



OFFICIAL COMMUNITY GUIDE

# McCook

## NEBRASKA

*Welcome to...*

*Red Willow County*

*"Anybody can love the Mountains,  
But it takes a Soul to love the Prairie."*

*Be part of the Growth!*



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McCook's Industrial Area

## 2022 U.S. Census Population

MCCOOK	7,326
RED WILLOW COUNTY	10,623

The following pages contain basic information about McCook, Nebraska.

This information was compiled by the McCook Economic Development Corporation, City of McCook, Red Willow County, McCook Chamber of Commerce, McCook Housing Authority, Community Hospital of McCook, McCook Public Schools, McCook Community College, and United States Postal Service.

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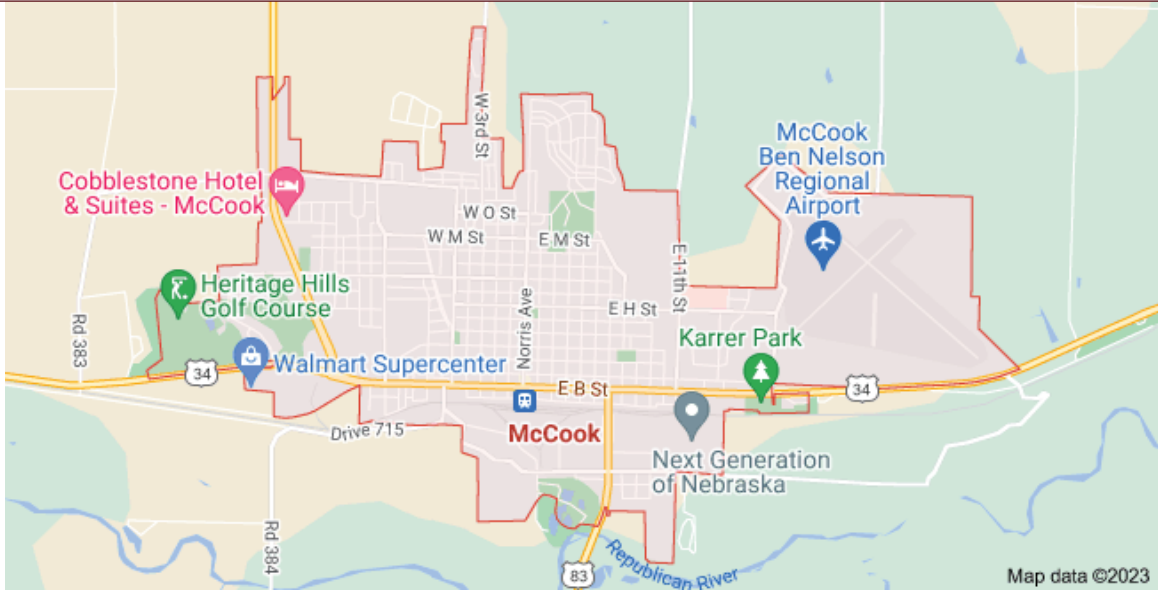
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# Transportation

## Location / Highways

McCook is located in the west-central part of Red Willow County. McCook serves as the county seat of Red Willow County. Highways serving McCook are U.S. Highways 6, 34 and 83. McCook is located 68 miles from North Platte, Nebraska (population 23,390); 103 miles from Kearney, Nebraska (population 33,959); 262 miles from Denver, Colorado (population 713,252); 252 miles from Omaha, Nebraska (population 491,626); 386 miles from Kansas

City, Missouri (population 509,297); 658 miles from Minneapolis, Minnesota (population 425,336).

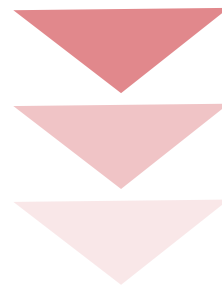
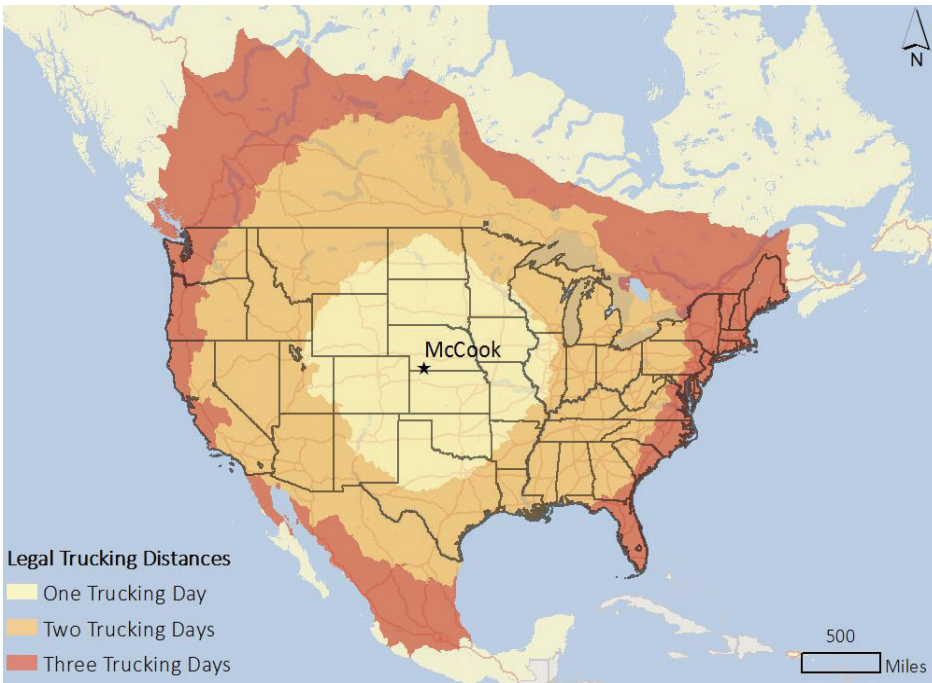
## Air

The McCook Ben Nelson Regional Airport is located inside city limits. It is FAA Certified and served by Denver Air Connections. It has two (2) paved and lighted runways; - Z6,450' and 4,000' and one turf runway - 1,350'.

## Rail

The BNSF Railway Company main line serves McCook with freight trains daily. For further information regarding BNSF Railway Company, visit [bnsf.com](http://bnsf.com).

Amtrak provides McCook with rail passenger service throughout the United States seven days a week. For more information, visit [amtrak.com](http://amtrak.com).



## Trucklines

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

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



Overview of McCook

# Economic Development

McCook Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) is a non-profit economic development organization based in Red Willow County in west-central Nebraska. It operates through a combination of private and public funding and aims to enhance the economic base of McCook and the surrounding area by providing residents and the community with a diversified and growing economy. The organization consists of a governing board, active membership, and a dedicated full-time staff.

MEDC collaborates with various entities including the city, county, community college, public schools, hospital, local banks, private companies, organizations, and individuals to promote economic development opportunities in the community. Its efforts encompass a wide range of functions, such as business

development, housing projects/ programs, early childcare initiatives, and more. These partnerships have played a crucial role in fostering continuous growth and future progress in the community.

MEDC has established a reputation as a leader in economic development and proactively addresses opportunities to stimulate the local economy. The organization is dedicated to improving the community and region, positioning them for positive growth. Supporting local businesses across various industries is vital for the long-term well-being of the community. This is achieved through initiatives such as business retention and expansion discussions, business development and recruitment, expanding retail options, and providing resources such as business consulting services, local loan programs, Tax Increment Financing

(TIF), and LB840 funds for various projects.

Over the past decade, McCook has witnessed significant growth and development. In fall 2022, local voters approved a half-percent sales tax increase to fund the construction of a new community swimming pool and recreational sports complex. MEDC is collaborating with the City of McCook to revise the McCook Comprehensive Plan, which will address downtown development, housing, transportation, business opportunities, future land use, zoning regulations, and utilities and infrastructure improvements in the community. This comprehensive plan will provide additional guidance and direction to the city, public officials, and MEDC regarding future economic development plans and projects.

MCCOOK'S 10 LARGEST EMPLOYERS		
BUSINESS	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	# OF EMPLOYEES
Community Hospital of McCook	Medical	330
WalMart	Retail	240
Parker-Hannifin Industrial Hose Division	Manufacturing	231
Valmont	Manufacturing	219
McCook Public Schools	Education	200
McCook Community College	Education	167
Hillcrest Nursing Home ***positions pending on # of residents	Medical	100
NDCS Work Ethic Camp	Government	98
MNB Financial Services	Financial	76
McCook Community Clinic	Medical	65





Downtown McCook



Senator George Norris State Historic Site



Aerial view of McCook

## Keystone Business Center

MEDC is headquartered in the historic Keystone Business Center (KBC) in downtown McCook. Originally constructed in 1922, the KBC was renovated in 2010 to provide office spaces for retail and professional businesses. In addition, the KBC serves as a business incubator for startups and offers affordable co-working spaces for remote workers and students. It also provides versatile meeting and event spaces to cater to various needs.

## Housing

MEDC takes a leading role in developing housing opportunities in McCook. Through local investment, grants, contributions from businesses and organizations, MEDC and its partners are actively working to address the housing needs of individuals and families in the community. The projects range from a single-family housing subdivision with 25 buildable lots to 12-unit single-level living duplexes and apartment complexes. These initiatives will significantly contribute to meeting the housing demand in the area.

Past projects range from low-income, income-based development to purchase-rehab-resale programs accompanied with down payment assistance. MEDC has also utilized partnerships with surrounding communities to establish revolving funds for new construction single-family home development. MEDC has been proactive in creating opportunities for new housing development in the community by purchasing land both inside and outside city limits and working closely with the City of McCook through the annexation process for new subdivision development. New development opportunities to meet the needs of the community include single-family, townhomes, and multi-family development.

MEDC was awarded state Rural Workforce Housing grant funds in 2021 and 2023 totaling over \$1 million from the state, coupled with just over \$500,000 in local contributions from organizations, businesses, and local

investments. Funds have been utilized to establish a local housing revolving loan fund for workforce housing initiatives in McCook and Red Willow County. These funds are available to assist in rehabilitation or new development.

## McCook Business Park

In 2002, MEDC established the McCook Business Park in the southeast corner of the city due to its strategic location and existing infrastructure adjacent to Valmont Industries. This 40-acre business park is specifically designed for industrial development, with light and heavy industrial zoning. It includes essential utilities such as water, sewer, electricity, gas, telephone, and cable. Moreover, the site offers convenient access to both rail and highway transportation, with BNSF rail service bordering the Industrial Park to the north and U.S. Highways 83, 6, and 34 located nearby. Currently, the McCook Business Park is undergoing expansion, adding an additional 30 acres, multiple industrial lots, and additional BNSF rail switches to better serve the area. As the business park continues to grow and develop, an additional 70 to 80 acres of land may potentially become available for future use.

## Childcare

Recognizing the importance of quality childcare as a driver of statewide and local economies, MEDC acknowledges the profound impact that the lack of affordable and regulated childcare has on families. Access to childcare directly affects families' ability to participate in the workforce, contribute to the local economy, and improve their overall quality of life. McCook Community 4 Kids Team, an initiative led by McCook Economic Development Corporation with support from the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, spearheads efforts to increase access and improve the quality of early childhood education throughout the area. MEDC remains committed to exploring diverse opportunities and programs to enhance the lives

of individuals and families in the workforce.

## Retail

According to the data provided by local firms with retail sales tax permits in McCook, the net taxable retail sales in 2022 amounted to \$3,116,449. Red Willow County reported retail sales of \$9,515,644, contributing to an overall net taxable sales figure of \$172,687,794.

### 2022 NEBRASKA NET TAXABLE SALES RAKINGS

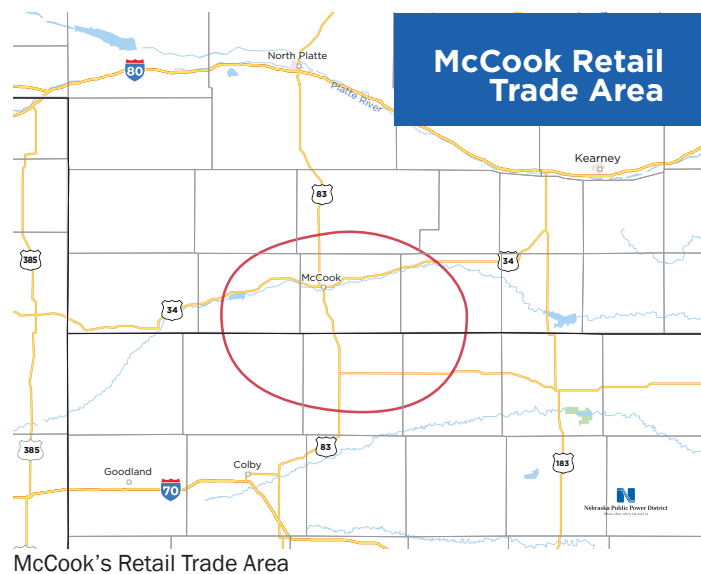
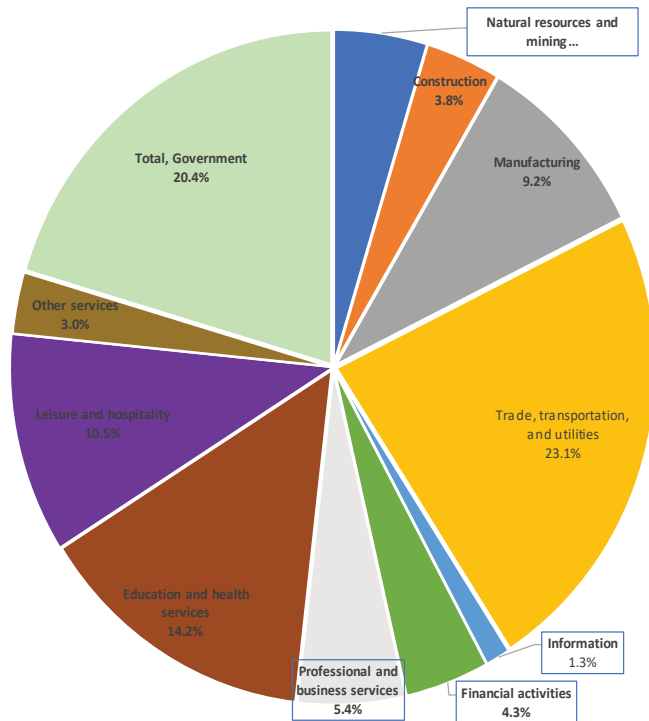
MCCOOK	20TH
RED WILLOW COUNTY	18TH

### 2022 NEBRASKA RETAIL PULL FACTOR

MCCOOK	1.44
RED WILLOW COUNTY	1.04



## RED WILLOW COUNTY LABOR FORCE



Parker Hannifin

## Labor

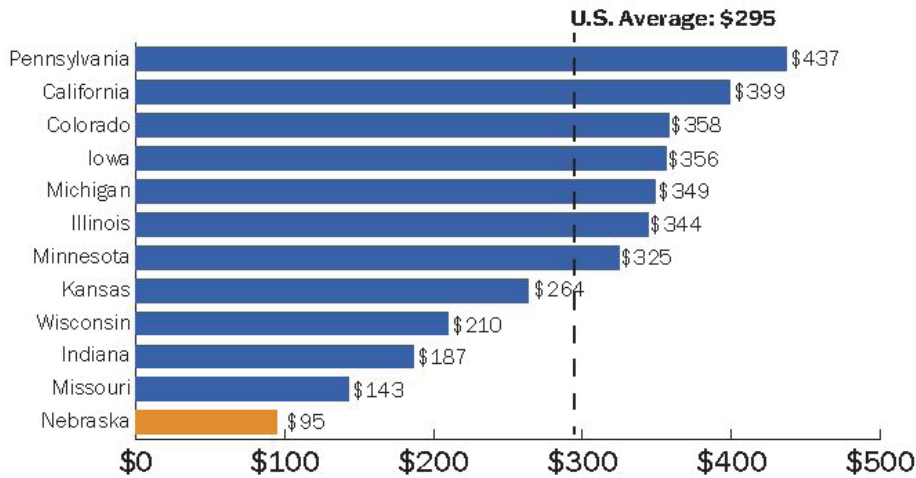
### Workforce

The Nebraska Department of Labor serves employers and job seekers across Nebraska through its “One-Stop Career Centers” located across the state. Services for employers include employee recruitment and screening, posting job openings, tax credit information, and labor market and labor law information. Job seekers can find a full array of employment and training related services including on-site services provided by a network of mandatory Workforce Investment Act partners. To learn more about these and other services, visit [networks.nebraska.gov](http://networks.nebraska.gov).

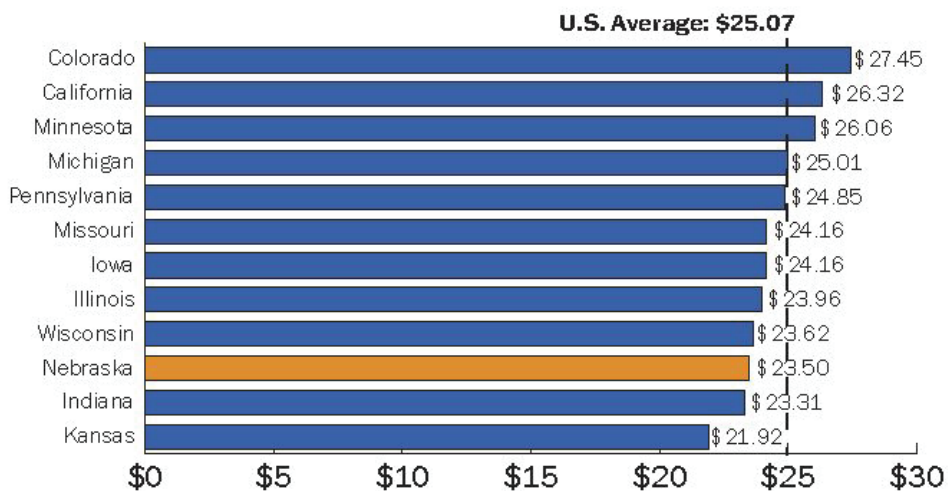
### Unionization

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution. McCook has no private sector unionization.

## Average Annual Unemployment Insurance Contribution per Employee, 2021



## Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers, 2022



### WAGE SAMPLING

JOB TITLE	10TH PERCENTILE	50TH PERCENTILE	90TH PERCENTILE
Accountants and Auditors	\$22.76	\$29.81	\$39.71
Computer and Information System Managers	\$37.35	\$50.24	\$59.75
Customer Service Representatives	\$14.16	\$16.65	\$19.52
Electricians	\$18.51	\$23.40	\$30.61
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$17.21	\$22.50	\$27.47
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$15.49	\$19.18	\$20.61
Machinists	\$15.68	\$19.58	\$24.47
Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators	\$29.04	\$37.46	\$41.04
Office Clerks, General	\$12.50	\$16.82	\$19.50
Registered Nurses	\$29.65	\$33.65	\$39.08
Retail Salespersons	\$11.76	\$14.35	\$18.97
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	\$14.96	\$18.90	\$21.97
Tool and Die Makers	\$25.10	\$27.70	\$29.29
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$18.90	\$22.34	\$25.14
Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters/Operators	\$18.93	\$19.59	\$24.94

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment, Program, Second Quarter 2023



## ANNUAL AVERAGE 2022 LABOR SUPPLY

	RED WILLOW CO. & CONTIGUOUS*	RED WILLOW COUNTY
*Contiguous Nebraska counties include Hitchcock, Hayes, Frontier and Furnas.		
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY WORKERS	8,411	4,959
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	11,710	5,842
LABOR FORCE POPULATION	11,955	5,961
<b>ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY</b>		
COMMUTING OUT OF COUNTY (2020)		1,531
UNEMPLOYED		119
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,650</b>

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.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 2022

	PERCENT
RED WILLOW COUNTY	2.0%
NEBRASKA	2.3%
UNITED STATES	3.6%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2022



Overview of McCook

## Communications

### Telecommunications & Internet Providers

McCook is served with several telecommunications options:

- CenturyLink
- Great Plains Communications
- Pinpoint Communications
- Viaero
- Verizon
- Blaze
- AT&T Internet providers include:
  - \* BW Telcom
  - \* Hughes Net
  - \* McCook Net

### Post Office & Package Delivery Service

The McCook U.S. Postal Service dispatches an average of 12,000 pieces daily.

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

### Newspapers

McCook Gazette is printed three days a week; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Omaha World-Herald is also delivered locally.

### Radio Stations

The following stations are all broadcasted out of McCook.

- KSWN 93.9 FM - The Zone - Top 40
- K237DV (KGCR) 95.3 FM - Christian Contemporary
- KICI 96.1 FM - Adult Contemporary
- KQPK (LPFM) 96.6 FM - Religious
- K248CX (KBRL-AM) 97.5 FM - Talk
- K252FV (KNGN-AM) 98.3 FM Religious
- KZMC 102.1 FM, True Country - Classic Country
- KQHK 103.9 FM The Hawk - Classic Rock
- KI0D 105.3 FM Coyote Country Country.

# Local Government

McCook is governed by the City Manager/City Council (Mayor-appointed) in which there are five members of Council, all elected at-large.

Red Willow County has 13 precincts. There are five townships that include McCook, Indianola, Bartley, Lebanon and Danbury, ran by three county commissioners who are elected by districts.

## Streets

McCook street infrastructure consists of approximately 66.48 miles of concrete (34.5%), asphalt (45.5%), and gravel streets (17.3%).

Visit [cityofmccook.com](http://cityofmccook.com) for more information.

## Fire Protection

Fire protection is provided to the city by the McCook Fire Department, which is made up of 10 full-time employees and 14 volunteers. McCook has one fire station and 302 fire hydrants.

Red Willow Western Rural Fire Department has 30 volunteers. They have 12 technicians that are MOU Hazmat certified.

## Fleet of apparatus:

- Engine 1 - 2005 E-ONE International 7400; carries 1000 gallons of water; pumping capacity of 1,500 gallons per minute.
- Ladder 3 - 2005 E-ONE Custom Ladder Truck with 77' ladder; carries 500 gallons of water; pumping capacity of 2,000 gallons per minute.
- Engine 2 - 1989 E-ONE Ford Single Cab; carries 300 gallons of water; pumping capacity of 1,250 gallons per minute.
- Rescue 1 - 2012 Dodge 4 x 4 Rescue Truck; carries the majority of the extrication equipment; carries 300 gallons of water; pumping capacity of 150 gallons per minute.
- Brush 451 - 2002 Ford 4 x 4 Brush Truck; carries 300 gallons of water; pumping capacity of 150 gallons per minute.
- Engine 5 - 1994 E-ONE International 4400 Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Vehicle; carries 500 gallons of water; 35 gallons of AFFF foam; 450 pounds of dry chemical extinguishing agent; pumping capacity of 150 gallons per minute.

For more information on our fleet of apparatus and their specific assignments, visit [cityofmccook.com/95/FireDepartment](http://cityofmccook.com/95/FireDepartment).

## Law Enforcement

The McCook Police Department employs 18 full time police officers and eight full time and one part-time support personnel.

Red Willow Sheriff's office/County Jail employs one elected sheriff and has three support personnel.

Visit [mccookne.org](http://mccookne.org) for more information on McCook's local government.

2022 CRIME RATES		
Per 1,000 Population	VIOLENT CRIMES	PROPERTY CRIMES
MCCOOK	0.8	6.2
NEBRASKA	1.4	10.3

Source: Nebraska Department of Corrections



Muesum of the High Plains



# Utilities

## Nebraska Highlights

Energy costs are often a considerable part of any business' operational budget. These costs can vary greatly between states, but in Nebraska (the only state in the nation where all electric utilities are publicly owned) electric costs are passed to consumers at low, cost-of-service rates. As a result, the state offers industrial rates well below the national average. Nebraska electric utilities achieve low rates, in part, because they draw from a balanced and efficient "mix" of generation resources.

### Electricity

McCook is provided retail electric service by Nebraska Public Power District. Rural electricity is provided by McCook Public Power District.

For electric rates and services contact Nebraska Public Power District at (877) 275-6773, or online at [nppd.com](http://nppd.com).

### Natural Gas

Black Hills Energy is a retail supplier of natural gas in McCook. For more information, visit [blackhillsenergy.com](http://blackhillsenergy.com).

### Water & Sewerage

The municipal water system in McCook is supplied by nine wells, which have an average depth of 75.4 feet. The system, serving the entire city, has a combined pumping capacity of 5,384 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 2,000,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 4,698,000 gallons per day.

McCook has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a partial storm sewer system. Rotating Biological

Contractors is the treatment plant that has a capacity of 1,750,000 gallons.

Visit [cityofmccook.com](http://cityofmccook.com) for more information regarding water and sewerage.

### Recycling

The City of McCook manages the recycling, along with several volunteers.

The following items are accepted: magazines, cardboard, newspapers, junk mail, plastics (#1 & #2), tin, aluminum and glass (clear and colored).

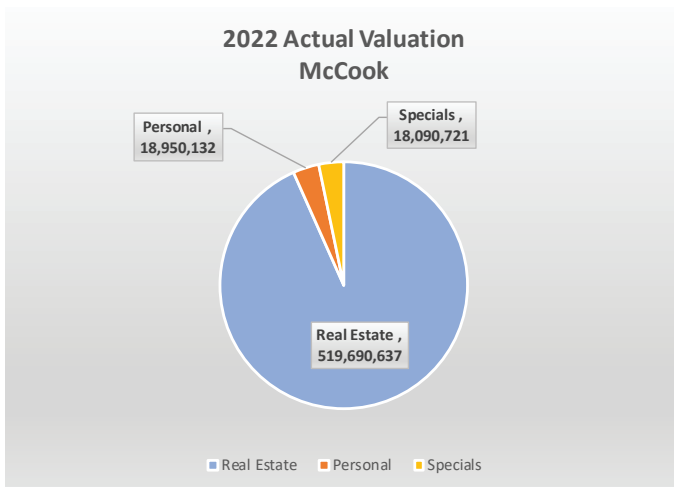
# Tax Structure

## Nebraska Tax Incentives

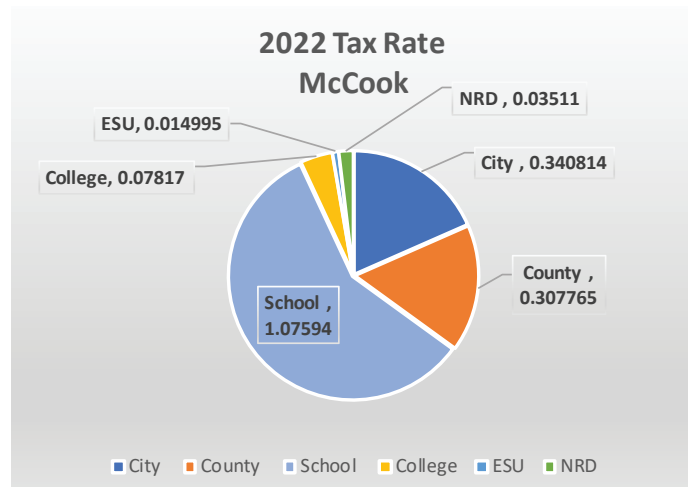
ImagiNE is a performance-based incentives program that rewards you for hiring, investing, relocating and expanding in Nebraska. Credits earned are based on the number of Full Time

Equivalent Employees (FTE's) that are added and the amount of investment made at qualified locations in the state. Eight application levels, all with different qualification requirements and benefits, have been designed with businesses of all sizes in mind.

Businesses who apply for ImagiNE are given four years from the date of application to reach required FTE and investment levels. Qualification requirements and benefits can be found at [ImagiNE.nebraska.gov](http://ImagiNE.nebraska.gov).



**TOTAL**  
\$556,731,490



**TOTAL**  
\$1.85449100  
dollars and cents  
per \$100 of actual value

# Education

## McCook School District

McCook, 73-0017 School District, in Red Willow, Hitchcock, Hayes and Frontier counties covers approximately 271.8 square miles with bus services provided for special education and some rural areas. The district has a 2022 actual valuation of \$812,205,857 with an actual valuation per student of \$560,142. This Class 3 school is accredited by the NDE Nebraska Continuous School Improvement Model and they are NSAA Class B school. Visit [mccookbison.org](http://mccookbison.org) for more information.

McCook Elementary School is located in north McCook. It has 430 students in Pre-K through 3rd grade.

Central Elementary School is located in central McCook. It has 220 students in 4th and 5th grades.

McCook Junior High School is located in west/central McCook. It has 330 students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

McCook High School is located in west-central McCook. It has 470 students in 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

## Other/Parochial School

St. Patrick's Elementary School is located in east-central McCook. It has 143 students in Pre-K through 8th grades.

Head Start Early Childhood Development is also available to the public.

## Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 15 (ESU), headquartered in Trenton, serves six counties including Red Willow County. For more information regarding services, visit [esu15.org](http://esu15.org)

## Higher Education

Mid Plains Community College has seven campus locations across the 18-county service area, with the main campus located in McCook. Visit [mpcc.edu](http://mpcc.edu) for more information.

An abundance of public colleges and universities are available in Nebraska. There are also a number of community colleges, 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.

## 2021-22 ACT SCORES

	COMPOSITE
MCCOOK HIGH SCHOOL	19.8
NEBRASKA	18.6
NATIONAL	19.8

Source: Nebraska Department of Education



## MCCOOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	STUDENTS	TEACHER/PUPIL RATIO	COMPUTER/PUPIL RATIO
PRE K-3RD	430	15:1	1.3
MIDDLE SCHOOL - 4TH & 5TH	220	15:1	1.3
JUNIOR HIGH - 6TH, 7TH & 8TH	330	16:1	1:1
HIGH SCHOOL - 9TH - 12TH	470	15:1	1:1

## PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

	STUDENTS	TEACHER/PUPIL RATIO	COMPUTER/PUPIL RATIO
ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - PRE-K-8TH	143	10:1	6:1



McCook High School

# Quality of Life

## Hospital

**Community Hospital of McCook** operates a 25 bed not-for-profit hospital, included are Medical, Swing and Surgical services. For more information, visit [chmccook.org](http://chmccook.org).

The hospital also operates two medical clinics, McCook Clinic and Specialty Clinic.

McCook Clinic is attached to the Community Hospital in east McCook. It also has two branches located in Trenton and Curtis. It employs six MDs, three PA-C and four NPs. For more information, visit [mccookclinic.com](http://mccookclinic.com).

Specialty Clinic is attached to Community Hospital in east McCook. It employs 36 visiting specialists of varying disciplines. For more information, visit [chmccook.org](http://chmccook.org).

**Quality Urgent Care** (private business) is located in west McCook. It employs one MD and four PA-Cs. Visit [qualityurgentcare.org](http://qualityurgentcare.org) for more information.

**Hillcrest Nursing Home** is county- owned. There are 100 beds available and it has an Alzheimer/ dementia speciality wing. There is also an Assisted Living unit with 10 apartments available. Pets are allowed and there is a licensed daycare on site.

Other area nursing homes in the nearby areas include: Benkelman (52 miles); Trenton (22 miles); Wauneta (46 miles).

## Independent/Assisted Living

**Kinship Pointe** is a privately-owned facility located in east McCook. It has 91 total living units: 57 independent living quarters and 34 assisted living quarters. Visit [kinshippointe.com](http://kinshippointe.com).

**Highland Park** is a privately-owned facility located in east McCook. It has 38 total living units: eight independent living quarters, and 30 assisted living quarters.

**Hidden Pines** is county-owned and is located in Hillcrest Nursing Home in west McCook. It has 10 assisted living quarters. For more information, visit [hillcrestnh.org](http://hillcrestnh.org).

## Rescue Squad

The McCook Rescue Department has both full-time employees and volunteers, which include 12 paramedics and five EMTs. There are three ambulance vehicles available. Visit [cityofmccook.com](http://cityofmccook.com).

## Senior Citizen Center

**Heritage Senior Center** is located in west McCook. Amenities include: lunch meals five days a week for citizens 60+ years of age and Meals on Wheels (home delivered lunch meals) five days a week.

**McCook Public Transit** is provided by Heritage Senior Center and is available to all citizens of McCook. The cost is \$2.00 one-way. For more information, visit [cityofmccook.com](http://cityofmccook.com).

## Low Cost / Retirement Housing

**Clary Village** is owned by MEDC and is available for residents 55 years and over on a restricted income. There are 16 units with two or three bedrooms.

**Quillen Court** is privately-owned and is available for single income families. It has three options 1) Eight duplexes, four bedroom/two and one-half bath with basement; 2) Four single family units, three to five bedroom/two bath single floor; 3) Four handicap restricted units, single floor, three bedrooms.

**Maplewood Apartments** is available for residents 55 years and over and on a restricted income. There are 24 units, with options of two or three bedrooms.

**McCook Housing Authority** has several locations in the area.

Missouri Avenue Campus has 56 total units; 36 one-bedroom, six two-bedroom, six three-bedroom and two "market" (or subsidized) bedrooms.

East Ward Village (age and income restricted) has seven total units on a city-block campus. The Main building has 15 apartments; seven one-bedroom and eight two-bedrooms. The Duplex campus has six two-bedroom duplex buildings.



Indianola, Nebraska (subsidized) has 23 units (11 miles east of McCook).

Curtis, Nebraska has 23 units (41 miles north of McCook).

Cambridge, Nebraska has 33 units, 16 age or disability restricted, 17 income restricted (26 miles east of McCook).

Southwest Nebraska has 78 authorized for rental assistance vouchers. It is currently using 48. Area consists of three southwest Nebraska counties.

## Churches (Denomination)

- Assembly of God
- Baptist
- Catholic
- Christian Church
- Church of God
- Church of the Nazarene
- Church of Christ
- Episcopalian
- Evangelical (3)
- Jehovah's Witness
- Lutheran
- Methodist
- Morman/Latter Day Saints
- Presbyterian
- Seventh-Day Adventist

## Financial Institutions

- McCook National Bank (MNB)
- Pinnacle Bank
- First Central Bank
- First Interstate Bank
- Horizon Bank
- Midwest Liberty Federal Credit Union
- Lincoln Federal Savings Bank of Nebraska

## Housing

Fifteen new homes were constructed in the past three years.

There are approximately 27 single family houses, six duplex/townhouses and one 24 apartment complex unit expected to be built in the next five years. The average costs of construction is \$100 to \$125 per square foot.

## Recreation/Parks

There are eight city parks in McCook covering 80 acres.

**Norris Park** is located in central McCook and is 1.15 acres. Amenities include: playground, bandshell, restrooms, walking paths, picnic tables and park benches.

**Russell Park** is located in east McCook and is .87 acres. Amenities include: playground, pickle ball, horseshow pits and picnic tables.

**Karrer Park** is located in east McCook and is 2.45 acres. Amenities include: covered picnic table, seven campsites with electricity, restroom, RV clean-out station and tent camping section.

**Kelley Park** is located in east McCook and is 34.5 acres. Amenities include: playground, disc golf course, skate park, swimming pool/aquatic center, two picnic shelter houses, walking trails, winter sledding hills and volleyball court.

**Elks City Park** is located in west/central McCook and is .70 acres. Amenities include: playground and tennis courts/pickle ball courts.

**Barnett Park** is located in south McCook and is 49 acres. Amenities include: playground, restroom, fishing ponds, sand volleyball court, two picnic shelter houses, horseshoe pits, soccer/baseball field and dog park.

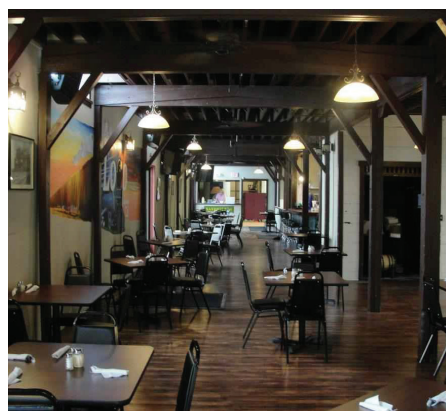
**Jaycee Ball Complex** is located in west McCook and is 12 acres. Amenities include: three softball fields with lights, one baseball field with lights, restroom and concession stand.

**Felling Field** is located in west McCook and is 12 acres. Amenities include: three little league baseball fields (one with lights), playground, restroom with concession stand.

For more information on all parks, visit [cityofmccook.com](http://cityofmccook.com).



Heritage Hills Golf Course



Loop Brewing Company



The Fox Theatre

# Recreation/ Other

**Kiplinger Arena Complex, Red Willow County Fairgrounds** is located in west McCook. It has several buildings available for use including:

- Kiplinger Area
- Alice Building
- Trudy Arena/Stall Barn
- Red Willow County Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena

For more information on Kiplinger Arena visit [kiplingerarena.com](http://kiplingerarena.com).

**Heritage Hills Golf Course** is located in west McCook. It is an 18-hole public/private golf course ranging from 5,261 to 7,131 yards, that includes four Par 3; ten Par 4; four Par 5; driving range, practice greens and a full-service clubhouse. For more information visit [golfmccook.com](http://golfmccook.com)

**Ed Thomas YMCA** is located in west McCook. Amenities include: Aerobics Center, multi-purpose room, gymnasium, handball and racquetball courts, indoor running track, pool, early childhood center, sauna, weight room, whirlpool. Programs include: Aquatics, Before and After School Childcare, Early Childhood Learning, Health & Well-being, Sports & Recreation and Youth & Teen Development.

**Pete & Delores Graff Event Center (MCC campus)** is located in east McCook. It is a two-story 54,000 sq. ft events center. It has a NCAA regulation basketball and volleyball competition gym, auxiliary NCAA gym for basketball/volleyball with suspended batting cages, state-of-the-art sound system and recessed projection screen for games, concerts, graduations, and movies. It also has state-of-the-art cardio and weight room plus ten locker rooms and training room, sky box /conference room for private events, ticket booths, concession stands and two sets of restrooms. Visit [mccindians.com](http://mccindians.com).

## Public Lakes

**Red Willow State Recreational Area/Hugh Butler Lake (NE Game & Parks)** is located 12 miles north of McCook on 4,320 acres around a 1,628-acre lake. It offers 48 camping pads with 30 and 50 amp service, full shower facilities, dump and fill stations. Other amenities include boating, fishing (private guided fishing available), hunting, swimming area, archery range, playground, walking/biking trails and marina/food services.

### Swanson Reservoir State Recreation Area (NE Game & Parks)

is 25 miles west of McCook in Trenton. It is located on 3,957 acres of land around a 4,974-acre lake. The campsite includes 64 camping pads with 30 and 50 amp electrical hookups spread over two campgrounds; 17 are at Maklin Bay and 47 are located at Spring Canyon Campground. Both offer modern restrooms, showers, and dump and fill stations. An additional 150 primitive sites are available on the sandy beach surrounding the lake. Other amenities include boating, fishing (private guided fishing available), hunting, marina/food services, picnicking, playground and swimming.

**Medicine Creek State Recreation Area (NE Game & Parks)** is located 30 miles east of McCook outside of Cambridge and has a 1,768-acre lake. The campsite includes four modern two-bedroom air conditioned cabins.

It also offers 72 camping pads with 30 and 50 amp electrical hookups with access to modern restrooms, showers, dump and fill stations, vault toilets and nearby concessions in Cambridge. Other amenities include boating, fishing (private guided fishing available), hunting, archery range, picnicking, playground and swimming.

For more information, visit [outdoornebraska.com](http://outdoornebraska.com)

**McCook Gun Club** is located in east McCook with 16 land trap and skeet shooting ranges.

**Southwest Nebraska Rifle and Pistol Club** is located in east McCook. It is member-only admission. It has 10 benches and a covered area. The pistol range is five, 10 and 20 foot. The rifle range is 25, 50, 100 and 300 yards.

**McCook Mini Speedway**, located on the Red Willow County fairgrounds, offers competitive go-cart racing.

**Carver Cinema**, located in west McCook, is an all-digital three-screen movie theater. It offers 3D movies, closed captioning and audio descriptions.

**TJ's Family Fun Center** is located in west McCook. It is a 16 lane bowling alley. It hosts American Pool Association (APA) sanctioned team leagues and tournaments.



Red Willow County Fair Rodeo







Medicine Creek State Recreation Area



Pete and Delores Graff Event Center (MCC campus)



Pete and Delores Graff Event Center (MCC campus - interior)



**McCook Arts Council:**

- Buffalo Commons Storytelling Festival
- Fox Theater
- McCook Concert Association
- McCook Art Guild
- McCook Community Chorus
- Simply Strings
- Southwest Nebraska Community Theater Association (SWNCTA)
- Prairie Roots Music Festival
- MNB Hot Summer Nights concert series
- 6th Floor Project Art Gallery
- McCook Arts Guild Gallery
- ArtBank Art Galley



Museum of High Plains



MNB Hot Summer Nights

EVENTS
<b>Buffalo Commons Storytelling Festival - June</b>
<b>Bash on the Hills - June</b>
<b>MNB Hot Summer Nights - July-August</b>
<b>Red Willow County Fair - July</b>
<b>Prairie Roots Festival - August</b>
<b>Heritage Days - October</b>
<b>McCook Farm and Ranch Expo - Mid November</b>
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Red Willow County Fair



Night life at the Red Willow County Fair



# Nebraska's Rank Among States

- 1ST** Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2021  
Great Northern Bean Production, 2022  
Cash receipts per capita, 2021  
All cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2023  
Popcorn Production, 2021
- 2ND** Beef and Veal exports, 2022  
All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2023  
Commercial red meat production, 2021  
Pinto bean production, 2022  
Proso millet production, 2022  
Bison, 2017
- 3RD** Corn Exports, 2021  
Cash Receipts from All Farm Commodities, 2021  
Cash receipts from all livestock and products, 2021  
Light red kidney bean production, 2022
- 4TH** Beef Cows, Jan. 1, 2023  
Cash receipts from all crops, 2021  
Total animal products exports, 2021  
Cash receipts from all crops, 2020  
Corn for grain production, 2022  
All dry edible bean production, 2022  
Dry edible pea production, 2022  
Land in Farms and Ranches, 2021
- 5TH** Soybean Exports, 2021  
Agricultural exports, 2021  
Sunflower production, 2022  
Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, 2021  
Grain sorghum production, 2022
- 6TH** Commercial hog slaughter, 202  
All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2022  
Soybean production, 2022  
Dry edible pea production, 2022  
Sugar beet production, 2022

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



## Agriculture

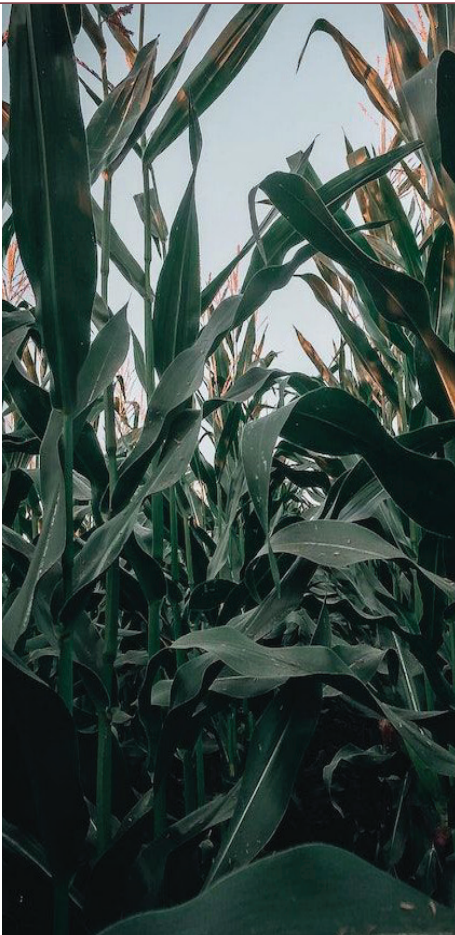
In 2021, Nebraska ranked first among all states in commercial cattle slaughter, Great Northern bean production, and popcorn production. Food processing is the state's largest manufacturing sector and foreign markets are important for many of the state's manufacturers. Food processing is the state's largest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





In 2022, Nebraska ranked second in ethanol production capacity, with 24 operating plants having production capacity of almost 2.5 billion gallons. Approximately 32% of Nebraska's 2022 corn crop was utilized in ethanol production.

### 2017 STATISTICS

	RED WILLOW COUNTY	NEBRASKA
NUMBER OF FARMS	586	46,332
LAND IN FARMS acres	312,294	44,986,821
AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS acres	533	971
MARKET VALUE per year	\$275,749,000	\$21,983,430,000
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD	\$470,562	\$474,476
TOTAL ACRES IRRIGATED	248,126	8,588,389
PERCENT OF FARMLAND IRRIGATED	79.5%	19.1%

Source: 2017 Census of Agriculture

### PRODUCTION OF LEADING CROPS

5 year average (2014, 2015, 2016, 2020, 2022)

	RED WILLOW COUNTY	NEBRASKA
CORN FOR GRAIN bushels	15,438,800	1,732,232,000
SOYBEANS bushels	822,340	307,174,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistical Service



### AVERAGE LIVESTOCK POPULATION

5 year average (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

	RED WILLOW COUNTY	NEBRASKA
ALL CATTLE	65,800	6,800,000

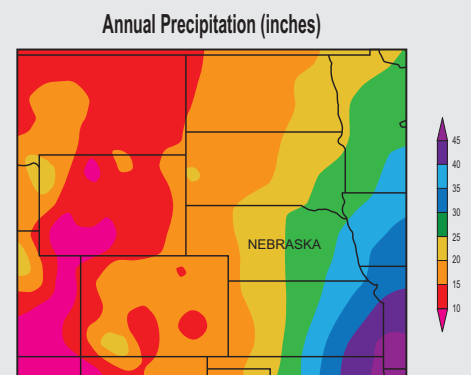
## Climate

Nebraska has a continental climate, with hot summers and cold winters. Temperatures are highly variable from season to season and year to year.

Precipitation is also variable and ranges from an annual average of 15–20 inches in the west to 30–35 inches in southeast Nebraska.

The growing season in Nebraska fluctuates in length, but on average it ranges from 120 days in the extreme northwest to 170 days in the southeast.

For more information, visit High Plains Climate Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln [hprcc.unl.edu](http://hprcc.unl.edu).





# *McCook, Nebraska*



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