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CRAWFORD, NEBRASKA

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POPULATION
(Official U.S. Census)

	2000	2006 Est.
Crawford	1,107	1,016
Dawes County	9,060	8,466
Labor Market*	48,810	47,700

*Includes Dawes County and contiguous counties

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Introduction

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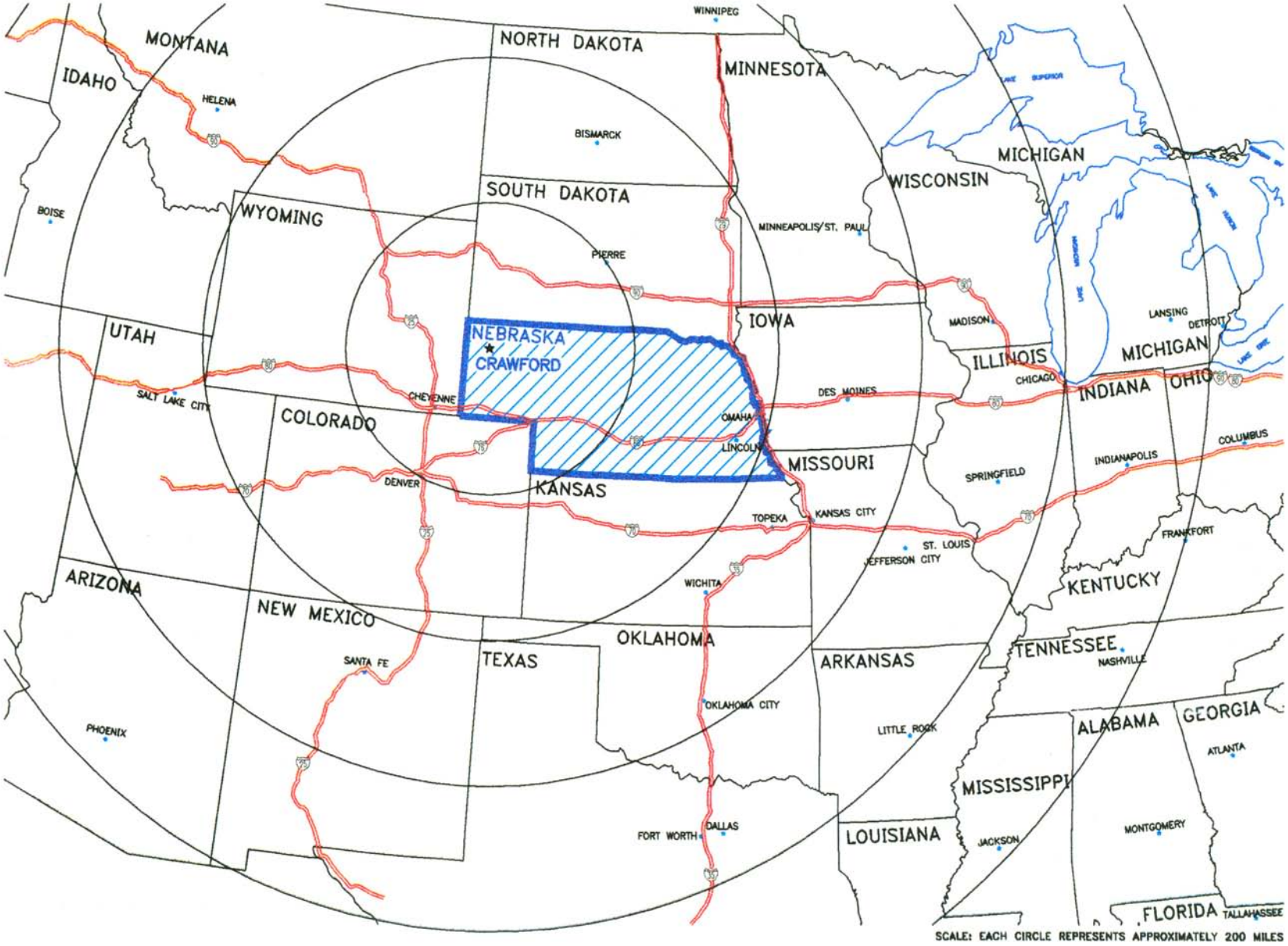
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TALLAHASSEE
SCALE: EACH CIRCLE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES

City of Crawford

Zoning Districts

"R-1" Residential
"R-2" Residential
Mobile Home Park
"C-1" Central Business District Commercial
"C-2" Highway Commercial
"I" Industrial
"A" Agricultural
"P" Park and Recreation
"PUD" Planned Unit Development Overlay

General Information

Location

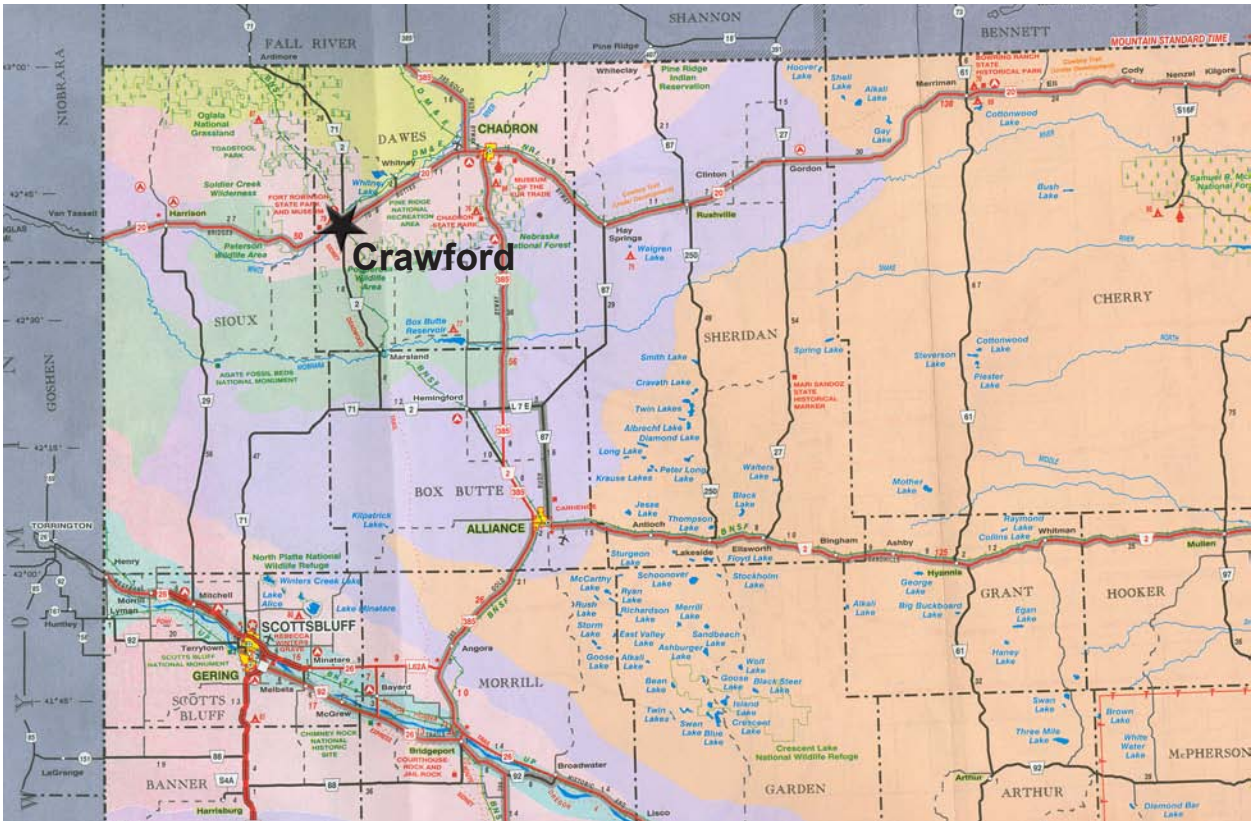
Crawford is located in the northwestern corner of Nebraska in the state's most scenic country—the Pine Ridge area. The city is located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 20 and State Highway 2/71 in Dawes County. Crawford is 24 miles southwest of Chadron, Nebraska; 75 miles north of Scottsbluff, Nebraska; 115 miles south of Rapid City, South Dakota; and 314 miles north of Denver, Colorado.

Population (U.S. Census)

Year	Crawford	Dawes County
1970	1,291	9,761
1980	1,315	9,609
1990	1,115	9,021
2000	1,107	9,060
2006 (Est.)	1,016	8,466

Dawes County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2005 U.S. Census	
White	93.5%
Black	1.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3.9%
Asian	0.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or More Races	1.0%
Hispanic or Latino Origin	2.6%
White Persons not Hispanic	91.4%

The 2006 U.S. Census estimates 47,700 people live in Dawes County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Box Butte, Sioux, and Sheridan as well as Fall River and Shannon Counties in South Dakota.



Local Economy

Basic economic activities of Crawford, a railroad town, include ranching, cattle feeding, tourism, and retail sales.

Firms in Dawes County with retail sales tax permits reported net taxable retail sales of $80,739,458 in 2006. One wholesale firm in the community distributes feed and seed.

Elevation

Crawford is 3,675 feet above sea level.

Topography

The terrain is rolling to hilly with bluffs. Drainage is good to the north and west into the White River. Soils in the area are sandy and clay gumbo.

History

More than 10,000 years ago, a pair of "testosterone-crazed" bull mammoths crossed paths on the ice age high plains in what would one day be western Nebraska. Both mammoths were nearly equal in size and about 40 years old. The two Columbian mammoths—one with a snapped tusk on the left, the other with a break on the right—battle for matine rights; however, fate thwarted desire.

With broken tusks allowing each to jockey in close, the titans locked together and never separated. Eventually—after hours of exhaustive pushing or moments after a decisive twist—one fell dragging the other to the ground and each to their death in the Little Badlands north of Crawford. Preserved under layers of sediment cascading off the Little Blue formations, the dueling titans were discovered in the summer of 1962.

In 1886 the Chicago and North Western Railroad began pushing its way across the Nebraska Panhandle into Wyoming and in its wake left a tent city, which was named Crawford. The town, located on the White River near the Red Cloud Indian Agency and Fort Robinson, was first platted on June 21, 1886, after getting the majority of the names on the petition from soldiers stationed at the fort.

Crawford and the surrounding territory are enriched with many historic accounts of early Indian wars and the "gun-totin', hard-riding" days of the early West. The site of the Red Cloud Indian Agency, named for this famous chief, is located at Fort Robinson, three miles west of Crawford. In September of 1877, Crazy Horse, the Sioux war leader of Custer battle fame, was killed in a struggle at the Fort Robinson guardhouse.

Many of Crawford's streets bear the names of people associated with Fort Robinson—Paddock, Coates, and Reed.

Located in Nebraska's scenic Pine Ridge, Crawford has often been tagged "The Garden Beyond the Sandhills" by the town's promoters. It has also been called the "Gate City" and rightly so as the town was established near the Sidney-Deadwood Trail at the intersection of two railroads with Nebraska's only railroad tunnel a few miles to the south.

Other famous names from history associated with Crawford are Buffalo Bill Cody, reported to have had his showdown fight with Chief Yellowhand nearby; and also California Joe, Little Bat Garnier, Old Jules, Doc Middleton, and Spotted Tail.

From the "wild west" town of the past to the present, Crawford has undergone many changes —from the fire alarm of three pistol shots to the electric siren; from the one-room log schoolhouse to the new modern buildings; and from the town well at the intersection of Second and Main Street (a $1.25 rope and chain for the well being the first expense to the city) to the present wide paved streets. This vigorous community looks to the future as it builds upon the foundations and legacy of the past.

Second Street South View

Second Street North View

Crawford Historical Marker

Crawford Information Booth

Economic Development

Manufacturers

Company/Year Established	Product	Market	Employees Male	Employees Female	Union
Bob's Welding & Repair 2000	Cattle guards	Local	1	0	None
C & F Mats 1981	Truck & trailer bed mats, dog mats & floor mats	National	1	0	None
Vogel Brothers 2006	Fabrication & welding	Regional	2	0	None

Major Nonmanufacturing Employers (employing 25 or more)

Employer	Type of Activity	Employees Male	Employees Female	Union
BNSF Railway Company	Transportation	40	2	Standard
Crawford Public Schools	Education	10	38	NSEA
Crow Butte Resources	Uranium development	48	8	None
Ponderosa Villa	Nursing care	2	48	None
Crawford Livestock Market, Inc.	Livestock sales	0	0	None
		31*	8*	

*Part-time and/or seasonal

Other Major Area Employers (within 40 miles and employing more than 100)

Employer	Type of Activity	Employees	Union
Chadron, 23 miles			
Chadron Community Hospital	Health care	183	None
Chadron Public Schools	Education	140	NSEA

*Part-time and/or seasonal

Employer	Type of Activity	Employees	Union
Chadron State College	Education	3,27l	CSCEA, SCEA, NAPE
Department of Agriculture	Government	130	AFGE, NFFE
Wal-Mart	Retail store	245	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

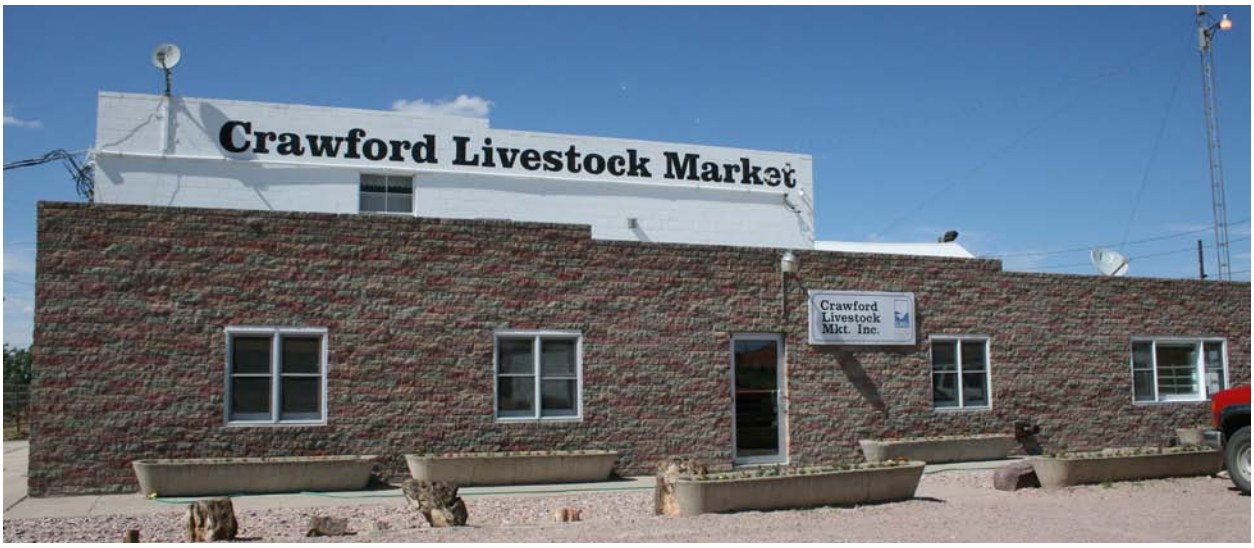
Economic Development Organizations

The Nebraska Northwest Development Corporation, Crawford Chamber of Commerce, the Nebraska Business Development Center, Chadron State College, Panhandle Area Development District, Nebraska Public Power District, and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development combine their efforts to provide a full complement of information and services for economic development in the community.

The Nebraska Northwest Development Corporation is a nonprofit corporation with 54 members. The corporation is financially supported by annual dues, the city of Chadron, the city of Crawford, and the county of Dawes.

In the last few years Crawford has experienced some business closures and downsizing. However, the following businesses opened in the past few years—a saloon; two saddle, leather, and boot repair shops; one tractor repair shop; two variety stores/gift shops; and one photography shop. Businesses planning to open soon include a pharmacy/drug store and a restaurant with lounge. A dentist is planning an expansion.

Approximately 20 acres of land in and adjacent Crawford are zoned for industry. Industrially zoned land ranges in price from $5,000 to $15,000 per acre.



Crawford Livestock Market, Inc.

Labor

Labor Supply

A. Employment in the Crawford labor market, which is defined as the whole of Dawes County and the total labor market consisting of Dawes County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Box Butte, Sheridan, and Sioux. Figures for Fall River and Shannon Counties in South Dakota were not available. Twelve-month average (October 2006 through September 2007):

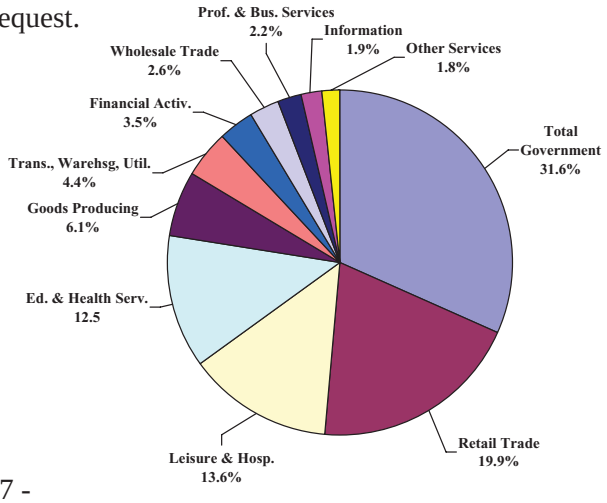
	Nonfarm Employment (wage and salary workers)	**Dawes County**	**Total**
	Goods-Producing	216	743
	Manufacturing	20	(D)
	Natural Resources & Construction	196	(D)
	Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	958	3,836
	Wholesale Trade	93	(D)
	Retail Trade	708	(D)
	Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	157	(D)
	Information	69	(D)
	Financial Activities	123	(D)
	Professional & Business Services	78	(D)
	Education & Health Services	443	(D)
	Leisure & Hospitality	485	(D)
	Other Services	63	(D)
	Government	1,125	2,994
	TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	3,561	10,774
	Farm Employment	523	2,444
	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	4,478	13,765
B.	Commuting Out of County	418	N/A
C.	Unemployment	130	412
	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	4,608	14,178
D.	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.	549	
E.	Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	90	
	TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	1,187	

(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development
U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2003
U.S. Census

Crawford is willing to conduct a labor survey upon request.

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment
Dawes County
12-Month Average
October 2006 to September 2007



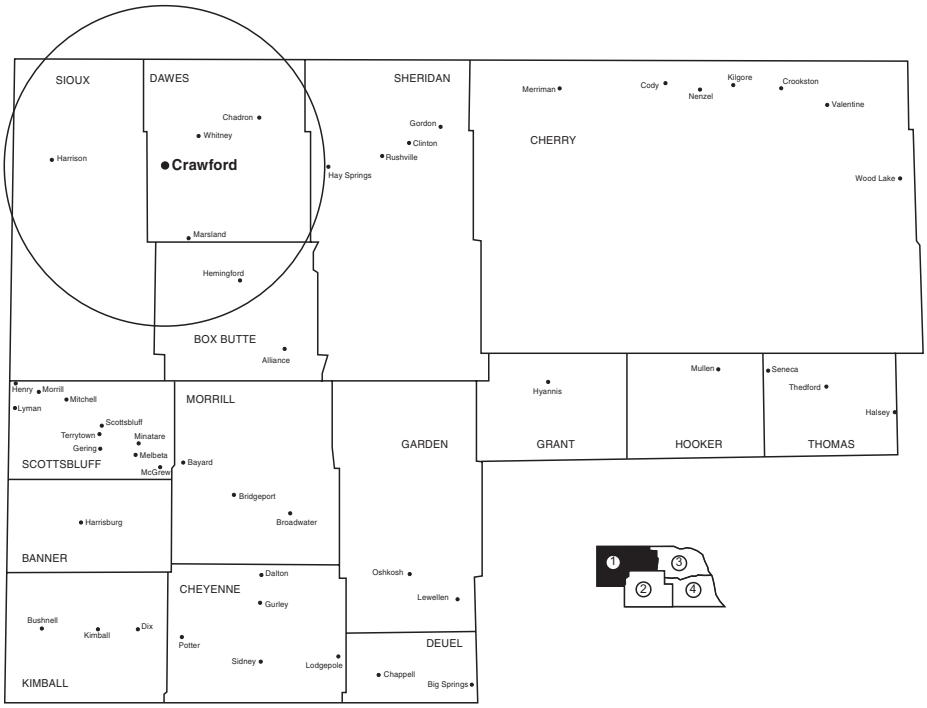
POPULATION DATA

2000				2005	2006	
Location	Density/ Sq. Mile	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	Median Household Effective Buying Income	Median Age	% 65 Years & Over
Dawes Co.	6.5	86.9	28.4	$28,852	29.5	18.4
Nebraska	22.3	86.6	23.7	$36,910	36.0	13.3
U.S.	79.6	84.0	26.0	$39,324	12.4	12.4

Dawes County had 5,674 eligible voters in 2004; 71.6 percent voted in the national election compared to 68.3 percent in Nebraska.

Source: U.S. Census, **www.census.gov**
Sales and Marketing Management, 2005
Statewide General Election 2004 Results, **www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/canvass/general2004/General2004**

LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE CRAWFORD AREA



POPULATION DATA
U.S. Census Estimates

2006 Estimate		
City of Crawford	—	1,016
Dawes County	—	8,466
30-Mile Radius	—	10,888

Dawes County Population by Age/Gender, 2006

Ages	Male	Female
18–24	960	988
25–44	808	871
45–64	870	904

UNIONIZATION

Nebraska has a right-to-work provision in its constitution. In 2004, 10.8 percent of Nebraska's manufacturing workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 12.9 percent. Union membership in Nebraska is concentrated in the railroad and packinghouse industries.

Labor organizations operating in the Crawford area:

Company	Union
BNSF Railway Company	Standard railroad unions
Chadron State College (faculty only)	Chadron State College Education Association, State College Education Association, Nebraska Association of Public Employees
Crawford Public Schools	Nebraska State Education Association
Department of Agriculture	American Federation of Government Employees, National Federation of Federal Employees
U.S. Forest Service	American Federation of Government Employees

It is estimated that 8 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in Crawford is unionized. There have been no known strikes.

WAGES

	Hourly Wage ($)/Percentile		
Occupation Title	**10th**	**50th**	**90th**
Professional			
Accountants & Auditors	14.94	25.33	35.10
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	19.19	28.88	56.53
Electrical Engineers	32.87	36.60	40.32
Industrial Engineers*	20.59	28.80	40.30
Mechanical Engineers*	21.58	30.51	44.90
Computer Programmers	11.49	22.88	40.17
Computer Systems Analysts*	17.05	27.01	43.95
Registered Nurses	19.09	24.41	33.63
Retail			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	6.02	7.99	9.91
Retail Salespersons	6.10	8.64	17.14
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	6.86	15.10	26.93
Driver/Sales Workers	7.27	14.89	22.79
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	7.24	10.97	14.94
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	7.64	11.34	16.26
Clerical			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	6.86	11.33	17.91
Customer Service Representatives	8.15	10.94	16.17

*Wage information taken from Balance of the State (nonmetropolitan areas)

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage ($)/Percentile 10th	50th	90th
Data Entry Keyers	**8.13**	**11.01**	**13.39**
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	7.30	11.53	15.10
Office Clerks, General	6.72	9.37	13.79
Receptionists & Information Clerks	7.70	9.73	11.74
Telemarketers	7.15	8.29	9.70
Unskilled			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	6.81	9.94	12.81
Packers & Packagers, Hand	5.80	6.95	16.14
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other	6.17	7.75	11.12
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	8.25	10.50	13.40
Semi-Skilled			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	8.80	12.55	18.12
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	9.41	14.25	19.99
Maintenance Workers, Machinery*	10.44	14.49	20.68
Machine Operators			
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	9.18	15.23	18.56
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	10.28	13.39	16.52
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.*	9.71	12.80	16.25
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.*	8.26	11.30	14.38
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	9.31	10.86	13.58
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	11.66	15.76	18.28
Skilled			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	9.60	12.91	15.81
Electricians	10.51	14.28	26.38
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	9.23	17.25	25.30
Machinists*	10.05	13.99	19.64
Tool & Die Makers*	12.92	19.00	27.65
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	9.58	12.40	15.76
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters*	10.63	13.95	18.65
Technical			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	13.74	22.17	26.91
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists*	16.24	22.83	29.67
Computer Operators*	9.23	13.14	17.56

*Wage information taken from Balance of the State (nonmetropolitan areas)

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Third Quarter 2007 wage estimates, All Industries, Panhandle Region, **www.dol.state.ne.us/Lmiwages/toc000.htm**

Fringe Benefits

Eighty percent of the top five nonmanufacturing employers offer fringe benefits.

Transportation

Railroads

Crawford serves as a major artery for the BNSF Railway Company with approximately 35–50 trains daily, 30–40 which are coal trains. Reciprical switching is available. Switching is performed by train crews as needed. The Nebkota branch line, a short-line railroad, also serves Crawford.

For further information regarding BNSF Railway Company, contact Steve Dodd, (913) 551-4168, or visit **www.bnsf.com**.

Motor

Highways

U. S. Highway 20 (east-west) and State Highway 2/71 (north-south) serve Crawford. There are no local load restrictions. Interstate 90 (east-west) is 100 miles north and Interstate 80 (east-west) is 140 miles south of Crawford.

The proposed Heartland Expressway will connect Interstate 80 in Nebraska to Interstate 90 in South Dakota.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	496
Omaha	542
Chicago	1,014
Dallas	1,037
Denver	314
Detroit	1,280
Kansas City	686
Los Angeles	1,235
Minneapolis	725
New York	1,789
St. Louis	939
San Francisco	1,306

Trucklines

More than 8,000 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America. Trucklines in the area providing interstate and intrastate service include Casey Soester in Crawford, NTC and Nebraska Transport of Alliance, L. Johnson Trucking in Chadron, Brown Transfer in Scottsbluff, and Terry Connell Trucking in Whitney.

Bus Lines

The Denver Coach Line provides a daily route between Chadron and Denver. K & S Express provides a bus available upon demand on Tuesdays and Thursdays between Chadron and Norfolk.

The city of Crawford operates a handibus, owned by the Northwest Community Action Agency, weekdays within the community limits for transport of the handicapped, senior citizens, and Head Start students.

Air

The Chadron Municipal Airport, 24 miles (25 minutes) east of Crawford provides both commercial and private air service with two lighted, hard-surfaced runways (5,710 and 4,400 feet). The airfield has a rotating beacon, hangers, tie downs, VOR, DME, PAPI, VASI, and NDB navigation, ILS approach, GPS approach, fuel, storage, aircraft maintenance, and lighted wind cone. The elevation at the airport is 3,296 feet, the latitude is 42°50'25"N, and the longitude is 130°05'72"W.

Great Lakes Aviation is the local commercial air service provider with two flights daily (Monday–Friday) and one flight on Saturdays and Sundays to and from the Denver International Airport.

The nearest major airport is at Rapid City, South Dakota, 115 miles north of Crawford.

Water

Crawford has no nearby water transportation.

Crawford BNSF Yards

BNSF Major Artery in Crawford

ELECTRICITY

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) provides retail electric service to the city of Crawford. A 34,000-volt feeder from a 115,000-volt substation located east of Crawford provides service. The substation consists of three 1,000 kVA, 34.5/4.16 transformers. The system is connected to NPPD's statewide grid system.

BASE ELECTRIC RATES

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

Residential Service, Electric Water Heat: (effective 2/1/03)

Customer Charge:		$13.00 per month
Summer	**Winter**	
8.51¢	6.26¢	per kWh for the first 750 kWh used per month
6.98¢	3.74¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

General Service: (effective 2/1/03)

Customer Charge:		
Single Phase		$15.00 per month
Three Phase		$18.50 per month
Summer	**Winter**	
9.72¢	7.56¢	per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh used per month
7.75¢	5.62¢	per kWh for the next 2,000 kWh used per month
7.75¢	5.02¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

Commercial Electric Space Heating: (effective 2/1/07)

Customer Charge:		
Single Phase		$32.50 per month
Three Phase		$37.50 per month
Summer	**Winter**	
8.74¢	5.42¢	per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
3.40¢	2.22¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

General Service Demand: (effective 2/1/07)

Customer Charge:		
Single Phase		$65.00 per month
Three Phase		$75.00 per month
Summer	**Winter**	
8.71¢	5.90¢	per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
3.25¢	2.35¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations. This rate is also subject to various adders and discounts depending upon the customer's requirements, metering, etc.

NPPD has off-peak and load management rates available to qualifying customers.

Sample Cost per kWh:

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh[1]
100	30,000	6.86
100	36,000	6.25
300	90,000	6.66
300	150,000	5.27
500	150,000	6.62
500	180,000	6.05

[1]Includes Lease Payment and Gross Revenue Tax.

High Tension Service: (effective 2/1/07)

Customer Charge: $250.00 per month

Monthly Demand Charges (Base Rate charge per kW):

Summer: $9.45 per kW of billing demand

Winter: $6.00 per kW of billing demand

Monthly Energy Charges (Base Rate charge per kWh):

Seasons	On-Peak	Off-Peak
Summer	3.68¢	2.18¢
Winter	2.77¢	1.65¢

Energy Time Periods - For the monthly billing periods, the on-peak and off-peak hours for energy (all based on "Central Time Zone") are as follows:

Energy Season	On-Peak Hours	Off-Peak Hours
Summer	10:01 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Monday–Saturday	All Other Hours
Winter	8:01 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Monday–Saturday	All Other Hours

All hours on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day shall be considered off-peak hours.

Industries must take delivery at or be adjacent to a substation and own and maintain the primary dedicated line and any other facilities beyond the substation delivery point.

This rate is subject to application of Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

NPPD has off-peak and load management rates available to qualifying customers.

Sample Cost per kWh:

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh[1]
150	30,000	7.80
150	100,000	4.30
500	100,000	7.14
500	300,000	4.24
1,000	200,000	7.00
1,000	650,000	4.09

[1]Includes Lease Payment. Does not include Gross Revenue Tax.

The ¢/kWh cost is estimated using the following assumption concerning the distribution of electricity use during on-peak and off-peak periods.

Seasons	On-Peak %	Off-Peak %
Summer	46.0	54.0
Winter	54.0	45.0

Prospective customers should contact Nebraska Public Power District, (877) ASK-NPPD or (877) 275-6773, **www.nppd.com**, for further information regarding electric rates and service.

Natural Gas

Natural gas is supplied to Crawford by SourceGas through a 3-inch transmission pipeline with an operating pressure of approximately 330 pounds per square inch.

SourceGas operates an open access pipeline enabling customers to purchase their own gas supplies and transports them on Kinder Morgan's system.

Availability of natural gas for industrial uses is subject to individual situations. Information on gas service availability and applicable rates can be obtained from Kinder Morgan's Service Center at (800) 563-0012.

Other Fuels

LP Gas

LP gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Crawford at WESTCO.

Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Crawford from WESTCO and Muddy Creek Oil and Gas.

Water

Crawford's municipal water system, an infiltration gallery (850 gpm), is supplied by two wells, which have an average depth of 100 feet. The system has a pumping capacity of 155 gallons per minute and serves 90 percent of the city population. The overhead storage capacity is 1,750,000 gallons and the raw water storage is 500,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 250,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 1,000,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 2,830,000 gallons per day. The static pressure is 58 pounds per square inch and the residual pressure is 25 pounds per square inch.

The rapid sand filters water treatment plant has a daily capacity of 1,500,000 gallons. The water table has not changed during the last five years. The turbidity influent is 0.076 and the effluent is 0.025. The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in parts per million, is 216. The average tap water temperature varies from 48° in the winter to 54° in the summer.

Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.80–8.20
Nitrate	0.68
Fluoride	0.32
Sulfate	14
Total Alkalinity	228
Total Hardness	216

Water Rates (effective Fall 2006)

A tapping fee of $350–$700 is charged for new construction.

Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

Metered Rate:

Meter Size	Readiness to Service Charge per Month
5/8" and 3/4"	$20.00
1"	$37.50
1 1/2"	$55.00
2"	$80.00
2 1/2"	$107.50
3"	$122.50
4"	$160.00

Water Charge: $1.00 per each 1,000 gallons used.
Minimum Bill: Readiness to Serve Charge

Bulk Rate:

$5.00 per each 1,000 gallons used
Minimum Bill: $5.00 per month

Charges for all non-residents served with municipal water are double the rates set for residential use.

A $75,000 parks pump project and an $8,800 fencing project around the treatment plant are to be completed in 2007. The projects are being funded by grants and city funds.

Sewerage

Crawford has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The Imhoff Tank and trickling filter treatment plant was built in 1935 and has a daily capacity of 200,000 gallons, an average daily flow of 150,000 gallons, and a historic peak daily discharge of 180,000 gallons.

Sewer-Use Charges (effective 9/13/05)

A sewer permit and service fee of $25–$50 is charged new service.

Residential:

$15.00 per month for single family residence

Commercial & Industrial:

First 15,000 gallons or less	$15.00
Over 15,000 gallons	$1.00 per 1,000 gallons
Minimum Bill:	$15.00 per month

Capital improvements to the city sewerage system planned in 2008 include a new plant or lagoon at a cost of $1,097,500 to be funded by loans and the city.

Solid Waste Disposal

A private source provides solid waste collection in Crawford. The Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska (SWANN) is the owner of the disposal site, located 24 miles northeast of Crawford. The site has approximately 99 years of service left. A collection site for branches, grass clippings, and weeds is located in Chadron, 24 miles northeast.

Solid Waste Removal Rates (effective 2007)

Residential:

$21.60 per month per living unit

Commercial & Industrial:

Small container	$21.38
Medium container	$32.08
Large container	$64.15
Base fees include weekly pick-up	

Recycling

All recyclable items are taken to the SWANN collection site located one mile northwest of Crawford. Labeled containers and dump areas are provided.

Communications

Telecommunications

Telecommunications services are provided to the Crawford area by Qwest Communications as the incumbent exchange carrier. The Qwest central office in Chadron, 24 miles, is on a fiber ring and provides ISDN, DSL, and ADSL. Additional fiber can be installed as needed. NT & T, Mobius Communication, and ALLO Communications are the competitive local exchange carriers. Mobius Communications is headquartered in Hemingford, Nebraska, and is a provider for POTS, DSL, and ADSL. ALLO Comunications is headquartered in Imperial, Nebraska, and provides POTS, DSL, and ADSL. ALLO is planning a fiber-to-the business network overbuild featuring a Metaswitch softswitch.

Customer premise equipment can be provided by Great Plains TeleData, Grant-Miller Communications, and Manna Systems and Consulting. Great Plains TeleData offers Sprint Business Systems that feature VoIP technology and local, certified Local Area Network installers.

Internet

DSL broadband services are provided by Qwest, ALLO Communications, and Mobius Communications via local exchange facilities and wireless by Action Communications and Sandhills Wireless. Great Plains Netlink is the local cable modem provider and has an extensive local and statewide fiber network.

Company	
Qwest **www.qwest.com**	(800) 603-6000
Mobius Communications **www.bbc.net**	(308) 487-5500
Great Plains Communications **www.greatplainscommunications.com**	(308) 432-2904

Post Office

Crawford provides house-to-house delivery service and has two mail receipts and one dispatch daily.

Package Delivery Services

Overnight express service availability:

	Federal Express	DHL	U.S. Postal Service
Latest Pick-up Time	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Earliest Delivery	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Next Day Delivery Guarantee	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saturday Delivery Guarantee	No	No	Yes

Newspaper

The Crawford Clipper is the local weekly newspaper with 1,400 subscribers. The Chadron Record, with 2,200 subscribers, is also a weekly paper delivered in Crawford, along with the weekly shopping guide, Your Neighbor, that is distributed to 4,700 Dawes County residents. Daily papers delivered locally are the Scottsbluff Star-Herald, Omaha World-Herald, and The Rapid City Journal.

Radio

Radio stations carrying local news include:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KCSR - AM	610 KHz	Chadron
KQSK - FM	97.5 MHz	Chadron

Television

Television stations carrying local news include:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KDUH	4	Scottsbluff

Cable television service is available on 20 basic, 71 expanded, and 27 premium channels, along with 10 pay-per-view channels. Satellite service is available in Crawford from Dish Network and Direct TV.

Crawford Fire Department

Crawford Grass Fire Truck

Tax Structure

Values For Tax Levy Purposes—City of Crawford

All real property is subject to tax at market value. Agricultural land is valued at 75 percent of its actual value. Personal property that is used in a trade or business and is depreciable is subject to tax at its "net book value." All other personal property is exempt from taxation.

	Actual Valuation		
	2004	**2005**	**2006**
Real Estate	$355,452,110	$428,101,006	$473,403,911
Personal Property	49,367,603	49,730,982	51,756,402
Special (railroad and utilities)	404,819,713	468,690,763	516,182,808
TOTAL	$809,639,426	$946,522,751	$1,041,343,121

Tax Rate (Dollars and cents per $100 of actual value)

	2004	**2005**	**2006**
City	$0.469377	$0.469376	$0.469376
County	.453050	.423133	.405523
School District	1.164026	1.150167	1.151183
Community College	.109620	.114620	.122590
Educational Service Unit	.016901	.016070	.016020
Natural Resource District	.020473	.021225	.023310
TOTAL	$2.233447	$2.194591	$2.188002

City Sales Tax

The city of Crawford imposes a 1.5 percent city sales tax.

Local Bonded Indebtedness

City—Revenue Bonds (as of 6/07)	$35,749
City—General Obligation Bonds (as of 6/07)	$65,250
School District (as of 9/1/07)	$520,000
County (as of 1/19/07)	$1,526,018

City Bond Issues

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 6/07	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Revenue					
Legend Buttes Golf Course	12/1/02	$210,000	$35,749	4.3049	12/15/17
General Obligation					
Water plant	6/1/01	$668,700	$36,685	4.4519	6/1/14
Street	6/1/04	$40,000	$6,318	4.4091	6/1/13
Water & sewer	10/1/04	$200,000	$12,676	4.2863	10/1/19
Fire truck	6/1/04	$75,000	$9,571	4.8278	6/1/20

School Bond Issues

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 9/1/07	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Refinanced bond	9/26/03	$875,000	$520,000	1.3–3.75	12/15/20

County Bond Issues

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 1/19/07	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Equipment	8/03	$213,232	$117,923	3.75	7/15/08
Vehicle	8/15/04	$13,094	$6,164	2.5	8/15/08
Vehicle	10/15/05	$19,580	$11,920	3.25	10/15/08
Equipment	7/06	$73,784	$62,055	3.75	5/28/09
Equipment	7/10/05	$450,000	$31,864	5.25	6/10
Vehicle	9/13/05	$25,932	$21,113	3.6	9/15/10
Equipment	1/21/04	$136,076	$109,570	4.75	11/29/10
Equipment	3/10/04	$68,000	$42,686	3.9	3/10/11
Equipment	7/10/04	$198,000	$133,161	3.75	7/28/11
Equipment	10/20/06	$149,964	$144,562	4.95	10/20/12
Building	7/01/04	$875,000	$845,000	4.755	7/1/24

Local Government

County Government

Dawes County has seven townships and is governed by three county commissioners, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next election will be held in 2008. The actual county budget for 2007–08 was $6,747,224.

Zoning classifications are:

A	Agricultural District
RE	Rural Residential District
RL	Residential Low Density District
HC	Highway Commercial District
I	Industrial District
PR	Park & Recreation District

Additional regulations to be followed in Dawes County include: mobile home park, sign, feedlot/confinement, communication tower, mining, and subdivision.

Municipal Government

Crawford, a second class city, has a mayor-council form of government. The 2006–07 actual budget was $4,693,372. The next election will be held in 2008.

Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
Elected at Large	
Mayor	4 Years
Elected by District	
Council Members (4)	4 Years

Fire Protection

Fire protection is provided to the city and the rural areas by a 33-member volunteer fire department; 13 members are EMT certified. The department also provides protection to 760 square miles outside the community.

There is one fire station and 76 fire hydrants in Crawford. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 6; outside it is 6/9. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged $50,000.

Equipment in the fire department:

Year/Make	Description
Rural	
1991 Dodge	Grass truck - 250 gal. tank
1992 Ford	Grass truck - 250 gal. tank
1997 GMC	Grass truck - 250 gal. tank
1991 Ford Ranger	Grass truck - 125 gal. tank
1986 GMC	1,000 gal. tanker
1989 International	1,200 gal. tanker
1992 Dodge	Rescue truck
City/Rural	
1989 International	1,000 gpm pumper
1995 International	1,250 gpm pumper
1993 Ford	Ambulance
2006 Ford	Ambulance

In the past five years no equipment was lost due to fire but a vast amount of forest land was lost.

Law Enforcement

Police Department

The city of Crawford employs three full-time and one part-time police officers. The department has three patrol cars. Expenditures for police protection in 2006 in Crawford totaled $130,000.

Sheriff's Department

The Dawes County Sheriff's Department has three sworn officers and six support personnel. The department has patrol vehicles, radios, firearms, and other equipment. Regular patrol provides protection to existing industries in the area by the Crawford police and sheriff's departments.

Crime rates per 1,000 population, 2006:

Location	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Dawes County	0.5	6.7
Nebraska	2.8	33.4
U.S.	4.7	34.3

State Patrol

Troop E of the Nebraska State Patrol, with 50 patrol officers, is headquartered in Scottsbluff, 100 miles southwest of Crawford. Five patrol officers are stationed in the Crawford area.

Streets

Crawford has 12 miles of streets, 9 of which are hard-surfaced with concrete. The city does not impose local load restrictions. All streets have curbs and 75 percent have sidewalks. The city recently added 11 handicapped curbs. Street maintenance includes a street sweeper, motor grader, backhoe, tractor mower, snow blower, eight trucks, pay loader, and two pick-ups, including one with a snow plow.

Contemplated improvements in the next five years include new snow and gravel trucks, pay loader, and mower tractor at a cost of $44,300.

Building and Zoning Regulations

The Uniform Building Codes are enforced within the city.

Local zoning classifications are:

- Residential
- Residential Estate
- Multi-family
- Commercial
- Central Business District
- Industrial
- Public
- Park
- Federal Park

Planning

Crawford has a five-member planning commission. Members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the city council to serve three-year terms.

The Comprehensive Plan for Crawford was prepared by the Panhandle Area Development District of Gering, Nebraska, in 1998.

Crawford City Hall

Community Facilities

Schools and Colleges

Crawford School System

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary (2)	10	135	1 to 12	1 to 5
Jr.–Sr. High School	15	133	1 to 9	1 to 3

Dawes County School District No. 23–0071 covers approximately 286 square miles and has a 2006–07 actual valuation of $148,374,585 and an actual valuation per student of $553,636. This Class 3, K–12 District is accredited by the state of Nebraska.

The 2005–06 school operating expenses totaled $2,891,369, with an average cost per pupil of $10,789.

The elementary school, built in 1958, has a maximum capacity of 185. The high school was built in 1930 and has a maximum capacity of 220.

Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
7th Grade Stanford Achievement Test	100	68%
ACT	100	20.5

It is estimated that 98 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 85 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and 15 percent of the seniors enter the job market or military immediately after graduation.

Vocational/tech prep programs offered include Industrial Technology and Business Education. Distance learning is also available.

The Dawes County School District offers special education, 504 plans, and other facilities as determined by the IEP (Individual Education Plan).

Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 13 (ESU), headquartered in Scottsbluff, serves 11 counties including Dawes County. Services provided include special education, library services, in-service training, co-op purchasing, federal project agents, distance learning, and tech coordination.

Community College

Crawford is a part of the Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC) area which encompasses 12 1/2 counties in the Nebraska Panhandle. WNCC, a comprehensive community college, is governed by an 11-member Board of Governors. The college has a campus located in Scottsbluff and centers in Sidney and Alliance. The college also has the John N. Harms Advanced Technology Center (HATC) in Scottsbluff. Through these sites, the college offers various classes at other communities in the Nebraska Panhandle. Courses are offered in more than 32 communities.

The 2007 fall enrollment for the area was:

Campus	Full-time	Part-time
Scottsbluff	617	718
Sidney	86	157
Alliance	37	159
Online	29	520
HATC	0	1,404

Enrollment consists of students from the area and throughout Nebraska as well as many from outside the state and from foreign countries. Out-of-state enrollment is 155 (140 full-time and 15 part-time) and 43 full-time and 4 part-time international students.

Crawford High School & Elementary School

Crawford High School

Crawford Grade School

Crawford School Gymnasium

Western Nebraska Community College was established in Scottsbluff in 1926 and relocated to a new campus in 1969. The college offers vocational and academic programs in business and vocational education, language and arts, science and mathematics, social science, health occupations, and applied technologies (automotive, auto body, welding, and electronics). The college has added power line construction and maintenance technology and the associate degree in nursing programs. The college, in partnership with Southeast Community College, offers respiratory therapy and surgical technician training. The library technical assistant, Nebraska law enforcement, and early childhood education programs are also available in partnership with the Nebraska Community College System. Additionally, the college's health information management services program is offered on-line.

WNCC is part of the Western Nebraska Distance Learning Consortium. The consortium membership includes 20 area high schools, Educational Service Unit 13 (Sidney and Scottsbluff), Western Nebraska Community College, and Chadron State College. Utilizing the consortium distance learning system, WNCC offers dual credit courses to area high schools in foreign language, math, English, and medical terminology. Additionally, the college has on-site dual credit course offerings at the area high schools and at the Scottsbluff Campus in the course areas of math, medical terminology, English, automotive, welding, Cisco, CADD, and social sciences. For proper course placement, WNCC works closely with the area high schools to complete assessment activities either on-site or at a WNCC site. WNCC utilizes eCOMPASS available through ACT as the assessment instrument.

Programs of interest to local businesses and industries include the Independent Learning Center, Adult Basic Education, and GED training. Chadron State College operates satellite offices located at WNCC sites in Scottsbluff, Sidney, and Alliance. These classes lead to baccalaureate and master degrees.

Harms Advanced Technology Center (HATC) continues to work with businesses and industries to identify and provide training needs. Specific activities include, but are not limited to partnerships with businesses, the Cisco Networking Academy, Discovery Lab, Entrepreneurial Lab, Career Design Technology Program, and Certified Testing Lab. Other activities include customized training with businesses, public seminars, management and supervisory skills training, computer training, technical skills training, continuing professional education, and training in the health and safety fields.

Western Nebraska Community College offers several degree awards in associate of arts, associate of science, associate of applied science, associate of occupational studies, as well as diploma and/or certification and professional skill award options.

2007–08 Program Graduates

Program	# of Graduates
Associate of Arts (AA)	
Art	2
Biology/Ecology	1
Business Administration	21
Criminal Justice	2
Early Childhood Education	1
Elementary Education	8
English	1
General Studies	41
Human Services	4
Information Technology	3
Journalism	1
Library Technical Assistant	1
Music Education	1
Psychology	6
Secondary Education	4
Social Work	2
Associate of Science (AS)	
Biology/Ecology	3
Business Administration	1
Computer Science	1
Mathematics	1
Pre-Athletic Training	1
Pre-Dental Hygiene	1
Pre-Med Technology	1
Pre-Physical Therapy	3
Pre-Professional Nursing	4

2007–08 Program Graduates

Program	# of Graduates
Pre-Radiologic Tech	5
Radiological Technology	2
Associate of Applied Science (AAS)	
Auto Body Technology	1
Aviation Maintenance	3
Business Technology	3
Criminal Justice	1
Electronics Technology	3
Health Info Mngmt Services	12
Human Services	5
Associate of Occupational Science (AOS)	
Applied Technology	1
Auto Body Technology	4
Automotive Technology	2
Aviation Maintenance	2
Cosmetology	1
Emergency Medical Tech	2
Information Technology	2
Office Technology	2
Powerline Const. & Maint.	4
Diploma	
Aviation Maintenance	1
Coding Technician	1
Cosmetology	1
Medical Transcription	5
Powerline Const. & Maint.	7
Practical Nursing	24
Certificate	
Auto Body Technology	1
Automotive Technology	1
Aviation Maintenance	6
Cosmetology	8
Cosmetology Instructor	1
TOTALS	**226**

For more information on Western Nebraska Community College visit **www.wncc.net**.

Colleges and Universities

Chadron State College (CSC), established in 1911, lies within the southern boundary of the city of Chadron 24 miles northeast of Crawford, is a state-supported, four-year institution and member of the Nebraska State College System. The college is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, the Council on Social Work Education, Nebraska State Department of Education, and Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs.

The college offers degree programs leading to a Bachelor of Applied Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Education, Master of Arts in Education, Master of Science in Organizational Management, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education, Specialist in Education, and Master of Science, as well as pre-professional education.

Majors reflect traditional liberal arts academic disciplines as well as a variety of occupational and professional areas including the innovative Rural Health Opportunities Program.

Chadron State College has a diverse student population of approximately 2,800 students from across the nation and foreign countries. Students are enrolled in traditional on-campus courses as well as 12 distance learning programs conducted online.

Located on a beautiful 281-acre campus nestled under the buttes of the Nebraska Pine Ridge and Nebraska National Forest, the campus has 25 major buildings with more than a million square feet of space. In the past six years, five buildings have been completely remodeled, one is in progress, and two are slated to begin soon. Recently completed structures include the Edna Work Residence Hall and the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center. Additionally, a new softball field was constructed in 2006 on the south side of campus to accommodate the revival of the softball program. The campus also includes the Nelson Physical Activity Center which houses facilities for physical education classes, intramural sports, an indoor track, weight facilities, racquetball courts, and cardiovascular exercise room. The student center contains a host of meeting rooms, the Eagle Pride Bookstore, full-service cafeteria, and gaming area and can accommodate conferences with up to 500 in attendance.

In addition to softball, Chadron State student athletes participate in NCAA Division II football, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, track and field, wrestling, and women's golf. Chadron State also has a rodeo team. Chadron State is well represented by student athletes both on the field and in the classroom.

Chadron State College utilizes information age technology with a fully automated library, advanced online programs, and a distance learning network, which encompasses most of western Nebraska to provide outstanding service to students and employees.

For more information on Chadron State College, visit **www.csc.edu**.

Other Schools

Colleges, universities, and community colleges frequently attended by Crawford High School graduates include:

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Chadron, Nebraska	24
Chadron State College	
Scottsbluff, Nebraska	75
Western Nebraska Community College	
Rapid City, South Dakota	120
South Dakota School of Mines	
Kearney, Nebraska	369
University of Nebraska at Kearney	
Lincoln, Nebraska	496
University of Nebraska - Lincoln	
Omaha, Nebraska	542
University of Nebraska at Omaha	

Churches

Denomination	Number of Churches
Assembly of God	1
Catholic	1
Church of Nazarene	1
Congregational	1
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	1
Methodist	1
Seven Day Adventist	1

Health Care

Approximately three outpatient clinics, seven physicians, three physician assistants, and one nurse practitioner are located within 50 miles of Crawford.

Hospital

The Chadron Community Hospital, built in 1928, is a full service acute care hospital. The facility is accredited by the state of Nebraska and is Medicare/Medicaid approved. Services include inpatient/outpatient services; 24/7 emergency services; radiology, including MRI, CT, ultrasound, mammography, bone density, and full diagnostic radiographic services; obstetrics; newborn services; general surgical; rehabilitative; physical, occupational, speech, and respiratory therapies; cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitative services; dietary services; diabetic education; home health/hospice services; social services; full community service programs including WIC, family planning, respite services, elderly nutritional programs, native American diabetes services, child care services, and immunization programs; outpatient dialysis services; and outpatient chemotherapy services.

Patient transfers are provided through two licensed ground transportation systems, two helicopter services, and one fixed-wing airplane.

In August 2007, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, First National Bank of Omaha, and the Chadron Community Hospital Corporation secured $18.9 million to construct a Critical Access Hospital and physicians clinic in Chadron that will serve nearly 15,300 rural residents of Dawes and Sheridan Counties.

The 25-bed replacement hospital and the clinic will allow for the enhanced delivery of medical services to this rural region. The facility will feature private rooms, an expanded outpatient area to meet current healthcare trends and space for specialty clinics.

Other medical facilities within 100 miles of Crawford include the Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff and the Rapid City Regional Medical Center in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Clinics

Legend Buttes Health Services, a certified rural health clinic in Crawford, includes Western Community Health Resources, Head Start, and a free community fitness room. Counseling is also available in Crawford.

The **Chadron Medical Clinic**, 24 miles from Crawford, is a full-service physician clinic.

Specialty medical clinics located within the Chadron Community Hospital, 24 miles, include: internal medicine, cardiology, nuclear medicine, ENT (ear, nose, and throat clinic), neurology, nephrology, urology, orthopedics, and neurosurgery.

Rescue Squad

There are 13 Emergency Medical Technicians on the Crawford Fire Department who operate the fire department's two ambulances.

Nursing Homes

Ponderosa Villa, built in 1972, is a 35-bed skilled nursing facility owned by the city of Crawford. The facility is Medicare/Medicaid approved and is a cornerstone for elder care with a cheerful, homelike atmosphere.

Library

The Crawford Public Library contains 15,150 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 13,400.

The library has numerous periodicals, cassettes, CDs, videos, and DVDs. Library activities include a story hour, senior reading program at the nursing home, senior citizen book checkout program, reading club, summer reading program, and home-bound program. Internet access is available at the library for public use on five computers.

Recreation

There are two parks in Crawford covering 60 acres. Facilities include overnight camping, tennis courts, swimming pool, playground equipment, baseball diamond, rodeo area, picnic area, horseshoe pits, rest room facilities, and a community building. The city employs one full-time park employee.

Annual expenditures for the last three years averaged $50,000 for the park, $60,000 for the pool, and $12,000 for the community building. Red Cross swimming lessons are offered at the pool.

Area facilities:

Boating	—	Whitney Lake, 10 miles; Box Butte Dam, 30 miles; Angustora, SD, 72 miles; Lake Minatare, 84 miles; and Bridgeport State Lakes, 93 miles
Bowling	—	Crawford; Chadron, 24 miles; Alliance, 58 miles; Gordon, 71 miles; and Hot Springs, SD, 72 miles
Campgrounds	—	Fort Robinson State Park, 3 miles; Chadron, 24 miles; and Chadron State Park, 27 miles
Fishing	—	Crawford; Carter P. Johnson Lake, 6 miles; Whitney Lake, 10 miles; Box Butte Dam, 30 miles; Angustora, SD, 72 miles
Golf Courses	—	Private grass greens in Crawford; Chadron, 24 miles; Rushville, 55 miles; Alliance, 58 miles; Gordon, 71 miles; Bayard, 98 miles
Hiking/Biking Trails	—	Crawford, Fort Robinson State Park, 3 miles; Chadron, 24 miles
Horse Shoe Pits	—	Crawford

Legend Butte Health Services of Crawford

Ponderosa Villa Nursing Home

Dental Office

Scenes from City Park

Park in Downtown Crawford

Municipal Swimming Pool

Mammoths Mural at Trailside Museum

Scenes from Legend Buttes Golf Course

Dancers at Pow-wow

Hunting	—	Excellent hunting for deer, antelope, wild turkey, grouse, prairie chicken, pheasant, dove, and elk
Sand Volleyball	—	Crawford
Swimming	—	Outdoor pool in the city park, Crawford; indoor at Fort Robinson State Park, 3 miles; outdoor at Chadron, 24 miles; and outdoor at Chadron State Park, 27 miles
Tennis	—	Crawford; Fort Robinson State Park, 3 miles; Chadron, 24 miles
Theaters	—	Crawford (seasonal); Fort Robinson State Park, 3 miles; Chadron, 24 miles; Chadron State College (seasonal), 24 miles
Skiing (cross country)	—	Marked trails in Crawford

Annual celebrations:

June—	
Intertribal Gathering	Pow-wow, cultural activities, crafts, and dancing
High School Rodeo	In Crawford
July—	
Fourth of July Celebration	Parade, PRCA rodeo, live music in the park
Peabody Hale Fiddler's Contest	Fiddle contest for all ages and food
Fur Trade Days	In Chadron
Ride the Ridge	Horse back riding and camping
August—	
Dawes County Fair	In Crawford
Enduro Race	Motorcycle race
Senior Pro Rodeo	In Crawford
September—	
Treasure Trek	Bargain hunting, garage sales
Northwest Nebraska Rock Swap	In Crawford
College Rodeo	In Chadron
December—	
Historical Christmas Dinner	Fort Robinson event, traditional dinner and entertainment

Summer recreation programs for youth include baseball, swimming, and a summer reading program at the library. Adult recreation programs include a gun club, bingo, bowling, women's dancing group, reading club at the library, horseback riding, and hiking/biking.

Crawford Senior Center activities include senior meals Monday thru Friday, blood pressure testing on Thursdays, card playing, video watching, and other entertainment. The air conditioned facility has a dining room that accommodates 60 people, kitchen, and rest rooms. The center is available for rent.

In the spring of 2006, the mammoths returned to western Nebraska in a new "Clash of the Titans" exhibit at the Trailside Museum in Fort Robinson State Park. The fossils have been at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln since being found, with UNL collaborating with the local group, Friends of the Prehistoric Prairies Discovery Center, to properly exhibit this one-of-a-kind find.

The "Clash of the Titans" exhibit is a work in progress, allowing trailside visitors to watch it progress toward a simulated dig site. People can walk around the exhibit and see the mammoths as they were found in 1962. In addition to the new exhibit is a mural of the dramatic scene of the mammoths' death as envisioned by Nebraska artist Mark Marcuson. The mural is hung on the south wall. For more information, call (308) 665-2929 or visit **www.trailside.unl.edu**.

Cultural activities include the Post Playhouse Summer Theater, Art Guild, and the Western Art Show on July 4th at Fort Robinson State Park. Chadron State College in Chadron, 24 miles, also

has seasonal theater, music, dance, art displays, cultural organizations, and student activities.

VACATIONLAND

Fort Robinson, Nebraska's largest state park, is located three miles west of Crawford. This park serves as a tourist center and vacation headquarters for an average of 380,000 persons each season (April 15 to November 15). Here Nebraska's most famous military outpost stands almost as it was 90 years ago. The old double veranda brick barracks building now houses a hotel and cafe. The former adobe and brick officer's quarters have been converted to rental cabins complete with modern housekeeping facilities and appliances. The park also has camping facilities, live theatre nightly (summer season), swimming pool, concrete tennis courts, horseback riding facilities, and fast-running cold water streams for trout fishing. Buffalo and long-horn cattle roam the pastures of Fort Robinson and bighorn sheep can be seen in the area.

Fort Robinson was established by the Army in 1874 for the control of the Indians assigned to the Red Cloud Agency. At that time the agency was home for more than 10,000 Oglala Sioux, Cheyenne, and Arapahoes. In later years Fort Robinson played an important role in protecting western settlement.

Named after Lt. Levi H. Robinson who was killed near Ft. Laramie in 1874, the post stood as a bulwark between the white settlers and the "weary-of-being-pushed-back" Indians. Visitors touring the fort are reminded of the days of the gold rush to the Black Hills and the resulting Indian wars as they hike the ruts of the Sidney-Deadwood Trail, stand on the site of the Red Cloud Indian Agency, and wander through the various reconstructed and restored structures maintained by the Nebraska State Historical Society.

Since the early days, the 22,000 acres of the post were used for training purposes. After World War I, Fort Robinson was turned over to the Quarter-Master Corps to be developed into a remount depot. From that time until the post was abandoned by the Army in 1948, thousands of horses were received and conditioned for calvary and artillery use. During the Second World War, the post was also utilized as a war dog training center and a Prisoner of War camp. After the war, Fort Robinson was used by the U.S.D.A. and the University of Nebraska as a beef research center. The old post headquarters building was dedicated as a State Historical Society museum in 1956.

The Crawford area is also known for its **World Class Fossil**, a geological find. Many artifacts are on display at the University of Nebraska Trailside Museum at Fort Robinson. Included in the many displays is a Columbian Mammoth skeleton.

A short distance away is the **Agate Fossil Beds National Monument**, known for its World Class Miocene Mammal Fossils.

The **Chadron State Park**, established by the State Legislature in 1921, consists of 1,500 acres of buttes and wooded hills in the Pine Ridge area, 24 miles from Crawford. The entrance to the park is adjacent to U.S. Highway 385, approximately ten miles south of Chadron. The park, Nebraska's most beautiful, was developed, to a large degree, by Civilian Conservation Corporation (CCC) forces; and the State Game and Parks Commission has since maintained and added improvements annually. The park facilities include administration and maintenance buildings, 22 fully equipped rental cabins, numerous camping facilities, supervised swimming pool, 3.5-acre lake, rental rowboats, bridle paths and trails, and trout streams.

Toadstool Park is located 2 miles west of State Highway 2, approximately 17 miles north of Crawford. The rock formations in the park display the result of thousands of years of erosion. The area is a rock hound paradise where hunters find fairburn agate and Nebraska's gem stone, the blue agate.

The memorable **surrender site of Red Cloud**, famous Sioux Indian Chief, is located just 20 miles northeast of Crawford. Also located in the area, just north of Chadron on the Sioux Indian Reservation, is the famous **Wounded Knee Battlefield**. Among the many historic sites in the region are **Breakneck Hill**, the 1875 **Treaty Tree**, the **Cody-Yellowhand Battlefield**, **Camp Sheridan and Spotted Tail Agency**, and

Crow Butte East of Crawford

Lover's Leap Near Fort Robinson

Saddlerock Near Fort Robinson

Stage Coach at Fort Robinson

Scenes from Fort Robinson

James Bordeaux's Restored Fur Trade Post (the Museum of the Fur Trade).

Within a 100-mile area to the north of Crawford are many more **world-famous tourist attractions** such as Evans Plunge at Hot Springs, South Dakota; the scenic Black Hills; Mount Rushmore Monument; Chief Crazy Horse Monument; Mount Coolidge Observatory; ranger stations; the Badlands' Wind Cave and National Park; and the Custer State Park which is inhabited with deer, elk, bighorn sheep, burros, groundhogs, huge buffalo herds, and other wildlife species.

The Crawford area is a **sportsman's paradise**. The big game hunter has many thousands of acres of rugged country to stalk and bag the mule deer and pronghorn antelope. The hunting of wild turkey twice a year is a thrill of a lifetime. The Crawford deer checking station is a busy place when deer season is underway. Not only big game hunting, but also upland game species, can be found in the area (grouse, pheasant, and prairie chicken). For the fisherman, there are trout, bass, crappie, and walleye.

Housing

New Construction

Three new homes were constructed in the past two years. The cost of new home construction averaged $70,000 in the past five years.

Housing Market (as of 6/27/07):

Number of Homes on the Market	
Single Family -	6
Number of Single Family Homes for Sale by Price (New and Existing)	
Less than $100,000	3
$100,001–$150,000	2
$150,001–$200,000	0
$200,001–$250,000	0
$250,001–over	1

Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

Ponderosa Settlement consists of 18-units built in 1975. Special features include a community room and central laundry room. The Peabody Hale Park is located across the street from the facility.

Assisted Living

Ponderosa Villa Assisted Living, a 17-unit facility, was built in 2000 as an addition to the Ponderosa Villa Nursing Home. This assisted living facility provides limited assistance to residents who can no longer live independently. The facility is owned by the city of Crawford and is Medicare/Medicaid approved.

Financial

As of June 30, 2007

Name	Deposits	Loans
	- - - - -thousand dollars- - - - -	
Security First Bank		
	$15,727	$8,169

Security First Bank in Construction

Assisted Living Addition to Ponderosa Villa

Ponderosa Settlement

New Home Construction

Community Services

Professional

Attorneys	1
Auctioneers	1
Dentists	4
Medical Doctors (residing in community)	
—anesthesiologists	1
—chiropractors	2
—general practitioners	7
—general surgeons	1
—ophthalmologists	4
—orthopedic surgeons	2
—pathologists	1
—radiologists	1
—urologists	1
Nurse Practitioners	1
Nurses, Registered	30
Pharmacists	2
Physician Assistants	3
Podiatrists	1
Veterinarians	1

Business and Commercial

Agricultural Implement Dealers	1	
Antique Shops	2	
Apparel Stores—men's	1	
Appliance Stores	1	
Auto Repair & Service	3	
Auto Supply Parts	1	
Aviation Seeders & Sprayers	1	
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums	4	
Beauty Salons & Barber Shops	3	
Bed & Breakfasts	3	(12 rooms)
Caterers	2	
Child Care Services	1	
Contractors—carpentry	7	
—concrete	1	
—electric	1	
—excavating	2	
—general	6	
—gravel	3	
—heating & air conditioning	1	
—painting	1	
—plumbing	1	
—remodeling & repairing	6	
—well digging	2	
Convenience Stores	3	

Drug Stores	1	
Floral Shops	1	
Garbage Collectors	1	
Gift Shops	2	
Grocery Stores	1	
Hardware Stores	1	
Insurance Companies	2	
Jewelry Stores	1	
Laundries (self-service)	1	
Lumberyards	1	
Motels	3	(71 rooms)
Nurseries & Garden Centers	1	
Photography Studios	1	
Preschools	1	
Real Estate Firms	1	
Restaurants & Grills	5	
Saddle and Silversmith	2	
Service Stations	1	
Shoe Stores	1	
Specialized Shops (homemade candles, metal arts, wood shop)	3	
Upholstery Shops	1	
Variety Stores	1	
Video Stores	1	
Wineries	1	

Rodeo Arena

Agriculture & Raw Materials

Agriculture

2002 Statistics	Dawes County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	406	49,355
Land in Farms (acres)	786,277	45,903,116
Average Size of Farms (acres)	1,937	930
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	$26,238,000	$9,703,657,000
Market Value Per Farm	$64,626	$196,609
Total Acres Irrigated	15,017	7,625,170
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	1.9%	16.6%
Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2002–2006)		
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)	57,330 tons	4,516,600 tons
All Wheat	1,196,920 bu.	64,954,000 bu.
Corn for Grain	205,880 bu.	1,166,640,000 bu.
Oats	32,920 bu.	3,794,000 bu.
Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2003–2007)		
All Cattle	50,400	6,400,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002–2007
2002 Census of Agriculture

Raw Materials

A large sea-level salt bed (a non-metallic mineral) is found in the area, however, there are no metallic minerals available locally.

Ponderosa pine timber is available in the Pine Ridge area (consisting of three counties—Dawes, Sioux, and Sheridan). Information from Forest Service records indicate approximately 521,000,000 board feet of saw timber (9" diameter and larger) growing with an average annual net growth of approximately 7,000,000 board feet with an average annual harvest of 11,000,000 board feet. The potential annual net growth is 21,000,000 board feet with good forest management (300% increase over unmanaged forest). Since 1990, the Pine Ridge area has supplied sawlogs to three large sawmills and provided a wood energy savings of $2,700,000 for Chadron State College.

Crow Butte Resources, Inc., mines uranium near Crawford, recovering an average of 2,800,000 pounds per year producing yellow cake. It is shipped to a conversion facility in Illinois for further refinement. The converted uranium is used to supply 16 percent of the electricity in nuclear electric generating facilities worldwide.

Grapes for Last Chance Winery were planted in 1996 on approximately 16 acres of land in the Crawford area. The company also contracts another 10–15 acres with area growers. The vineyard produces table and dessert wines and markets them in Nebraska and Rapid City, South Dakota.

Climate

Temperature, Precipitation, and Humidity

AVERAGES							
	Temperature*			Precipitation*		Humidity**	
Month	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	9.4	24.3	38.3	0.42	5.9	76	62
February	14.9	28.7	42.4	0.43	6.8	78	64
March	20.4	33.5	46.5	0.98	9.6	79	60
April	30.7	44.4	58.2	1.89	6.8	77	52
May	40.8	54.9	69.1	3.27	0.4	79	53
June	50.8	65.2	79.3	3.16	0.1	80	52
July	56.8	72.8	88.8	2.06	0.0	79	51
August	55.1	71.5	88.1	1.63	0.0	80	52
September	43.9	61.0	78.0	1.25	0.4	77	49
October	33.4	49.8	66.0	0.92	1.5	75	50
November	21.6	36.3	50.9	0.50	4.7	76	57
December	13.5	27.0	40.6	0.46	6.2	75	61
Annual	32.6	47.5	62.2	16.98	42.4	78	55

*Recorded at Fort Robinson
**Recorded at Valentine Station

Frost Data

Average date of Spring "Freeze" probabilities	May 20
Average date of Fall "Freeze" probabilities	Sept. 17
Average length of "Freeze Free" season probabilities	123 days
Average annual number of "heating degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit	7,025
Average annual number of "cooling degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit	651
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average)	9
Prevailing wind direction (annual average)	Northwest

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1948–2004, **www.hprcc.unl.edu**