



# Auburn

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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 U.S. Highways 75 and 136, and the Courthouse Square and 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 (42 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.

2017 U.S. Census Population	
Auburn	3,302
Nemaha County	6,949

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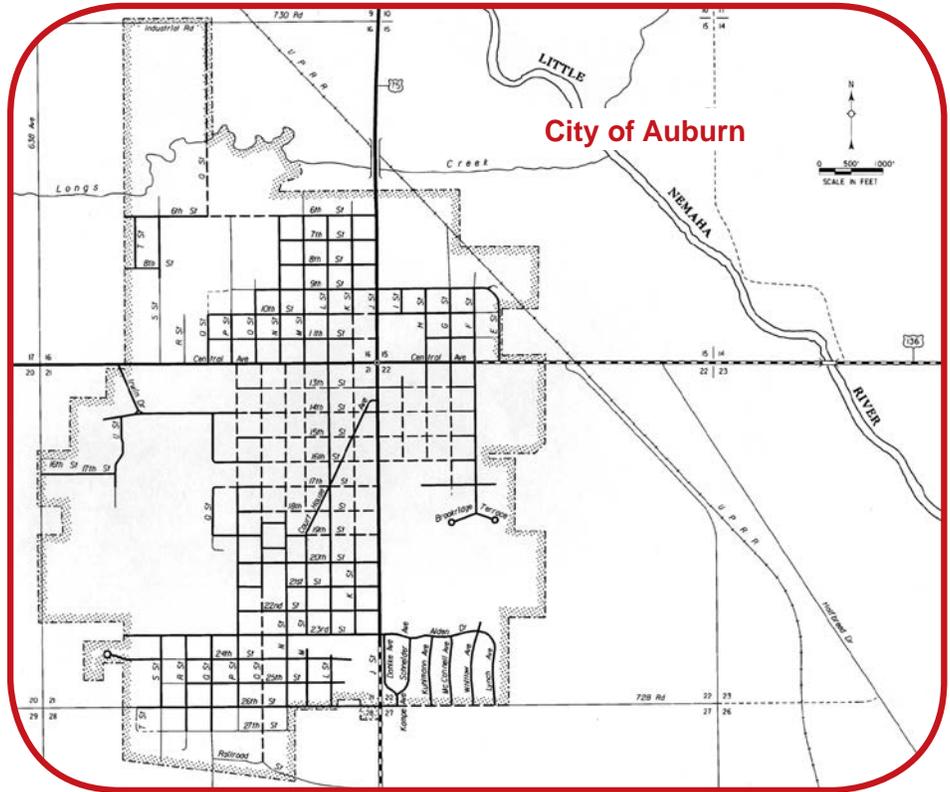
# Geography

## 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 2017 net taxable retail sales of \$32,851,009, while Nemaha County reported retail sales of \$37,148,982.

Nebraska Public Power District's Cooper Nuclear Station, 12 miles east from Auburn, is the major employer in the area employing approximately 600 people from the southeast Nebraska region. The Cooper Nuclear training facility and off-site emergency management office are located in Auburn.

A large 345 kV transmission line was constructed 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 over 20 years ago by a group of dedicated individuals "to facilitate the retention, recruitment, and expansion of businesses and housing in Auburn and surrounding Nemaha County region." Today devoted Nemaha County community leaders make up the board of directors of this 501c3 non-profit corporation.

Membership dues and contributions support the organization which owns 23 plus acres adjacent to the Industrial Park.

Auburn Development Council also sponsors the Annual Nemaha County Leadership class. The nine session curriculum concentrating on developing leadership and board readiness skills; raising awareness concerning county and community concerns and resources; networking; nurturing and exposing stewardship opportunities; and capacity building for our future.

## 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 the 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 is also supported by a subcommittee: Auburn Ambassadors, which serves as a volunteer organization that assists with promotions and events hosted by the Chamber or its members. The Chamber provides exposure, support, and networking opportunities to its members to continue to grow stronger together as a community.



*FAST Global Solutions*



*Magnolia Metal Corp.*

## Auburn's Manufacturing Employers

	<i>Employees</i>
<b>FAST Global Solutions</b> .....	143
<i>Air support products</i>	
<b>Magnolia Metal Corp.</b> .....	65
<i>Bronze bushings, bearings, babbitts &amp; wear plates</i>	
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<i>Ready-mix concrete</i>	



*Southeast Ready Mix*



*NPPD Sheridan Training Facility*



*Stutheit Implement Co.*

## Auburn's Top Ten Nonmanufacturing Employers

	<i>Employees</i>
<b>Nebraska Public Power District Sheridan Training Facility / Emergency Preparedness Center</b> .....	650*
<i>Electric utility</i>	
<b>Auburn Public Schools</b> .....	151
<i>Education</i>	
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<i>Medical</i>	
<b>Shopko</b> .....	24
<i>Retail</i>	
<b>Stutheit Implement Co.</b> .....	22
<i>Farm equipment dealer and repair</i>	

\*Includes employees from Cooper Nuclear Station located in Brownville and Auburn — full-time and part-time.



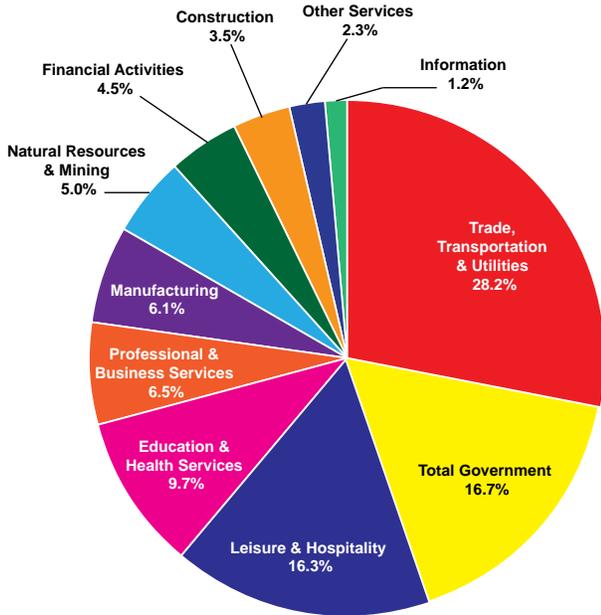
*Shopko*



*Sun Mart*

# ✓ Labor

## Nonfarm Wage & Salary Employment, Nemaha County, 2017 Annual Average



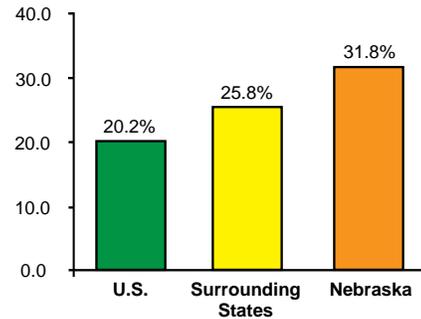
Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

### Unemployment Rate Annual Average 2017

Nemaha County	3.9%
Nebraska	2.9%
United States	4.4%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### 2008-2016 Percent Change Value Added Per Manufacturing Production Worker Hours 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](http://www.census.gov)

### Nemaha County Labor Supply Annual Average 2017

	Nemaha & Contiguous Counties*	Nemaha County
Non-farm wage and salary workers.....	9,374	1,485
Total employment.....	18,783	3,439
Labor force total.....	19,449	3,579
<b>ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY</b>		
Commuting out of county (2015).....		1,654
Unemployed.....		140
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>1,794</b>

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 2016, 7.4 percent of Nebraska’s wage and salary workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 10.7 percent.

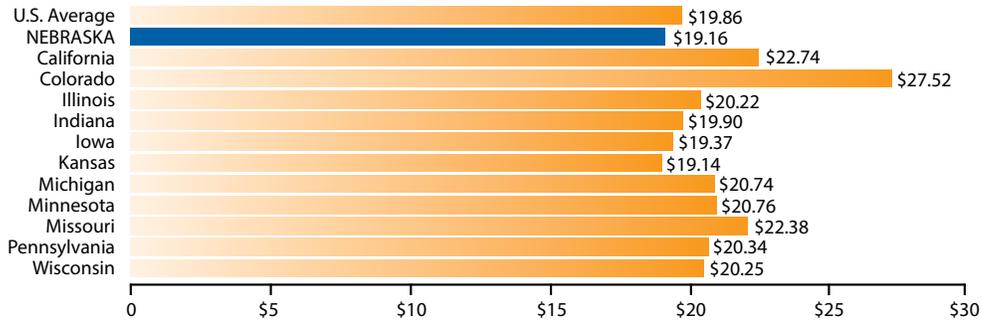
### Local Labor Unions

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

## Fringe Benefits

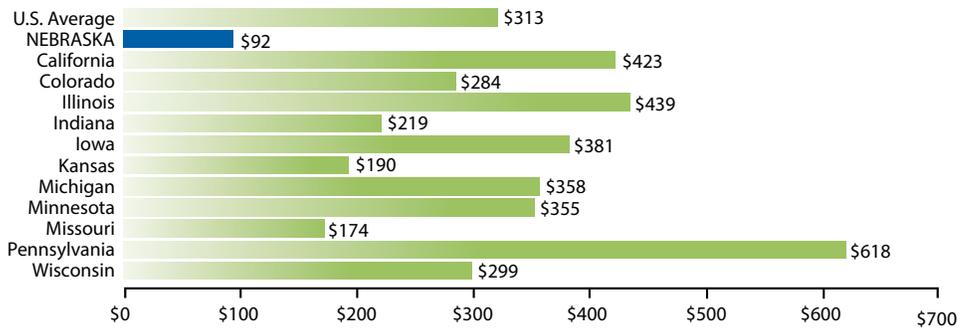
Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range from 27 to 40 percent of wages.

### Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers, 2017



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov))

### Average Annual Unemployment Insurance Contribution Per Covered Employee, 2017



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, 2018. <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	15.19	24.84	39.75
Computer Programmers	21.12	28.62	46.87
Registered Nurses	21.45	28.45	37.88
Retail Salespersons	9.52	10.70	18.53
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical	9.46	14.21	20.00
Customer Service Representatives	9.75	14.82	22.11
Office Clerks, General	9.60	12.42	18.42
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	13.34	17.01	21.26
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	11.59	16.46	22.31
Machinists	15.95	19.74	25.06
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	14.02	19.13	25.95
Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters	14.38	18.09	21.81
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	13.07	17.85	28.57
Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters/Operators*	11.50	18.49	24.36
Electricians	14.75	22.02	36.66
Tool and Die Makers	14.00	18.37	28.73

\*Wage information taken from Nebraska Statewide

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, First Quarter 2018

## Workforce

The Nebraska Department of Labor serves employers and job seekers across Nebraska through its “Career Centers” located across the state. Services for employers include employee recruitment and screening, posting job openings, tax credit information, and labor

market and labor law information. Job seekers can find a full array of employment and training related services including on-site services provided by a network of mandatory Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act partners. To access Nebraska Department of Labor’s One-Stop for Jobs, go to [networks.nebraska.gov](http://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.

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]. 2016. Generated by Andrew Eckerson using ESRI Business Analyst Desktop.

## 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, visit [www.uprr.com/customers/ind-dev](http://www.uprr.com/customers/ind-dev).

Amtrak provides Omaha, 63 miles northwest of Auburn, with rail passenger service throughout the United States. Additional Nebraska Amtrak stations are located in Hastings, Holdrege, Lincoln, and McCook. For more information, visit [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com).

## Air

Farington Field Airport is located approximately 2.5 miles east of Auburn. The runway is a 3,750-foot hard surfaced runway with lighting on the runway and taxiways that are 35 foot wide to the new hangar and terminal apron. There is a 1,600-foot cross-wind turf runway. The facility includes a terminal building to serve pilots that visit the facility with a lobby, rest room, 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. The new heated hangar facility is 80 foot by 100 foot. An aviation fuel card system is slated for installation in mid 2019 along with an 8,000 gallon fuel tank for 100 octane aviation fuel.



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

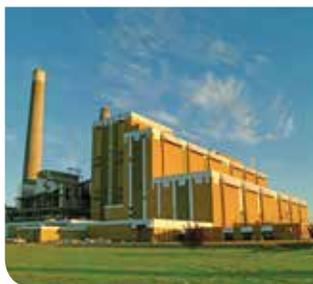
Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) is the state's largest electric generating utility in terms of chartered territory, which includes all or parts of 86 of Nebraska's 93 counties. NPPD relies upon nine major generating facilities, more than 5,000 miles of high-voltage power lines, approximately 260 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.



Beatrice Power Station



Cooper Nuclear Station



Gerald Gentleman Station



Ainsworth Wind Facility

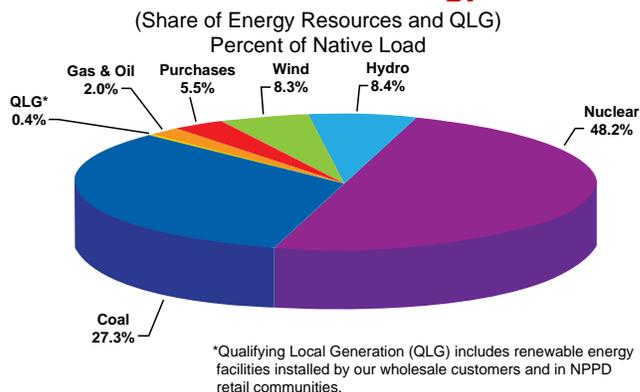
NPPD has an Economic Development Rate (EDR) for customers with qualifying projects of new or additional electric load. To be eligible for the lower, incentivized EDR, a customer must:

- be served by an NPPD wholesale customer or NPPD's Retail Division,
- add new or additional electric load of at least one megawatt,
- have a minimum monthly load factor of 60 percent,
- have a written agreement with the State of Nebraska or any political subdivision to provide an economic development project pursuant to state or local law, and
- have a written service agreement with NPPD.

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

NPPD has three hydropower facilities and contracts for generation from three other hydropower facilities. Community solar is also underway in three communities, with more on the way. In 2016, NPPD's Cooper Nuclear Station contributed to an energy portfolio that was more than 60 percent carbon-free.

### NPPD's Sources of Energy - 2017



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.

**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	12.55	10.43	6.76	10.05	7.28	3.52
<b>NEBRASKA</b>	<b>10.84</b>	<b>8.80</b>	<b>7.69</b>	<b>8.01</b>	<b>5.45</b>	<b>4.04</b>
California	17.39	15.07	11.92	11.84	8.42	6.79
Colorado	12.07	9.60	7.35	7.35	6.42	4.89
Illinois	12.54	9.02	6.51	7.88	7.14	5.03
Indiana	11.79	10.01	6.97	7.92	6.55	4.99
Iowa	11.94	9.17	6.05	8.13	5.99	4.70
Kansas	13.06	10.47	7.49	9.85	8.41	3.69
Massachusetts	19.00	15.60	13.38	12.46	9.48	7.40
Michigan	15.22	10.64	6.91	8.21	6.90	5.75
Minnesota	12.67	9.86	7.37	8.01	6.44	4.19
Missouri	11.21	9.26	7.12	10.94	7.89	6.29
New Jersey	15.72	12.26	10.16	8.30	7.93	6.59
New York	17.58	14.45	6.03	10.84	6.18	5.92
Ohio	12.47	9.97	6.98	9.03	5.74	4.81
Pennsylvania	13.86	9.22	6.92	10.18	8.15	7.40
Texas	10.99	8.26	5.33	11.73	6.89	2.65
Wisconsin	14.07	10.77	7.50	8.07	6.29	5.05

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2016 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 fed 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.

A connection fee of \$20.00 is charged for new service and existing accounts.

## Base Electric Rates *(effective 1/1/2018)*

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

Urban Residential Service	
<b>Monthly Rate:</b>	\$10.50 per month plus
<b>Energy Charge:</b>	
<b>Summer</b>	
8.73¢	per kWh for all usage
<b>Winter</b>	
9.13¢	per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh used per month
5.16¢	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Monthly Bill:</b>	\$16.60 per month plus energy charge

### Rural Residential Service

**Monthly Rate:** \$13.40 per month plus

**Energy Charge:**

**Summer**

9.12¢ per kWh for all usage

**Winter**

9.60¢ per kWh for the first 1,500 kWh used per month

6.20¢ per kWh for all additional use

**Minimum Monthly Bill:** \$16.60 per month plus energy charge

### General Service Single Phase

**Monthly Rate:**

Single Phase: \$17.90 per month plus

**Energy Charge:**

**Summer**

9.11¢ per kWh for all usage

**Winter**

9.71¢ per kWh for the first 3,500 kWh used per month

6.62¢ per kWh for all additional use

**Minimum Monthly Bill:** \$21.60 per month plus energy charge

### General Service Three Phase

**Three Phase Demand Charge Over 100 kW**

**Monthly Rate:** Base amount of \$22.00 plus Demand Capacity in excess and over 75 kW charge:

**Summer**

\$12.43

**Winter**

\$8.28

per kW for all usage

**Energy Charge:**

**Summer**

9.11¢ per kWh for all usage

**Winter**

9.71¢ per kWh for first 3,500 kWh

6.62¢ per kWh for balance

**Minimum Monthly Bill:** \$26.00 or \$1.00 per kVA of required transformer capacity, whichever is greater.

### Demand Service

**Monthly Rate:**

Three Phase: \$33.00 per month plus

**Demand Charge:**

**Summer Winter**

\$11.72 \$7.32 per kW of billing demand

**Energy Charge:**

**Summer Winter**

5.11¢ 5.62¢ per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh

4.96¢ 5.47¢ per kWh for balance

**Minimum Monthly Bill:** The minimum monthly charge shall be \$100.00 or \$1.00 per kVA of required transformer capacity, whichever is greater.

### Industrial / Large Power Service

**Monthly Rate:** \$52.00 per month plus

**Demand Charge:**

**Summer Winter**

\$12.22 \$6.82 per kW of billing demand

**Energy Charge:**

**Summer**

4.50¢ per kWh for first 200,000 kWh

4.05¢ per kWh for all additional use

**Winter**

4.39¢ per kWh for first 150,000 kWh

4.24¢ per kWh for all additional use

**Minimum Monthly Bill:** The minimum monthly charge shall be \$500.00 or \$1.00 per kVA of required transformer capacity, whichever is greater.

For more information regarding utility rates and service, contact Dave Hunter, general manager, Board of Public Works, Auburn, (402) 274-4981, [www.auburnbpw.com](http://www.auburnbpw.com).

## 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 Hills Energy's website at [www.blackhillsenergy.com](http://www.blackhillsenergy.com).

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

## 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 2,100 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 3,766,000 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 1/1/2018)*

An installation/tapping fee is charged and varies for each service.

Basic Water Rates	
<b>Customer Charge:</b>	\$12.70–\$132.80 per month (depending on size of meter)
<b>Usage Fee:</b>	<b>Per 1,000 Gallons</b>
Rural Residential	\$4.15
Urban Residential	\$4.12
Rural General Service	\$4.15
General Service	\$4.12
Temporary or Seasonal	\$4.50
Municipal	\$3.00

## 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 1/1/2018)*

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

An installation/tapping fee is charged and varies for each service.

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

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

**General / Industrial**

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

**Solid Waste Disposal**

All residential customers are required to have garbage service. Garbage will be picked up once a week unless opted for twice a week collection. This is provided through a privately owned waste removal service.



*U.S. Post Office*

**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 plastic numbers 1 and 2, 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 plastic numbers 1 and 2, tin, aluminum, paper, cardboard, appliances, and used oil. Yard waste and tree branches are accepted 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



*UPS*



*Nemaha County Herald*



*"Threshing" by Ethel Magafan*

# 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](http://www.windstream.com)

#### Spectrum

844-215-1372  
[www.spectrum.com](http://www.spectrum.com)

**A-1 Fiber** of Auburn, provides fiber to the house and/or business. Connection speeds up to 1 gigabite.

**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 service 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

#### Spectrum

844-215-1372  
[www.spectrum.com](http://www.spectrum.com)

#### Dish Network

888-731-8008  
[www.dishnetwork.com](http://www.dishnetwork.com)

#### DIRECTV

800-531-5000  
[www.directv.com](http://www.directv.com)

#### A-1 Fiber

402-296-0561  
[www.aonefiber.com](http://www.aonefiber.com)

## Post Office

The U.S. Postal Service in Auburn provides house-to-house delivery service and has two incoming mail trucks 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.

## Package Delivery Service

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

## Newspaper

The Nemaha County Herald, established in 1888, has been serving Auburn and the surrounding communities in Nemaha County 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](http://www.anewspaper.net). Daily papers delivered locally are the Lincoln Journal Star, Omaha World-Herald, and USA Today.

## 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 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



*Auburn Board of Public Works*

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.

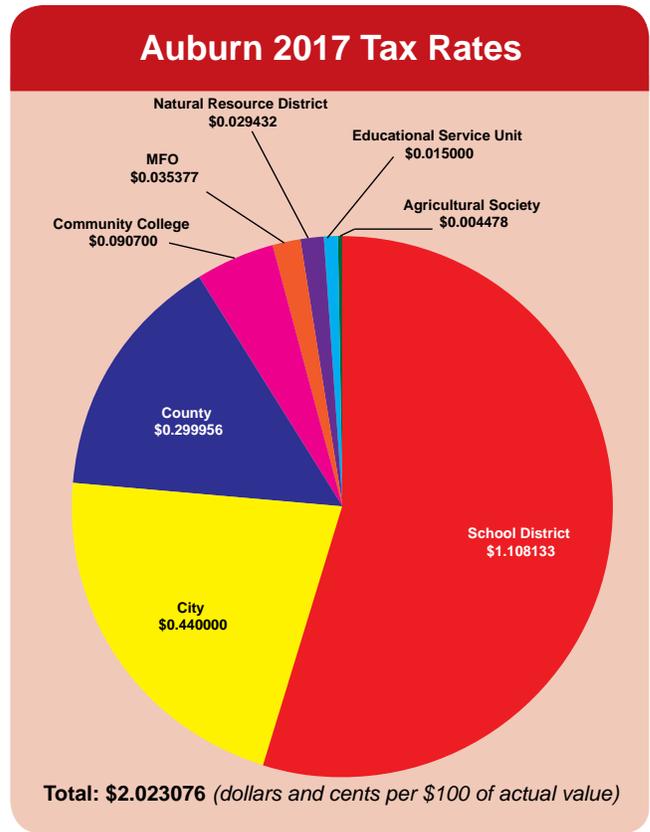
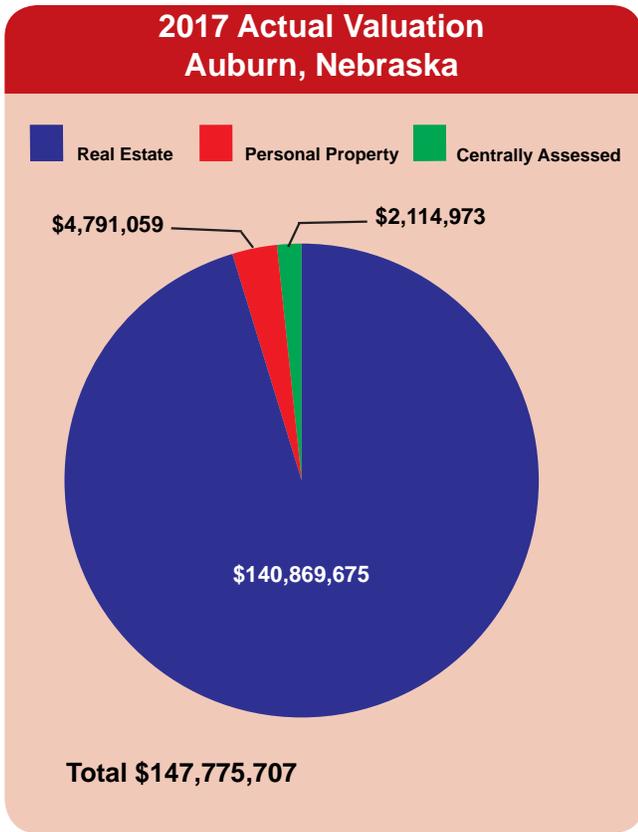
Market value is determined by each county assessor through professionally accepted mass appraisal methods, which include, but are not limited to:

- 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 [opportunity.nebraska.gov](http://opportunity.nebraska.gov).





### Local Bonded Indebtedness

As of 12/31/2017:

General Obligation Bonds (As of 10/31/2018)	None
Utility Revenue Bond	\$5,078,315
School District	\$3,913,761
Nemaha County Hospital	\$692,920



*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 2017–18 adopted budget excluding the Board of Public Works, was \$2,808,855.

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 2017–18 was \$12,483,637.

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 38-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 11 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 for the corporate limits is 4. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$47,036.



*Auburn Fire Department*

## 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.

## Sheriff

The Nemaha County Sheriff's Department has 11 full-time sworn officers, a detention facility, and a 9-1-1 center that is manned by non-sworn personnel. The agency utilizes standard equipment as well as technological advances to enforce the law.

2016 Crime Rates (per 1,000 population)		
	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Nemaha County	0.9	5.9
Nebraska	2.9	22.6
U.S. Total	3.9	24.5

Source: ucr.fbi.gov



*Nemaha County Sheriff's Department*

## State Patrol

Troop H of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Lincoln, 69 miles northwest of Auburn. Three troopers are assigned to the Auburn duty station.

## 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. The City is currently in the process of updating the plan.

# Education

Auburn Public Schools	Students	Teacher/Pupil Ratio	Computer/Pupil Ratio
<b>Calvert Elementary</b> (Pre-K–5)	404	1:13	1:1
<b>Middle School</b> (6–8)	193	1:7	1:1
<b>High School</b> (9–12)	249	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 has a 2017–18 actual valuation of \$621,258,776 with an actual valuation per student of \$676,016. Auburn Public Schools is accredited by the State of Nebraska and a regional accreditation agency, AdvancED.

The 2017-18 school operating expenses totaled \$9,452,405 with an average cost per pupil of \$13,608.

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, advanced 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. The high school gymnasium was renovated in August 2014 at a cost of \$220,000. In 2017, the school district invested in their agriculture and biology programs with the addition of a \$250,000 greenhouse. The greenhouse project was funded with a Nebraska Environmental Trust and a Nemaha Natural Resource District Grants.



Calvert Elementary School

Auburn was also rated as one of Nebraska's five excellent school districts in the Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today, and Tomorrow. To learn more about this go to [www.aquestt.com](http://www.aquestt.com).

Calvert Elementary School was awarded the National Blue Ribbon Award as an Exemplary High Performing School, one of four schools in Nebraska to earn the award in 2017. Auburn Public Schools was also recognized at the top rural school in the State of Nebraska for closing the achievement gap. The Auburn Middle School / High School character / culture initiative, "The Bulldog Way" was named the top new startup for 2018 by the National Life of an Athlete / Human Performance Project Program.

Report Card 2016–2017	
ACT Test	Composite
Auburn Public Schools	21.4
Nebraska	21.4
National	21.0

Source: Nebraska Department of Education



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, Johnson, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson Counties. ESU 4 is tasked with providing resources to school districts that may not be able to provide for themselves. Some of the programs offered are Professional Development Services, Special Education Services, Health Services, and Network and Technology Support. Transition/Life Skills program, located in the ESU 4 Learning Center in Auburn, is offered to students between the ages of 18 and 21. The Education of Children program, is offered statewide and located in Nebraska City, this is for the blind or visually impaired. For more information, visit [www.esu4.org](http://www.esu4.org).



*Educational Service Unit 4*



*Educational Service Unit 4 - Lifeskills*

## Special Services

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



*Region V - Auburn*

## 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 specifically 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 Attended by Auburn High School Graduates

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

# Quality of Life

## Health Care

### Hospital

**Nemaha County Hospital (NCH)**, a county-owned facility governed by state law has served Nemaha County and the surrounding area for more than 50 years. NCH's mission "Quality Care, Every Time." The five-member board verified physicians, physician assistants, and staff support this mission on a daily basis in the modern facility with state of the art technology.

The hospital has updated operating and procedure rooms, emergency room facilities, 16 private patient rooms, state of the art diagnostic imaging center, food services, and patient and visitor waiting areas. NCH was the first state-designated Basic Level Trauma Center in Southeast Nebraska.

The hospital spent nearly \$7 million on the latest renovations and continues to invest between \$200,000 and \$300,000 annually on capital improvements. NCH is currently conducting a \$750,000 remodel of their outpatient clinic to provide a more comfortable climate, surrounded by an increased visually aesthetic environment. This remodel was completed in the Fall of 2018.

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; pulmonology; ophthalmology; neurology; cardiology; 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, echocardiogram; pacemaker checks; MRI; mammography; nuclear medicine; ultrasound; CT/PET scans, and more.

### Home Health

**Nemaha County Home Care (NCHC)**, based in the hospital, partners with all care providers to improve patients' continuum care, facilitating a smooth transition in care. Emphasizing the team approach, NCHC includes the patient, family / caregivers, pharmacists, physicians, specialists, and the home health team of nurses and therapists to improve outcomes for patient health and wellbeing. Services are available to all ages from newborns to geriatrics. Special areas of service include phototherapy for the treatment of jaundice in newborns, wound, ostomy, and incontinence consultation / education.

### Clinics

**Auburn Family Health Center, P.C. (AFHC)**, is owned and operated by five physicians who specialize in family practice. The health center provides a wide range of services including lab collection and processing,



*Nemaha County Hospital*



*Auburn Family Health Center, P.C.*

digital x-rays, well-child visits, health care maintenance exams, and other related procedures and services.

Auburn Family Health Center, P.C. (AFHC) offers a variety of specialty clinics to serve our surrounding communities. A neurosurgeon travels from Lincoln to AFHC once a month for a neurosurgery clinic. A Women's Wellness Clinic is offered one Saturday every other month, and has recently been redesigned to reflect changes in cancer screening guidelines and to broaden our approach to the overall healthcare and wellness of all women.

Auburn Family Health Center (AFHC), 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 11 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

*64-private rooms, long term care and skilled short term rehabilitation facility*



*Good Samaritan Society - Nursing Home*

## Assisted Living

Good Samaritan Society - Longs Creek Assisted Living

*24-unit facility*



*Good Samaritan Society - Longs Creek Assisted Living*

**Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing**

Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society	24 apartments
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.

A \$320,000 addition was completed in March 2017, 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.

The library added approximately 1,090 square feet to the east side of the library in December 2016. The addition contains two small meeting rooms and open seating space.



*Auburn Memorial Library*

**Churches**

**Denomination**

- Assembly of God
- 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 as 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, picnic shelter, tennis courts, basketball courts, and an area for skate boarding. The gazebo offers a beautiful setting for relaxing. A rock creek dissects the middle of the park for rain drainage. The rock bridges originally designed to accommodate horse and buggy, are still used by the pedestrians.

The **Nemaha County Veteran's Memorial**, located in Legion Memorial Park. 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.

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

**Crestview Mini-Park**, with playground equipment, is a two-acre park.

**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 a 0.8-mile, 10-foot-wide concrete biking trail; two sand volleyball courts; baseball, softball, and soccer fields; a picnic shelter; RV hookups; splash pad; fitness station; and a Monarch Way Station.

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.

**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 5 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 examples 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 playground equipment. A Nebraska State Park Entry Permit is required.

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

## Annual Celebrations

**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 a 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 ARBOR (PHOTO 1)
- EWF FLOORING

**B GATHERING AREA**

- AT-EASE BENCHES (2)
- EWF FLOORING

**C NATURE ART AREA**

- (2) NATURE ART TABLE (3)
- STUMP STOCKS
- 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 STEPS
- 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**

- MARIMBA (8)
- ACCESSIBLE STAGE (9)
- STORAGE UNIT
- EWF FLOORING

**I CLIMBING & CRAWLING AREA**

- 5' x 5' PLATFORMS FROM DECKING (10)
- EXTEND VERTICALS, ADD HORIZONTALS
- ROCKLER RESTAINING WALL
- EWF FLOORING

**J BUILDING AREA**

- GIANT TREE COOKIES/LOOSE PARTS
- (2) DISCOVERY TABLE
- SPLIT RAIL FENCE (11)
- STORAGE UNIT
- TREE COOKIE FLOORING

**K OPEN AREA**

- SHAPED TURF
- INSTALL LOCAL SOD

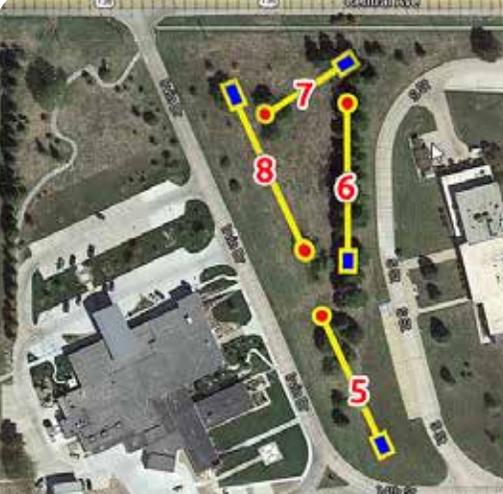
**L MESSY MATERIALS AREA**

- 4-8' LOGS AT PERIMETER
- LOG OF INTEREST (12)
- EWF FLOORING
- STORAGE UNIT



*Arians Nature Explore Classroom*







**Hole 1: 67 yards**  
**Hole 2: 97 yards**  
**Hole 3: 93 yards**  
**Hole 4: 83 yards**  
**Hole 5: 83 yards**  
**Hole 6: 67 yards**  
**Hole 7: 58 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*



*First National Bank of Johnson*



*Union Bank & Trust Company*

# Housing

Two new homes were constructed in the past three years. The cost of new home construction in Auburn averages \$160 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 .....	8
Auctioneers.....	3
Certified Public Accountants.....	3
Medical	
Anesthesiologists.....	1
Audiologists .....	1
Cardiologists.....	6
Chiropractors .....	2
Dentists.....	3
Emergency Medicine .....	1
Family Practice Physicians.....	5
General Surgeons .....	1
Neurosurgeons .....	1
Nurse Anesthetists.....	2
Nurses, Licensed Practical .....	27
Nurse Practitioners .....	3
Nurses, Registered.....	32
Obstetricians & Gynecologists.....	2
Occupational Therapists.....	2
Oncologists.....	1
Optometrists .....	3
Orthodontists .....	1
Ophthalmologists.....	1
Orthopedic Surgeons/Sports Medicine.....	2
Otolaryngologists (ear, nose & throat) .....	1
Pathologists .....	2
Pharmacists.....	5
Physical Therapists.....	2
Physical Therapy Assistants.....	2
Physician Assistants .....	3
Podiatrists.....	1
Psychologists.....	2
Pulmonologists .....	1

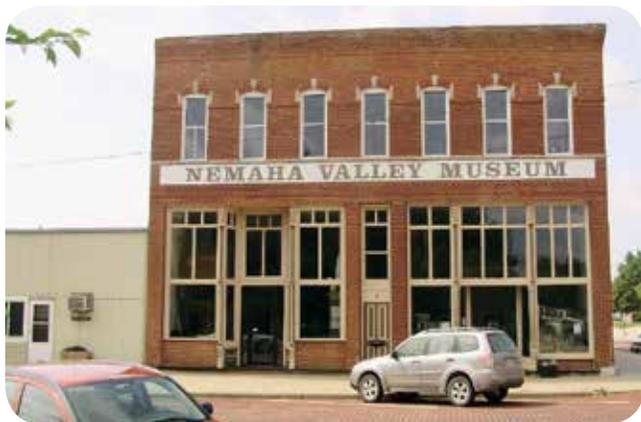
Radiologists.....	5
Respiratory Therapists.....	2
Rheumatologists.....	1
Speech Therapists.....	2
Urologists.....	1
Vascular Surgeons.....	2
Veterinarians.....	2

## Business and Commercial

Abstract & Title Companies .....	1
Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies .....	2
Advertising Agencies .....	2
Agricultural Implement Dealers .....	2
Apparel Stores	
Children's.....	3
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 .....	2
Aviation Seeding & Spraying.....	1
Bakeries.....	2
Banquet Facilities, Halls	
Auditoriums & Meeting Rooms .....	7
Beauty Salons/Barber Shops .....	7
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	
Building.....	4

Carpentry ..... 5  
 Concrete ..... 2  
 Electric ..... 3  
 Excavating ..... 2  
 General ..... 5  
 Gravel ..... 1  
 Heating & Air Conditioning..... 4  
 Painting ..... 2  
 Plumbing ..... 4  
 Remodeling ..... 5  
 Roofing ..... 5  
 Well Digging..... 1  
 Convenience Stores ..... 2  
 Copying & Duplicating Services ..... 2  
 Craft Stores ..... 1  
 Dance Studios ..... 1  
 Department Stores ..... 1  
 Discount Stores ..... 1  
 Dry Cleaning & Laundries..... 1  
 Fabric Stores ..... 2  
 Farm/Ranch Supplies ..... 2  
 Feed & Seed Dealers ..... 1  
 Fertilizer Suppliers/Applicators ..... 2  
 Financial Services ..... 4  
 Floral Shops ..... 2  
 Funeral Homes ..... 2  
 Gift Shops..... 5  
 Grocery Stores ..... 2  
 Hardware Stores..... 2

Health Clubs ..... 3  
 Heavy Equipment Repairs..... 4  
 Insurance Companies..... 8  
 Landscaping Equipment & Supplies..... 3  
 Laundromats..... 1  
 Lawn Services ..... 6  
 Lumberyards..... 1  
 Machine Shops..... 2  
 Monument Services..... 1  
 Motels/Hotels..... (97 rooms)4  
 Nurseries & Garden Centers ..... 1  
 Office Equipment Sales, Service & Supplies..... 1  
 Pest Control..... 2  
 Pet Boarding/Grooming Services ..... 2  
 Pharmacies..... 3  
 Photography Studios ..... 1  
 Preschools..... 4  
 Printers ..... 2  
 Real Estate Firms..... 5  
 Restaurants ..... 13  
 Service Stations..... 3  
 Shoe Store..... 1  
 Tax Preparers ..... 4  
 Theaters ..... 1  
 Thrift Stores..... 1  
 Tire Repair Shops..... 3  
 Upholstery Shop..... 1  
 Variety Stores ..... 2



*Nemaha Valley Museum*



*State Theater*

# Agriculture & Raw Materials

In 2016 Nebraska ranked third among the states in corn exports and in total cash receipts from all farm commodities. Nebraska's farms and ranches utilized 45.2 million acres or 91 percent of the state's total land area. Cash receipts from farm markets in 2016 contributed more than \$21.5 billion to the state's economy and 6.0 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...

Beef and Veal, Exports, 2017  
 Commercial Red Meat, 2017  
 Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2017  
 Great Northern Beans, 2017  
 All Cattle on Feed, Jan. 2018  
 Popcorn, 2012

### 2nd...

All Cattle and Calves, Jan. 2018  
 Cash Receipts from All Livestock and Products, 2016  
 All Hay, 2017  
 Pinto Beans, 2017  
 Proso Millet, 2017  
 Light Red Kidney Beans, 2017  
 Bison, Dec. 2012

### 3rd...

Corn for Grain, 2017  
 Corn Exports, 2016  
 Cash Receipts from All Farm Commodities, 2016  
 All Dry Edible Beans, 2017

### 4th...

Beef Cows, Jan. 2018  
 Soybean, 2017  
 Alfalfa Hay, 2017  
 Land in Farms and Ranches, 2017

### 5th...

Soybean Exports, 2016  
 Agricultural Exports, 2016  
 Cash Receipts from All Crops, 2016  
 Grain Sorghum, 2017  
 Sugar Beets, 2017  
 Pork Exports, 2017  
 Egg Exports, 2017

### 6th...

Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, 2017  
 Commercial Hog Slaughter, 2017  
 All Hogs and Pigs on Farms, Dec. 2017

### 7th...

Sunflower, 2017

### 8th...

Winter Wheat, 2017

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

## 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 (2013–2017)	Nemaha County	State of Nebraska
Corn for Grain (bushels).....	13,883,400.....	1,658,390,000
Hay, Alfalfa (tons) .....	8,120.....	3,122,000
Soybeans (bushels).....	4,351,400.....	297,770,000
Winter Wheat (bushels).....	62,675*.....	54,918,000

\*4-year average

Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2013–2017)	Nemaha County	State of Nebraska
All Cattle .....	9,660 .....	6,360,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

## Raw Materials

A large deposit of Niobium has been identified in Johnson County, west of Nemaha County. Mining is anticipated to start in the near future. 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.

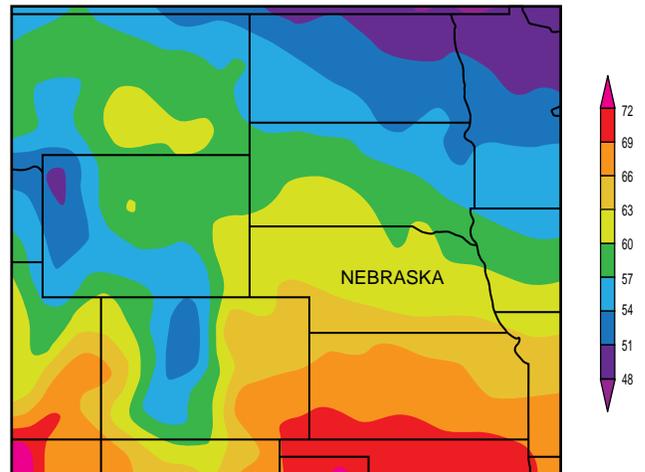
## Precipitation

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.

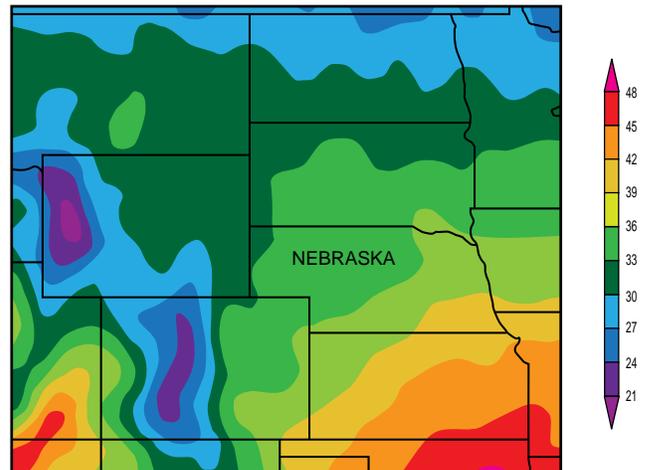
## Growing Season

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.

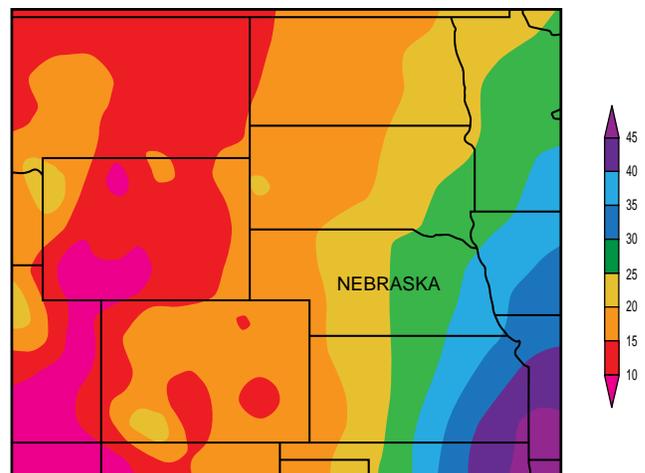
Annual Maximum Temperature (F)



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

Source: [www.hprcc.unl.edu](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu)

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