

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY GUIDE

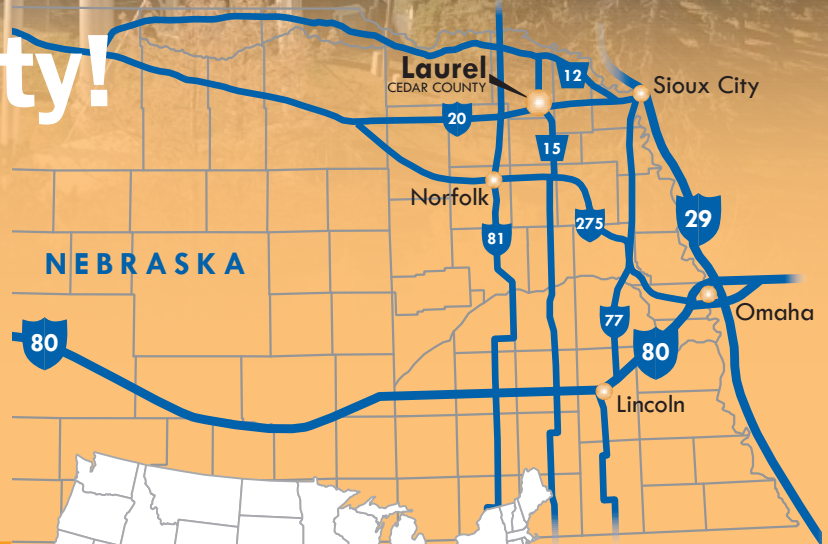
Laurel

NEBRASKA



Welcome to Cedar County!

- ▶ A Thriving and Progressive Community
- ▶ A Community Full of Activity
- ▶ Dedicated Citizens



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The following pages contain basic information about Laurel, Nebraska.

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Highway 20 North

Geography

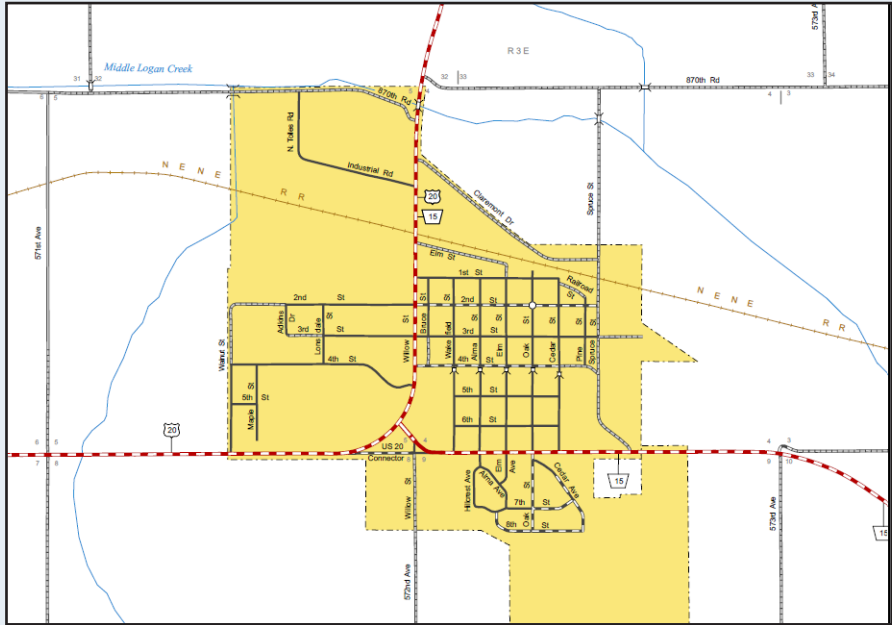


Location

Laurel is located in the southeast corner of Cedar County, approximately 23 miles southeast of Hartington, the county seat of Cedar County.

Elevation

Laurel is 1,493 feet above sea level.





Laurel Community Center

Economic Development



Laurel is a thriving, progressive community and has been known for its continuous economic and community growth since its inception in 1893. Laurel's location in the northeast corner of Nebraska, plus the added growth of two state highways that intersect in Laurel (Highway 20 and Highway 15), and the BNSF railway that runs through town, make Laurel the ideal place for businesses looking to build, relocate or expand. Laurel is home to nearly 1,000 active and dedicated citizens who work together to continue the exciting progress our city is known for. The entire community takes great pride in its achievements.

The City of Laurel Economic Development (ED) office is a part of the City of Laurel. The Economic Development office works under the supervision of the Mayor and receives direction, feedback and oversight by a seven-member Advisory Council. Funding for this office comes from the City budget and private donations. The City of Laurel is committed to making the town a desirable place to live, work and play by providing community activity facilities, fostering an environment for business opportunities and growth, and actin in a fiscally responsible manner.

The Laurel Industrial Park is located on the north edge of Laurel and several businesses have built facilities in that area. There is an additional 11.47 acres on the south side of the BNSF Railway across from the Industrial Park, that is zoned for industrial use and is available for new and expanding business.





Norris Housing Addition

Downtown Laurel has also seen growth and renewal in both retail businesses and professional services. In the fall of 2022, the City of Laurel finished an infrastructure improvement project in the downtown area, which included replacement of the streets, sidewalks, storm sewer, lighting, and landscaping for a total project cost of \$2,652,696. The construction of the new Laurel Community Center also concluded in the fall of 2022, this building is a cornerstone of downtown Laurel, housing an event center, the Laurel Senior Center, and the Laurel City Office. Laurel's Downtown Revitalization Project truly accentuates the downtown business district, and will provide a welcoming atmosphere for generations to come.

Residential lots for new housing construction are available in the Norris and Galvin Additions on the west side of Laurel. The City of Laurel CRA also owns 110 acres on the southeast area of Laurel, adjoining the City limits for future residential development.

The price of the available property is \$29,000 per acre. For more information on available sites and buildings go to sites.nppd.com.

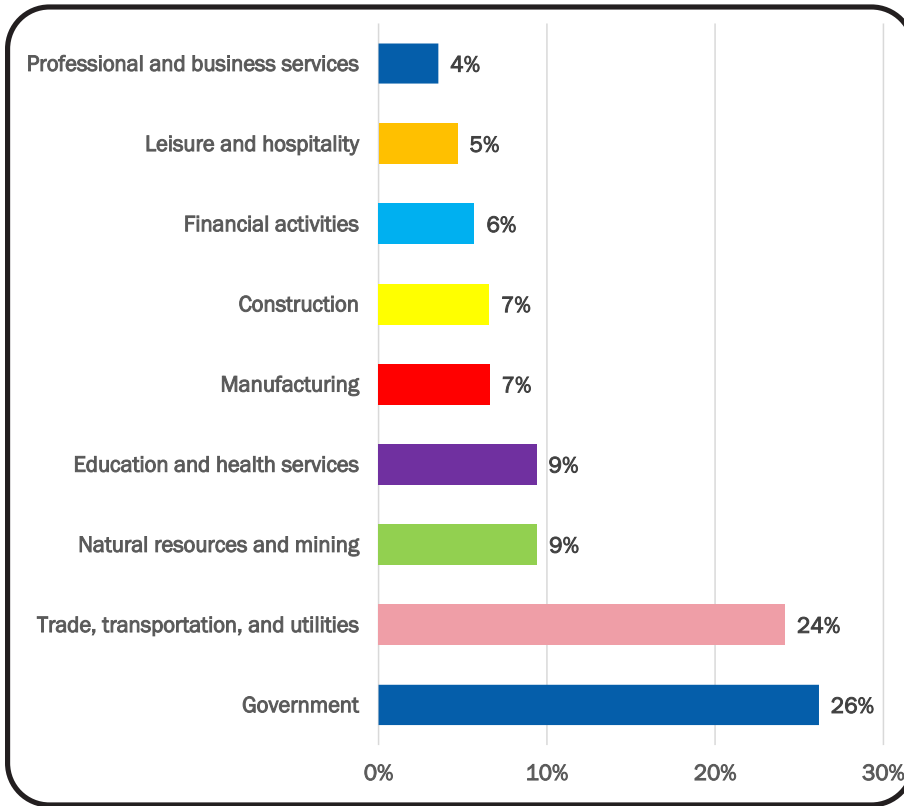
Firms with retail sales tax permits in Laurel reported 2024 net taxable retail sales of \$9,407,900, while Cedar County reported retail sales of \$78,696,159.



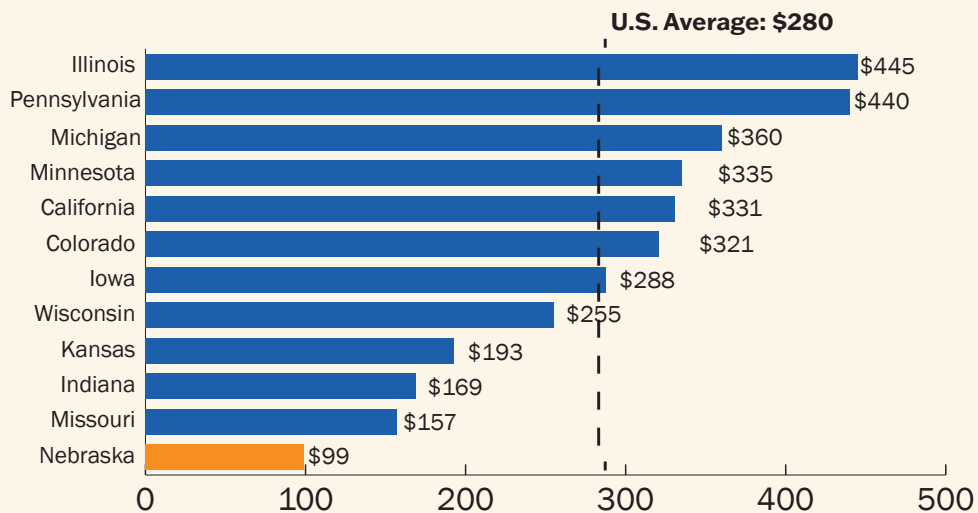
LAUREL'S TOP 10 EMPLOYERS		
EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	EMPLOYEES
Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School	Education	96
Laurel's Hometown Market	Full-service grocery store	22
Security Bank	Financial Institution	19
Hansen Brothers Parts & Service	Diesel/Ag/Auto Repair and Parts Sales	16
Nutrien	Agriculture	16
Laurel ACE Hardware	Retail	14
Building Blocks Early Childhood & Family Development Center	Education	12
Main Street Apothecary & Patefield's Old Fashioned Soda Fountain	Pharmacy/Retail	11
Cubby's Convenience Store	Convenience Store	10
Central Valley Ag	Agriculture	9

Labor

Cedar County Labor Supply 2024



Average Annual Unemployment Insurance Contribution per Employee, 2023



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023

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.

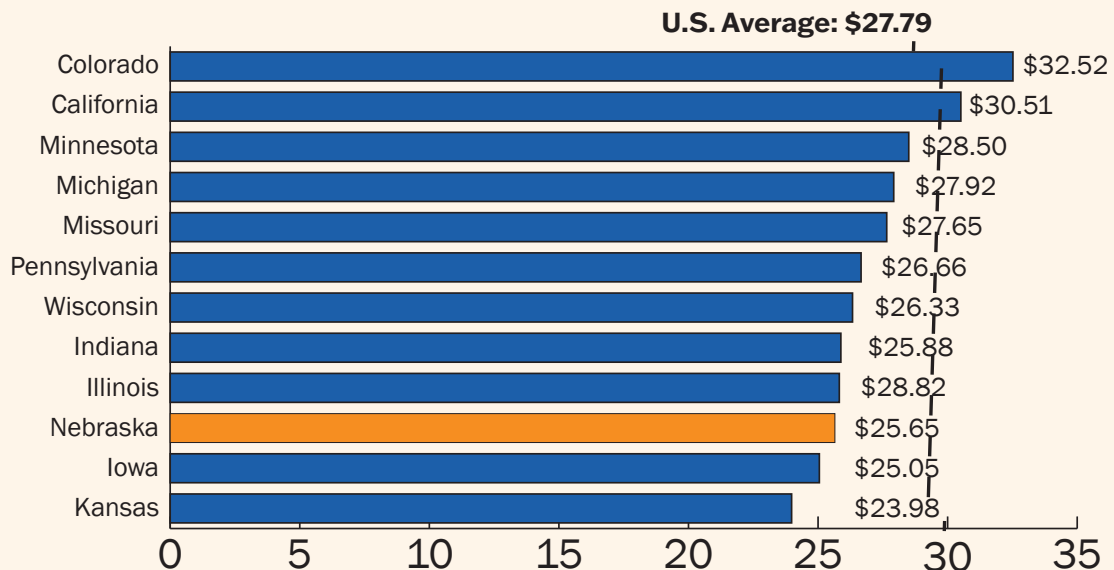
WAGE SAMPLING

Hourly wages rates for various occupations,
Northeast Region, Nebraska

JOB TITLE	ENTRY LEVEL	MEDIAN	EXPERIENCED
ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS	\$23.86	\$32.59	\$41.69
CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES	\$15.51	\$18.77	\$22.79
ELECTRICIANS	\$19.85	\$27.81	\$31.49
HEAVY AND TRACTOR-TRAILOR TRUCK DRIVERS	\$18.15	\$23.83	\$29.31
LABORERS AND FREIGHT STOCK, MATERIAL MOVES, HAND	\$16.62	\$20.78	\$22.26
MACHINISTS	\$18.17	\$22.69	\$26.23
MISCELLANEOUS ASSEMBLERS AND FABRICATORS	\$18.14	\$23.19	\$25.23
OFFICES CLERKS, GENERAL	\$13.78	\$17.71	\$20.21
REGISTERED NURSES	\$31.00	\$38.04	\$41.80
RETAIL SALESPERSONS	\$12.67	\$14.53	\$18.26
SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS/EXCEPT LEGAL, MEDICAL, AND EXECUTIVE	\$16.48	\$20.80	\$23.57
TOOLS AND DIE MAKERS	\$27.23	\$31.98	\$34.73
WELDERS, CUTTERS, SOLDERERS AND BRAZERS	\$20.04	\$23.42	\$26.82
WELDING, SOLDERING, AND BRAZING MACHINE SETTERS	\$19.30	\$21.69	\$24.80

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment, Program, First Quarter 2025.

Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers, 2024



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2024



Laurel's Downtown Revitalization

Unionization

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution. In 2024, 6.8 percent of Nebraska's wage and salary workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 9.9 percent.

Local Labor Unions

United States Post Office -

American Postal Workers Union/
National Association of Letter
Carriers

ANNUAL AVERAGE 2024 LABOR SUPPLY

**Contiguous Nebraska counties include Dixon, Knox, Pierce, Wayne.*

	CEDAR COUNTY & CONTIGUOUS*	CEDAR COUNTY
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY WORKERS	13,692	2,789
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	21,097	4,499
LABOR FORCE POPULATION	21,611	4,599
ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY		
COMMUTING OUT OF COUNTY (2022)		1,815
UNEMPLOYED		100
TOTAL		1,915

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

	PERCENT
CEDAR COUNTY, NEBRASKA	2.2%
NEBRASKA	2.8%
UNITED STATES	4.0%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Market Access

Highways

Nebraska State Highway 15 runs through Laurel from north to south and Nebraska Highway 20 runs east of town. Laurel is 40 miles northeast of Norfolk, 40 west of Sious City, IA, 45 miles south of Yankton, SD and 130 miles northwest of Omaha.

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 Wayne, Nebraska, 16 miles south of Laurel.

Rail

Laurel is served by the BNSF Railway Company. For more information, visit bnsf.com.

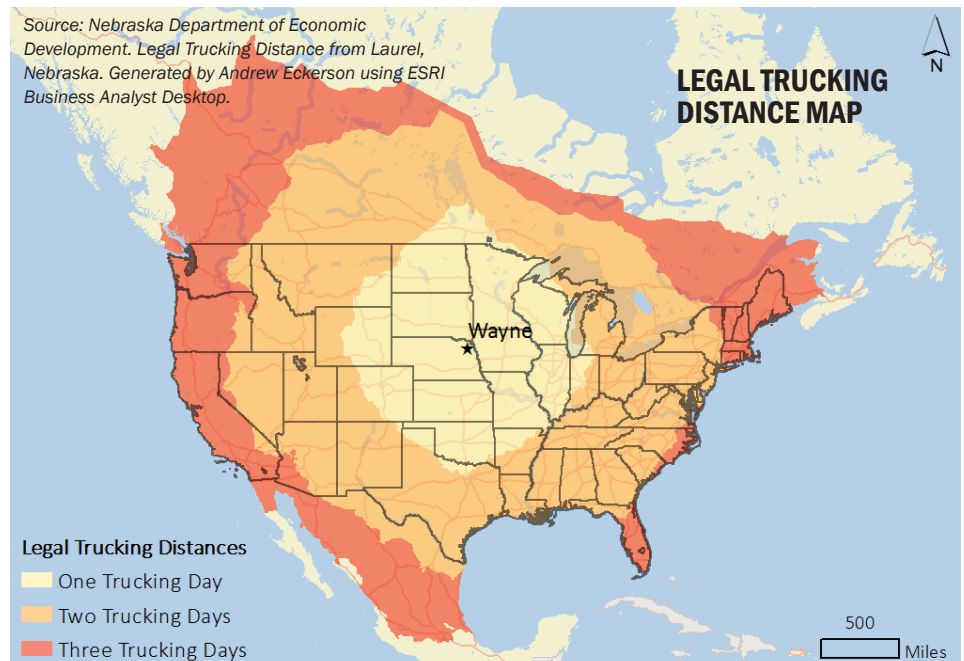
Air

The Wayne Municipal Airport, located 16 miles south of the Laurel, has three runways; two lit paved runways and one grass runway. Paved runways are 3,400'x60' and 4,200'x75' and grass runway is 1,674'x120'.



Nearest Commercial Air Service:

- Sioux Gateway, Sioux City, Iowa
45 miles, 50 minutes
- Norfolk Regional Airport, Norfolk, Nebraska
45 miles, 55 minutes
- Eppley Airfield, Omaha, Nebraska
122 miles, 2.25 hours
- Lincoln Regional Airport, Lincoln Nebraska
135 miles, 2.25 hours





Main Street Apothecary

Communications

Telecommunications & Internet Providers

Century Link
centurylink.com
Phone

Fastwyre Broadband
fastwyre.com
Phone

Verizon Wireless
verizon.com
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Viaero Wireless
viaero.com
Phone

Next Link Wireless Internet
nextlinkinternet.com
Internet

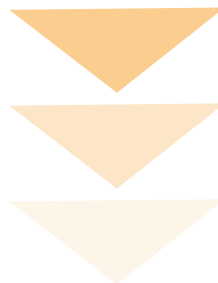
Post Office & Package Delivery Service

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

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

Newspapers

The Laurel Advocate is published weekly. Other newspapers delivered locally include the *Cedar County News*, *Norfolk Daily News*, and *Wayne Herald*.



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 84 of Nebraska's 93 counties. NPPD relies upon 9 major generating facilities, more than 5,000 miles of high-voltage power lines, approximately 260 substations, and thousands more miles of distribution lines. Because the system is interconnected to electrical grids in other states, NPPD works with regional utilities and industry entities to ensure power is delivered safely and dependably to Nebraskans.

NPPD'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.

**NPPD ENERGY GENERATION RESOURCES*
FOR NEBRASKA CUSTOMERS**
2022-2023 Rolling Two-Year Average



						
Solar	Gas/Oil	Hydro	Wind	Purchases	Coal	Nuclear
0.3%	3.6%	6.3%	7.2%	9.2%	31.2%	42.2%

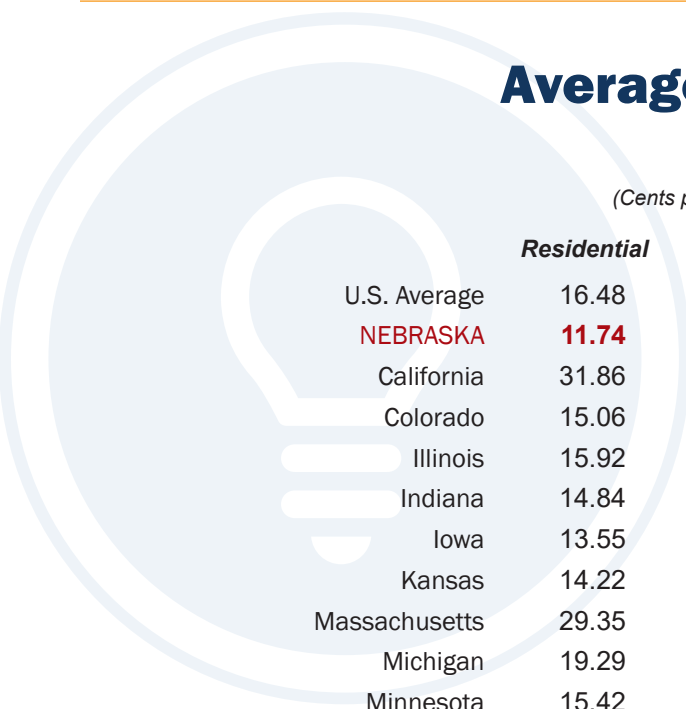


Natural gas in Nebraska is also attractive to industry for service, supply, and price. A gas-producing state, Nebraska is close and well-connected by pipeline to the major gas fields of the central and southern plains. The state's average cost of industrial gas is less than both the regional and national averages.



Laurel Swimming Pool

Average Retail Price of Energy Costs



	Electric <i>(Cents per Kilowatt Hour 2024)</i>			Natural Gas <i>(Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet 2024)</i>		
	<i>Residential</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>Industrial</i>	<i>Residential</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>Industrial</i>
U.S. Average	16.48	12.85	8.15	14.59	10.14	3.93
NEBRASKA	11.74	8.70	7.53	10.79	7.52	4.37
California	31.86	25.29	21.98	21.85	13.86	11.38
Colorado	15.06	11.84	8.78	10.56	8.67	7.59
Illinois	15.92	11.77	9.16	11.57	8.96	6.54
Indiana	14.84	12.62	7.99	11.64	7.86	4.91
Iowa	13.55	10.35	6.85	10.38	7.63	5.65
Kansas	14.22	11.23	7.67	12.55	9.89	5.56
Massachusetts	29.35	20.96	18.13	21.80	15.70	13.20
Michigan	19.29	13.99	8.27	10.77	9.34	7.57
Minnesota	15.42	12.22	9.14	10.66	8.26	6.18
Missouri	12.91	10.29	7.90	14.84	12.12	7.98
Nevada	15.00	10.47	8.49	18.69	13.69	10.69
New Jersey	16.40	14.78	12.02	13.03	11.14	7.96
New York	24.37	18.83	9.11	16.57	9.64	10.77
Ohio	16.07	10.78	7.16	13.67	7.84	7.73
Pennsylvania	17.79	11.01	7.84	13.65	10.88	9.38
Wisconsin	17.22	12.65	8.52	10.08	7.40	5.76

Utilities

Electricity

Laurel receives its electrical service through a lease agreement with Cedar-Knox Public Power District (CKPPD). CKPPD operates under an all-requirements contract and sources its power from Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). The city is served by a 10 MW substation owned by Cedar-Knox, which is supplied by a 69 kVA transmission line. This substation includes an available circuit currently capable of supporting 1MW demand load, with availability for additional capacity.

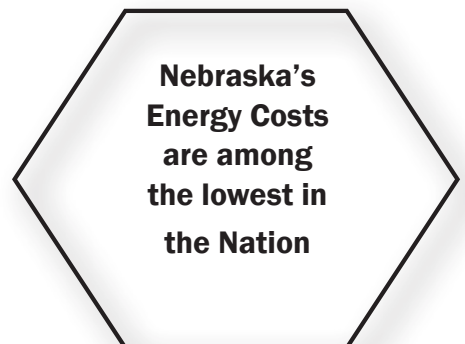
To improve system reliability, Laurel is supplied by three separate distribution back feeds from three different CKPPD substations. The current electrical infrastructure features a 7.2/12.47 kV three-phase distribution system serving the industrial park, while residential areas are being gradually upgraded from the existing 2.4/4.16 kV system.

Cedar-Knox Public Power District is a non-profit electric utility that is a political subdivision of the state of Nebraska. Governed by a locally elected Board of Directors, Cedar-Knox is dedicated to providing innovative, safe, reliable, affordable service to its customers.

CKPPD offers some of the most competitive electricity rates in the state.

Visit cedarknoxppd.com for additional details about Cedar-Knox PPD.

Prospective customers should contact Cedar-Knox Public Power District at 402-254-6291, or email ckppd@cedarknoxppd.com for further information.



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.

Rates vary slightly due to seasonal and commodity price fluctuation. Current rates for the commercial/light industrial class customer, can be found on Black Hill's website at blackhillsenergy.com.

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

Water

The municipal water system in Laurel is supplied by two wells, which have an average depth of 77 and 120 feet. The system, serving the entire village, has a combined pumping capacity of 600 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 200,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 864,000 gallons per day.

Sewerage

Laurel has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a partial storm sewer system. The activated sludge treatment plant has a daily capacity of 300,000 gallons.

Visit laurelne.com for more information regarding water and sewerage.

Recycling

Laurel Regional Recycling accepts the following for recycling: aluminum cans, cardboard newspaper, plastic, and steel.



Laurel provides access to top-notch health services, including Family 1st Dental, located in the revitalized downtown area.



A.C. Chiropractic & Wellness office and Providence Physical Therapy clinic provide quality care for Laurel residents.



Laurel Regional Recycling Center

Tax Structure

Nebraska Highlights

- Nebraska assesses income tax based upon the amount of federal taxable income
- No state property tax
- No inventory tax
- No sales tax on:
 - raw materials when used as ingredients or component parts in
 - manufacturing operations
 - sales of energy for processing or
 - manufacturing purposes
 - water used exclusively in
 - manufacturing and processing qualified agricultural machinery and equipment
 - manufacturing machinery, equipment, and related services
- Sales and use tax refunds are available on qualifying air and water pollution control equipment
- Sales and use tax refunds are available on property qualifying for certain investment incentives

The Nebraska State Government is financed by an individual income tax, corporate income tax, 5.5 percent sales and use tax, corporate occupation

tax, and selective excise taxes (liquor, tobacco, motor fuels, etc.). Local governments are financed primarily by property taxes, although some cities and counties collect a local option sales tax of between 0.5 and 2.0 percent.

Property taxes are levied against real and personal property by local political subdivisions such as 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)

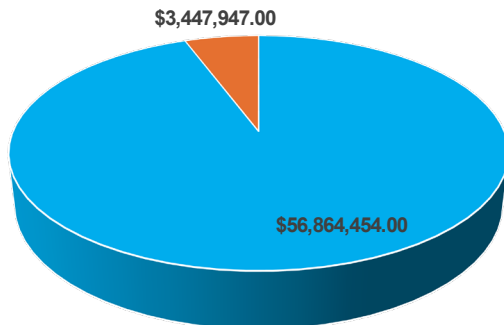
- Earning capacity of the real property (income approach)
- Cost less depreciation (cost approach)

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 as the "ImagiNE Nebraska Act," this multi-tiered program provides qualifying businesses with employee payment credits, investment credits, sales and use tax refunds, and personal and property tax exemptions. 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 at 800-426-6505 or visit opportunity.nebraska.gov.

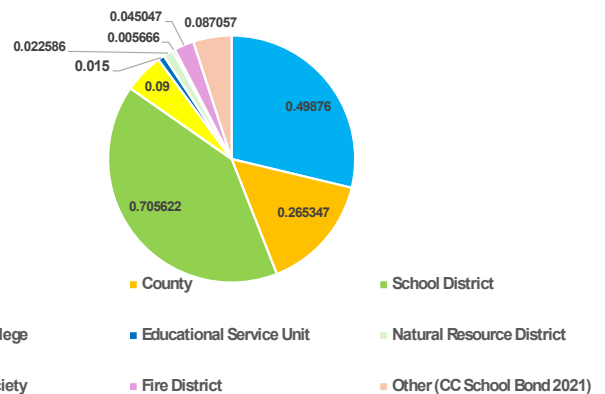
2024 ACTUAL VALUATION LAUREL



■ Real Estate ■ Personal Property

TOTAL
\$60,312,402

2024 TAX RATES LAUREL

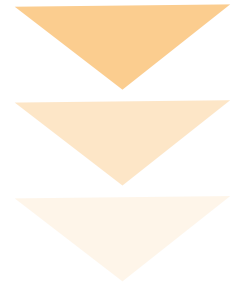


■ City/Village ■ County ■ School District
 ■ Community College ■ Educational Service Unit ■ Natural Resource District
 ■ Agricultural Society ■ Fire District ■ Other (CC School Bond 2021)

TOTAL
\$1.735085
dollars and cents
per \$100 of actual value



Laurel Fire & Rescue



Laurel is governed by a mayor and a four member city council, which are all elected positions. The 2023-24 actual budget is \$11,237,722.89.

Cedar County has 21 precincts and is governed by three county commissioners, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The actual county budget for 2023-24 is \$32,207,491.41.

Fire Protection

Fire protection is provided to the village by a 25-member volunteer fire department.

Laurel has one fire station and 81 fire hydrants. The Laurel Rural Fire Department built a new Fire Hall which was completed in the spring of 2022. This modern facility houses emergency equipment (fire/ambulance) fro Laurel and the surrounding area.

Law Enforcement

The City of Laurel provides law enforcement in Laurel with one full-time police officer. Annual expenditures for police protection for the last three years average \$122,519.68.

Sheriff

The Cedar County Sheriff's Department has seven sworn officer and seven support personnel. Regular patrol by the sheriff's department provides protection to existing industries in the area.

2024 CRIME RATES		
Per 1,000 Population	VIOLENT CRIMES	PROPERTY CRIMES
NEBRASKA	2.11	15.94
CEDAR COUNTY	0.19	1.53

Source: ucr.fbi.gov

Streets

Laurel has 35.38 miles of streets; 86 percent are hard-surfaced; 42 percent are concrete, 14 percent are gravel and 35 percent are asphalt, Visit laurelne.com for more information on Laurel's local government.



Splash pad

Education



Laurel-Concord-Coleridge High School



**GO
BEARS!**

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School District

School District No. 14-0054 in Cedar, Dixon, and Wayne Counties covers 275 square miles and has a 2023-24 actual valuation of \$1,248,811,884, with an actual valuation per student of \$3,083,486. This Class III school is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education.

The 2023-24 school operation expenses totaled \$9,519,002, with an average cost per pupil of \$29,983.

Bus services are provided throughout the district.

For more information, visit lccschool.org.

Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 1 (ESU), headquartered in Wakefield, serves six counties including Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, Knox, Thurston, and Wayne County. For more information regarding services, visit esu1.org

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.

2023-24 ACT SCORES

	COMPOSITE
LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE SCHOOL	21.3
NEBRASKA	18.6
NATIONAL	19.6

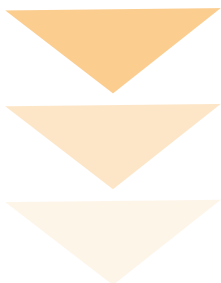
Source: Nebraska Department of Education

Colleges and Universities frequently attended by Laurel-Concord-Coleridge graduates:

- Wayne State College
Wayne, Nebraska, 16 miles away
- Northeast Community College
Norfolk, 40 miles away
- University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Lincoln, 137 miles away
- University of Nebraska - Omaha
Omaha, 118 miles away



Haskell Field



**LAUREL-CONCORD
COLERIDGE SCHOOLS**

	STUDENTS	TEACHER/PUPIL RATIO
ELEMENTARY (PRE-K-5), LAUREL	182	1:10
MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8) COLERIDGE	82	1:5
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL (9-12), LAUREL	138	1:7



Hillcrest Colonial Manor



Laurel Fitness Center



Quality of Life

Hospital

The Providence Medical Center (PMC), located in Wayne, is a 25-bed, not-for-profit acute care hospital. Providence Medical Center offers a variety of general and outpatient services such as cardiology, behavioral health. Visit providencemedical.com for more information.

Clinic

Laurel Family Medicine is located in Laurel. The clinic sees patients for pediatric and well-child care, adult preventative care, acute illness, chronic disease management, immunizations, school and sports physicals, lab and x-ray.

Rescue Squad

The **Laurel Rescue Squad** is a volunteer service managed by the City of Laurel. The service has two fully stocked advanced life support ambulances. The squad has 20 emergency medical technicians and two registered nurses.

Nursing Homes

Parkview Haven is the nearest nursing home located in Coleridge, 12 miles from Laurel.

Independent / Assisted Living

The Embers is an independent and assisted living facility located in Coleridge, 12 miles from Laurel.

Low Cost/Retirement Housing

Hillcrest Colonial Manor/Laurel Elderly Housing is a 16-unit affordable housing project that is community-owned and managed by the Hillcrest Colonial Manor Board of Directors. Applicants must meet income qualifications, citizenship status and pass criminal background checks. Electricity, gas, water, sewer and garbage is all included in the rent payment. Apartments come with range, refrigerator and window air conditioner. Laundry facilities are located in the community building. Snow removal and lawn mowing are also provided.



The Community Learning Center is unique at the High School/Elementary library in the fact that the space is shared with the public library. There is a separation of public and school library, yet there is a fluency between the two areas. The City of Laurel Board works closely with the LCC School Administration involving the day-to-day operation of the facility.

Churches *Denomination*

- Catholic
- Lutheran
- Nondenominational
- Presbyterian

Library

The City of Laurel and the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School District have a partnership through the **Community Learning Library** in Laurel. It provides a vast amount of educational resources to citizens and students.

Recreation

There are four parks in Laurel covering 6.63 acres.

City of Laurel Park is 2.40 acres and has a covered shelter with picnic tables, restrooms, five camping pads with electricity hook-ups, play equipment, free standing stage for entertainment, and two sand volleyball courts, It also has the first school house in Laurel and first home in Laurel on the east side of the park.

Lions Park is 1.75 acres and has a covered shelter with picnic table, play equipment, the Laurel swimming pool and splash pad.

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge (LCC) School Park is 2.00 acres, and is the only park that is fenced. It includes play equipment, basketball courts, wide-open

green space for running and games, and the start of the Laurel Walking Trail.

Arls Park is 2.48 acres, and located in the Hillcrest addition by the water tower. It has playground equipment and benches, Laurel also has a walking trail that includes newly added workout equipment. The walking trail begins at the LCC School Playground.

Laurel has a beautiful nine-hole golf course with a clubhouse, an 18-basket disc-golf course located around the Haskell Football field, and youth recreational sports that includes seasonal football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball and baseball.

Financial Institutions

- Security Bank
mysecurity.bank
- Citizens State Bank
citstatebank.com

Housing

In Laurel, one new home was constructed in the past three years and it is estimated that four will be built in 2025-26. The cost of new home construction averages \$140.00 per square foot.

EVENTS

Annual Chamber/FFA Ag Banquet • January/February

Meal served

The Easter Egg Hunt • Saturday before Easter

Easter egg hunt and prizes.

Ag Days Celebration • Father's Day weekend

Laurel Alumni weekend

Cruise Night • August

Family fun with classic cars!

Football Tailgate Fundraiser • September

Proceeds from the Chamber Tailgate are donated to the LCC School District

Pink Friday • November

The Friday before Thanksgiving, showcases local businesses and promotes shopping local for the holidays.

Night of Lights • December

Includes fun holiday events. A special night of shopping held in early December. Get your Green punch cards turned in for a chance to win one of the great prizes donated by local businesses in the raffle drawing - 40% more of your money stays in the community when you shop local.

Nebraska's Rank Among States

- 1ST** Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2024
 Great Northern Bean Production, 2024
 Beef and Veal exports, 2024
 Harvested cropland acres, irrigated, 2022
 Cash receipts per capita, 2023

- 2ND** All cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2025
 All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2025
 Pinto bean production, 2024
 Proso millet production, 2024
 Ethanol production, 2024
 Commercial red meat production, 2024
 No-till cropland acres, 2022
 Popcorn production, 2022
 Bison, 2022
 Alfalfa hay production, 2024

- 3RD** Corn for grain production, 2024
 All hay production, 2024
 Cash Receipts from All FarmCommodities, 2023
 Corn Exports, 2022

- 4TH** Beef Cows, Jan. 1, 2025
 Land in Farms and Ranches, 2024
 Dry edible bean production, 2024
 Sunflower production, 2024
 Light red kidney bean production, 2023
 All hay production, 2023
 Cash receipts from all crops, 2023
 Cash receipts from all livestock and products, 2023
 Total animal products exports, 2022
 Cover crop acres, 2022

- 5TH** Sugarbeet production, 2024
 Sunflower production, 2024
 Soybean Exports, 2022
 Agricultural exports, 2022

- 6TH** Commercial hog slaughter, 2024
 All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2024
 Pork exports, 2024
 Harvest cropland acres, 2022

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



Agriculture

In 2024 Nebraska ranked first among the states in beef and beef product exports; third in corn grain production. Nebraska's farms and ranches utilized 44 million acres or 89 percent of the state's total land area. In 2024, the total value of agricultural products sold was \$31.6 billion to the state's economy. Of that 58 percent originated from livestock and 42 percent from crops.

Sources: Nebraska Agriculture Rankings - USDA ERS, USDA NASS; Food Processing Status - Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

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.

Groundwater

One of Nebraska's most vital natural resources is its massive supply of groundwater. The High Plains Aquifer, also commonly referred to as the **Ogallala Aquifer** underlies 174,000 square miles in 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. With the implementation of more efficient irrigation systems and other water management measures, the Ogallala Aquifer will remain a valuable resource in Nebraska.





Surface Water

Nebraska's surface water resources are surprisingly extensive, including approximately 80,000 miles of continuously flowing rivers and streams that add to Nebraska's bountiful natural resources.

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



2022 STATISTICS

	CEDAR COUNTY	NEBRASKA
NUMBER OF FARMS	850	44,479
LAND IN FARMS acres	451,579	43,975,693
AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS acres	531	989
MARKET VALUE per year	\$3,418,794	\$3,397,806
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD	\$610,198	\$29,413,398
TOTAL ACRES IRRIGATED	157,994	7,965,938
PERCENT OF FARMLAND IRRIGATED	34.9%	18.1%

Source: 2022 Census of Agriculture

PRODUCTION OF LEADING CROPS

5 year average - 2019-2023

	CEDAR COUNTY	NEBRASKA
CORN FOR GRAIN bushels	34,473,800	1,719,112,000
OATS bushels	133,367	1,321,400
SOYBEANS bushels	7,242,800	295,390,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

AVERAGE LIVESTOCK POPULATION

5 year average - 2020-2024

	CEDAR COUNTY	NEBRASKA
ALL CATTLE	102,400	6,630,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Climate

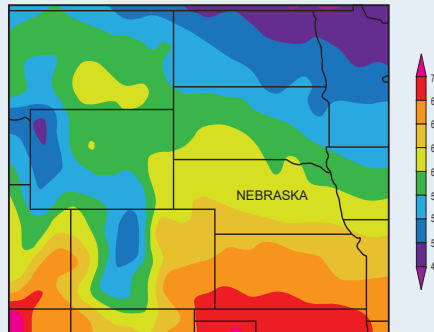
Four Distinct Seasons

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.

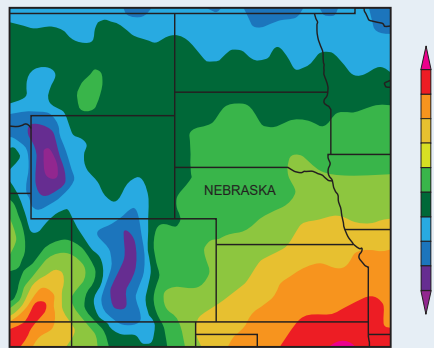
Precipitation

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

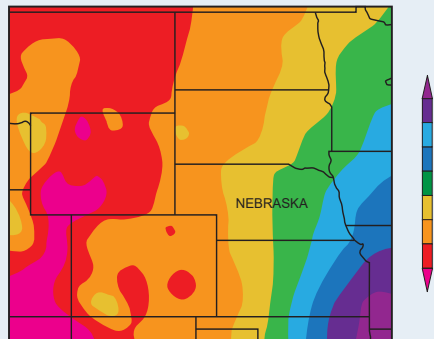
Annual Maximum Temperature (F)



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



Central Valley Ag



Cedar View Golf Country Club





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