

# COMMUNITY FACTS

## GIBBON, NEBRASKA

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

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008 Est.</u>
<b>Gibbon</b>	1,759	1,847
<b>Buffalo County</b>	42,259	45,354
<b>Kearney Micropolitan Statistical Area*</b>	—	51,836
<b>Labor Market**</b>	189,616	195,693

\*Buffalo & Kearney Counties

\*\*Includes Buffalo County and contiguous counties

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# INTRODUCTION

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The following pages contain basic information about Gibbon, Nebraska. This material was compiled by the City of Gibbon, Gibbon Chamber of Commerce, the Buffalo County Economic Development Council, and Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community development.

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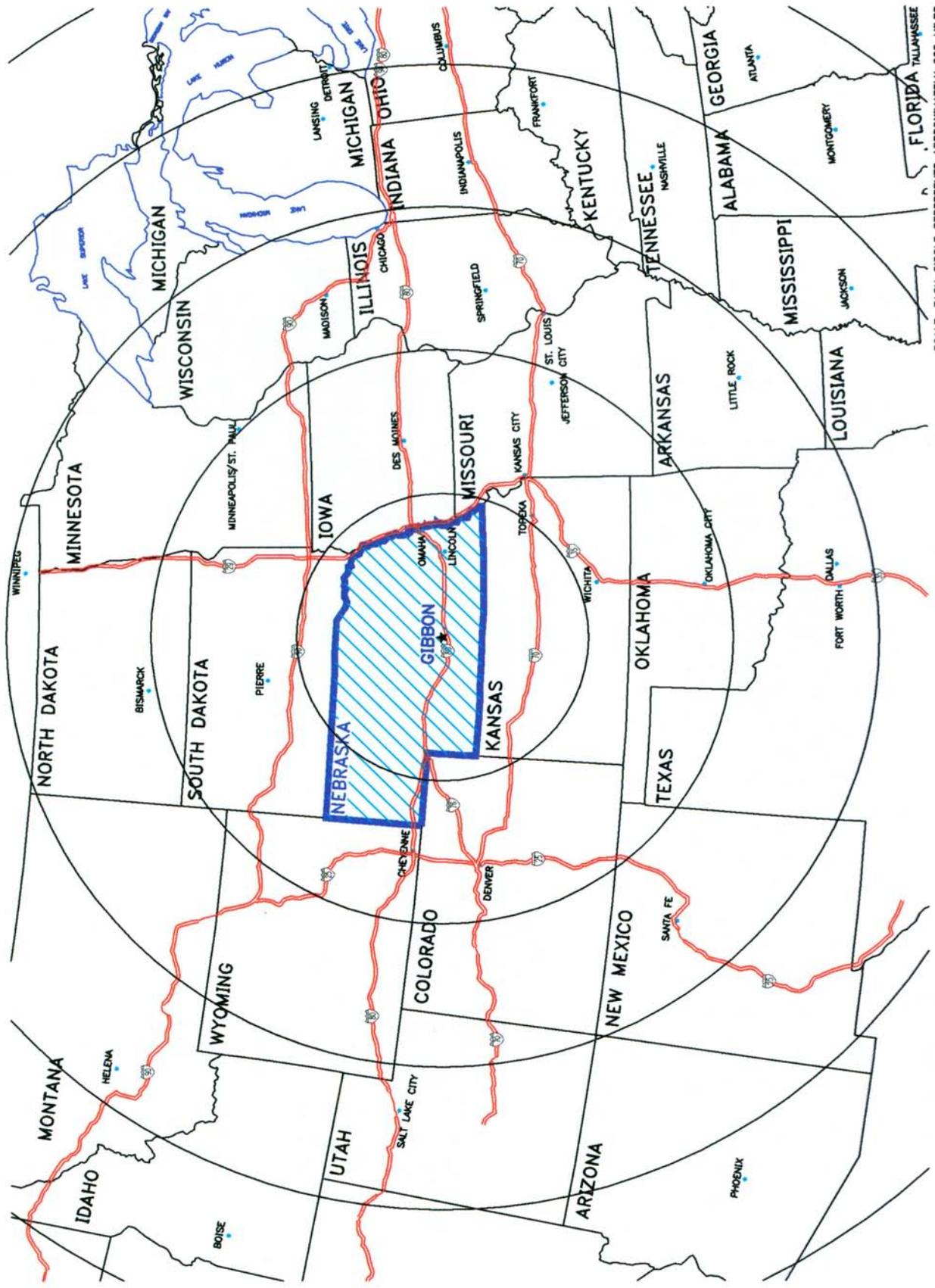
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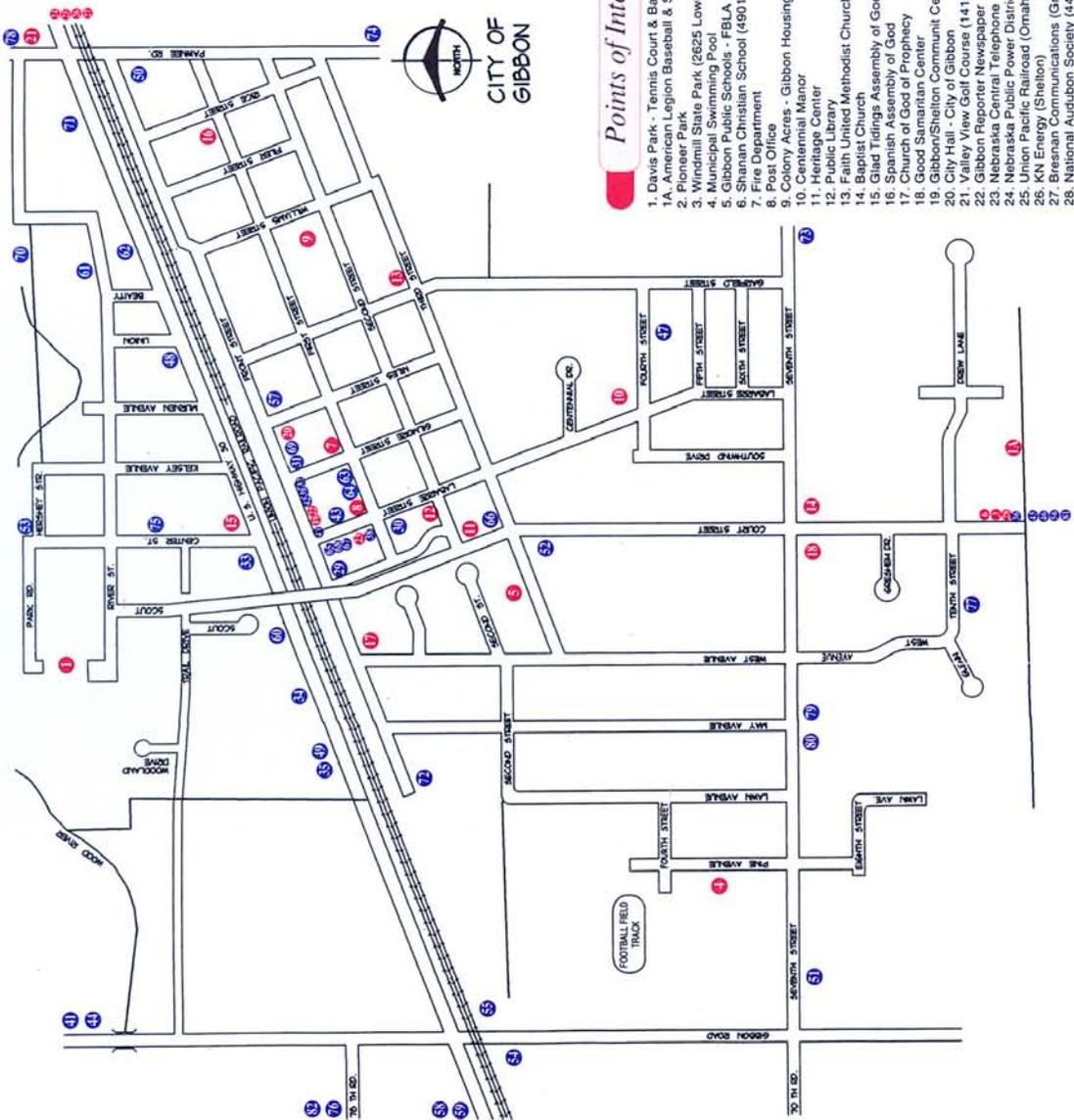
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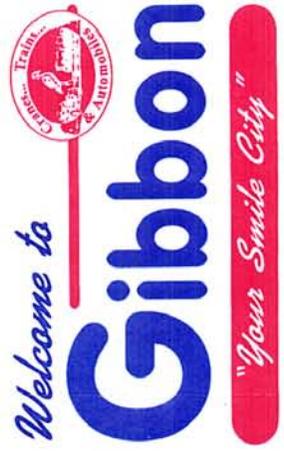
## Area Businesses

- 29. American Legion Club
- 30. Arleen's Cafe & Catering (West Highway 30)
- 31. La Mexicana Restaurant
- 32. Sportsman Lounge & Restaurant
- 33. Fast Freddie's Mini Mart
- 34. R&R Mini Mart
- 35. BJ's Liquor
- 36. R&I Mini Mart & RV Sales (2550 Lowell Rd.)
- 37. Herter's Home Center
- 38. Parkview Grocery
- 39. Walker Hardware
- 40. Sweetest Measures
- 41. JTM Products (4444 100th Rd.)
- 42. Creative Art Forms
- 43. P.J.'s New Attitude
- 44. Prewitt Fiberglass Animals (13790 Maple Rd.)
- 45. Personal Touches (40280 Kilgore Rd.)
- 46. Country Inn & Antiques (2432 Lowell Rd.)
- 47. Tim's Sharpening
- 48. Double F Suds
- 49. Gibbon Plumbing
- 50. Gibbon Transmissions
- 51. Charlie's Lawn Busters
- 52. Mayo Electric
- 53. Godfrey Electric
- 54. Big Flag Farm Supply
- 55. Cargill, Inc. (50025 24th Rd.)
- 56. Clevenger Farm Products (5325 Lowell Rd.)
- 57. Fox Grain, Inc.
- 58. Gibbon Veterinarian Clinic (West Highway 30)
- 59. Nutro Fio Fertilizer Company (6090 Optic Rd.)
- 60. Platte Valley Laboratories
- 61. Rayburn Auto Parts
- 62. Schuster Implement Company
- 63. C. L. Sell, DDS
- 64. Don Sallenbach, MD
- 65. Barry Hemmerling Attorney
- 66. Codner Insurance Agency
- 67. Gibbon Insurance Agency
- 68. Exchange Bank
- 69. Godarson mortuary & Crematory
- 70. Earth Tech
- 71. Gibbon Packing Company
- 72. Nebraska Turkey Growers Coop
- 73. Comfy Bedd Rentals (6705 Payne Rd.)
- 74. George Spencer Vineyard (7155 Pawnee Rd.)
- 75. Surface Doctor
- 76. Neilson Tile, Inc. (45610 78th Rd.)
- 77. Greg Brodine Construction
- 78. Golden Cricket Refinishing (15240 Range Rd.)
- 79. L&J Mobile Home Court
- 80. Sun Valley Trailer Court
- 81. River's Edge Ranch (50025 24th Rd.)
- 82. Lewis Feedlots (8720 Keystone Rd.)



## Points of Interest

- 1. Davis Park - Tennis Court & Ball Diamond
- 1A. American Legion Baseball & Softball Complex
- 2. Pioneer Park
- 3. Windmill State Park (2625 Lowell Rd.)
- 4. Municipal Swimming Pool
- 5. Gibbon Public Schools - FBLA - GEA
- 6. Shanahan Christian School (49015 39th Rd.)
- 7. Fire Department
- 8. Post Office
- 9. Colony Acres - Gibbon Housing Authority
- 10. Centennial Manor
- 11. Heritage Center
- 12. Public Library
- 13. Faith United Methodist Church
- 14. Baptist Church
- 15. Glad Tidings Assembly of God
- 16. Spanish Assembly of God
- 17. Church of God of Prophecy
- 18. Good Samaritan Center
- 19. Gibbon/Shelton Community Center
- 20. City Hall - City of Gibbon
- 21. Valley View Golf Course (14155 Pawnee Rd.)
- 22. Gibbon Reporter Newspaper
- 23. Nebraska Central Telephone
- 24. Nebraska Public Power District (Shelton)
- 25. Union Pacific Railroad (Omaha)
- 26. KN Energy (Shelton)
- 27. Bresnan Communications (Grand Island)
- 28. National Audubon Society (44450 Elm Island Rd.)



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## LOCATION

Gibbon, a part of the Kearney Micropolitan Statistical Area, is located in the southeast portion of Buffalo County in south-central Nebraska just north of the Platte River. U.S. Highway 30 passes through Gibbon and Interstate 80 is 3 miles south. Gibbon is 13 miles northeast of Kearney, 29 miles southwest of Grand Island, and 174 miles west of Omaha.

## POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Gibbon	Buffalo County
1970	1,388	31,222
1980	1,531	34,797
1990	1,525	37,447
2000	1,759	42,259
2008 (Est.)	1,847	45,354

<b>Buffalo County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin 2008 U.S. Census</b>	
<b>One Race</b>	
White	97.1%
Black	0.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4%
Asian	0.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	*
Two or More Races	0.8%
Hispanic or Latino Origin**	5.6%
White Not Hispanic	91.7%

\*Value greater than zero but less than one-half unit of measure shown.

\*\*Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories.



The 2008 U.S. Census estimates 51,836 people live within the Kearney Micropolitan Statistical Area which includes Buffalo and Kearney Counties. The census also estimates 195,693 people live in Buffalo County and the contiguous counties of Adams, Custer, Dawson, Hall, Howard, Kearney, Phelps, and Sherman.

Approximately 350 people in Gibbon are fluent in Spanish.

## **LOCAL ECONOMY**

Basic economic activities of Gibbon include farming, cattle feeding, manufacturing, and retail sales.

Firms retail sales tax permits in Buffalo County reported 2008 net taxable retail sales of \$645,322,825. Two wholesale firms in the community distribute popcorn and automotive parts.

Economic activity increased within the community since 2005 due to an expansion of Gibbon Packing and an improving agriculture industry with the advent of three ethanol plants being constructed within 30 miles of Gibbon.

## **ELEVATION**

Gibbon is 2,061 feet above sea level.

## **TOPOGRAPHY**

Located in the middle of the Platte River Valley, which is 14 miles wide, Gibbon is bordered on each side by a range of sandy hills. The soil is predominantly sandy loam and has an unlimited supply of water for irrigation. Drainage conditions are good with the major flow to the southeast.

## **HISTORY**

A siding was built during the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad in 1866. It was named Gibbon Switch in honor of General John Gibbon, an 1847 graduate of the United States Military Academy. Records disclosed that the original town site of Gibbon was given to

General John Thorpe in exchange for establishing a townsite in Buffalo County.

Gibbon was laid out and a settlement commenced on April 7, 1871, by a colony of 85 families from Ohio and other eastern states. Gibbon was organized by the Union Pacific Railroad during the preceding winter and set up for the purpose of building homes in the young state of Nebraska. Mr. J. N. Paul, a surveyor sent by the railroad, helped the colonists by beginning a survey of the proposed townsite of Gibbon. This was later finished by C. Putman. When the townsite was surveyed, the owners donated one block for a public school, one block for a courthouse site, and a site for a church building.

The colonists faced many hardships—lack of funds, poor crops, insufficient moisture, loss of livestock, shortage of fuel, and Indians. However, contrary to original belief, Gibbon became the center of one of the most fertile sections in Buffalo County. It remained a small town but was one of the most thriving towns in proportion to its size on the line of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Gibbon was the site of the first courthouse in Buffalo County. It was erected in 1872 and built with brick manufactured in Gibbon. The courthouse was moved from Gibbon to Kearney in 1874. The first church erected in Buffalo County was the Presbyterian Church of Gibbon, completed in 1873.

Mr. I. N. Davis donated ten acres of land within village limits for a public park with the understanding it would be improved each year.

Starting in the 1950s, the nation's long distance copper telephone lines traversed central Nebraska directly through Gibbon. In the 1980s and 1990s those copper lines were switched out to fiber optics. Today four main long distance fiber optic carriers (Qwest, AT&T, Frontier, and Windstream) go through Gibbon using the right-of-way of the Union Pacific and U.S. Highway 30.

The Union Pacific Railroad tracks and U.S. Highway 30 run through the heart of Gibbon, separating the community into two sections. A viaduct over U.S. Highway 30 and the tracks was

completed in 1996 after years of study and the determination of several individuals.

Notable natives include Dick Cavett, former television talk show host, who was born November 19, 1936, in Gibbon. Cavett is known for his conversation style and in-depth discussion

of issues. He and the late Johnny Carson, also from Nebraska, are the only talk program hosts to be seen on a regular basis on United States national television in five consecutive decades, in Cavett's case the 1960s through the 2000s.



Downtown Gibbon



Arleen's Cafe



Car Wash



The Ceramic Shop



Country Inn & Suites



Fiesta Mexicana



Subway/Goodrich Ice Cream



Gibbon Gas Station



Piccadilly Circus Pizza



The Pop Inn



Rayburn Gas Station



Sportsman Grill

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### MANUFACTURERS

<u>Company/Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
Clipper Publishing 1890	Weekly newspaper & commercial printing	Local	5	None
Gibbon Packing Inc. 1969	Meat processing	National	525	None
HiTech, Inc. 1975	Crane service, grain dryers & bins, steel buildings, grain handling equipment, steel fabrication & repair	Regional	11	None
Icon Poly 2008	Fiberglass theatre/movie props and special animal figures	National	5	None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

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

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
City of Gibbon	Government	7 27*	None
Gibbon Public Schools	Education	82	NSEA
Good Samaritan Center	Nursing home/care	51	None
Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	Telecommunications	31	None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

**OTHER MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS** (within 40 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>Kearney, 13 miles</b>				
Baldwin Filters Manufacturing Co.	Oil, air & fuel filters	324	337	None
The Buckle	Retail clothing	150	370	None
Builder's Warehouse	Building supplies	65	35	None
Cabela's	Catalog sales	195	353	None
Cash-Wa Distributing	Food distribution	166	42	None
Chartwells Food Service	Contact food service	67	101	None
Chief Industries, Inc. Agri/Industrial Division	Grain drying equipment, correctional equipment	231	31	None
City of Kearney	Government	203	65	None
Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska	Community services	37	70	None
County of Buffalo	Government	99	119	None
Eaton Corp.	Automotive valves & forged gears	508	108	None
Education Service Unit 10	Education	37	64	None
Good Samaritan Health Systems	Medical	285	1,339	None
Holiday Inn/Venue	Lodging/dining	46	59	None
Kearney Clinic	Medical	21	151	None
Kearney Family YMCA	Health club/daycare	44	129	None
Kearney Public Schools	Education	191	639	KEA, NSEA

\*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>	
Marshall Engines, Inc.	Rebuilt engines	143	37	None
Menards	Retail	80	67	None
Morris Publishing Group, Inc.	Cookbooks, printing	82	143	None
Mount Carmel Home	Care home	10	100	None
Nebraska Public Power District	Electric utility	95 1*	13	None
Platte Valley Medical Group	Medical	16	130	None
Ramada Inn	Lodging/dining	56	74	None
Target	Retail, discount	196	75	None
University of Nebraska at Kearney	Education	582	884	NSEA
Wal-Mart	Retail, discount	196	290	None
West Company	Pharmaceutical stoppers & closures	164	109	None
Youth Rehabilitation & Treatment Center	Education	104	45	SCATA

**Ravenna, 24 miles**

Leprino Foods, Inc.	String cheese/mozzarella cheese	72 1*	82 3*	None
Prince of the Road/Aquila Limousine Service	Passenger transportation	6 75*	14 25*	None
Ravenna Public Schools	Education	18 12*	51 22*	NSEA

**Grand Island, 38 miles**

Bosselman Inc.	Truck stop, convenience store		300	None
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\*Part-time and/or seasonal

<b><u>Employer</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Activity</u></b>	<b>Employees</b>		<b><u>Union</u></b>
		<b><u>Male</u></b>	<b><u>Female</u></b>	
CASE IH	Forage harvesters, wind rowers, bale wagons, leaf loaders	1,100		None
Chief Automotive Systems, Inc.	Auto/truck body repair	111		None
Chief Industries	Grain bins, steel buildings, factory-built homes, sewage treatment systems, etc.	1,651		None
Credit Management	Collections	110		None
GI Veterans Affairs NE-Western IA Health Care System	Medical	300		None
Grand Island Veterans Home	Medical	400		None
Hornady Manufacturing	Rifle & pistol bullets, small arms ammunition	164		None
Leon Plastics, Inc.	Custom injection molding, plastic finishing	225		None
McCain Foods, USA	Process coated vegetables, cheese & fruit	546		None
MFS/York/Stormor	Grain bins, industrial material handling equipment, conveyers support systems/grain auguring, grain drying equipment	300		None
Overhead Door	Garage door & distribution	305		None
Principal Financial Group	Insurance & investments	800		None
Sta-Rite Industries	Pentair water	100		None
Standard Iron	Metal fabrication	200		None
Swift & Company	Beef, beef by-products, fabricated boxed beef	2,590		Yes

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Gibbon Chamber of Commerce and the city of Gibbon work with the Buffalo County Economic Development Council for economic development in the area.

The Economic Development Council of Buffalo County, a countywide focused organization, conducts a variety of activities to encourage and support continued economic development in central Nebraska. Formed in 1986 as an independent, not-for-profit corporation, the Council has a full-time professional staff to carry out its mission.

Forward thinking and focusing on economic diversity, the Council has created a five-year strategic plan, including primary job retention and creation. The Council also manages a local Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

program, income loan portfolio designed to assist qualifying projects.

The Development Council works closely with other organizations such as Nebraska Department of Economic Development, city of Gibbon, County of Buffalo, Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce, Nebraska Public Power District, and other area communities to ease the transition of new or relocating businesses.

Approximately 250 acres of land in and adjacent to Gibbon are zoned for industry. Price of industrially zoned land ranges from \$9,000 to \$12,000 per acre.

## INDUSTRIAL SITES AVAILABLE

Click [here](#) to go to Nebraska Public Power District's [searchable sites and buildings database](#).



Gibbon Packing Inc.



HiTech, Inc.



Icon Poly



Aurora Coop Farm Supply



Clevenger Farm Products

# LABOR

## LABOR SUPPLY

- A. Employment in the Gibbon labor market, which is defined as the Kearney Micropolitan Statistical Area (Buffalo and Kearney Counties) and the total labor market which consists of Buffalo County and the contiguous counties of Adams, Custer, Dawson, Hall, Howard, Kearney, Phelps, and Sherman Counties (12-month average, October 2008 through September 2009):

<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)	<u>Kearney MSA</u>	<u>Total</u>
Manufacturing	3,701	3,934
Natural Resources & Construction	1,097	1,209
Wholesale Trade	928	1,118
Retail Trade	3,830	3,949
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	808	848
Information	437	(D)
Financial Activities	879	965
Professional & Business Services	1,777	1,822
Education & Health Services	3,867	(D)
Leisure & Hospitality	3,209	3,332
Other Services	1,007	1,058
Government	4,425	4,935
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	25,963	27,897
Farm Employment	904	1,573
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	26,792	30,432
B. Commuting Out of County	4,149	N/A
C. Unemployment	969	1,104
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	27,761	31,535
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.	1,800	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	500	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	7,418	

(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

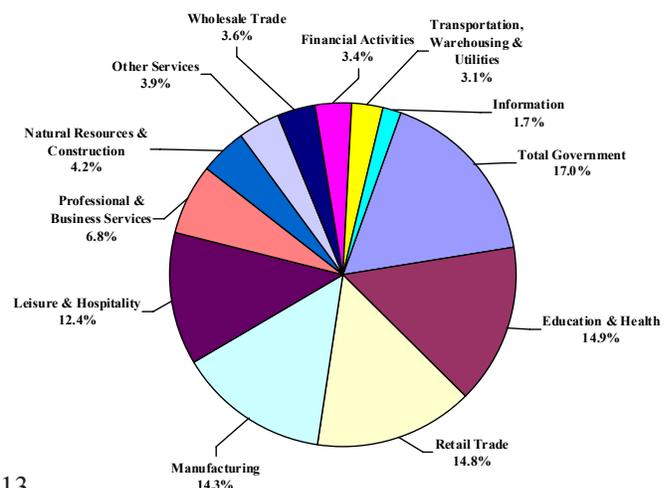
Source: Nebraska Workforce Development

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

U.S. Census

Gibbon is willing to conduct a labor survey for a prospective industry.

**NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT  
BUFFALO COUNTY  
12-MONTH AVERAGE  
OCTOBER 2008 TO SEPTEMBER 2009**



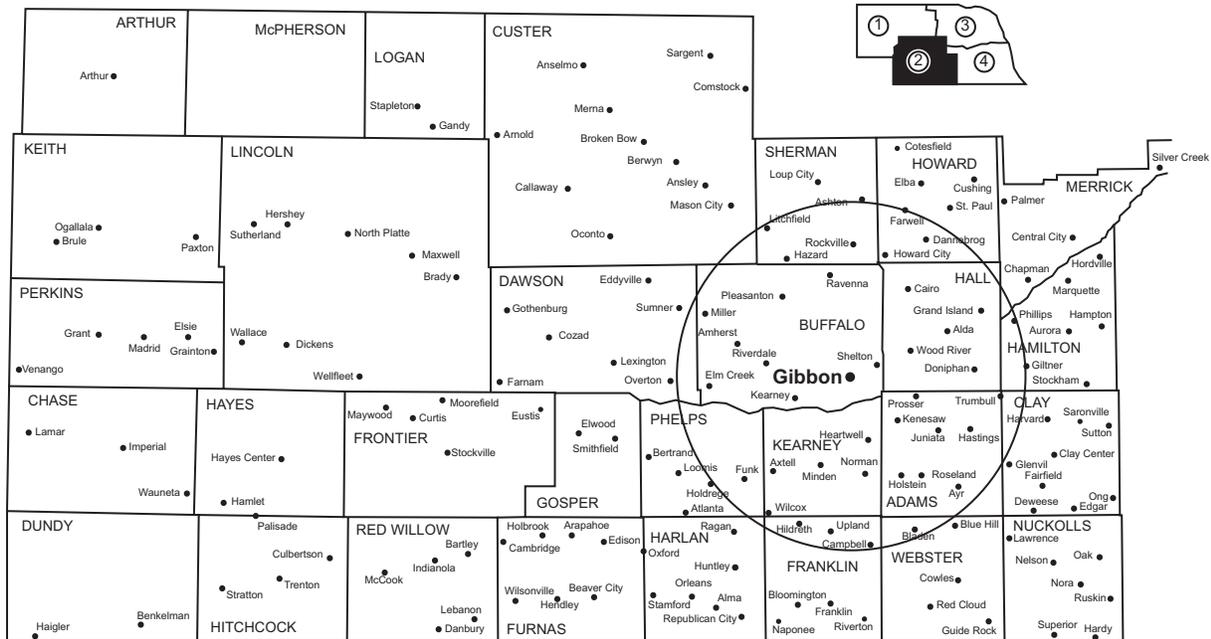
**POPULATION DATA**

Location	2000			2008		
	Density/Sq. Mile	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Age	County Median Family Income
Buffalo Co. Nebraska	43.7	89.2	30.2	11.7	31.4	\$57,500
U.S.	79.6	80.4	24.4	12.8	36.8	\$61,500

Buffalo County had 28,274 registered voters in 2008; 68.9 percent voted in the national election compared to 70.2 percent in Nebraska.

Source: U.S. Census, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)  
 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2009  
 Statewide General Election 2008 Results, [www.sos.state.ne.us](http://www.sos.state.ne.us)

**LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE GIBBON AREA**



**POPULATION DATA  
U.S. Census Estimates**

2008 Estimate		
City of Gibbon	—	1,847
Buffalo County	—	45,354
30-Mile Radius	—	144,861

Buffalo County Population Ages/Gender, 2008		
Ages	Male	Female
18-24	3,655	3,673
25-44	5,949	5,940
45-64	4,891	5,028

## UNIONIZATION

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution. In 2006, 7.9 percent of Nebraska's nonfarm wage and salary workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 12.0 percent.

Labor organizations operating in the Gibbon area:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Union</u>
Gibbon Public School	Nebraska State Education Association

It is estimated that less than 1 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in Buffalo County is unionized. There have been no known strikes. There are no unions in the manufacturing or processing labor force.

## WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Professional</b>			
Accountants & Auditors	16.74	24.29	41.66
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	16.78	26.84	41.97
Electrical Engineers	21.17	30.57	50.39
Industrial Engineers	22.13	32.64	42.22
Mechanical Engineers	22.19	32.03	44.65
Computer Programmers	13.76	22.33	35.99
Computer Systems Analysts	13.41	25.91	59.60
Registered Nurses	17.39	23.95	31.66
<b>Retail</b>			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	6.52	8.20	10.08
Retail Salespersons	6.35	8.65	17.80
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	7.20	11.63	23.75
Driver/Sales Workers	6.62	9.80	22.58
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	6.75	9.27	15.07
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	7.29	12.76	18.16
<b>Clerical</b>			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	8.45	12.92	18.40
Customer Service Representatives	6.90	11.90	18.86
Data Entry Keyers	8.31	10.45	15.34
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	7.90	11.50	15.78
Office Clerks, General	6.81	9.74	14.77
Receptionists & Information Clerks	7.95	10.13	14.88
Telemarketers	7.62	8.95	14.62

\*Wage information taken from Balance of State

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Unskilled</b>			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	7.27	10.99	15.69
Packers & Packers, Hand	6.79	9.90	13.62
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other	9.63	11.99	15.75
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	8.52	10.56	13.10
<b>Semi-Skilled</b>			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	10.27	16.36	25.47
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	10.74	16.59	28.16
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	15.64	18.72	23.66
Machine Operators			
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	10.32	17.07	20.26
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	9.69	13.80	16.47
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	10.37	12.65	15.44
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.*	8.54	11.12	17.04
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	11.06	17.43	19.71
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	12.46	17.50	21.12
<b>Skilled</b>			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	8.97	14.84	26.33
Electricians	13.62	17.20	23.29
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	13.83	18.53	24.53
Machinists	10.96	14.52	19.03
Tool & Die Makers	13.72	20.11	28.43
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	11.24	15.07	20.73
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	16.73	18.57	20.45
<b>Technical</b>			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	14.91	24.04	31.70
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	16.31	23.60	32.19
Computer Operators	10.44	12.43	19.42

\*Wage information taken from Balance of State

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Third Quarter 2009 wage estimates, All Industries, Central Region, <http://neblswages.nwd.ne.gov>.

Production workers are, for the most part, paid on a straight-time basis.

## FRINGE BENEFITS

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range from 20 to 25 percent of wages.

# TRANSPORTATION

## RAILROADS

Gibbon is served by a main line of the Union Pacific Railroad with 150–180 freight trains daily. Switching is performed by a local train crew as needed.

For further information regarding Union Pacific Railroad, contact Cheryl Schow, (308) 239-2427 or (308) 289-1911, or visit [www.uprr.com/customers/ind-dev](http://www.uprr.com/customers/ind-dev).

Amtrak provides Hastings, 46 miles southeast of Gibbon, 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 13 1/2 hours to Chicago and 45 hours to the West Coast. Amtrak has one train each way daily.

## MOTOR

### Highways

East-west U.S. Highway 30 passes through the community. There are no local load limits imposed on this highway. East-west Interstate 80 is 3 miles south and Interstate 70 is 120 miles south of the community.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	121
Omaha	174
Chicago	638
Dallas	659
Denver	375
Detroit	904
Kansas City	312
Los Angeles	1,386
Minneapolis	548
New York	1,411
St. Louis	564
San Francisco	1,503

## Trucklines

More than 11,500 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.

### Bus Line

Burlington Trailways, Arrow Bus Systems, and Greyhound Line, Inc., serve Kearney, 13 miles southwest of Gibbon. Each bus line has two buses daily providing bus parcel service. Direct service is available to Omaha, Lincoln, Iowa City, Des Moines, Cheyenne, Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Interconnections are made with other transcontinental carriers to major cities in the United States. Charter bus service is available.

Eppley Express provides direct access from Kearney to the Eppley Airfield in Omaha, the Lincoln Airport, Grand Island, and York with three buses Monday through Friday, one bus on Saturday, and two buses on Sunday.

Mid-Nebraska Community Action operates a shuttle bus out of Kearney providing transportation throughout Buffalo County.

Denver Coach provides direct access from Kearney to Scottsbluff, with stops along Interstate 80 available by reservation. Daily shuttle service is also available to the Front Range of Colorado and Denver, including Denver International Airport. Denver Coach was recently acquired by AmeriStar Transportation Services, which also offers chartered tours through AmeriStar Tours LLC Chartered Motor Coach Service, a Nebraska-based company.

## AIR

Scheduled air service is available at the Kearney Regional Airport, 13 miles west (15 minutes) and the Central Nebraska Regional Airport near Grand Island, 29 miles northeast (30 minutes). Passenger, air freight, and air express service are provided.

Airlines serving these locations:

<b>Airlines</b>	<b>Flights Daily</b>	<b>Destination</b>
<b>Kearney</b>		
Great Lakes Airlines	3	Denver International
<b>Grand Island</b>		
Great Lakes Airlines	5	Denver International
Allegiant Air	1	Las Vegas

The **Kearney Municipal Airport**, 13 miles (15 minutes) from Gibbon, provides passenger, air freight, and air express services. Public ground transportation is available via rental cars, motel shuttles, and taxi. Facilities at Kearney Municipal Airport include two paved and lighted runways (7,094 and 4,498 feet), pilots lounge, aircraft maintenance and repair, refueling, pilot training, charter, air ambulance, agriculture crop spraying, hangar storage, tie down, and other services. Four of the 64 private planes hangared at the airport are available for charter. The elevation at the airport is 2,131 feet, the latitude is 40°43'29"N and the longitude is 99°00'19"W. Car rental and free Internet access are available in the terminal. Terminal hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The **Central Nebraska Regional Airport** near Grand Island, 30 miles (30 minutes) from Gibbon, has two concrete runways (7,002' x 150' and 6,608' x 100') and is able to handle any aircraft up to 75,000 pounds gross weight. Runways and taxiways are lighted. The FAA operates an Air Traffic Control Tower 12 hours per day. The Instrument Landing System is CAT 1, which provides all weather operations. FAA facilities include VOR-DME-TACAN-VASI-ALSF-REILS-PAPI-MALS and a full ILS system including a localized, glide slope, outer marker, and middle marker. The fixed base operators offer fuel and aircraft maintenance, charter services, aircraft rental, avionics sales and service, and flight instruction. The 10,500 square foot passenger terminal offers food service, lounge, two auto rental companies, taxi, and other surface transportation. The elevation is 1,841 feet, the longitude is 40°58'05"N, and the latitude is 98°18'52"W.

Gibbon residents also utilize Lincoln Airport, 121 miles (1 3/4 hours) and Eppley Airfield at Omaha, 174 miles (2 1/2 hours).

## **WATER**

Gibbon has no nearby water transportation.

# UTILITIES

## ELECTRICITY

Gibbon is provided retail electric service by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). Service is supplied by a 69 kV subtransmission line from the Lowell 115 kV sub to the south and the Ravenna area to the north. Two distribution substations serve the Gibbon with 12,470 wye voltage configuration and a capacity in excess of 10,000 kVA. The system is connected to the statewide grid via 69 kV subtransmission and 115 kV transmission lines.

### BASE ELECTRIC RATES (effective 1/1/10)

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

### Residential Service:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$15.00 per month		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
8.88¢	7.01¢	per kWh for the first 750 kWh used per month
8.88¢	4.54¢	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of the 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:

<b>Customer Charge:</b>		
Single Phase		\$17.00 per month
Three Phase		\$21.00 per month
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
9.38¢	7.57¢	per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh used per month
9.38¢	6.30¢	per kWh for the next 2,000 kWh used per month
9.38¢	6.00¢	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of the 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:

<b>Customer Charge:</b>		
Single Phase		\$45.00 per month
Three Phase		\$50.00 per month
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
10.65¢	6.77¢	per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
4.19¢	2.92¢	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of the 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:**

<b>Customer Charge:</b>		
Single Phase		\$80.00 per month
Three Phase		\$90.00 per month
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
10.80¢	7.29¢	per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
3.90¢	2.99¢	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of the 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 for General Service Demand:**

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh <sup>1</sup>
100	30,000	8.48
100	50,000	6.67
300	90,000	8.24
300	150,000	6.53
500	150,000	8.19
500	180,000	7.49

<sup>1</sup>Includes Lease Payment and Gross Revenue Tax.

**High Tension Service:**

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$310.00 per month		
<b>Demand Charge:</b>		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
\$12.75	\$7.80	per kW of billing demand
<b>Energy Charge:</b>		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
4.45¢	3.23¢	per kWh for all on-peak energy
3.22¢	2.16¢	per kWh for all off-peak energy
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

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

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

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

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 for High Tension Service:**

<b>kW</b>	<b>kWh</b>	<b>Annual Average ¢/kWh<sup>1</sup></b>
1,000	300,000	7.20
2,500	750,000	7.13
2,500	1,250,000	5.68
5,000	1,500,000	7.10
5,000	2,500,000	5.66
10,000	6,400,000	5.18

<sup>1</sup>Includes Lease Payment. Does not include Gross Revenue Tax.

The annual average ¢/kWh cost assumes 46 percent of monthly energy is consumed during on-peak hours of the four summer months and 53 percent during on-peak hours of the eight winter months.

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

The Dawson Public Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves the rural area surrounding Gibbon. For more information regarding electrical services in the Dawson Public Power District service area, contact Robert Heins, manager, Lexington, Nebraska, (308) 324-2386, [rheinz@dawsonpower.com](mailto:rheinz@dawsonpower.com), [www.dawsonpower.com](http://www.dawsonpower.com).

## **NATURAL GAS**

Natural gas is supplied to the community of Gibbon by SourceGas through a three-inch transmission pipeline with an operating pressure of approximately 500 pounds per square inch.

SourceGas is also the distributor of natural gas within Gibbon, serving approximately 560 residential, commercial, and industrial customers. Gibbon is a Choice community and residents can bid their gas supplier.

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 Service Center, (800) 563-0012.

## **OTHER FUELS**

### **LP Gas**

LP gas is available in Gibbon for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at Aurora Cooperative and Clevenger Farm Products.

### **Oil**

Oil is available in Gibbon for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at Aurora Cooperative, Clevenger Farm Products, and Rayburn.

## **WATER**

The municipal water system in Gibbon is supplied by five wells, which have an average depth of 225 to 237 feet. The system, providing service to 100 percent of the city's population, has a combined pumping capacity of 1,175 to 1,300 gallons per minute. The city has an overhead storage capacity of 135,000 gallons and ground storage capacity of 1,000,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 400,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 1,987,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 3,007,000 gallons per day. The static pressure is 52 pounds and the residual pressure is 50 pounds per square inch.

Groundwater is available for industrial uses. A 230 foot well should produce 250–300 gallons of water per minute. The quality of water in Gibbon does necessitate a water treatment plant.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in milligrams per liter, is 250. The average tap water temperature ranges from 54° in winter to 56° in summer.

**Chemical Analysis** (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.3
Calcium	165
Total Solids	811
Magnesium	21
Iron	<DL
Nitrate	0.4
Manganese	0.34
Chloride	82
Fluoride	0.3
Sulfate	118
Total Alkalinity	203
Sodium	56
Total Hardness	250 mg/l
Potassium	9

DL= Detection limits  
mg/l = milligrams per liter

**WATER RATES** (effective 10/08)

A tapping fee of \$250 is charged for new service.

**Residential:**

<b>One-inch meter:</b>
First 5,000 gallons per month @ \$18.00
Excess gallons @ \$0.90 per 1,000 gallons
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> \$18.00 per month

**Commercial:**

<b>Two-inch meter:</b>
First 5,000 gallons per month @ \$34.00
Excess gallons @ \$0.90 per 1,000 gallons
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> \$34.00 per month

<b>Three-inch meter:</b>
First 5,000 gallons per month @ \$66.00
Excess gallons @ \$0.90 per 1,000 gallons
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> \$66.00 per month

A well was added to the water system during the last two years and financed by a \$500,000 revenue bond.

**SEWERAGE**

The Gibbon Waste Water Treatment Plant, built in 2000, has a rated maximum capacity of 2,500,000 gallons (2,000,000 gallons daily average) and 28,000 pounds of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and is designed to treat a loading high of BOD and ammonia. The significant treatment components of the plant include two anaerobic lagoons for pretreatment and a three-basin Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) system. During 2008 the plant received an average flow of 1,260,000 gallons and a daily average of 11,600 pounds of BOD. This loading required the operation of only one of the anaerobic lagoons and only two of the three SBR basins. The anaerobic lagoons are covered to contain odors associated with hydrogen sulfide and methane gas. The methane gas is flared off on a daily basis.

**Effluent limits** (in milligrams per liter):

CBOD	25
TSS	30
FOG	10
Ammonia	3.15
Nitrate	100
PH	6.5-9.0

**SEWER-USE CHARGES** (effective 10/08)

**Residential:**

\$28.00 per month
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**Commercial:**

\$28.74 minimum per month
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**Industrial\*:**

	<b>Fixed Rate</b>	<b>Variable Rate</b>	<b>Total Rate</b>
<b>FLOW</b>	\$153.20/mg	\$22.10/mg	\$175.30/mg
<b>BOD</b>	\$ 0.027/lb	\$ 0.015/lb	\$ 0.042/lb
<b>TSS</b>	\$ 0.025/lb	\$ 0.002/lb	\$ 0.027/lb
<b>FOG</b>	\$ 0.028/lb	\$ 0.002/lb	\$ 0.030/lb
<b>TKN</b>	\$ 0.089/lb	\$ 0.047/lb	\$ 0.136/lb

\*In addition, a financing charge (approximately \$52,000 per month) for the waste water treatment facility is distributed proportionately (based on loadings) among the major users. In 2008 the major users contributed the following total loads into the treatment facility:

Flow	460,040 mg
BOD	8,177,524 lbs
TSS	6,124,027 lbs
FOG	2,699,017 lbs
TKN	170,304 lbs

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

Privately owned waste removal services are contracted by the city of Gibbon. Wastes are taken to a disposal site in Grand Island.

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

**Residential:**

\$10.50 per month

**Commercial & Industrial:**

Contracted with private hauler

**RECYCLING**

A recycling trailer in Gibbon is provided by Mid-Nebraska Disposal.



Waste Water Treatment Plant



Baptist Church



Faith United Methodist Church



Iglesia Redencion Eterna Church



Templo Betel Asambleas De Dios Church

## COMMUNICATIONS

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Nebraska Central Telephone Company (NCTC) has its corporate headquarters in Gibbon. NCTC maintains a full staff in Gibbon consisting of customer service personnel, an Internet service provider with technical staff, and a number of telecommunications technicians.

NCTC has been designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) by the Nebraska Public Power Service Commission and has provided local telephone service and access to other telecommunications and Internet services to the community for more than 100 years.

The company provides high speed Internet access via DSL and direct, dedicated connections. Fiber based services to a customer location are available. Telecommunications and Internet traffic leaves the city via diverse fiber optic cable routes and transits to the Qwest Grand Island Tandem. In the event of disaster, recovery plans are in place at the company for restoral of service via switching from another company location.

A primary switching center for NCTC is housed at the headquarters location in Gibbon. The switch is a Coppercom digital softswitch and is provisioned with backup batteries as well as a backup diesel generator. Unmetered local calling to and from Shelton is a non-optional component of the standard local service provided to Gibbon at a cost of \$1.50 per month for residential and \$2.75 per month for business customers.

#### TARIFFED RATES (effective 1/1/09)

Residence Line	\$17.50 per month
Business Line	\$27.50 per month
DID Trunk	\$40.00 per month

### INTERNET

Local Internet access is provided by the Nebraska Central Telephone Company (NCTC) and Charter Communication with cable modem access.

### POST OFFICE

The post office in Gibbon has one mail receipt and two mail dispatches daily. The nearest general mail facility is located in Kearney, 13 miles, or Grand Island, 30 miles.

### PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	Federal Express	UPS	U.S. Postal Service
<b>Latest Pick-up Time</b>	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
<b>Earliest Delivery</b>	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
<b>Next Day Delivery Guarantee</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Saturday Delivery Guarantee</b>	Yes	Yes	No

### NEWSPAPER

The Gibbon Reporter, with 831 subscribers, is the local weekly newspaper. Other newspapers delivered locally are the Kearney Hub, Grand Island Independent, and the Omaha-World Herald.

### RADIO

Radio stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KGFW-AM	1340 KHz	Kearney
KQKY-FM	105.9 MHz	Kearney
KRNY-FM	102.3 MHz	Kearney
KKPR-FM	98.9 MHz	Kearney
KKPR-AM	1460 KHz	Kearney
KRGI-AM	1430 KHz	Grand Island
KRGI-FM	96.5 MHz	Grand Island
KMMJ-AM	750 KHz	Grand Island
KLRB-FM	97.3 MHz	Grand Island
KSYZ-FM	107.7 MHz	Grand Island

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KHAS-AM	1230 KHz	Hastings
KICS-AM	1550 KHz	Hastings
KICS-FM	93.5 MHz	Hastings
KROA-FM	95.7 MHz	Doniphan
KRVN-AM	880 KHz	Lexington
KRVN-FM	91.3 MHz	Lexington

## TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KGIN	10/11	Grand Island/ Lincoln
KHAS	5	Hastings
KHGI	13	Kearney
KTVG	17	Grand Island

Cable television is available from Charter Communications.



Gibbon Post Office



Nebraska Central Telephone Company

## TAX STRUCTURE

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

All real property is subject to tax at market value. Agricultural land is valued at 80 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		
	2007	2008	2009
Real Estate	\$48,979,455	\$50,412,520	\$51,890,210
Personal Property	5,068,218	5,094,756	5,133,513
Special (railroad and utilities)	2,878,332	3,123,110	3,449,355
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$56,926,005</u>	<u>\$58,630,386</u>	<u>\$60,473,078</u>

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

	2007	2008	2009
Gibbon Township	\$0.058623	\$0.537170	\$0.050668
City	.517375	.513956	.517687
County	.397713	.461658	.373068
School District	1.380497	1.350837	.950029
Community College	.081610	.090980	.099275
Educational Service Unit	.015000	.015000	.015000
Natural Resource District	.087283	.055920	.047295
Agricultural Society	.027136	.168197	.020481
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2.565237</u>	<u>\$2.714506</u>	<u>\$2.073503</u>

The tax rate at the industrial site outside the city limits is \$1.995759 per \$100 of actual value.

### CITY SALES TAX

The city of Gibbon imposes a 1 percent city sales tax.

### LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of December 31, 2009:

City—Revenue Bonds	\$470,000
City—General Obligation Bonds	None
School District	\$15,950,000
County	\$24,500,000

## CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 10/20/09	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Revenue					
Water	7/1/2006	\$500,000	\$470,000	3.75-4.5	5/1/26

## SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 6/09	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
School Construction	12/06	\$10,000,000	\$9,815,000	3.40-4.25	12/27
School Construction	1/07	\$6,310,000	\$6,055,000	3.35-4.20	12/27

## COUNTY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 10/20/09	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
County Jail Bond	12/1/08	\$24,500,000	\$24,500,000	4.0-6.0	6/15/38



Gibbon City Hall



Gibbon Fire Hall

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Buffalo County has 26 townships and is governed by a seven-member board of supervisors, elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next general election will be held in 2010. The county budget for 2009–10 is \$40,397,551. Buffalo County belongs to the South Central Economic Development District, which includes 12 counties.

Zoning classifications are:

AG	Agricultural
AGR	Agricultural/Residential
C	Commercial
I	Industrial

## MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Gibbon, a second-class city, has a mayor-council form of government with a city administrator. The 2009–10 actual budget is \$6,600,000. The next election will be held in 2010.

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
<b>Appointed</b>	
City Administrator	Indefinite
City Treasurer	Indefinite

## FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided in the community by a 37-member volunteer fire department; 18 members are EMT certified. The department provides protection for areas outside the community limits by operating the Rural Fire District's equipment.

Gibbon has 97 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification both inside and outside the corporate limits is 6. Annual expenditures for fire protection during the last three years averaged \$260,000.

Equipment in the fire department:

Year/Make	Description
1997 Ford	250 gallon water tanker
2001 Freightliner	900 gallon water tanker
1981 Chevy	250 gallon water tanker
1985 Chevy	200 gallon water tanker
1986 Chevy	750 gallon water tanker
2003 Chevy	Grass fire rig
2001 Ford	Ambulance
1994 Ford	Ambulance

Estimated fire losses for the past five years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2008	\$80,000
2007	\$40,000
2006	\$100,000
2005	\$30,000
2004	\$60,000

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Police Department

The city of Gibbon contracts with the Buffalo County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement. Three deputies live in Gibbon.

### Sheriff's Department

The Buffalo County Sheriff's Department in Kearney employs 14 road patrol deputies, 1 D.A.R.E. deputy, 1 K-9 deputy, 1 civil process deputy, 2 investigators, 2 community service officers, 2 secretaries, 1 communications supervisor, 14 communications officers, 1 operations captain, and 1 chief deputy. Regular 24-hour patrol provides protection to existing industries.

The Buffalo County 911 Communications Center is a division of the Support Services Division of the Buffalo County Sheriff’s Office. Located in the Kearney/Buffalo County Law Enforcement Center, the 911 center is responsible for all requests for service from police, fire, and emergency medical services. The center, staffed by 1 supervisor, 1 part-time, and 12 full-time communications officers, operate 24 hours a day. All communications officers are certified to operate the teletype system, which allows communications with any other law enforcement agency in the nation. The officers are also certified in Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) to provide pre-arrival instructions to emergency medical calls; information is then relayed to the responding rescue unit, cutting the response time for medical assistance to zero.

Crime rates per 1,000 population, 2008:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>Property Crimes</b>
Buffalo County	1.8	22.6
Nebraska	3.0	30.9
U.S.	4.5	32.1

**State Patrol**

Troop C of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Grand Island, 38 miles southeast of Gibbon, and serves 17 counties. Seven troopers and one sergeant from the Road Operations Division are assigned to the Kearney/Gibbon/Ravenna area as well as others assigned to the Criminal and Drug Division.

**STREETS**

Gibbon has 22 miles of streets, 17 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete. There are no load restrictions. All of the streets have curbs and 100 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance include street sweeping, snow removal, and street striping.

**BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS**

The National Building Plumbing and Wiring Codes are enforced in Gibbon. Local zoning classifications are:

- R-1, R-2 & R-3 Residential
- TA-1 & A-1 Agriculture
- C-1 & C-2 Commercial District
- I-1 Light Industrial
- I-2 General Industrial
- F-1 Flood Plain
- F-2 Conservation District
- H-1 Historical Site District

**PLANNING**

Gibbon has a five-member planning commission. Each of the members is appointed for a three-year term by the city council.

A Comprehensive Plan for Gibbon was prepared in 1992 by Hanna:Keelan of Lincoln, Nebraska. The plan was revised in 1999 by the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

# COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

### Gibbon School System

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary	20	299	1:13	1:5
Jr.–Sr. High School	19	253	1:9	1:1

School District No. 10-0002 in Buffalo County covers approximately 30 square miles and had a 2008–09 actual valuation of \$235,522,359 or \$426,671 per student. This Class 3, Type K–6, 6 district is accredited by the state of Nebraska and North Central Association.

The 2008–09 school operating expenses totaled \$5,562,000, with an average cost per pupil of \$10,113.

The combined elementary/junior-senior high school was built in 2009 and has a maximum capacity of 700.



**Gibbon Public Schools**

#### Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
7th Grade Terra Nova Test	100	55
ACT	77	21 Composite Score

It is estimated that 98 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 77 percent of the

graduating seniors attend college, and 16 percent of the seniors enter the labor market or military.

Vocational courses offered in high school include welding, woodworking, CAD design, general shop, carpentry, small engines, keyboarding, advanced composite applications, web design, and business. Adult education programs are available in conjunction with the Central Community College. Courses are offered in academic, vocational, and recreational classes.

The school system offers special education for the handicapped. The elementary school has a self-contained program. The school district employs one speech-language pathologist and two elementary and one secondary resource teacher.

#### Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 10 (ESU) serves 11 counties, including Buffalo County, since 1965. Through its Kearney headquarters, more than 90 public and private school districts with an enrollment of approximately 30,000 students receive services in Network Information Systems (help desk and consultation, hardware and software installation, network operations management, technology planning, security audits, technical training and support, software development, software training, network and systems administration training, distance education cooperative, media center, and computer/audio visual service center, and star lab), Special Services (special education, supervision, audiology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, preschool handicapped, resource teachers, speech pathology, school nurse coordination, psychological cooperative,

vocational evaluations and transition cooperative, assisted technology, and traumatic brain injury consortium), Professional Development (federal and state grant consortium coordination, schoolwide and individual professional training, migrant education, English as a second language, Title 1 cooperative, student academic competitions, and leadership skill development), and Cooperative Purchasing Programs.

### **Special Schools**

Head Start is a preschool program for children who are not a part of the school system. The program is available to families who meet income guidelines. Children learn through health and nutrition services, play, and “hands on” experiences including field trips. Parents and volunteers are essential to the program.

**Mid-Nebraska Individual Services** in Kearney provides services in homes, workplaces, and in the community for people with developmental disabilities. A range of support, from part-time to 24-hour assistance, is provided according to individual needs. Evaluation, teaching, placement, and ongoing assistance are all part of a systematic approach to ensuring a person’s quality of life.

**Vocational Rehabilitation** is a state agency/branch of the Department of Education in Kearney providing career counseling, job retraining, and employment services to anyone with a physical, learning, or psychiatric disability.

Vocational Rehabilitation services include evaluation, counseling and guidance, rehabilitation technology services, independent living, and job placement.

**The Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center** was established by the Nebraska Legislature in 1879 when 32 acres were donated by the city of Kearney to construct a two-story brick building and school to house juvenile offenders. The buildings, financed by an appropriation of \$10,000 from the State Legislature, were completed in 1881. The administration strives toward rehabilitation of young men through a program of rehabilitation,

education, service work, and recreation. The goal is to return a well-rounded young man to his community where he can serve as a useful citizen. The program has a capacity for 150 students from ages 12 to 19.

### **Community College**

Gibbon is served by the **Central Community College** which encompasses a 25-county area. 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 2008–09 academic year, 25,061 students were enrolled in Central Community College courses.

**Certificate, Diploma, and Degree Programs:** Central Community College offers 33 career and technical education programs and an academic transfer program for students planning to transfer to four-year colleges. 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.

—**Online Learning:** All courses needed to complete an associate of arts or associate of science degree are available online, in addition to courses from career and technical programs. More than 200 courses are available online.

**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 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 associations, 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.

<b>Central Community College</b>			
<b>2008–09 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	144	NA	NA
Agriculture	13	10	9
Associate Degree in Nursing	63	NA	NA
Auto Body Technology	7	6	67
Automotive Technology	11	3	2
Business Administration/Accounting	58	52	87
Commercial Art	7	9	12
Commercial Horticulture	6	3	13
Construction Technology	11	17	28
Criminal Justice	11	NA	0
Dental Assisting	7	12	NA
Dental Hygiene	14	NA	NA
Diesel Technology	12	15	68
Drafting	27	23	28
Electrical Technology	9	1	5
Electronics Technology	5	0	8
Early Childhood Education	24	18	19
Health Information Management Services	11	11	4
Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	0	0	1
Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts	6	4	21

NA-Not available

<b>Central Community College</b>			
<b>2008–09 Academic Year</b>			
(Note: Numbers can be duplicated between award levels)			
<b>Program</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Diploma</b>	<b>Certificate</b>
Human Services	12	10	0
Industrial Technology	15	15	62
Information Technology	20	10	19
Machine Shop Technology	6	6	15
Media Arts	13	13	39
Medical Assisting	11	2	13
Medical Technology	7	NA	NA
Office Technology	12	21	26
Paralegal	4	2	2
Parts Sales & Management	2	2	0
Practical Nursing	NA	59	NA
Quality Control	2	NA	8
Truck Driving	NA	NA	29
Welding Technology	7	15	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>617</b>

NA-Not available

### **Kearney Center**

The Kearney Center is located 13 miles from Gibbon. Facilities include distance learning classrooms for satellite and televised classes, an adult education classroom and testing center, two general classrooms, a business and industry training classroom, a computer lab, a library, a practical nursing classroom and lab area, and a testing area.

Educational opportunities available through the center include:

- A Practical Nursing program that prepares graduates for licensing and careers as licensed practical nurses.
- College credit classes through the Community Education program offered in collaboration with Kearney Public Schools
- Individualized college credit classes through learning centers
- Classes offered through distance learning technology
- Avocational/recreational classes
- Adult Education

- GED high school equivalency diploma classes and testing
- English as a Second Language classes
- Certificate, diploma, and degree programs
- Business and professional training

### **Colleges and Universities**

The **University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK)**, [www.unk.edu](http://www.unk.edu), is a student-centered regional hub of intellectual, cultural, and artistic excellence that has been a prominent part of Nebraska’s higher education landscape for more than a century. As one of four campuses of the University of Nebraska, UNK offers access to all the opportunities of a major public university, while preserving the personalized approach students may receive in a small, private campus.

UNK has a wide variety of programs that lead to exciting careers, nationally-renowned faculty, a nationally-recognized program of undergraduate research, and a rich and diverse campus life. But what truly distinguishes UNK is its commitment to providing an outstanding education in a

small and personal setting. It is a university that quickly transforms more than 6,500 students from across the globe into a close-knit, supportive community of friends. It is a place they will forever call “home.”

Founded in 1903 by the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska State Normal School began classes in September 1905. In 1921, reflecting the rapid growth in enrollment and need for teachers, the name was changed to the Nebraska State Teachers College at Kearney. Then, in 1963, it became Kearney State College after comprehensive changes were made to Nebraska’s college system. On July 1, 1991, the campus joined the University of Nebraska systems and became the University of Nebraska at Kearney, beginning a new era.

Today, 5,013 undergraduate and 1,619 graduate students are enrolled in UNK’s four colleges—Business and Technology, Education, Fine Arts and Humanities, and Natural and Social Sciences. Students can select from among 25 pre-professional programs, 170 undergraduate degree options, and more than 30 graduate degree programs. Students from all of Nebraska’s 93 counties, 47 states, and 46 foreign countries are attracted to UNK’s record of academic achievement. UNK is the only campus in Nebraska to participate in the National Student Exchange that allows students to attend one of 175 other universities or colleges across the continent for a semester or a year, often at UNK tuition rates. On-campus housing is available in eight traditional-style residence halls, three suite-style residence halls, two Greek complexes, and one university apartment complex.

Offering more than 160 student organizations, enriching music and performing arts programs, lively intramurals program, and an intercollegiate athletics program, UNK creates a diverse and enriching environment.

With a student-to-faculty ratio of 16:1, UNK’s students benefit from 400 faculty members widely recognized for excellence in both scholarship and teaching. Moreover, in the last decade, the University of Nebraska at Kearney’s 513-acre campus has undergone remarkable transformation, as investments totaling more than \$80 million have renovated, expanded, or refurbished every academic building, residence hall, the Nebraskan Student Union, and Foster Field. In 2008 the Antelope/Nester three-building complex of suite-style residence halls opened and in 2009 UNK dedicated a completely renovated Bruner Hall of Science complex which features the latest design in teaching and research labs and a dramatically-designed new wing housing a state-of-the-art planetarium.

The Calvin T Ryan Library at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, primarily serving the students, faculty, and staff of the University, is also open to the general public. The library offers free access to a wide array of computer and Internet-based resources. Collection includes more than 210,000 book titles and more than 250,000 volumes, 1,250 print periodical subscriptions, and 114,000 periodical volumes. In addition, the library subscribes to more than 100 electronic databases through which users have access to more than 15,000 full-text electronic periodicals.

The UNK library has been a select U.S. Government Depository since 1962. The collection consists of more than 275,000 items in print and micro-formats with growing access to U.S. Government Publications in electronic formats. The library is also a Nebraska State Depository that includes approximately 17,000 items.

Enrollment & Degrees Conferred by College 2008–2009 Academic Year			
College	Fall 2009 Enrollment	Degrees	
		Baccalaureate	Masters/Specialist
Business & Technology	1,279	308	19
Education	2,104	248	236
Fine Arts & Humanities	795	157	17
Natural & Social Sciences	1,821	253	50
University College— Pre-professional academic programs	651	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,650</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>322</b>

### Other Schools

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

Community/ College or University	Mileage
<b>Kearney</b> University of Nebraska at Kearney	13
<b>Grand Island</b> Central Community College, Grand Island Campus	38
<b>Hastings</b> Central Community College, Hastings Campus Creighton University School of Nursing Hastings College	46
<b>York</b> York Junior College	74
<b>North Platte</b> Mid-Plains Community College	113
<b>Lincoln</b> University of Nebraska-Lincoln	121
<b>Omaha</b> University of Nebraska at Omaha	174

### CHURCHES

Denomination	Number of Churches
Assembly of God	1
Assembly of God (Spanish)	1

Denomination	Number of Churches
Baptist (American)	1
Church of God of Prophecy	1
United Methodist	1

### HEALTH CARE

#### Clinic

**Gibbon Family Dentistry** provides dental services in Gibbon.

The **Gibbon Medical Clinic** is open half days on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A physician assistant from the Shelton Medical Clinic, six miles east, staffs the facility.

**Mid-Nebraska Community Action** holds screenings for diabetes and cardiovascular disease at the health center in Kearney.

#### Rescue Squad

The **Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department** has 18 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) who respond to rescue calls with two fully equipped emergency units. Several members of the squad are trained for operating the defibrillator.

#### Hospital

**Good Samaritan Hospital** is a faith-based, nonprofit health care provider serving more than 355,000 people within 38,300 square miles in central and western Nebraska and northern Kansas. The Kearney-based health system is a member of Catholic Health Initiatives, one of



Gibbon Family Dentistry, P.C.



Good Samaritan Center Nursing Home



Gibbon Public Library



Gibbon-Shelton Community Center

the largest Catholic healthcare networks in the country.

Good Samaritan Hospital is a medical/surgical, 207-bed facility. Services offered include the state's first certified chest pain center, open heart surgery, acute care, AirCare emergency helicopter service, comprehensive neurosurgery, peripheral vascular surgery Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, permanent MRI, and a 24-hour emergency room staff. Inpatient services include medicine, surgery, obstetrics, pediatrics, and coronary intensive care. Specialized programs include a full-service cardiovascular care program, orthopedic and joint replacement services, cancer care, and a Level II Trauma Center.

Rehabilitation services are enhanced through an inpatient rehabilitation unit and industrial rehabilitation known as Company Care. Comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services support the inpatient care program. These services include pathology, clinical laboratory, blood bank, histopathology, EEG, EKG, MRI, respiratory therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy, radiology, CT scanner, nuclear medicine, renal dialysis, ultrasound, echocardiography, angiography, neonatal intensive care, home health care, pulmonary function laboratory, and radiation therapy unit.

The original hospital was built in 1923; six additions have been completed since 1980. In 2005, Good Samaritan opened its West Tower, which houses expanded intensive and progressive care units. This latest addition to a growing campus was designed to take advantage of emerging technology coupled with a focus on the patient's comfort and recovery. Near the West Tower, a new, stand-alone Cancer Center provides medical and radiation oncology. The Cancer Center is accredited with the American College of Surgeons.

**Good Samaritan's Richard H. Young Hospital** is an 80-bed behavioral health facility offering inpatient, outpatient, and partial hospitalization treatment for adults and adolescents. Complete acute care and psychiatric counseling services are provided.

The **Saint Francis Medical Center**, built in 1978 with an addition in 2007, is a 163-bed regional hospital located in Grand Island, 29 miles northeast of Gibbon. Services at this hospital, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, include labor-delivery, neonatal intensive care, emergency room, level 3 trauma center, skilled nursing, cardiology, alcohol and drug treatment, and home health care. Medical transfer is available by helicopter and ambulance.

The **Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center** in Grand Island, has a capacity of 58 general medical beds, 20 beds for alcohol and drug treatment, and 76 nursing home care beds. Services include general medical and out-patient surgery. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

## NURSING HOMES

**Gibbon Good Samaritan Center** opened in Gibbon in 1959 with a capacity of 25 beds. Operating as a skilled nursing facility under the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, the center utilizes the most up-to-date technological health care practices and offers current educational opportunities for staff. The center is certified by Medicare and Medicaid and provides physical therapy, 24-hour nursing care, and adult daycare.

**Hearthside Cottage**, a 10-unit assisted living facility constructed adjacent to the Gibbon Good Samaritan Center, opened in 2002.

## LIBRARY

The **Gibbon Public Library**, with 13,500 volumes and an average annual circulation of 18,028, provides an automated card catalog. The library has 20 computers with access to Internet; 3 computers are located in the children's area. Library activities include weekly preschool story time and after school story time as well as monthly Tween Time (4th and 8th grades). The library also conducts beginning computer classes. Lunch Brunch and Book Club are also held monthly at the library.

## RECREATION

There are five parks in Gibbon covering 27 acres. Facilities include one lighted, hard-surfaced tennis court, picnic tables and grills; shelters; swimming pool with shower facilities; and standard playground equipment. A ball multiplex with four fields, rest rooms, and concessions was completed in 2000. Three playgrounds have standard playground equipment. The city has one full-time and three seasonal park employees with an average annual park budget of \$100,000 and average pool budget of \$50,000.

### Area facilities:

Boating	— Cottonmill Lake, 15 miles; Fort Kearny State Park, 15 miles; State Lakes, 50 miles; and area sand pits
Bowling	— 1 bowling alley with 25 lanes within 13 miles
Fishing	— Excellent fishing for catfish, crappie, bass, and bluegill.
Golf Courses	— 1 public 9-hole grass greens course with clubhouse; 4 other courses within 20 miles
Hunting	— Excellent hunting for pheasant, quail, deer, duck, geese, rabbit, and squirrel
Skating	— Ice skating on area lakes in season and Viaero Events Center, roller rink within 13 miles and Viaero Events Center
Swimming	— Pool in the park; water park within 30 miles
Tennis	— 1 lighted hard-surfaced court
Theatres	— 1 outdoor and 12 indoor theatres within 13 miles
Volleyball	— 2 sand volleyball courts

The Fourth of July celebration is held annually with a parade, community picnic, road rally, games, dance, and tractor pull.

Summer recreation programs include baseball, softball, spring and fall soccer, and swimming lessons.

The **Gibbon-Shelton Community Center** is a component of the Mid-Nebraska Community Services, Inc., working with the elderly, handicapped, and low-income to create a spirit of care and concern for their well being. Services include commodity food, weatherization, immunization and blood pressure clinics, “Reading is Fundamental” program, housing, homeless program, handicapped support group, SenLow bus transportation, senior citizens’ dinners, social gatherings, clothes closet, food pantry, elderly housekeeping, kids team network, emergency assistance, children’s car seats for loan, and referral service to various agencies.

**Windmill Park**, a 170-acre state recreation area, is located three miles south of Gibbon and has facilities for swimming, boating, fishing, and camping.

The **Gibbon Heritage Center**, a bicentennial museum established in 1976, collects and preserves those artifacts representing the life of the people of Gibbon, both the past and present.

**Rowe Sanctuary**, located in the heart of the magnificent crane staging area eight miles south of Gibbon, offers guided trips to view the world’s largest concentration of sandhill cranes from observation blinds on the banks of the Platte River. The trips are conducted every year during March and early April, when more than 500,000 sandhill cranes along with hundreds of thousands of ducks and geese converge on the Platte and can be viewed in huge gatherings on their nighttime roosts. Trips to the observation blinds are timed to provide the best opportunities to see this spectacle. The sanctuary offers the best viewing blinds and group sizes are limited to maintain the quality and uniqueness of the experience.

Other attractions located within 13 miles of Gibbon include the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Tri-City Storm Hockey Team. Spectators can enjoy a high level competition in a variety of team and individual sports.

The **Great Platte River Road Archway Monument**, 13 miles southwest, celebrates the opening up of the west and the subsequent joining together of a bicoastal nation. The archway is located where the great trails of the past converge with the highways of today and the technology of the future. The only museum that straddles an Interstate highway, it is an impressive architectural work filled with interactive exhibits.

The **Museum of Nebraska Art** contains the state's official collection of art work featuring works created by Nebraskans or focusing on Nebraska as the subject.

**Fort Kearny State Historical Park** served as the most important Nebraska outpost protecting thousands of westward-bound pioneers during the middle of the 19th century.

**Fort Kearny State Recreational Area** features a 152-acre camping area, fishing, sand beach swimming, and hike/bike trails.

**Pioneer Village**, one of Nebraska's leading attractions in Minden, 20 miles south of Gibbon, plays host to people from all over the world. Live demonstrations and more than 50,000 historic exhibits are featured.

**Kearney Area Children's Museum** encourages children and adults to experience learning in a hands-on environment at their new center.

**Frank House**, listed on the National Register of Historical Places, is a three-story mansion built in Kearney by industrialist G. W. Frank at the turn of the century. It features a stunning Tiffany stained glass window and elaborate wood detailing.

**Chevyland U.S.A.** contains one of America's largest and best collections of vintage Chevrolets.

**Cookbooks by Morris Press**, located in Kearney, is one of the nation's largest publishers of funding

cookbooks. A showroom features hundreds of family and other organizational cookbooks from around the country.

**Cabela's Showroom** in Kearney features wildlife displays and is a retail store for the nation's foremost outdoor outfitter.

Cultural activities within 45 miles are provided by the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney Community Theatre, Museum of Nebraska Art, Children's Museum, Trails and Rails Museum, Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, House of Yesterday, Hastings Planetarium, and IMAX Theatre.

## HOUSING

### New Construction

Five hundred seventy-six new homes were constructed in 2008-09 in Buffalo County. The cost of new home construction averages \$140 per square foot.

### Buffalo County Housing Market (as of 12/09):

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

Less than \$100,000	68
\$100,001-\$150,000	59
\$150,001-\$200,000	55
\$200,001-\$250,000	20
\$250,001-over	29

#### Residential Sales 2007 2008

# Sold	650	589
Total Price	\$85,549,163	\$78,430,664
Avg. Price	\$131,614	\$133,159
Median Price	\$127,000	\$129,780
Avg. Days on Market	101	104

#### Rentals

Executive Style Home - 3,000 sq. ft.	\$1,000
Apartment - 2 bedroom	\$600

### Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

**Colony Acres**, a 15-unit low rent housing complex for the elderly and handicapped, was built through the Department of Housing &

Urban Development. Facilities include laundry, and community room. Church services are held and meals on wheels are provided seven days a week.

The **Gibbon Centennial Manor**, built in 1969, is a 12-unit housing facility for senior citizens.

### **Assisted Living**

**Hearthside Cottage**, completed in 2002, is a 10-unit assisted living facility located adjacent to the Good Samaritan Center.

### **FINANCIAL**

Exchange Bank is located in Gibbon.



Housing in Gibbon



Swimming Pool



Playground Equipment



Playground Equipment



Gibbon Shelter



Gibbon Park



Gibbon Museum



Colony Acres



Gibbon Centennial Manor



Hearthside Cottage Assisted Living

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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### PROFESSIONAL

Attorneys.....	1
Auctioneers .....	1
Certified Public Accountants .....	1
Chiropractors.....	1
Dentists .....	2
Medical Doctors (residing in Gibbon) —family practitioners .....	1
Nurse Practitioners.....	1
Nurses, Registered .....	15
Veterinarians .....	1

### BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies.....	2
Antique Shops.....	1
Apparel Stores—combination.....	1
Auto Repair & Service.....	6
Auto Supply Parts .....	1
Automobile Dealers (new & used) .....	1
Automobile Repair Garages.....	6
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums .....	1
Barber Shops.....	1
Beauty Salons.....	2
Carpet & Rug Dealers.....	1
Caterers .....	1
Ceramic Shops .....	1
Child Care Services.....	8
Contractors—building.....	9
—carpentry.....	9
—concrete .....	2
—electric .....	2
—excavating.....	1
—flooring .....	4
—general .....	9
—gravel .....	1
—heating & air conditioning.....	1
—painting.....	2
—remodeling & repairing .....	9
—roofing .....	6
Convenience Stores.....	2
Day Care .....	8
Fast Food Establishments .....	1
Fertilizers .....	2
Funeral Homes.....	1
Grain Dealers .....	1
Grocery Stores .....	1

Hardware Stores.....	1	
Health Clubs.....	1	
Insurance Companies.....	2	
Laundromats.....	1	
Lawn Services.....	2	
Lumberyards.....	1	
Motels.....	1	(5 rooms)
Preschools.....	2	
Real Estate Firms.....	1	
Restaurants.....	3	
Service Stations.....	5	
Specialized Shops (testing labs, special equipment repair, etc.).....	1	
Welding Shops.....	2	



American Legion Post 310



EB Exchange Bank

## AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

### AGRICULTURE

2007 Statistics	Buffalo County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	949	47,712
Land in Farms (acres)	612,171	45,480,358
Average Size of Farms (acres)	645	953
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$259,674,000	\$15,506,035,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$273,629	\$324,992
Total Acres Irrigated	524,378	8,558,559
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	85.6%	18.8%
<b>Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2004–2008)</b>		
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)	104,240 tons	4,232,000 tons
All Wheat	410,060 bu.	69,730,000 bu.
Corn for Grain	33,489,680 bu.	1,326,770,000 bu.
Oats	21,275 bu.*	2,878,000 bu.
Sorghum For Grain	114,550 bu.*	22,998,000 bu.
Soybeans	3,697,780 bu.	225,334,000 bu.
<b>Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2005–2009)</b>		
All Cattle	104,400	6,470,000

\*4-year average

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2004–2009  
2007 Census of Agriculture

### RAW MATERIALS

Sand and gravel, nonmetallic minerals, are available in commercial quantities; however, metallic minerals are not found in the Buffalo County area.

Alfalfa, grown in the area, is shipped in powder and pellet form to other areas for use in various types of commercial feed.

George Spencer Vineyard was established near Gibbon in 1998. Four varieties of grapes are grown and transported to Cuthills Vineyard and Winery in Pierce, Nebraska, to be made into wine.

# CLIMATE

## TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature			Precipitation		Humidity*	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	11.6	23.6	35.6	0.47	4.9	77	65
February	16.0	28.0	40.2	0.63	5.4	78	63
March	24.5	37.2	50.0	1.39	5.6	79	59
April	36.6	49.6	62.6	2.48	1.7	79	53
May	47.9	60.2	72.6	3.83	0.1	82	56
June	58.1	70.4	82.8	3.94	0.0	82	54
July	63.2	76.1	89.0	3.17	0.0	84	57
August	61.0	74.1	87.2	2.75	0.0	86	58
September	51.0	64.8	78.5	2.29	0.1	84	55
October	38.4	52.6	66.9	1.60	0.7	79	51
November	25.0	37.7	50.4	0.86	3.0	80	60
December	15.4	26.9	38.5	0.62	5.2	79	65
<b>Annual</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>24.04</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>58</b>

\*Recorded at Grand Island Weather Station

## FROST DATA

Average date of spring freeze probability .....	May 8
Average date of fall freeze probability .....	September 28
Average length of freeze free season probability .....	143 days
Average number of heating degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	6,315
Average number of cooling degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	1,036
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average) .....	12
Prevailing wind direction (annual average) .....	South

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1894–2009, [www.hprcc.unl.edu](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu)