, Southeast Region, <http://neblswages.nwd.ne.gov>.

Production workers are, for the most part, paid on a straight-time basis rather than an incentive basis.

## FRINGE BENEFITS

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range up to 35 percent of wages.

# TRANSPORTATION

## RAILROADS

Auburn is served by a main line of the Union Pacific Railroad with six freight trains daily. Switching is performed by a local switch crew.

For further information regarding Union Pacific Railroad, contact Cheryl Schow, (308) 289-1911, or visit [www.uprr.com/customers/ind-dev](http://www.uprr.com/customers/ind-dev).

Amtrak provides Lincoln, 70 miles northwest of Auburn, with rail passenger service east to Chicago and west to Denver and San Francisco/Oakland. The Superliner features a lounge car, coach and first-class accommodations, dining car services, and checked baggage service from most cities. Travel time is 11 1/4 hours to Chicago and 46 1/2 hours to the West Coast. Amtrak has one train each way daily.

## MOTOR

### Highways

East-west U.S. Highway 136 and north-south U.S. Highway 75 intersect in Auburn. Nebraska Highways 67 and 105 serve the remainder of Nemaha County. Local load limits are not imposed on these highways. Interstate 29 is 15 miles east and Interstate 80 is 65 miles north of Auburn.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	70
Omaha	67
Chicago	523
Dallas	595
Denver	554
Detroit	790
Kansas City	132
Los Angeles	1,565
Minneapolis	434
New York	1,297
St. Louis	383
San Francisco	1,682

Future highway plans include widening U.S. Highway 75 to four lanes from Auburn

north approximately 20 miles and new paving and shoulders on U.S. Highway 136 from Auburn to Tecumseh.

### Trucklines

More than 11,500 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.

### Bus Line

The nearest commercial bus service is available in Omaha, 67 miles north, and Lincoln, 70 miles northwest of Auburn.

The Nemaha County Handi-Bus operated by the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, serves Auburn. Service is provided twice a month to both Lincoln and Omaha.

## AIR

The Auburn Municipal Airport, located three miles east of Auburn, has a 4,000-foot lighted turf runway and a 1,400-foot turf cross runway for private aircraft. Eight hangar spaces and 100 octane low-lead fuel. The elevation at the airport is 932 feet, the latitude is N40°23.25', and the longitude is W95°47.35'.

Commercial air service is available at Omaha's Eppley Airfield, 67 miles (80 minutes) north, and the Lincoln Airport, 70 miles (76 minutes) northwest. The Kansas City International Airport is 115 miles south (110 minutes) south of Auburn.

## WATER

Barge service is available at 10 barge terminal facilities on the Missouri River in Nebraska. These river ports are navigable approximately eight months per year. The Brownville river port is 10 miles east of Auburn. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintains a 9-foot deep, 300-foot wide channel for 735 navigable miles from Sioux City, Iowa, to the mouth of the Missouri River near St. Louis, Missouri. Commodities transported by towing companies are grain, grain products, fertilizer, feed ingredients, cement, rock-aggregate, and salt.



Parade



Easter in Park



Chili Cookoff

## UTILITIES

### ELECTRICITY

The Auburn Board of Public Works (BPW) owns and operates a distribution system and generating equipment consisting of six dual fuel (natural gas and diesel) powered generators with a total generating capacity of 18,860 kW. BPW purchases wholesale power from Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) and Western Area Power Administration. Power is delivered to BPW by means of a 69,000 volt line from either of two 115 kV substations located in southeast Nebraska. The two 115/69 kV substations are connected to the statewide power grid. BPW plant has “black” start capability and can cover the utility’s peak load.

BPW provides electricity to the communities of Brownville, Johnson, and Nemaha as well as rural areas in Nemaha, Johnson, and Richardson Counties in addition to serving the city of Auburn.

#### BASE ELECTRIC RATES—CITY OF AUBURN (effective 11/07)

Summer bills run from June–September.  
Winter bills run from October–May.

#### Urban Residential:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$6.70 per month		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
—	6.31¢	per kWh for the first 850 kWh used per month
6.73¢	2.93¢	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge		

#### Urban General Service:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$12.70 per month		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
—	6.71¢	per kWh for the first 3,500 kWh used per month
7.02¢	4.59¢	per kWh for all additional use per month
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge		

#### Urban General Service Demand:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$30.00 per month		
<b>Demand Charge:</b>		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
\$6.30	\$4.51	per kW of billing demand
<b>Energy Charge:</b>		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
4.53¢	4.04¢	per kWh for all usage
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge		

#### Sample Cost per kWh:

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh
100	30,000	6.01
100	36,000	5.71
300	90,000	5.94
300	150,000	5.24
500	150,000	5.93
500	180,000	5.64

## Industrial:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$35.00 per month		
<b>Demand Charge:</b>		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
\$4.90	\$3.19	per kW of billing demand
<b>Energy Charge:</b>		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
5.01¢	4.38¢	per kWh for all usage
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge		

## Sample Cost per kWh:

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh
500	100,000	6.51
500	300,000	5.23
1,000	200,000	6.49
1,000	650,000	5.17

For information regarding electric rates and service, contact David A. Hunter, Jr., manager, Board of Public Works, Auburn, (402) 274-4981, [dhunter@auburnne.net](mailto:dhunter@auburnne.net), [www.auburnne.net](http://www.auburnne.net).

## NATURAL GAS

Black Hills Energy is the retail supplier of natural gas in Auburn. The transmission provider is Northern Natural Gas. Black Hills is a full-service natural gas distribution company with Nebraska headquarters in Lincoln.

Auburn is served by a four-inch steel line with 100 pounds of pressure. Natural gas, with an average value of 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, 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 commodity price fluctuation. Current rates for the commercial/light industrial class customer,

as well as one year's history for the Nebraska Area 3, can be found at [www.blackhillsenergy.com](http://www.blackhillsenergy.com).

Contact the Economic Development Department of Black Hills Energy, (402) 437-1850 or (800) 232-1850, or visit [www.blackhillsenergy.com](http://www.blackhillsenergy.com) for further information regarding gas rates and services available.

## OTHER FUELS

### LP Gas

LP gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Auburn at Farmer's Union Co-Op Supply Company and Ferrellgas.

### Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Auburn at Farmer's Union Co-Op Supply Company.

## WATER

The Auburn Board of Public Works operates the municipal water system, which is supplied by 12 wells with an average depth of less than 60 feet. The system has a combined pumping capacity of 1,200 gallons per minute and a storage capacity of 2,000,000 gallons. The system's maximum daily usage is 1,440,000 gallons, meeting all state and federal regulations. The static and residual pressure varies due to the hilly terrain.

The quality of water is clear and the hardness is 18.04. The average tap water temperature varies from 58° in winter to 65° in summer.

The Auburn Board of Public Works is completing construction on a new state-of-the-art, 2.9 million gallon capacity water treatment plant that utilizes green technology. The plant is scheduled to be fully operational by October 2010. The new system will have improved pumping flows and a back-up emergency generator, allowing for future growth and industrial water users. The \$6 million plant was financed through a State Revolving Loan Fund consisting of a \$4 million loan and \$2 million grant.

## Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.47
Calcium	88.5
Total Solids	429
Magnesium	N/D
Iron	<RL
Nitrate+Nitrite	1.8
Manganese	<RL
Chloride	23.8
Fluoride	0.97
Sulfate	75
Total Alkalinity	264
Sodium	30.6
Total Hardness	310
Total Coliform	0.0
E.Coli	0.0
Potassium	N/A

N/D = None detected

N/A = Not available

<RL = Less than required limits

## WATER RATES (effective 10/09)

A water connection fee of \$850.00 is charged for new service 1" or less. Over 1" service is charged at actual cost.

### Urban Residential & Urban General Service:

\$4.119 per 1,000 gallons <b>Minimum Bill:</b> Ranges from \$11.18 per month for a 1/2" meter to \$73.80 for a 3" meter
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### Rural:

\$4.119 per 1,000 gallons <b>Minimum Bill:</b> Ranges from \$14.63 per month for a 1/2" meter to \$96.60 for a 3" meter
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## SEWERAGE

Auburn has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The Auburn Board of Public Works operates the sanitary sewer system and treatment plant. The activated sludge wastewater treatment plant has a daily capacity of 360,000 gallons. The plant has an average daily flow of 250,000 gallons and a historic peak daily demand of 2,900,000 gallons.

The Auburn Board of Public Works is completing construction of a sanitary sewer system and treatment plant with state-of-the-art technologies. The three-million gallon plant, expected to be fully operational by April 2010, has two clarifiers, two aeration basins, new control office and garage, and four reed basins. This \$6 million project was financed through a USDA Rural Development loan.

### SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 10/09)

A sewer connection fee of \$600.00 is charged for new service.

#### Residential:

Based on the average water consumption for the billing months of January, February, and March of current year. Calculated on \$3.30 per 1,000 gallons of that average. <b>Minimum Bill:</b> \$29.00 per month
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#### Commercial & Industrial:

Based on the sewer flow, type, and volume
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## SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

American Recycling and Sanitation offers both residential and commercial disposal services for the city of Auburn.

Wastes are hauled to the Loess Hills Regional Landfill in Malvern, Iowa, 64 miles from Auburn. The landfill, with an estimated life of 25 years, is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency as a Subtitle D facility.

Allied Refuse Recycling Services in Nebraska City, Nebraska, and American Recycling and Sanitation of Rockport, Missouri, offer roll-off container service as needed.

## SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES (effective 10/05)

### Residential:

Weekly	\$12.00 per month
Bi-Weekly	\$25.00 per month

### Commercial & Industrial:

Rates vary
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## RECYCLING

Auburn has a curbside collection of glass, tin, aluminum, paper, and plastic. A recycling trailer is located at the county-city chip site, which also accepts garden waste, leaves, tree branches, and waste oil.



Auburn Board of Public Works

# COMMUNICATIONS

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Auburn receives telecommunication services from Windstream. Through its operating subsidiaries, the company provides a variety of products and services including local exchange and access service, centrex, long distance services (outbound and 800 via T-1 or DS3 technology), telephone equipment sales and services, and data communication services. A wide variety of other value-added communications products are available, including Internet access with a local dial-up number, DSL services, fast packet services such as frame relay, fiber networks, and disaster recovery networks including SONET ring technology.

Windstream upgraded its landline network to the single NorTel Network's switching platform throughout southeast Nebraska in 2007. Windstream has more than 15,000 miles of fiber optics to serve these switches.

Basic services provide business lines and trunks, direct in dialing (analog and digital configurations) and also include a wide variety of custom calling services (call waiting, call forwarding, and speed calling), enhanced services such as caller ID, custom ringing, and voice messaging.

Also available are digital data and high capacity T-1 and T-3 services for voice, data, interconnected via a redundant fiber optic ring network. Windstream's fiber "ring" configuration provides an alternate route protection for calls in the event of a cable cut or natural disaster. This technology coupled with signaling systems (SS7) in 74 percent of the network provides efficient call processing and the availability of enhanced services.

For further information, visit [www.windstream.com](http://www.windstream.com) or call (800) 501-1754.

### TARIFFED RATES (effective 4/04)

Residence Line	\$17.50
Business Line	\$27.50

Time Warner also provides digital phone service in Auburn.

There are two local cellular telephone towers near Auburn.

## INTERNET

InternetservicesprovidersincludeGalaxyNetwork Services (402) 362-3332; Winstream, (402) 436-4500, [www.windstream.com](http://www.windstream.com); and Time Warner Cable, (402) 274-5072 or (800) 742-7310, [www.timewarnercable.com](http://www.timewarnercable.com).

Galaxy Network Services provides network services through an extensive fiber optic infrastructure providing gateways to Nebraska's largest cities of Omaha and Lincoln. Current applications offered include:

- Distance learning as well as high speed data and Wide Area Network (WAN) Telemedicine.
- Business applications for multi-site businesses include WAN, video conferencing, four digit dialing, and high speed Internet access.

Time Warner Cable's Road Runner service provides Auburn with high speed cable modem Internet access through its fiber/coax infrastructure.

## POST OFFICE

The Auburn post office provides house-to-house delivery and has two mail receipts and two dispatches daily.

## PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	UPS	U.S. Postal Service
<b>Latest Pick-up Time</b>	2:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
<b>Earliest Delivery</b>	4:30 p.m.	Varies
<b>Next Day Delivery Guarantee</b>	Yes	No
<b>Saturday Delivery Guarantee</b>	No	Yes

United Parcel Service operates a regional service center in Auburn and Federal Express has several drop-off boxes in Auburn.

## NEWSPAPER

The Auburn Newspaper is published on Thursday each week and has 2,550 subscribers. Other papers delivered locally include the Lincoln Journal Star, Omaha World-Herald, and USA Today.



Auburn Newspapers

## RADIO

Radio stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KNCY-FM	103.1 MHz	Auburn/ Nebraska City
KNCY-AM	1600 KHz	Auburn/ Nebraska City
KLZA-FM	101.3 MHz	Falls City
KTNC-AM	1230 KHz	Falls City

## TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KMTV	3	Omaha
WOWT	6	Omaha
KETV	7	Omaha
KPTM	42	Omaha
KOLN/KGIN	10/11	Lincoln/ Grand Island

Time Warner Cable serves Auburn with digital cable service. Satellite service is available from Dish Network and DIRECTV.



Auburn Post Office

## TAX STRUCTURE

### VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES—CITY OF AUBURN

All real property is subject to tax at market value. Agricultural land is valued at 72 percent of its actual value. Personal property that is used in a trade or business and is depreciable is subject to tax at its “net book value.” All other personal property is exempt from taxation.

	Actual Valuation		
	2007	2008	2009
Real Estate	\$100,168,430	\$102,426,155	\$103,776,295
Personal Property	2,731,377	3,595,809	3,401,535
Special (railroad and utilities)	1,466,888	1,417,233	2,004,254
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$104,366,695</u>	<u>\$107,439,197</u>	<u>\$109,182,084</u>

### TAX RATE (Dollars and cents per \$100 of actual value)

	2007	2008	2009
City	\$0.473000	\$0.473000	\$0.475377
County	.384899	.389315	.389364
School District	1.089374	1.098800	1.093360
Community College	.068900	.072200	.067600
Educational Service Unit	.039972	.040363	.037273
Natural Resource District	.040471	.043145	.045000
Agricultural Society	.009777	.009777	.007400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2.106393</u>	<u>\$2.126600</u>	<u>\$2.115374</u>

The 2009 tax rate at the industrial site inside the city limits is \$2.115374 per \$100 of actual value.

### CITY SALES TAX

The city of Auburn imposes a 1 percent city sales tax.

### LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of June 29, 2009:

City—Revenue Bonds	None
City—General Obligation Bonds	\$2,085,000
School District	\$4,500,000
County	\$3,396,674

## CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 6/29/09	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
<b>General Obligation</b>					
Various Purpose	10/12/00	\$165,000	\$40,000	5.10–5.15	10/15/10
Sales Tax Bonds	3/17/04	\$1,190,000	\$665,000	2.9–3.85	11/1/13
Various Purpose	8/18/04	\$645,00	\$505,000	3.40–4.75	8/1/19
Various Purpose	6/16/09	\$875,000	\$875,000	1.35–4.50	6/15/24

## SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 6/09	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Building	6/08	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	4.67	12/33

## COUNTY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 6/29/09	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Hospital	2/25/04	\$4,735,000	\$3,396,674	1.10–4.25	8/1/20



City Hall



Law Enforcement Building

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Nemaha County has nine voting precincts and is governed by three county commissioners, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next election will be held in 2010. The county belongs to the Southeast Nebraska Development District along with 15 other counties. The county budget for 2009–10 is \$8,331,320.

### MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Auburn is a second class city governed by a mayor and council. The next election will be held in 2010. The 2009–10 budget is \$17,737,463, this includes the Board of Public Works.

Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
<b>Elected at Large</b>	
Mayor	4 Years
<b>Elected by Ward</b>	
Council Members (6)	4 Years
<b>Appointed</b>	
City Clerk	1 Year
City Treasurer	1 Year
City Attorney	1 Year

### FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection in Auburn is provided by a 40-member volunteer fire department. The department also provides mutual aid to other areas of the county.

There are 175 fire hydrants in Auburn. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 5 and outside it is 9.

Equipment in the fire department:

Year/Make	Description
<b>City</b>	
2005 Freightliner	1,250 gal. per min.
1994 Chevrolet	1,000 gal. per min.
1981 Ford	1,000 gal. per min.

Year/Make	Description
1975 Ford	65 foot snorkel
2003 Ford	Ambulance
2009 Freightliner	1,250 gal. per min.
<b>Rural</b>	
1996 Ford	250 gal. per min.
1986 Ford	1,800 gal. tanker
1985 Chevy	2,100 gal. tanker

Fire losses for the past five years have been:

Year	Amount
2008	\$1,000,000
2007	\$420,000
2006	\$155,000
2005	\$43,000
2004	\$41,000

The Auburn Rescue Squad, Inc., is comprised of 32 members with 28 certified Emergency Medical Technicians, who provide medical transport for Auburn and all of Nemaha County. This unique service relies on the donations from citizens of Auburn and Nemaha County.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

#### Police Department

Auburn employs six full-time police officers and one support person. Equipment in the police department includes three cruisers with in-car video, radios, radar units, and other standard equipment. Annual expenditures for police protection averaged \$424,600 during the last three years.

#### Sheriff's Department

The Nemaha County Sheriff's office is staffed by one sheriff, five deputies, and three full-time and five part-time jailers. The department has a service dog. Equipment includes six vehicles with in-car cameras, radar, dispatch equipment, and other standard equipment. Regular patrol by the police and sheriff's departments provide protection to existing industries.

Crime rates per 1,000 population, 2008:

Location	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Auburn	0.6	24.1
Nemaha County	1.1	15.5
Nebraska	3.0	30.9
U.S.	4.5	32.1

### State Patrol

The Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Lincoln. One patrolman is stationed in Auburn and one additional patrolman lives in Nemaha County.

### STREETS

Auburn has 30 miles of streets, 26 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete, brick, or asphalt. There are no load restrictions. Ninety-five percent of the streets have curbs and 60 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance equipment includes a street sweeper, snow removal equipment, and repair equipment.

Contemplated improvements in the next five years include annexation and paving of additional streets.

## BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS

The Uniform Building Code is enforced in Auburn. Local zoning classifications are:

AGR	Agriculture/Residential
R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4	Residential
C-1	Commercial
C-R	Commercial/Residential
M	Industrial

### PLANNING

Auburn has a seven-member Planning Commission; members serve three-year terms.

A comprehensive plan for Auburn was prepared by Hanna:Keelan Associates, P.C. and approved in 1995. A revision by Hanna:Keelan was approved in 2009.

Tax increment financing (TIF) is available in certain areas of Auburn. The Community Redevelopment Authority administers the TIF program, providing financial incentives to encourage growth and development in Auburn and Nemaha County. This active committee meets regularly to work with private entities and individuals to create and expand business and industrial opportunities.



Nemaha County Courthouse

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

#### Auburn City Schools

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary (K–5)	18	344	1:11	1:3
Middle School (6–8)	18	197	1:11	1:3
High School (9–12)	25	365	1:11	1:3

School District 29 in Auburn consists of an elementary school, middle school, and high school. The district covers 1,263 square miles and has a 2008–09 actual valuation of \$367,000,000, or \$10,517 per student. This Class III, Type K–12 district is accredited by the state of Nebraska and the North Central Association of Schools.

The 2008–09 operating expenses totaled \$8,781,765, with an average instruction cost per student of \$7,702.

The elementary school has a maximum capacity of 700. The middle school was built in 2009 and has a maximum capacity of 300. The high school was built in 1971 with updates in 1991 and 2009 and has a maximum capacity of 750.

#### Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Iowa Basic Skills	100	67% above national average
ACT	79	22.5

It is estimated that 99 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 75 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree and 25 percent of the seniors enter the job market or military following graduation.

Vocational/tech prep programs offered include computer applications, health and wellness programs, nutrition, industrial technology, and family and consumer science.

#### Special Needs

Special needs students are served by Educational Service Unit 4, the local district, or contracted with the Nebraska School for Visually Impaired.

#### Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 4 is located in Auburn and serves the five southeast Nebraska counties of Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson. Services offered include professional development, program supervision, data processing, technology, student health, early development network services coordination, early childhood program, school-age special education program, audiology services, school psychology services, and speech-language pathology services.

#### Community College

**Southeast Community College (SCC)** is a two-year institution of higher education governed by an 11-member board of governors elected from the college's 15-county service area. The college operates on the quarter system and has campuses in Beatrice, Lincoln, and Milford. The 2009–10 enrollment is 11,647 students, the largest in school history. During the 2008–09 academic year, the college also served nearly 34,500 non-credit students enrolled in Continuing Education classes on the campuses and in communities throughout southeast Nebraska.

An outstanding continuing education program provides technical, occupational, and leisure

classes to regional residents and businesses. Continuing education offers classrooms and labs for technical training for individuals and workforce development for employers. This training is customized to fit the needs of each business and is offered at convenient times and places. Many types of technical training, employee relations, and other workshops and seminars are available.

Businesses and industries are key stakeholders in the educational planning and outcomes of Southeast Community College. For students in SCC programs, business and industry partners serve as cooperative education and clinical work sites where students experience hands-on technical education guided by industry experts. Business and industry representatives serve on program advisory committees and offer practical advice, based on years of experience. Often businesses and industries donate workbooks, manuals, and equipment to the programs to help students gain real-world experience and to assist the college in keeping pace with technological changes.

SCC's Entrepreneurship Center, located in Lincoln, serves as a resource center for anyone interested in entrepreneurship. The center staff offers assistance to anyone interested in starting a business or looking for direction on their path to business independence. One floor of the center is dedicated to business incubation. The center also hosts credit and non-credit classes on entrepreneurship and is home to Lincoln Public School's Entrepreneurship Focus Program and the Information Technology Program.

Job placement is what makes SCC such a good choice. Approximately 93 percent of the students who graduated in 2008 found employment or continued their education.

<b>2008 Graduate Placement Statistics</b>	
<b>Program</b>	<b># of Graduates</b>
<b>Academic Education</b>	
Academic Transfer	176
Criminal Justice	25

<b>2008 Graduate Placement Statistics</b>	
<b>Program</b>	<b># of Graduates</b>
<b>Agriculture/Laboratory Science</b>	
Agriculture Business & Management Technology	53
Laboratory Science	12
<b>Business Occupations</b>	
Business Administration	178
Business Information Technology	41
<b>Construction Occupations</b>	
Architectural-Engineering Technology	31
Building Construction Technology	34
Computer Aided Design Drafting	16
Fire Protection Technology	27
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology	29
Land Surveying/Civil Engineering Technology	4
<b>Electronic/Computer Occupations</b>	
Computer Programming Technology	10
Electrical Technology	32
Electromechanical Technology	27
Electronic Systems Technology	22
Microcomputer Technology	55
<b>Family &amp; Consumer Science Occupations</b>	
Early Childhood Education	24
Food Service/Hospitality	45
<b>Health Occupations</b>	
Associate Degree Nursing	45
Dental Assisting	34
Emergency Medical Services/Paramedic	1
Human Services	45
Medical Assisting	24
Medical Laboratory Technology	16
Pharmacy Technician	11
Practical Nursing	85
Radiologic Technology	34
Respiratory Care	25
Surgical Technology	20



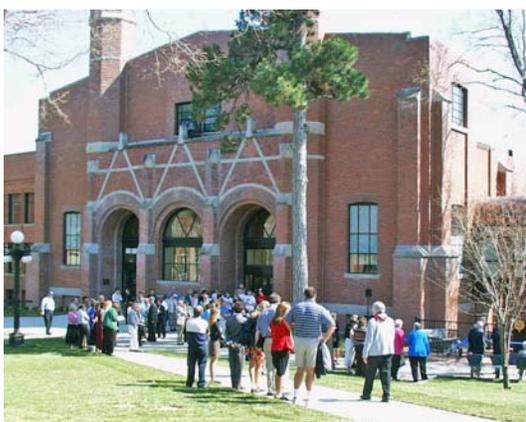
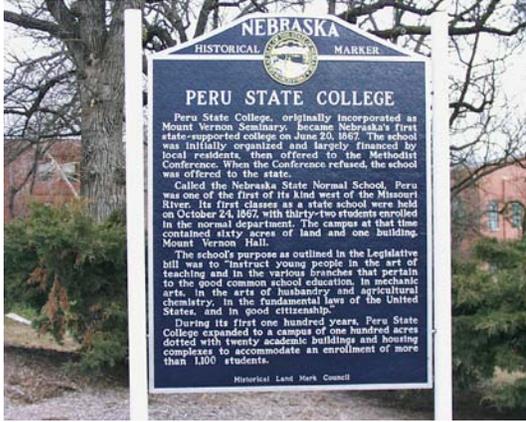
Calvert Elementary School



Auburn High School Stadium



Educational Service Unit 4



Peru State College, 11 Miles Northeast of Auburn

## 2008 Graduate Placement Statistics

Program	# of Graduates
<b>Manufacturing Occupations</b>	
Machine Tool Technology	30
Manufacturing Engineering Technology	22
Nondestructive Testing Technology	20
Welding Technology	29
<b>Mass Media/Communication Occupations</b>	
Graphic Design	13
Visual Publications	19
<b>Transportation Occupations</b>	
Auto Collision Repair Technology	30
Automotive Technology	55
Chrysler (CAP)-College Automotive Program	7
Deere Construction & Forestry Equipment Tech	12
Diesel Technology Farm	19
Diesel Technology Truck	15
Ford (ASSET) Automotive Student Service Educational Training Program	5
General Motors (ASEP) Automotive Service Educational Program	13
John Deere Ag Parts	8
John Deere Tech	19
Motorcycle, ATV & Personal Watercraft Technology	25
Parts Marketing & Management	6
Professional Truck Driver Training	61
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,589</b>

**SCC-Lincoln**, 70 miles northwest of Auburn, enrolls more than 9,000 full- and part-time students in career/technical and Academic Transfer programs. Career/technical program divisions include Agriculture/Food/Natural Resources, Arts and Sciences (Academic Transfer), Business, Communications and Information Technology, Community Services and Resources, Construction and Electronics, Health Sciences, and Transportation and Manufacturing. The Continuing Education Division also offers hundreds of non-credit classes throughout the

academic year. A downtown Lincoln location, Energy Square, addresses the demand of Academic Transfer classes and Adult Basic Education opportunities. Co-curricular activities are available such as intramurals, clubs and organizations, and Student Senate.

For more information on Southeast Community College, visit [www.southeast.edu](http://www.southeast.edu).

### Colleges and Universities

**Peru State College's** "Campus of a Thousand Oaks," a member of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, is nestled in the hills of historic southeast Nebraska, 11 miles northeast of Auburn. The state's first and fastest-growing college, Peru State offers a unique mix of innovative online and traditional classroom undergraduate and graduate programs, including online graduate degrees in education and organizational management.

In 1867, the same year that Nebraska became a state, the new Nebraska Legislature established an institute in Peru to train teachers. The school actually began on December 2, 1865, when its predecessor, Mount Vernon College, was organized by a group of early settlers who resolved to place the school under the "care and management of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

Colonel T J. Majors, a Civil War veteran and state legislator, proposed that the school be made into a state university. Although the offer was rejected, on June 20, 1867, the Legislature did accept the institution as a "normal school"—even before the state university was established. For the next 38 years, the Peru school was the only teacher education institution in the state.

As Nebraska's population increased, the Legislature extended the normal schools from two-year to four-year institutions and authorized them to grant the degrees of Bachelor of Arts in Education, Bachelor of Science in Education, and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Education. The name of the college also was changed from State Normal School to State Teachers College.

When the United States entered World War II, the college trained officers for the armed forces. The

first of an eventual 500 men in the Navy's V-12 program arrived on campus July 1, 1943. The college operated an accelerated program for both civilian students and naval trainees.

In 1949, the Legislature authorized the Nebraska State Colleges to confer the Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1963, Peru's name was changed to Peru State College. The Bachelor of Science degree was authorized in 1965.

Emerging from its role as a single-purpose teachers college, Peru State is now a regionally renowned state college offering a wide variety of programs to meet the changing needs of southeast Nebraska and beyond. The citizens of Nebraska have made the facilities of the college available to students at a minimal personal cost, admitting all graduates of accredited Nebraska high schools and qualified out-of-state and international students. The philosophy at Peru State College is that everyone is entitled to the opportunity to succeed at the collegiate level. All who have the ability and the willingness to work will have an excellent chance to succeed at Peru State.

The college believes in academic excellence, opportunities for personal growth and student self-determination consistent with the principles of a democratic society. Administrative intent is to involve students in the decisions which affect them. The college's educational experience is designed to enable students to learn, equip themselves for meaningful careers, and be productive members of society. Peru State students have the opportunity to know their instructors well and to be working partners with the staff and other students. Living and working with others offer many opportunities for friendship, growth, and personal development.

Peru State College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the National Council for Accreditation of Teachers Education. The college is a member institution of the Nebraska State College System. Peru State College is an equal opportunity institution. PSC does not discriminate against any student, employee, or applicant on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or age in employment and education opportunities,

including but not limited to admission decisions. The college has designated an individual to coordinate the college's nondiscrimination efforts to comply with regulations implementing Title VI, VII, IX, and Section 504. Inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies and practices may be directed to Eulanda Cade, director of human resources, Title VI, VII, IX, Compliance Coordinator, Peru State College, (402) 872-2230.

For more information, visit [www.peru.edu](http://www.peru.edu) or call (800) 742-4412.

### Other Schools

Colleges, universities, and community colleges frequently attended by Auburn High School graduates include:

<b>Community/ College or University</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>Peru, NE</b> Peru State College	11
<b>Beatrice, NE</b> Southeast Community College, Beatrice Campus	52
<b>Maryville, MO</b> Northwest Missouri State	59
<b>Omaha, NE</b> University of Nebraska at Omaha Creighton University College of St. Mary Metropolitan Community College	67
<b>Lincoln, NE</b> University of Nebraska-Lincoln Nebraska Wesleyan University Union College Southeast Community College, Lincoln Campus	70
<b>Crete, NE</b> Doane College	84
<b>Milford, NE</b> Southeast Community College, Milford Campus	89
<b>Fremont, NE</b> Midland Lutheran College	106



Nemaha County Hospital



Auburn Family Health Center



Auburn Memorial Library



Auburn Recreation Complex



Wellness Center

<b>Community/ College or University</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>Manhattan, KS</b> Kansas City College	150
<b>Hastings, NE</b> Hastings College Central Community College, Hastings Campus	172
<b>Kearney, NE</b> University of Nebraska at Kearney	198

## CHURCHES

<b>Denomination</b>	<b>Number of Churches</b>
Assembly of God	1
Baptist	1
Berean	1
Catholic	1
Christian	1
Church of Christ	1
Jehovah Witness	1
Lutheran, ELCA	1
Lutheran, Evangelical	1
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	1
New Life	1
Presbyterian	1
United Methodist	1

## HEALTH CARE

### Hospital

Nemaha County Hospital in Auburn is a 20-bed acute care general hospital built in 1963 and retrofitted in 2003. The hospital provides services in acute care, skilled nursing care, intermediate care, operating room, emergency, radiology, laboratory, physical therapy, occupational therapy, chemotherapy, pharmacy, cardiac rehab, and county health. Also offered by contract with mobile services are CT scanning, ultrasound, nuclear medicine, mammography, vascular doppler, echo cardiology, MRI, bone density, and diabetic teaching. Specialty clinics are conducted at Nemaha County Hospital for orthopedics, obstetrics, cardiology, neurology, ENT, urology, OB/GYN, ophthalmology, pulmonary,

gastroenterology, audiology, sleep studies, and pain clinic.

Nemaha County Hospital also owns and operates an ambulance that transfers patients to and from Lincoln and Omaha. Approximately six certified Emergency Medical Technicians are on staff at the hospital.

### Clinics

Clinics serving the Auburn area include the Auburn Family Health Center and Peru State College Health Center. Five physicians live in Auburn.

### Rescue Squad

The Auburn Rescue Squad has 40 members, 28 of whom are certified Emergency Medical Technicians. The squad provides Nemaha County with basic life support using two well equipped units. Services are provided free of charge, operating strictly on donations from the community.

The Nemaha County Hospital transfers patients to and from Lincoln and Omaha with one ambulance.

Pro-Med is a professional medical ambulance service on contract to transport to and from Omaha and Lincoln.

### Dental

Two dental offices are located in Auburn, where two orthodontists provide treatment.

### Vision

Lifetime Vision Center is staffed with two optometrists, providing complete eye health care. The center has an in-house lab and drive-through.

### Pharmacy

Auburn has four pharmacies. Services include drive through and prescription delivery.

## NURSING HOMES

Nemaha County Good Samaritan Center in Auburn is a licensed 112-bed skilled Medicare/

Medicaid nursing facility; 15 licensed beds are dedicated to the care of Alzheimer's and dementia residents. Adult day care, respite care, therapy services, and a licensed home health care agency are available.

A grant in the amount of approximately \$250,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture was received by the Good Samaritan Center in 2008. The funds allowed the expansion of the home healthcare system and incorporated telehealth delivery of skilled and non-skilled services.

In 2000 the Good Samaritan Home completed a 24-unit (one- and two-bedroom apartments) assisted living facility, Longs Creek Village, adjacent to the nursing home. The facility provides 24-hour staff supervision and a variety of support services.

## LIBRARY

The Auburn Memorial Library contains 30,732 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 65,168. Videos, books on tape, approximately 80 magazine subscriptions, children and adult programming, and several public access computers with Internet services are available at the library. Volunteers deliver materials to the Good Samaritan Nursing Home and Nemaha County Hospital. Additional programs include a garden club, book circle, preschool, story time, GED program periodic community coffees, and summer reading program. A meeting room is available for groups.

The Peru State College's library, 11 miles from Auburn, is open to the public as well as students. The library contains more than 119,000 volumes and 1,500 periodicals. Assistance is provided to everyone with a need for academic information. Special collections are open by appointment.

## RECREATION

The four city parks in Auburn cover 34 acres. Facilities include shelter, picnic areas, playground areas, lighted tennis courts, basketball court, sand volleyball court, five softball/baseball fields, and swimming pool.

The five-member parks and recreation board manages all swimming pool, parks, and recreation facilities. The city employs a full-time parks and recreation director with numerous seasonal employees. Annual expenditures for the last three years averaged \$251,875.

City recreation programs include softball, baseball, tennis, golf, swimming, youth football, wrestling, T-ball/coach-pitch, basketball, and soccer.

### Area facilities:

Boating	— Missouri River, 10 miles
Bowling	— Alley with 8 lanes
Fishing	— Excellent fishing in small ponds in the park, Rotary Island, Missouri and Little Nemaha Rivers, 10 miles
Golf Courses	— 9-hole grass greens course with clubhouse
Hiking/Biking Trails	— Rotary Island walking trail and Steamboat Trace Trail, 20 miles, along the Missouri River and Limestone Bluffs
Hiking/Horseback Riding	— Indian Cave State Park, 20 miles
Hunting	— Excellent hunting for deer, pheasant, and quail
Museums	— 6 museums in Brownville, Brownville Concert Hall, Brownville Village theater, 15 miles; Nemaha Valley Museum, 20 miles
RV Parks	— 3 parks
Soccer	— 4 fields
Softball/baseball	— 5 fields
Swimming	— Pool with 150-foot water slide in park
Tennis	— 5 lighted, hard-surfaced courts



Swimming Pool



Swim Meet



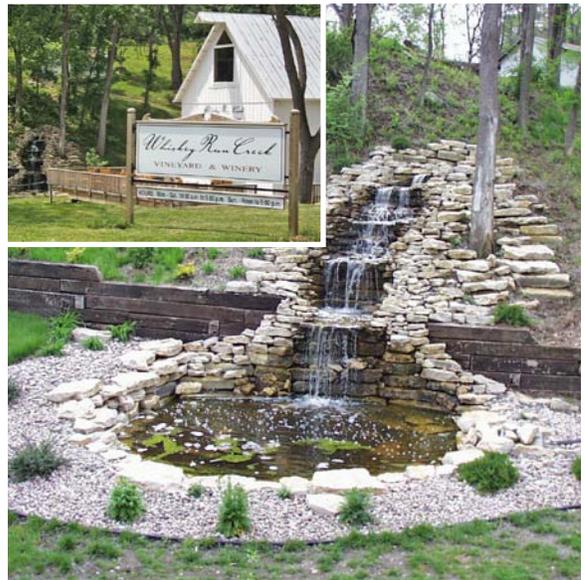
Soccer



Golf



Coryell Chapel Park



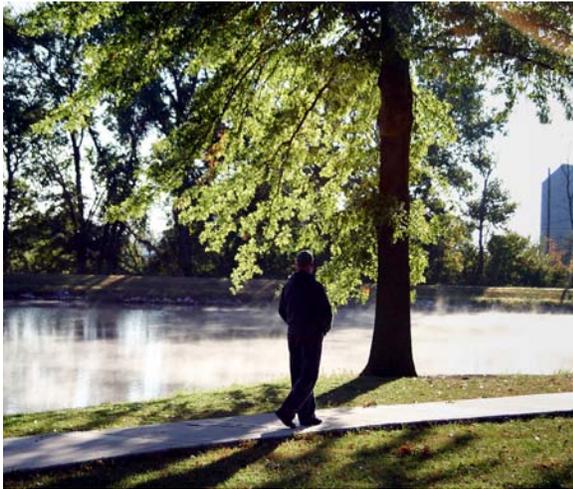
Whiskey Run Creek



Legion Park Flags



Legion Park Bandshell



Rotary Island Walking Trail



Fishing at Rotary Island



Rodeo



Mud Drags

Theatres — Movie theatre in Auburn, Peru State College theatre with capacity for 600, 11 miles

Annual events include National Industry Recognition Week, Annual Litter Clean Up, and Music in the Park-Country Music Festival in May; Chamber Golf Classic, citywide garage sales, rodeo, downtown sidewalk sale, and Music in the Park-Solstice Fest in the month of June; Independence Day Bash and Eagles' 4th of July Celebration with fireworks in the month of July; county fair and parade in August; Fall Festival includes car show, outdoor music, entertainment, and flea market in September; traditional Christmas opening with carols, wagon rides, store open houses in November; and Christmas on the Square with parade, puppet theater, carriage rides, and family activities in December.

The **Auburn Recreation Complex** includes two adult size regulation soccer fields (which can be split into four youth-size fields), four lighted adult league softball fields, four smaller ball fields, concession stands, parking, and spectator seating to accommodate district and regional tournaments.

The **Nemaha County Wellness Center** is a recreational gym equipped with state-of-the-art fitness technology. In addition to a weight room, the center has a gym, racquetball court, sauna, and pool. Activities include, but are not limited to, aerobic classes, dance classes, karate, babysitting, massage, youth basketball and volleyball leagues, adult softball, fun runs, dances, camps, craft shows, and various seminars.

The **Senior Citizens Center** in Auburn provides meals and various activities such as cards, pool, and snooker. The senior center also provides Meals on Wheels to homebound residents.

The **Nemaha Valley Museum** in Auburn holds many artifacts of Nemaha County and

has a library/archive and research room. A second museum north of Auburn houses antique cars and agricultural equipment.

**Coryell Park**, six miles north of Auburn, is a unique countryside retreat. Situated on 32 acres of wooded, rolling hills, the park is an open-air museum of the Richard Coryell family history. A shrine building houses a bell from the Brock Baptist Church and a 2,500 pound Jerusalem stone authenticated as dating to the Herodian Period. Also located in the park is an extensive doll collection belonging to Mrs. Coryell, a limestone chapel, Coryell Mausoleum, enclosed shelter, and auditorium.

**Indian Cave State Park**, 20 miles from Auburn, covers 3,000 acres and edges the mighty Missouri River. The cave is a natural formation, created by silt and fine-grained sand deposits in a Pennsylvanian rock channel. Ancient Indian picture writings etched on the walls of the cave are the only known example of the kind found in Nebraska. The park offers camping, hiking (20 miles of trails), backpacking, horseback rides, picnicking, and winter sports. Camping areas accommodate 225 units and are equipped with picnic tables, showers, rest rooms, and electrical hookups. Two laundromats are located at the shower houses.

## HOUSING

### New Construction

Nine new homes were constructed in 2007 and 2008 and five were built in 2009. The cost of new home construction averages \$105 per square foot. Building permits were issued during the last five years for:

Single family	43
Apartments	9 (31 units)
Duplexes	1
Fourplexes	6

**Auburn Housing Market** (as of 6/09):

**Number of Homes on the Market**

Single Family - 55

**Avg. Selling Prices** (New and Existing)

Single Family Home

2,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom \$195,000

1,600 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom \$110,000

1,000 sq. ft. \$41,000

**Number of Single Family Homes**

**for Sale by Price** (New and Existing)

Less than \$100,000 36

\$100,001–\$150,000 7

\$150,001–\$200,000 6

\$200,001–\$250,000 4

Over \$250,001 2

**Rentals**

Executive Style Home - \$1,200  
3,000 sq. ft.

Apartment - 2 bedroom \$650

Apartment Vacancy Rate 10%

**Affordable Housing**

**Sheridan Apartments** with 16 units was built in 1992.

**South Glen Apartments** has 16 units built in 1999.

**Westbury Heights Apartments** was built in 1994 in Auburn. This 24-unit complex for the elderly, disabled, and handicapped has a community room for residents.

**Terrace Heights Village Apartments** was built in 2003 with an addition in 2005. This is a 32-unit complex with a clubhouse for the elderly.

**Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing**

**Valley View Apartments**, built in 1966, has 50 units for ages 55 and over or the disabled. Services offered include laundry facilities, exercise equipment, and numerous social activities.

**Assisted Living**

**Longs Creek Village**, a 24-unit assisted living facility in Auburn, was constructed in 2000 adjacent to the Good Samaritan Home. It offers 24 one- and two-bedroom apartments, 24-hour staff supervision, and a variety of supportive services.

**FINANCIAL**

As of June 30, 2009:

Name	Capital		
	Accounts	Deposits	Loans
----- thousand dollars -----			
Auburn State Bank	\$15,027	\$58,678	\$43,918
Carson National Bank	\$7,060	\$43,206	\$24,628
First National Bank of Johnson	\$13,010	\$451,813	\$12,234
Union Bank & Trust*	\$202,000	\$2,152,557	\$2,080,406

\*Union Bank & Trust has a branch location in Auburn; figures represent headquarters.

TierOne has one branch office in Auburn.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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### PROFESSIONAL

Attorneys.....	8
Auctioneers .....	2
Certified Public Accountants .....	2
Chiropractors.....	2
Dentists .....	3
Medical Doctors (residing in Auburn)	
—family practitioners .....	5
Medical Doctors (on hospital consulting staff)	
—cardiologists .....	9
—certified registered nurse anesthetists .....	2
—ear, nose & throat .....	1
—family practitioners .....	5
—gastroenterologists .....	2
—general surgeons.....	2
—neurologists .....	3
—obstetricians/gynecologists .....	2
—oncologists .....	4
—ophthalmologists .....	2
—orthopedic surgeons .....	2
—pain.....	2
—pathologists .....	2
—physician assistants .....	13
—pulmonologists.....	2
—radiologists.....	17
—urologists.....	1
—vascular surgeons .....	2
Nurse Practitioners.....	7
Nurses, Registered .....	27
Optometrists.....	2
Pharmacists .....	6
Podiatrists.....	1
Veterinarians .....	2

### BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies.....	2
Agricultural Implement Dealers .....	1
Antique Shops.....	1
Apparel Stores—childrens .....	1
—combination.....	1
—men’s .....	1
—women’s .....	2
Appliance Stores .....	1
Auto Repair & Service.....	4
Auto Supply Parts .....	2
Automobile Dealers (new & used) .....	2

Automobile Renting & Leasing .....	1	
Bakeries.....	1	
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums .....	2	
Beauty Salons.....	6	
Carpet & Rug Dealers .....	1	
Caterers .....	2	
Child Care Services.....	16	
Contractors—building.....	12	
—carpentry.....	12	
—concrete .....	3	
—electric .....	16	
—excavating.....	3	
—flooring .....	2	
—general .....	12	
—gravel.....	3	
—heating & air conditioning.....	24	
—painting.....	6	
—plumbing.....	29	
—remodeling & repairing .....	12	
—roofing .....	6	
Convenience Stores.....	2	
Copying & Duplicating Services .....	3	
Craft Stores .....	2	
Discount Stores .....	1	
Dry Cleaning & Laundries.....	1	
Drug Stores .....	4	
Farm/Ranch Supplies .....	1	
Fertilizers .....	1	
Floral Shops .....	3	
Garbage Collectors (contracted) .....	1	
Gift Shops .....	4	
Grain Dealers .....	1	
Grocery Stores .....	2	
Hardware Stores.....	1	
Health Clubs.....	2	
Industrial Equipment & Supplies.....	2	
Insurance Companies .....	12	
Interior Decorators & Designers.....	3	
Jewelry Stores.....	1	
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies.....	6	
Laundries (self-service) .....	1	
Lawn Services.....	3	
Lumberyards .....	1	
Motels/Hotels.....	4	(119 rooms)
Office Equipment Services & Supplies .....	1	
Photography Studios .....	2	
Preschools .....	2	
Printers .....	1	
Real Estate Firms .....	4	
Restaurants.....	14	

Service Stations.....	3
Shoe Stores.....	2
Theatres.....	1
Travel Agencies & Bureaus .....	1
Upholstery Shops.....	1
Variety Stores.....	2
Welding Shops .....	1



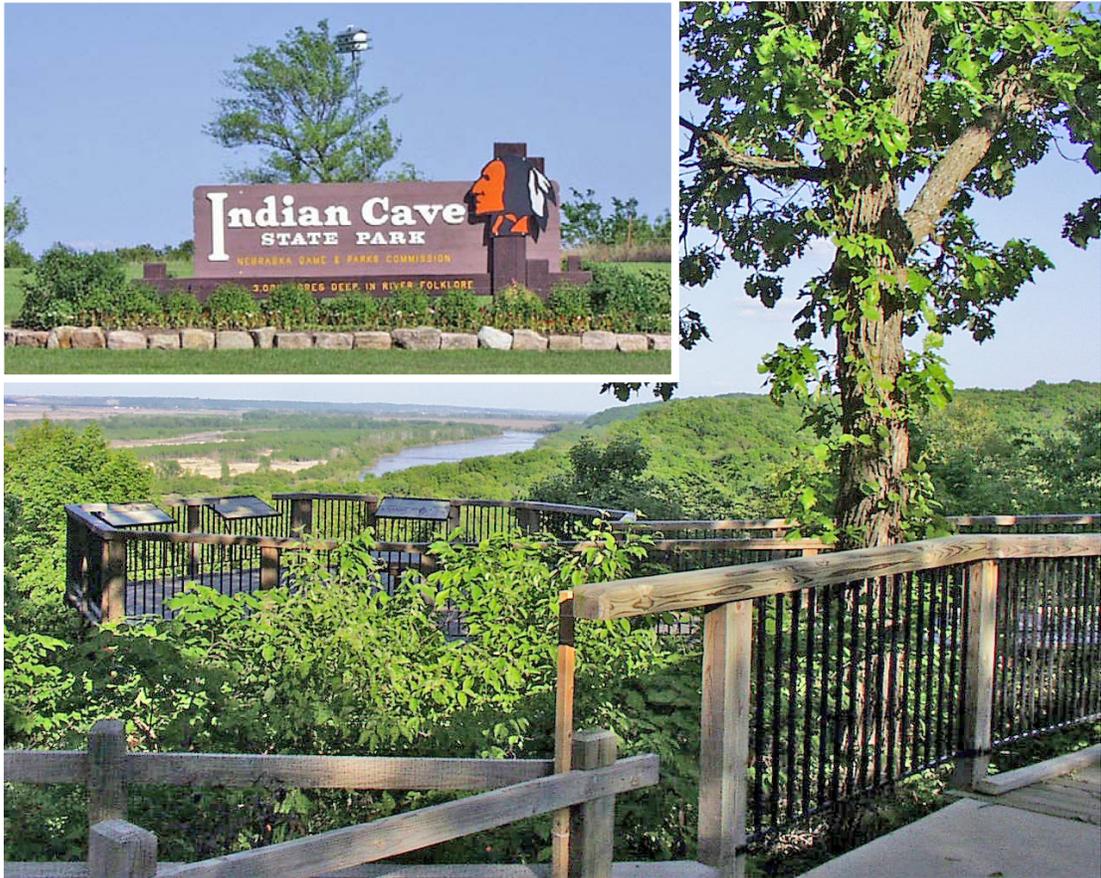
Terrace Heights Village Apartments



Westbury Heights Apartments



Nemaha Valley Museum



Indian Cave State Park

## AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

### AGRICULTURE

2007 Statistics	Nemaha County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	449	47,712
Land in Farms (acres)	212,686	45,480,358
Average Size of Farms (acres)	474	953
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$72,133,000	\$15,506,035,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$160,652	\$324,992
Total Acres Irrigated	8,439	8,558,559
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	4.0%	18.8%
<b>Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2004–2008)</b>		
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)	14,034 tons	4,232,000 tons
All Wheat	226,660 bu.	69,730,000 bu.
Corn for Grain	10,554,940 bu.	1,326,770,000 bu.
Soybeans	3,552,540 bu.	225,334,000 bu.
<b>Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2005–2009)</b>		
All Cattle	18,400	6,470,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2004–2009  
2007 Census of Agriculture

### RAW MATERIALS

Nonmetallic minerals are available in neighboring counties.



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# CLIMATE

## TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature			Precipitation		Humidity*	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	14.7	25.2	35.7	.89	6.2	79	67
February	18.9	29.7	40.5	1.19	6.4	81	66
March	28.8	40.7	52.5	2.12	5.7	81	61
April	40.4	53.0	65.7	2.95	1.3	80	56
May	51.4	63.5	75.5	4.58	0.0	84	60
June	61.0	72.8	84.5	4.80	0.0	83	58
July	65.7	77.7	89.9	4.01	0.0	83	58
August	63.5	75.8	88.0	3.92	0.0	87	61
September	54.6	67.4	80.1	3.67	0.0	85	59
October	43.1	56.0	69.0	2.54	0.6	81	56
November	30.2	41.4	52.6	1.60	2.1	82	63
December	19.1	29.2	39.4	1.08	5.1	81	67
<b>Annual</b>	41.0	52.7	64.5	33.35	27.5	82	61

\*Recorded at Lincoln Weather Station

### FROST DATA

Average date of spring freeze probability .....	April 24
Average date of fall freeze probability.....	October 6
Average length of freeze free season probability.....	165 days
Average number of heating degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	5,717
Average number of cooling degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit.....	1,266
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average).....	9
Prevailing wind direction (annual average) .....	North

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1893–2009, [www.hprcc.unl.edu](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu)