

COMMUNITY FACTS

ORD, NEBRASKA

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POPULATION (Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2010</u>
Ord	2,112
Valley County	4,260
Labor Market*	30,662

*Includes Valley County and contiguous counties

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INTRODUCTION

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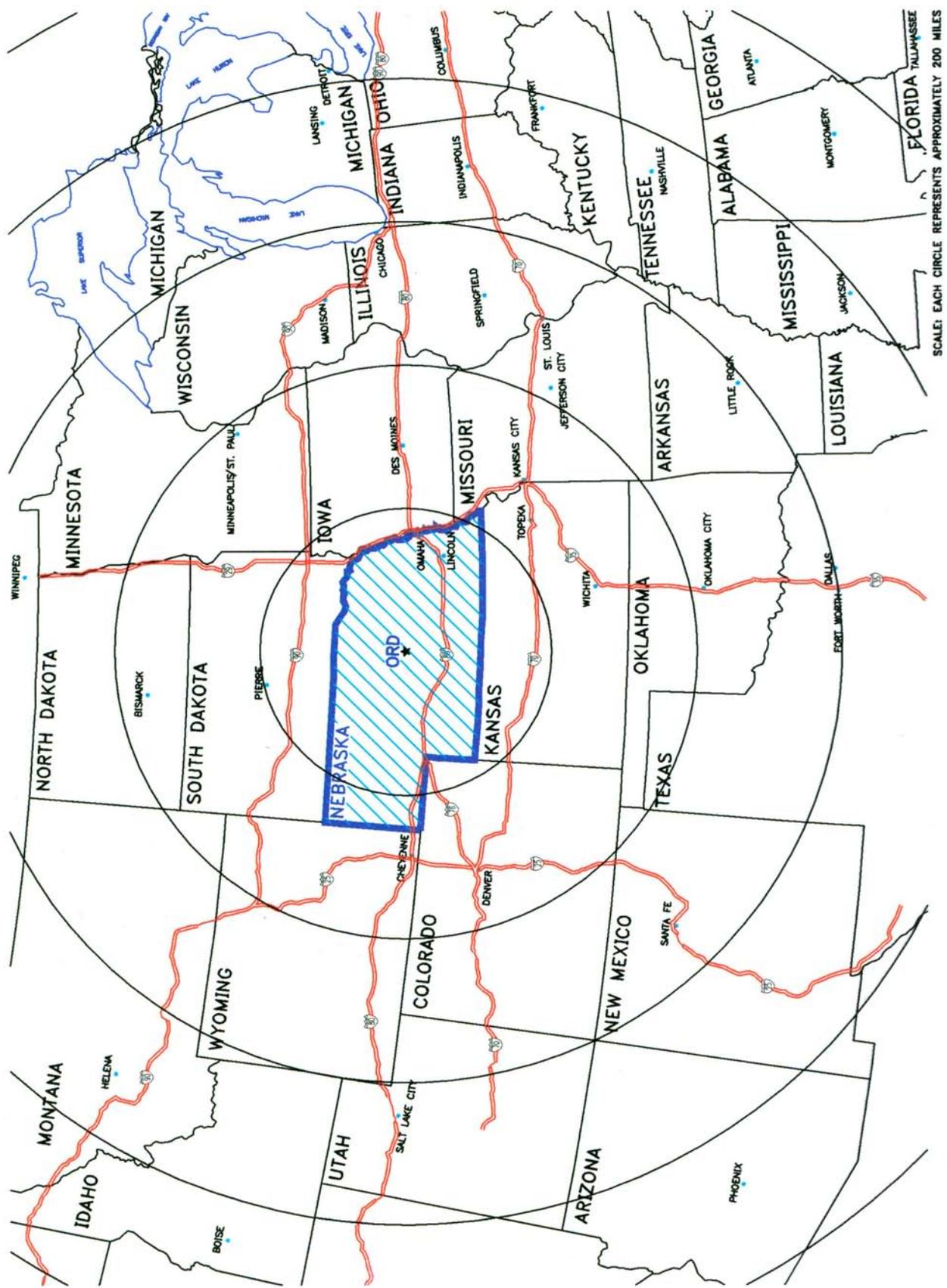
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LOCATION

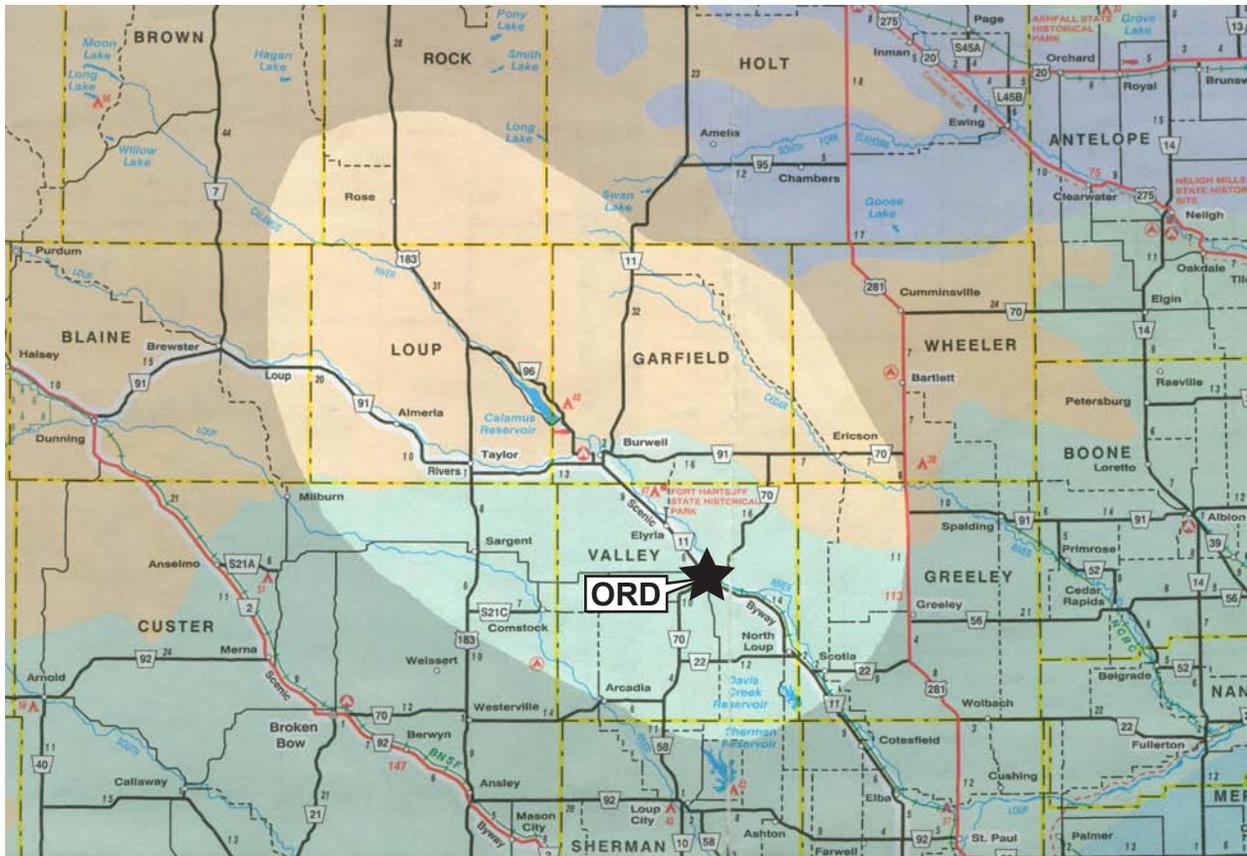
Ord, the county seat of Valley County, is located in central Nebraska. The city is served by Nebraska Highways 70 and 11. Ord is 63 miles northwest of Grand Island, 71 miles northeast of Kearney, 167 miles northwest of Lincoln, and 220 miles west of Omaha.

POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Ord	Valley County
1970	2,439	5,783
1980	2,658	5,633
1990	2,559	5,169
2000	2,269	4,647
2010	2,112	4,260

Valley County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin 2010 U.S. Census	
One Race	99.2%
White	97.5%
Black	0.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.1%
Asian	0.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Some Other Race	1.2%
Two or More Races	0.8%
Hispanic or Latino Origin	1.9%
White Not Hispanic	96.9%

The 2010 U.S. Census reported 30,662 people live in Valley County and the contiguous counties of Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Howard, Loup, Sherman, and Wheeler.



Primary Retail Trade Area

LOCAL ECONOMY

Basic economic activities of Ord include farming, ranching, cattle feeding, ethanol production, financial and professional services, tourism, health care, and retail sales.

The primary retail trade area extends approximately 57 miles northwest, 18 miles northeast, 18 miles east, 9 miles southeast, 14 miles south, and 20 miles west and contains approximately 7,900 people. Firms with retail sales tax permits in Ord reported 2009 net taxable retail sales of \$34,759,923, while Valley County reported retail sales of \$40,299,261.

Green Plains Renewable Energy, a 45-million gallon ethanol plant, began production in 2010. The company, with 41 full-time employees, has an annual payroll of \$1.4 million.

Central Community College opened the Ord Learning Center in January 2010.

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development awarded Ord its first “Certified Community” in 2005 and the community was recertified in 2008. Ord also received the Governor’s Showcase Award in 2005 and the Outstanding Community Award in 2006.

ELEVATION

Ord is 2,062 feet above sea level.

TOPOGRAPHY

The terrain in Valley County is partially level to gently rolling to hilly. The silty clay loam soil is deep and productive with good drainage by the North Loup and Middle Loup Rivers.

HISTORY

Ord was selected as county seat of Valley County in 1873. The Haskell Brothers and Robbins purchased land for the town site from the Burlington and Missouri Railroad Company for the price of \$672.88. The town was then laid out in early 1874. About this time General E.O.C. Ord was in command of the military department

of the Platte and made a trip up the North Loup Valley for the purpose of establishing or selecting a location for Fort Hartsuff. It was decided to name the new town “Ord” in his honor.

A surveyor carefully laid out the town in May 1875 and the plat was filed at the office of the county clerk. The courthouse, completed in February 1876, was the first building erected. A schoolhouse was built at the same time. The first residence was built in the spring of 1876.

Further improvements were made in the fall of 1877. W. H. Mitchell moved his paper, the Valley County Herald, from Calamus and began its publication. During 1878 a large migration into the county spurred rapid growth. In the spring a hardware/drug store, general merchandise store, and two blacksmith shops were constructed; two law practices started; and the Valley County Courier moved from Vinton.

The village began to make swift progress in 1880. John Drake and Company started a brickyard with an estimated 100,000 superior-quality bricks manufactured the first year. About 35 buildings were constructed with more than half being houses. The Valley County Bank was established in October 1880.

Ord was incorporated as a village on June 23, 1881, with a population of 250. On November 8, 1881, bonds in the amount of \$5,000 were approved for the Union Pacific Railroad to secure a railroad up the North Loup Valley.

The Ord Flouring and Gristmill was built for \$5,000 in 1881. The quality of flour was second to none in the state. The Ord City Bank and the Ord Quiz newspaper were established in 1882. Ord’s population increased to 500. A branch line of the Union Pacific from Grand Island reached Ord in 1886. Soon to follow was a line of the Burlington, which came from Aurora. A three-story brick courthouse was built in 1921 followed by the Ord Co-Op Creamery in 1926 and Masonic Hall in 1928.

The Evelyn Sharp Airport, built in the 1950s, was named after Evelyn Sharp who graduated from

Ord High School in 1937. She was the youngest person in the United States to earn a transport license to fly a plane and flew the first mail plane into Ord. During World War II she enlisted in the service and transported repaired planes from

the West Coast to the East Coast. She was killed taking off from a Pennsylvania airport in 1944 and was buried in the Ord cemetery.



Fort Hartsuff Historical Park



First Certified Community



Downtown Ord

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MANUFACTURERS

<u>Company/Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Union</u>
Green Plains Renewable Energy 2010	Ethanol production	National	33	8	None
Quiz Graphic Arts, Inc. 1882	Commercial printing & newspaper	National	4	4	None
Sandhills Productions 1997	Screw machine parts, custom machining	National	1	0	None
SubConn Manufacturing 2004	Underwater connectors, custom machining	National & Export	30	32	None

MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 45 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Union</u>
City of Ord	Government	40 8*	5 14*	IBEW (light and water Dept. only)
Ord Public Schools	Education	29 2*	70 9*	OEA/NEA
Valley County	Government	25 8*	19 7*	None
Valley County Health System	Health care	22 10*	162 27*	None
Valley View Living Center	Nursing home	4 1*	38 16*	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Valley County Economic Development Board; Loup Valley Investment Club, LLC; and the Loup Basin RC&D work with the city and county for economic development in the area.

The Valley County Economic Development Board was formed through an interlocal agreement between the city of Ord and Valley County in 2000. Sources of funding include grants, city, county, Ord Area Chamber of Commerce, and private annual sponsorships.

A 1 percent sales tax generates \$310,000 annually for development projects in Valley County.

The Mortensen Industrial Park was developed in 2004 by Valley County. This 90-acre park is

located two miles north of Ord along Highway 11. Since then, SubConn Manufacturing, Ag Land Electric, Premier Pump & Well, Kokes Welding, and Seed Solutions have leased land on this site. The property is owned by the county and is available for lease at \$1 per acre per year for up to 99 years.

Green Plains Renewable Energy, a 45-million gallon ethanol plant, began production in April 2010. The company employs 41 full-time employees with an annual payroll of \$1.4 million.

Approximately 766 acres of land in and adjacent to the community are zoned for industry. The price of industrially zoned land ranges from \$4,000 to \$15,000 per acre.

INDUSTRIAL SITES AVAILABLE

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



Ag Land



Cargill Grain



SubConn Manufacturing



Green Plains Renewable Energy



Trotter's Whoa & Go Express



Trotter's Whoa & Go Truck & Tire Repair

LABOR

LABOR SUPPLY

- A. Employment in the Ord labor market, which is defined as the whole of Valley County and the total labor market consisting of Valley County and the contiguous counties of Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Howard, Loup, Sherman, and Wheeler (annual average, 2010):

<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)	<u>Valley County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Goods-Producing	176	1,078
Manufacturing	(D)	(D)
Natural Resources & Construction	94	(D)
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	340	(D)
Wholesale Trade	(D)	(D)
Retail Trade	206	(D)
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	55	(D)
Information	(D)	(D)
Financial Activities	87	(D)
Professional & Business Services	78	(D)
Education & Health Services	121	(D)
Leisure & Hospitality	98	(D)
Other Services	75	(D)
Government	664	3,037
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	1,660	9,228
Farm Employment	1,370	4,715
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	2,429	17,025
B. Commuting Out of County	699	N/A
C. Unemployment	97	671
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	2,526	17,697
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.	100	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	70	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	966	

(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

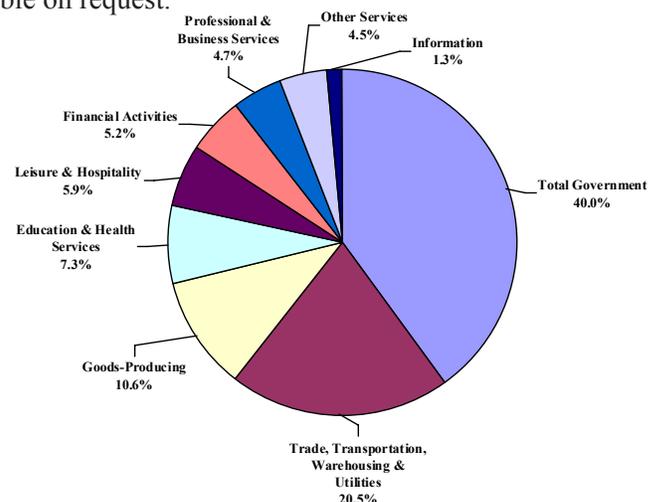
Source: Nebraska Department of Labor, www.dol.nebraska.gov

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2008

U.S. Census

A labor survey was conducted in 2009; results are available on request.

**NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
VALLEY COUNTY
ANNUAL AVERAGE, 2010**



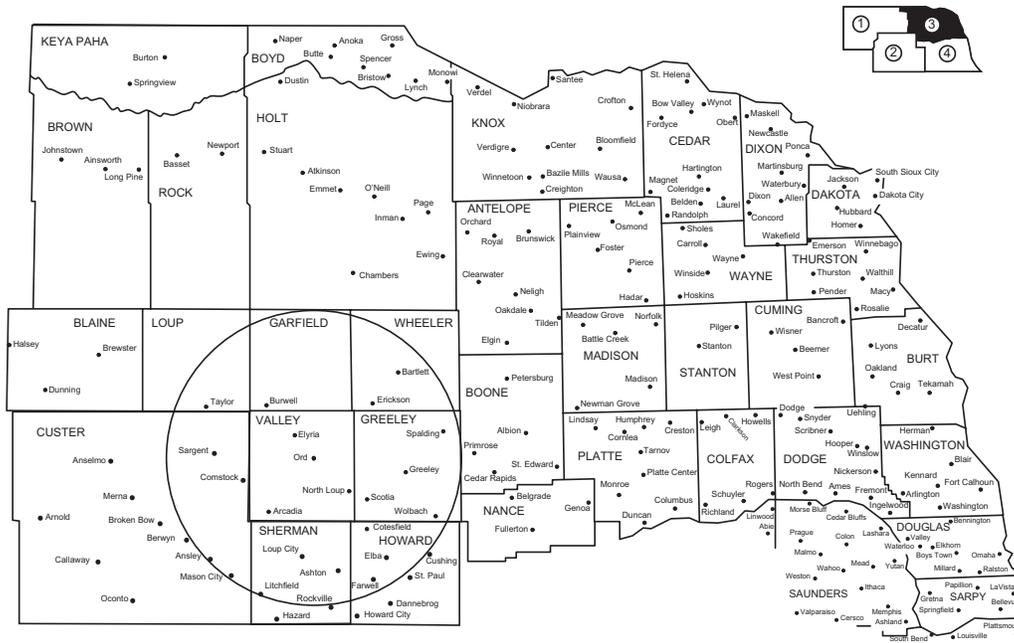
POPULATION DATA

Location	2000			2009		2010 (Est.)
	Density/Sq. Mile	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Age	County Median Family Income
Valley Co. Nebraska	8.2	84.7	16.4	24.2	47.3	\$46,300
U.S.	79.6	80.4	24.4	12.9	36.8	\$64,400

Valley County had 3,285 registered voters in 2008; 75.6 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 ORD AREA



POPULATION DATA U.S. Census Estimates

2009 Estimate		
City of Ord	—	1,990
Valley County	—	4,108
30-Mile Radius	—	14,441

Valley County Population Ages/Gender, 2009		
Ages	Male	Female
18-24	178	143
25-44	358	350
45-64	581	605

UNIONIZATION

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution. In 2008, 4.2 percent of Nebraska's private sector wage and salary workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 7.6 percent.

Labor organizations operating in the Ord area:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Union</u>
Ord Public Schools	Ord Education Association/ Nebraska Education Association
Ord Light and Water Department	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

It is estimated that less than 3 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in Ord is unionized. There have been no known strikes.

WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Professional			
Accountants & Auditors	16.77	24.22	41.73
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	23.04	30.71	43.97
Electrical Engineers	23.66	29.65	46.71
Industrial Engineers	24.81	33.63	44.46
Mechanical Engineers	19.08	32.54	46.86
Computer Programmers	14.77	23.18	37.76
Computer Systems Analysts	13.39	22.94	55.85
Registered Nurses	17.63	24.27	32.59
Retail			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	7.13	8.70	10.97
Retail Salespersons	7.11	8.98	15.53
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	7.60	12.04	24.15
Driver/Sales Workers	7.11	10.01	22.42
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	7.18	9.23	15.35
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	7.51	12.03	17.90
Clerical			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	8.33	12.91	18.19
Customer Service Representatives	7.66	13.02	19.27
Data Entry Keyers	8.25	11.09	15.95
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	7.86	11.61	16.18
Office Clerks, General	7.24	9.40	14.84
Receptionists & Information Clerks	8.17	10.46	14.66
Telemarketers	7.88	9.53	15.42

*Wage information taken from Balance of State

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Unskilled			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	7.62	11.20	16.19
Packers & Packagers, Hand	7.27	9.97	14.52
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other*	10.48	13.72	16.25
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	8.41	10.67	13.80
Semi-Skilled			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	10.56	16.34	26.60
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	10.97	17.15	26.28
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	12.73	16.24	20.36
Machine Operators			
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	10.19	13.05	18.31
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	9.57	14.83	18.16
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.*	11.09	16.96	21.76
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.	10.75	13.62	15.93
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	8.60	10.55	12.77
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	10.93	17.15	19.75
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	11.90	15.30	19.80
Skilled			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	8.00	13.96	23.78
Electricians	13.08	16.07	24.03
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	13.28	18.76	24.85
Machinists	10.98	15.59	19.86
Tool & Die Makers	13.86	19.43	25.48
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	11.46	15.21	22.05
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	12.50	16.31	19.08
Technical			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	14.95	30.17	35.99
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	17.02	23.45	31.89
Computer Operators	9.84	12.36	18.98

*Wage information taken from Balance of State

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Fourth 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 from 15 to 20 percent of wages.

TRANSPORTATION

RAILROADS

Ord is served by Nebraska Central Railroad Company (NCRC). The short-line track from Grand Island to Ord is leased from the Union Pacific Railroad.

MOTOR

Highways

Nebraska Highways 70 (northeast-southwest) and 11 (northwest-southeast) serve Ord. Four-lane U.S. Highway 281 is 42 miles southeast, Interstate 80 is 70 miles south, and Interstate 29 is 217 miles east of Ord.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	167
Omaha	220
Chicago	683
Dallas	706
Denver	400
Detroit	950
Kansas City	357
Los Angeles	1,413
Minneapolis	510
New York	1,458
St. Louis	608
San Francisco	1,530

Trucklines

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

Bus Line

The nearest through bus services are provided by Burlington Trailways in Grand Island, 63 miles southeast of Ord.

The Handi-Bus provides transportation one day a week for all Ord citizens.

The Valley County Health System's van provides transportation Monday through Friday for the elderly, low-income, and disabled citizens in the Ord area.

AIR

The Evelyn Sharp Field, one mile from Ord, has a 4,721-foot lighted concrete runway and a 2,012-foot turf runway. Other facilities include Unicom, flight instruction, fuel, hangars, and tie downs. Thirteen private planes are hangared there; none are available for charter. The elevation at the airport is 2,070 feet, the latitude is 41-37N, and the longitude is 098-57W. The airport was closed one day due to inclement weather during the last three years.

Commercial air service:

<p>Central Nebraska Regional Airport, Grand Island Distance: 63 miles southeast (1 hour 38 min.) Airline: Great Lakes Airlines Destination: Denver International Airline: Allegiant Air Destination: Las Vegas / Phoenix-Mesa Airline: American Eagle Destination: Dallas / Fort Worth</p>
<p>Kearney Regional Airport Distance: 71 miles southeast (1 hour 55 min.) Airline: Great Lakes Airlines Destination: Denver International</p>
<p>Lincoln Airport, Lincoln Distance: 167 miles southeast (3 hours 6 min.) Airline: United Airlines Destination: Denver International & Chicago Airline: Delta Destination: Minneapolis & Chicago</p>

Eppley Airfield near Omaha

Distance: 220 miles southeast (3 hours 30 min.)

Airlines: Airtran (via Skywest)

American Airlines

Continental Airlines

Delta Air Lines

Frontier/Midwest

Southwest Airlines

United Airlines

US Airways

Destination: Nationwide

WATER

Barge service is not available near Ord.



Evelyn Sharp Airfield

UTILITIES

ELECTRICITY

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) furnishes the city's total wholesale power requirements to the city of Ord Light and Water Department. The city provides retail electric service to the community. Power is delivered from NPPD's 115,000-volt statewide grid system. The city is served by a 34,500-volt transmission feeder. A 10,000 kVA step-down transformer converts the 34,500-volt transmission feeder to 13,800 volts, which in turn is distributed throughout the city. The city's primary voltages are 13,800 volts and 2,400 volts. The city of Ord owns and operates a 12,000-kW generating plant that serves as back-up and emergency power to the city, while leasing capacity to NPPD through a capacity purchase agreement. The plant has three dual fuel engines and two diesel only engines.

BASE ELECTRIC RATES—CITY OF ORD
(effective 1/15/11)

Residential Service:

First 20 kWh	\$0.3748 per kWh
Next 30 kWh	\$0.2076 per kWh
Next 150 kWh	\$0.0999 per kWh
Next 800 kWh	\$0.0717 per kWh
Over 1,000 kWh	\$0.0538 per kWh
Winter rate for electric heat customers (October through March):	
All kWh	\$0.0456 per kWh
Minimum Bill: \$7.50 per month	

This rate is subject to application of the fuel adjustment charges.

Commercial Service:

First 35 kWh	\$0.2685 per kWh
Next 65 kWh	\$0.2222 per kWh
Next 100 kWh	\$0.1897 per kWh
Next 300 kWh	\$0.1620 per kWh
Next 2,000 kWh	\$0.0916 per kWh
Over 2,500 kWh	\$0.0789 per kWh
All electric heat customers:	
Summer (April through September):	
First 35 kWh	\$0.2685 per kWh
Next 65 kWh	\$0.2222 per kWh
Next 100 kWh	\$0.1897 per kWh
Next 300 kWh	\$0.1620 per kWh
Next 2,000 kWh	\$0.0916 per kWh
Next 1,500 kWh	\$0.0789 per kWh
Over 4,000 kWh	\$0.0538 per kWh
Winter (October through March):	
All consumption	\$0.0538 per kWh
Minimum Bill: \$9.40 per month	

This rate is subject to application of the fuel adjustment charges.

Industrial Service:

Demand Charge: \$9.90 per kW of maximum billing demand	
Energy Charge:	
First 5,000 kWh	\$0.0848 per kWh
Next 20,000 kWh	\$0.0543 per kWh
Next 25,000 kWh	\$0.0474 per kWh
For all additional use per month	\$0.0356 per kWh
Minimum Bill: \$285.00 per month	

This rate is subject to application of the fuel adjustment charges.

Sample Cost per kWh:

kW	kWh	Customer Billed ¢/kWh
150	30,000	11.72
150	100,000	6.25
500	100,000	9.71
500	300,000	5.61
1,000	200,000	9.11
1,000	650,000	5.27

For further information regarding electric rates and service, prospective customers should contact Paul Markowski, utility superintendent, city of Ord, (308) 728-3130, email: ordpaul@nctc.net.

Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves the rural area surrounding Ord. For information regarding electrical services in the Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District's service area, contact Chuck Fuhrer, manager, Ord, Nebraska, (308) 728-3633, email: cfuhrer@nctc.net.

NATURAL GAS

Natural gas is supplied to Ord by SourceGas Distribution, LLC, through a 3-inch transmission pipeline with an operating pressure of approximately 500 pounds per square inch.

SourceGas is the retail distributor of natural gas within the community, serving approximately 768 residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

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.

OTHER FUELS

LP Gas

LP gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Ord at Trotter Fertilizer & Propane.

Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Ord from Spalding Co-Op and Van's Service Station.

WATER

The municipal water system in Ord is supplied by five wells, which have an average depth of 250 feet. The system, serving 100 percent of the city's population, has a pumping capacity of 2,860 gallons per minute. The overhead storage capacity is 600,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 583,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 1,750,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 4,718,400 gallons per day. The static pressure is 64 pounds per square inch.

Groundwater is available for industrial uses. The 300-foot deep well provides 800 gallons of water per minute. The water table has not changed significantly in the past five years. The quality of the water in Ord does not necessitate a water treatment plant.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in milligrams per liter, is 305. The average tap water temperature varies from 55° in the winter to 58° in the summer.

Chemical Analysis (milligrams per liter)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	N/A
Calcium	111
Total Solids	444
Magnesium	N/A

Iron	0.04
Nitrate	1.7
Manganese	0.04
Chloride	7.39
Fluoride	0.36
Sulfate	72
Total Alkalinity	320
Sodium	12.9
Total Hardness	305
Potassium	N/A
N/A - Not available	

WATER RATES (effective 1/11)

Residential & Commercial:

All gallons @ \$0.95 per 1,000 gal.
Minimum Bill: \$7.00 per month

Industrial:

0–200,000 gal.	\$0.60 per 1,000 gallons
Excess gallons	\$0.40 per 1,000 gallons
Minimum Bill: \$6.00 per month	

SEWERAGE

Ord has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The lagoon-type treatment plant was built in 1983 and has a daily capacity of 999,000 gallons. The average daily

flow is 156,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily discharge is 200,000 gallons per day.

SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 1/11)

A \$75.00 connection fee is charged for new service.

Residential & Commercial:

\$0.75 per 1,000 gal.
Minimum Bill: \$4.00 per month

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

The city contracts for waste removal services. The disposal site, with an estimated life of 25 years, is located in Butler County, 120 miles from Ord.

SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES
(effective 1/11)

Residential:

\$17.63 per month
\$13.75 per month for senior citizens

Commercial:

\$27.27 per month for small commercial
\$37.59 per month for large commercial



City Offices



Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District

COMMUNICATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Telecommunications services are provided to the Ord area by Frontier Communications, the local exchange carrier for Ord. A digital, stand-alone DMS 10 switch and a fiber optic system via Grand Island, Nebraska, serve the community. All digital phone services and voice mail are available, along with several long distance carriers who provide equal access to the Ord area. High speed Internet is provided via DSL or dedicated T1 or Ethernet transport. Frontier also provides video services via DISH Networks in Albion. Installation and maintenance personnel are located in the community.

TARIFFED RATES

Residence Line	\$17.50 per month
Business Line	\$27.50 per month

INTERNET

Local Internet access in Ord is provided by:

Charter Communications	
(888) getcharter	
(438) 242-7837	
www.chartercom.com	
Frontier Communications	
(800) 921-8101	
www.frontieronline.com	
Hamilton	
(877) 426-5638	
www.hamilton.net	
NCTC	
(888) 873-6282	
www.nctc.net	
RCOM	
(877) 308-1122	
www.rcom-ne.com	

POST OFFICE

House-to-house delivery service is provided in Ord. Ord has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily.

PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	Federal Express	UPS	U.S. Postal Service
Latest Pick-up	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
Earliest Delivery	12:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Next Day Delivery Guarantee	No	Yes	Yes
Saturday Delivery Guarantee	No	Yes	Yes

NEWSPAPER

The Ord Quiz, the local weekly newspaper, has 2,350 subscribers. The Grand Island Independent is a daily newspaper delivered locally.

RADIO

Radio stations in Ord:

Call Letters	Frequency
KNLV-FM	103.9 MHz
KNLV-AM	1060 KHz

TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KHAS	5	Hastings
KGIN/KOLN	11	Grand Island
KHGI	13	Kearney

Cable television service is provided by Charter Communications. Satellite service is provided by DIRECTV and DISH Network in Ord.



Ord Post Office



KNLV Radio Station



Quiz Graphic Arts

TAX STRUCTURE

VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES—CITY OF ORD

All real property is subject to tax at market value. Agriculture land is valued at 72–74 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		
	2008	2009	2010
Real Estate	\$382,588,205	\$425,609,280	\$459,326,415
Personal Property	58,469,624	22,707,184	38,307,569
Special (railroad and utilities)	8,811,674	9,326,119	10,791,460
TOTAL	<u>\$449,869,503</u>	<u>\$457,642,583</u>	<u>\$508,425,444</u>

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

	2008	2009	2010
Township	\$0.050890	\$0.060005	\$0.051087
City	.830048	.695778	.744680
County	.403344	.385000	.400000
School District	1.049735	1.049186	1.167870
Community College	.080162	.099275	.112023
Educational Service Unit	.015000	.015000	.015000
Natural Resource District	.028519	.038858	.038714
Agricultural Society	.013648	.014753	.014260
Airport	.019494	.014426	.011015
TOTAL	<u>\$2.490840</u>	<u>\$2.372281</u>	<u>\$2.554649</u>

The 2010 tax rate at the industrial site outside the city limits is \$1.705749 per \$100 of actual value.

CITY SALES TAX

The city of Ord imposes a 1.5 percent city sales tax; 1 percent is directed to economic development and 0.5 percent to downtown infrastructure improvements.

LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

City—Revenue Bonds (as of 9/10)	None
City—General Obligation Bonds (as of 9/10)	\$6,595,000
School District (as of 5/10)	\$7,015,000
County (as of 5/10)	\$700,000

CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 9/15/10	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
General Obligation					
Paving	9/14/06	\$600,000	\$510,000	3.8–4.60	6/15/21
Water	10/10/06	\$2,700,000	\$2,480,000	3.75–4.65	6/15/26
Highway Allocation	4/11/06	\$750,000	\$650,000	3.6–4.4	6/15/21
G.O. Refunding	3/15/09	\$580,000	\$425,000	1.65–3.15	6/15/16
Various Purpose	10/15/08	\$2,750,000	\$2,000,000	2.5–4.75	6/15/23
Various Purpose	1/12/10	\$595,000	\$530,000	2.5–4.75	6/15/19

SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 5/10	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
School Building, Series 2010A	2/11/10	\$7,015,000	\$7,015,000	1.15–4.6	12/15/30

An additional \$2,785,000 in bonds will be issued in 2011 for the remodeling and expansion of the high school.

COUNTY BOND ISSUE

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 5/10	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Courthouse Improvements	10/3/06	\$750,000	\$700,000	3.7	11/15/26



Valley County Courthouse

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Valley County has seven precincts and is governed by a seven-member Board of Supervisors elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The county belongs to the Central Nebraska Economic Development District, which consists of 15 counties. The 2010–11 actual budget is \$1,949,669. Zoning classifications are:

- AG–G General Agricultural
- AG–T Transitional Agricultural
- AG–R River Corridor Agricultural
 District
- AG–WP Wellhead Protection Overlay
- AH Airport Hazard Overlay
- FH Flood Hazard Overlay

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Ord, a second-class city, has a mayor-council form of government. The 2010–11 adopted budget is \$12,068,206.

Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
Elected at Large	
Mayor	4 Years
Elected by Ward	
Council Members (6)	4 Years
Appointed	
Utilities Superintendent	1 Year
Police Chief	1 Year
Street Superintendent	1 Year
City Clerk/Treasurer	1 Year
Park Superintendent/ Cemetery Sexton	1 Year
Civil Defense Director	1 Year
City Attorney	1 Year

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided in Ord by a 42-member volunteer fire department; 17 members are certified Emergency Medical Technicians. The department also provides protection to areas outside the community and responds to mutual aid calls with area communities.

There are 175 fire hydrants in Ord. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 5; outside it is 9. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$61,000.

Equipment in the fire department:

Year/Make	Description
2002 Ford	Ambulance
2000 Chevy	Grass rig
1998 Chevy	Equipment truck
1997 Chevy	150 gal. grass rig
1994 International	1,500 gal. per min.
1991 Ford	Ambulance
1984 Ford	1,500 gal. tanker
1977 International	1,250 gal. per min.
1966 International	1,000 gal. tanker
1953 Ford	Pumper

Fire losses for the past five years have been:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2009	\$620,000
2008	\$220,000
2007	\$40,000
2006	\$45,000
2005	\$239,000

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Department

Ord employs four full-time police officers and one support person. Equipment in the police department include four cruisers, alarm system, radios, computers, and other standard equipment. Annual expenditures for police protection for the last three years averaged \$328,475.

Sheriff's Department

The Valley County Sheriff's Department has four sworn officers and seven support personnel. The department has four patrol vehicles, jail facilities, communications equipment, and other standard equipment. Regular patrol by the police and sheriff's departments provides protection to existing industries.

Crime rates per 1,000 population, 2009:

Location	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Valley County	Not Reported	
Nebraska	2.7	26.7
U.S.	4.3	30.4

State Patrol

Troop C of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Grand Island, 63 miles southeast of Ord. Sixty-five patrolmen are headquartered in Grand Island; two patrolmen live in Ord.

STREETS

Ord has 32.04 miles of streets, 26.83 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete or asphalt. The business area is truck rated; residential streets

are non-truck rated. Eighty percent of the streets have curbs and 60 percent have sidewalks. Local load limits are not imposed on these highways.

Street maintenance includes street sweeping, snow removal, concrete repair, asphalt repair, paint striping (parking & crosswalks), blading gravel streets, cleaning ditches, and repair of drains.

The downtown business district was completely renovated in 2007 and 2008 with new streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, some utilities, and historic lighting. This \$3 million project was financed by assessments to downtown property owners, \$750,000 in grants, and a 1/2 cent sales tax.

BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS

Local zoning classifications:

- Agriculture
- Residential
- Residential-Office
- Central Business
- General Commercial
- Light Industrial
- Industrial

PLANNING

Ord has a five-member planning commission. Members are appointed by the Mayor to serve a three-year term.

The Comprehensive Plan for Ord was updated by Stahr & Associates of York in 2003.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Ord City School System

Type of School	No. of Schools	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary (K–6)	1	16	241	1:11	1:2
Jr.–Sr. High School (7–12)	1	27	233	1:10	1:2

Valley County School District No. 88–005 covers approximately 288 square miles and has a 2010–11 actual valuation of \$407,409,821, with an actual valuation per student of \$864,989. This Class 3, K–12 District is accredited by the state of Nebraska and North Central Association.

The 2010–11 school operating budget is \$6,835,447, with an average cost per pupil of \$14,512.

The public elementary school was built in 1970 and has a maximum capacity of 400. The junior-senior high school was originally built in 1928 with additions in 1957, 1967, and 1981 and has a maximum capacity of 550. A \$9.8 million addition/remodel project is anticipated to be completed by fall 2011. The project will be financed by bonds..

Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	% Proficient
7 th Grade Terra Nova	100	78
		Composite
ACT	78	22.3

It is estimated that 96 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school. Eighty–nine percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree and 11 percent enter the job market or military following graduation.

Vocational/tech prep programs offered include electronic media, computer tech, power mechanics, welding, agri-science, exploring ag, natural resources, wildlife management,

school to work, medical terminology, interior design, culinary arts, business math, accounting, accounting II, economics, personal finance, and business law.

Parochial School

St. Mary’s Catholic School serves children in kindergarten through eighth grade in six classrooms. St. Mary’s elementary school was built in 1955 and has a maximum capacity of 150. Current enrollment is 48 students with a teacher/pupil ratio of 1:8 and a computer/pupil ratio of 2:2. Tuition rates vary among the number of children per family and church membership.

Educational Service Unit

Ord is a member of Educational Service Unit 10, which is headquartered in Kearney and serves 11 counties. Services include media collection, satellite downlink, lamination, teacher centers, Internet and network support, audiology, psychological cooperative, vocational transition, wrap-around program, professional development, bus driver training, multicultural, and writing assessment.

Special Schools

Mid-Nebraska Individual Services provides community-based services to individuals with developmental disabilities in Valley, Wheeler, Garfield, and Greeley Counties. Training and support are provided on a daily or as needed basis. Mid-Nebraska works with the school to transition individuals from the school into a support system to provide job opportunities and independent living.

The Ord area program is supported by federal and state funding through Health and Human Services.

Community College

Ord is served by the **Central Community College** which encompasses a 25-county area. The college is governed by an 11-member Board of Governors elected by the citizens of the counties served. Administrative offices are located in Grand Island with campuses in Columbus, Grand Island, and Hastings and off-campus centers in Holdrege, Kearney, and Lexington. Classes are available through extended learning programs in approximately 80 communities within the college's service area. During the 2009–10 academic year, 25,020 students were enrolled in Central Community College courses.

Certificate, Diploma, and Degree Programs:

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

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

—**On-line Learning:** More than 300 courses are available online including all coursework needed to complete an associate of arts or associate of science degree for transfer to colleges and universities as well as associate of applied science degrees in accounting, agribusiness, business administration, business technology, health information, management services, information technology, and paralegal.

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 within its 25-county service area. College staff provide expertise in their fields of study to develop and coordinate specially-tailored short courses, workshops, and seminars to meet specific training needs.

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

For further information on Central Community College, visit www.cccneb.edu.



Ord Elementary School



Ord High School



St. Mary's School



Central Community College Learning Center

Central Community College
2009–10 Academic Year

(Note: Numbers can be duplicated between award levels)

Program	Degree	Diploma	Certificate
Academic Transfer	118	NA	NA
Agriculture	10	3	2
Associate Degree in Nursing	76	NA	NA
Auto Body Technology	8	12	71
Automotive Technology	6	4	10
Business Administration/Accounting	64	39	77
Business Technology	11	18	43
Commercial Art	4	5	5
Commercial Horticulture	4	3	8
Construction Technology	14	12	35
Criminal Justice	10	NA	NA
Dental Assisting	11	7	NA
Dental Hygiene	15	NA	NA
Diesel Technology	14	13	57
Drafting	20	13	28
Early Childhood Education	30	13	13
Electrical Technology	10	5	4
Electronics Technology	10	4	4
Health Information Management Services	10	15	13
Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	2	3	22
Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts	5	10	14
Human Services	24	12	1
Industrial Technology	8	9	36
Information Technology	5	13	33
Machine Shop Technology	7	13	30
Media Arts	10	13	30
Medical Assisting	11	1	0
Medical Technology	10	0	0
Paralegal	1	5	0
Parts Sales & Management	5	2	3
Practical Nursing	NA	59	NA
Quality Control	3	0	7
Truck Driving	NA	NA	68
Welding Technology	11	22	62
Total	547	328	676

NA-Not available

Other Schools

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

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Grand Island Central Community College, Grand Island Campus	63
Kearney University of Nebraska at Kearney	71
Hastings Central Community College, Hastings Campus Hastings College	93
Columbus Central Community College, Columbus Campus	109
Milford Southeast Community College, Milford Campus	150
Lincoln Nebraska Wesleyan University Southeast Community College, Lincoln Campus University of Nebraska-Lincoln	167
Crete Doane College	165
Omaha Creighton University Metropolitan Community College University of Nebraska at Omaha	220
Chadron Chadron State College	281

CHURCHES

Denomination	Number of Churches
Assembly of God	1
Bethel Baptist	1
Catholic	1
Christian	1

Denomination	Number of Churches
Evangelical Free	1
First Presbyterian	1
Lutheran, ELCA	1
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	1
United Methodist	1

HEALTH CARE

Hospital

Valley County Health System, built in 2010, is licensed for 16 inpatient beds. The new 68,600-square-foot facility is a critical access hospital licensed by the state of Nebraska and certified by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for participation in Medicare and Medicaid.

Valley County Health System offers outpatient services, acute care, 24-hour emergency room, hospice, home health, imaging, laboratory, physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, echocardiogram analysis, sports medicine, digital mammography, ultrasound, chemotherapy, MRI, wound clinic, sleep lab, nuclear medicine, vascular studies, and speech pathology. Patient transfer is provided by an ambulance owned by the Valley County Health System.

The Valley County Health System Foundation was established in 1990 to solicit and receive donations on behalf of the hospital. The foundation is governed by an administrator and Board of Directors.

Clinics

Ord Medical Clinic and Stevens Medical Clinic, P.C., serve the Ord area, as well as 13 specialty clinics available at Valley County Health System.

Rescue Squad

The **Ord Rescue Squad**, with 17 volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians, is operated by



Valley County Health System



Ord Ambulance



Ord Volunteer Fire Hall



Grandview Assisted Living



Ord Township Library

the Ord Volunteer Fire Department. Ord has two fully equipped rescue units.

Valley County Health System has two ambulances for transport of patients.

Nursing Homes

The **Valley View Living Center**, accredited by the state of Nebraska and Medicaid approved, was built as a 24-bed, long-term care wing on the hospital in 1964. Additions in 1975 and 1991 bring the total capacity to 60 beds. A 2010 remodeling project moved the kitchen from the old hospital next to the dining room. Services offered include 24-hour licensed nursing care, restorative nursing care, social services, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, and an activities program.

The Atrium of the Valley View Living Center houses a nourishment center, fireplace, large screen TV, bird aviary, and lots of space for visiting and enjoying activities.

Assisted Living

Grandview, an assisted and independent living facility, consists of 49 units for single and married couples. Services include 24-hour staff, personal care, housekeeping, meals, transportation, emergency medical care, and social and leisure activities.

LIBRARY

The **Ord Township Library** contains 21,500 items and has an average annual circulation of 21,000. The library has an automated circulation and catalog system and offers public access computers and wireless Internet access. Library resources include on-line access to local archived newspapers, NebraskaAccess database, faxing, on-line card catalog, photo copyier, and inter-library lending as well as a wide selection of books, newspapers, and magazines. Library activities include summer reading program, preschool reading program, and book clubs.

RECREATION

The two parks in Ord cover 80 acres. Facilities include camping, fishing pond, golf course, tennis courts, sand volleyball court, fishing dock, baseball and softball diamonds, football fields, basketball courts, swimming pool, frisbee golf, walking trail, Auble's Lake and fountain, covered picnic area, and playground equipment. The four unsupervised playgrounds in Ord have standard playground equipment. The city of Ord employs a coordinator and 22 part-time/seasonal employees. The annual budget for the last three years averaged \$121,497.

Ord area facilities:

- Boating — Davis Creek, 16 miles; Lake Ericson, 17 miles; Calamus Reservoir, 23 miles; and Sherman Reservoir, 25 miles
- Campgrounds — Anderson Island, Vets Grounds, and Bussell Park
- Fishing — Excellent fishing at area sand pits; Davis Creek, 16 miles; Lake Ericson, 17 miles; Calamus Reservoir, 23 miles; and Sherman Reservoir, 25 miles
- Golf Courses — Public nine-hole grass greens course with clubhouse
- Hiking/Biking Trails — Bussell Park
- Hunting — Pheasant, turkey, dove, duck, deer, rabbit, quail, and goose
- Sand Volleyball — Court at Bussell Park
- Skating — Ice skating on Auble Lake
- Swimming — Public swimming pool; North Loup River, 1 mile

Tennis	— Double court, lighted and hard-surfaced
Theatres	— Indoor theatre seating 450
Other	— Canoeing and tubing on the North Loup River, Calamus River, and Cedar River

Annual celebrations include the ExtraORDinary Days and Evelyn Sharp Day in May, which have a triathlon, barbecue, and carnival; Father’s Day Rod Run and “NoORDinary” adventure race held in June; Fireworks/Six-Mile Fun Run on July 4; Valley County Fair in August; and Annual Junk Jaunt in September.

The **Valley County Senior and Community Center** serves noon meals every weekday. Rides are made available to the handicapped and meals are delivered to homes upon request. Activities include potluck suppers, exercise classes, and regular meetings. The center is also available to the community for parties, meetings, and get-togethers on a donation basis.

More than 800 items are catalogued and on display at the **Valley County Museum** in Ord. The Valley County Historical Society hosts an annual festival commemorating Evelyn Sharp, who lost her life in World War II. The society also provides educational programs on the area’s history.

Auble’s Lake and Ord Trail, located in Bussell Park, includes a fishing dock, lighted hike/bike trail, picnic tables, and Nebraska’s second tallest flag pole.

Anderson Island and Ord Trail, located on the east edge of Ord, is a scenic park for picnics, swimming, and tubing on the North Loup River.

Fort Hartsuff, located nine miles northwest of Ord, was built as a result of confrontations between the Indians (mostly Teton Sioux) and white settlers in the North Loup Valley in the early 1870s. The fort was built in 1874 and abandoned by the Army in 1881. The buildings

were subsequently sold to the Union Pacific Railroad for \$5,000. When the railroad decided not to build a line up the north side of the Loup River, the fort was sold privately and farmed. In 1961 Dr. and Mrs. Glen Auble of Ord presented the site to the state of Nebraska for preservation and interpretation by the Game and Parks Commission as a State Historical Park.

Calamus Dam, located on the Calamus River 23 miles west of Ord, was completed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in May 1986. The dam is a zoned, rolled-earth filled structure 96 feet high with a crest length of 7,295 feet. It was built to provide storage for off-season water flows for release during the irrigation season. The dam creates a reservoir with 31 miles of shoreline, 127,400-acre feet of water, and a surface area of 5,123 acres. The reservoir is designated as a State Recreation Area and offers outstanding recreational opportunities. The area has camping facilities, including hard-surfaced pads with electrical hookups, hot showers, trailer dump station, and fish cleaning stations. Five boat ramps are located at strategic locations along the shoreline.

Nebraska’s multi-million dollar fish hatchery located at the **Calamus Reservoir** was completed in 1991. The 51 ponds, 24 raceways, and modern hatch house were utilized extensively for the first time in 1992. The visitor area of the hatchery is open to the public daily, except holidays. The hatchery sells hunting and fishing licenses and park permits.

Davis Creek Reservoir and Dam is a Bureau of Reclamation project of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District with 1,145 surface acres of water. The dam is 2,900-feet long with a maximum structural height of 144 feet. The reservoir contains 30,986 acre-feet of water, a surface area of 12,140 acres, and 24 miles of shoreline. The lake was completed in 1991 primarily to supply water for irrigation. The secondary purpose of the lake is for recreation. The reservoir provides excellent fishing for bullhead, crappie, catfish, yellow perch, large



Scenes from Auble's Pond



Ord Swimming Pool



Park in Ord



Ord Golf Course



Calamus Reservoir

mouth bass, and walleye. Boating access, rest rooms, picnic facilities, and camping areas are provided. The Davis Creek Wildlife Management Area comprises 2,107 acres of land providing quality habitat for wildlife.

HOUSING

New Construction

Two new homes were constructed in the past two years and it is estimated four homes and six duplexes will be built in 2011. The cost of new home construction averages \$120 per square foot. Building permits were issued for seven single-family homes during the last five years.

Ord Housing Market (as of 11/10):

Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family - 25

Avg. Selling Prices (New and Existing)

Single Family Home

2,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom \$125,000

1,600 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom \$83,500

1,000 sq. ft. \$34,000

Number of Single Family Homes for

Sale by Price (New and Existing)

Less than \$100,000 17

\$100,001–\$150,000 4

\$150,001–\$200,000 2

\$200,001–\$250,000 2

\$250,000 + 0

Rentals

3-bedroom home N/A

Apartment - 2 bedrooms \$300–400

Apartment Vacancy Rate 0%

Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

The **Ord Housing Authority** has 38 family units comprised of both houses and duplexes with attached garages.

Sunrise Villa is a 12-apartment USDA Rural Development project located in the east part of Ord.

Parkview Village, a 49-unit handicap accessible housing facility, was built in 1963 with additional units constructed in 1975. The facility offers affordable living for elderly and disabled tenants. A large community room with a full kitchen, complete laundry facilities, and exercise equipment are available for tenants.

Rolling Hills Terrace, a 30-unit complex, provides a full kitchen, community room with exercise equipment, and complete laundry facilities. This complex was built in 1982 and houses elderly, disabled, and non-elderly tenants. An automated security system provides protection to the totally enclosed facility. Ample parking is available.

FINANCIAL

Financial institutions in Ord:

BankFirst

First National Bank

Great Western Bank

Pathway Bank



BankFirst



First National Bank



Great Western Bank



Pathway Bank



Parkview Village



Rolling Hills Terrace



New Neighborhood Housing



Housing in Ord

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL

Attorneys.....	6
Auctioneers	2
Certified Public Accountants	8
Chiropractors.....	2
Dentists	3
Medical Doctors (residing in Ord)	
—chiropractors	2
—family practice physicians	6
Medical Doctors (on hospital consulting staff)	
—anesthesiologists	1
—audiologists.....	1
—cardiologists.....	3
—ear, nose & throat.....	2
—family practice physicians	6
—general surgeons	1
—hematologists & oncologists.....	1
—nephrology	1
—obstetricians/gynecologists.....	1
—ophthalmologists.....	1
—orthopedic surgeons/sports medicine.....	1
—pathologists.....	1
—podiatrists.....	1
—psychiatrists	1
—pulmonologists.....	1
—radiologists.....	18
—urologists	3
Nurses, Practitioners	1
Nurses, Registered	62
Occupational Therapists.....	1
Optometrists.....	4
Pharmacists	5
Physical Therapists	8
Physician Assistants.....	4
Veterinarians	4

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies.....	4
Advertising Agencies	2
Agricultural Implement Dealers	2
Apparel Stores—combination.....	5
Appliance Stores	1
Auto Body Repair Shops	15
Auto Detailers	2

Auto Repair & Services	13	
Auto Supply Parts	3	
Automobile Dealers	3	
Automobile Renting & Leasing	1	
Aviation Seeding & Spraying	1	
Bakeries.....	1	
Banquet Facilities, Halls, Auditoriums & Meeting Rooms	6	
Beauty Salons/Barber Shops.....	7	
Bed & Breakfasts	5	(17 rooms)
Carpet & Rug Dealers.....	1	
Caterers	4	
Child Care Services.....	10	
Contractors—building.....	6	
—concrete	4	
—electric	2	
—excavating.....	1	
—gravel.....	1	
—heating & air conditioning.....	1	
—painting.....	3	
—plumbing.....	3	
—remodeling.....	8	
—roofing	6	
Convenience Stores.....	3	
Copying & Duplicating Services	1	
Craft Stores	2	
Dance Studios	1	
Department Stores.....	1	
Discount Stores	2	
Dry Cleaning & Laundries.....	1	
Farm/Ranch Supplies	2	
Feedlots (commercial & private)	59	(6 commercial)
Fertilizers	2	
Floral Shops	1	
Garbage Collectors.....	1	
Gift Shops	8	
Grain Dealers	3	
Grocery Stores	1	
Hardware Stores.....	3	
Health Clubs.....	1	
Hotels/Motels.....	1	(51 rooms)
Industrial Equipment & Supplies.....	1	
Insurance Companies	8	
Interior Decorators & Designers.....	1	
Jewelry Stores	2	
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies.....	2	
Laundromats	1	
Lawn Services.....	4	
Lumberyards	1	
Machine Shops.....	2	

Meat Processors	2
Nurseries & Garden Centers	4
Office Machine Repairs	1
Office Equipment Sales, Services & Supplies	3
Pharmacies	2
Photography Studios	2
Preschools	2
Printers	1
Real Estate Firms	4
Restaurants	11
Shoe Stores	1
Television & Radio Repair Shops	2
Theatres	1
Variety Stores	4
Welding Shops	2



Anderson Island



Calamus River



Karp & Krow Grounds



North Loup River



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AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

AGRICULTURE

2007 Statistics	Valley County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	391	47,712
Land in Farms (acres)	356,296	45,480,358
Average Size of Farms (acres)	911	953
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$138,243,000	\$15,506,035,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$353,563	\$324,992
Total Acres Irrigated	99,325	8,558,559
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	27.9%	18.8%
Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2005–2009)		
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)	73,666 tons	4,008,400 tons
Winter Wheat All	115,025 bu.*	72,880,000 bu.
Corn for Grain	11,822,740 bu.	1,377,890,000 bu.
Soybeans	1,187,620 bu.	233,518,000 bu.
Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2006–2010)		
All Cattle	83,400	6,450,000

*4 year average 2005–2008

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

RAW MATERIALS

Metallic minerals are not found in the area; however, nonmetallic minerals of sand and gravel are available locally in commercial amounts.



CLIMATE

TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature*			Precipitation*		Humidity**	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	10.0	22.5	34.7	0.51	5.1	77	67
February	14.3	26.9	39.2	0.67	6.1	78	66
March	23.8	36.6	49.3	1.29	5.4	78	62
April	35.6	49.3	63.1	2.51	1.7	78	57
May	46.9	60.1	73.1	3.53	0.1	81	60
June	57.3	69.9	82.4	4.21	0.0	81	59
July	62.1	75.1	88.1	3.14	0.0	82	61
August	59.9	73.2	86.4	2.86	0.0	84	63
September	50.1	64.2	78.2	2.29	0.0	82	60
October	37.4	52.2	67.0	1.48	0.8	78	56
November	24.0	37.2	50.3	0.91	3.5	79	63
December	14.1	26.2	38.2	0.63	5.2	78	67
Annual	36.3	49.4	62.5	24.02	27.9	80	62

*Recorded at North Loup Weather Station

**Recorded at Grand Island Weather Station

FROST DATA

Average date of spring freeze probability	May 27
Average date of fall freeze probability.....	September 28
Average length of freeze free season probability.....	147 days
Average number of heating degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit	6,572
Average number of cooling degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit.....	925
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average).....	12
Prevailing wind direction (annual average)	South

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1893–2009, www.hprcc.unl.edu

