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## POPULATION (Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003 Est.</u>
Milford	2,070	2,067
Seward County	16,496	16,671
Labor Market	336,098	347,028

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## INTRODUCTION

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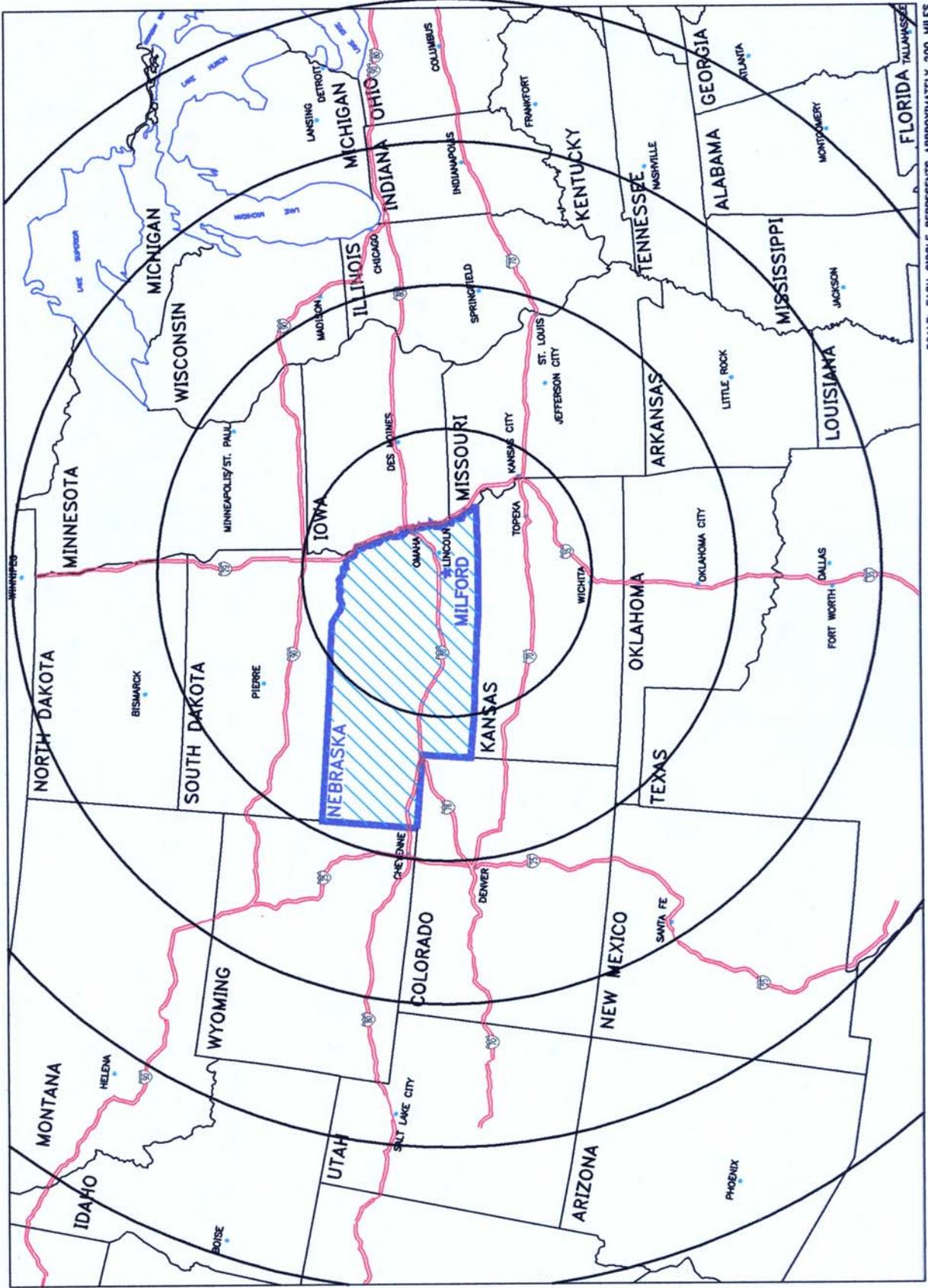
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SCALE: EACH CIRCLE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### LOCATION

Milford, located in Seward County in southeastern Nebraska, is served by U.S. Highway 6 and State Highway 15. A direct highway access connects Milford with Interstate 80, three miles north. Milford is 24 miles west of Lincoln and 78 miles southwest of Omaha.

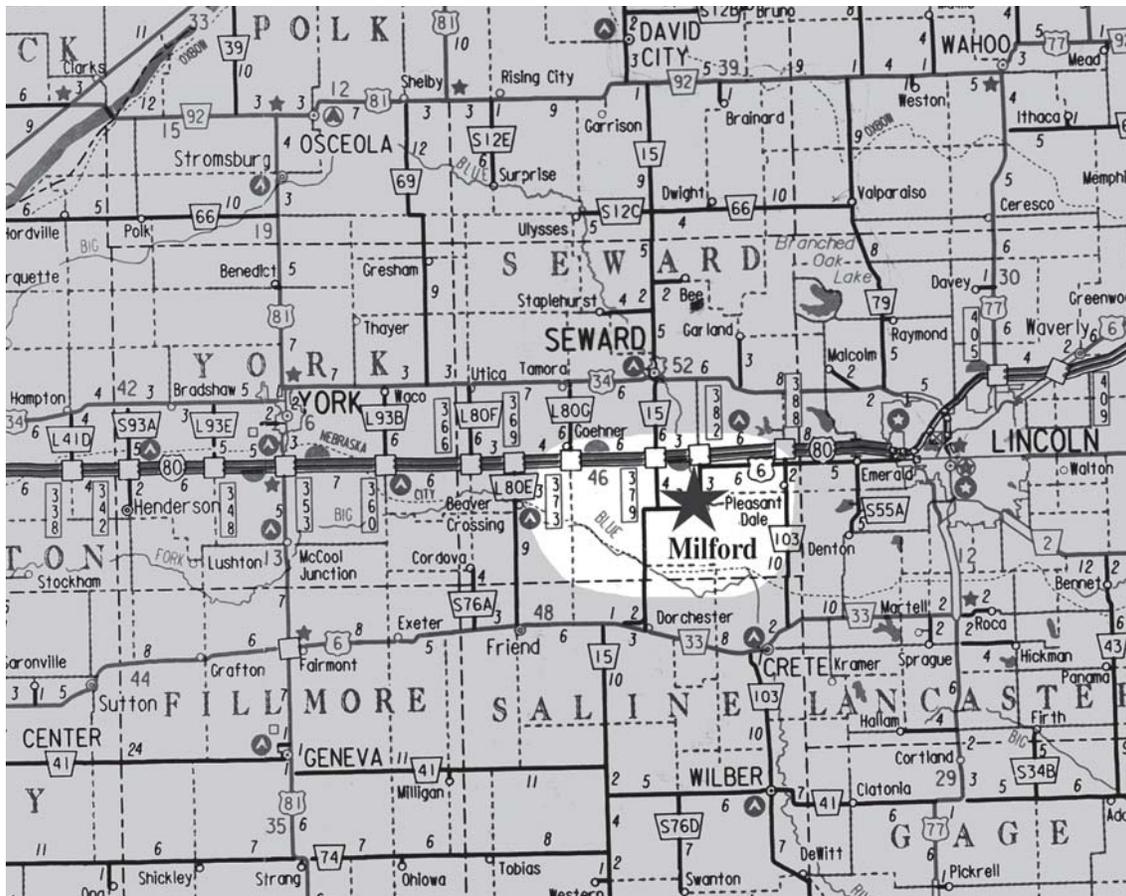
### POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Milford	Seward County
1970	1,846	14,460
1980	2,108	15,789
1990	1,886	15,450
2000	2,070	16,496
2003 (Est.)	2,067	16,671

County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2000 U.S. Census	
One race	16,377
White	16,174
Black or African American	47
American Indian and Alaska Native	34
Asian	48
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	8
Some other race	66
Two or more races	119
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	179

The 2003 U.S. Census estimates 347,028 people live within Seward County and the contiguous counties of Butler, Fillmore, Lancaster, Polk, Saline, and York.

There are 15 people in Milford fluent in at least one other language.



## **LOCAL ECONOMY**

Basic economic activities of Milford, a college town, include manufacturing, education, agriculture, and cattle and hog raising.

Retail firms in Milford reported annual net taxable retail sales of \$14,668,987 in 2003, while Seward County reported net taxable retail sales totaling \$82,744,267.

Changes in the economy since 2000 were marked by continued sustained growth in residential homes in and within the zoning area of Milford. This has provided steady work for local area builders and related service contractors. The local and area economy continues to prosper and grow with low interest rates making new home building and remodeling attractive to citizens and commercial businesses.

## **ELEVATION**

Milford is 1,452 feet above sea level.

## **TOPOGRAPHY**

The terrain is level to gently rolling. Loess plains with fertile black soil are predominant in the west and south with glacial drift hills in the east and north. Drainage is good.

## **HISTORY**

Milford is situated on a high, commanding plain inclining to the east and bordered by the high plains of the Big Blue River on the north. The first authentic knowledge of this town site was given by some early hunters who found it occupied by approximately 5,000 Indians—Pawnees, Otoes, and Omahas. The Indians had rendezvoused at the site when resisting encroachment of the Sioux territory by the whites.

Traditional history made Milford a favorite camping ground of the Pawnees and a meeting place of the Pawnees, Otoes, and Omahas when they joined

their bands to divide and protect themselves from the inroads of their bitter enemies, the Sioux. A gigantic oak standing alone on the prairie near the bluff has been pointed out as the traditional “council tree” where many compacts were sealed.

The first settler in Milford was J. L. Davison, who discovered the site of the future town while guiding a party to the gold fields of Pikes Peak. He was attracted by its natural scenery and the splendid facilities it offered for water power. In April 1864, he camped upon the spot and a few days later built a dugout in which he lived until the following fall when he built the first frame house erected in the town and established a well known ranch. The Indians were numerous and often visited him in their journeys across the country.

The Territorial Road was laid out from Nebraska City to a point on the Platte River where it met the old Government Trail, about 40 miles east of Fort Kearny. J. L. Davison’s ranch then became a favorite stopping place for freighters and immigrants.

The post office was established in the fall of 1864 with Mr. Davison as postmaster. The first schoolhouse was built in 1867. On April 10, 1869, the First Congregational Church was organized and the Baptist Church followed the next summer. The Milford Lodge, I.O.O.F., was chartered in May 1870.

The town struggled along enduring all the inconveniences of pioneer days until the advent of the Atchison and Nebraska Railroad, at which time Milford started to flourish as a general trade and retail center.

In 1941, Senator Stanley Matzke of Seward introduced a bill to the Legislature changing a closed down soldiers and sailors home into the Nebraska Trade School, the first trade school in the state. The name was later changed to Southeast Community College. It has been the life blood of the community.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### MANUFACTURERS

<u>Company/ Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
CY Manufacturing 2004	Animal bedding products	National	3	0	None
Digitec, Inc. 1982	Industrial controlling equipment	National & International	9	7	None
Don Strinz Tipi, Inc. 1968	Tents	National & International	4	3	None
J & R Welding Inc. 1994	Welding & seed caddies	National	3	1	None
Milford Times 1957	Commercial printing & weekly newspaper	Local	0	2	None

### MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 50 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Crestview Healthcare Center	Skilled nursing facility	4	54	None
Daws, Inc.	Trucking	63	6	None
Milford City Schools	Education	30	59	NEA
Southeast Community College	Education	113	54	FASSN
Sunrise Country Manor	Skilled nursing facility	18	74	None

### OTHER MAJOR AREA MANUFACTURERS

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
<b>Crete, 11 miles</b> (employing 100 or more)			
Bunge Milling	Processed grain	150–199	BCTGM
Farmland Foods, Inc.	Pork processing	1,500–1,999	UFCW
Nestles Purina, Inc.	Pet foods	300–399	UFCW

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
<b>Seward, 13 miles</b> (employing 100 or more)			
Hughes Bros., Inc.	Crossarms, transmission & distribution materials	263	IAM & AW
Tenneco Automotive	Automotive exhaust systems	375	None
<b>Lincoln, 22 miles</b> (employing more than 500)			
Burlington Northern-Havelock Ships	Railroad freight cars, freight car & train wheels	500-749	Various
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	V-belts, radiator hoses, transmission belting	1,000-1,499	URW
Kawasaki Motors	Motorcycles, industrial robots, utility vehicles, recreational vehicles, jet skis, rail passenger cars for light-rail systems	1,000-1,499	None
Molex, Inc.	Electrical connectors, terminals, switches, electronic components	500-749	None
Pfizer Animal Health, Inc.	Veterinary pharmaceuticals, biologicals	750-999	None
Quebecor Printing	Commercial printing & magazine printing	500-749	None
Square D Company	Minature electric circuit breakers	500-749	IBEW

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

The Milford Chamber of Commerce and Milford Economic Development Committee work together for industrial development in the community.

The Milford Economic Development Committee is funded through one-tenth of the 1 percent city sales tax.

Approximately 50 acres of land in and adjacent to the community are zoned for industry. The price of industrially zoned land ranges from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per acre.



CY Manufacturing



Milford Times



Milford Welcome Sign



Scenes from Main Street

# LABOR

## LABOR SUPPLY

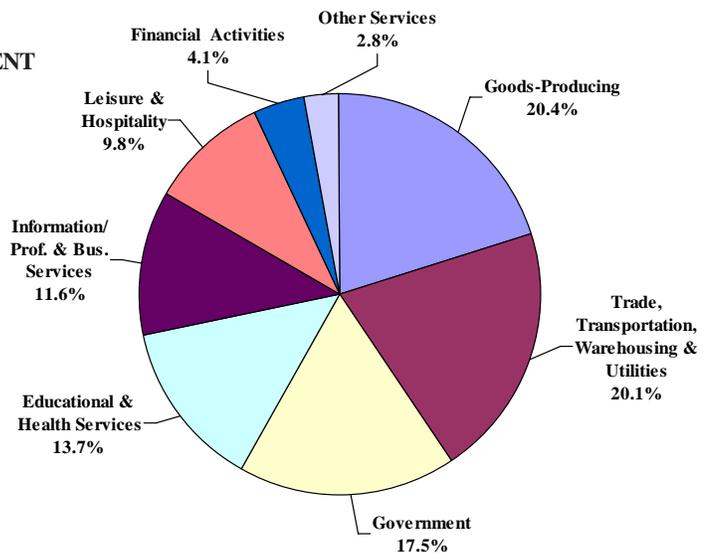
- A. Employment in the Milford labor market, which is defined as the whole of Seward County and the total consisting of Seward County and the contiguous counties of Butler, Fillmore, Lancaster, Polk, Saline, Saunders, and York counties in Nebraska (annual average, 2004):

	<b>Seward County</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)</b>		
Goods-Producing (Mfg., Nat. Res., Mining & Const.)	1,257	31,409
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	1,235	33,943
Information	(D)	(D)
Financial Activities	251	12,602
Professional & Business Services	(D)	(D)
Educational & Health Services	844	(D)
Leisure & Hospitality	603	17,937
Other Services	170	(D)
Government	1,080	42,201
<b>TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS</b>	<b>6,157</b>	<b>190,309</b>
Farm Employment*	940	8,080
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>9,314</b>	<b>198,037</b>
B. Commuting Out of County	3,570	N/A
C. Unemployment	286	7,060
<b>TOTAL LABOR FORCE</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>205,097</b>
D. Estimated number of homemakers, seasonal and part-time workers, and workers who would shift from low-paying jobs who could be expected to work for industry	5,333	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	240	
<b>TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D &amp; E)</b>	<b>9,429</b>	

\*Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Data for 2002 (D) - Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

Milford is willing to conduct a labor survey for a prospective business.

**NONFARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT  
SEWARD COUNTY  
ANNUAL AVERAGE, 2004**



2000 POPULATION DATA						Median Household Effective Buying Income (2003)
Location	Density/ Sq. Mile	% 65 Yrs & Over	Median Age	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	
Seward Co.	28.7	15.2	35.7	87.5	22.6	\$38,289
Nebraska	22.3	13.6	35.3	86.6	23.7	\$35,948
U.S.	79.6	12.4	35.9	84.0	26.0	\$38,201

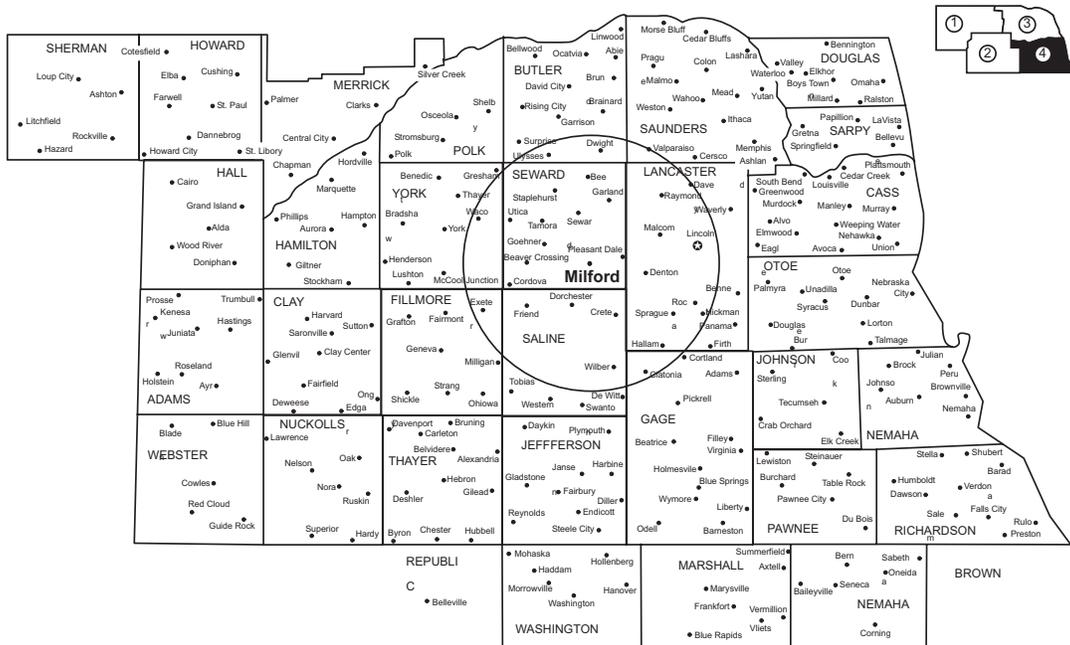
Seward County had 10,936 eligible voters in 2004; 70.3 percent voted in the national election compared to 68.3 percent in Nebraska.

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

Sales and Marketing Management, September 2004

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

### LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE MILFORD AREA



### POPULATION DATA U.S. Census Estimates

2003 Estimate	
City of Milford	2,067
Seward County	16,671
30-Mile Radius	347,028

Seward County Population by Age/Gender, 2003		
Ages	Male	Female
18-24	1,630	1,201
25-44	1,931	1,808
45-64	1,925	1,829

## UNIONIZATION

Nebraska has a right-to-work provision in its constitution. In 2000, 13.1 percent of Nebraska's manufacturing workers were members of labor unions, compared to a national figure of 14.8 percent. Union membership in Nebraska is concentrated in the railroad and packinghouse industries.

Labor organizations serving the Milford area:

Company	Union
Alltel	Communications Workers of America
Aquila	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
BNSF Railway Company	Standard railroad unions
Educational Service Unit 6	Nebraska State Education Association
Milford Public Schools	Nebraska Education Association
Southeast Community College	Faculty Association & Professional Non-Faculty Association

Less than one percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in Milford is unionized. There have been no known strikes in the last ten years.

## WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Professional</b>			
Accountants & Auditors	12.53	21.68	43.21
Engineers			
Civil Engineers*	18.97	27.07	36.86
Electrical Engineers*	21.08	32.04	48.11
Industrial Engineers	21.81	33.82	51.20
Mechanical Engineers	19.75	28.72	50.63
Computer Programmers	11.98	13.55	19.19
Computer Systems Analysts	19.07	26.85	36.09
Registered Nurses	14.96	20.18	25.47
<b>Retail</b>			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	6.06	7.80	8.84
Retail Salespersons	5.88	7.56	17.99
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	6.83	10.12	16.64
Driver/Sales Workers	6.03	11.02	22.62
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	5.93	7.66	13.97
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	8.00	12.04	14.54
<b>Clerical</b>			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	6.58	10.05	14.61
Customer Service Representatives	6.61	9.95	19.47
Data Entry Keyers	7.50	9.82	12.61
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	6.65	9.87	15.30

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

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Office Clerks, General	6.41	9.02	12.54
Receptionists & Information Clerks	6.28	8.50	11.19
Telemarketers	6.67	7.93	10.16
<b>Unskilled</b>			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	6.13	8.39	12.52
Packers & Packagers, Hand	6.07	8.67	14.10
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Others	9.58	12.53	14.76
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	7.78	9.77	12.02
<b>Semi-Skilled</b>			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	9.63	12.86	16.87
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	9.29	14.60	17.97
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	8.74	12.27	20.31
Machine Operators			
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	10.35	13.02	15.60
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	9.77	13.86	17.81
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	10.53	12.71	16.08
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	10.54	13.67	16.83
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.*	7.86	10.00	14.73
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	7.30	13.04	17.19
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	10.72	14.12	16.78
<b>Skilled</b>			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	7.74	12.37	18.09
Electricians	12.05	14.50	22.33
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	11.06	17.63	30.16
Machinists	11.63	15.36	20.84
Tool & Die Makers	14.99	18.37	21.32
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	10.41	14.10	17.39
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	11.12	13.44	15.17
<b>Technical</b>			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians*	11.31	21.80	31.28
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	14.80	19.71	25.69
Computer Operators	7.95	10.10	18.99

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

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Fourth Quarter 2004 Wage Estimates, All Industries, Southeast Region, [www.dol.state.ne.us/lmiwages/toc000.htm](http://www.dol.state.ne.us/lmiwages/toc000.htm)

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

## FRINGE BENEFITS

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range from 10 to 32 percent of wages.



Milford Senior Center



Thornridge Golf Course

# TRANSPORTATION

## RAILROADS

Milford is served by a main line of the BNSF Railway Company with 5 freight and 35 coal trains daily. There are 15 inbound cars (excluding through cars) and 4 outbound cars annually.

Railroad mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Omaha	75
Chicago	548
Dallas	744
Denver	473
Detroit	868
Kansas City	223
Los Angeles	1,828
Minneapolis	463
St. Louis	516
San Francisco	1,871

Amtrak provides Lincoln, 24 miles 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 service, and checked baggage service from most cities. Travel time to Chicago from Lincoln is 11 hours and to the West Coast is 42 hours. Amtrak has one train each way daily.

## MOTOR

### Highways

East-west U.S. Highway 6 passes through Milford and north-south State Highway 15 is 3 miles west. There are no local load restrictions. Interstate 80 is 3 miles north and Interstate 29 is 78 miles east of Milford.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	24
Omaha	78
Chicago	543
Dallas	623
Denver	470
Detroit	810
Kansas City	214
Los Angeles	1,484
Minneapolis	453
New York	1,317
St. Louis	467
San Francisco	1,600

### Trucklines

Intrastate and Interstate trucklines serving Milford:

Nearest Terminal/Company	Trucks
<b>Milford</b>	
Daws Trucking	70
<b>Fairbury</b>	
Canning Freight	1
<b>Seward</b>	
Alan Schultz Transportation	69
Seward Motor Freight	140

### Bus Lines

The nearest scheduled bus service is provided daily by Greyhound in Lincoln, 24 miles.

The Seward County Handi Bus, serving Milford and other Seward county communities, travels weekdays to and from Seward and to and from Lincoln twice a week.

### Taxi

Milford Shuttle Service operates in Milford.

## AIR

The Seward Municipal Airport, located 10 miles north of Milford, has a 4,200 foot lighted and hard-surfaced runway and a 3,400 foot turf runway. Other facilities include private aircraft storage and maintenance, fixed base operator, aircraft rental, fuel, banner towing, aerial photography, and courtesy car. One of the 15 private planes hangared at the airport is available for charter service. The elevation at the airport is 1,506 feet, the latitude is 40°51'92"N, and the longitude is 97°06'56"W.

Scheduled air service is available at the Lincoln Airport, 24 miles (25 minutes) east of Milford. The airport is utilized by both commercial and private aircraft and provides passenger, air express, and air freight services. Rental cars and taxi services are available.

Airlines serving Lincoln:

<b>Airline</b>	<b>Flights Daily</b>	<b>Nonstop Destinations</b>
American Connection	4	Chicago
Northwest/Pinnacle	6	Minneapolis, Detroit
United Express	12	Chicago, Denver
Westward Airways	2	North Platte, Omaha, Scottsbluff

## WATER

Barge service is available at 10 barge terminal facilities on the Missouri River in Nebraska. The Nebraska City river port is 71 miles east of Milford. These river ports are navigable approximately eight months per year. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintains a 9-foot deep, 300-foot wide channel for 735 navigable miles from Sioux City to the mouth of the Missouri River. Commodities transported by towing companies are grain and grain products, fertilizer, feed ingredients, cement, rock-aggregate, and salt.



# UTILITIES

## ELECTRICITY

The city of Milford is provided retail electrical service by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). The city is fed from two 34,500 volt lines which are integrated into NPPD's statewide transmission grid. The distribution system in Milford is fed from two 5 MVA 34.5/12.5 kV transformers.

**BASE ELECTRIC RATES** (effective 2/1/03)  
Summer bills run from June - September.

**Residential Service** (electric water heat):

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

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:**

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

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:**

**Customer Charge:**  
Single Phase \$27.50 per month  
Three Phase \$32.50 per month  
**Summer Winter**  
8.40¢ 5.17¢ per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month  
3.40¢ 2.22¢ per kWh for all additional use  
**Minimum Bill:** The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments

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:**

**Customer Charge:**  
Single Phase \$60.00 per month  
Three Phase \$70.00 per month  
**Summer Winter**  
8.20¢ 5.62¢ per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month  
3.25¢ 2.35¢ per kWh for all additional use  
**Minimum Bill:** The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments

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 an off-peak service rate available to qualifying customers.

**Sample Cost per kWh:**

kW	kWh	Customer Billed ¢/kWh <sup>1</sup>
100	30,000	6.55¢
100	36,000	5.99¢
300	90,000	6.36¢
300	150,000	5.09¢
500	150,000	6.33¢
500	180,000	5.80¢

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

**High Tension Service\*:**

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$250.00 per month			
<b>Monthly Demand Charges</b> (Base Rate charge per kW):			
<b>Summer:</b>	\$11.00 per kW of billing demand		
<b>Winter:</b>	\$ 6.00 per kW of billing demand		
<b>Spring/Fall:</b>	\$ 6.00 per kW of billing demand		
<b>Monthly Energy Charges</b> (Base Rate charge per kWh):			
<b>Season</b>	<b>On-Peak</b>	<b>Mid-Peak</b>	<b>Off-Peak</b>
Summer	4.77¢	3.78¢	3.03¢
Winter	2.57¢	2.06¢	1.48¢
Spring/Fall	2.44¢	N/A	1.48¢
Summer rate applies to the Customer's demand and energy use from July 1 through August 31.			
Winter rate applies to the Customer's demand and energy use from December 1 through March 31.			
Spring/Fall rate applies to the Customer's demand and energy use from April 1 through June 30 and September 1 through November 30.			

\*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 several off-peak and curtailable service rates available to qualifying customers.

**Sample Cost per kWh:**

kW	kWh	Customer Billed ¢/kWh <sup>1</sup>
150	30,000	7.46¢
150	100,000	4.08¢
500	100,000	6.79¢
500	300,000	4.02¢
1,000	200,000	6.65¢
1,000	650,000	3.87¢

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

The ¢/kWh cost is estimated using the following assumption concerning the distribution of electricity use during on-peak, mid-peak, and off-peak periods which are specified in the National Data Standards adopted by the International Economic Development Council.

Season	On-Peak %	Mid-Peak %	Off-Peak %
Summer	31.0	30.2	38.8
Winter	38.2	23.6	38.2
Spring/Fall	54.5	0.0	45.5

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 Seward County Rural Public Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves the rural area surrounding Milford. For information regarding electrical services in the Seward County Rural Public Power District service area, contact Joel Navis, manager, Seward, Nebraska, (402) 643-2951.

## NATURAL GAS

Aquila is the retail supplier of natural gas in Milford. The community is served with a four-inch line at 44 pounds of pressure. Northern Natural is the pipeline company for Milford.

Aquila is a full-service natural gas distribution company with Nebraska headquarters in Lincoln.

Natural gas with an average value of 1,000 BTU per cubic foot is available for residential, commercial, and industrial customers for base and peak use on a firm basis. Interruptible service is available for customers with alternate fuel capability. Annual curtailment of interruptible customers varies with the type of service selected by the customer.

### NATURAL GAS RATES (month of March 2005)

All rates vary slightly due to seasonal and commodity price fluctuation.

#### Residential:

<b>Customer Charge:</b>	\$11.00 per month
All therms	\$ 0.88142 per therm

#### Commercial/Industrial:

<b>Customer Charge:</b>	\$15.00 per month
All therms	\$ 0.91231 per therm

#### Small Volume Interruptible\*:

<b>Customer Charge:</b>	\$50.00 per month
All therms	\$ 0.91231 per therm

\*This schedule applies to commercial and industrial customers with daily requirements less than 200 Mcf.

#### Commercial/Industrial - Large Volume:

Rates are negotiable and determined by individual customer contract.
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Contact the Economic Development Department of Aquila at (402) 437-1850 or (800) 232-2850 for further information regarding gas rates and services available.

## OTHER FUELS

### LP Gas

LP Gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at Farmers Co-Op.

### Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at Farmers Co-Op.

## WATER

The municipal water system in Milford is supplied by six wells which have an average depth of 200 feet. The system, serving 100 percent of Milford, has a combined pumping capacity of 1,760 gallons per minute and an overhead and underground storage capacity of 410,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 325,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 1,000,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 2,944,400 gallons per day. The static pressure is 52 pounds per square inch and the residual pressure is 47 pounds per square inch.

Groundwater is available for industrial uses. A 120-foot well will produce 500 gallons of water per minute. The water table in Milford has not changed significantly in the last five years.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in parts per million, is 172. The tap water temperature varies from 50° in winter to 60° in summer.

### Chemical Analysis (in parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.4
Calcium	180
Total Solids	414
Iron	0.01
Nitrate	2
Manganese	0.15
Chloride	8
Fluoride	0.37
Sulphate	43
Total Alkalinity	229
Sodium	31
Total Hardness	172

### WATER RATES (effective 1/03)

A water connection fee of \$200 is charged for new service.

#### Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

First 1,000 gal.	Minimum bill
Excess gal.	\$1.25 per 1,000 gal.
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> Varies from \$8.00 per month for a 3/4-inch service to \$31.92 per month for a 4-inch service	
<b>Outside City Limits:</b> 1 1/2 times city rate	

A 300,000 gallon elevated storage facility was built in 2003. The \$770,000 project was financed by a bond issue.

### SEWERAGE

The city of Milford has a sewerage lagoon built in 1998. The average daily flow is 193,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily discharge is 200,000 gallons per day.

### SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 1/01)

A sewer connection fee of \$25 is charged for new service.

Sewer-use charges are set during January usage.

#### Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

\$10.00 per month base fee
\$ 1.50 per 1,000 gal.
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> \$11.50 per month (inside city)
<b>Outside City Limits:</b> Double city rate

### SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Privately owned waste removal services are available in Milford. The disposal site is privately owned and has an estimated life of seven years.

### WASTE REMOVAL RATES (effective 2004)

#### Residential:

\$17.10 per month
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#### Commercial & Industrial:

Varies by services rendered
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### RECYCLING

Recycling is available in Milford when the trailer is on-site. Recyclables include aluminum cans, tins cans, newspapers, magazines, cardboard, and #1 and #2 plastics. The recycling trailers are funded by the city of Milford, the Seward/Saline County Solid Waste Agency, and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

# COMMUNICATIONS

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Alltel, with a digital central office served by fiber, provides telecommunication services in the Milford area. There are ten T-1 lines employed in the area. Installation and maintenance personnel are located in York. All major long distance carriers serve this equal access community.

Alltel provides a wide range of products and services, including traffic studies, 800 service, call accounting systems, personal pagers, long distance, business/residential telephone systems, data services, cellular service, and high capacity digital services.

### Tariffed Rates (effective 9/01/01)

Residence Line	\$17.50
Business Line	\$27.50
PBX Trunk	\$37.50

**Dark Fiber Solutions** (DFS) provides 100 percent fiber optic-based, IP transport services in more than 150 communities throughout the state of Nebraska, including Milford. Services range from 10 Mbps to 100 Mbps, up to a complete 1 Gbps network. The availability of high bandwidth services allows businesses to adopt advancing technologies such as “Big Pipe” Internet services, security, IP-based video conferencing, and voice-over-IP.

Every DFS-provided network includes 24-hour network monitoring and support as part of the standard service offering.

Visit [www.darkfibersolutions.com](http://www.darkfibersolutions.com) further information.

## INTERNET

Internet service is provided by Alltel, [www.alltel.com](http://www.alltel.com), (402) 761-2115; STE Wireless, [www.stewireless.com](http://www.stewireless.com), (402) 534-2502; and Galaxy Cable, [www.galaxycable.com](http://www.galaxycable.com), (800) 365-6988.

## POST OFFICE

The post office provides house-to-house delivery and has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily. Postal receipts in 2004 were \$328,000.

## PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	Federal Express	UPS	U.S. Post Office
<b>Latest Pick-up Time</b>	5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	5:45 p.m.
<b>Earliest Delivery</b>	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.
<b>Next Day Delivery Guarantee</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Saturday Delivery Guarantee</b>	No	Yes	Yes

## NEWSPAPER

The Milford Times, with 1,200 subscribers, is the local weekly newspaper. Newspapers delivered locally are the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star, and the Seward County Independent.

## RADIO

Radio stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KFGE	98.1 MHz	Lincoln
KZKX	96.9 MHz	Lincoln
KFRX	102.7 MHz	Lincoln
KTGL	92.9 MHz	Lincoln
KLIN	1400 KHz	Lincoln
KWOW	590 KHz	Omaha
KWOW	94.1 MHz	Omaha
KFAB	1110 KHz	Omaha
KAWL	1370 KHz	York
KTMX	104.9 MHz	York

## TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KOLN/KGIN	10/11	Lincoln/Grand Island
KLKN	8	Lincoln
NETV	12	Lincoln
KPTM	42	Omaha

Cable TV service is available on 97 channels, including 62 basic, 35 expanded basic, 44 premium channels, 32 pay-per-view channels, and 27 music channels.



U.S. Post Office in Milford

## TAX STRUCTURE

### VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES – CITY OF MILFORD

All real property is subject to tax at its actual 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		
	2002	2003	2004
Real Estate	\$58,625,117	\$59,626,051	\$60,843,625
Personal Property	1,939,736	1,829,965	1,654,634
Special (railroad and utilities)	<u>1,114,909</u>	<u>1,067,730</u>	<u>982,982</u>
Total	\$61,679,762	\$62,523,746	\$63,481,241

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

	2002	2003	2004
City	\$0.553471	\$0.541402	\$0.596639
County	.285746	.295491	.310275
School District	1.025754	1.045942	1.084237
Community College	.065500	.065500	.065500
Educational Service Unit	.017300	.017128	.017075
Natural Resource District	.026935	.026460	.028686
Agricultural Society	<u>.030000</u>	<u>.030000</u>	<u>.030000</u>
Total	\$2.004706	\$2.021923	\$2.132412

### LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of December 31, 2004:

City—Revenue Bonds	None
City—General Obligation Bonds	\$1,980,000
School District	\$3,140,000
County	None

### CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 12/31/04	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
<b>General Obligation</b>					
Paving & Sewer Bonds	11/08/04	\$ 270,000	\$270,000	1.95–3.95	3/15/14
Lagoon	5/15/04	\$1,010,000	\$965,000	1.10–4.10	11/15/18
Water Tower Bond	9/12/02	\$ 770,000	\$745,000	2.25–5.30	9/15/22

### SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 02/05	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
School District	9/02	\$3,290,000	\$3,140,000	1.00–4.20	9/20



Milford City Offices & Police Department



Milford Fire Station

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Seward County has 16 precincts and is governed by five county commissioners who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The actual county budget for 2004–05 is \$15,201,652.

Zoning classifications are:

- Agricultural
- Transitional Agricultural
- R–1 Residential
- R–2 Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Highway Corridor Overlay
- Historical
- Environmental

## MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Milford, a city of the second class, has a mayor-council form of government. The 2004–05 actual budget is \$1,768,827. Municipal officials are:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Term of Office</b>
<b>Elected</b>	
Mayor	4 years
<b>Elected by District</b>	
Council Members (4)	4 years
<b>Appointed</b>	
City Clerk/Treasurer	1 year
Chief of Police	1 year

## FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided to the community by a 36-member volunteer fire department. Protection is provided for areas outside the city limits by contract with Seward County Rural Fire Protection District.

Milford has 93 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 5; outside the corporate limits it is 9. Average annual expenditures for fire protection during the last three years were \$142,517.

Equipment in the fire department:

<b>Year/Make</b>	<b>Description</b>
1976 Ford	600 gal. per min.
1985 Ford	Tanker
1971 Ford	500 gal. per min.
1973 Ford	Grass rig
1967 International	1,200 gal. tanker
1984 Ford	Equipment truck
1977 Ford	Ambulance
1997 Ford	Ambulance
1998 Freightliner	Pumper
1972 Ford	60' aerial ladder truck

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Police Department

Milford employs five full-time police officers and has three patrol cars, computer, communications system, breath testing equipment, and other standard equipment. Annual expenditures for police protection during the past three years averaged \$234,553.

The crime rate per 1,000 population in Milford in 2002 was 14.8 compared to a state crime rate of 42.6 and a national rate of 41.2.

### Sheriff's Department

The Seward County Sheriff's Department has ten sworn officers and seven support personnel. The department has nine cruisers, jail facilities, intoxilizer, radio communications with national links, and other standard equipment. Regular patrol provides protection to existing industries in the area by the police and sheriff's departments.

### Seward County Communications Center

The Seward County Communications Center employs eight dispatchers who are under the direction of an appointed director. The center is also directed by a seven-member board made up of two Seward County Commissioners, two council members from the city of Seward, the Seward County Sheriff, Seward's Chief of Police, and a member of the Mutual Aid Association who

represents the 11 county fire departments. The Communications Center handles dispatching for all law enforcement in Seward County, including the Sheriff's Department, Seward Police Department, Milford Police Department, Nebraska State Patrol units within the county and the county's 11 fire departments. In addition to answering all 911 emergency (fire, rescue, disturbances, etc.) calls, the center is also responsible for taking radio calls from various law enforcement officers, nonemergency calls for the Seward County Sheriff's Department and Seward Police Department, and handling citizen calls regarding city utility outages and/or disruptions. Dispatchers also act in the capacity of corrections officers when in the performance of jail duties.

### **State Patrol**

The headquarters for the Nebraska State Patrol is in Lincoln, 24 miles east of Milford. Six of the 44 patrol officers headquartered in Lincoln are stationed in Seward, 13 miles north of Milford.

### **STREETS**

Milford has 12 miles of streets, all of which are hard-surfaced with concrete, brick, or asphalt. Ninety percent of the streets have curbs and 40 percent have sidewalks. A special truck route is enforced for trucks weighing 10,000 pounds or more.

Street maintenance includes street sweeping, street repairs, and snow removal.

## **BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS**

The Uniform Building Codes, the National Electrical Codes, Uniform Plumbing Codes, Uniform Mechanics Codes, International Residential Code 2000, and the International Building Code 2000 are enforced within the community.

Local zoning classifications are:

OAG	Open Space Agriculture
RS	Residential Suburban
R-1	Single-Family Residential
R-2	Medium-Family Residential
R-3	High-Density Residential
CI	Commercial Intensive District
CE	Commercial Extensive District
I-1	Light Industrial
I-2	General Industrial
IP	Industrial Park
PD	Planned Development District
OF	Open Space Flood Plain

### **PLANNING**

Milford has a five-member planning commission; members are elected for three-year terms.

The Comprehensive Plan for Milford was updated in 1993. The plan will again be updated by Johnson-Erickson-O'Brien of Lincoln in 2005.

# COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

### Milford School System

Type of School	Number	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary	2	22	340	1 to 22	1 to 4
Jr.-Sr. High School	1	31	348	1 to 22	1 to 4

School District No. 5 in Seward and Lancaster counties covers 115 square miles and has an actual valuation of \$247,638,300. This Class 3, Type K-6, 6 district is accredited by the state of Nebraska and the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges.

The 2003–04 school operating budget totaled \$5,086,661, with an average cost per pupil of \$6,580.

The elementary schools have a capacity of 420. One elementary school has a pre-school serving the needs of disabled students ages three to six. The junior/senior high school, constructed in 1960 with an addition in 1987, has a capacity of 400 students. The Milford schools recently completed a new gymnasium and a state of the art theatre and music education facility seating 500.

#### Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
ACT	70	22.3

An estimated 95 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 83 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and 17 percent of the seniors enter the job market immediately after graduation.

Vocational programs are offered in the areas of office occupations, family and consumer science, and agriculture. An adult education program is available to district residents through Southeast Community College, Milford Campus.

The Milford Public School provides educational programs for all students with disabilities.

### Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit (ESU) 6 was formed by the Nebraska Legislature in 1966 to provide specialized services to schools for the purpose of improving student learning. By combining resources, sharing technology, professional leadership, expertise, and consultation, ESU 6 assists the Nebraska Department of Education in addressing state and federal initiatives as well as providing requested services from the schools.

ESU 6, headquartered in Milford, serves 28 public school districts, in the counties of Lancaster (minus the city of Lincoln), Seward, Fillmore, Saline, and York. ESU 6 is governed by a Board of Directors, elected by the voters in the area it serves and offers services needed specifically by its area schools. Each year the ESU 6 Administrator's Advisory Council evaluates and reviews the services provided and makes recommendations to the Board.

Services include repair of media equipment, video tape library, speech therapy, resource teachers, psychological services, special education supervision, physical and occupational therapy, staff development, telecomputing, and cooperative federal project programs. Additional services include effective schools training, board workshops, test booklet loan, robotics, and Star Lab.

### Community College

**Southeast Community College (SCC)** is governed by an 11-member Board of Governors elected from the college's 15 county area. The college is a multi-campus institution with campuses at Milford, Beatrice, and Lincoln. The total

full-time credit unduplicated student enrollment as of June 2004 was 18,655 students. The college served 14,341 noncredit students in Continuing Education on the campuses and in communities throughout southeast Nebraska. The combined unduplicated enrollment for SCC was 32,996 students.

Milford is the home of Milford Campus of Southeast Community College. SCC has been providing technical and vocational programs for students from across the state since 1941. Before the Milford campus became part of the Southeast Community College system in 1973, it was a separate institution, the first technical college in Nebraska.

As of October 2004 SCC-Milford enrolled 922 full-time students. The Milford campus placed 98 percent of its graduates in jobs or continuing education. It offers 24 different programs leading to an Associates of Applied Science, except for one program that offers both the AAS degree and the diploma.

**2003–04 Program Graduates**

<u>Programs</u>	<u># of Graduates</u>
Architectural-Engineering Technology	20
Auto Collision Repair Technology	29
Automotive Technology	33
Building Construction Technology	43
Business Administration	0
Computer Programming Technology	21
Daimler-Chrysler (CAP) College Automotive Program	8
Deere Constuction & Forestry Equipment Technology	10
Diesel Technology - Farm	8
Diesel Technology - Truck	18
Electrical Technology	39
Electromechanical Technology	19
Electronic Servicing & Electronic Engineering Technology	14
Ford Automotive Student Service Educational Training (ASSET) Program	19
General Motors (AESP) Automotive Student Service Educational Training	8
Graphic Design	13
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology	23
John Deere Ag Parts	19
John Deere Ag Tech	13

<u>Programs</u>	<u># of Graduates</u>
Land Surveying/Civil Engineering Technology	3
Machine Tool Technology	35
Manufacturing Engineering & CAD Technology	13
Nondestructive Testing Technology	19
Parts Marketing & Management Technology	7
Welding Technology	6

Southeast Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. In October 2002 the college hosted a North Central Association team of educators who evaluated the programs, services, activities, governance, and all other areas of SCC function. Following the team visit, the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association awarded the college with a ten-year accreditation status, the highest status an institution can earn.

The college currently operates John Deere Pro Tech, a corporate training center for John Deere technicians. This center delivers classes from three days in length to longer-term training, depending on the needs of the students.

SCC Customized Training Services offers training tailored to meet the specific needs of area industries, retail establishments, and other agencies and organizations in planning in-service and/or in-plant training programs. All customized classes are developed by the Customized Training Services office within the Continuing Education Division in close working relationship with the business or industry receiving the training.

These Continuing Education training programs arranged for large, medium, and small businesses provide lifelong learning for Nebraska employees and contribute to the economic vitality of the state.

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

**Colleges**

**Concordia University**, owned and operated by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is a coeducational institution of higher learning committed to academic excellence and to the



Milford Jr.-Sr. High School



Milford Elementary School



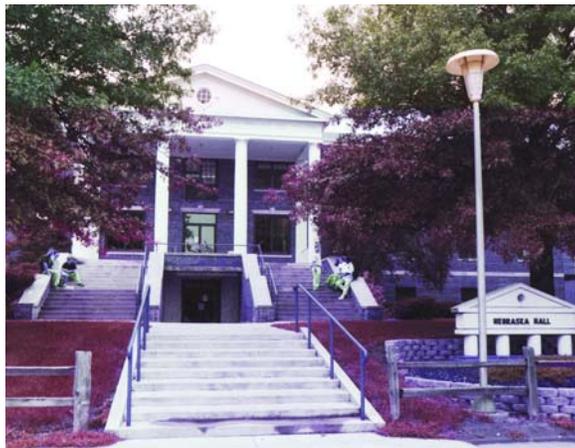
Education Service Unit No. 6



Eicher Tech Center, Southeast Community College



G. Alan Dunlap Center, Southeast Community College



Nebraska Hall



Welsh Center



Southeast Community College, Industry Training Center



Welding Technology Program



Machine Tool Technology Program



Diesel Technology Program



Building Construction Technology Program



Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Technology Program



Electromechanical Technology Program



Graphic Arts Program

Christian growth of its students. Concordia is a Christ-centered learning community for students preparing to be dynamic servant leaders to the church and world.

The University, founded in Seward in 1894, is consistently ranked in the top tiers in U.S. News and World Report's annual "Best Colleges" report. The 2003–04 enrollment was 1,317 full-time and part-time students from nearly 40 states and several foreign countries.

Students at Concordia train in a variety of fields. Many are preparing for careers in professional church work, including teacher education, pre-seminary, parish music, and director of Christian education programs. Concordia continues to be a leader in preparing church workers for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Concordia also offers more than 35 liberal arts majors, including business administration, biology, commercial art, computer science, communication, psychology, and sciences. The University also offers many preprofessional programs such as engineering, health careers, law, and social work. The accredited school offers five undergraduate degrees (Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science in Education, and Bachelor of Music) and three master's degrees (Master of Education, Master of Parish Education, and Master of Science-Family Life). A Degree Completion Program is available for those who have completed two years of college (or 60 hours of college credit).

A blending of the modern and the historic can be seen in the more than 20 academic and service buildings on Concordia's 120-acre campus. Brommer Hall, built in 1927, has been renovated to accommodate Concordia's Commercial Art Department. Jesse Hall, built in 1923 and renovated in 1988, provides facilities for the Business Administration program. The 65,000 square foot Thom Leadership Education Center was completed in 2000. Weller Hall, crowned by a tower that can be seen for miles, serves as the administrative center of the campus.

Concordia's Link Library contains more than 166,000 books and periodicals, 20,000 non-print multimedia titles, and

subscriptions to 550 periodicals and journals. The library also houses the Bartels Museum, which contains a collection of diversified rock formations and a marine fossil collection. The Music Center holds Heine Recital Hall, pipe organs and pianos, and a state-of-the-art music lab. Lounge areas, dining facilities, bookstore, snack bar, meeting rooms, post office, and game room are located in the Janzow Campus Center. The domed Osten Observatory, which houses a 15-inch computer-controlled telescope, was erected in 2002. A track and stadium complex was completed in 1997.

Concordia supports two vital community service programs. The Concordia College Lutheran Institute on Aging sponsors workshops throughout the Midwest to educate both church and community on concerns regarding aging. The Concordia Rural Ministries Program seeks to prepare and encourage young people to minister to rural congregations.

**Doane College**, located in Crete, (approximately 21 miles southeast from Milford), is the oldest four-year private liberal arts institution in Nebraska. The college was founded in 1872 by Thomas Doane, chief civil engineer of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad, and the Congregationalists. Doane College's 300-acre residential campus in Crete has an enrollment of approximately 1,015 students, 600 students in Doane's adult education program in Lincoln, and an additional 1,000 students in the college's three graduate programs. A new campus in Grand Island opened in 2003.

Doane College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association (NCA). In addition, the Teacher Education unit at Doane College is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top 10 best values and top 30 best schools in the Midwest (Universities-Masters category) in its 2001 college guide, Doane offers bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degrees in 38 areas of study within five divisions: science, mathematics and information science and technology; arts and humanities; social science; education and physical

education; and business. Preprofessional programs are also offered. Doane has a student/faculty ratio of 14 to 1, with an average class size of 23.

Doane also offers a comprehensive leadership program designed to enhance the leadership skills of college and high school students. Initially funded by a \$541,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan, the program is now funded by a grant from the Zenon C.R. Hansen Foundation. The Hansen Leadership Program offers opportunities for students and partners with communities to work together on issues affecting their areas. Leadership academies, alumni mentoring, and a challenging ropes course are additional components of the program.

Visit [www.doane.edu](http://www.doane.edu) for more information about Doane College.

### Other Schools

Other colleges, universities, and community colleges frequently attended by Milford high school graduates include:

<b>Community/College or University</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>Seward</b>	13
Concordia University	
St. Gregory the Great Seminary	
<b>Crete</b>	21
Doane College	
<b>Lincoln</b>	24
Nebraska Wesleyan	
Southeast Community College, Lincoln Campus	
Union College	
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	
<b>York</b>	36
York College	
<b>Beatrice</b>	59
Southeast Community College, Beatrice Campus	
<b>Omaha</b>	78
Creighton University	
University of Nebraska at Omaha	
<b>Kearney</b>	115
University of Nebraska at Kearney	

## CHURCHES

<b>Denomination</b>	<b>Number of Churches</b>
Assembly of God	1
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	1
Mennonite	4
Missionary	1
United Methodist	1

## MEDICAL

### Clinics

The **Milford Family Medical Center** was constructed in 1996 and has undergone two expansions that include additional examination rooms and a radiology suite featuring new equipment. The clinic is staffed by one full-time family practice physician with additional coverage by a part-time physician and two physician assistants. Laboratory services are available on site.

**Hackbart Chiropractic Center** opened in 1992 and has grown to near full capacity with four employees. The center is open 40 hours each week from Monday through Saturday. The doctor utilizes the Gonstead technique and gives counseling in the areas of nutrition, exercise management, work safety, and family health.

### Pharmacy

Milford Valu-Rite Pharmacy, locally owned and operated, opened in 2001. It is a full service modern professional pharmacy with a touch of yesterday. Prescription medications can be filled and non-prescription health care needs are available. The pharmacy features greeting cards, gift wrap, gifts, and antiques.

### Rescue Squad

Milford has 12 Emergency Medical Technicians serving on the Milford Volunteer Rescue/Fire Department. The Milford Volunteer Fire Department owns the two ambulances in the community.

## Hospital

**Memorial Hospital** in Seward, 12 miles, was the result of a combined effort of more than 1,600 citizens of Seward County. Built in 1949, the hospital is undergoing a construction/renovation project with an anticipated completion of May 2005. The project includes a new laboratory, emergency services department, 15-bed patient wing, imaging department and equipment, outpatient recovery center, and remodeling of the hospital lobby. The hospital offers obstetrical care; outpatient and inpatient surgical services; specialty physicians' clinic; and acute, skilled, and assisted living care. Ten area family practice physicians provide 24-hour emergency care.

Memorial Hospital provides services in cardiac rehabilitation, physical therapy, radiology, laboratory, CT scanning, MRI, dopplers, ultrasound, bone densitometry, nuclear medicine, surgical, respiratory therapy, diabetic therapy, obstetrics, pulmonary medicine, transitional care unit/assisted living, nutrition consultation, occupational therapy, home medical equipment rental, cardiac stress testing, hospice, home health, community speakers bureau, and wellness education.

**BryanLGH Medical Center** in Lincoln, 24 miles east of Milford, is a not-for-profit, private hospital. A broad range of services are provided including diagnostic and treatment services, inpatient, outpatient, emergency, rehabilitation, home health and education services, 24-hour information, and crisis assistance. BryanLGH specializes in the areas of cardiology, including heart and lung transplant services; Chest Pain Center; assistive heart devices and state-of-the-art procedures; Trauma Center verified by the American College of Surgeons; complete cancer center; critical care; diabetes center; neurology/neurosurgery; orthopedics; and medical health services for adults, children, and adolescents.

BryanLGH Medical Center has two locations to serve the region. BryanLGH Medical Center East and BryanLGH Medical Center West.

**Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center** in Lincoln, 24 miles east of Milford, is a not-for-profit Catholic hospital known regionally for burn care,

neonatal intensive, and maternity services. A full range of services are provided including cardiovascular, critical care, orthopedic, neurology, surgical, medical, rehabilitation, home care services, and health education. Saint Elizabeth's is a leading provider of children's services with many specialty clinics. The Saint Elizabeth Physician Network offers a variety of primary care and specialty physician clinics located throughout the community. Services include adult, children's, and obstetric health care. Specialties include internal medicine, maternal-fetal medicine, and cardiovascular services.

**Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital**, also in Lincoln, serves children and adults with physical disabilities, both temporary and permanent, including traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, neuromuscular disorders, stroke, orthopedic injury, and pediatric injury or illness. Madonna offers both inpatient and outpatient programs, adult and pediatric day services, work injury rehabilitation and prevention programs, and specialized ventilator-assisted, Alzheimer's, and extended care units. An assisted living facility opened in 1999 for young adults who desire to live more independently, although experiencing complex physical disabilities.

Lincoln and surrounding areas are served by three specialized or restricted hospital facilities. The **Lincoln Regional Center** is a state psychiatric facility serving 18 southeastern Nebraska counties. The **Veteran's Administration Hospital** provides care for veterans, while University of Nebraska students are served by the **University of Nebraska Health Center**.

## NURSING HOME

**Sunrise Country Manor**, built in 1962 with an addition added in 1998, has a 80-bed capacity. This Skilled Care Facility is licensed by the state of Nebraska and has professional nurses on staff 24 hours daily. Sunrise Country Manor is a member of the Nebraska Health Care Association and is certified for Medicaid.

**Crestview Healthcare Center** at Milford was built in 1966 and has a capacity of 58 beds.

Crestview Healthcare Center offers intermediate and skilled care as well as Adult Day Care Services (noon meals, socialization, activities, and nursing supervision), and Meals on Wheels. The facility is certified for Medicare and Medicaid.

## LIBRARY

The **Webermeier Memorial Library** is an accredited library operated by the city of Milford. It contains 23,220 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 35,655. Activities include an elementary and preschool storytime, a summer reading program, videos, CDs, and crafts. Internet is available at the library for the public.

The library at **Southeast Community College** contains more than 15,500 items, including periodicals, pamphlets, and a full range of audio-visual materials. The college library is available to Milford residents. The Learning Resource Center has more than 350 periodicals.

## RECREATION AND PARKS

The three parks in Milford cover 45 acres and have picnic shelters and tables, standard playground equipment, tennis and basketball courts, horseshoe pits, three all-weather ball diamonds, sand volleyball court, concession stand, and rest rooms.

Annual expenditures for the last three years averaged \$111,062. Programs are offered in swimming, softball, baseball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, midget football, and golf.

Milford has facilities for:

- Baseball/ Softball — Three all-weather ball diamonds
- Boating — Boating at Pawnee Lake, 11 miles; Branched Oak, 17 miles; and Big Blue River and Salt Valley Lake within 20 minutes
- Fishing — Excellent fishing at Pawnee Lake, Branched Oak, and the Big Blue River and Salt Valley Lake
- Golf — One public, 9-hole grass green course with clubhouse and driving range

- Horseshoe — Horseshoe pits in park
- Hunting — Excellent hunting for deer, rabbit, pheasants, quail, ducks, and geese
- Swimming — Municipal pool
- Tennis — Three lighted and hard-surfaced courts
- Volleyball — Sand court in park

The Milford Community Chamber of Commerce hosts the Milford Fun Festival in August. The festival includes a parade, games, entertainment, special events, and meals.

## Senior Activities

The **Milford Senior Center** offers a multitude of services including a weekday noon meal, senior shuttle, and health services.

## HOUSING

### New Construction

There were seven new homes constructed during 2002 and 2003 and five were built in 2004. The average cost of new home construction in Milford is \$126 per square foot.

Building permits were issued during the last five years for:

Single-unit houses	30
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### As of June 25, 2004:

#### Number of Homes on the Market

Single-Family	9
Townhouses	1

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

Single-Family Home	
2,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedrooms	\$189,000
1,000 sq. ft. - 2 bedrooms	\$ 98,000
Townhouses	
1,500 sq. ft. - 2 bedrooms	\$143,000

#### Rentals

New 2-bedroom apartment	\$375 to \$550
Apartment Vacancy Rate	less than 5%

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

Less than \$100,000	3
\$100,000-\$150,000	5
\$150,001-\$200,000	1



Crestview Healthcare Center



Sunrise Country Manor



Webermeier Memorial Building & Library



Swimming Pool



City Park



Tennis Courts

**Elderly and Handicap Low Income Housing**

**Linden Village**, a 49-unit, low-cost housing facility, was originally built in 1979 with additions in 1990 and 1993. The facility has an on-site manager, provides one meal three times per week, recreational programs, and central laundry.

**FINANCIAL**

As of December 31, 2004:

Name	Capital		
	Accounts	Deposits	Loans
	----- <i>thousands</i> -----		
Farmers & Merchants Bank	\$21,526	\$140,817	\$130,499
Jones National Bank & Trust Co.	\$17,172	\$130,087	\$108,033



Farmers & Merchants Bank



Jones National Bank & Trust Co.



New Housing



Linden Village



Milford Pharmacy



Hackbart Chiropractic

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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### PROFESSIONAL

Architects .....	4
Attorneys .....	3
Auctioneers .....	2
Certified Public Accountants .....	1
Chiropractors .....	1
Dentists .....	1
Medical Doctors (practicing in Milford)	
—general practitioners .....	2
Nurses, Registered .....	25
Orthodontists .....	1
Pharmacists .....	1
Physician Assistants .....	2
Podiatrists .....	1
Veterinarians .....	2

### BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping/Income Tax Agencies .....	2
Auto Repair & Service .....	5
Auto Supply Parts .....	2
Automobile Dealers .....	2
Automobile Renting & Leasing .....	2
Aviation Seeding & Spraying .....	1
Bakeries .....	1
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums .....	5
Beauty Shops & Barber Shops .....	7
Bed & Breakfast .....	1 (2 rooms)
Caterers .....	1
Child Care Services .....	6
Contractors —building .....	3
—carpentry .....	4
—concrete .....	5
—electric .....	3
—excavating .....	2
—general .....	4
—gravel .....	1
—heating & air conditioning .....	2
—painting .....	1
—plumbing .....	1
—remodeling & repairing .....	6

—roofing .....	4
—well digging .....	1
Convenience Stores .....	2
Craft Stores .....	3
Drug Stores .....	1
Dry Cleaning & Laundry .....	1
Floral Shops .....	2
Funeral Homes .....	1
Garbage Collection .....	2
Gift Shops .....	3
Grocery Stores .....	2
Insurance Companies .....	2
Interior Decorators & Designers .....	1
Laundromats .....	1
Lawn Services .....	4
Meat Lockers .....	2
Photography Studios .....	1
Preschools .....	2
Printers .....	1
Real Estate Firms .....	1
Restaurants .....	5
Service Stations .....	4
Specialized Shops .....	1
Television & Radio Repair .....	1
Variety Stores .....	1
Welding Shops .....	1



Water Tower

## AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

### AGRICULTURE

2002 Statistics	Seward County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	862	49,355
Land in Farms (acres)	364,178	45,903,116
Average Size of Farms (acres)	422	930
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$116,762,000	\$9,703,657,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$135,455	\$196,609
Total Acres Irrigated	128,347	7,625,170
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	35.2%	16.6%
<b>Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (1999-2003)</b>		
All Alfalfa Hay	25,252 tons	4,721,000 tons
Corn for Grain	16,797,160 bu.	1,074,450,000 bu.
Oats	23,675 bu.	3,827,000 bu.
Sorghum Grains	1,108,760 bu.	31,894,000 bu.
Soybeans	4,503,420 bu.	187,201,000 bu.
All Wheat	106,400 bu.	66,816,000 bu.
<b>Five-Year Average Livestock Population (1999-2003)</b>		
All Cattle	42,200	6,462,200

SOURCE: National Agriculture Statistics Service, [www.nass.usda.gov:81/ipedb](http://www.nass.usda.gov:81/ipedb)  
2002 Census of Agriculture, [www.nass.usda.gov/census](http://www.nass.usda.gov/census)

**Illinois Foundation Seeds, Inc.** is the second largest supplier of male and female corn seed to the hybrid industry. The company also deals in foundation seed of wheat and oats and is the largest marketer in the world of X-tra Sweet Sweetcorn. The Western Corn Research Station is located six and one-half miles south and one-half mile west of Seward. The company conducts a conventional corn breeding program with emphasis on yield, stress-tolerance, and disease and insect resistance. New private and university lines and hybrids are studied, and consulting recommendations are made to individuals and commercial seed companies on production methods, marketing developments, and commercial usage.

**Syngenta Seed** is located five miles west and five and one-half miles south of Seward. While their main emphasis is on the breeding of hybrid corn, the researchers also work closely with regional and district sales managers.

### RAW MATERIALS

Metallic minerals are not available in the Milford area; however, sand and gravel, nonmetallic minerals, are available in commercial quantities. Limestone and clay are available in unlimited quantities in the area.

# CLIMATE

## TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature*			Precipitation*		Humidity**	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	13.2	23.3	33.4	0.60	5.60	79	67
February	18.6	29.1	39.4	0.74	5.40	81	66
March	27.6	38.7	49.7	1.75	5.20	81	61
April	39.9	52.2	64.6	2.50	1.10	80	56
May	51.1	62.9	74.7	4.18	0.10	84	60
June	61.0	72.7	84.5	4.23	0.00	83	58
July	65.9	77.4	89.0	3.35	0.00	83	58
August	63.8	75.1	86.5	3.42	0.00	87	61
September	54.3	66.1	78.0	2.87	0.00	85	59
October	42.6	54.7	66.7	1.87	0.40	81	56
November	28.7	39.1	49.6	1.19	2.60	82	63
December	18.4	28.0	37.7	0.67	5.00	81	67
<b>Annual</b>	40.4	51.6	62.8	27.38	25.40	82	61

\*Recorded at Seward Station

\*\*Recorded at Lincoln Station

## FROST DATA

Average date of last frost in spring .....	April 22
Average date of first frost in fall .....	October 12
Average length of growing season .....	173 days
Average number of "heating degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	6,021
Average number of "cooling degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	1,174
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average) .....	9
Prevailing wind direction (annual average) .....	North

SOURCE: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1948–2003,  
[www.hpccun.unl.edu](http://www.hpccun.unl.edu)