

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY GUIDE

Minden

NEBRASKA



Welcome to Minden!

- ▶ 20 minutes from Kearney, Nebraska
30 minutes from Hastings, Nebraska
- ▶ Highly rated school systems, healthcare, low cost of living, and more right in Minden
- ▶ Seven new homes constructed in the last three years

Small town. Big fun!



Visit discovermindennebraska.org

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2023 U.S. Census Population

Minden	3,136
Kearney County	6,770

The following pages contain basic information about Minden, Nebraska.
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in order to promote community development and quality of life.

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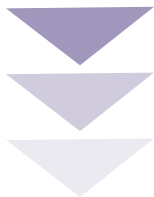
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Downtown Minden

Economic Development

Minden is in the process of re-juvenating its economic development presence with the creation of the Minden Development Corporation and the launching of the Discover Minden campaign. This will be a 501(c)4 corporation that is funded primarily through a contribution from the City of Minden and from private membership.



This successful partnership provides an effective and efficient means of the common goal of creating jobs and investment opportunities, which ultimately result in higher quality of life for the citizens of Minden.

Firms with retail sales tax permits in Minden reported 2023 net taxable retail sales of \$31,240,027, while Kearney County reported retail sales of \$36,008,061.



Pioneer Village

Minden's the kind of place where kids still ride their bikes to the swimming pool and folks still gather down on the square to watch fireworks and enjoy the Christmas lights together - where people know your name.



Opera House

MINDEN'S LEADING EMPLOYERS		
EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	EMPLOYEES
Royal Engineered	Composite Structures	188
Minden Public Schools	Education	136
Kearney County Health Services	Healthcare	105
Kearney County	Government	70
City of Minden	Government	25
Grayson Tool	Manufacturing	24
Minden Exchange Bank	Financial	23
Village Services	Cleaning/Uniforms	20

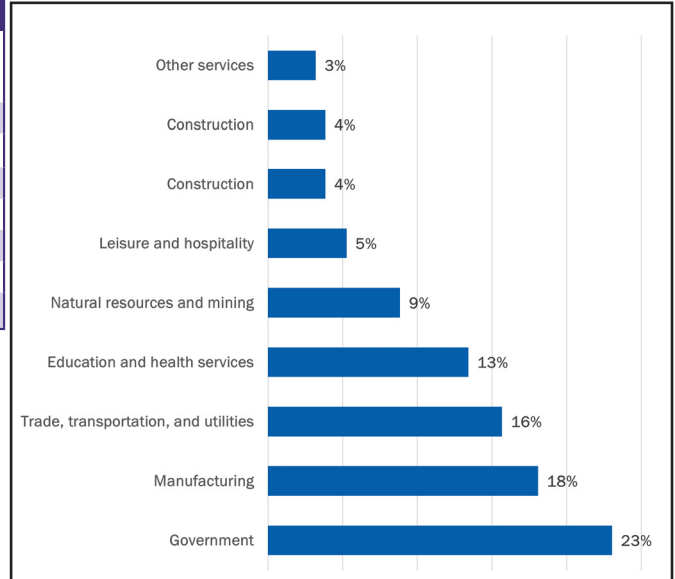
Labor

Kearney County Labor Force 2023

ANNUAL AVERAGE 2023 LABOR SUPPLY

	KEARNEY COUNTY & CONTIGUOUS*	KEARNEY COUNTY
*Contiguous Nebraska counties include Adams, Buffalo, Franklin, Hall, Harlan, Phelps, Webster		
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY WORKERS	88,677	2,035
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	90,984	3,649
LABOR FORCE POPULATION	92,906	3,713
ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY		
COMMUTING OUT OF COUNTY (2015)		2,043
UNEMPLOYED		64
TOTAL		2,107

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.



2023 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

	KEARNEY COUNTY
KEARNEY COUNTY	1.7%
NEBRASKA	2.3%
UNITED STATES	3.6%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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.

Unionization

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution.

WAGE SAMPLING

JOB TITLE	ENTRY LEVEL	MEDIAN	EXPERIENCED
ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS	\$23.53	\$31.87	\$40.87
COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGERS	\$39.74	\$60.02	\$73.97
CUSTOMER SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES	\$13.99	\$17.19	\$20.59
ELECTRICIANS	\$18.91	\$23.16	\$28.69
HEAVY AND TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCK DRIVERS	\$17.61	\$22.76	\$28.00
LABORERS AND FREIGHT, STOCK, AND MATERIAL MOVERS, HAND	\$14.97	\$18.09	\$20.46
MACHINISTS	\$16.46	\$22.32	\$23.73
OFFICE CLERKS, GENERAL	\$11.54	\$16.27	\$18.49
REGISTERED NURSES	\$29.29	\$36.02	\$39.29
RETAIL SALESPERSONS	\$11.99	\$14.21	\$18.24
SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS, EXCEPT LEGAL, MEDICAL, AND EXECUTIVE	\$15.44	\$19.08	\$22.46
TOOL AND DIE MAKERS	\$20.16	\$29.96	\$31.97
WELDERS, CUTTERS, SOLDERERS, AND BRAZERS	\$19.52	\$22.69	\$25.77
MISCELLANEOUS ASSEMBLERS AND FABRICATORS	\$16.64	\$20.24	\$20.65

*Wage Information taken from Nebraska Statewide

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment, South-Central Nebraska, First Quarter, 2024

Transportation

Location / Highways

Minden is the county seat and is located in the center of Kearney County. Nebraska Highway's 6 and 34 run east-west, Highway 10 runs north-south, and Highway 74 runs east. Minden is 25 miles from Kearney, 30 miles from Hastings, and 22 miles from Holdrege.

Air

The Pioneer Village Field Airport, located on the north edge of Minden, has a 3,900-foot lighted, concrete runway and a 2,175-foot turf runway.

Nearest Commercial Air Service:

- Central Nebraska Regional Airport, Grand Island, Nebraska
59 miles, 60 minutes
- Kearney Regional Airport, Kearney, Nebraska
21 miles, 24 minutes
- Lincoln Airport, Lincoln, Nebraska,
132 miles, 114 minutes
- Eppley Airfield, Omaha, Nebraska
192 miles, 171 minutes

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 Kearney, Nebraska.

Rail

The nearest rail service, BNSF, is located on the north side of Minden.



Minden Post Office



Minden Park

Communications

Telecommunications/ Internet Providers

Great Plains Communications
gpcom.com

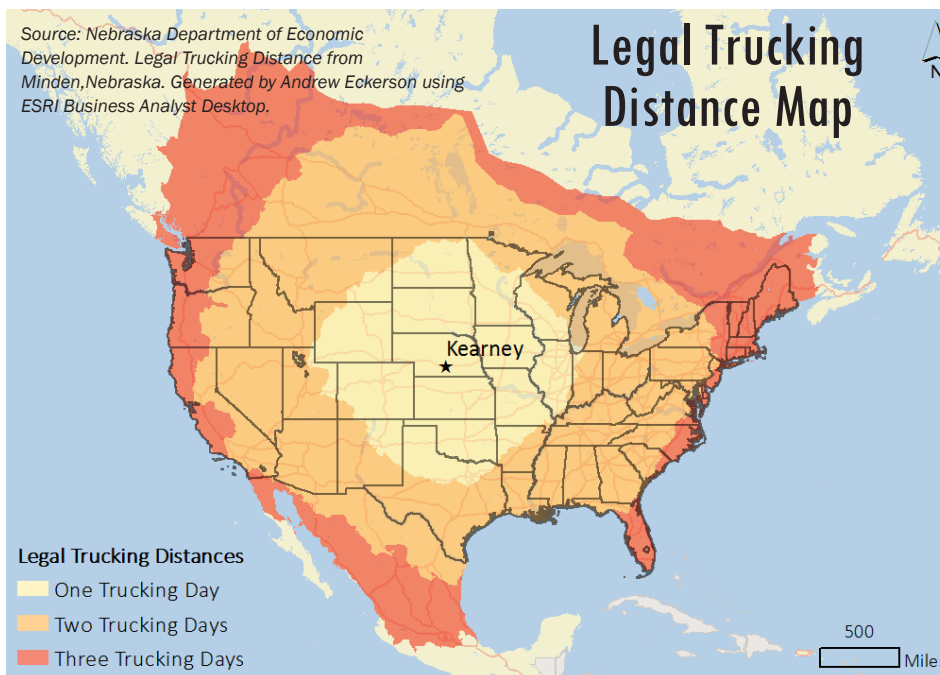
Charter Spectrum
official.spectrum.com

Post Office & Package Delivery Service

The U.S. Postal Service in Minden has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily.

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

Minutes from anything
you could want,
at the center of
everything you need.





Kearney County Courthouse



Local Government

Minden is governed by a Mayor-Council form of government. It has one City Administrator and a City Clerk. Kearney County has five townships and is governed by seven Board of Commissioners.

Streets

Minden has 34 miles of streets; 83 percent of the streets are hard-surfaced. 30 percent of the streets are concrete, 17 percent are gravel, and 50 percent are asphalt.

Visit mindennebraska.org, for more information on Minden's local government,

Fire Protection

Fire protection is provided to the village by a City-Rural Fire Department made up of a 30-member volunteer fire department. Minden has one fire station and six fire hydrants.

Law Enforcement

The City of Minden provides law enforcement to Minden, with seven full-time police officers.

2023 CRIME RATES		
Per 1,000 Population	VIOLENT CRIMES	PROPERTY CRIMES
NEBRASKA	0.57	4.75
KEARNEY COUNTY	0.13	1.08

Source: ucr.fbi.gov



First Bank

Utilities

Nebraska Highlights

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.

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.

For additional information contact Nebraska Public Power District at (877) 275-6773 and at nppd.com.

Electricity

Minden is provided electric service by the City of Minden, which is a wholesale

power customer of Nebraska Public Power District (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 available in seven communities, with more on the way. In 2021, NPPD's Cooper Nuclear Station contributed to an energy portfolio that was more than 56 percent carbon-free.

Natural gas in Nebraska is also attractive to industry for service, supply,

Tax Structure

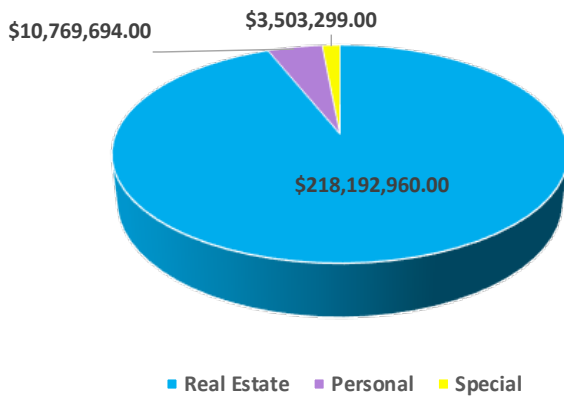
Nebraska Tax Incentives

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

“ImagiNE Nebraska,” 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.

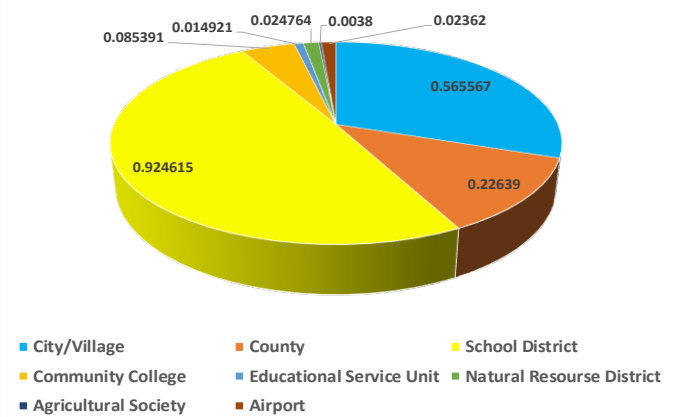
Visit opportunity.nebraska.gov, for more information on the qualifications and potential benefits available to your company, contact the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (800) 426 6505.

2023 ACTUAL VALUATION VILLAGE OF MINDEN



TOTAL
\$14,491,593

MINDEN 2023 TAX RATES



TOTAL
\$1.869068
dollars and cents per \$100 of actual value

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.

For more information regarding electric rates and services prospective customer should contact Nebraska Public Power District at (877) 275-6773, nppd.com/accounts-billing/your-rates.

Natural Gas

Public Alliance for Community Energy (ACE) is a retail supplier of natural gas in Minden. For more information, visit aceenergy.org.

NPPD ENERGY GENERATION RESOURCES* FOR NEBRASKA CUSTOMERS

2022-2023 Rolling Two-Year Average



56% CARBON-FREE

Water & Sewerage

The municipal water system in Minden has a combined pumping capacity of 1,300 gallons per minute, and overhead storage capacity of 750,000 gallons per minute and underground storage capacity of 1,000,000 gallons per minute, with a maximum capacity of 1,800,000.

Minden has a municipal sanitary sewerage system, a storm sewer system, and a Sequencing Batch Reactor treatment plant with a capacity of .730/ MGD.

For more information regarding water and sewerage, visit mindennebraska.org.

Recycling

Recyclables are collected by the City of Minden.

Education

Minden Public School District

Minden Public School District, District 50-0503, covers the counties of Adams, Franklin and Kearney counties. It has a 2023-24 actual valuation of \$1,385,471,961 with an actual valuation per student of \$1,751,476. Bus services are provided between the communities. This Class C-1 school is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education. For more information, visit mindenwhippets.org.

Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 11 (ESU), headquartered in Holdrege, serves seven counties including Kearney County. For more information regarding services, visit esu11.org.



Home of the Whippets

Higher Education

Minden is located 21 miles from the University of Kearney in Kearney, Nebraska and 33 miles from Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska.

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.

Minden Public School District's mission is to equip students with the academic and social skills necessary to be successful citizens.



Minden Elementary School

2023 ACT SCORES	
	COMPOSITE
MINDEN HIGH SCHOOL	19.5
NEBRASKA	18.7
NATIONAL	19.5

Source: Nebraska Department of Education



MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
	STUDENTS	TEACHER/PUPIL RATIO
ELEMENTARY (PRE-K-3)	232	14:1
MIDDLE SCHOOL (4-8),	305	14:1
HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)	254	14:1

Source: www.ncc.nebraska.gov



Minden High School



Kearney County Health Services



Minden Splash Pad



Minden Swimming Pool



Chautauqua Park

Quality of Life

Hospital / Clinic

The Kearney County Community Hospital, located in Kearney, is a 10-bed acute care, not-for-profit hospital. Minden Medical Clinic is a medical clinic in Minden. Visit kchs.org/minden-medical-clinic, for more information.

Rescue Squad

The Minden Rescue Squad has two ambulance, 16 emergency medical technicians, and 25 first responders.

Nursing Homes

Bethany Home is located in Minden and provides nursing care, assisted living, memory care and rehabilitation care to senior citizens.

Independent / Assisted Living

Independent and assisted living is available in Minden at Bethany Home.

Low Cost / Retirement Housing

Bethany Home retirement home is located in Minden. It has 64 skilled beds and 46 assisted living beds. Bethany Home provides nursing care, assisted living, memory care and rehabilitation care to senior citizens.

Churches (Denomination)

- Catholic
- Disciples of Christ
- Evangelical
- Lutheran
- Methodist
- Presbyterian

Recreation

There are seven parks in Minden covering 30 acres.

Chautauqua Park is equipped with playground equipment, splash pad, handicapped accessible bathrooms and a band shelter.

Augie Nelson Optimist Park is equipped with a softball field, handicapped accessible bathroom, park shelter and picnic tables, swimming pool and tennis/pickleball courts.

Camping spots with water, sewer, and 30-50-amp electrical service hookups are available at the Pioneer Village RV Park.

Minden Municipal Swimming Pool is open Memorial Day to mid-to-late August, weather permitting.

Financial Institutions

- Minden Exchange Bank
- First Bank & Trust Minden

Housing

Seven new homes were constructed in the past three years. Minden recently completed a new housing development with 27 single family lots and eight duplex lots available.

Nebraska's Rank Among States

1ST Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2023
Great Northern Bean Production, 2023
Beef and Veal exports, 2023
Harvested cropland acres, irrigated, 2022
Cash receipts per capita, 2022

2ND All cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2024
All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2024
Pinto bean production, 2023
Proso millet production, 2023
Ethanol production, 2023
Commercial red meat production, 2023
No-till cropland acres, 2022
Popcorn production, 2022
Bison, 2022
Commercial red meat production, 2021

3RD Corn for grain production - 2023
Cash Receipts from All Farm Commodities, 2022
Corn Exports, 2022

4TH Beef Cows, Jan. 1, 2024
Land in Farms and Ranches, 2023
Light red kidney bean production, 2023
All hay production, 2023
Dry edible pea production, 2023
Cash receipts from all crops, 2022
Total animal products exports, 2022
Cover crop acres, 2022
All dry edible bean production, 2022
Cash receipts from all livestock and products, 2022

5TH Grain sorghum production, 2023
Sugarbeet production, 2023
Sunflower production, 2023
Alfalfa hay production, 2023
Soybean Exports, 2022
Agricultural exports, 2022
Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, 2021

6TH Commercial hog slaughter, 2023
All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2023
Soybean production, 2023
Harvest cropland acres, 2022
Sugar beet production, 2022

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



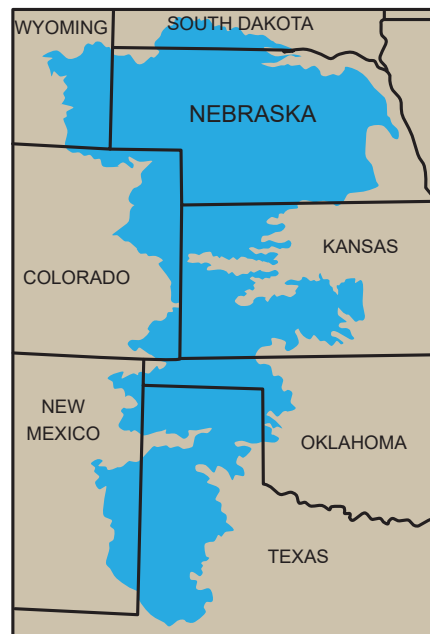
Agriculture

In 2023 Nebraska ranked first among the states in beef and beef product exports; third in corn exports and grain production. Nebraska's farms and ranches utilized 44 million acres or 89 percent of the state's total land area. Cash receipts from farm markets in 2022 contributed more than \$31.6 billion to the state's economy. Of that 52 percent originated from livestock and 48 percent from crops.

Nebraska's farms and ranches utilize 44 million acres, 89.4 percent of the state's total land area.

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.



The Ogallala Aquifer, stretches through parts of eight states, but its most abundant water resource is located in nearly two-thirds of Nebraska. This groundwater availability has been essential to the success of agriculture in the state.

Surface Water

Nebraska's surface water resources are surprisingly extensive, including approximately 18,000 miles of continuously flowing rivers and streams and about 430 square miles of lakes.

Surface water is predominantly used by grazing livestock as its source drinking water.

Groundwater

Center pivot irrigation is the most common method of providing water to row crops in the state, and as a result, four of the largest manufacturers of center pivot systems in the world are located in Nebraska. Nebraska has more than 100,000 registered irrigation wells.

Climate

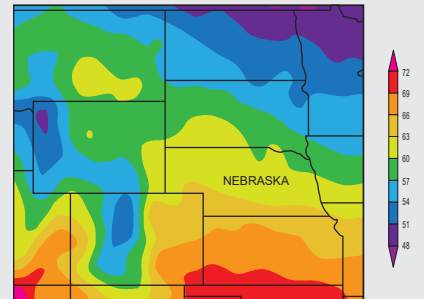
Nebraska has a continental climate, with hot summers and cold winters. Temperatures are highly variable from season to season and year to year.

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

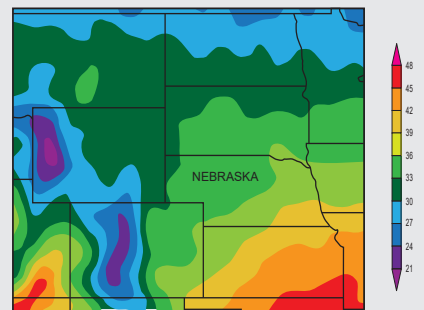
The growing season in Nebraska fluctuates in length, but on average it ranges from 120 days in the extreme northwest to 170 days in the southeast.

For more information regarding Nebraska's climate, visit High Plains Climate Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln at www.hprcc.unl.edu.

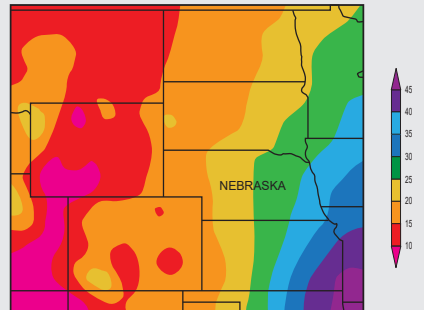
Annual Maximum Temperature (F)



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

2022 STATISTICS

	KEARNEY COUNTY	NEBRASKA
NUMBER OF FARMS	382	44,479
LAND IN FARMS acres	308,416	43,975,693
AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS acres	943	989
MARKET VALUE per year	7,175,909	3,397,806
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD	\$602,693	\$29,413,398
TOTAL ACRES IRRIGATED	179,669	7,965,938
PERCENT OF FARMLAND IRRIGATED	58.3	18.1

Source: 2022 Census of Agriculture

PRODUCTION OF LEADING CROPS

5 year average - 2019-2023

	KEARNEY COUNTY	NEBRASKA
CORN bushels	33,602,750	1,707,112,000
SOYBEANS bushels	5,078,250	295,390,000

(*)- 4 year average

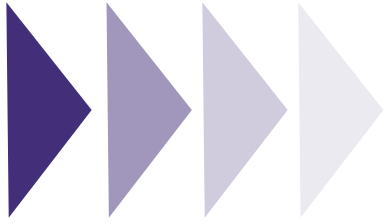
Source: 2022 Census of Agriculture

AVERAGE LIVESTOCK POPULATION

5 year average - 2020-2024

	KEARNEY COUNTY	NEBRASKA
ALL CATTLE	95,600	1,846,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service



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Christmas
City*
Minden
NEBRASKA



Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), Nebraska's largest electric utility, assists in economic development for the areas it serves. For more information on NPPD's economic development assistance, contact Economic Development Department, 1414 15th Street, PO Box 499, Columbus, Nebraska 68602-0499, (877) 275-6773, Ext. 5534, email: econdev@nppd.com, or visit our website at [sites.nppd.com](https://www.nppd.com).

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