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COMMUNITY GUIDE



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ABOUT
Auburn
 NEBRASKA

The community of Auburn is centered in the heart of Nemaha County and is the hub for industry, shopping, and tourism in the area. The towns of Calvert and Sheridan merged in 1882 to become the town of Auburn. A shift in economic emphasis brought the county seat to Auburn from Brownville in 1883. The rivalry still existed between Calvert and

Sheridan, so when the county seat was determined to be Auburn, the community leaders made the decision to locate the courthouse at the top of the hill in the middle of both towns. Courthouse Avenue was built to connect the two areas, with the hope the two former towns would unite.

The Auburn Historic Preservation Board was created in 2012. It was announced on July 14, 2014, that the Auburn Historic District was officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The District includes the Sheridan Business District at the crossroads of Highways 75 and 136, and the Courthouse Square Calvert Business District with the two areas being connected by the original brick Courthouse Avenue.

Auburn is one of the first six communities to be an Economic Development Certified Community by the Nebraska Diplomats and the state of Nebraska. The certification process ensures that communities are “prospect ready” and are able to respond to economic developers in a quick and efficient manner to expand the growth of the state of Nebraska.

Auburn has the honor of being the longest running designation of Tree City USA (38 years). In 2000, Auburn was given the National Millennium Arbor Day Award. This award was given to only one city in each state. One of the main focuses of the Forestry Program is educating the youth in our community about the importance of trees and their care.

2013 U.S. Census Population	
Auburn	3,385
Nemaha County	7,157

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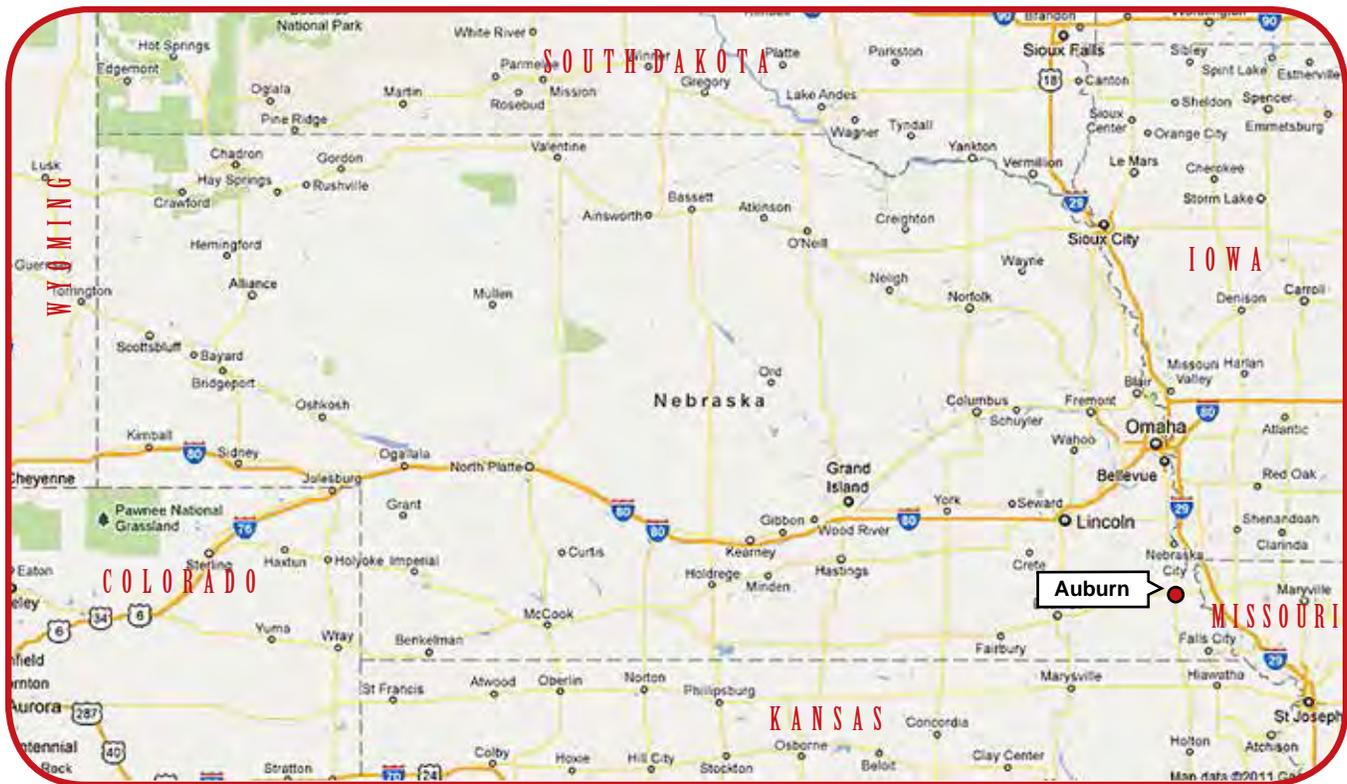
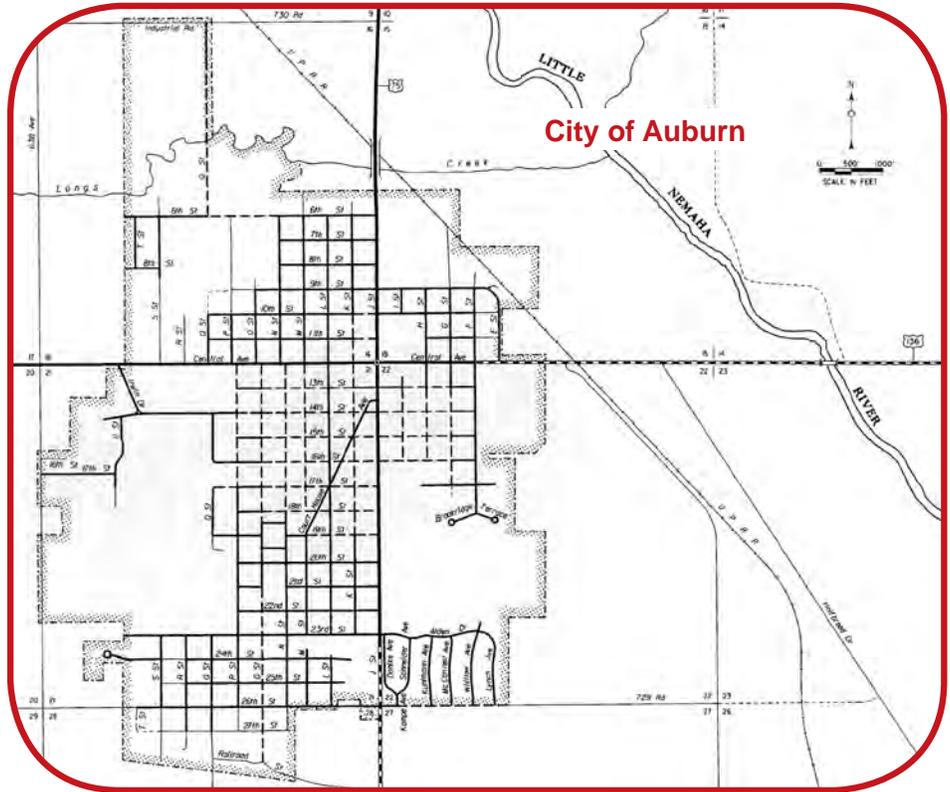
Geography

Location

Auburn, the county seat of Nemaha County, is located in southeast Nebraska at the junction of U.S. Highways 75 and 136. Auburn is 63 miles south of Omaha, 69 miles southeast of Lincoln, and 130 miles northwest of Kansas City, Missouri.

Elevation

Auburn is 984 feet above sea level.



Economic Development

Firms with retail sales tax permits in Auburn reported 2013 net taxable retail sales of \$31,357,784, while Nemaha County reported retail sales of \$36,419,279.

Nebraska Public Power District's Cooper Nuclear Station, 12 miles east from Auburn, is the major employer in the area employing approximately 700 people from the southeast Nebraska region. The Cooper Nuclear training facility and offsite emergency management office are located in Auburn.

In 2015 a large 345 kV transmission line is planned to be built by Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) just east of Auburn. This project will travel 180 miles from Nebraska City, Nebraska, to Sibley, Missouri. The Southwest Power Pool has partnered with OPPD and Kansas City Power and Light to construct this line to relieve congestion on the electric grid, enhance security, and advance renewable energy.

A large deposit of Niobium has been identified in Johnson County, west of Nemaha County. Mining should start in the next couple of years. This will be the first domestic production of this material in decades and will greatly enhance the economy in southeast Nebraska.

Economic Development Organizations

Auburn Development Council (ADC) was established nearly 20 years ago and is composed of a group of committed individuals dedicated to carrying out the mission of the organization, "To facilitate the retention, recruitment, and expansion of business and housing in Auburn and the surrounding Nemaha County region." The board of directors for the 501c3 non-profit corporation is made up of 12 individuals from Nemaha County.



Ariens

The organization is financed by dues of its members and other donations. ADC owns 23 plus acres adjacent to the Industrial Park.

Auburn Development Council sponsors a Nemaha County Leadership class annually. The nine-session course focuses on developing leadership and board readiness skills; increasing awareness about county and community issues and resources; networking; nurturing and exposing stewardship opportunities; and capacity building for the future of Nemaha County.

Auburn Chamber of Commerce

The Auburn Chamber of Commerce began in 1946 with the determined goal of helping the Auburn community and its businesses grow. Today, the Auburn Chamber of Commerce still follows that same plan of action with a focus on economic development, community growth, and supporting the local businesses and community members.

The chamber is made up of a volunteer board of directors and an executive director. The board of directors serve as the advisory board that guides the general operations and the executive director facilitates the daily operations. The chamber also has two sub-committees—Marketing and Promotions and the Auburn Ambassadors. The Marketing and Promotions committee works on events that help promote local business commerce and the Auburn community as a whole. The Auburn Ambassadors serve as a volunteer organization that assists with promotions such as chamber coffees and business open houses. The chamber partners with many organizations and businesses throughout the year.



Magnolia Metal Corp.

Auburn's Manufacturing Employers

	<i>Employees</i>
Ariens <i>Ground maintenance & earth construction equipment</i>	260
Magnolia Metal Corp. <i>Bronze bushings, bearings, babbitts & wear plates</i>	70
Southeast Ready Mix <i>Ready-mix concrete</i>	12



Southeast Ready Mix



NPPD Sheridan Training Facility



Stutheit Implement Co.

Auburn's Top Ten Nonmanufacturing Employers

	<i>Employees</i>
Nebraska Public Power District - Sheridan Training Facility / Emergency Preparedness Center <i>Electric utility</i>	700*
Auburn Public Schools <i>Education</i>	150
Good Samaritan Society <i>Health care</i>	120
Nemaha County Hospital <i>Medical</i>	86
Educational Service Unit 4 <i>Education</i>	70
Nemaha County <i>Government</i>	62
Southeast Nebraska Developmental Services (SENDS) <i>Social services</i>	60
Sun Mart <i>Grocery store</i>	35
Shopko <i>Retail</i>	25
Stutheit Implement Co. <i>Farm equipment dealer and repair</i>	23

*Includes employees from Cooper Nuclear Station located in Brownville, 12 miles east of Auburn



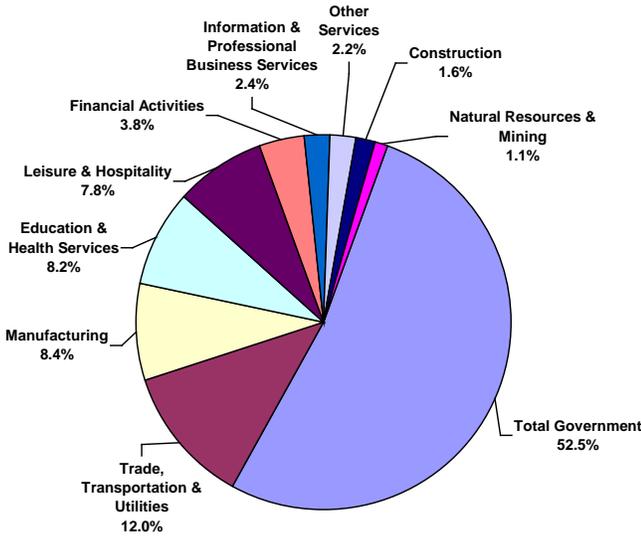
Shopko



Sun Mart

✓ Labor

Nonfarm Wage & Salary Employment, Nemaha County, 2013 Annual Average



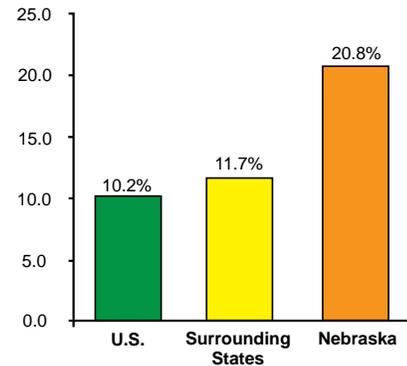
Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

Unemployment Rate Annual Average 2013

Nemaha County	5.7%
Nebraska	3.9%
United States	7.4%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

2006-2011 Percent Change Value Added Per Dollar Manufacturing Production Worker Wages Nebraska, Surrounding States & U.S.



Surrounding states include data for states contiguous to Nebraska as a group, including Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, www.census.gov

Nemaha County Labor Supply Annual Average 2013

	Nemaha & Contiguous Counties*	Nemaha County
Non-farm wage and salary workers.....	14,386	3,106
Total employment.....	20,413	3,282
Labor market population	21,389	3,482
ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY		
County high school graduates annually.....		89
Commuting out of county (2011).....		1,828
Unemployed.....		200
Total.....		2,117

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

*Contiguous counties include Johnson, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson Counties in Nebraska. Figures for Atchison and Holt Counties in Missouri were not available.

Unionization

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution. In 2012, 6.0 percent of Nebraska’s wage and salary workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 11.3 percent.

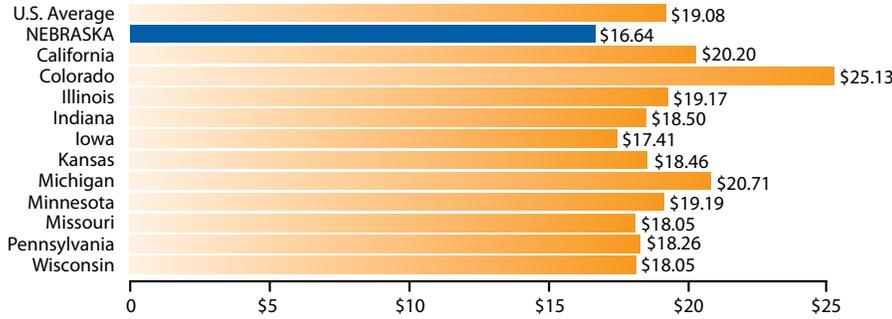
Local Labor Unions

- Auburn Public Schools - Auburn Education Association
- Board of Public Works - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- United Parcel Service - Teamsters

Fringe Benefits

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range from 27 to 40 percent of wages.

Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers, 2012



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov)

Average Annual Unemployment Insurance Contribution Per Covered Employee, 2012



Source: Values calculated by Ken Lemke, Nebraska Public Power District, from U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. Average Employer Contribution Rates by State, 2012. <http://workforcesecurity.doleta.gov>

Wage Sampling: Hourly wage rates for various occupations, Southeast Region, Nebraska

Job Title	10th Percentile	50th Percentile	90th Percentile
Accountants and Auditors	\$18.46	\$26.64	\$46.13
Computer Programmers	\$24.20	\$28.46	\$38.44
Registered Nurses	\$19.48	\$25.53	\$34.28
Retail Salespersons	\$7.99	\$10.04	\$15.41
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical	\$9.69	\$13.36	\$18.47
Customer Service Representatives	\$7.91	\$9.93	\$19.90
Office Clerks, General	\$8.08	\$10.82	\$15.21
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	\$7.96	\$9.67	\$13.54
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$9.09	\$12.88	\$18.08
Machinists	\$13.11	\$18.94	\$27.39
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$11.22	\$16.18	\$22.18
Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters	\$12.47	\$13.73	\$15.00
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$11.82	\$14.49	\$22.68
Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters	\$10.00	\$12.64	\$17.63
Electricians	\$15.12	\$18.33	\$29.42
Tool and Die Makers	\$15.12	\$19.21	\$22.92

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, First Quarter 2014

Workforce

The Nebraska Department of Labor serves employers and job seekers across Nebraska through its “One-Stop 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 full array of employment and training related services including on-site services provided by a network of mandatory Workforce Investment Act partners. The nearest One-Stop Career Center is located in Nebraska City, 20 miles north of Auburn.

To learn more about these and other services visit <https://networks.nebraska.gov>.

Market Access

Highways

Auburn is located at the junction of U.S. Highway 75 and U.S. Highway 136. There are no local road restrictions. Interstate 29 (north-south) is 13 miles east of Auburn and Interstate 80 (east-west) is 65 miles north. U.S. Highway 2 (east-west), a four-lane highway, is 20 miles north.

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 CG Trucking, Larry G. Kruger Trucking, Laxdal Trucking, Leroy Able Farms, and Duane Volker.

The following trucking map is based on Lincoln, Nebraska, 69 miles northwest of Auburn.



Source: Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Legal Trucking Distances from Lincoln, Nebraska [maps]. 2014. 1:26,000,000; generated by Melissa Trueblood; using ESRI Business Analyst Desktop 10.2.1 Software and Data.

Bus Lines

The Greyhound Bus Line serves Omaha, 63 miles north and Lincoln, 69 miles northwest of Auburn.

Rail

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 at (308) 289-1911 or visit www.uprr.com/customers/ind-dev.

Amtrak provides Lincoln, 69 miles northwest of Auburn, with rail passenger service throughout the United States. Additional Nebraska Amtrak stations are located in Hastings, Holdrege, McCook, and Omaha. For more information, visit www.amtrak.com.

Air

Farington Field Airport is located approximately 2.5 miles east of Auburn. The airport has a 4,000-foot north-south turf, lighted runway and a 1,600-foot cross-wind turf runway. The facility has a fairly new terminal building to serve pilots that visit the facility with a lobby, restroom, and conference area. Other services offered are 100 low-lead fuel and four tie-downs. There are eight hangared planes at the site. The elevation at the airport is 932 feet, the latitude is 40-23N, and the longitude is 095-47W. The airstrip has runway lighting that can be activated by the common air traffic frequency of 122.9. Future improvements include a new hangar in 2015. A paved runway is also being considered.



*Farington Field Airport
Photo provided by Kendall Neiman*

Nearest Commercial Air Service

Eppley Airfield	
Omaha.....	67 miles, 73 minutes
Lincoln Airport	
Lincoln.....	74 miles, 83 minutes
Kansas City International Airport	
Kansas City, MO.....	115 miles, 108 minutes

Water

Barge service is available at the barge terminal in Nebraska City, 22 miles north of Auburn on the Missouri River in Nebraska. The river is navigable approximately seven months per year. The U.S. Corps of Engineers maintains a 9-foot, 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 and fertilizer.

Infrastructure

Nebraska Highlights

Energy costs are often 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, the state claims industrial rates well below the national average. Nebraska electric utilities are able to offer low rates, in part, because they draw from a balanced and efficient "mix" of generation resources. This mix includes coal, natural gas, oil, diesel, and methane along with carbon-free generation, like nuclear power, wind power, and hydropower.

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) is the state's largest electric generating utility in terms of chartered territory, which includes all or parts of 86 of Nebraska's 93 counties. NPPD relies upon nine 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.

NPPD has a new wholesale Economic Development Rate (EDR) for qualifying projects. To be eligible for the new, low EDR, a project must be a customer of NPPD's

Retail Division or an NPPD wholesale customer, generate a new or additional electric load of at least one megawatt, have a minimum monthly load demand factor of sixty percent, and receive Nebraska Advantage economic development incentives offered through Nebraska's Department of Economic Development.

NPPD is the state's leader in generating electricity with renewable resources. NPPD owns and operates three hydropower facilities and a 36-turbine, 60-megawatt wind energy facility. NPPD has invested millions in the state's development of wind power during the past 13 years. Knowing that it would be more economical for ratepayers, NPPD recently signed 20-year, multi-million-dollar agreements with private wind developers to purchase power generated from community-based, wind-powered generation facilities. In addition, NPPD continues to explore other opportunities to add more wind power to its generation portfolio in the next ten years.

With a proven not-for-profit power system, strong infrastructure, a commitment to renewable energy, and a plan for meeting customer's needs well into the future, Nebraska's public power utilities help make Nebraska an excellent location for industries.

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 Kinder Morgan, 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.



Beatrice Power Station



Cooper Nuclear Station



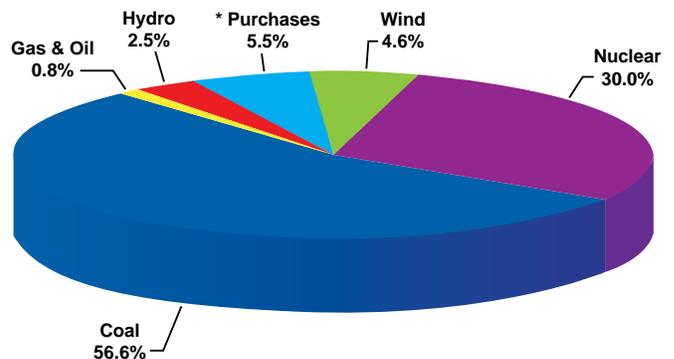
Gerald Gentleman Station



Ainsworth Wind Facility

NPPD's Sources of Energy - 2013

(All resources owned or purchased)



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

	Electric <i>(Cents per Kilowatt Hour)</i>			Natural Gas <i>(Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet)</i>		
	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
U.S. Average	11.88	10.09	6.67	10.71	8.10	3.89
NEBRASKA	10.04	8.38	7.01	8.68	6.19	4.34
California	15.34	13.41	10.49	9.14	7.04	5.77
Colorado	11.46	9.39	6.95	8.31	7.58	5.79
Illinois	11.38	7.99	5.80	8.26	7.77	5.64
Indiana	10.53	9.14	6.34	8.94	7.68	6.19
Iowa	10.82	8.01	5.30	9.46	7.13	4.70
Kansas	11.24	9.24	7.09	10.13	8.82	3.95
Massachusetts	14.91	13.84	12.57	13.22	10.68	9.82
Michigan	14.13	10.93	7.62	10.86	8.35	7.38
Minnesota	11.35	8.84	6.54	8.00	6.38	4.48
Missouri	10.17	8.20	5.89	12.25	9.54	7.93
New Jersey	15.78	12.78	10.52	11.09	8.50	7.87
New York	17.62	15.06	6.70	12.97	7.84	6.92
Ohio	11.76	9.47	6.24	9.91	7.11	5.48
Pennsylvania	12.75	9.44	7.23	11.99	10.24	9.58
Texas	10.98	8.16	5.57	10.55	6.63	3.02
Wisconsin	13.19	10.51	7.34	9.27	7.34	5.81

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2012 Annual

Auburn Utilities

Electricity

Auburn Board of Public Works (BPW) is provided electric service by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). The major source of power to Auburn and the surrounding area is provided by a loop feed 69 kV volt feeder line from two 115 kV substations. BPW has its own diesel/natural gas power plant with the capacity to provide full power to customers in the event of the loss of transmission feed.

The BPW also provides electrical service to the surrounding rural area and the villages of Brownville, Johnson, and Nemaha.

Base Electric Rates *(effective 1/1/2014)*

Summer bills run from June–September.

Winter bills run from October–May.

Industrial / Large Power	
Customer Charge:	\$50.80 per month
Demand Charge:	
Summer	Winter
\$7.50	\$5.00
per kW of billing demand	
Energy Charge:	
Summer	
6.30¢	per kWh for first 150,000 kWh
5.41¢	per kWh for all additional use
Winter	
5.51¢	per kWh for first 100,000 kWh
6.42¢	per kWh for all additional use

General Service Demand

Customer Charge:		
Three Phase		\$30.50 per month
Demand Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
\$8.25	\$6.03	per kW of billing demand
Energy Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
5.26¢	5.23¢	per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month

Rural Residential Service

Customer Charge:		\$11.70 per month
Summer	Winter	
8.75¢	9.41¢	per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh used per month
8.75¢	6.00¢	per kWh for all additional use

For information regarding utility rates and service, contact Dave Hunter, manager, Board of Public Works, Auburn, (402) 274-4981, www.auburnbpw.com.

General Service

Customer Charge:		
Single Phase		\$15.90 per month
Three Phase		\$18.30 per month
Summer	Winter	
8.74¢	9.52¢	per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh used per month
8.74¢	6.42¢	per kWh for all additional use
Three Phase Demand Charge Over 100 kW		
Summer	Winter	
\$8.26	\$6.85	per kW



Auburn Board of Public Works

Natural Gas

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

Auburn is served by a 4-inch steel line with 100 pounds pressure per square inch. Distribution lines providing service to residential, commercial, and industrial customers run throughout the community.

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 and commodity price fluctuation. Current rates for the commercial/light industrial class customer, as well as one year's history for Nebraska Area 3, can be found on Black Hill's website at www.blackhillsenergy.com.

Contact the Economic Development Department of Black Hills Energy at (800) 232-1850 for information regarding gas rates and service.

Residential Service

Customer Charge:		\$9.10 per month
Summer	Winter	
8.36¢	8.94¢	per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh used per month
8.36¢	5.05¢	per kWh for all additional use

Other Fuels

LP Gas & Oil

LP gas and oil are available in Auburn for residential, commercial, and industrial uses from Auburn Farmer's Cooperative.

Water

The municipal water system in Auburn, serving the entire city and surrounding rural areas, is supplied by 11 wells, which have an average depth of 50 feet. The Board of Public Works completed a new "water under the influence of ground water" Water Treatment Plant in 2011. The plant has a treatment capacity of 1,400 gallons per minute. The city has a storage capacity of 1,750,000 gallons. The average daily demand on the system is 450,000 gallons and the peak daily demand is 750,000 gallons. The plant has a maximum capacity of 3,000,000 gallons per day.

The Auburn Water Treatment Plant is the first in the state to recycle filter backwash water, which saves more than 10,000,000 gallons per year.

The Board of Public Works invested \$6,000,000 in a new raw water line treatment plant and well in 2011.

Water Rates (effective 1/1/2014)

An \$850 installation/tapping fee is charged for a new 1-inch water service from the city main to the property line.

Basic Water Rates	
Customer Charge:	\$12.70–\$125.00 per month (depends on size of meter)
Usage Fee:	Per 1,000 Gallons
Rural Residential	\$4.15
Urban Residential	\$4.12
Rural General Service	\$4.15
General Service	\$4.12
Temporary or Seasonal	\$4.50

Sewerage

Auburn has a municipal sanitary sewerage system. The wastewater treatment plant, which is an activated sludge treatment plant, was put into service in 2010 and has a daily capacity of 2,900,000 gallons and an

average daily flow of 300,000 gallons. The plant also has advance ammonia and denitrification. The plant uses green technology treatment by recycling treated discharge water for plant operation and reed beds for the breakdown of biodegradable solids.

The Board of Public Works invested \$8.5 million in a new wastewater treatment plant, lift stations, and sewer lines in 2010.

Sewer-Use Charges (effective 1/1/2014)

Residential	
Customer Charge:	\$30.00 per month
Usage Fee:	\$3.40 per 1,000 gallons

Residential service rates are based on the average water use for the months of January, February, and March.

Commercial	
Customer Charge:	\$22.00 per month
Usage Fee:	\$8.60 per 1,000 gallons

Commercial service rates are based on the previous month's water usage.

Solid Waste Disposal

Privately owned waste removal services are available in Auburn.

Recycling

The City of Auburn has curbside recycling pick up provided by American Recycling and Sanitation, which is included with garbage service. Items accepted include #1 and #2 plastics, tin, aluminum, paper, and cardboard.

The City of Auburn and Nemaha County also have a recycling lot open from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Items accepted include #1 and #2 plastics, tin, aluminum, paper, cardboard, appliances, and used oil. Yard waste and tree branches are accepted 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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

Service Providers

Windstream Communications

800-347-1991 (Residential)
888-284-7135 (Commercial)
www.windstream.com

Time Warner Cable

800-248-8823
www.timewarnercable.com

Unite Private Networks (UPN), headquartered in the Kansas City Metro area, provides services to Auburn Public Schools and Education Service Unit No. 4. UPN provides high-bandwidth, fiber-based communications networks and services to schools, government, carriers, data centers, hospitals, and enterprise business customers across a 20-state services area. Service offerings include dark and lit fiber, private line, metro-optical Ethernet, Internet access, data center services, and other customized solutions.

Cable & Satellite

Service Providers

Time Warner Cable

800-248-8823
www.timewarnercable.com

Dish Network

888-731-8008
www.dishnetwork.com

DIRECTV

800-531-5000
www.directv.com

Post Office

The U.S. Postal Service in Auburn provides house-to-house delivery service and has two mail receipts and two dispatches daily.

The Auburn Post Office is on the Nebraska National Historic Register. The post office was selected in the mid-1930s, through the New Deal Programs such as the Public Works of Art Project and the Works Progress Administration Federal Art Project. The mural "Threshing" by Ethel Magafan is one of 12 post office murals in the state of Nebraska.



U.S. Post Office



"Threshing" by Ethel Magafan

Package Delivery Service

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



UPS

Newspaper

The Nemaha County Herald, established in 1888, has been serving Auburn and the surrounding Nemaha County communities for more than 125 years. The weekly newspaper directly serves more than 4,500 readers every Thursday and has a web presence at www.anewspaper.net. Daily papers delivered locally are the Lincoln Journal Star, Omaha World-Herald, and USA Today.



Nemaha County Herald

Radio

Stations Carrying Local News		
Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KBIE-FM	103.1 MHz	Nebraska City
KNCY-AM	1600 KHz	Nebraska City
KNCY-FM	105.5 MHz	Nebraska City
KLZA-FM	101.3 MHz	Falls City
KTNC-AM	1230 KHz	Falls City

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

Tax Structure

Nebraska Highlights

- Nebraska assesses income tax based upon the amount of federal taxable income
- No state property tax
- No inventory tax
- No personal property tax on intangibles
- 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

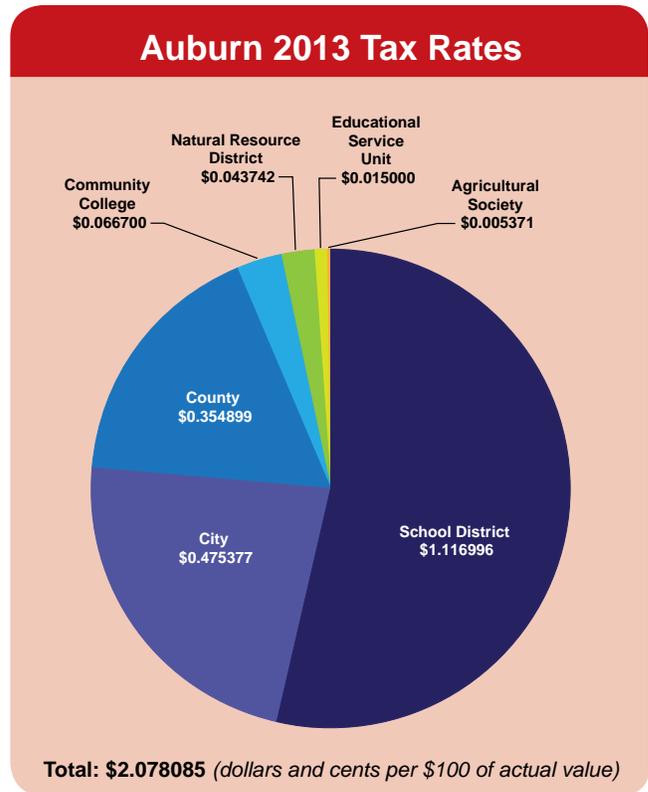
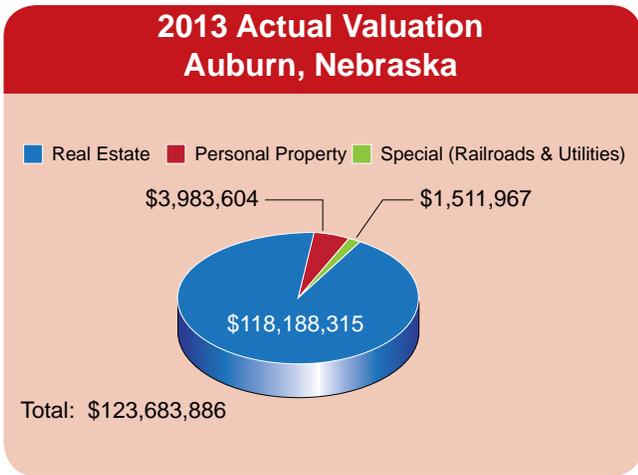
counties, cities, school districts, fire districts, etc., to provide for local services. All real property except agricultural land is assessed at actual or market value. Agricultural land is assessed at 75 percent of actual value. Personal property is assessed at net book value. Tax rates are expressed 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)

Nebraska Tax Incentives

Nebraska's performance-based tax incentive programs demonstrate the state's commitment to creating a favorable business environment for your business expansion or location. Known collectively as the "Nebraska Advantage Package," this multi-tiered program provides investment credits, wage credits, sales tax refunds based on investment and job creation in Nebraska. Qualified companies, large and small can take advantage of these benefits. For more information on the qualifications and potential benefits available to your company, contact the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (800) 426-6505 or visit www.neded.org.



Local Bonded Indebtedness

As of 12/31/2013:

City Revenue Bonds	\$1,305,000
City General Obligation Bonds	\$10,651,502
School District	\$5,750,000
Nemaha County Hospital	\$1,304,616



*Auburn City Hall, Chamber of Commerce,
Senior Center*



Nemaha County Courthouse

Local Government

Auburn, a second-class city, has a mayor-council form of government. The 2013–14 actual budget is \$2,720,323.

Nemaha County has nine precincts and is governed by three county commissioners, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The actual county budget for 2013–14 is \$11,377,468.

The City of Auburn and Nemaha County belong to the Southeast Nebraska Development District along with 15 other counties.

The board members of the Board of Public Works, the Historic Preservation Board, and the Community Redevelopment Authority Board are local citizens appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council.

Fire Protection

The Auburn Fire Department is a 40-member volunteer fire department, providing fire protection for the city of Auburn and Rural Fire District No. 8 in Nemaha County. Approximately 25 firefighters operate and maintain the Auburn rescue squad with 13 emergency medical technicians.

The city fire, rural fire, and rescue squad are housed in one fire station. Auburn has 290 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 5; outside it is 9. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$42,405.



Auburn Fire Department

2012 Crime Rates (per 1,000 population)

	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Auburn	1.1	5.4
Nemaha County	1.1	5.0
Nebraska	2.6	27.5
U.S. Total	3.9	28.6

Source: www.ncc.state.ne.us

Sheriff

The Nemaha County Sheriff's Department has 10 full-time sworn officers and nine support personnel. Standard equipment is used in the department along with a K-9 unit.



Nemaha County Sheriff's Department

State Patrol

Troop H of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Lincoln, 69 miles northwest of Auburn. One patrol officer is stationed in Auburn.

Streets

Auburn has 34.69 center-lane miles of streets; 21.64 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete, 8.15 miles are asphalt, and 0.92 miles are brick. Local load restrictions are enforced. Ninety-six percent of the streets have curbs and 30 percent have sidewalks.

Building Regulations

The International Building, Residential, Mechanical, and Plumbing Codes; the National Electrical Code; International Fire Code; and City Codes are enforced in Auburn.

Planning

Auburn has a seven-member planning commission. Members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council to serve three-year terms.

The Comprehensive Plan for Auburn was prepared by Hanna:Keelan Associates, P.C., of Lincoln and approved by the City Council in 2011.

Education

Auburn Public Schools	Students	Teacher/Pupil Ratio	Computer/Pupil Ratio
Calvert Elementary (Pre-K–5)	384	1:13	1:1
Middle School (6–8)	190	1:7	1:1
High School (9–12)	247	1:9	1:1

School District No. 29 in Auburn includes the towns of Auburn, Brownville, Howe, Julian, Peru, and the surrounding area in southeast Nebraska. The district covers 159 square miles and had a 2013–14 actual valuation of \$497,051,097, with an actual valuation per student of \$618,223. Auburn Public Schools is accredited by the State of Nebraska and a regional accreditation agency, AdvancED.

The 2012–13 school operating expenses totaled \$9,201,230, with an average cost per pupil of \$12,602.

Educators in the district strive to provide excellence in education for its more than 800 students. Differentiated instruction allows teachers to meet the varied needs of students. A high ability learner (HAL) program includes enrichment camps, HAL diploma program, advance classes, and academic competitions. High school students may also enroll in Advanced Placement, online, and/or dual credit classes. A school improvement process guides teachers and administrators in setting goals, assessing academic progress, and developing new instructional strategies to address students' needs. Currently, teacher staff development focuses on improving reading and math instruction, and integrating technology in instruction.

Calvert Elementary and the Middle School/High School had additions in 2009 at a cost of \$5.2 million. In 2011, the school invested \$300,000 into technology infrastructure upgrades and computers. The high school gymnasium was renovated in August 2014 at a cost of \$220,000. The renovation includes a new gym floor and new bleachers.

Based on the 2013 results of the Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) assessment tests in reading, math, and science, Auburn High School ranked first in reading and second in math. Auburn High School was compared with 39 other schools in Class C-1.

Report Card 2012–2013	
ACT Test	Composite
Auburn	21.7
Nebraska	21.5
National	20.9

Source: Nebraska Department of Education



Calvert Elementary School



Calvert Elementary School Playground



Auburn High School/Middle School



Auburn High School Track Meet



Auburn Public Schools Administration Building

Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 4 (ESU 4), headquartered in Auburn, is an intermediary agency that serves Pre-K–12 schools in Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson Counties. ESU 4, like all Nebraska Education Service Units, provides support resources that may be difficult for small, rural schools to provide. Thus, each school may select and contract for services based on its needs. Examples of services purchased by Auburn Public Schools are: Internet connectivity support, technology staff development, professional development for educational staff, and health care screening. Currently, Auburn Public Schools, ESU 4, and Head Start partner to provide early childhood programs for the district’s preschool students.



Educational Service Unit 4



Educational Service Unit 4 - Lifeskills

Special Services

Southeast Nebraska Developmental Services (SENDS) has been providing support to adults with intellectual disabilities in the Auburn area since 1973. SENDS is part of Region V Services, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, primarily serving 16 counties in the southeast corner of the state. SENDS provides day services and residential services. Support includes: opportunities for community participation, support in developing social skills, teaching independent living skills, and assisting in securing and maintaining jobs in the community.



Southeast Nebraska Development Services

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 Auburn High School Graduates

	Miles
Peru, NE	12
Peru State College	
Beatrice, NE	52
Southeast Community College	
Bellevue, NE	56
Bellevue University	
Nebraska Christian College	
Marysville, MO	59
Northwest Missouri State University	
Omaha, NE	63
Bryan College of Health Sciences	
Clarkson College	
College of Saint Mary	
Creighton University	
Grace University	
Hamilton College	
Joseph's College of Hair and Beauty	
ITT Technical Institute	
Kaplan University	
Metropolitan Community College	
Nebraska Methodist College of Nursing & Allied Health	
University of Nebraska at Omaha	
University of Nebraska Medical Center	
Vatterott College	
Lincoln, NE	69
Bryan College of Health Sciences	
College of Hair Design	
Kaplan University	
Nebraska Wesleyan University	
Southeast Community College	
Union College	
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	
Crete, NE	75
Doane College	
St. Joseph, MO	81
American College of Technology	
Missouri Western State University	
Vatterott College	
Fremont, NE	99
Midland University	
Kearney, NE	198
University of Nebraska at Kearney	

Quality of Life

Health Care

Hospital

Nemaha County Hospital (NCH), a county-owned facility and governed by state law, has served Nemaha County and the surrounding area for more than 50 years. *NCH's mission is to continuously advance healthcare in Nemaha County.* The five-board certified physicians, physician assistants, and staff support this goal on a daily basis in a modern facility with state-of-the-art technology. In 2013, the hospital invested in digital mammography, as well as a bone densitometer.

The hospital recently updated operating and procedure rooms; emergency room facilities (NCH was the first state-designated Basic Level Trauma Center in Southeast Nebraska); 20 private patient rooms; state of the diagnostic imaging center; food services; and patient and visitor waiting areas.

The hospital spent nearly \$7 million on the latest renovation and continues to invest between \$200,000 and \$300,000 annually on capital improvements.

Nemaha County Hospital offers a broad range of health services with nearly 30 consulting specialists. Specialty clinics available include: orthopedic; vascular; obstetrics and gynecology; urology; surgery; podiatry; gastroenterology; pain clinics; pulmonology; ophthalmology; neurology; cardiology; psychiatry; ear,

nose, and throat; and oncology. Cardiology services are provided by Bryan LGH Heart Institute and Nebraska Heart Institute. NCH also offers these outpatient services: bone density; doppler, echocardiograms; pacemaker checks; MRI; mammography; nuclear medicine; ultrasound; CT/PET scans, and more.

Home Health

Nemaha County Home Care (NCHC) partners with the hospital to improve patients' continuum care. Emphasizing the team approach, NCHC includes the patient, family/caregivers, pharmacist, physicians, and the home health team of nurses and therapists to improve outcomes for patient health and well-being.

Clinics

Auburn Family Health Center, P.C., is owned and operated by five physicians who specialize in family practice. The health center offers a wide range of services including lab collection and processing, digital x-rays, well-child visits, health care maintenance exams, and other related procedures and services.

Auburn Family Health Center (AFHC) offers a neurosurgery clinic, where a neurosurgeon travels to Auburn twice a month to see patients in the southeast Nebraska area. AFHC also hosts a rheumatology clinic once a month. AFHC offers a women's wellness clinic one Saturday each month.



Nemaha County Hospital



Auburn Family Health Center, P.C.

Auburn Family Health Center, P.C. and Peru State College have joined together to create a medical facility for the convenience of Peru State College students and staff. A nurse from AFHC is available four days a week and an AFHC physician travels to Peru State College twice a week to accommodate the medical needs of both students and staff.

The Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) is a cooperative program between Peru State and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). Students admitted into the RHOP must be from a rural background. The purpose of the program is to recruit and educate students from rural communities who will plan to practice in the rural areas of Nebraska. It represents a commitment and dedication to quality health care for the citizens of the state. Upon selection into the RHOP, students are automatically pre-admitted into their specific program at the UNMC. Students are strongly encouraged and expected to practice in the rural areas of Nebraska. Currently, Peru State has been allocated three seats in the pharmacy program and four seats in the nursing program.

The community of Auburn also has three pharmacies, two dental offices, and a full-service eye clinic.

Rescue Squad

The **Auburn Volunteer Rescue Squad**, with two ambulances, has 13 emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and numerous non-licensed assistants. The ambulances are equipped with standard equipment and an automated external defibrillator. The EMTs complete 20 hours of mandatory training every two years for recertification. An executive board, consisting of a captain, lieutenant, secretary/treasurer, and five trustee positions oversee the operations of the department. The Auburn Fire and Rescue Departments respond to emergency calls within the district as well as mutual aid areas and operate the Jaws of Life.

Midwest Medical Transport is stationed in Auburn with a full-time paramedic staff, which is an "Advanced Life Support" service that supports the Auburn Rescue Squad and transports for the Nemaha County Hospital.

Nursing Homes

Good Samaritan Society
102-bed skilled and short-term facility

Assisted Living

Good Samaritan Society - Longs Creek Assisted Living
24-unit facility

Good Samaritan Society also provides home health services which include: skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, bathing assistance, and homemaking services.



Good Samaritan Society - Nursing Home



Good Samaritan Society - Longs Creek Assisted Living

Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

Terrace Heights	32, two-bedroom units
Valley View Apartments	49 apartments
Westbury Heights	24 units



Terrace Heights



Valley View Apartments



Westbury Heights

Library

The **Auburn Memorial Library** contains 30,332 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 53,000. The library has six public access computers as well as Wi-Fi. In addition to books, current movies, and audios, the library also has a meeting room, projector, screen, newspapers on microfilm, and inter-library loan service. The library participates in Nebraska OverDrive which provides e-books. Within OverDrive, the library has its own collection of e-books available to the Auburn library's patrons.

In 2012 a \$400,000 children's addition was completed, providing a dedicated space for children. Activities include toddler story time, preschool story time, and a summer reading program for ages four years through fifth grade.



Auburn Memorial Library

Churches

Denomination

- Assemblies of God
- Baptist
- Berean
- Catholic
- Christian
- Jehovah's Witnesses
- Lutheran
- Mennonite
- Methodist
- Nondenominational
- Presbyterian

Recreation

The parks in Auburn cover approximately 50 acres.

Legion Memorial Park is designated a National Historic Park Site (one of six in the state of Nebraska). The granite and limestone building structures were part of the Works Progress Administration projects of President Roosevelt. The material used predominately throughout the park was the red granite boulders found in Nemaha County quarries.

The park is home to the city's swimming pool and features a bandstand. The gazebo offers a beautiful setting for relaxing. A rock creek dissects the middle of the park for rain drainage and the rock bridges are still used by the pedestrians, originally designed to accommodate horse and buggy.

The Nemaha County Veteran's Memorial, located in Legion Memorial Park, was dedicated in 2011. The names of more than 1,000 veterans are carved into the black granite on one side, while the other side displays murals depicting scenes from the Civil War through Afghanistan.

Legion Memorial Park also has a picnic shelter, tennis courts, basketball courts, and area for skate boarding.

Irvin Park has a nine-hole disc golf course, playground equipment, and a shelter with picnic tables.

Crestview Mini-Park is a five-acre park with playground equipment.

Ariens Nature Explore Classroom is a place where children can grow by playing outdoors with natural materials that will stimulate their imagination and creativity.

Rotary Island - Optimist Lake, located on the north edge of town, is a place to fish. A concrete trail around the lake was designed for walking and biking.

The **Auburn Recreational Complex** is a 30-acre facility that includes baseball, softball, and soccer fields, a picnic shelter, RV hookups, and a tent area. A 0.7-mile, 10-foot-wide concrete biking trail is being constructed and will be complete in spring of 2015. Educational and interactive stations will be added in the future.

The **Wellness Center of Nemaha County** is a full-service gym open to the community. The center offers a workout facility, basketball and racquetball courts, child care services, personal training, as well as many instructor-lead classes. Some of the classes include dance, karate, aerobics, kickboxing, yoga, boot camps, walk fit, yoga, and high-intensity interval training (HIIT). The Wellness Center also provides community events such as craft fairs, 5K fun runs, seminars, and more.

Auburn Country Club is a nine-hole, private membership golf course.

Area facilities include the Nemaha County Fairgrounds, bowling, hunting, and fishing.

Indian Cave State Park, 20 miles from Auburn, covers 3,000 acres and straddles the border of Nemaha and Richardson Counties on the Missouri River. The state park is located 10 miles south of Junction U.S. Highway 136 and Nebraska Highway 67 (west of Brownville), then five miles east on Nebraska Spur 64E.

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 is open year-round and offers camping, hiking (20 miles of trails), horse-back riding (13 1/2-mile trail), and cross-country skiing. A public boat ramp provides access to the Missouri River. Grills and picnic sites are located throughout the park, as well as a picnic shelter. The park has showers, rest rooms, laundry facilities, a dump station, picnic tables, fire rings, and a playground. A Nebraska State Park Entry Permit is required.

Annual Celebrations

April/May Earth Day Celebration
Home & garden show, wellness fair, 5K fun run/walk, park clean-up electronic recycling, youth field day

May–October Farmer's Market
Fresh local produce, homemade baked goods, handmade crafts

July/August Nemaha County Parade & Fair

The **Nemaha Valley Museum** in Auburn holds many articles of Nemaha County. Room displays include kitchen, law office, school room, church, and bank. Another area houses antique cars and agricultural equipment.

The **State Theater** in downtown Auburn was built in 1928. After many owners and renovations, the theater now houses a new high-definition projector and movable silver screen. In addition to showing movies, the theater also televises Nebraska football, volleyball, and basketball games throughout the year.

The **Senior Center** in Auburn provides meals and various activities such as card clubs and monthly pedicures and manicures. Meals on Wheels are provided to homebound residents. The senior center is available to rent.



Legion Memorial Park



Legion Memorial Park Swimming Pool



Auburn Recreational Complex



Crestview Mini-Park



A ENTRY

- CONTEXTUAL ARCH (PHOTOS 1)
- EWF FLOORING

B GATHERING AREA

- AT-EASE BENCHES (2)
- EWF FLOORING

C NATURE ART AREA

- (2) NATURE ART TABLE (3)
- STUMP STOOLS
- STORAGE UNIT (4)
- LOCAL/REGIONAL FLAGSTONE FLOORING

D PATHS THROUGH PLANTINGS

- ADA ACCESSIBLE SCOPE
- EWF FLOORING
- VARIETY OF PLANTS WITH VARIED BLOOM-TIME, COLORS AND SCENTS (5)

E GARDEN AREA

- RAISED BEDS (6)
- NATURAL STOPS
- STORAGE UNIT
- RAIN BARRELS (7)
- EWF FLOORING

F SAND AREA

- BORDER OF LOCAL STONE
- AT-EASE BENCH
- VERTICALS TO ATTACH COVER
- SAND FILL

G RAIN GARDEN

- VARIETY OF NATIVE, WATER-TOLERANT PLANTS
- BORDER OF LOCAL STONE
- APPROPRIATE DRAINAGE TO AVOID POOLING



H MUSIC & MOVEMENT AREA

- MAIRMEA (8)
- ACCESSIBLE SPAGE (9)
- STORAGE UNIT
- EWF FLOORING

I CLIMBING & CRAWLING AREA

- 5' x 3' PLATFORMS FROM DECKING (10)
- EXTEND VERTICALS, ADD HORIZONTALS
- BOLDER RETAINING WALL
- EWF FLOORING

J BUILDING AREA

- GRANITE TREE COOKERS/LOOSE PARTS
- (2) DISCOVERY TABLE
- SPLIT RAIL FENCE (11)
- STORAGE UNIT
- TREE COOKER FLOORING

K OPEN AREA

- SHAPED TURF
- INSTALL LOCAL SOIL

L MESSY MATERIALS AREA

- 4'-8" FLOCS AT PERIMETER
- LOT OF INTEREST (12)
- EWF FLOORING
- STORAGE UNIT

NATURE EXPLORE

Arians Nature Explore Classroom



Hole 1: 67 yards

Hole 2: 97 yards

Hole 3: 93 yards

Hole 4: 83 yards

Hole 5: 92 yards

Hole 6: 83 yards

Hole 7: 67 yards

Hole 8: 83 yards

Hole 9: 150 yards





Arians Disc Golf Course



Auburn Country Club Golf Course



Rotary Island - Optimist Lake



Nemaha County Fair



*Legion Baseball - Tushla Field at
Nemaha County Fairgrounds*



Auburn Jaycees - Nemaha County Parade

Financial Institutions

- Auburn State Bank
- Carson National Bank
- First National Bank of Johnson
- Union Bank & Trust Company



Auburn State Bank



Carson National Bank



First National Bank of Johnson



Union Bank & Trust Company

Housing

Nine new homes were constructed in the past three years. The cost of new home construction in Auburn averages \$135 per square foot.



Housing in Auburn

Community Services

With a business climate full of opportunity, Auburn continues to expand its retail choices and offers many services to its residents. The citizens of Auburn have combined talent and a strong work ethic to create an ideal setting in which to work and live.

Professional

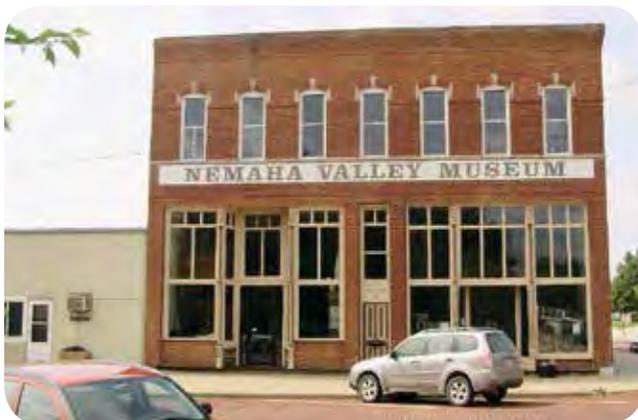
Attorneys	10
Auctioneers.....	3
Certified Public Accountants.....	2
Medical	
Anesthesiologists.....	1
Audiologists	1
Cardiologists.....	6
Chiropractors	2
Dentists.....	3
Emergency Medicine	1
Family Practice Physicians.....	5
General Surgeons	1
Neurosurgeons	1
Neurologists.....	1
Nurse Anesthetists.....	2
Nurses, Licensed Practical	5
Nurse Practitioners	3
Nurses, Registered.....	28
Obstetricians & Gynecologists.....	2
Occupational Therapists.....	2
Oncologists.....	1
Optometrists	3
Orthodontists	1
Ophthalmologists.....	1
Orthopedic Surgeons/Sports Medicine.....	2
Otolaryngologists (ear, nose & throat).....	2
Pain Medicine	1
Pathologists	2
Pharmacists.....	3
Physical Therapists.....	2
Physical Therapy Assistants.....	2
Physician Assistants	3
Podiatrists.....	1
Psychiatrists	1

Psychologists.....	2
Pulmonologists	1
Radiologists.....	10
Respiratory Therapists.....	4
Rheumatologists.....	1
Speech Therapists.....	2
Urologists.....	1
Vascular Surgeons.....	2
Veterinarians.....	2

Business and Commercial

Abstract & Title Companies	1
Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies	1
Advertising Agencies	1
Agricultural Implement Dealers	2
Antique Stores.....	2
Apparel Stores	
Children's.....	2
Combination	1
Men's	2
Women's.....	3
Appliance Stores	1
Auto Body Repair & Services	2
Auto Repair & Services	5
Auto Supply Parts.....	3
Automobile Dealers	3
Aviation Seeding & Spraying.....	1
Bakeries.....	4
Banquet Facilities, Halls	
Auditoriums & Meeting Rooms	7
Beauty Salons/Barber Shops	8
Bed & Breakfasts.....(5 rooms)	1
Bee Supplies	1
Bowling Alleys.....	1
Carpet and Rug Dealers.....	2
Car Washes.....	2
Caterers.....	4
Child Care Services	
(licensed and nonlicensed).....	11
Computer Services	1

Contractors		Hardware Stores.....	2
Building.....	4	Health Clubs.....	1
Carpentry.....	5	Heavy Equipment Repairs.....	4
Concrete.....	2	Insurance Companies.....	8
Electric.....	3	Jewelry Stores.....	1
Excavating.....	2	Landscaping Equipment & Supplies.....	6
General.....	5	Laundromats.....	1
Gravel.....	1	Lawn Services.....	6
Heating & Air Conditioning.....	3	Lumberyards.....	1
Painting.....	2	Machine Shops.....	2
Plumbing.....	4	Monument Services.....	1
Remodeling.....	5	Motels/Hotels..... (97 rooms)	4
Roofing.....	4	Nurseries & Garden Centers.....	3
Well Digging.....	1	Office Equipment Sales, Service & Supplies.....	1
Convenience Stores.....	2	Pest Control.....	3
Copying & Duplicating Services.....	2	Pet Boarding/Grooming Services.....	2
Craft Stores.....	3	Pharmacies.....	3
Dance Studios.....	1	Photography Studios.....	3
Department Stores.....	1	Preschools.....	4
Discount Stores.....	1	Printers.....	4
Dry Cleaning & Laundries.....	1	Real Estate Firms.....	4
Fabric Stores.....	2	Restaurants.....	13
Farm/Ranch Supplies.....	2	Service Stations.....	3
Feed & Seed Dealers.....	1	Shoe Store.....	1
Fertilizer Suppliers/Applicators.....	2	Tax Preparers.....	3
Financial Services.....	6	Theaters.....	1
Floral Shops.....	3	Thrift Stores.....	1
Funeral Homes.....	2	Tire Repair Shops.....	3
Gift Shops.....	5	Upholstery Shop.....	1
Grain Dealers.....	1	Variety Stores.....	2
Grocery Stores.....	2		



Nemaha Valley Museum



State Theater

Agriculture & Raw Materials

In 2012 Nebraska ranked third among the states in corn exports, third in total cash receipts from farm and ranch marketing, and fifth in agricultural exports. Nebraska's farms and ranches utilized 45.5 million acres or 93 percent of the state's total land area. Cash receipts from farm markets in 2012 contributed more than \$24 billion to the state's economy and 6.2 percent of the U.S. total. 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...

Great Northern Beans, Dry Edible, 2013
Cattle on Feed, Jan. 2014
Cropland Irrigated Acres, 2012
Popcorn, 2012
Red Meat Production, 2013

2nd...

Light Red Kidney Beans, Dry Edible, 2013
Pinto Beans, Dry Edible, 2013
Bison, 2012
Cattle and Calves, All, Jan. 2014

3rd...

Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings, 2012
Corn for Grain, 2013
Dry Edible Beans, All, 2013
Proso Millet, 2013

4th...

Beef Cows, All, Jan. 2014
Black Beans, Dry Edible, 2013
Land in Farms, 2013
On-farm Grain Storage Capacity, Dec. 2013
Off-farm Grain Storage Capacity, Dec. 2013

5th...

Soybeans, 2013
Sugarbeets, 2013

6th...

Cropland, Total Acres, 2012
Hogs and Pigs, All, Dec. 2013
Principal Crops, Harvested, 2013
Sorghum for Silage, 2013

7th...

Sorghum for Grain, 2013

8th...

Hay, Alfalfa, 2013
Sunflower, All, 2013

9th...

Hay, Other, 2013
Corn for Silage, 2013

10th...

Potatoes, Fall, 2013

Source: Nebraska Agriculture Rankings - USDA ERS, USDA NASS

Nemaha County

2012 Statistics	Nemaha County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms.....	451.....	49,969
Land in Farms (acres)	253,340.....	45,331,783
Average Size of Farms (acres).....	562.....	907
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$108,137,000.....	\$23,068,756,000
Market Value Per Farm.....	\$239,771.....	\$461,661
Total Acres Irrigated.....	11,402.....	8,296,573
Percent of Farmland Irrigated.....	4.5%.....	18.3%

Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture

Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2009–2013)	Nemaha County	State of Nebraska
Corn for Grain.....	11,758,200 bu.	1,499,220,000 bu.
Hay, Alfalfa.....	57,971 tons	5,443,000 tons
Soybeans.....	3,700,480 bu.	249,579,000 bu.
Winter Wheat.....	136,940 bu.	59,794,000 bu.

Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2009–2013)	Nemaha County	State of Nebraska
All Cattle	17,020	6,320,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Raw Materials

A large deposit of Niobium has been identified in Johnson County, west of Nemaha County. Mining should start in the next couple of years. This will be the first domestic production of this material in decades and will greatly enhance the economy in southeast Nebraska.

Non metallic minerals are available in neighboring counties.



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.

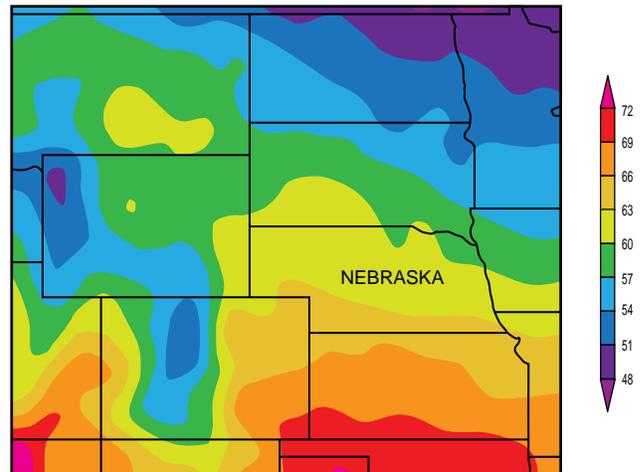
Precipitation

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.

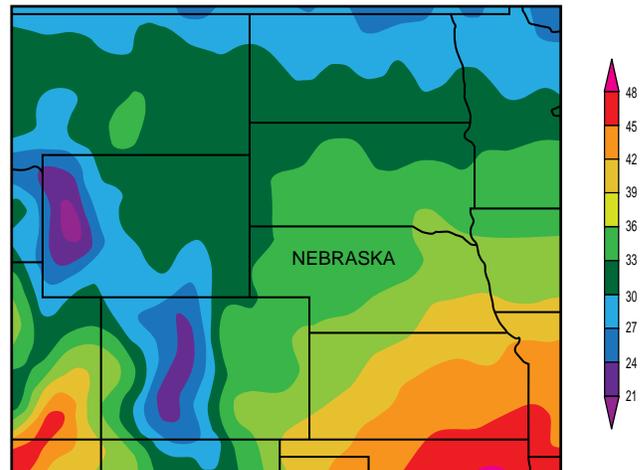
Growing Season

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.

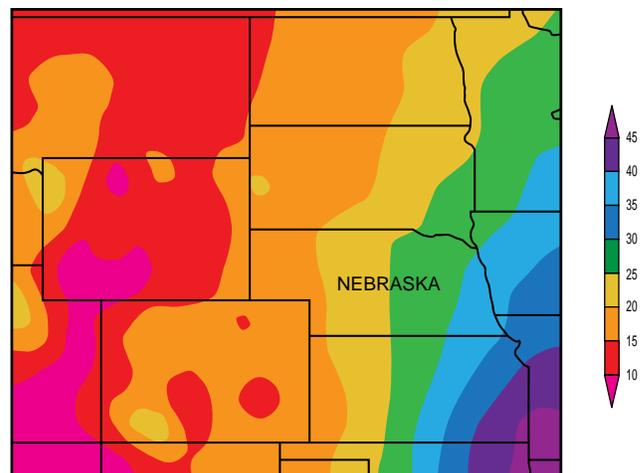
Annual Maximum Temperature (F)



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

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