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**FRANKLIN, NEBRASKA**

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**POPULATION**  
**(Official U.S. Census)**

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2007 Est.</u>
<b>Franklin</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>906</b>
<b>Franklin County</b>	<b>3,574</b>	<b>3,158</b>
<b>Labor Market*</b>	<b>69,738</b>	<b>68,233</b>

\*Includes Franklin County and contiguous counties

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# INTRODUCTION

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The following pages contain basic information about Franklin, Nebraska. This material was compiled by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, South Central Economic Development District, CSI-Franklin Community Club, Franklin Area Development Corporation, the City of Franklin, and Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community development.

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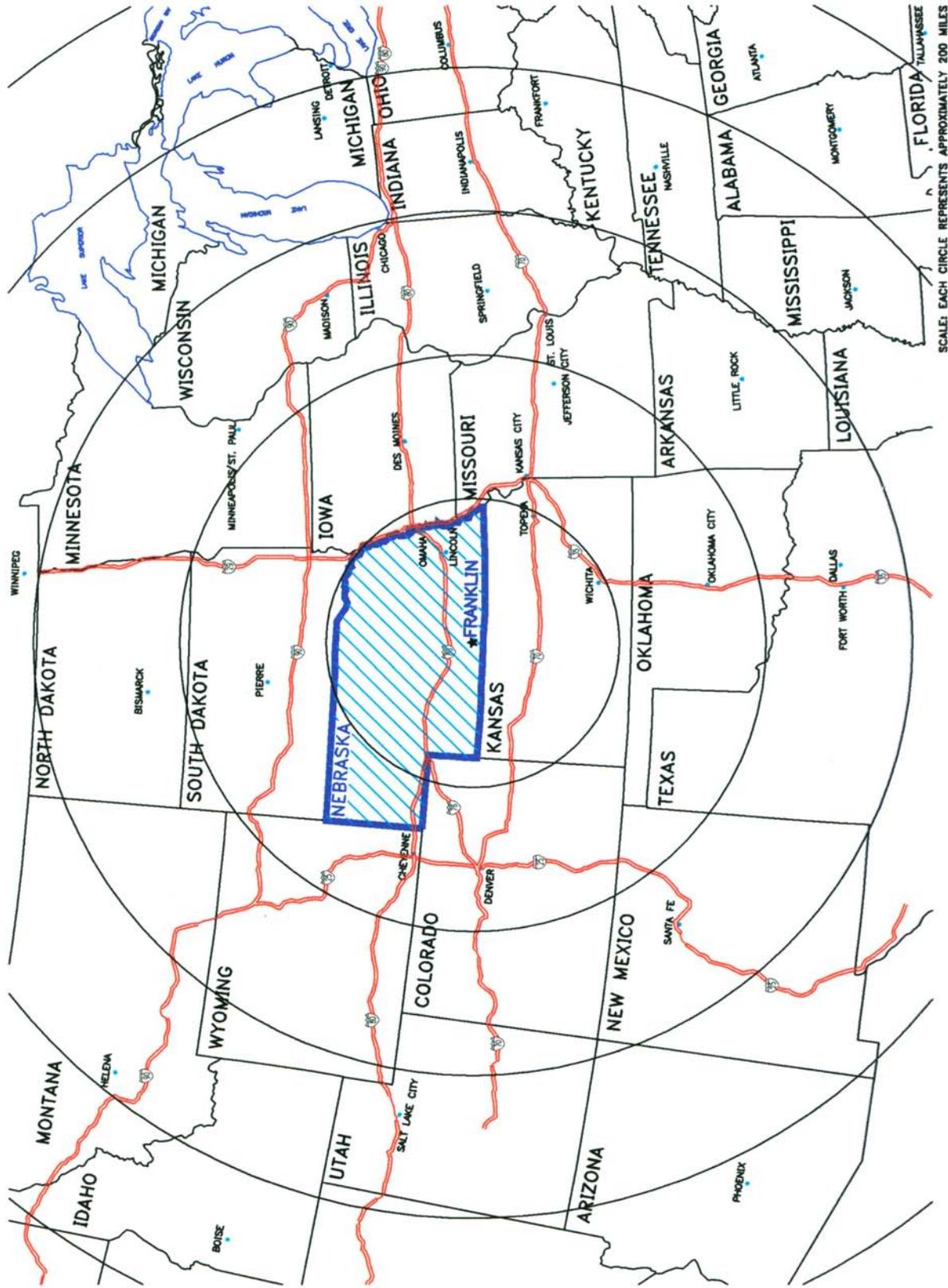
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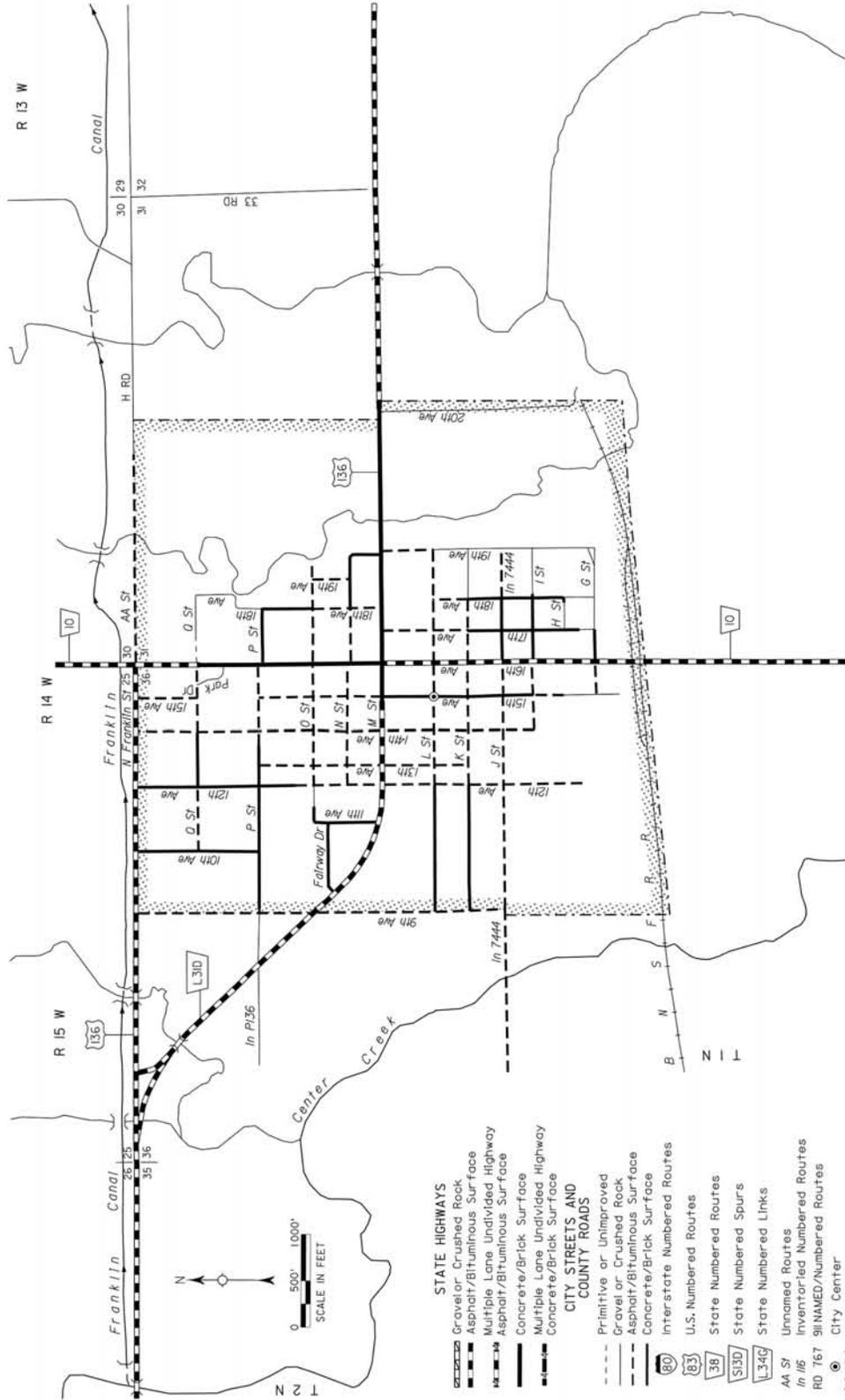
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SCALE: EACH CIRCLE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES



**FRANKLIN**  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
NEBRASKA



- STATE HIGHWAYS**
- Gravel or Crushed Rock
  - Asphalt/Bituminous Surface
  - Multiple Lane Undivided Highway
  - Asphalt/Bituminous Surface
  - Concrete/Brick Surface
  - Multiple Lane Undivided Highway
  - Concrete/Brick Surface
- CITY STREETS AND COUNTY ROADS**
- Primitive or Unimproved
  - Gravel or Crushed Rock
  - Asphalt/Bituminous Surface
  - Concrete/Brick Surface
  - Interstate Numbered Routes
  - U.S. Numbered Routes
  - State Numbered Routes
  - State Numbered Spurs
  - State Numbered Links
  - Unnamed Routes
  - Inventoried Numbered Routes
  - 91NAMED/Numbered Routes
  - City Center
  - Corporate Limits

CORPORATE LIMITS AS OF 2004  
STATE HIGHWAYS CORRECTED TO 2004

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## LOCATION

Franklin, the county seat of Franklin County, is located in the south-central part of Nebraska on the Republican River, six miles from the Kansas border on U.S. Highway 136 and State Highway 10. Franklin is located 50 miles south of Kearney, 47 miles southeast of Holdrege, 82 miles southwest of Grand Island, and 217 miles southwest of Omaha.

## POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Franklin	Franklin County
1970	1,193	4,566
1980	1,167	4,377
1990	1,146	3,938
2000	1,026	3,574
2007 (Est.)	906	3,158

## Franklin County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2006 U.S. Census

White	99.1%
Black	0.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4%
Asian	0.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or More Races	0.4%
Hispanic or Latino Origin	0.7%
White Persons Not Hispanic	98.4%

The 2007 U.S. Census estimates 68,233 people live in Franklin County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Adams, Harlan, Kearney, Phelps, and Webster as well as Phillips and Smith Counties in Kansas.

Five people in the Franklin area are fluent in Spanish along with another 15 people who are fluent in other second languages.



## LOCAL ECONOMY

Basic economic activities of Franklin, the county seat of Franklin County, include farming and livestock operations, government services and health care. In addition there are retail and service establishments including auto repair, variety stores, restaurants, a large grocery store, convenience stores, insurance agencies, real estate brokers, attorneys, and accountants.

The economy in Franklin has improved significantly during the last five years. Franklin County Memorial Hospital is poised for a \$4.1 million expansion in 2008. The Franklin Public School completed a multi-million dollar gymnasium and track and field project. Infrastructure improvements were made in terms of additional high-speed Internet providers and new communications towers for more comprehensive cellular phone coverage. Improvements on 16 miles of U.S. Highway 136 from Alma to Franklin are in progress. Emergency medical services, vehicles, and equipment have been updated in the fire and police departments. A major overhaul of the city's power generating plant was completed. A new clubhouse and cart facilities at the Franklin Country Club add to its reputation as one of the finest in the area. The city has commenced construction of a hike and bike trail, which will run along a creek and an outdoor amphitheatre.

Firms in Franklin County with retail sales tax permits reported 2007 net taxable retail sales of \$11,410,370.

## ELEVATION

Franklin is 1,900 feet above sea level.

## TOPOGRAPHY

Franklin is perched on the north edge of the Republican River Valley. The land slopes gently towards the river and is relatively flat. Surrounding Franklin to the north, east, and west are tall grass prairie rolling hills, interspersed with tree-filled ravines, many with spring-fed creeks that run parallel and feed into the Republican River. Soil in the Franklin area is light brown, lean silty clay with moderate to high erosion characteristics.

The area generally drains to the south towards the Republican River.

## HISTORY

Archeological evidence indicates that thousands of years ago, the area around the city of Franklin and the Republican River was frequented by nomadic people that were probably the forefathers of the Pawnee Indians. The name, "Pawnee" comes from the native word "pariki," meaning 'a horn;' referring to their scalp-lock. The origin of the Pawnee tribe is a mystery. Pawnees believe their ancestors came from the American Southwest. Evidence suggests that they have been on the Central Plains for at least 500 years. The Pawnee long have been known as the "Wolf People." Wolves were respected for their cunning and courage.

The first explorer in the area was probably Francisco Vasquez de Coronado in 1541. This Spanish explorer was looking for the mythical rich kingdom of Quivira. Coronado became discouraged when he was unable to find the hoard of gold he had been told about, and the Spanish, who claimed the land, eventually gave up exploration of the area. Although historians argue as to whether Coronado made it as far north as Nebraska, it would be hard to explain otherwise how a pair of Spanish stirrups were discovered by George Prather in the area north of present day Riverton on an autumn morning in 1874.

In 1806, American explorer Zebulon Pike was known to be in the area, meeting with the Pawnee Indians somewhere near Red Cloud. He described the area as a "hunter's paradise," thick with game. Mountain men and fur traders began to visit the area, taking advantage of the abundance of fur-bearing creatures and the profits to be made on pelts and hides. By the mid 1800s, as more and more westward migration began to take place, stores were opened, mail and delivery routes were established, and pioneers began to settle land along the trails and creeks. The Preemption Act in 1854 combined with the Homestead Act in 1862 enabled a settler to acquire 320 acres of land for a total cost of \$200 provided that the land was lived on for five years and improvements were made to the land. This incentive, coupled with the desire of many Civil War veterans to start a

new life “out West,” created enough population to propel Nebraska from a territory into statehood in 1867.

The earliest attempt to settle the area west of Red Cloud was in the winter of 1866 and 1867 on Turkey Creek about four miles north of present day Naponee. This settlement was abandoned due to pressure from the Indians. In 1870, several land companies (often referred to as colonies) were formed out of Omaha with the intent of identifying good land for settlements and profiting through the establishment of towns and selling lots and land. Several expeditions were arranged, and due to all the glowing reports coming out of these expeditions into the area about a land rich in wildlife, timber, tillable land, and water resources, many homesteaders flocked to Beatrice (the location of the U.S. Land Office) to sign up for homesteads on land they had never seen. The Thompson Colony set up shop on Thompson Creek in the spring of 1871, which eventually became Riverton. The Knight Colony began settling Franklin City (founded in 1870 and named after founding father, Benjamin Franklin) in the fall of 1871. The Plattsmouth Town Company laid out a town a mile east of Franklin City and called it Waterloo. The initial post office for Franklin City was moved to Waterloo, but retained the name Franklin City. In 1872, another company out of Brownville, Nebraska, was organized and subsequently located and settled the town of Bloomington, about four miles west of Franklin City. In just two short years, the population of Franklin County had blossomed from a mere handful to more than 2,000.

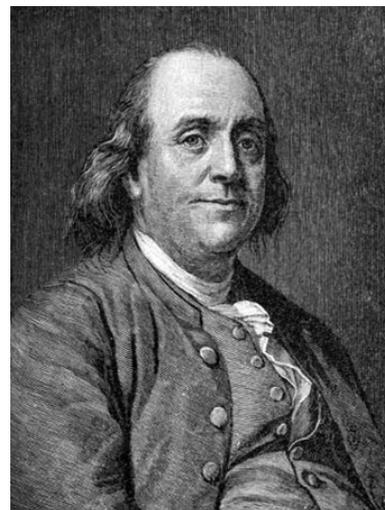
In 1871, Governor Butler proclaimed Franklin City as the Franklin County seat, by county-wide vote. In 1874, the county seat was moved to Bloomington (which had become the site of the U.S. Land Office). This was a devastating blow to Franklin City as many of the local businesses then moved to Bloomington as well. Franklin City proved resilient, however, and was able to once again become the county seat in 1920.

The railroad arrived in Franklin City in 1879 and with it came more homesteaders and more growth.

Descendants of many of these early pioneers and homesteaders still live in the area today. Franklin City grew steadily with the progressing times. The Franklin Academy, established in 1881 and one of six Congregational Church academies in Nebraska, was a prime contributor to the success of the city. Located in what is now the City Park, the Dupee Music Hall (built in 1902) was part of the academy and is the only structure from the academy that remains today. Franklin City, known as the city of Franklin today, was incorporated in 1883.

The Lincoln Hotel was built in 1918 by the Nebraska Hotel Company. The hotel is of the Georgian Revival style of architecture, and is a rare, small town example of the “Front Light Court” hotel type. Aside from providing pleasant quarters for travelers, these types of new hotels became the symbol of a prospering community with a bright future. It was especially favored by salesmen arriving by train to do business in the area.

Over the years, the city of Franklin has endured and overcome many obstacles, including a disastrous fire wiping out one-third of the business district, economic downturns, diphtheria epidemic, tornado, droughts, and major floods. However, the resilience, optimism, pride, and pioneer spirit still abound in the community, now and for the future.



City Namesake Benjamin Franklin



Franklin Main Street



Veterans Memorial



CPI

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 10 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Black Powder	Bar & grill	3	8	None
City of Franklin	Government	10 5*	5 8*	None
CPI	Grain elevator & fertilizers	8 1*	1 2*	None
Franklin County	Government	32	21	None
Franklin County Memorial Hospital	Medical	7 1*	56 6*	None
Franklin Public School	Education	15	47 2*	NSEA
Golden Living Center/Golden Community Living Center	Health care/assisted living	2	46	None
Rightway	Grocery store	6	9	None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

### OTHER MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS (within 35 miles and employing 100 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
<b>Minden, Nebraska, 28 miles</b>				
Bethany Home Inc.	Health care	1	187	None
		20* Total		
Harold Warp Pioneer Village	Historical tourist attraction	38	44	None
		52* Total		
Minden Public Schools	Education	32	95	None
Royal Plastics Co.	Advanced composites for aerospace & defense	58 4*	23 7*	

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Wardcraft Homes, Inc.	Modular housing	50 Total		None
		2*Total		

**Smith Center, KS, 32 miles**

Peterson Industries, Inc.	Fifth-wheel campers	120 Total		None
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\*Part-time and/or seasonal

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

The Franklin Area Development Corporation, CSI-Franklin Community Club, and the Franklin Chamber of Commerce combine their efforts

to provide a full complement of information and services for economic development in the county.

The price of industrially zoned land ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per acre.



Republican River

# LABOR

## LABOR SUPPLY

- A. Employment in the Franklin labor market, which is defined as the whole of Franklin County and the total labor market consisting of Franklin County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Adams, Harlan, Kearney, Phelps, and Webster (12-month average, July 2007 through June 2008). Nonfarm employment information is not available for the contiguous Phillips and Smith Counties in Kansas.

**Nonfarm Employment** (wage and salary workers)

	<b>Franklin County</b>	<b>Total</b>
Goods-Producing	32	5,256
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	172	4,712
Information	(D)	(D)
Financial Activities	47	1,013
Professional & Business Services	30	(D)
Education & Health Services	(D)	(D)
Leisure & Hospitality	24	2,005
Other Services	37	718
Government	386	4,634
<b>TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>24,488</b>
Farm Employment	532	3,448
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>30,948</b>
B. Commuting Out of County	578	N/A
C. Unemployment	51	885
<b>TOTAL LABOR FORCE</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>31,833</b>
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.	150	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	52	
<b>TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D &amp; E)</b>	<b>831</b>	

(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

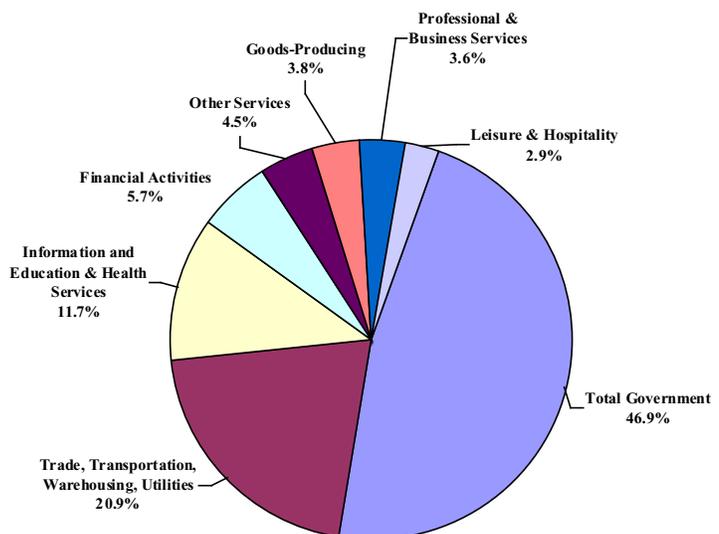
Source: Nebraska Workforce Development

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2005

U.S. Census

Franklin is willing to conduct a labor survey for a prospective industry. A labor survey conducted in June 2006 is available upon request.

**NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
12-MONTH AVERAGE  
JULY 2007 TO JUNE 2008**



## POPULATION DATA

Location	2000		2006	2007		
	Density/ Sq. Mile	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Age	County Median Family Income
Franklin Co. Nebraska	6.2	85.7	15.8	23.7	46.8	\$42,700
U.S.	22.3	86.6	23.7	13.3	36.1	\$58,200
	79.6	80.4	24.4	12.4	36.7	\$59,000

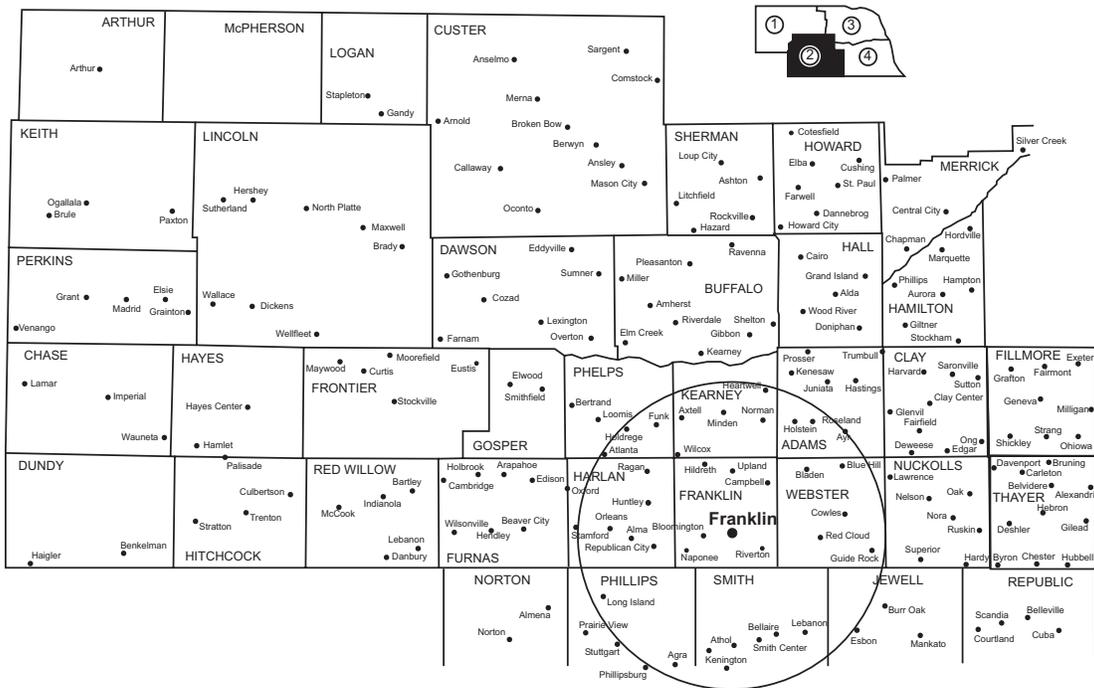
Franklin County had 2,499 eligible voters in 2004; 70.8 percent voted in the national election compared to 68.3 percent in Nebraska.

Source: U.S. Census, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2007

Statewide General Election 2004 Results, [www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/canvass/general2004/General2004](http://www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/canvass/general2004/General2004)

## LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE FRANKLIN AREA



## POPULATION DATA U.S. Census Estimates

2007 Estimate		
City of Franklin	—	906
Franklin County	—	3,158
30-Mile Radius	—	24,919

Franklin County Population By Age/Gender, 2007		
<u>Ages</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
18–24	114	123
25–44	303	317
45–64	467	427

## UNIONIZATION

Nebraska has a right-to-work provision in its constitution. In 2006, 7.9 percent of Nebraska's non-farm wage and salary workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 12.0 percent. Labor organizations operating in the Franklin area:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Union</u>
Franklin Public Schools	Nebraska State Education Association

No manufacturing unions operate in Franklin. Less than one percent of the labor force in Franklin is unionized.

## WAGES

<b>Occupation Title</b>	<b>Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile</b>		
	<b>10th</b>	<b>50th</b>	<b>90th</b>
<b>Professional</b>			
Accountants & Auditors	17.32	24.23	42.04
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	16.03	27.26	41.87
Electrical Engineers	20.19	28.03	53.78
Industrial Engineers	21.18	30.39	39.76
Mechanical Engineers	21.90	31.61	42.38
Computer Programmers	13.97	21.94	33.37
Computer Systems Analysts	14.71	29.95	57.05
Registered Nurses	17.82	23.96	31.72
<b>Retail</b>			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	6.17	8.34	10.30
Retail Salespersons	6.14	8.71	17.47
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	7.89	12.24	24.13
Driver/Sales Workers	6.00	9.27	21.63
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	6.45	9.52	15.17
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	10.07	13.74	18.78
<b>Clerical</b>			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	8.52	12.75	18.21
Customer Service Representatives	7.67	12.02	18.56
Data Entry Keyers	8.38	10.85	14.79
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	7.93	11.10	15.73
Office Clerks, General	6.45	9.71	14.97
Receptionists & Information Clerks	6.59	9.54	14.54
Telemarketers	6.66	9.71	16.03
<b>Unskilled</b>			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	7.59	10.95	15.33
Packers & Packagers, Hand	6.05	9.15	14.10
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other	9.98	11.76	15.60
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	8.36	10.27	12.56

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Semi-Skilled</b>			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	10.34	13.78	19.08
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	10.08	16.80	27.82
Maintenance Workers, Machinery Machine Operators	10.56	16.27	21.15
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	9.50	14.09	19.62
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.	10.55	14.14	18.69
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	9.54	11.51	14.68
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.	9.99	13.22	16.58
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	9.44	13.54	18.84
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	11.58	14.32	19.20
<b>Skilled</b>			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	9.38	15.04	25.72
Electricians	13.34	16.66	22.22
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	13.61	17.51	23.38
Machinists	10.48	13.78	18.45
Tool & Die Makers	13.58	20.07	28.55
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	10.29	13.81	18.82
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	11.67	14.27	19.47
<b>Technical</b>			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	14.34	24.37	32.72
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	17.25	23.53	31.54
Computer Operators	10.46	12.76	19.73

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Second Quarter 2008 wage estimates, All Industries, Central Region, [www.dol.state.ne.us/Lmiwages/toc000.htm](http://www.dol.state.ne.us/Lmiwages/toc000.htm).

## FRINGE BENEFITS

Local industries estimate fringe benefits range up to 12.5 percent of wages.

# TRANSPORTATION

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## RAILROADS

The NKC (Nebraska Kansas Colorado Railnet) short line runs near Franklin. Trains run as requested.

Amtrak provides Holdrege, 47 miles northwest of Franklin, with rail passenger service east to Chicago and west to Denver and San Francisco/Oakland. The Superliner features a lounge car, coach and first-class accommodations, dining car services, and checked baggage service from most cities. Travel time is 14 1/4 hours to Chicago and 44 hours to the West Coast. Amtrak has one train each way daily.

## MOTOR

### Highways

U.S. Highway 136 (east-west) and State Highway 10 (north-south) serve Franklin. There are no local load restrictions. Interstate 80 (east-west) is 40 miles north and Interstate 70 (east-west) is 104 miles south of Franklin.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	164
Omaha	217
Chicago	681
Dallas	610
Denver	405
Detroit	947
Kansas City	299
Los Angeles	1,418
Minneapolis	592
New York	1,451
St. Louis	551
San Francisco	1,535

Future highway plans include U.S. Highway 136 receiving a new roadbed, wider shoulders, and

bridge upgrades into Franklin from Republican City. Work is projected to begin in 2009.

### Trucklines

More than 8,000 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.

### Bus Line

Greyhound bus service in Kearney, 50 miles northwest of Franklin, provides the nearest commercial bus service.

The Mid-Nebraska Community Services, Inc. provides public transportation from Franklin to larger cities within 85 miles via a van and a handicapped accessible minibus.

## AIR

The Red Cloud Municipal Airport, 23 miles from Franklin, has a 3,700 foot lighted concrete runway. Services include hangars, office, pilots lounge, rest rooms, 100-low lead fuel, and repair. Ten private planes are hangared there; none are available for charter. The elevation at the airport is 1,742 feet, the latitude is N40°05.08', and the longitude is W98°32.44'. In the last three years the airport was closed 36 days due to inclement weather.

Scheduled air service is available at the Kearney Municipal Airport, 50 miles (60 minutes) northwest of Franklin. The Kearney Municipal Airport provides passenger, air freight, and air express services. Nonstop air service is available to the Denver International Airport. Public ground transportation is available via rental cars, motel shuttles, and taxi.

## WATER

Water transportation is not available near Franklin.



Franklin Public Library



Franklin Public Swimming Pool

## UTILITIES

### ELECTRICITY

Franklin is a wholesale customer of Southern Power District, which brings 69,000 volt power to a substation located in the northwest corner of the city park. The city distribution system includes a 5,000 kVA transformer at the substation.

The city's power plant has four diesel-powered generators, which can produce up to 4,080 kVA. In the event of an outage, power can be restored to the entire town in less than 15 minutes and the generators can operate until the cause of the outage is repaired. The system is tied into Nebraska Public Power District's statewide grid.

#### ELECTRIC RATES (effective 10/07)

Summer bills run from June–September.

#### Residential Service:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$8.50 per month		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
8.51¢	8.85¢	per kWh for the first 600 kWh used per month
9.43¢	5.68¢	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge		

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

#### Residential Service, All Electric:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$8.50 per month		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
8.54¢	5.37¢	per kWh for the first 600 kWh used per month
8.54¢	4.10¢	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge		

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

#### Electric Demand:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$35.00 per month		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
\$11.98	\$11.98	Per kW
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge		

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

#### Commercial Electric:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$13.00 per month		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
9.19¢	9.19¢	per unit for the first 1,100 kWh
9.66¢	6.98¢	per kWh for all additional use

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

For further information regarding electric rates and service, prospective customers should contact the city clerk, city of Franklin, (308) 425-6295, [cityhall@gtmc.net](mailto:cityhall@gtmc.net), or [www.franklinnebraska.com](http://www.franklinnebraska.com).

Southern Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves the rural area surrounding Franklin. For more information regarding electrical services in the Southern Power District service area, contact Gary Hedman, general manager, (308) 381-9481, (800) 652-2013, or [www.southernpd.com](http://www.southernpd.com).

### NATURAL GAS

Natural gas is supplied to Franklin by SourceGas Distribution, LLC through a two-inch transmission pipeline with an operating pressure of approximately 500 pounds per square inch.

SourceGas is the retail distributor of natural gas within the community, serving approximately 575 residential, commercial, and industrial

customers. Selection period for this program is prior to May 1st of each year. Choice Gas is available to natural gas customers in Franklin.

Natural gas is available for residential and commercial uses. Availability of natural gas for industrial uses is subject to individual situations. As specific requirements of an industrial prospect become available, information on gas service availability and applicable rates can be obtained from SourceGas's Service Center (800) 563-0012.

## OTHER FUELS

### LP Gas

LP gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Franklin at Farmer's Co-Op Association.

### Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Franklin from Farmer's Co-op Association.

## WATER

The municipal water system in Franklin is supplied by five wells, which have an average depth of 160 feet. The system, serving 100 percent of the city's population, has a pumping capacity of 3,400 gallons per minute. The overhead storage capacity is 50,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 500,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 2,000,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 4,946,000 gallons per day. The static pressure is 70 pounds per square inch, and the residual pressure is 45 pounds per square inch.

The 50-foot deep well provides 350 gallons of water per minute. The water table fluctuates 2-3 feet between winter and summer. The quality of the water in Franklin does not necessitate a water treatment plant.

The turbidity and color of the water are clear and the hardness, in parts per million, is 11.

## Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.67
Calcium	99.6
Total Solids	44.5
Magnesium	13.4
Iron	0
Nitrate	3.1
Manganese	0
Chloride	26
Sulfate	61
Sodium	40
Total Hardness	11

## WATER RATES (effective 10/07)

A water connection fee of \$125.00 is charged for new service.

### Residential & Commercial:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$8.50 per month
All usage: \$0.70 per 1,000 gallons
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge

## SEWERAGE

Franklin has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The lagoon-type treatment plant was built in 1961 and expanded in 1977. The average daily flow is estimated at 132,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand discharge is estimated at 264,000 gallons.

### SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 10/07)

A \$100.00 connection fee is charged for new service.

### Residential & Commercial

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$8.50 per month
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## SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

The city of Franklin owns the solid waste collection system. Refuse is taken to the Holdrege landfill, 47 miles northwest of Franklin.

**SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES** (effective 10/07)

**Residential:**

Single Rate	\$9.26 per month
Single Rate - 2 Toters	\$11.02 per month
Family Rate	\$9.88 per month
Family Rate - 2 Toters	\$11.67 per month

**Commercial:**

Rates vary from \$19.77 to \$334.28 per month, depending on number of toters and number of pick-ups per week.

**RECYCLING**

The city of Franklin operates a recycling program collecting cardboard, aluminum and tin cans, plastic milk containers, newspaper, magazines, and telephone books.



Back-up Generators



The Art Gallery



Schoolhouse Museum



Inside Franklin County Museum

# COMMUNICATIONS

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Frontier Communications, through its digital central office and fiber optic network, provides both telecommunications and high-speed broadband access to the city of Franklin. Frontier uses a Nortel DMS 10 stand-alone digital switch served by an OC3 fiber optic system via Grand Island, Nebraska. Other services include DSL, T1, T3, and all digital telephone services. Extended service is available to Bloomington, Hildreth, and Naponee. Service and maintenance personnel are located in Franklin. For more information, call (800) 921-8101 or visit [www.frontieronline.com](http://www.frontieronline.com).

TARIFFED RATES (effective 12/07)

Residence Line	\$17.50
Business Line	\$27.50

## INTERNET

Local Internet access in Franklin is provided by:

Company
<b>Frontier</b> (800) 921-8101 <a href="http://www.frontieronline.com">www.frontieronline.com</a>
<b>Glenwood</b> (888) 756-4638 <a href="http://www.gtmc.net">www.gtmc.net</a>

## POST OFFICE

Franklin provides house-to-house delivery service and has one mail receipt and two dispatches daily.

## PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	UPS	U.S. Postal Service
<b>Latest Pick-up Time</b>	5:00 p.m.	3:45 p.m.
<b>Earliest Delivery</b>	12:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.
<b>Next Day Delivery Guarantee</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Saturday Delivery Guarantee</b>	Yes	Yes

Service is also available from Federal Express, DHL, and Airborne by calling their central offices. Services for these facilities are as follows: Latest pick-up time is 5:00 p.m., earliest delivery is 12:00 p.m. Federal Express, DHL, and Airborne provide next day delivery, while Federal Express and DHL also provide Saturday delivery.

## NEWSPAPER

The Franklin Chronicle is the local weekly newspaper with 1,200 subscribers. Daily papers delivered locally are the Omaha World-Herald, Kearney Hub, Hastings Tribune, and Lincoln Journal Star.

## RADIO

Radio stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KRVN-AM	880 KHz	Lexington
KMTY-FM	97.7 MHz	Holdrege
KGFW-AM	1340 KHz	Kearney
KKPR-FM	98.9 MHz	Kearney
KXKY-FM	105.9 MHz	Kearney

## TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KLNE	3	Lexington
KSNB	4	Superior
KHAS	5	Hastings
KGIN	11	Grand Island
KHGI	13	Kearney
KTVG	17	Grand Island

Cable television service is available including 33 basic and 2 premium channels. Satellite service is available in Franklin from Dish Network and DirecTV.



Franklin Volunteer Fire & Rescue



Franklin Fire Truck

## TAX STRUCTURE

### VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES—CITY OF FRANKLIN

All real property is subject to tax at market value. Agricultural land is valued at 74 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		
	2005	2006	2007
Real Estate	\$24,297,610	\$24,418,530	\$23,573,455
Personal Property	632,935	847,375	892,162
Special (railroad and utilities)	565,865	526,153	581,274
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$25,496,410</u>	<u>\$25,792,058</u>	<u>\$25,046,891</u>

### TAX RATE (Dollars and cents per \$100 of actual value)

	2005	2006	2007
Township	\$0.045123	\$0.050247	\$0.051328
City	.644145	.636762	.616962
County	.424920	.438595	.450671
School District	1.049876	1.074575	1.073278
Community College	.082962	.081660	.080161
Educational Service Unit	.017342	.017284	.023273
Natural Resource District	.050360	.049303	.094908
Agricultural Society	.017471	.017380	.017573
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2.332199</u>	<u>\$2.365806</u>	<u>\$2.408154</u>

### CITY SALES TAX

The city of Franklin does not impose a city sales tax.

### LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of October 1, 2007:

City—Revenue Bonds	\$592,625
City—General Obligation Bonds	\$30,000
School District	None
County	None

## CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 10/1/07	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
<b>Revenue</b>					
Combined Revenue Bond	9/18/07	\$592,625	\$592,625	3.9–4.65	9/15/22
<b>General Obligation</b>					
Highway Allocation Bond	9/15/99	\$85,000	\$30,000	4.625–4.8	9/15/09



City Hall



Franklin County Courthouse

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Franklin County has 11 townships and is governed by a board of supervisors consisting of seven representatives elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next election will be held in 2008. The actual county budget for 2007–08 was \$1,621,450.

Zoning classifications are:

- Transitional Agriculture
- Surface Water Protection Corridor
- Surface Water Protection Overlay
- Corporate Limits
- Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

### MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Franklin, a second-class city, has a mayor-council form of government. The 2007–08 actual budget was \$2,725,375. The next election will be held in 2008.

Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
<b>Elected at Large</b>	
Mayor	4 Years
<b>Elected by Ward</b>	
Council Members (4)	4 Years

### FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided to the city and the rural areas by a volunteer fire department with 19 firemen and 3 cadets. The department has 26 certified EMTs and 14 first responders. The department also provides protection to rural Franklin County and contracts with Bloomington, Nebraska.

There are 92 fire hydrants in Franklin and 1 fire station. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 5; outside it is 9. Annual

expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$246,444.

Equipment in the fire department:

Year/Make	Description
<b>City</b>	
1997 International	Engine, 1,250 gpm
<b>Rural</b>	
2001 International	Tanker, 2,500 gallon
1991 Ford	Grass truck
1982 Ford	Engine, 1,000 gpm
1978 Ford	Grass truck
<b>City/Rural</b>	
2007 Ford	Ambulance
2003 Ford	Ambulance
1964 Seagrave	Rescue vehicle

Fire losses for the last five years:

Year	Amount
2007	\$500
2006	None
2005	\$250
2004	\$25
2003	\$100,000

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

#### Police Department

Franklin employs two full-time police officers and has one support person. Equipment in the police department includes two cruisers equipped with standard equipment. Average annual expenditures for police protection for the last three years were \$270,384.

#### Sheriff's Department

The Franklin County Sheriff's Department has three sworn officers and five support personnel. Regular patrol provides protection to existing industries in the area by the police and sheriff's departments.

Crime rates per 1,000 population, 2007:

Location	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Franklin County	0.6	5.1
Nebraska	3.0	30.8
U.S. (2006)	4.7	34.3

**State Patrol**

Troop D of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in North Platte, 144 miles northwest of Franklin.

**STREETS**

Franklin has 11.1 miles of streets, 9.6 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete or asphalt. There are no load restrictions. Ninety-five percent of the streets have curbs and 80 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance includes street sweeping, snow removal, armor coating, and joint sealing.

**BUILDING AND ZONING**

**REGULATIONS**

The International Building Code is enforced within the city.

Local zoning classifications are:

- Open Space Agriculture
- Open Space Flood Plain
- Open Space Deep Slope
- Residential Suburban
- Residential Urban
- Commercial Intensive
- Commercial Extensive
- Industrial Moderate Hazard
- Industrial High Hazard
- Industrial Park

**PLANNING**

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

The Comprehensive Plan for Franklin was prepared by Clark & Enersen of Lincoln in 1970. A revision is planned for 2008.



Parade Entry

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

#### Franklin City Schools

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary	11	160	1:14	1:2
Middle School	10	45	1:12	1:2
High School	17	103	1:12	1:2
Alternative High School	1	5	1:5	1:1

Franklin County School District 506 covers approximately 306 square miles and has a 2007–08 actual valuation of \$171,759,228 and an actual valuation per student of \$555,855. This Class 3 District is accredited by the state of Nebraska and North Central Association.

The 2007–08 school operating budget was \$3,500,000, with an average cost per pupil of \$11,327.

#### Test Results

Name	Students Taking Test	Average Score
7th Grade ACT Explore	100%	16.1
ACT	90%	21.9

It is estimated that 99 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 94 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and 6 percent of the seniors enter the job market or military following graduation.

Vocational/tech prep programs offered include agriculture education, medical terminology, family/consumer science, industrial technology, and art.

The Franklin County Schools provide a wide spectrum of special education services on campus and in collaboration with the Educational Service Unit 11.

#### Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 11, headquartered in Holdrege, serves seven counties including

Franklin County. Services provided include special education, distance learning, summer honors, professional development, and technology integration.

#### Community College

Franklin is part of the Central Community College area which encompasses 25-counties. The college is governed by an 11-member Board of Governors elected by the citizens of the counties served. Administrative offices are located in Grand Island with campuses in Hastings, Columbus, and Grand Island and off-campus centers in Holdrege, Lexington, and Kearney. Classes are available through extended learning programs in approximately 80 communities within the college's service area. During the 2006–07 academic year, 25,400 students were enrolled in Central Community College courses.

#### Certificate, Diploma, and Degree Programs:

Central Community College offers 33 career and technical education programs, including more than 700 vocational technical and academic transfer college credit courses. Classes are offered by multiple delivery methods, including traditional lecture/lab class settings. Some of the alternative delivery methods used include:

—**Independent Study:** Allows students to work on college credit classes at their own pace, using course materials from the campuses. The staff serve as contacts between the student and campus faculty and administration.

—**Distance Learning:** Uses several state-of-the-art teaching technologies, including video conferencing, satellite broadcasts, and Internet courses to deliver college credit courses.

**Adult Basic Education Program:** This program is offered by Central Community College in cooperation with the Nebraska Department of Education and the federal government. The program is designed to provide the opportunity to gain basic education skills at no cost to the student.

The program has four major components:

—Adult Basic Education for those with less than an eighth grade education.

—English as a Second Language for non-English speaking persons wishing to learn to speak, read, and write English.

—High School Completion (General Educational Development—GED) for those with less than a high school diploma.

—Living Skills for adults wishing to improve their basic life skills in consumer economics, health, community resources, government and law, and occupational knowledge.

**Community Education Program:** Avocational/recreational courses are offered to provide students an opportunity to explore and develop

skills for personal interest, leisure, and recreational activities.

**Business and Professional Training:** Central Community College is a primary source of training and education for business, industry, agricultural association, civic groups, governmental agencies, and other organizations within its 25-county service area. College staff provide expertise in their fields of study to develop and coordinate specially-tailored short courses, workshops, and seminars to meet specific training needs.

Central Community College works with area industries, retail establishments, and other agencies and organizations in delivering various training programs.

Central Community College offers 33 career and technical education programs with a focus on degree, diploma, and certificate programs requiring two years or less to complete. The college also offers an academic transfer program for students who want to complete the first two years of a bachelors degree before transferring to a four-year college or university. In addition, the college offers classes in communities throughout its 25-county service area, online learning, and training and development for businesses, industries, and other organizations.

For more information on Central Community College, visit [www.cccneb.edu](http://www.cccneb.edu).

<b>Central Community College</b>			
<b>2006–07 Academic Year</b>			
(Note: Numbers can be duplicated between award levels)			
<b>Program</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Diploma</b>	<b>Certificate</b>
Academic Transfer	104	NA	NA
Agriculture	5	5	3
Associate Degree in Nursing	58	NA	NA
Auto Body Technology	6	3	97
Automotive Technology	6	6	14
Business Administration/Accounting	62	31	51
Commercial Art	5	5	11
Commercial Horticulture	8	6	17
Construction Technology	17	18	24
Criminal Justice	4	0	0

NA - Not available



Franklin Public Schools



Flyer Football Field



Franklin County Memorial Hospital



Pool Medical Clinic



Golden Living Center



Golden Age Village

**Central Community College  
2006–07 Academic Year**

(Note: Numbers can be duplicated between award levels)

<b>Program</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Diploma</b>	<b>Certificate</b>
Dental Assisting	14	11	NA
Dental Hygiene	14	NA	NA
Diesel Technology	6	5	0
Drafting	24	12	23
Electrical Technology	16	NA	2
Electronics Technology	14	7	8
Early Childhood Education	27	11	23
Health Information Management Services	9	27	11
Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	6	3	0
Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts	8	NA	2
Human Services	23	10	NA
Industrial Technology	8	6	6
Information Technology	8	17	23
Machine Shop Technology	2	3	14
Media Arts	9	12	30
Medical Assisting	16	NA	14
Medical Technology	12	NA	NA
Office Technology	28	47	46
Paralegal	4	4	5
Parts Sales & Management	3	3	3
Practical Nursing	NA	63	NA
Quality Control	2	NA	9
Welding Technology	6	6	12

NA - Not available

**Other Schools**

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

<b>Community/ College or University</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>Kearney</b>	50
University of Nebraska at Kearney	
<b>Hastings</b>	64
Central Community College, Hastings Campus	
Hastings College	
<b>Community/ College or University</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>Lincoln</b>	164
Nebraska Wesleyan University	
Union College	
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	
<b>Omaha</b>	217
Creighton University	
College of St. Mary's	
University of Nebraska at Omaha	

## CHURCHES

<b>Denomination</b>	<b>Number of Churches</b>
Catholic	1
Congregational United Church of Christ	1
Christian Fellowship Evangelical-Free Church	1
Lutheran (1 in Macon, 8 miles)	2
Missionary Church	1
United Methodist	1

## HEALTH CARE

### Hospital

The Franklin County Memorial Hospital, built in 1952, is a 10-bed certified critical access hospital with designation as a Basic Trauma Center.

The facility provides basic medical services appropriate to the needs of the community in a sustainable manner.

A \$4.1 million, 14,000 square-foot addition to the Franklin County Memorial Hospital is scheduled for a 2009 opening. The addition will include outpatient and aqua therapy services.

### Clinics

Franklin County Memorial Hospital's Pool Medical Clinic, a certified provider-based rural health clinic, provides general medical services. The facility is staffed by three physicians, one physician assistant, and three nurse practitioners.

The hospital also operates three additional clinics in Franklin and Webster Counties.

### Rescue Squad

There are 26 Emergency Medical Technicians and 14 First Responders on the Franklin Rescue Squad who operate the fire department's two ambulances.

## NURSING HOMES

The Golden LivingCenter, built in 1964, is a 42-bed skilled nursing facility approved by Medicare and Medicaid. Services include physical, occupational, and speech therapies.

An 18-unit assisted living facility was added in 2002.

## LIBRARY

The Franklin Library contains 14,000 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 20,000.

Computers with Internet access and word processing software are available to the public. Other library services include a copy machine, fax machine, microfilm reader/printer, interlibrary loans, used book sales, and reference research. In addition to books, magazines, and newspapers, the library offers books on cassette, books on CD, videos, genealogy records, obituaries, toys, and sports equipment that may be used in the city park. Library programs and activities include a weekly children's story hour, summer film and reading programs, and puzzles.

## RECREATION

There are three parks in Franklin: City Park, South Park RV Park & Campground, and a smaller city park. Facilities include playgrounds with swings and slides, sand volleyball, basketball, lighted tennis courts, swimming pool, sheltered picnic tables, rest rooms, barbecue grills, and RV parking and campsites. The Franklin Veterans Memorial, Franklin Public Library, and the Dupee Music Hall (the last remaining structure of the old Franklin Academy) are located at City Park.

### Area facilities:

- Boating — Harlan County Reservoir, 20 minutes
- Bowling — One 8-lane alley within 30 minutes
- Camping — City Park for 5 RVs



Christian Fellowship Evangelical-Free Church



Congregational United Church of Christ



First United Methodist Church



Grace Lutheran Church



Missionary Church



St. Katharine Drexal Catholic Church



Zion Lutheran Church

- Fishing — Excellent fishing along the Republican River for bass, bluegill, crappie, and bullheads; private ponds for bass, crappie, and catfish; and Harlan County Reservoir, 20 minutes for white bass, crappie, bluegill, walleye, and catfish
- Golf Courses — One public 9-hole grass greens course with clubhouse
- Hiking Trails — 3.5 mile trail (in progress)
- Hockey — Tri-City Storm professional hockey in Kearney, 50 minutes
- Hunting — Excellent hunting for pheasant, quail, turkey, deer, and small game
- Sand Volleyball — City Park
- Skating — 90 minutes northeast
- Swimming — Public swimming pool in the park
- Tennis — Two hard-surfaced lighted courts at City Park
- Theatres — Indoor theatre seating 250 persons
- Water Skiing — Excellent water skiing on Harlan County Reservoir, 20 minutes

Summer recreation programs for youth running from May–July include girls softball, boys baseball, and T-ball.

Annual celebrations include an Easter Egg Hunt; Bargains on Byways (a three-day, nine-county yard sale) in June; Franklin County Fair in July; HarvestFest in October; End of Harvest Celebration in November; Parade of Lights (Chili cook-off, free movie, and holiday shopping) in November; and a Christmas Open House in December.

The non-profit Franklin County Senior Citizens Center is open five days each week and provides

noon meals at the center and home deliveries. Activities include crafts, cards, exercise classes, Bible study, and various other social events. Services include public transportation (provided by Mid-Nebraska Community Services, Inc.), housework, yard work, medical clinics, educational programs, legal aide, and help understanding federal programs. The center is solely supported by donations and volunteer workers. The facility is available for rent.

Established in 1939, the Franklin County Museum, consisting of three separate buildings, preserves the heritage and genealogy of Franklin County with many displays of historical items. The largest building contains many area artifacts and memorabilia such as World War I and World War II uniforms, newspaper articles, pictures, letters, ammunition, honor ribbons, and medals. Most of the artifacts are from Franklin County residents who fought for their country during many different time periods and in numerous wars and battles. It also contains many pictures of the pioneers that founded and first lived in Franklin. A special exhibit is dedicated to the life and times of Pierce Lyden, famous “bad man” of Hollywood’s old westerns. The exhibit displays hundreds of items from his movie years including his saddles, clothes, pistols, posters, and pictures. Pierce was born in Franklin County.

The middle building contains what is called “Ol’ Towne.” It is designed to look like an old western township. Inside are old fire engines, antique tractors, horse drawn implements, tools, Indian artifacts, rock specimens, photographs, old farm items, and many other articles that depict the lives of previous generations of Franklin County settlers.

The third building is the old Lone Star one room schoolhouse that was used in Franklin County from the late 1800s through the early 1900s. The schoolhouse was eventually moved to its current site on the museum grounds and is decorated to reflect how it would have looked in its heyday. Many of Franklin County’s residents were educated in this schoolhouse up until the building of the Franklin Academy and the new public school.

**Harlan County Reservoir**, completed in 1952, has a capacity of 850,000 acre-feet of water. At normal pool level, the lake extends about 12 miles upstream and has a shoreline of 75 miles. The lake, 15 miles west of Franklin, controls a drainage area of 7,169 square miles. There are eight developed public use areas totaling approximately 1,450 acres. Facilities consist of access and interior roads, parking, camping spaces, picnic areas, shelters, boat launching ramps, beaches, potable water supply, and rest rooms. Sports enthusiasts enjoy fishing and water sports.

Canoeing, kayaking, and tubing down the Republican River have become popular summer recreational activities for young and old alike. Tubing uses inflated rubber tire tubes to float down the river and requires no special skills. Various stops are available for rest.

Cultural activities in Franklin include the Franklin County Museum and the Art Gallery Museum & Art Studio.

Cultural activities available within a one-hour drive of Franklin include: The Opera House in Minden, The Tassle in Holdrege, the Hastings Symphony Orchestra in Hastings, the Museum of Nebraska Art in Kearney, and the Theater of the American West in Republican City.

## HOUSING

### Housing Market (as of 1/08):

#### Avg. Selling Prices (New and Existing)

Single Family Home	
3,500 sq. ft. - 4 bedroom	\$95,000
2,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom	\$70,000
1,000 sq. ft. - 2 bedroom	\$30,000

### Number of Single Family Homes for Sale by Price (New and Existing)

Less than \$100,000 5

### Rentals

Apartment - 2 bedroom \$350-\$400

Apartment Vacancy Rate 0%

### Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

**Golden Age Village**, with 24 units built in 1978, provides low-income housing in Franklin.

### Assisted Living

Golden Community Living Center, built in 2002 as an addition to the Golden LivingCenter, consists of 18 beds. The facility is Medicaid approved. Services include meals; activities; medication administration; and physical, occupational, and speech therapies.

## FINANCIAL

As of December 31, 2007

Name	Bank Assets	Deposits
	<i>-- thousand dollars --</i>	
Franklin State Bank*	\$37,300	\$29,700
South Central State Bank*	\$82,600	\$67,000

\*Branch location in Franklin; figures represent headquarters.



Franklin Country Club Golf Course

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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### PROFESSIONAL

Attorneys.....	5
Auctioneers .....	2
Certified Public Accountants .....	2
Medical Doctors (residing in Franklin)	
—general practitioners .....	2
Medical Doctors (on hospital consulting staff)	
—cardiologists .....	2
—general surgeons.....	1
—orthopedic surgeons .....	2
—pathologists .....	2
—radiologists.....	8
—urologists.....	2
Dentists .....	1
Nurse Practitioners.....	3
Nurses, Registered .....	12
Pharmacists .....	1
Physician Assistants.....	1
Veterinarians .....	2

### BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies.....	2
Agricultural Implement Dealers .....	2
Antique Shops.....	1
Apparel Stores—combination.....	2
Appliance Stores .....	1
Auto Repair & Services .....	5
Auto Supply Parts .....	1
Automobile Dealers (new & used) .....	1
Aviation Seeding & Spraying Services.....	2
Bakeries.....	1
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums .....	5
Beauty Salons & Barber Shops.....	5
Carpet & Rug Dealers .....	1
Caterers .....	2
Child Care Services.....	3
Contractors—building.....	5
—carpentry .....	5
—concrete .....	2
—electric .....	2
—excavating.....	3
—general .....	5
—gravel .....	2
—heating & air conditioning.....	1
—painting.....	5
—plumbing.....	1

—remodeling & repairing .....	5
—roofing .....	5
—well digging.....	2
Convenience Stores.....	3
Craft Stores .....	1
Dance Studios .....	1
Drug Stores .....	1
Dry Cleaning & Laundries.....	1
Farm/Ranch Supplies .....	3
Feedlots (commercial & private).....	2
Fertilizers .....	3
Floral Shops .....	1
Garbage Collectors.....	1
Gift Shops .....	4
Grain Dealers .....	2
Grocery Stores .....	1
Hardware Stores.....	2
Insurance Companies .....	4
Interior Decorators & Designers.....	1
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies.....	2
Laundries (self-service) .....	1
Lawn Services.....	4
Lumberyards .....	2
Machine Shops.....	1
Meat Lockers .....	1
Motels .....	1 (15 rooms)
Nurseries & Garden Centers .....	1
Office Equipment Services & Supplies .....	1
Photography Studios .....	1
Preschools .....	1
Real Estate Firms .....	3
Restaurants.....	2
Service Stations.....	3
Television & Radio Repair Shops.....	1
Theatres.....	1
Upholstery Shops.....	1
Variety Stores .....	3
Welding Shops .....	2



Franklin Country Club Sign

## AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

### AGRICULTURE

2002 Statistics	Franklin County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	378	49,355
Land in Farms (acres)	331,093	45,903,116
Average Size of Farms (acres)	876	930
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$54,151,000	\$9,703,657,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$143,257	\$196,609
Total Acres Irrigated	92,791	7,625,170
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	28.0%	16.6%
<b>Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2003–2007)</b>		
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)	34,602 tons	4,546,200 tons
All Wheat	948,740 bu.	71,778,000 bu.
Corn for Grain	11,526,940 bu.	1,272,880,000 bu.
Oats	24,900 bu.	3,751,000 bu.
Sorghum For Grain	654,840 bu.	25,568,000 bu.
Soybeans	2,389,440 bu.	215,393,000 bu.
<b>Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2004–2008)</b>		
All Cattle	37,600	6,470,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2003–2008  
2002 Census of Agriculture

### RAW MATERIALS

Nonmetallic minerals of sand, gravel, and limestone are available in commercial quantities

in the Franklin area; however, metallic minerals are not found in the area. Local forest products available include cottonwood and walnut.



Residential Scenes

# CLIMATE

## TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature			Precipitation		Humidity*	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	12.5	25.4	38.3	0.41	3.8	77	65
February	16.6	29.7	42.9	0.68	4.2	78	63
March	25.7	39.5	53.3	1.32	4.7	79	59
April	37.9	52.0	66.1	2.29	0.9	79	53
May	48.6	61.9	75.2	3.52	0.1	82	56
June	59.0	72.1	85.4	3.82	0.0	82	54
July	64.2	77.9	91.7	3.06	0.0	84	57
August	62.3	76.3	90.2	2.90	0.0	86	58
September	52.3	66.7	81.2	2.61	0.1	84	55
October	39.5	54.6	69.6	1.38	0.3	79	51
November	25.8	39.7	53.5	0.83	1.7	80	60
December	16.5	29.2	41.9	0.58	3.6	79	65
<b>Annual</b>	38.4	52.1	65.8	23.40	19.2	81	58

\*Recorded at Grand Island Weather Station

## FROST DATA

Average date of spring freeze probability .....	May 2
Average date of fall freeze probability.....	October 5
Average length of freeze free season probability.....	154 days
Average number of heating degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	5,917
Average number of cooling degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit.....	1,235
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average).....	12
Prevailing wind direction (annual average) .....	South

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1888–1990, [www.hprcc.unl.edu](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu)