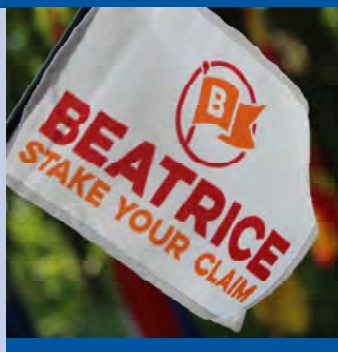




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www.ngagegroup.org
www.beatricechamber.com
www.mainstreetbeatrice.org

The following pages contain basic information about Beatrice, Nebraska. This information was compiled by Gage Area Growth Enterprise (NGage), Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Beatrice, Beatrice Community Hospital, and Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community development and quality of life.

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ABOUT Beatrice NEBRASKA

Welcome to Beatrice! Our roots go way back to 1862, when the Homestead Act was signed by President Lincoln. The Homestead National Monument, located here in town, tells the story of the "first homesteader" who settled in our area in 1863 because of this act. Since that day, thousands of others have chosen to "stake their claim" in Beatrice – as residents, professionals, and business owners. It's truly a place where opportunity grows.

From shovel-ready sites in our Industrial Park to historic buildings in our historic downtown district, business opportunities abound. We're home to many international companies and local entrepreneurship that have become internationally-known companies. Our community boasts a number of industries—lawn mower manufacturing, metal fabrication, snack food processing, driveline manufacturing, biodiesel production, nitrogen production, and many more.

On the National Register of Historic Places, our Main Street District is home to 170 businesses that range from retail to antiques and service providers to restaurants and bars, and throughout the whole town, you'll find businesses that cater to just about anything you need. We may be a "small town," but we deliver big city amenities.

Whether you're just passing through or making a choice to live here, we're excited you're here, and we think you will be too.

2017 U.S. Census Population

Beatrice	12,295
Gage County	21,601

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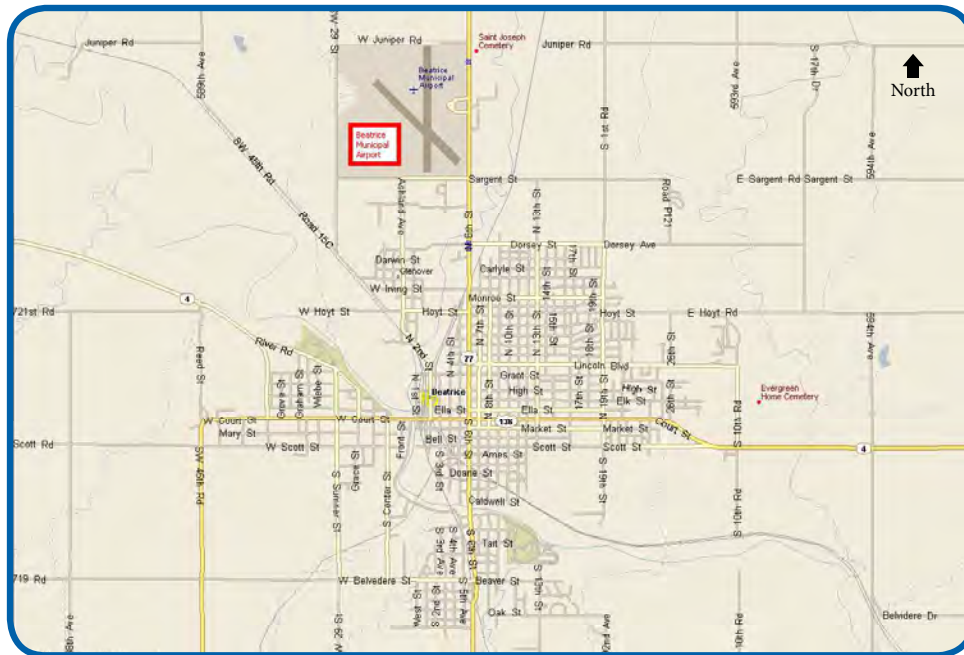
Geography

Location

Beatrice, the county seat of Gage County, is located in southeast Nebraska at the intersection of State Highway 4 and U.S. Highways 77 and 136. Beatrice is 42 miles south of Lincoln, 99 miles southwest of Omaha, and 182 miles northwest of Kansas City, Missouri.

Elevation

Beatrice is 1,286 feet above sea level.



Economic Development

Firms with retail sales tax permits in Beatrice reported 2017 net taxable retail sales of \$181,935,255, while Gage County reported retail sales of \$204,628,435.

Economic Development Organizations

Gage Area Growth Enterprise (NGage) is a county-wide economic development group consisting of an experienced economic development director and a 10-member board of directors. The Mayor of Beatrice, members of the Beatrice City Council, and the Gage County Board of Supervisors formed NGage and provide support for economic development in Gage County. NGage seeks to improve the communities in Gage County by retaining and growing our local businesses, increasing and improving a skilled workforce, and by attracting new businesses to the area.

Gage County employers consists of manufacturing, trade, transportation, utilities, government, healthcare services, and education. Diversity in employment is the key to our success, now and in the future. As an organization, NGage is committed to working with businesses exploring growth in Gage County. They will do three things for a business of any size: maintain confidentiality about business needs and inquiry; reduce and/or eliminate the time it takes to navigate and access federal, state, and local incentive programs; and work thoroughly, professionally, and efficiently with businesses through the selection process, so a decision to choose Gage County as a place to grow is a timely and easy decision.

Currently, 65 acres are available in the Gage County Industrial Park in Beatrice for industrial development. Other available sites and building information can be found at the NGage website: www.ngagegroup.org.



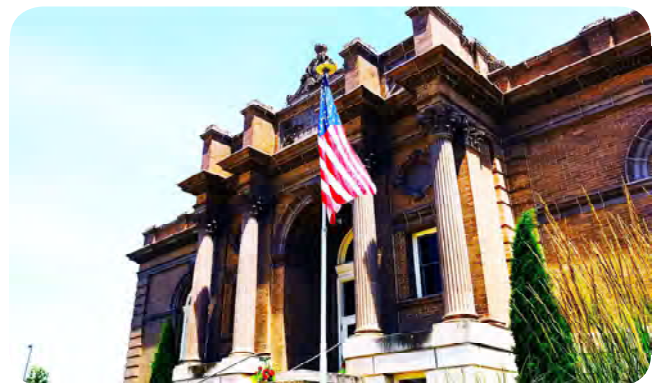
Neapco



World Lawn



Hendrix Genetics



*Carnegie Building
Housing - Gage County Tourism,
Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce, and
NGage Economic Development*

Beatrice's Top Ten Manufacturing Employers

	<i>Employees</i>
Exmark	450
Commercial turf equipment & turf care accessories	
Neapco	260
Driveline components, automotive universal joints, constant velocity (cv) joints, assembled drivelines for agricultural & recreational vehicles	
Beatrice Concrete	88
Concrete products & service	
Landmark Snacks	81
Food manufacturing	
Koch Nitrogen Co.	80
Anhydrous ammonia, liquid carbon dioxide & UAN liquid nitrogen	
Accuma	62
Battery casings	
Worldlawn Power Equipment	54
Commercial & residential lawn mowers and snow throwers	
Duonix-Beatrice	52
Biodiesel	
Ratigan-Schottler Manufacturing	47
Oak & church finishing products/church fixtures, courtroom furnishings	
Continental Carbonic Products, Inc.	47
Dry ice	

Beatrice's Top Ten Nonmanufacturing Employers

	<i>Employees</i>
Beatrice Community Hospital	580
<i>Medical</i>	
Beatrice State Developmental Center	390
<i>Residential & vocational support for individuals with intellectual disabilities</i>	
Beatrice Public Schools	340
<i>Education</i>	
Mosaic	320
<i>Residential & vocational support for individuals with intellectual disabilities</i>	
WalMart Super Center	195
<i>Retail</i>	
City of Beatrice	130
<i>Government</i>	
Good Samaritan Society	125
<i>Nursing home & assisted living</i>	
Southeast Community College	115
<i>Education</i>	
Farmer's Cooperative	111
<i>Agriculture products & service</i>	
Beatrice Health and Rehab	95
<i>Rehabilitation center & nursing home</i>	



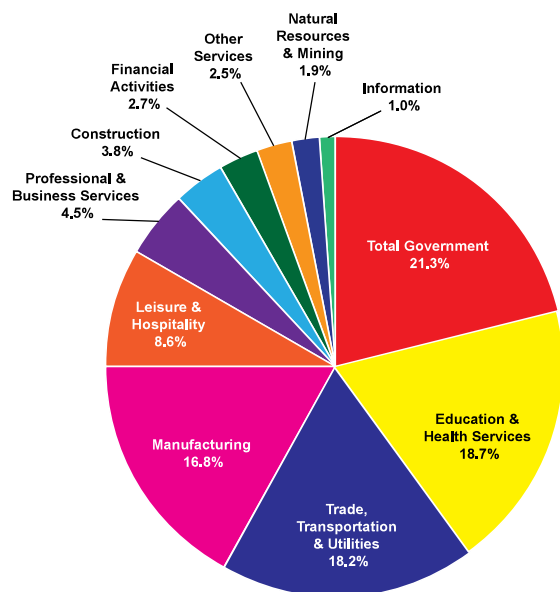
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Beatrice State Developmental Center



Nonfarm Wage & Salary Employment, Gage County, 2017 Annual Average



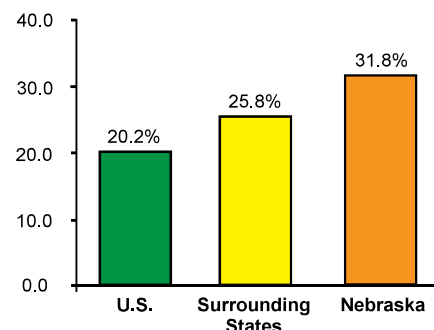
Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

Unemployment Rate Annual Average 2017

Gage County	3.5%
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

Gage County Labor Supply Annual Average 2017

	Gage & Contiguous Counties*	Gage County
Non-farm wage and salary workers.....	156,942	7,155
Total employment.....	197,491	10,503
Labor force population	203,051	10,886
ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY		
Commuting out of county (2015).....		6,022
Unemployed.....		383
Total		6,405

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

*Contiguous counties include Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Otoe, Pawnee, and Saline Counties in Nebraska.

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.



Industrial Park Signs

Local Labor Unions

Agrium U.S., Inc. -

International Chemical Workers

Beatrice Public Schools -

Nebraska State Education Association

Beatrice Education Association

Beatrice State Development Center -

American Federation of State,

County & Municipal Employees

Nebraska Association of Public Employees

Blacks Hills Energy -

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

City of Beatrice / Board of Public Works -

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

International Association of Fire Fighters

Federation of Police Officers

Norris Public Power District -

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

Southeast Community College -

Nebraska State Education Association

State of Nebraska -

American Federation of State and County

Municipal Employees

Windstream Communications -

Communications Workers of America

Fringe Benefits

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to be 15 percent of wages.



Landmark Snacks



Duonix-Beatrice



Beatrice Concrete

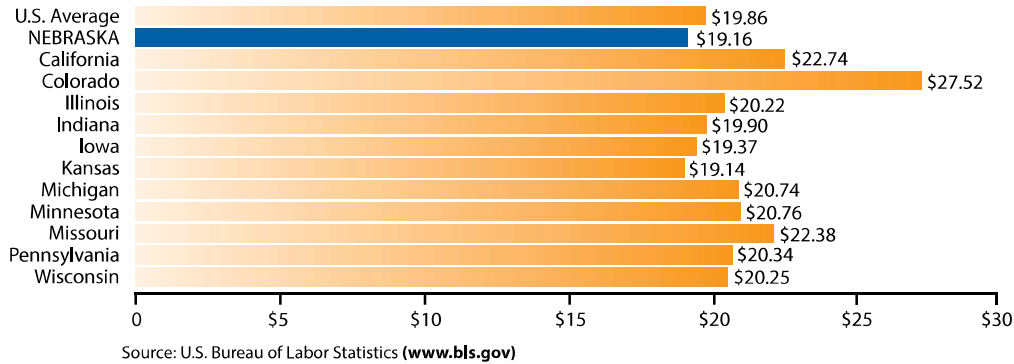


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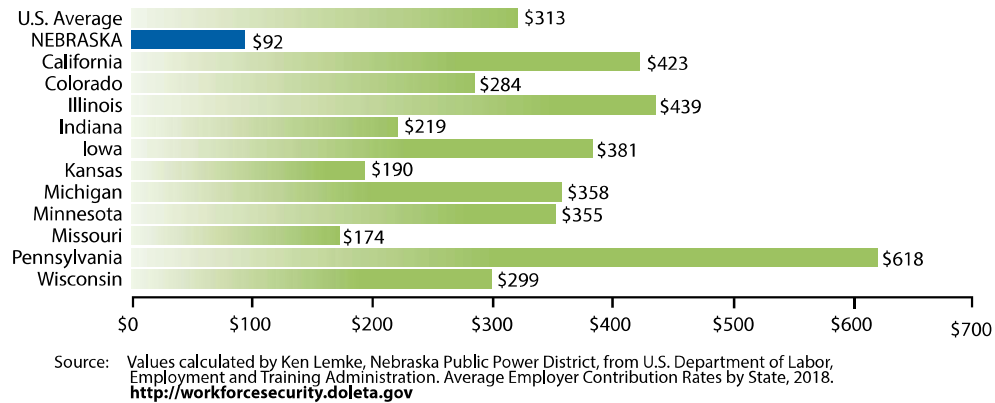


Neapco

Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers, 2017



Average Annual Unemployment Insurance Contribution Per Covered Employee, 2017



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

Job Title	10th Percentile	50th Percentile	90th Percentile
Accountants and Auditors	15.43	25.23	40.38
Computer Programmers	21.51	29.14	47.73
Registered Nurses	21.84	28.97	38.57
Retail Salespersons	9.77	10.98	19.01
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical	9.68	14.53	20.46
Customer Service Representatives	9.98	15.16	22.62
Office Clerks, General	9.82	12.70	18.85
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	13.61	17.36	21.70
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	11.83	16.80	22.78
Machinists	16.28	20.15	25.58
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	14.31	19.53	26.48
Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters	14.68	18.46	22.26
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	13.34	18.22	29.17
Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters/Operators*	11.74	18.87	24.86
Electricians	14.95	22.32	37.17
Tool and Die Makers	14.29	18.75	29.33

*Wage information taken from Nebraska Statewide

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Fourth 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 neworks.nebraska.gov.

Market Access

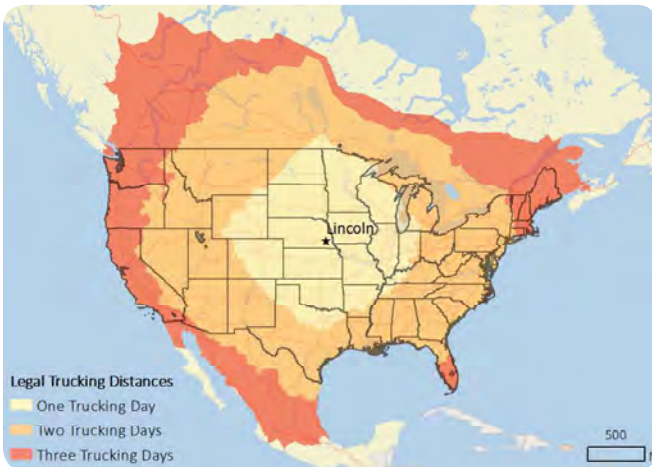
Highways

U.S. Highway 77 (north-south) and U.S. Highway 136 (east-west) intersect in Beatrice. Nebraska Highway 4 (east-west) also passes through the community. Beatrice has a truck route with weight limits through the community. Four-lane U.S. Highway 77 expressway connects to Interstate 80 and Lincoln, 42 miles north of Beatrice. U.S. Highway 136 connects to Interstate 29, 62 miles east of Beatrice.

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, 42 miles north of Beatrice.



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

Bus Lines

Greyhound Bus Lines serve Lincoln, 42 miles north of Beatrice.

Rail

Amtrak provides Lincoln, 42 miles north of Beatrice, 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.

The **BNSF Railway Company** serves Beatrice with approximately one freight train daily. Switching is completed by train crews daily. For further information regarding BNSF Railway Company, visit www.bnsf.com.



Air

The **Beatrice Municipal Airport** is located in the northern city limits. The airport features two lighted, hard-surfaced runways—5,600-foot asphalt/concrete and 4,400-foot asphalt. Beatrice Airport provides a vital link to the community and the surrounding area. The airport is adequate to accommodate almost all single, turbo prop, and business jets. Courtesy cars are available. The elevation at the airport is 1,324 feet, the latitude is 40-18-04N, and the longitude is 096-45-14W.

Nearest Commercial Air Service

Lincoln Airport

Lincoln, NE 42 miles, 47 minutes

Eppley Airport

Omaha, NE 99 miles, 97 minutes

Kansas City International Airport

Kansas City, MO 182 miles, 177 minutes



Beatrice Municipal Airport

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

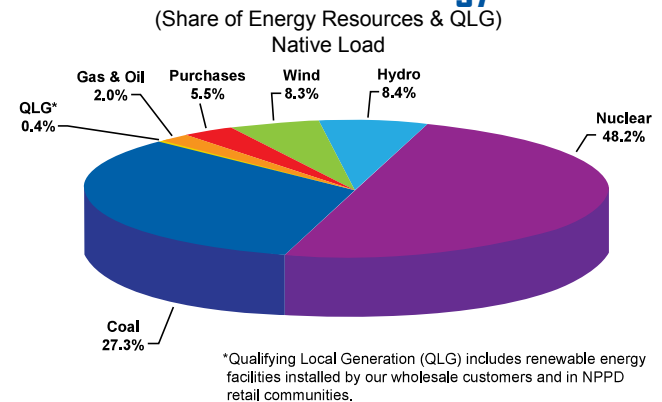
NPPD has an Economic Development Rate (EDR) for customers with qualifying projects of new or additional electric load. To be eligible for the lower, incentivized EDR, a customer must:

- 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

	2017 Average Retail Price of Energy Costs					
	Electric (Cents per Kilowatt Hour)			Natural Gas (Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet)		
	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
U.S. Average	12.89	10.66	6.88	10.91	7.88	4.10
NEBRASKA	10.97	8.85	7.66	9.01	6.37	4.54
California	18.31	15.76	12.73	12.49	8.76	7.05
Colorado	12.17	9.89	7.50	8.08	7.17	5.58
Illinois	12.95	9.09	6.47	8.83	7.78	5.76
Indiana	12.29	10.54	7.54	8.94	7.52	5.99
Iowa	12.34	9.46	6.21	9.30	6.87	5.21
Kansas	13.31	10.59	7.54	10.95	9.36	4.16
Massachusetts	20.06	15.93	13.88	13.32	10.16	8.02
Michigan	15.40	11.00	7.19	8.38	7.02	5.97
Minnesota	13.04	10.48	7.37	8.47	6.80	4.48
Missouri	11.63	9.47	7.33	11.78	8.44	6.64
New Jersey	15.65	12.28	10.12	9.14	9.14	7.92
New York	18.03	14.75	5.92	12.04	6.87	7.21
Ohio	12.63	10.05	6.92	9.72	6.11	6.71
Pennsylvania	14.23	8.98	6.77	11.40	9.16	8.38
Texas	11.01	8.26	5.35	13.61	7.71	3.28
Wisconsin	14.35	10.87	7.49	8.40	6.60	5.34

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2017 Annual

Beatrice Board of Public Works

The **Beatrice Board of Public Works (BPW)** is a wholesale customer of Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). BPW maintains and constructs its own transmission and distribution system in their service territory. In addition, Beatrice sets its own electrical rates to recover the costs it incurs to deliver electricity to customers.

BPW retails power purchased from NPPD to the citizens of Beatrice. Four incoming lines from NPPD, at current line size from NPPD, can handle loads up to 68 MW. Ten distribution substations are capable of handling loads up to 77.5 MW. The distribution voltages are 2400/4160 kV or 7200/12,470 kV, depending on location in the city. Since higher voltages are more efficient and have less line losses, the Board of Public Works has a long-range program with a target of converting all 2400/4160 kV lines to 7200/12,470 kV. The BPW, with an excellent reliability rating, has worked on this program for several years.

The Beatrice Power Station, owned by NPPD, is a combined-cycle, natural gas-fired power plant in

Beatrice that began operation in 2005. The power plant acts as a hedge against an unforeseen extended outage occurring at one of NPPD's other major power plants, helps to meet future electric load growth in NPPD's native service area, and gives NPPD's electric power generation added fuel diversity.

Base Electric Rates (effective 1/1/16)

Summer bills run from June 15–October 15

Winter bills run from October 16–June 14

All rates are subject to application of a Production Cost Adjustment.

Residential Service

Customer Charge:		\$10.00 per month
Summer	Winter	
\$0.1028	\$0.1028	per kWh for the first 550 kWh
\$0.1028	\$0.0727	per kWh for all additional use

Residential Space Heating

Customer Charge:		\$10.00 per month
Summer	Winter	
\$0.1028	\$0.1028	per kWh for the first 550 kWh
\$0.1028	\$0.0500	per kWh for all additional use

General Service

Customer Charge:		\$18.00 per month
Summer	Winter	
\$0.1143	\$0.1143	per kWh for the first 1,200 kWh
\$0.1143	\$0.0834	per kWh for all additional use
Electric Heat Winter Rate:		
—	\$0.0533	per kWh

General Service Demand (for customers using less than 500 kW)

Customer Charge:		\$50.00 per month
Demand Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
\$17.38	\$14.25	per kW of billing demand
Energy Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
\$0.0398	\$0.0367	per kWh

Large Light and Power (for customers using more than 500 kW)

Customer Charge:		\$75.00 per month
Demand Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
\$18.74	\$14.25	per kW of billing demand
Energy Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
\$0.0374	\$0.0351	per kWh

Prospective customers should contact Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, Beatrice Board of Public Works, (402) 228-5211, or visit the city's website at www.beatrice.ne.gov for further information regarding electric rates and service.

Norris Public Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves

the rural area surrounding Beatrice. For information regarding electrical services in the Norris Public Power District area, contact Bruce Vitosh, General Manager, Beatrice, (402) 223-4038, www.norrisppd.com.



Norris Public Power District

Natural Gas

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

Black Hills Energy is the distributor of natural gas in Beatrice. The transmission provider is Northern Natural Gas. Natural Gas in Beatrice is provided by a 6 inch line with 70 pounds per square inch (PSI), with an average value of 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, and is available for residential, commercial, and industrial customers for base and peak use on a firm basis. Interruptible service is available for customers with alternate fuel capability. Annual curtailment of interruptible customers varies with the type of service selected by the customer.

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

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

Other Fuels

Liquefied Petroleum (LP)

Liquefied petroleum gas is available in Beatrice for residential, commercial, and industrial uses from Farmers Union Co-op Supply, Sanford Oil Company, and Sapp Bros. Petroleum.

Oil

Oil is available in Beatrice for residential, commercial, and industrial uses from Jurgens, Inc.; Farmers Union Co-op Supply; Sanford Oil Company; and Sapp Bros. Petroleum.

Water

The municipal water system in Beatrice is supplied by 12 wells, which have an average depth of 100–225 feet. The system, serving the entire city, has a combined pumping capacity of 7,000 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 1,500,000 gallons and an underground storage capacity of 8,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 2,220,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 6,700,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 11,588,000 gallons per day. The static pressure is 60 pounds per square inch and the residual pressure is 50 pounds per square inch.

The city's wells produce up to 8,000,000 gallons of water per minute. The water table has not changed significantly in the past 25 years. The quality of water in Beatrice does not necessitate a water treatment plant. The Beatrice Board of Public Works maintains and constructs the water distribution system.

Water Rates (effective 09/19/16)

A new service tapping fee of \$1,550 is charged for a 1" tap.

Water Rates	
Usage Fee: \$2.15 per 1,000 gallons of water	
Meter Size	Monthly Service Charge
5/8" or 3/4"	\$12.75
1"	\$15.95
1¼" or 1½"	\$21.20
2"	\$29.15
3" or larger	\$51.25

Sewerage

Beatrice has a trickling filter/rotating biological contractor (RBC) municipal sanitary sewerage system build in 1983. The biological treatment plant added a trickling filter in 2000 and a new UV system was added in 2011. The system has a daily capacity of 3.9 million gallons and an average daily flow of 1.5 million gallons.

The Beatrice Board of Public Works constructed and maintains the sewer distribution system.

Sewer-Use Charges (effective 09/19/16)

A \$9.50 sewer connection fee and a \$12.00 new service tapping fee is charged for residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

Residential Rates	
Minimum Charge:	\$12.00 per month
Usage Fee:	\$2.75 per month per 1,000 gallons
Infrastructure Improvement Charge:	\$5.00 per month

Commercial Rates	
Minimum Charge:	\$12.00 per month
Usage Fee:	\$2.75 per month per 1,000 gallons
Infrastructure Improvement Charge:	\$6.00 per month

Permitted Users Rates	
Minimum Charge:	\$125.00 per month
Usage Fee:	\$2.92 per month per 1,000 gallons
Infrastructure Improvement Charge:	\$7.00 per month

Solid Waste Disposal

Privately owned waste removal services are available in Beatrice. Wastes are hauled to the Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency landfill two miles outside of Beatrice.

Recycling

Curb side recycling and a recycling center are available in Beatrice. Items accepted include: steel (tin), bimetal cans, aluminum, plastics 1 through 7, newspaper, glass, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, paint, and yard waste.

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

Charter Communications - TV, Internet, Phone

Diode Communications - Internet

Select Wireless - Cell Phone, Internet

U.S. Cellular - Cell Phone, Internet

Unite Private Networks - Internet, Fiber Network

Verizon Wireless - Cell Phone, Internet

Windstream - Internet, Phone, TV, Fiber Network

Post Office

The **U.S. Postal Service** in Beatrice provides house-to-house delivery service and has one mail receipt and two dispatches daily.



U.S. Post Office

Package Delivery Service

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

Newspaper

The **Beatrice Daily Sun**, the local daily newspaper, has 4,000 print and 3,500 online subscribers. Other newspapers delivered locally are the **Fairbury Journal-News**, **Penny Press**, **Lincoln Journal Star**, **Omaha World-Herald**, **The Voice**, and **Wymore Arbor State**.



Beatrice Daily Sun

Radio

Stations Carrying Local News

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KWBE-AM	1450 KHz	Beatrice, NE
KUTT-FM	99.5 MHz	Fairbury, NE
KLIN-AM	1400 KHz	Lincoln, NE
KFOR-AM	1240 KHz	Lincoln, NE

Television

Stations Carrying Local News

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KWBE	21	Beatrice, NE
KLKN	8	Lincoln, NE
KOLN/KGIN	10/11	Lincoln/ Grand Island, NE
KUON	12	Lincoln, NE
KSNB	4	Superior, NE
KMTV	3	Omaha, NE
WOWT	6	Omaha, NE
KETV	7	Omaha, NE
WIBW	13	Topeka, KS

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.



Water Tower in Astro Park

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:

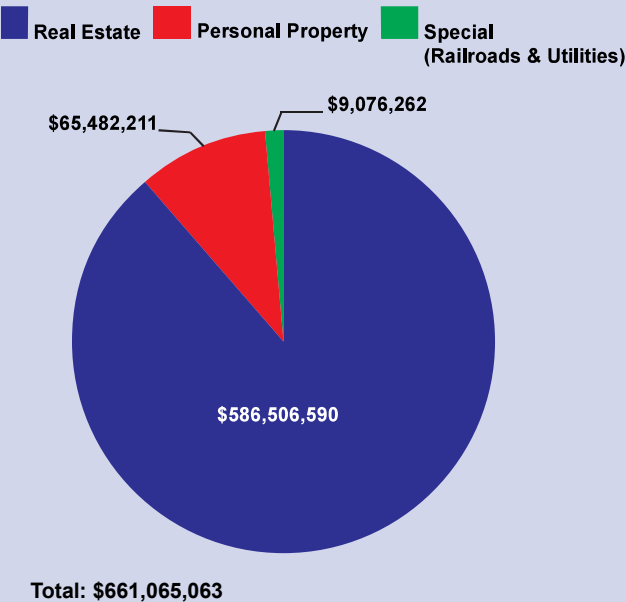
- Comparison with sales of real property of known or recognized value, taking into account location, zoning, current functional use, and other statutory guidelines (sales comparison approach)
- Earning capacity of the real property (income approach)
- Cost less depreciation (cost approach)

Nebraska Tax Incentives

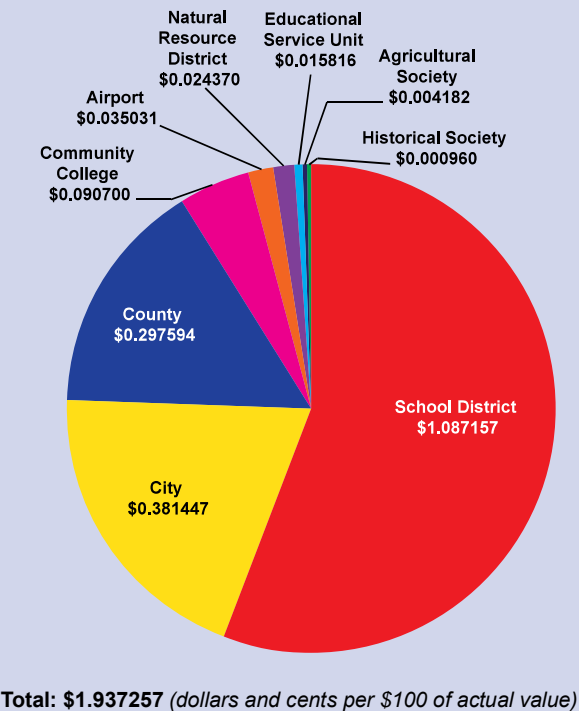
Nebraska's performance-based tax incentive programs demonstrate the state's commitment to creating a favorable business environment for your business expansion or location. Known collectively as the "Nebraska Advantage Package," this multi-tiered program provides investment credits, wage credits, sales 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 opportunity.nebraska.gov.



2017 Actual Valuation Beatrice, Nebraska



Beatrice 2017 Tax Rates



Local Bonded Indebtedness

As of 9/30/2018:

City Revenue Bonds	\$3,565,000
City General Obligation Bonds	\$365,000
Beatrice Airport Authority Bond	\$340,000



Gage County Courthouse

Local Government

Beatrice, a first-class city, has a mayor-council form of government with a city administrator. The mayor and council members are elected to serve four-year terms and the city administrator is appointed. The 2017–18 actual budget was \$23,942,662.

Gage County has 24 townships and is governed by seven commissioners, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The actual county budget for 2017–18 was \$18,280,179. The county belongs to NGage and Southeast Nebraska Development District along with 13 other counties.

Fire Protection

Beatrice Fire and Rescue provide fire protection, prevention, and public education to the community with 23 full-time firefighters; 13 members are paramedics and 10 are certified emergency medical technicians (EMTs). The firefighters provide county-wide ambulance service, regional Haz-Mat response, and confined-space, high-angle, and water rescue. The department provides mutual aid to Gage and Jefferson Counties and portions of Saline County.

Beatrice has one fire station and 705 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 3; outside it is 9. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$2,620,728.



City of Beatrice



Beatrice Police Department



Beatrice Fire Station

2017 Crime Rates (per 1,000 population)

	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Gage County	1.4	18.3
Nebraska	3.1	22.7
U.S Total	3.9	23.6

Source: ucr.fbi.gov

Law Enforcement

The **Beatrice Police Department** employs 21 full-time police officers and 10 support staff. Units and programs within the department include: SWAT team, criminal investigations, victims assistance program, K-9 division, and school resource officer program. In addition to standard equipment, officers are equipped with body cameras along with a camera and computer system in each car, which connects them to each other and dispatch. The city has an automatic vehicle locator system and emergency notification system for the entire county. Regular patrol is provided to existing industries in the area. Annual expenditures for police protection for the last three years averaged \$3,146,675.

Sheriff

The **Gage County Sheriff's Department** has 14 full-time and 4 part-time officers and 12 full-time and 4 part-time support personnel. Equipment in the department includes a SWAT unit, mobile speed trail, and UTV. Regular patrol is provided by the sheriff's department, as well as these services/units: Clandestine Lab Team, investigations, road division, special operations group, special services division, and K-9 unit.



Gage County Sheriff's Department

State Patrol

The **Nebraska State Patrol** is headquartered in Lincoln, 42 miles north of Beatrice. Two patrol officers are stationed in Beatrice.

Streets

Beatrice has 115 miles of streets; 63 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete, 34 miles are hard-surfaced with asphalt, and 1 mile with brick. The remaining 17 miles of streets are gravel. Twenty-five percent of the streets have curbs and sidewalks. There are no local load restrictions.

Building Regulations

The International Building Codes, 2006 Edition, are enforced in Beatrice.

Planning

Beatrice has a ten-member planning commission. Members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council to serve four-year terms.



Land Available in Industrial Park (65 Acres)

Education

Beatrice Public Schools

Public Schools	Students	Teacher/Pupil Ratio	Computer/Pupil Ratio
Elementary (K–5)	857	1:14	1:2
Middle School (6–8)	477	1:12	1:2
High School (9–12)	663	1:15	1:3

School District No. 340015 in Gage County covers 158 square miles and had a 2017–18 actual valuation of \$1,221,609,606, with an actual valuation per student of \$640,256. This Class III school is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and North Central Association.

The 2017–18 school operating expenses totaled \$23,075,427, with an average cost per pupil of \$12,094.

Report Card 2017–2018

ACT Test	Composite
Beatrice Public School	18.7
Nebraska	19.4
National	20.8

Source: Nebraska Department of Education



Beatrice Community Preschool



Paddock Lane Elementary School



Lincoln Elementary School



Stoddard Elementary School



Beatrice Middle School



Beatrice High School



Beatrice Public Schools Administration Building

Parochial Schools	Students	Teacher/Pupil Ratio	Computer/Pupil Ratio
St. Joseph Catholic (Pre-K–5)	97	1:10	1:2
St. Paul's Lutheran (Pre-K–5)	135	1:13	1:2



St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School



St. Paul's Lutheran Elementary School

Educational Service Unit

Located in Beatrice, **ESU 5** is a cooperative educational agency that enhances opportunities for all learners by providing innovative and responsive leadership and support to schools in Gage, Jefferson, and Thayer Counties. Services are offered in the areas of school improvement and staff development, special education and early childhood development, interactive and web-based distance learning, behavior management, alternative high school, media services, curriculum and instruction, and leadership training.

Compass Alternative School

The **Compass Learning Community** provides students with a rigorous, standards-based curriculum, as well as a structure and environment that balances individualized, student-directed learning and teacher-led small group instruction.

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 Beatrice High School Graduates	
	Miles
Beatrice, NE Southeast Community College, Beatrice Campus	--
Crete, NE Doane University	35
Lincoln, NE University of Nebraska-Lincoln Southeast Community College, Lincoln Campus Nebraska Wesleyan University	42
Milford, NE Southeast Community College, Milford Campus	60
Peru, NE Peru State College	64
Omaha, NE University of Nebraska at Omaha Creighton University	99
Wayne, NE Wayne State College	163
Kearney, NE University of Nebraska at Kearney	168
Chadron, NE Chadron State University	487



Southeast Community College - Beatrice Campus

Quality of Life

Health Care

Hospital

The **Beatrice Community Hospital and Health Center**, built in 2012, is licensed for 25 acute care beds.

This private, nonprofit hospital offers a full range of primary care services. Services available include: 3D mammography, cardiac and pulmonary rehab, cardiopulmonary services, chemotherapy, nutritional and diabetes education, diagnostic imaging, emergency department, home care, hospice, infusion center, labor and delivery, laboratory, occupational therapy, personal nursing care, pharmacy, physical therapy, specialty physician clinics, speech therapy, sleep services, surgery, and inpatient/outpatient nursing care.

Specialty clinics (visiting specialists) at the hospital include cardiology, neurology, neurosurgery, oncology, pain, podiatry, pulmonology, psychiatry, urology, and vascular.

Local patrons also utilize Bryan Health and CHI Health St. Elizabeth in Lincoln, 42 miles north of Beatrice.

Clinics

The following medical clinics serve area residents:

Medical Clinics

- Beatrice Internal Medicine
- Beatrice Medical Center (Family)
- Beatrice Orthopedics and Sports Medicine
- Beatrice Women's and Children's Clinic
- Community Medical Center
- Gage County Medical Clinic (Family)
- Southeast Nebraska Surgery

Rescue Squad

The **Beatrice Fire and Rescue**, with five ambulances, employs 23 full-time staff (13 paramedics and 10 EMTs) and an additional 2 part-time paramedics on staff. The Beatrice Fire and Rescue protects approximately 13,000 citizens in an eight square-mile area. The department also helps protect an additional 12,000 citizens with the Beatrice Rural Fire District, which covers an area of approximately 200 square miles. Beatrice Fire and Rescue houses the Rural Fire District's fire apparatus and automatically responds to fire and rescue calls within this rural area and are accompanied by approximately 60 rural volunteer members. The department also provides mutual aid for all of Gage and Jefferson Counties and portions of Saline County in Southeast Nebraska, which is a 1,200-square-mile area. Beatrice Fire and Rescue operates a county wide ambulance service that covers a 600-mile rescue district.



Beatrice Community Hospital and Health Center

Nursing Homes

Beatrice Health and Rehabilitation
80-bed facility
Good Samaritan Society
80-bed facility

Independent / Assisted Living

Villa at Flowing Springs
45-bed independent facility
Homestead House
40-bed assisted living facility
The Kensington
62-bed assisted living facility
Samaritan Springs
24-bed assisted living facility
PEO Home
20-bed assisted living facility

Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

Beatrice Sunset Estates - 17-unit low cost facility
Carstens Garden - 50-unit low cost facility
Homestead Village - 62-unit low cost facility
Parents of All Ages - 10-unit low cost facility
Parkview Village - 32-unit low cost facility
Pinetree Villa - 12-unit low cost facility
Prairie Heights - 40-unit low cost facility
Ridgefield Townhomes - 8-unit low cost facility
Timberridge Townhomes - 32-unit low cost facility
Valley Heights - 10-unit low cost facility
Valley Heights II - 19-unit low cost facility
Washington Heights - 24-unit low cost facility
East Arbor Meadows - 19-unit retirement facility

Library

The **Beatrice Public Library** contains 140,041 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 112,890. The facility offers six study rooms, conference rooms, meeting room for seating more than 100, and a climate-controlled archival room. The library provides Internet access and many online databases, videotapes, audiotapes, CDs, DVDs, art prints, and sculptures. There are public-access computers, a microfilm reader-printer, and fax machine. The library houses the Nebraska State Genealogical Society collection. Activities and programs include: bimonthly preschool and toddler story time, summer reading programs, weekly summer programs for children and adults, monthly book discussions, gatherings of genealogists, and special exhibits in April and December.



Beatrice Health and Rehab



Good Samaritan Society



Homestead House

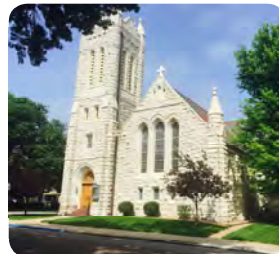


Beatrice Public Library

Churches

Denomination

- Assemblies of God
- Baptist
- Brethren
- Catholic
- Christian Church
- Church of the Nazarene
- Church of Christ
- Episcopalian
- Jehovah's Witness
- Latter-Day Saints
- Lutheran
- Mennonite
- Methodist
- New Testament
- Nondenominational
- Pentecostal
- Presbyterian
- Salvation Army
- Seventh-Day Adventist



Recreation

There are 16 parks in Beatrice covering 255 acres. Beatrice has 12 ball diamonds, 5 miles of concrete and 18 miles of limestone walk/bike trails, 13 playgrounds, and 3 splash pads. **Chautauqua Park** includes a baseball diamond, playground equipment, picnic area, horseshoe pits, tennis courts, rest rooms, and camping area. **Prairie Playground** is equipped with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible playground equipment and is located adjacent to the YMCA. Picnic shelter and rest rooms are available on the YMCA property. **Veterans Memorial Park** includes a memorial wall and tree arboretum.



Chautauqua Park



Prairie Playground



Veterans Memorial Park

The **Big Blue Water Park** provides swimming and outdoor recreation with its 9,000-square-foot zero-entry pool, youth pool with fountain bubbler and toys, 124-foot loop water slide, 8-foot-wide river slide, 2-meter diving boards, shade structures, bathhouse, and concessions.



Big Blue Water Park

Gage County Historical Society and Museum is located in a 1906 National Register, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Passenger Station. This historic site is where Beatrice and Gage County were founded in 1857. Genealogical research and exhibits offer insight to people, railroads, industries, and agricultural history.



Gage County Historical Society and Museum

Homestead National Monument of America - Explore southeast Nebraska's only National Park Service site with interactive exhibits, Pioneer School, and Homesteader Cabin. One hundred acres of restored tall grass prairie with 2.5 miles of walking trails through prairie and woodland. Special events tell stories of industry, agriculture, immigration, migration, and American Indian cultures.



Homestead National Monument of America

The **Beatrice Country Club**, a top rated golf course in Nebraska, and **Hidden Acres Golf Course** are both eighteen-hole golf courses in the community.

Downtown Beatrice, recently designated as a place on the National Register for Historic Places, is home to 170 businesses that offer a mix of retail, service, entertainment, and dining.

Rockford SRA consist of approximately 300 land acres around a 150 acre lake. The lake offers bullhead, bluegill, common carp, channel catfish, crappie, flathead catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, wiper, and other species. Rockford's shaded campsites offer RV camping on 30 pads with electric hookups and tent camping on 40 non-pad sites. Other activities at Rockford include: a swimming beach to cool off during the warm summer months, a one-mile hiking trail, boating via the dock and ramp, picnicking at the area's 90 picnic tables, 88 grills, and 2 shelters.



Other Attractions - Beatrice is known for its outstanding softball and baseball fields that host major tournaments at its 12 ball fields on a regular basis.



Walking trails connect the major parks with a route along the Blue River that runs through the center of the city.

The **Beatrice Community Players Theatre** is the most active community theatre outside of Lincoln and Omaha.



Community Players Theatre

Annual Celebrations

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| FEBRUARY | Chocolate Lovers Extravaganza
<i>Shopping and chocolate tasting</i> |
| MARCH | IMCA Modified Spring Nationals
<i>Modified car racing</i> |
| MAY | Tall Grass Fiddle Festival
<i>Fiddle Festival at Homestead National Monument</i> |
| JUNE | Homestead Days
<i>Parade, fun run, horseshoe tournament, car show, Main Street Beatrice RibFest</i> |
| JULY | Gage County Fair and Expo
<i>Country concerts, 4-H, vendors, rides, tractor show, races, trailer races, ag BBQ</i> |
| SEPTEMBER | IMCA Modified Fall Nationals
<i>Modified car racing</i> |
| OCTOBER | Trail of Treasures
<i>Find your treasures along Highway 136</i>

Night of the Great Pumpkin
<i>Trick or treating in downtown Beatrice</i> |
| NOVEMBER | Southeast Nebraska Ag Management Expo
<i>Speakers and vendors in the ag field</i> |
| DECEMBER | Holiday Lighted Parade
<i>Festive parade through downtown Beatrice with a holiday twist</i> |





Hannibal Park & Field



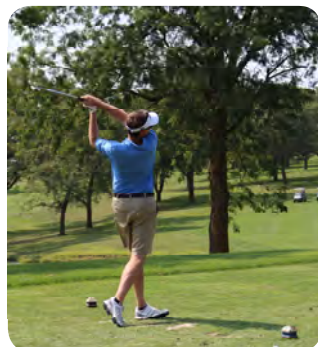
Skate Park



Riverside Park



Roszell-Exmark Park



Beatrice Country Club



Hidden Acres Golf Course



Homestead Days Celebration

Financial Institutions

Bank of the West
 Farm Credit Services of America
 Farm Service Agency
 First National Bank of Omaha
 First State Bank Nebraska
 Great Western Bank
 Members Own Credit Union
 Pinnacle Bank
 Security First Bank
 US Bank



Housing

Seventy-seven new homes were constructed in the past three years with nearly 100 projected to be built in 2018. NGage, with funding assistance by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA), completed a housing study for Gage County in 2016. The findings showed a need for new construction and local developers are working to fill the need identified in that study. In result, forty-eight new homes and an additional 29 multi-family units were built between October 2016 and December 2018, with nearly 100 projected to be built in total for 2018/19.





Community Services

With a business climate full of opportunity, Beatrice continues to expand its retail choices and offers many services to its residents. The residents of Beatrice have combined talent and a strong work ethic to create an ideal setting in which to work and live. For a specific list or recommendations of community services, contact Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce.

Professional

Architects	2
Attorneys	23
Auctioneers	3
Certified Public Accountants	13
Engineering Firms	1
Medical	
Anesthesiologists	2
Chiropractors	7
Emergency Medicine Physicians	6
Family Practice Physicians	8
General Surgeons	2
Internal Medicine Physicians	2
Nurse Practitioners	9
Nurses, Registered	95
Obstetricians & Gynecologists	3
Occupational Therapists	4
Orthopedic Surgeons/Sports Medicine Physicians	1
Optometrists	6
Pediatricians	1
Pharmacists	4
Physical Therapists	8
Physician Assistants	12
Psychologists	2
Speech Therapists	2
Veterinarians	4

Business and Commercial

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies	6
Agricultural Implement Dealers	4

Antique Shops	6
Apparel Stores	
Children's	2
Combination	2
Men's	2
Women's	1
Appliance Stores	4
Auto Body Repair & Services	5
Auto Repair & Services	13
Auto Supply Parts	3
Automobile Dealers	8
Automobile Renting & Leasing	3
Aviation Seeding & Spraying	1
Bakeries	2
Banquet Facilities, Halls	
Auditoriums & Meeting Rooms	5
Beauty Salons/Barber Shops	25
Caterers	4
Child Care Services	3
Computer Services	3
Contractors	
Building	8
Carpentry	3
Concrete	8
Electric	3
Gravel	4
Heating & Air Conditioning	5
Plumbing	2
Remodeling	1
Roofing	4
Well Digging	11
Convenience Stores	8
Copying & Duplicating Services	3
Craft Stores	1
Dance Studios	1
Discount Stores	3
Dry Cleaning & Laundries	1
Electric Motor Repairs	2

Farm/Ranch Supplies	2	Lumberyards.....	2
Feed & Seed Dealers	2	Machine Shops.....	3
Fertilizer Suppliers/Applicators	1	Motels/Hotels.....(255 rooms)	5
Floral Shops	2	Nurseries & Garden Centers	2
Funeral Homes	3	Office Equipment Sales, Service & Supplies.....	2
Furniture Stores.....	2	Pet Boarding/Grooming Services	6
Gift Shops.....	1	Pharmacies.....	4
Grain Dealers	1	Photography Studios	6
Grocery Stores	3	Preschools.....	3
Hardware Stores.....	3	Printers	3
Health Clubs	4	Real Estate Firms	7
Heavy Equipment Repairs.....	1	Restaurants	28
Industrial Equipment & Supplies.....	2	Service Stations.....	2
Insurance Companies.....	15	Shoe Stores.....	2
Interior Decorators & Designers	2	Theatres	4
Jewelry Stores	2	Travel Agencies & Bureaus	1
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies.....	2	Upholstery Shops	1
Laundromats.....	2	Variety Stores	3
Lawn Services	4	Welding Shops	6



Retail Businesses

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

Gage County

2012 Statistics	Gage County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms.....	1,263.....	49,969
Land in Farms (acres)	534,402.....	45,331,783
Average Size of Farms (acres).....	423.....	907
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$244,467,000.....	\$23,068,756,000
Market Value Per Farm.....	\$193,561.....	\$461,661
Total Acres Irrigated.....	63,795.....	8,296,573
Percent of Farmland Irrigated.....	11.9%.....	18.3%

Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2013–2017)	Gage County	State of Nebraska
Corn for Grain (bushels).....	26,617,400	1,658,390,000
Oats (bushels)	33,825*	1,984,000
Soybeans (bushels).....	8,387,200	297,770,000
Winter Wheat (bushels).....	506,300	54,918,000
*4-year average		

Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2013–2017)	Gage County	State of Nebraska
All Cattle	35,000	6,360,000

Gage County ranked in the top ten counties in the state in the production of oats three of the last five years, in the top six counties in the state in the production of sorghum, and top five of the last five years in the production of soybeans.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Raw Materials

Duonix Beatrice, LP produces 50 million gallons of biodiesel annually utilizing innovative technology called ENSEL, that converts feedstocks, such as recycled cooking oil and distillers corn oil into high-quality biodiesel. In addition to fuel, the plant produces a variety of coproducts such as glycerin.

Koch Nitrogen Company, LLC., a subsidiary of Koch Fertilizer, LLC., produces ammonia for fertilizer production and other industrial purposes as well as UAN, a liquid nitrogen fertilizer. The company produces, markets, and distributes more than 12 million metric tons of fertilizer products annually in Beatrice and in other plants around the world.

E Energy Adams, LLC in Adams, Nebraska, is a dry mill plant processing approximately 28 million bushels of corn into 80 million gallons of ethanol per year. They produce both modified wet and dry distillers grain with solubles (DDGS) that are sold to local and regional markets.

Climate

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

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

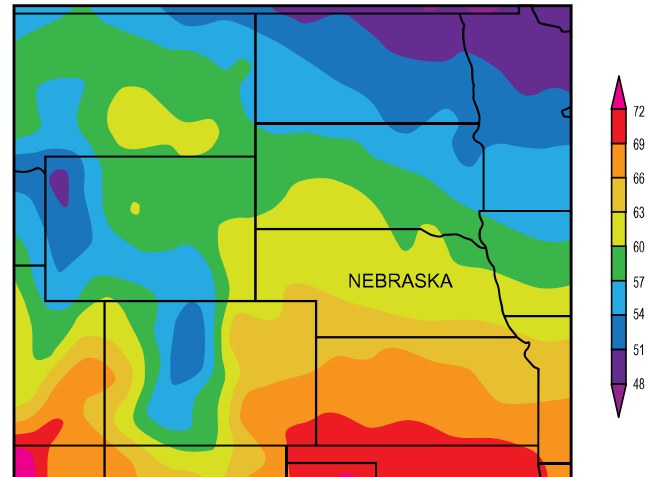
Precipitation

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

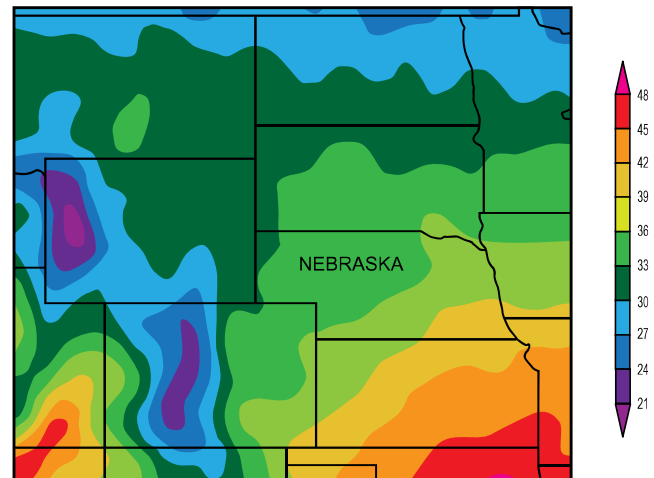
Growing Season

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

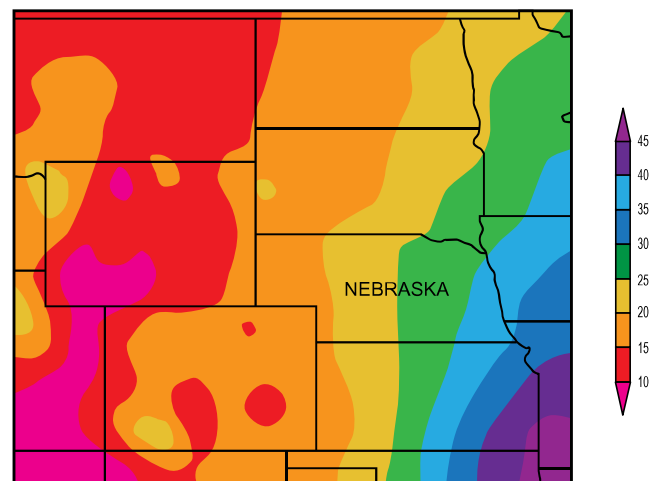
Annual Maximum Temperature (F)



Annual Minimum Temperature (F)



Annual Precipitation (inches)



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

Source: www.hprcc.unl.edu

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Community websites:

www.beatrice.ne.gov
www.ngagegroup.org
www.beatricechamber.com
www.mainstreetbeatrice.org
www.visitbeatrice.com

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