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POPULATION

(Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009 Est.</u>
Holdrege	5,636	5,121
Phelps County	9,747	9,032
Labor Market*	98,080	99,105

*Includes Phelps County and contiguous counties

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INTRODUCTION

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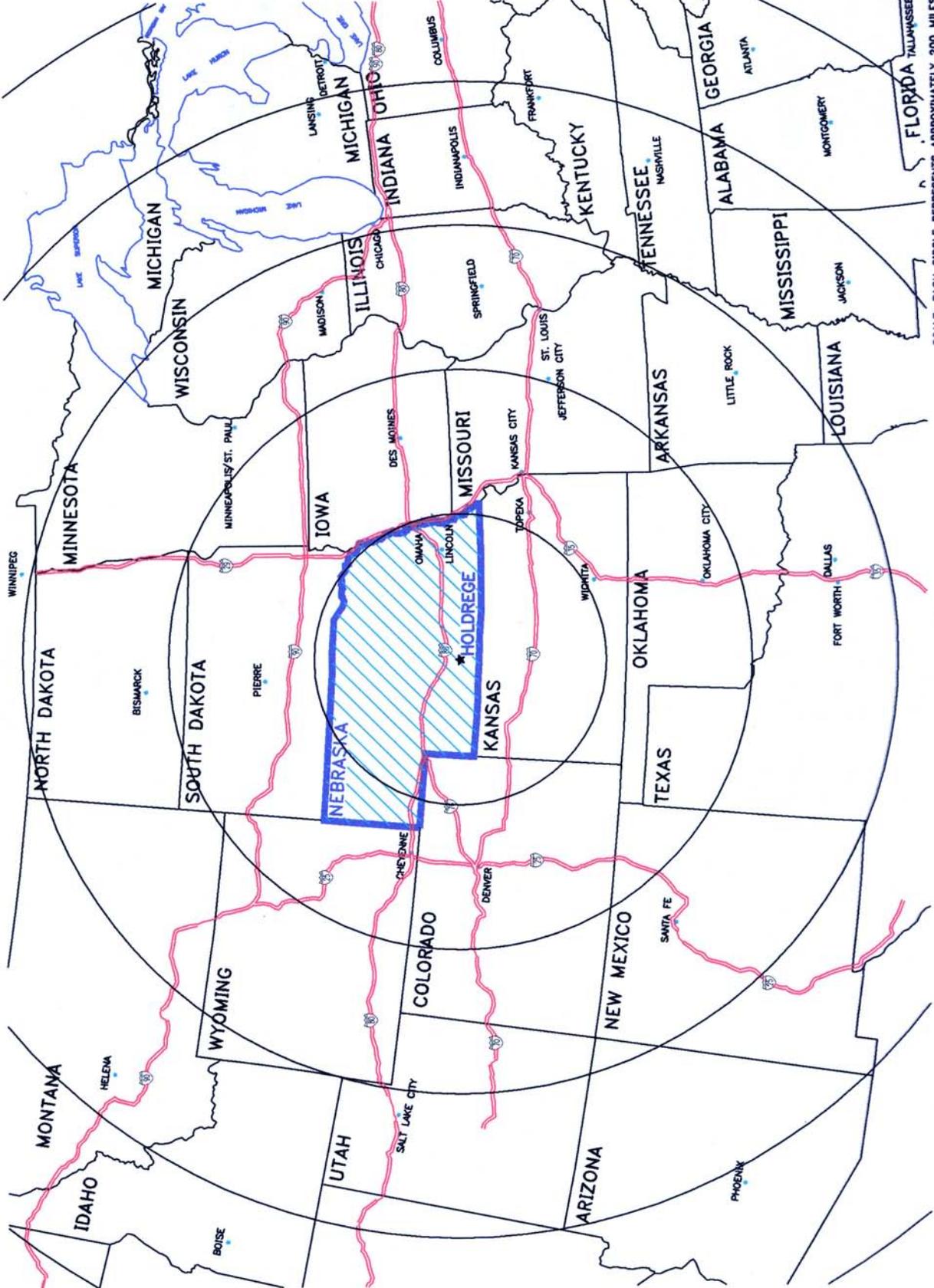
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SCALE: EACH CIRCLE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Holdrege, the county seat of Phelps County, is located 25 miles south of the east-west geographic center of the United States. U.S. Highways 6/34 and 183 intersect in Holdrege. Nebraska Highway 23 enters Holdrege from the northwest.

Situated in the south-central area of the state, Holdrege is 17 miles south of Interstate 80, 82 miles southwest of Grand Island, 217 miles southwest of Omaha, and 361 miles northeast of Denver.

POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Holdrege	Phelps County
1970	5,635	9,553
1980	5,624	9,769
1990	5,671	9,715
2000	5,636	9,747
2009 (Est.)	5,121	9,032

Phelps County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin 2008 U.S. Census	
One Race	
White	98.2%
Black	0.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4%
Asian	0.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%
Two or More Races	0.8%
Hispanic or Latino Origin*	3.1%
White Not Hispanic	95.5%

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

The 2009 U.S. Census estimates 99,105 people live in Phelps County and the contiguous counties of Buffalo, Dawson, Franklin, Furnas, Gosper, Harlan, and Kearney.



Primary Retail Trade Area

According to Census statistics, 4.1 percent of Phelps County residents are fluent in at least one other language. Three percent are fluent in Spanish and 1.1 percent in other European languages.

LOCAL ECONOMY

Basic economic activities of Holdrege, a county seat town, include farming, cattle feeding, manufacturing, agribusinesses, call center, and wholesale and retail sales.

The primary retail trade area extends approximately 7 miles northeast, 29 miles south, 11 miles southwest, and 12 miles northwest and contains an estimated 9,110 people. Firms with retail sales tax permits in Holdrege reported 2009 net taxable retail sales of \$65,849,753, while Phelps County reported retail sales of \$72,403,175. The three wholesale firms in the community distribute farm equipment, contractors' equipment, and medical supplies.

Upon being designated as the state's second economic development certified community in 2006, Governor Dave Heineman was quoted as saying, "Holdrege is a progressive community that promotes itself well, and the certification shows its dedication, leadership, and vision for growing and attracting new jobs and people."

The economy in Holdrege and the Phelps County area has been strengthened by several significant projects. The completion of a 40,000-square-foot YMCA in 2006 now boasts a current membership of more than 3,000 people. Scouler Grain of Omaha built a \$3.3 million, 1.7 billion bushel grain handling facility in Holdrege in 2007. Phelps Medical Plaza, owned by Phelps Memorial Health Center, opened in February 2008. The new \$800,000 Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic opened in June 2008.

ELEVATION

Holdrege is 2,310 feet above sea level.

TOPOGRAPHY

Holdrege is located on a flat to gently rolling plain. The predominant soil type is Holdrege silt loam. This high quality soil has been adopted as the official soil of the state of Nebraska. Drainage is well defined with a southeastward slope of eight feet per mile.

HISTORY

Holdrege was named after George W. Holdrege, general manager of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad Company, who constructed most of the line's mileage in Nebraska.

The Lincoln Land Company offered its newly platted lots to all who would move the buildings erected at Phelps Center (then the county seat) to Holdrege.

There were no trees in Holdrege when the Swedes came to Phelps Center in the 1880s. The Swedes, recalling wooded hills of Scandinavia, found the barren prairie land strange and windswept. They immediately planted trees and set them in straight rows. That pattern of straightness leaves its imprint on Holdrege today.

A campaign was started in 1883 to move the county seat from Phelps Center to Holdrege, and an election was held in October. By that time, the town had acquired a block of ground on which to erect a courthouse and, with calm assurance of victory at the polls, they laid the cornerstone of the building intended to be the Phelps County courthouse. At the special election, Holdrege received a majority of the votes. Legality of the election was questioned, and citizens of Holdrege went to Phelps Center, picked up the official records and books, brought them to Holdrege, and hid them for two months pending the arrival of the county officials to take over on January 1, 1885. Holdrege succeeded in becoming the county seat and the courthouse was erected.

Holdrege was incorporated as a village on February 14, 1884. It quickly became the

metropolis of the county, being well located with good roads from all directions. The early history of the town was one of ups and downs—good crops one year and drought and no crops at all for several years following.

In 1910 C. W. McConaughy, a Holdrege grain dealer, began crusading for the use of the Platte River water to supplement subsoil moisture for farmlands in the area. On December 10, 1933, the first train arrived in Holdrege, a little pioneer town inhabited by 200 people.

A dream had become a reality when Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District began its power production and irrigation operations and water flowed into Phelps County for irrigation for the first time in 1941. The city was declared a first-class city on May 4, 1967.

The large increase in population of Holdrege in the immediate post-war years was due mostly to irrigation. With irrigation came increased crop production which brought a pipeline company, grain elevators, and agriculture-related businesses. BD, Allmand Brothers, and Hawkins Manufacturing have given the city a healthy and well-balanced economy.

In 1975 Holdrege was designated the first test area in the United States for marketing gasohol, a grain alcohol-gasoline mixture used as fuel for combustion engines. The first gasohol was sold in June of that year.

In 1995 Holdrege was selected No. 38 of the best 100 small towns in America with a population between 5,000 and 15,000 by Norm Crampton, author of “Best 100 Small Towns in America.”





Downtown



Water Tower

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MANUFACTURERS

<u>Company/Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Advantage Building Supply/ Paulsen, Inc. 1996	Ready-mixed concrete & supplies, equipment rental	Local	1	1 1*	None
Allmand Brothers, Inc. 1938	Floodlight units, traffic control devices, heating units & construction equipment	International	100 1*	23 1*	None
BD 1966	Disposable medical supplies	International	600 Total 2* Total		None
CHS Agri Service Center 1916	Mixed grain feed & fertilizer	National	96 68*	30 4*	None
Earth Science Laboratories, Inc. 1992	Water treatment chemicals	National	8	1	None
Graphic Arts Shop 1955	Commercial printing	Local	2 2*	0 2*	None
Hawkins Manufacturing 1981	Farm equipment	National	15	1	None
Holdrege Monument Co. 1981	Stone cutting	Local	4	2 2*	None
Livestock Feeders Service, Inc. 1973	Livestock feed & equipment	Local	4 1*	1	None
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services 1973	Animal bedding from recycled newspaper	State	2 1*	20 13*	None
Palmer Brothers Granite Co. 1919	Monuments, signs, benches & yard signs	National	3 4*	1 2*	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 45 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District	Electric utility	85 5*	10 2*	IBEW
Central Valley Irrigation	Pivots, parts & underground pipe	27	4	None
Christian Homes, Inc.	Long term care/retirement center	6	84 40*	None
City of Holdrege	Government	45	11	FOP, IBEW
Family Medical Specialists	Medical	7	42 5*	None
Holdrege Irrigation	Pivot irrigation & drip systems	27 3*	4 2*	None
Holdrege Memorial Homes, Inc.	Long term care/retirement center	5 1*	92 52*	None
Holdrege Public Schools	Education	41 3*	111 13*	NEA
Kayton Electric, Inc.	Electrical contractor	185	15	None
Landmark	Farm equipment, products & service	130	10	None
Mosaic	Services for developmentally disabled	11 1*	43 9*	None
Phelps County	Government	38 10*	33 9*	None
Phelps Memorial Health Center	Medical	25 1*	159 38*	None
The Connection	Inbound call center	28 6*	82 18*	None

*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>	
YMCA of the Prairie	Health club	2	2	None
		10*	48*	

*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>	
Kearney, 36 miles				
Baldwin Filters	Oil, air & fuel filters	467	338	None
Bob's Super Store	Grocery	40	65	None
Buffalo County	Government	121	99	None
Builders Warehouse	Building supplies	77	30	None
Cabela's	Catalog sales, retail store	180	316	None
Cash-Wa	Food distribution	260	50	None
Chartwells Food Service	Contract food service	67	101	None
Chief Industries, Inc	Grain drying equipment	146	18	None
City of Kearney	Government	216	60	None
Community Action Partnership	Community services	40	82	None
Eaton Corporation	Auto valves & forged gears	358	74	None
Education Service Unit 10	Education	37	69	None
Good Samaritan Health Systems	Medical	254	1,234	None
Herberger's	Retail	15	105	None
Kearney Clinic	Medical	23	150	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	Employees		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Kearney Family YMCA	Health club/daycare	50	122	None
Kearney Public Schools	Education	200	642	KEA, NSEA
Monsanto	Seed corn production	85	15	None
Morris Printing Group, Inc.	Publishing	77	131	None
Mount Carmel Home	Care home	15	94	None
Nebraska Public Power District	Electric utility	96	15	None
Platte Valley Medical Group	Medical	17	129	None
Platte Valley State Bank	Financial	39	97	None
St. John's Good Samaritan Center	Care home	9	106	None
St. Luke's Good Samaritan Village	Care home	12	97	None
Target	Retail, discount	45	75	None
The Buckle	Retail clothing/warehouse	134	342	None
University of Nebraska at Kearney	Education	620	741	NSEA
Viaero Event Center	Entertainment	155	145	None
WalMart Stores, Inc.	Retail, discount	202	311	None
West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc	Pharmaceutical stoppers & closures	169	106	None
Youth Rehabilitation & Treatment Center	Education	111	48	SCATA

*Part-time and/or seasonal

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Phelps County Development Corporation (PCDC) is the lead economic development agency in Phelps County. Their mission is to “Encourage business retention and promote economic development while preserving the quality of life in Phelps County.” Businesses that create a significant economic impact are eligible for grants and loans from two economic development funds entrusted to PCDC by Phelps County communities.

PCDC is a partnership of more than 100 businesses, Phelps County, the City of Holdrege, and the Villages of Atlanta, Bertrand, Funk, and Loomis. A full-time professional staff is charged with carrying on the mission of PCDC by partnering with local community representatives, Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce, Holdrege Industrial Development Corporation, and many other state and local entities to make the transition to Holdrege a simple one.

Local incentives, the availability of land, a diverse economy, and a progressive economic

development agency make Phelps County a natural fit for expanding and start-up businesses.

The Holdrege Industrial Development Corporation is a for profit corporation composed of two stockholders. It has an authorized capitalization of \$100,000 with capital stock paid in totaling \$33,400. Principal assets include industrial sites.

Scoular Grain of Omaha built a \$3.3 million, 1.7 billion bushel grain handling facility in Holdrege in 2007. The facility provides competitive market for local area producers and supplies the needs of feed lots and ethanol plants in the region.

Approximately 134 acres of land in and adjacent to Holdrege is zoned for industry. The price of industrially zoned land ranges from \$0.15 to \$0.20 per square foot.

INDUSTRIAL SITES AVAILABLE

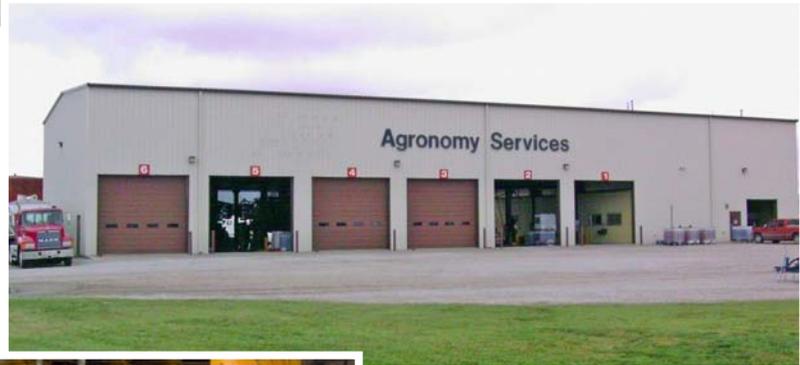
Click [here](#) to go to Nebraska Public Power District’s [searchable sites and buildings database](#).



Advantage Building Supply/Paulsen, Inc.



Agri Coop



Agri Co-op Agronomy Services



Allmand Brothers, Inc.



BD



Hawkins Manufacturing



Earth Science Laboratories,
Inc.



Livestock Feeders Service,
Inc.



Palmer Brothers Granite Co.



Pamida



Mosaic



The Scoular Company



The Connection

LABOR

LABOR SUPPLY

- A. Employment in the Holdrege labor market, which is defined as the whole of Phelps County and the total labor market consisting of Phelps County and the contiguous counties of Buffalo, Dawson, Franklin, Furnas, Gosper, Harlan, and Kearney (12-month average, April 2009 through May 2010).

<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)	<u>Phelps County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Goods-Producing	942	10,083
Manufacturing	(D)	(D)
Natural Resources & Construction	185	(D)
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	832	(D)
Wholesale Trade	315	(D)
Retail Trade	404	5,870
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	113	(D)
Information	35	(D)
Financial Activities	194	1,684
Professional & Business Services	290	(D)
Education & Health Services	752	(D)
Leisure & Hospitality	383	4,678
Other Services	94	(D)
Government	738	9,161
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	4,261	46,512
Farm Employment	526	4,028
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	4,908	53,645
B. Commuting Out of County	1,434	N/A
C. Unemployment	204	2,292
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	5,111	55,937
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.	2,016	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	120	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	3,774	

(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

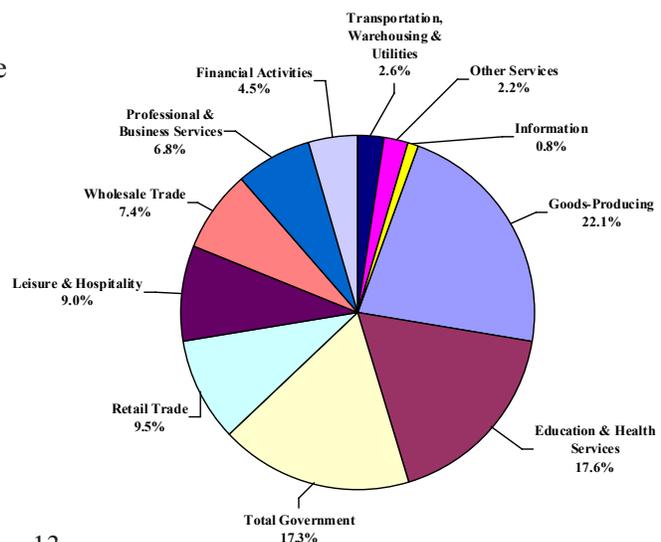
Source: Nebraska Workforce Development

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2007

U.S. Census

A labor survey was conducted in 2008; results are available upon request.

**NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
PHELPS COUNTY
12-MONTH AVERAGE
APRIL 2009 THROUGH MAY 2010**



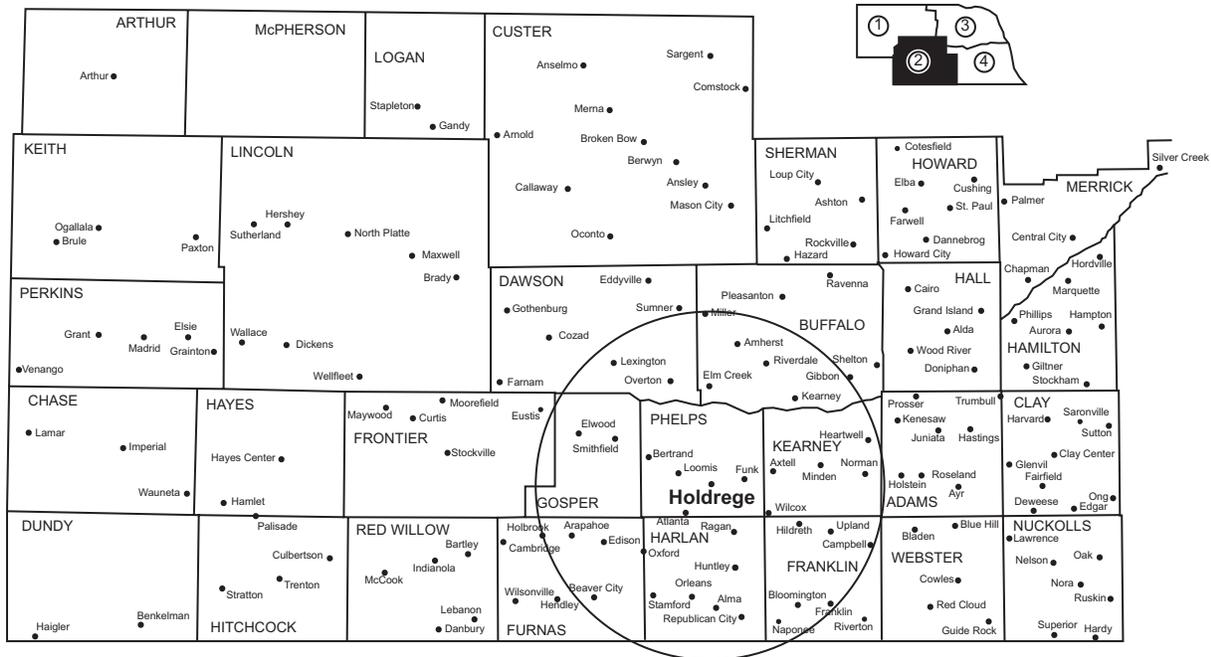
POPULATION DATA

Location	2000			2009		2010
	Density/Sq. Mile	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	Median Age	% 65 Yrs. & Over	County Median Family Income
Phelps Co.	18.1	89.1	20.4	43.7	19.0	\$58,600
Nebraska	22.3	86.6	23.7	35.8	13.4	\$62,600
U.S.	79.6	80.4	24.4	36.8	12.9	\$64,600

Phelps County had 6,465 registered voters in 2008; 70.2 percent voted in the national election compared to 70.2 percent in Nebraska.

Source: U.S. Census, www.census.gov
 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2010
 Statewide General Election 2008 Results, www.sos.state.ne.us

LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE HOLDREGE AREA



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

2009 Estimate		
City of Holdrege	—	5,121
Phelps County	—	9,032
30-Mile Radius	—	70,896

Phelps County Population Ages/Gender, 2009		
Ages	Male	Female
18-24	362	335
25-44	909	857
45-64	1,349	1,279

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 Holdrege area:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Union</u>
BNSF Railway Company	Standard railroad unions
Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
City of Holdrege	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Holdrege Police Department	Fraternal Order of Police
Holdrege Public Schools	Nebraska Education Association
SourceGas	Communications Workers of America
Qwest Communications	Communications Workers of America
U.S. Post Office	National Association of Letter Carriers

It is estimated that less than 2 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in Holdrege is unionized. There have been no known strikes.

WAGES

<u>Occupation Title</u>	<u>Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile</u>		
	<u>10th</u>	<u>50th</u>	<u>90th</u>
Professional			
Accountants & Auditors	16.59	23.96	41.29
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	22.78	30.36	43.47
Electrical Engineers	23.29	29.31	46.18
Industrial Engineers	24.53	33.24	43.95
Mechanical Engineers	18.87	32.17	46.33
Computer Programmers	14.60	22.91	37.33
Computer Systems Analysts	13.24	22.68	55.21
Registered Nurses	17.42	23.99	32.22
Retail			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	7.04	8.59	10.84
Retail Salespersons	6.95	8.77	15.17
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	7.47	11.83	23.72
Driver/Sales Workers	6.98	9.83	22.02
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	7.09	9.12	15.16
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	7.41	11.89	17.68

*Wage information taken from Balance of State

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Clerical			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	8.23	12.76	17.97
Customer Service Representatives	7.56	12.86	19.04
Data Entry Keyers	8.15	10.96	15.75
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	7.77	11.46	15.98
Office Clerks, General	7.15	9.28	14.65
Receptionists & Information Clerks*	8.07	10.33	14.48
Telemarketers	7.70	9.31	15.06
Unskilled			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	7.49	11.00	15.90
Packers & Packagers, Hand	7.14	9.79	14.26
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other*	10.39	13.61	16.12
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	8.34	10.58	13.69
Semi-Skilled			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	10.37	16.05	26.13
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	10.78	16.84	25.81
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	12.69	16.18	20.28
Machine Operators			
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	10.11	12.94	18.16
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	9.50	14.71	18.01
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.*	11.00	16.82	21.59
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.	10.67	13.51	15.80
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	8.53	10.47	12.67
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	10.84	17.01	19.59
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	11.80	15.17	19.64
Skilled			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	7.98	13.91	23.69
Electricians	12.96	15.92	23.80
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	13.23	18.70	24.76
Machinists	10.89	15.47	19.70
Tool & Die Makers	13.75	19.27	25.27
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	11.36	15.08	21.87
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	12.39	16.17	18.92
Technical			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	14.78	29.82	35.58
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	16.83	23.19	31.53
Computer Operators	9.72	12.21	18.74

*Wage information taken from Balance of State

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, First Quarter 2010 wage estimates, All Industries, Central Region, <http://neblswages.nwd.ne.gov>.

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

FRINGE BENEFITS

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range up to 60 percent of wages.



Holdrege Area Public Library



Amtrack - Ironhorse Station

TRANSPORTATION

RAILROADS

Holdrege is served by a main line of the BNSF Railway Company with approximately 20 freight trains daily. Switching is done daily by train crews. There are 20 inbound cars (excluding through cars) and 20 outbound cars weekly. There are approximately 8,600 to 9,100 grain cars annually.

NKC Railnet, a short line, runs from Holdrege across the border to Colorado.

Amtrak provides Holdrege 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 hours to Chicago and 40 hours to the West Coast. Amtrak has one train each way daily.

MOTOR

Highways

East-west U.S. Highway 6/34 and north-south U.S. Highway 183 intersect in Holdrege. Nebraska Highway 23 enters Holdrege from the northwest. No local load restrictions exist. Interstate 80 is 17 miles north and Interstate 70 is 110 miles south of the community. Four-lane U.S. Highway 281 is 54 miles east of Holdrege.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	165
Omaha	217
Chicago	681
Dallas	654
Denver	359
Detroit	948
Kansas City	354

Destination	Mileage
Los Angeles	1,372
Minneapolis	592
New York	1,455
St. Louis	606
San Francisco	1,489

The Nebraska Department of Roads five-year plan includes improvements to U.S. Highway 23 from Holdrege to Bertrand.

Trucklines

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

Phoenix Trucking with 25 trucks has a terminal in Holdrege.

Bus Line

Burlington Trailways serves Kearney, 36 miles northeast of Holdrege, with seven buses daily and provides 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 in Kearney, 36 miles northeast of Holdrege.

Public transportation is provided five days a week through the Phelps County Senior Citizens Center in Holdrege on a demand-responsive basis in Phelps County. The Phelps County Public Transportation service provides transportation to Kearney every third Wednesday.

The Dashabout Shuttle Service provides two daily round trips on U.S. Highway 6/34 from McCook to Grand Island seven days a week, excluding major holidays. This shuttle service stops at towns along the route, including Holdrege. Fee is based on number of miles traveled.

AIR

Brewster Field, the municipal airport in Holdrege, has one lighted, hard-surfaced 4,701-foot runway and one 1,769-foot turf runway. Other facilities include beacon, windsock, hangars, tie down, major and minor repairs, Unicom, AWOS, 100 LL fuel, aerial applicators service, fuel, courtesy car, pilots' lounge, charter service, instructions, navigational aids, and two instrument approaches. Twenty-eight private planes are hangared there. The elevation is 2,313' the latitude is 40-28N, and the longitude is 099-20W.

The Kearney Regional Airport, located 40 miles (45 minutes) northeast of Holdrege, provides passenger, air freight, and air express services. Nonstop air service is available to Denver International Airport with three flights daily. Public ground

transportation is available via rental cars, motel shuttles, and taxi.

Facilities at the Kearney Municipal Airport include pilots lounge, aircraft maintenance and repair, refueling, pilot training, charter, air ambulance, agriculture crop spraying, hangar storage, tie down, and other services. One of the 29 private planes hangared at the airport is available for charter. The elevation at the airport is 2,131 feet, the latitude is 40-44N, and the longitude is 099-00W.

Car rental and free Internet access are available at the terminal.

WATER

Holdrege has no nearby water transportation.



BNSF Railway Company



Brewster Field, Municipal Airport

UTILITIES

ELECTRICITY

The Holdrege Municipal Electric System retails electricity in the city. All power is purchased from Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) with the exception of the city's Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) allocation. The Holdrege electric system is connected to the statewide grid by means of an NPPD 115/34.5 kV substation. This substation has four 115,000 volt transmission lines entering from various locations throughout the state. The 115 kV grid system is interconnected with the 34.5 kV transmission system through various substations. The 34.5 kV lines provide ties to NPPD's Cooper Nuclear Station, Gerald Gentleman Station, and other power plant facilities and is interconnected with the WAPA transmission system in South Dakota.

Two 34.5 kV subtransmission lines deliver power from the NPPD 115 kV transmission substation to the city's seven distribution substations. The city's 34.5 kV subtransmission system is a ring bus configuration thereby providing redundancy for the entire city. The seven 13.8 kV substations provide distribution voltage throughout the city. The seven distribution substations serving the city have a total capacity of 40,000 kVA and can be served from two or more directions.

BASE ELECTRIC RATES—CITY OF HOLDREGE (effective 4/09)

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

Residential Service:

Customer Charge: \$8.00 per month		
Summer	Winter	
8.5¢	5.4¢	per kWh for the first 800 kWh used per month
8.5¢	4.6¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge		

Commercial Service:

Customer Charge:		
Single Phase		\$12.00 per month
Three Phase		\$20.00 per month
Summer	Winter	
8.3¢	6.1¢	per kWh for the first 500 kWh used per month
8.3¢	5.6¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge		

Commercial Demand Rate*:

Customer Charge: \$45.00 per month		
Demand Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
\$10.62	\$7.28	per kWh
Energy Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
4.4¢	3.6¢	per kWh for the first 20,000 kWh used per month
3.8¢	2.7¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: 70 percent of maximum of demand billed during three previous 11 months plus the monthly customer charge.		

*This rate applies to commercial customers whose monthly usage exceeds 25,000 kWh for any four consecutive months or the demand exceeds 150 kW for two consecutive months during the summer period.

Commercial Sample Cost per kWh:

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh
100	30,000	6.72
100	36,000	6.12
300	90,000	6.27
300	150,000	5.03
500	150,000	6.18
500	180,000	5.68

Commercial Space & Water Heating:

Customer Charge: \$12.00 per month		
Summer	Winter	
8.3¢	4.9¢	per kW for all kW used per month
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge		

Industrial*:

Customer Charge: \$200.00 per month
Minimum Bill: Energy and demand at wholesale cost plus 10 percent adder.

*This rate applies to customers whose monthly usage exceeds 150,000 kWh for any six consecutive months or whose demand exceeds 400 kW for any three consecutive months.

Prospective customers should contact Mark Schulz, superintendent of utilities, Holdrege, (308) 995-8681, mschultz@cityofholdrege.org, www.cityofholdrege.org for further information regarding electric rates and service.

The Southern Public Power District and Twin Valleys Public Power District, wholesale power customers of Nebraska Public Power District, serve some of the rural areas surrounding Holdrege. For information regarding electrical services in Southern Public Power District's service area, contact Gary Hedman, general manager, Grand Island, Nebraska, (308) 384-2350, www.southernppd.com. For information regarding electric services in the Twin Valley's PPD service area, contact Jim Deitz,

manager, Twin Valleys Public Power District, Cambridge, Nebraska, (308) 697-3315, www.twinvalleysppd.com.

NATURAL GAS

Natural gas is supplied to Holdrege by SourceGas Distribution, LLC through a 10-inch transmission pipeline with an operating pressure of approximately 500 pounds per square inch and a 12-inch transmission pipeline with an operating pressure of approximately 700 pounds per square inch.

SourceGas is the retail distributor of natural gas within the community, serving approximately 2,300 residential, commercial, and industrial customers. Choice Gas is available to natural gas customers in Holdrege.

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 at (800) 563-0012 or (308) 995-4451.

OTHER FUELS

LP Gas

LP gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at CHS Agri Service Center, and Bosselman Oil Inc.

Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at CHS Agri Service Center and Bosselman Oil Inc.

WATER

The municipal water system in Holdrege is supplied by 13 wells, which have an average depth of 200 feet. The system, serving the total population of the community, has a combined pumping capacity of 5,129 gallons

per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 750,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 2,000,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 6,500,000 gallons per day. The system has a maximum capacity of 8,135,760 gallons per day. The static pressure is 60 pounds per square inch and the residual pressure is 50 pounds per square inch.

Groundwater is available for industrial uses. A 200-foot well will produce approximately 1,000 gallons of water per minute. The water table has not changed significantly in the past five years. The quality of water in Holdrege does not necessitate a water treatment plant.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in parts per million, is 300. The average tap water temperature varies from 50° in winter to 55° in summer.

Range of Chemical Analysis

Arsenic	4.53–6.2 ppb
Barium	0.221 ppm*
Chromium	9.01 ppb*
Fluoride	1.3 ppm*
Nickel	2.16–15.8 ppb
Nitrate-Nitrite	1.6-8.3 ppm
Selenium	25 ppb*
Sulfate	57–130 ppm
Total Hardness	300 ppm

ppb - parts per billion
 ppm - parts per million
 *highest level detected

WATER RATES (effective 7/09)

All tapping and service line installations are charged at time and materials.

Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

\$0.00874 per cu. ft. for first 150,000 cu. ft.
 \$0.00437 per cu. ft. exceeding 150,000 cu. ft.
Minimum Bill: Based on water meter size—
 from \$5.80 for 5/8"–3/4" meter to \$61.00 for
 6" turbo and \$83.50 for compound

Planned improvement projects include installing the 7th Avenue feed estimated at \$450,000 and the purchasing of property for a new well field estimated at \$230,000.

SEWERAGE

Holdrege has a municipal sanitary sewerage system. The Sequencing Batch Reactor treatment plant, with a daily capacity of 900,000 gallons, was built in 1925 and upgraded in 1958, 1986, and 1996. The average daily flow is 700,000 gallons and the historic peak daily discharge is 1,200,000 gallons.

The city is planning on installing an Ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system. The UV disinfection system will disinfect the sewage after it has gone through the treatment plant prior to it being returned to the creek. This will happen four months out of the year (June-September).

SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 7/09)

Residential:

Customer Charge: \$5.00 per month
 \$0.023 per cu. ft. of domestic water flow times 100 percent of October to April water consumption

Commercial & Industrial:

Customer Charge: \$5.00 per month
 \$0.023 per cu. ft. of total water flow for the quarter or as sewage sampling indicates (industrial use)

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Privately owned waste removal services are available. The city owns Prairie Hills Landfill, which has an estimated life of 30 years.

The regional landfill is located one mile south of Holdrege. The landfill receives refuse from 46 cities and villages covering 31 counties.

SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES (effective 12/09)

Residential:

\$15.00 per month

Commercial & Industrial:

\$15.00 and up (price varies)

RECYCLING

Mid-Nebraska Individual Services operates the recycling program at the landfill. Recyclables accepted include cardboard, newspaper, tin, and aluminum. There are two collection sites located in Holdrege. The recycling center also picks up recyclable materials from local businesses.



Central Nebraska Public Power District



Wastewater Treatment Facility



Holdrege Area Recycling

COMMUNICATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Telecommunications services are provided to the Holdrege area by Qwest Communications with a digital central office, which is monitored remotely. The central office is on a self-healing fiber ring. T-1 lines, data connections, and long distance connections are available. DSL/high speed Internet operating at 1.5 mg/byte rate is also available within the city limits of Holdrege. Holdrege is an equal access community, allowing most long-distance providers to provide service. Extended area service is available to all Phelps county communities.

TARIFFED RATES (effective 1/10)

Residence	\$18.15 per month
Commercial	\$30.00 per month

Dark Fiber Solutions (DFS) provides 100 percent fiber optic-based, IP transport services, web development, Local Area Network Management, on-site computer repair and support, and a variety of associated services in more than 150 communities throughout the state of Nebraska. Services bandwidths provided to our customers range from 10 Mbps to 10 Gbps. The availability of the high bandwidth services allows schools, hospitals, municipalities, and private businesses within these communities to deploy advanced technologies such as “Big Pipe” Internet services, IP based security systems, IP-based video conferencing, and voice-over-IP. Every DFS-provided network includes network monitoring and support as a part of the standard service offering. For more information visit www.darkfibersolutions.com.

Pinpoint Network Solutions’ fiber assest in Phelps County are part of diverse, self healing route that extends from Denver to Chicago. Pinpoint offers Internet, IT Transport and Dense Wave Division Multiplexing (DWDM) Services. The DWDM service is currently provisioned for 10 gigabytes

with the capacity to grow to 160 gigabytes upon demand. Dark Fiber is also available between Denver and Chicago. For more information on Pinpoint visit www.pnptnetworks.com.

Pinpoint also offers local telephone and long distance services through its Pinpoint Communications Division. For more information on Pinpoint visit www.pnpt.com.

INTERNET

Holdrege is provided Internet service by Alltel and Qwest Communications of Holdrege, Charter Communications, Gryphon of Kearney, ATC Communications of Arapahoe, and Glenwood Communication of Blue Hill.

POST OFFICE

Holdrege provides house-to-house delivery service and has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily. Mail from Holdrege is processed in Grand Island.

PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	Federal Express	UPS	U.S. Post Office
Latest Pick-up Time	3:00 p.m.	3:00-4:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
Earliest Delivery	8:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Next Day Delivery Guarantee	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saturday Delivery Guarantee	N/A	Yes	Yes

NEWSPAPER

The Holdrege Daily Citizen, the local daily newspaper, has 3,000 subscribers. The Omaha World-Herald, Kearney Hub, Hastings Tribune, and Lincoln Journal Star also are delivered locally.

RADIO

Radio stations in Holdrege:

Call Letters	Frequency
KUVR-AM	1380 KHz
KMTY-FM	97.7 MHz

TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news:

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

Cable television and satellite service are available in Holdrege.



Holdrege Daily Citizen

TAX STRUCTURE

VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES—CITY OF HOLDREGRE

All real property is subject to tax at market value. Agriculture land is valued at 70.95 percent of its market 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	\$183,234,200	\$195,660,958	\$203,644,281
Personal Property	5,958,157	6,256,726	6,833,061
Special (railroad and utilities)	4,411,282	5,751,425	5,696,375
TOTAL	<u>\$193,603,639</u>	<u>\$207,669,109</u>	<u>\$216,173,717</u>

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

	2007	2008	2009
City	\$0.423587	\$0.406253	\$0.406252
County	.306532	.318757	.294364
School District	1.292193	1.255765	1.115725
Community College	.080161	.090980	.099275
Educational Service Unit	.023273	.022782	.019896
Natural Resource District	.049646	.057488	.059725
Agricultural Society	.010910	.010694	.009913
Airport	.016270	.014446	.013415
Historical Society	.003000	.003000	.003000
TOTAL	<u>\$2.205572</u>	<u>\$2.180165</u>	<u>\$2.021565</u>

The 2009 tax rate at the industrial site outside the city limits is \$1.781985 per \$100 of actual value.

CITY SALES TAX

The city of Holdrege imposes a 1.5 percent city sales tax with 1 percent of the tax dedicated to the general fund and 0.5 percent of the tax being directed toward economic development efforts.

LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of November 30, 2009:

City—Revenue Bonds	\$3,645,000
City—General Obligation Bonds	\$240,000
School District	None
County (as of 1/10)	\$3,570,000

CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 11/30/09	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Revenue					
Combined Utility	4/15/01	\$1,415,000	\$120,000	4.55	12/15/29
Combined Utility	6/15/04	\$600,000	\$25,000	3.90	12/15/24
Combined Utility	9/18/09	\$2,625,000	\$2,625,000	0.75–4.95	12/25/29
Combined Utility	3/18/09	\$875,000	\$875,000	1.70–4.75	12/15/24
General Obligation					
Certificates of Participation	11/9/98	\$415,000	\$140,000	4.00–4.95	11/1/13
Various Purpose	2/15/03	\$585,000	\$100,000	1.15–4.00	8/15/11

COUNTY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 1/10	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Jail	2/1/02	\$4,400,000	\$3,570,000	3.4–4.4	9/15/22



Holdrege City Building



Phelps County Justice Center & Courthouse

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Phelps County has 15 townships and is governed by a seven-member Board of Supervisors, each elected by popular vote for a four-year term. The actual county budget for 2009–10 is \$14,803,461.

Zoning classifications are:

AG-1 & AG-2	Agricultural District
RC	Rural Conservation
AGR	Ag Resident
R-1	One Family Residential
R-2	Multiple Family Residential
C-1	Neighborhood Commercial
C-2	Central Business Commercial
I	Industrial

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Holdrege, a first-class city, has a mayor-council form of government. The 2009–10 actual budget is \$18,553,286. Municipal officials are:

Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
Elected at Large	
Mayor	4 Years
Elected by Ward	
Council Members (8)	4 Years
Appointed	
City Administrator	Indefinite
City Clerk	Indefinite
City Treasurer	Indefinite

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided in the community by a 31-member volunteer fire department. The group is managed by a fire chief, two assistant

fire chiefs, one ambulance captain, one assistant ambulance captain, and one secretary/treasurer. Within the group are 16 emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and 25 fire fighters with Fire Fighter I certification. In addition to providing fire protection within the city, the department also operates the Rural Fire District's equipment and provides emergency service elsewhere in a 186-square-mile range.

There are 140 fire hydrants in Holdrege. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 5; outside it is 7. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$117,500.

Equipment in the fire department:

Year/Make	Description
City	
2003 Pierce	750 gal. pumper
1992 Pierce	750 gal. tanker, 1,000 gpm pump
1982 Spartan	Aerial platform, 1,500 gpm pump
Rural	
2003 Ford	Heavy duty pick-up truck & pump assembly used in fighting wild land fires
2001 Danko	1,500 gal. tanker
1995 Pierce	750 gal. tank, 1,000 gpm pumper
1992 GMC	3,500 gal. tanker
1980 Chevrolet	750 gal. tank, 750 gpm pumper
2009 Spartan	750 gal. pumper
City/Rural	
2006 MedTec	Ambulance
1992 PL Custom Mac	Emergency unit (carries heavy rescue & fire fighting equipment)

Fire losses for the past five years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2009	\$72,000
2008	\$70,500
2007	\$79,750
2006	\$90,000
2005	\$85,000

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Department

Holdrege employs ten full-time police officers, five support personnel, and one civilian. The department operates a fleet of four patrol vehicles and a full-service 911 emergency communications center, providing communications for Holdrege police, utilities, fire and rescue as well as police, fire, and rescue in Bertrand, Loomis, Funk, Atlanta, Phelps County Sheriff, and 911 in Harlan County. Annual expenditures for police protection for the last three years averaged \$1,007,147.

Sheriff's Department

The Phelps County Sheriff's Department has a sheriff, 1 chief deputy, 1 sergeant, 1 captain, 2 deputies, 17 correctional officers, 1 head jailer, and 2 office personnel. Sworn officers receive basic certification along with other specialized training. All jailers receive jail management training at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. Each deputy is assigned a personal patrol vehicle equipped with radar, radios, digital cameras, and spike strips. Some deputy vehicles also have in-car cameras and one car has night vision. Regular patrol by the police and sheriff's departments provide protection to existing industries. The sheriff's office has been involved in numerous training and emergency planning for industries in Phelps County.

Crime rates per 1,000 population, 2008:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Violent Crimes</u>	<u>Property Crimes</u>
Holdrege	1.4	21.7
Phelps County	0.8	15.9
Nebraska	3.0	30.9
U.S.	4.5	32.1

State Patrol

Troop D of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in North Platte, 99 miles northwest of Holdrege. There is a Sergeant Area located in Holdrege consisting of four troopers, two carrier enforcement officers, and one civilian.

STREETS

Holdrege has 53.6 miles of streets, 46.6 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete, asphalt, or brick. There are no load restrictions. Eighty-seven percent of the streets have curbs and sidewalks.

Street maintenance equipment includes one sweeper, three dump trucks with snow blades, two road graders, two loaders, one chipper, two backhoes, two tractors, one snow blower, and two skid loaders.

Contemplated improvements in the next five years include new paving projects on several streets. The street fund budget for 2009–10 is \$3,302,180.

BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS

The 2009 International Residential, 2009 Building Codes, and city codes are enforced within the city.

Local zoning classifications are:

Residential	1, 2, 3, 4 & Mobile Homes
Commercial	1, 2, 3 & 4
Industrial	1, 2 & 3
Agricultural	1

PLANNING

Holdrege has a nine-member planning commission. Members are appointed by the Mayor to serve three-year terms.

The Comprehensive Plan for Holdrege was revised by Hanna:Keelan Associates of Lincoln, Nebraska, in 2007.



Holdrege Fire Station



City Auditorium



Burlington Place Apartments



Christian Homes - Chrisoma Villa



Christian Homes

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Holdrege City Schools

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Preschool	1	Varies	1:10	N/A
Elementary (3)	23	421	1:12	1:3
Middle School	26	326	1:12	1:2
High School	30	341	1:12	1:2

Holdrege Public School District #69-0044 is a comprehensive institution steeped in more than one hundred years of tradition. The Holdrege school system has always espoused the values of a solid work ethic, good citizenship, and a sense of morality that support the community's values. Students are encouraged to develop a sense of responsibility that enables them to be both self-disciplined and self-reliant. The mission of the Holdrege Public Schools is to prepare students to be lifelong learners and productive, responsible citizens by providing a quality education in cooperation with family and community.

District #69-0044 covers approximately 183.2 square miles in Phelps County and 31.2 square miles in Harlan County with a 2009–10 valuation of \$560,603,325, or \$499,202 per student. Holdrege Public Schools (HPS) is fully accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and North Central Association. In 2009 the district became one of only two districts in Nebraska to receive district accreditation as a quality school system through North Central Association Commissioner Accreditation and School Improvement and AdvanceEd. In April 2009, Holdrege High School received the Century Award in celebration of its 100th year of accreditation through the North Central Association. Holdrege Public Schools offer a comprehensive PreK–12 program. The district's organizational structure includes a preschool,

three elementary schools, a 5–8 middle school, and 9–12 high school.

The 2009–10 school operating budget totaled \$13,596,410. The average cost per pupil for 2008–09 was \$8,948.

Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Percent Proficient
2008–09 8th Grade Criterion-Referenced		
Reading	99	99
Writing	100	92
Math	100	99
Fall 2009		Average
8th Grade Norm-Referenced		Score
Reading	100	64
Spelling	100	67
Vocabulary	100	62
Mathematics	100	70
Composite Total	100	64
Sources of Info.	100	64
Science	100	68
Social Studies	100	61
Class of 2009		Composite
ACT	85	Score 22.8

It is estimated that 90 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school. Eighty percent of the graduating seniors pursue postsecondary education, 15 percent enter the job market, and approximately 3–5 percent enter the military.

The maximum capacity of the public elementary schools is 460. Holdrege Middle School was built in 1991 and has a maximum capacity of 400. Holdrege High School, built in 1961 with an addition in 1991, has a maximum capacity of 480.

Franklin, Washington, and R-7 Elementary Schools provide a developmentally appropriate education for each student. Instruction is offered in all curricular areas, including reading, writing, math, science, social studies, art, music, and physical education. Title I reading and math, response to intervention, speech, special education, gifted, and other programs are available to students. Technology is integrated in subject areas to support the curriculum. HPS elementary schools are a place where all students have the opportunity to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. The elementary schools offer small class sizes to enhance learning opportunities and individual help for all students. K–4 classrooms have twenty students or less.

Holdrege Public School serves 5th through 8th grades and is dedicated to the development of the student intellectually, socially, and emotionally. The school and its staff work to help each student grow and learn in the way they learn best. The school provides a solid core academic program along with many exploratory experiences that allow each student to discover his/her own interests and goals. Academic skills are stressed in addition to good character training in the areas of citizenship, honesty, and responsibility. The school seeks to work in partnership with parents and students to help make the transition from elementary and to the high school setting the best opportunity for each student to be successful academically and personally.

Holdrege High School (HHS) provides a rich variety of academic offerings. Students are able to prepare for continued study at post-secondary schools or for entry into the work world.

Courses:

- Science—Physics, Chemistry, Advanced Biology, Medical Careers, Anatomy, Physiology
- Math—Consumer Math, Geometry, Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Trigonometry
- English—Advanced Placement, Honors, Speech, Creative Writing, Drama, Yearbook, Newspaper/Photography
- Social Studies—World Geography, U.S. History, American Government, Psychology
- Vocational—CAD, Industrial Technology, Cabinet Making, Construction, Technology
- Agricultural Education—Leadership Development, Animal Science, Plant Science, Power Mechanics, Agribusiness, Natural Resources, Veterinary Science
- Foreign Language—Spanish 4 years, French 4 years
- Family Consumer Science—Interior/Fashion Design, Foods, Child Development
- Business—Business Law Marketing, Personal Finance, Diversified Occupations, Accounting
- Physical Education—Strength Training, Team Sports, Personal Fitness, Health, Individual Sports
- Music—Music Theory, Chorus, Band, Concert Choir, Marching Band
- Art—Commercial Art, Advanced Drawing, Design Techniques, Sculpture & Prints, Painting, Art Appreciation

A wide variety of clubs and activities provide all students an opportunity to get involved in school life outside of the classroom. A large percentage of HHS students participate in one or more of the activities listed below:

- Thespians
- Student Council
- National Honor Society
- National Art Honor Society
- Future Farmers of America
- One-act play contests
- Speech contests
- Quiz Bowl



Franklin Elementary School



Washington Elementary School



R-7 Elementary School



Middle School



High School



Educational Service Unit 11

- Evening with the Arts
- Instrumental and vocal concerts
- Yearbook
- School Newspaper “The Duster”
- Pep band
- Jazz band
- Flag team
- Show choir “Gold Dust”
- Dance team “Twisters”
- Cheerleaders
- Honors Night
- All school plays and musicals
- Skills USA
- Future Educators of America

HHS has a proud tradition of excellence in athletics and activities. The Holdrege Dusters, member of the Central Conference, compete in Class B and offer the following sports:

- Boys—football, cross country, tennis, wrestling, basketball, golf, track, and soccer
- Girls—volleyball, softball, cross country, tennis, basketball, golf, track, and soccer

The district is committed to providing the tools and training for students, teachers, and administrators to be competent in technology. In working towards this goal, the district infrastructure has been upgraded to accommodate wireless notebook computers at elementary, middle, and high school buildings and mobile wireless labs are utilized at each level. The district is guided by a technology committee made up of teachers, administrators, and school board members.

Phelps County Center for the Performing Arts—The Tassel—was gifted to the Holdrege Public Schools by the Phelps County Community Foundation, Inc. The Tassel provides a setting for all students to showcase their talents in music, speech, and theatre.

Holdrege Public Schools emphasize that, to the maximum extent, appropriate students with disabilities are educated with students who do not have disabilities. Students with disabilities are not removed from the regular educational environment unless the nature or severity of the handicap is such that education in regular classes

with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily. The Holdrege Public Schools provide special services to those students age birth through 21 who have been referred by the Student Assistance Team and verified by the Multi-Disciplinary Team.

Trained and qualified teachers/specialists provide the following services to children with disabilities and their families:

- Resource assistance
- Speech/language therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- School psychologist/behavioral services
- Adaptive physical education program
- Audiology services
- Vision services
- Autism spectrum disorders services
- Traumatic brain injury services
- Transition program

Early childhood special education is provided for three-, four-, and five-year-old children with special needs. The Holdrege Public Schools provide screening and/or identification of three- and four-year-olds and non-Kindergarten-eligible five-year-old handicapped children with suspected disabilities. Child Find Screening for possible developmental delays is available to all children residing within District boundaries. Services are also provided to qualified infants and toddlers (birth–3 years) through early intervention. Preschoolers qualifying for special education intervention are served in their natural environments (daycare, preschool, and home). The district’s intent is to support families as they work to increase their child’s participation in daily activities.

The Prairie Education Center provides an early childhood education environment that strives to assist preschool and school-age children in achieving language, cognitive, social-emotion, and physical gains. The Lil’ Dusters Preschool and Early Childhood Grant Program enhances children’s participation in age and developmentally appropriate activities by bringing together children with and without needs. Early childhood special education

services, support, and screening are provided for birth to five-year-old children and their families through early intervention.

Part of Holdrege Public Schools' early childhood educational program is the preschool program designed to serve children who are three to four years old. The teachers are certified in Early Childhood Education and/or Early Childhood Special Education.

A complete range of adult educational courses and satellite courses are offered in connection with Central Community College.

Parochial School

The All Saints Catholic School is accredited and approved by the Nebraska Department of Education and approved by the state of Nebraska. This K-4 Catholic school has three classrooms totaling 33 students. The teacher/pupil ratio is 1:12 and the computer/pupil ratio is 1:1. Little Saints Preschool has 38 students with a 2:13 teacher/student ratio.

Educational Service Unit

Holdrege is the headquarters for Educational Service Unit 11, which serves 13 school districts in 7 counties including Phelps County. Services/programs available include educational film/video library, staff development, special education, technology, gifted education, preschool, school nurse, distance learning, and alternative education, occupational therapy, and speech/language pathology.

Community College

Holdrege is part of 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, 25,961 students were enrolled in Central Community College courses.

The Holdrege Center, established in 1995, is part of the Extended Learning Services Division to provide educational opportunities to Harlan, Franklin, Kearney, and Phelps Counties. Facilities include three classrooms, three conference rooms for meetings and workshops, a nine-station computer lab, satellite downlink, and video conference capabilities. Construction will begin in fall 2010 to double the size of the center to provide additional educational programs.

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 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. 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.

For more information on Central Community College, visit www.ccnneb.edu.

Central Community College			
2008–09 Academic Year			
(Note: Numbers can be duplicated between award levels)			
Program	Degree	Diploma	Certificate
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
Business Technology	12	21	26
Commercial Art	7	9	12
Commercial Horticulture	6	3	13
Construction Technology	11	17	28
Criminal Justice	11	NA	NA
Dental Assisting	7	12	NA
Dental Hygiene	14	NA	NA
Diesel Technology	15	15	68
Drafting	27	23	28
Early Childhood Education	24	18	19
Electrical Technology	9	1	5
Electronics Technology	5	0	8
Health Information Management Services	11	11	4
Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	0	0	1
Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts	6	4	21
Human Services	12	10	0
Industrial Technology	15	15	62

NA-Not available

**Central Community College
2008–09 Academic Year**

(Note: Numbers can be duplicated between award levels)

Program	Degree	Diploma	Certificate
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
Paralegal	4	2	2
Parts Sales & Management	2	2	0
Practical Nursing	NA	59	NA
Quality Control	2	NA	0
Truck Driving	NA	NA	29
Welding Technology	7	15	32
Total	557	339	617

NA-Not available

Colleges and Universities

The **University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK)**, www.unk.edu, 36 miles northeast of Holdrege, 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. 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. The 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.

For more information, contact University of Nebraska at Kearney at (800) 532-7639 or visit www.unk.edu.

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	<u>651</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Total	6,650	966	322

Other Schools

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

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Holdrege, NE	0
Central Community College, Off-Campus Center	
Kearney, NE	36
University of Nebraska at Kearney Central Community College, Off-Campus Center	
Hastings, NE	55
Hastings College Central Community College, Hastings Campus Mary Lanning School of Nursing	
Grand Island, NE	82
Central Community College, Grand Island Campus	
Milford, NE	147
Southeast Community College Milford Campus	
Seward, NE	146
Concordia University	
Colby, KS	150
Colby Community College	
Lincoln, NE	165
Hamilton College Nebraska Wesleyan University Southeast Community College, Lincoln Campus Union College University of Nebraska-Lincoln	

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Omaha, NE	217
Bellevue University Clarkson College College of St. Mary's Creighton University Grace University Metropolitan Community College Nebraska Methodist College Nebraska Wesleyan University Wesleyan Advantage University of Nebraska Medical Center University of Nebraska at Omaha	
Wayne, NE	225
Wayne State College	
Chadron, NE	346
Chadron State College	
Sioux Falls, SD	395
University of Sioux Falls	

CHURCHES

Denomination	Number of Churches
Assembly of God	1
Baptist, Southern	1
Catholic	1
Christian	1
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	1
Episcopal	1
Evangelical Free	1
Jehovah Witness	1
Lutheran, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America	1
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	1
Methodist	1
Presbyterian	1
Seventh Day Adventist	1



Phelps Memorial Health Center



Phelps Medical Plaza



Veterans Affairs Clinic



Holdrege Memorial Homes, Inc.



Christian Homes

HEALTH CARE

Hospital

The 25-bed **Phelps Memorial Health Center** (PMHC), accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, was built in 1968 with major additions in 1981 and 2003. Facilities include an intensive care unit, surgery services, respiratory care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, emergency, obstetrics, laboratory, radiology, dietary, pharmacy, home health, mammography, computerized tomography (CT), echo cardiography, anesthesia, outpatient surgery, cardiac rehab, social services, pulmonary, MRI, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, durable medical equipment, emergency transport services, and early childhood development. PMHC operates an advanced life support ambulance service for hospital patient transfer.

In 2007 PMHC purchased the medical clinic building on the campus. Medical services available at the Phelps Memorial Professional Building include the High Plains Clinic and PMHC services for cardiac and pulmonary rehab.

PMHC's Phelps Medical Plaza was completed in 2008. Medical services available include the **Family Medical Specialties** clinic, pharmacy, oncology services, physical and occupational therapy, and a specialty clinic area for visiting specialists.

Clinics

Family Medical Specialties is a primary care health care clinic providing a wide range of health care prevention, diagnostic, and treatment services for the entire family. Six physicians and two physician assistants specialize in healthcare services such as pediatrics, obstetrics, internal medicine, gynecology, geriatrics, minor surgery, and sports medicine. A number of the physicians are trained in allergy and provide allergy testing and prevention solutions. Family Medical Specialties also provides extensive laboratory, radiology, and diagnostic services including

digital x-ray, obstetrical ultrasound, bone density, stress tests, and halter and pacemaker monitoring. Specialists in areas of cardiology, urology, orthopedics, obstetrics, oncology, pulmonology, gastroenterology, neurology, and genetics visit the clinic and are available to see patients on a regularly scheduled basis.

High Plains Clinic provides a healthcare team—two physicians, one physician assistant, and one nurse practitioner—with training and experience to prevent, diagnose, and treat a wide variety of conditions found in patients of all ages. Comprehensive services include pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, geriatrics, total family health care, health screens, minor emergency, minor surgical, occupational health, physicals and preventative healthcare, x-ray, and laboratory services.

The **Veterans Affairs Clinic**, a 5,700-square-foot community-based clinic, opened in 2008. The new outpatient clinic can accommodate approximately 2,800 veterans per year. Staff includes a primary care physician, a licensed mental health social worker, a registered nurse, licensed practical nurses, and a medical clerk/receptionist. Veterans can access primary care and mental health services. The clinic has multiple exam rooms, video conferencing services for groups and specialty clinics, and a minor procedure room.

Rescue Squad

The **Holdrege Rescue Squad** is a volunteer organization of 16 emergency medical technicians (EMT). The ambulance is owned by the Holdrege Fire Department. Calls are dispatched by the Holdrege Police Department.

Phelps Memorial Health Center also provides an Emergency Services Division to residents of the area. This division is comprised of three full-time paramedics, three full-time EMTs, two part-time EMTs, and two part-time paramedics. The Emergency Services Division has two fully equipped Advanced Life Support ambulances.

Nursing Homes

Holdrege Memorial Homes provides both skilled nursing and assisted living services. The three skilled nursing units contain a total of 83 private rooms. The two assisted living units contain a total of 40 private apartments both studio and one-bedroom accommodations. The facility participates in the Medicaid Home and Community Base Waiver program as well as traditional Medicaid and Medicare programs. The skilled nursing facility provides 24-hour skilled nursing care; restorative nursing care; and speech, physical, and occupational therapies. It utilizes a primary nursing care model and nurse call system tied directly to residents' care providers. Medical transportation is available. Social services are also available to assist resident with psychosocial needs and help with Medicare/Medicaid inquiries and discharge planning. A wide variety of activities, special events, and programming is available. Volunteers are available to assist residents at several of the events and activities. Choice dining is available to skilled nursing residents with buffet dining being available to those receiving assisted living services. Personal care aides and nursing assistants help with bathing and transportation and nurses and medication aides are available to assist with medication set up and delivery. The facility employs a full-time chaplain, has its own chapel and community room, and benefits from local visiting ministers. The facility provides cable television and wireless Internet service to all its residents at no additional costs.

Christian Homes is a Christian ministry founded in 1889 to serve the needs of children. It now serves senior citizens and others who are in need of its services. A wide range of services are provided to those who can live independently, to those who need limited assistance, and to those who require skilled nursing care.

Christian Homes Health Care Center, built in 1962 with additions in 1970 and 1990, has 89 beds, including 8 beds in a special care unit. The facility is licensed by the state of Nebraska and certified as a Medicare/Medicaid Skilled Nursing Facility.

SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Mosaic began a community-based program in 1981, providing support for individuals with disabilities. Approximately 60 adults and children receive residential and vocational services enabling them to live as independently as possible. Vocational programs provide training skills to help people reach their full potential. With the support of staff, Mosaic operates the Corner Nugget thrift store. Training opportunities also exist in the wood shop, cleaning, and lawn care crews as well as weaving room where rugs, coasters, place mats, and table runners are hand woven. Mosaic's retirement center provides older individuals with socialization, crafts, and a variety of activities.

Mosaic also provides training for employment within the community as is evident by persons with disabilities holding jobs in local restaurants, nursing homes, and grocery stores. Cooperative working experiences have been created with local manufacturing firms, adding another training dimension to the local program.

Mid-Nebraska Individual Services (MNIS) provides in-home supported living, residential services, and job-training support for clients in the community. MNIS also operates the Holdrege Area Recycling Center.

LIBRARY

The **Holdrege Area Public Library** serves residents of Holdrege and Phelps County. The collection contains more than 55,000 items, including fiction and non-fiction for adults, teens, and children; large print books; magazines; newspapers; and movies. A large collection of audio books on cassette tape and downloadable, CDs and Playaways, as well as access to a collection of more than 2,500 downloadable audiobooks is available. Also available for check out are puppets, specialty cake pans, and games (including a new circulating collection of Playstation II games). Total circulation on all items averages 130,000 per year, and the library has 58,543 visits annually. High speed broadband access to the Internet



South Park



South Park Tennis Court



North Park



City Pool



Country Club



Golf Course

is offered through eight public access workstations; seven workstations for adults and teens over 14 with parental permission and one for children. The library supplements its 85 magazine subscriptions with on-line access to full text articles from hundreds of other periodicals. Other subscribed databases include Chilton's Automotive and the Encyclopedia Britannica.

The Children's Library, home to a 21-foot book dragon named Smilin' Sam Smoke, offers a wide variety of materials and experiences. Twice weekly story times for toddlers and preschoolers are presented by the Children's Librarian, and an outreach story time program is also offered to area preschools. An Early Literacy workstation, offering more than 25 fun learning games and activities, is available for exploration by children working alone or with a parent or older sibling. A reading program is presented each summer in partnership with several area businesses who support the program. The library hosts a movie afternoon each month through the year for grade schoolers, screening popular DVDs from the collection using a digital projector. There is also a Saturday "Gamer Gathering" for the teen crowd featuring popular games for Playstation II and Wii gaming consoles. Both of these popular events are also supported by area businesses.

Outreach efforts include placement of collections of books in "Sam's Boxes" in waiting rooms of area clinics, dental offices, hospital, funeral home, and other service establishments. An active Friends group raises funds and provides volunteer help with special projects.

RECREATION

Holdrege has two parks covering 65 acres. Facilities include swimming pool, tennis courts, exercise trails, horseshoe pits, disc golf, picnic areas, playground equipment, shelter house, rest rooms, five lighted baseball/softball diamonds, boating, fishing, and a campground with hook-ups. Two unsupervised playgrounds are well equipped with swings, slides, and other playground equipment. The 2009-10 budget for parks and recreation is \$377,900.

Holdrege recreation programs include, but are not limited to, softball, baseball, football, basketball, volleyball, swimming, bowling, track and field, soccer, wrestling, Holdrege Gun Club, skeet and blue rock shoots, and saddle and roping clubs, gymnastics, and 4-H. Many of the youth recreation programs are sponsored by Holdrege Optimist Club, Prairie Sports Association, and the YMCA.

The 40,000-square-foot YMCA, built in 2006, offers health and fitness opportunities for ages six weeks to 100 years. The YMCA has basketball and racquetball courts, swimming pool, Cybex equipment, free weight machines, a variety of cardio vascular equipment, indoor walking track, family center, and locker rooms. There are a variety of programs and activities for all ages to build healthy minds, spirit, and bodies including group exercise, Fit for Farmers, Taekwondo, after school program, and child watch. Activities include monthly family nights, healthy kid day events, and more.

Area facilities within 45 minutes:

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|-----------------------|---|
| Boating | — Johnson Lake and Harlan County Reservoir |
| Bowling | — One 12-lane bowling alley |
| Canoeing & Jet Skiing | — Available on area lakes |
| Disc Golf | — 1 course |
| Fishing | — City parks, Harlan County Reservoir, Interstate Lakes, Johnson Lake, Republican and Platte Rivers, and Elwood Reservoir |
| Golf Courses | — 1 public 18-hole grass greens course with clubhouse |
| Hunting | — Pheasants, ducks, geese, quail, turkey, and other upland game |
| Miniature Golf | — Within 30 minutes |

- Skating — Roller skating rink and ice skating on area ponds and at the Viaero Event Center in Kearney
- Soccer — 2 soccer fields
- Swimming — 1 olympic-size heated pool with diving area and wading pool
- Tennis — 6 lighted, hard-surfaced courts
- Theaters — 1 indoor movie theatre seating 450, performing arts center seating 835

Annual Celebrations

- February — Water Conference
— Kiwanis Pancake Feed
- March — Career Fair
- April — Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt
— Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
- May — High School Graduation
- June — Swedish Days
— “Early Bird” Sales
- July — Phelps County Fair
- August — Chamber’s Teacher’s Recognition Luncheon
- September — Heartland Show & Shine Car Show
- November — Antique Toy Show
- December — Free Movies & Sleigh Rides with Santa Claus
— Holdrege Silhouette Gun Show

The **Holdrege Area Farmers Market** is held each Thursday evening beginning in May on the Courthouse lawn. A wide variety of local produce, crafts, and food products are available. As fall arrives, the market takes on a festive, holiday flair and moves to the city auditorium offering holiday crafts and baked goods throughout the shopping season.

Phelps County Senior Citizen Center provides facilities for counseling and information, educational activities and programs, tax aids, recreational activities, and referrals. Transportation is provided by Phelps County Public Transportation.

The **Nebraska Prairie Museum** provides more than 65,000 square feet of displays and out buildings that include a one-room school house, late 1800 farm house, and a Lutheran church. The museum depicts the life of Phelps County’s ancestors and the items they used from simple household furnishings and utensils to elegant furniture and glamorous clothes to a World War II “Camp Atlanta” POW Camp.

A turn of the century “Town Square” invites the visitor to walk down the streets of the businesses and recall what life was like in a small rural community. The Nebraska Prairie Museum is home to the Phelps County Historical Society, Holdrege Area Genealogy Society, and the National Sod House Society. The POW Interpretive Center is home to an extensive collection of artifacts and images from the Atlanta, Nebraska Prisoner of War camp.

Cultural Activities

Cultural activities include Great Plains Art Guild, Community Concert Association, and Regional Art Guild.

The Tassel, a performing arts center, accommodates theatrical performances, concert attractions, lectures, and meetings. The Tassel can seat 685 individuals on the main floor with an additional 150 seats in the balcony level. The 30,000-square-foot facility offers a sound room, lighting room, step-down orchestra pit, a 50-foot wide proscenium, dressing rooms, back stage rest rooms, and a 52-foot fly space. The hallmark of this elegant facility is its superb acoustics.

HOUSING

New Construction

In 2008, three single-family permits and eight two-unit permits were issued (total valuation



YMCA



Senior Center



Nebraska Prairie Museum



The Tassel, Center for the Performing Arts

\$2,926,000). Five single-family housing permits were issued in 2009 (total valuation \$1,180,000).

Housing Market for Holdrege (as of 2/2010):

Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family - 50

Avg. Selling Prices (New and Existing)

Single Family Home	
2,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom	\$250,000
1,600 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom	\$140,000
1,000 sq. ft.	\$90,000

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

Less than \$100,000	30
\$100,001–\$150,000	15
\$150,001–\$200,000	3
\$200,001–plus	2

Rentals

Apartment - 1 bedroom	\$150–\$250
Apartment - 2 bedroom	\$250–\$400

A \$750,000 New Neighborhood Initiative grant was awarded to the city of Holdrege by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. The grant will be used to purchase land, prepare the infrastructure, and offer down payment assistance. Phase I consists of 12 townhomes (duplex units) with costs ranging between \$180,000–\$200,000, 8 single-family homes ranging between \$145,000–\$165,000, and 4 smaller townhomes ranging between \$100,000–\$125,000. Lincoln Place offers 24 lots starting at \$9,500. The Holdrege Development Corporation (HDC) a non-profit corporation, administers housing development grants for the city of Holdrege. HDC is now offering to income eligible families up to \$30,000 in down payment assistance for Lincoln Place.

Low-Cost and/or Retirement Housing

Burlington Place Apartments, built in the mid-1990s, offers 32 one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments with income limits as well as market rent units.

Erlandson Square, built in 1984, has 16 one-, two-, and three-bedroom units with a community room and services. All units are owner-occupied.

Heritage Apartments provides 8 two-bedroom units to persons 62 years of age or more with 60 percent or less of the county’s median income. Paved off-street parking, exterior maintenance, lawn care, and snow removal are available. The project is partially funded by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority’s Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program.

Sunrise View, built by the Housing Authority in 1977, contains 48 one-bedroom units. This low-income housing facility for the elderly and handicapped/disabled, also includes a community room and laundry. Rent is 30 percent of net income.

Sunrise East, LLC, contains 16-units for income-eligible persons ages 55 plus. These all electric units have two bedrooms with a single car garage. Amenities include stove, refrigerator, microwave, garbage disposal, washer, and dryer. All maintenance is provided.

Westport Congregate Housing is a FMHA project built in 1993. This three-floor complex contains 25 one-bedroom units for the elderly. Rent is 30 percent of net income. Westport offers a community room.

Holdrege Housing Authority Section 8 Vouchers for rental assistance in the private market are available to income-eligible families.

Independent Housing

Christian Homes Assisted and Independent Living Center, Chrisoma West, built in 1999, has 25 licensed assisted and 18 independent living apartments.

Christoma Villa, located on the Christian Homes’ campus, was opened in 1983 and has 13 owner-occupied, independent living units.

Assisted Living

Chrisoma West Assisted Living Center opened in 2000 with 25 one-bedroom and studio apartments. It is licensed as an assisted living facility by the state of Nebraska and certified to accept Medicaid participants.

Chrisoma West Independent Living Center also opened in 2000 and has 18 one- and two-bedroom apartments.

Holdrege Memorial Homes, a Medicaid-waiver facility, has 43 units of independent/assisted living and 83 skilled units.

Both Chrisoma residents and Holdrege Memorial Homes residents enjoy buffet-style meals. Optional activities include resident council, vocal or bell choir, card groups, and holiday

special events. Both facilities are spacious and encourage family gatherings. Speech, physical, and occupational therapies are available within the facilities.

FINANCIAL

Financial institutions in Holdrege:

- Bruning State Bank
- First National Bank
- FirstTier Bank
- Home Federal Savings & Loan
- Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan
- TierOne Bank



Bruning State Bank



First National Bank



FirsTier Bank



Home Federal Savings & Loan



Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan



TierOne Bank

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL

Architects	2
Attorneys	12
Auctioneers	2
Certified Public Accountants	4
Chiropractors	3
Dentists	5
Engineering Firms	2
Medical Doctors (residing in Holdrege)	
—family practitioners	8
—general surgeons	2
—internal medicine	2
Medical Doctors (on hospital consulting staff)	
—cardiologists	20
—clinical psychologists	1
—ear, nose & throat	4
—family practitioners	8
—general surgeons	2
—nephrologists	1
—neurologists	1
—neuro surgeons	1
—obstetricians/gynecologists	4
—oncologists	6
—ophthalmologists	2
—orthopedic surgeons	8
—pathologists	3
—pediatric cardiologists	1
—psychiatrists	1
—pulmonologists	1
—radiologists	8
—urologists	3
Nurse Anesthetists	4
Nurse Practitioners	2
Nurses, Registered	63
Optometrists	2
Orthodontists	1
Pharmacists	8
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	2
Veterinarians	5

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies	5	
Advertising Agencies	1	
Agricultural Implement Dealers	2	
Antique Shops	2	
Apparel Stores—combination	2	
—women’s	1	
Appliance Stores	2	
Auto Repair & Services	7	
Auto Supply Parts	5	
Automobile Dealers	5	
Automobile Renting & Leasing	1	
Aviation Seeding & Spraying	1	
Bakeries	1	
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums	1	
Beauty Salons & Barber Shops	8	
Bed & Breakfasts	1	(3 rooms)
Carpet & Rug Dealers	3	
Caterers	3	
Child Care Service	22	
Contractors—concrete	1	
—electric	4	
—excavating	2	
—general	4	
—heating & air conditioning	5	
—plumbing	4	
Convenience Stores	3	
Copying & Duplicating Services	2	
Craft Stores	1	
Dance Studios	1	
Discount Stores	3	
Drug Stores	4	
Dry Cleaning & Laundries	1	
Farm/Ranch Supplies	2	
Fertilizers	2	
Floral Shops	1	
Funeral Homes	1	
Furniture Stores	1	
Garbage Removal Services	2	
Gift Shops	3	
Grain Dealers	2	
Grocery Stores	2	
Hardware Stores	3	
Health Clubs	2	
Home Furnishings	1	
Hotels/Motels	2	(63 rooms)
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	1	
Insurance Companies	9	

Interior Decorators & Designers	2
Irrigation Supplies.....	4
Jewelry Stores	1
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies.....	3
Laundries, Self-Service.....	1
Lawn Services.....	3
Lumberyards	2
Machine Shops.....	2
Meat Processors	1
Nurseries & Garden Centers	1
Office Equipment Services & Supplies	1
Office Machine Repairs	1
Photography Studios	1
Preschools	5
Printers	2
Real Estate Firms	5
Restaurants.....	17
Service Stations.....	1
Shoe Stores.....	1
Theatres.....	1
Variety Stores	3
Welding Shops	2



Holdrege Chamber of Commerce



Phelps County Agricultural Center

AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

AGRICULTURE

2007 Statistics	Phelps County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	420	47,712
Land in Farms (acres)	340,291	45,480,358
Average Size of Farms (acres)	810	953
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$470,220,000	\$15,506,035,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$1,119,572	\$324,992
Total Acres Irrigated	246,754	8,558,559
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	72.5%	18.8%
Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2005–2009)		
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)	31,704 tons	4,008,400 tons
All Wheat	378,975 bu.*	69,730,000 bu.
Corn for Grain	33,551,480 bu.	1,377,890,000 bu.
Sorghum For Grain	144,700 bu.	19,032,000 bu.
Soybeans	5,415,340 bu.	233,518,000 bu.
Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2006–2010)		
All Cattle	169,600	6,450,000

*4-year average

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2005–2010
2007 Census of Agriculture

RAW MATERIALS

There are no metallic minerals in the area; however, nonmetallic minerals of sand and gravel are available in commercial quantities.

Soft wood and cottonwood are available along the Platte River. Scotch, Ponderosa, and Austrian pines are available for Christmas trees.

Produce including tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, potatoes, pumpkins, sunflowers, and sweet corn are grown and marketed in the area. White corn is grown, harvested and cleaned, and then shipped to Frito-Lay in Gothenburg, Nebraska.

CLIMATE

TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature			Precipitation		Humidity*	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	14.2	25.5	36.7	0.48	5.1	77	67
February	18.3	29.9	41.5	0.68	6.0	78	66
March	26.2	39.0	51.8	1.70	6.3	78	63
April	37.4	50.8	64.3	2.48	2.1	77	58
May	48.2	61.0	73.9	4.05	0.1	80	61
June	58.4	71.3	84.2	3.93	0.0	81	59
July	63.8	77.0	90.3	3.28	0.0	82	61
August	61.9	75.1	88.3	2.94	0.0	84	63
September	52.4	66.1	79.7	2.16	0.1	82	60
October	40.5	54.1	67.7	1.56	0.9	79	57
November	27.3	39.2	51.1	0.89	3.2	79	63
December	17.9	28.6	39.0	0.61	4.4	78	67
Annual	38.9	51.5	64.0	24.75	28.3	80	63

*Recorded at Grand Island Weather Station

FROST DATA

Average date of spring freeze probability	April 28
Average date of fall freeze probability	October 10
Average length of freeze free season probability	166 days
Average number of heating degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit	6,022
Average number of cooling degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit	1,114
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