

COMMUNITY FACTS SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA

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POPULATION (Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2005 Est.</u>
City of Schuyler	5,371	5,327
Colfax County	10,441	10,433
Labor Market*	123,518	123,173

*Colfax County and contiguous counties

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INTRODUCTION

The following pages contain basic information about Schuyler, Nebraska. This material was compiled by the Schuyler Development Company, City of Schuyler, Schuyler Area Chamber of Commerce, Loup Power District, and Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community and economic development.

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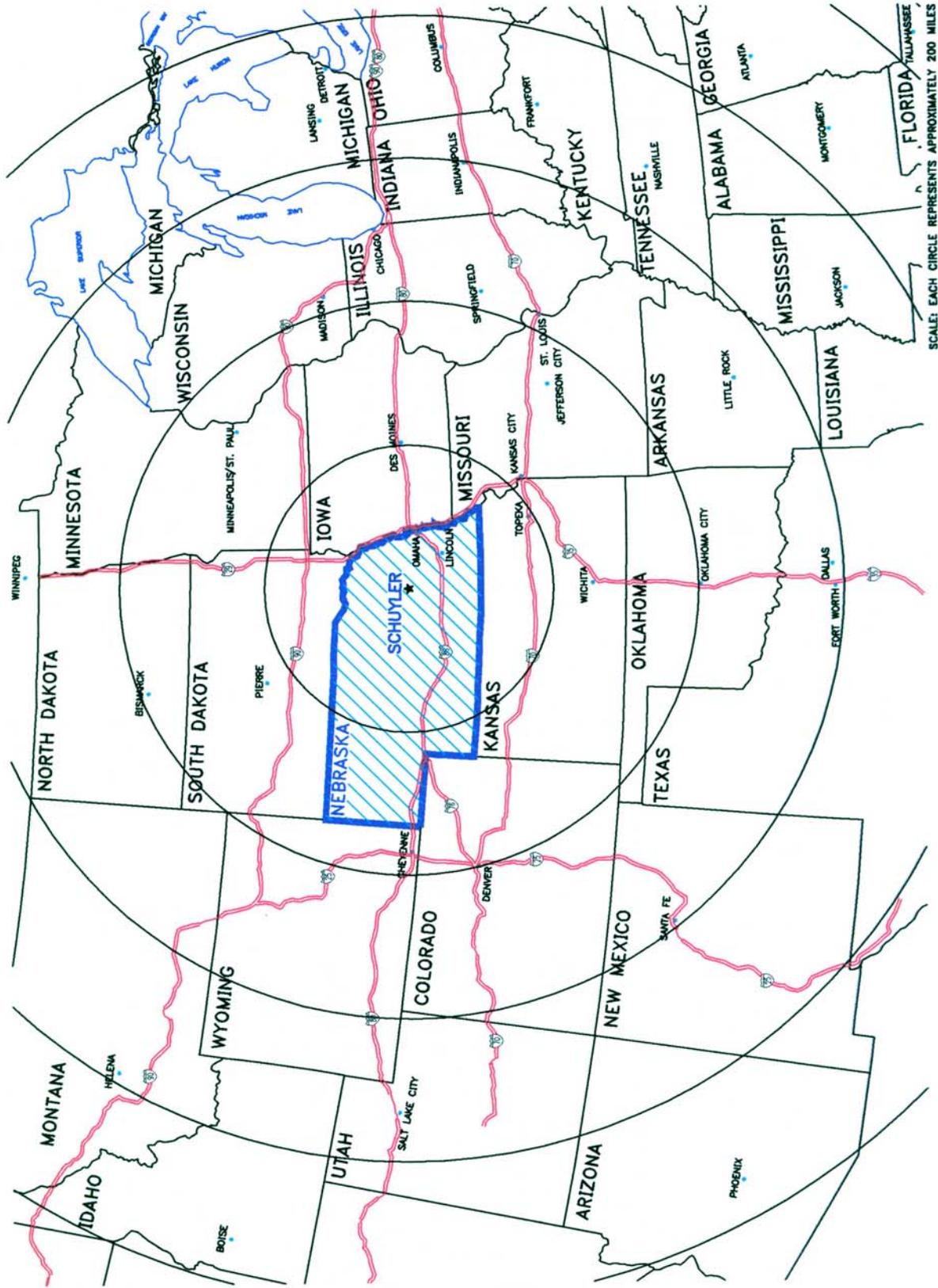
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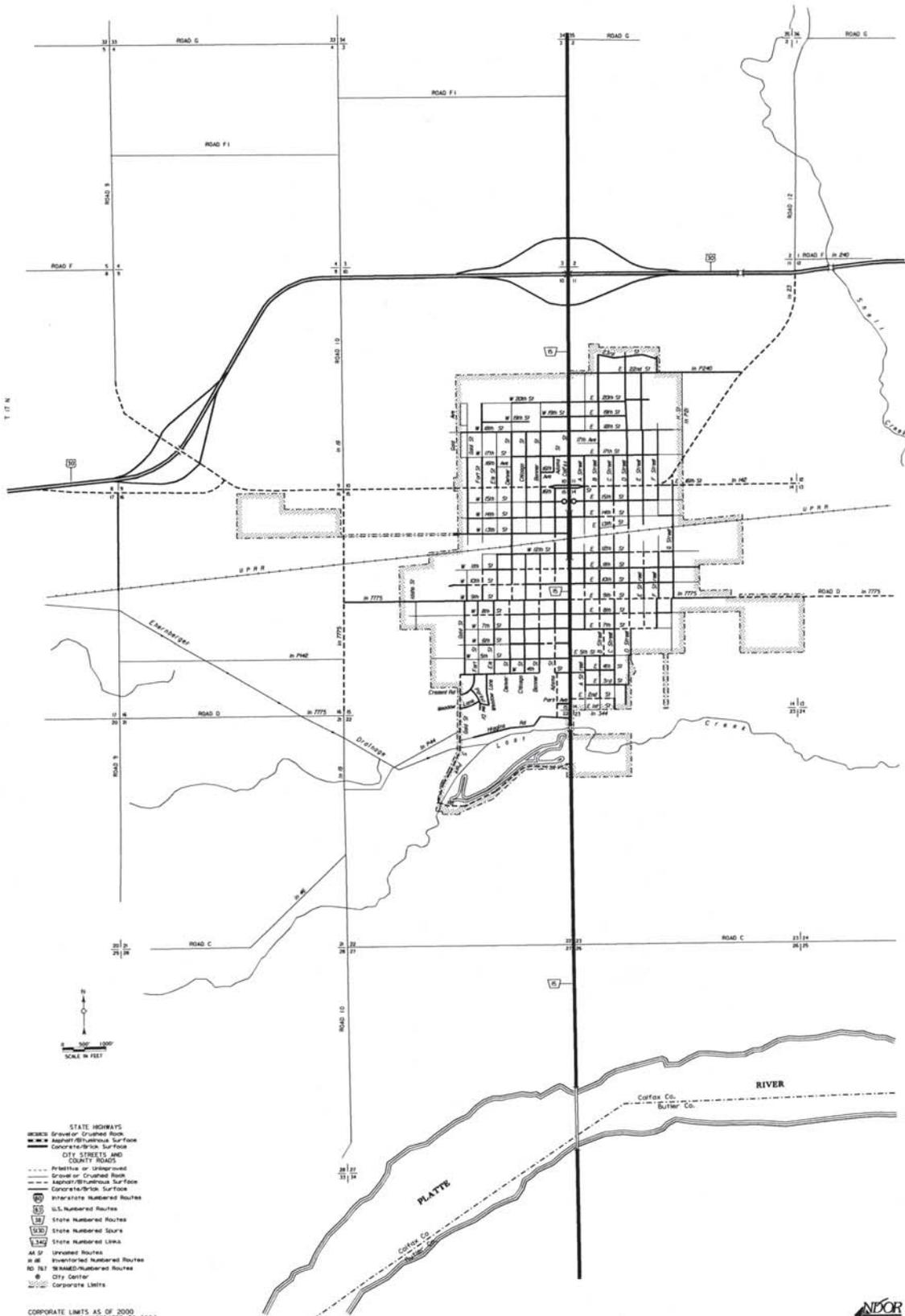
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SCALE: EACH CIRCLE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES

SCHUYLER
 COLFAX COUNTY
 NEBRASKA
 POPULATION 539,000 CENSUS
 1997

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- STATE HIGHWAYS**
- Gravel or Graded Road
 - Asphalt/Bituminous Surface
 - Concrete/Brick Surface
- CITY STREETS AND COUNTY ROADS**
- Proposed or Underway
 - Gravel or Graded Road
 - Asphalt/Bituminous Surface
 - Concrete/Brick Surface
 - Interstate Numbered Routes
 - U.S. Numbered Routes
 - State Numbered Routes
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 - State Numbered Link
 - Unnumbered Routes
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 - City Center
 - Corporate Limits

CORPORATE LIMITS AS OF 2000
 STATE HIGHWAYS CORRECTED TO 2004



GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Schuyler, the county seat of Colfax County, is located in east-central Nebraska, two miles north of the Platte River. State Highway 15 and the U.S. Highway 30 Expressway intersect at Schuyler. Schuyler is located 60 miles west of Omaha and 65 miles northwest of Lincoln. Columbus lies 12 miles west and Fremont is 32 miles east of Schuyler.

The 2005 U.S. Census estimates 123,173 people live within Colfax County and the contiguous counties of Butler, Cuming, Dodge, Platte, Saunders, and Stanton.

Approximately 25 percent of the people in Schuyler are bilingual, with 45 percent speaking Spanish.

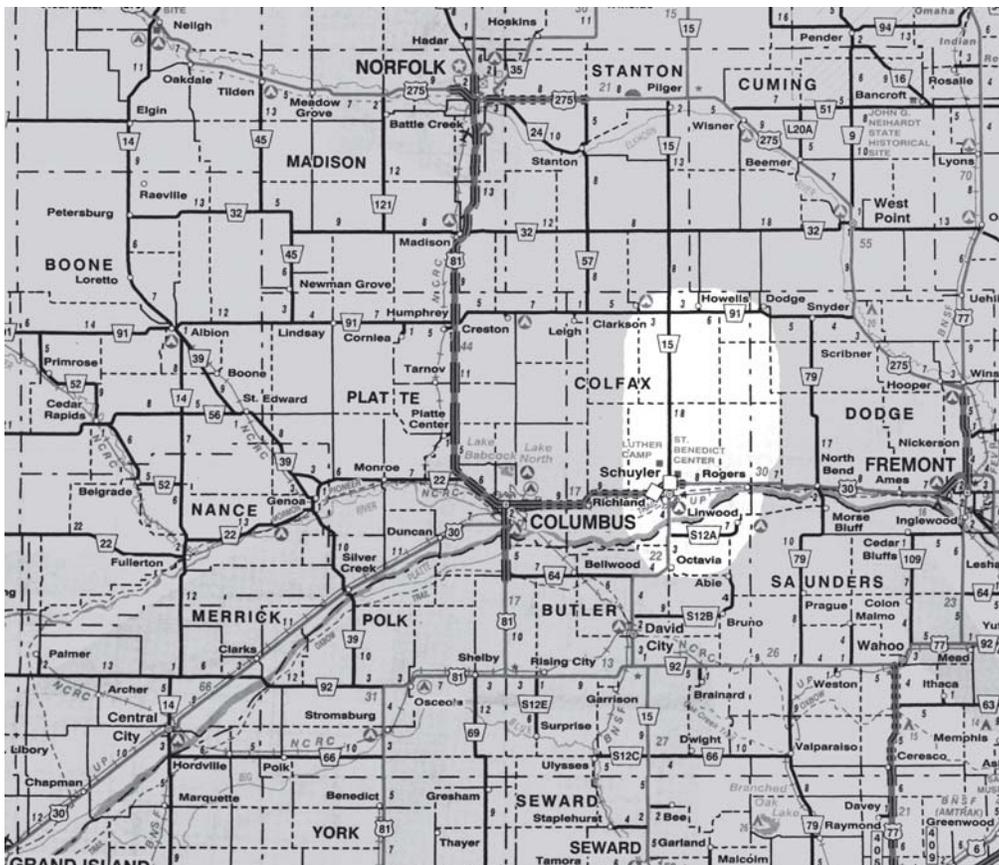
POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Schuyler	Colfax County
1970	3,597	9,498
1980	4,151	9,890
1990	4,052	9,139
2000	5,371	10,441
2005 (Est.)	5,327	10,433

LOCAL ECONOMY

Basic economic activities in Schuyler include truck and rail transportation, public education, medical services, retail banking and financial services, farming, cattle feeding, beef packing, warehouse refrigeration, agriculture processing, wholesale/retail distribution (national and international), and city/county governments.

The primary retail trade area extends 5 miles west, 18 miles northeast, 9 miles east, and 9 miles south and contains approximately 8,700 people. Firms in



Primary Retail Trade Area

Schuyler with retail sales tax permits reported net taxable retail sales of \$28,361,590 in 2005, while Colfax County reported annual retail sales of \$43,606,771. The five wholesale firms in Schuyler distribute agricultural feed, beef products, wooden decorations, beverages, automotive products, and premanufactured products.

Progress in the city's economic and community development included these major projects:

2003

- Nor-Am Cold Storage began operation in Schuyler

2004

- A \$250,000 expansion of the clubhouse at the Schuyler Golf Course

2005

- \$1.5 million renovation of Whispering Pines facility
- Alegent Health completed its \$3 million renovation and expansion of Memorial Hospital
- Four new soccer fields were constructed by the city at a cost of \$100,000

2006

- QC Supply expanded its new building for the fourth time since 1998
- Bruegger's built a new commercial building at a cost of \$250,000
- More than \$2 million in street paving improvements since 2002

ELEVATION

Schuyler is 1,234 feet above sea level.

TOPOGRAPHY

Schuyler is located two miles north of the Platte River in the Platte River Basin. The terrain is level. Higher hilly elevations are located three miles north of Schuyler. The soil is fertile, mostly of a deep medium texture. Drainage is good.

HISTORY

Schuyler was originally known as Shell Creek Station. In 1866 the Union Pacific Railroad, part of the Transcontinental Railway, reached Schuyler. In 1869 the Nebraska legislature divided the huge county of Platte into three separate counties. The newly created eastern county was named Colfax in honor of Schuyler Colfax, the U.S. vice-president under Ulysses S. Grant. Shell Creek Station was renamed Schuyler and was incorporated into a second-class city in June 1870. In 1891–1892 the first municipal light and water plant in Nebraska was constructed. Today, Schuyler is a progressive, first-class city with a growing population.

Because of its central location, Schuyler has participated in four significant historical events—1836–1869 Oregon Trail, 1840s–1850s Mormon Trail, 1866 Transcontinental Railway, and 1915–1925 coast-to-coast Lincoln Highway.

Today, Schuyler continues to benefit from its strategically advantageous location and an excellent transportation (highways and rail) system.

Schuyler's population is a mixture of most nationalities. The three largest ethnic groups arriving early were Czech, Irish, and German. In the past 12 years Hispanic immigrants have integrated the local population.

For a short time in 1870, Schuyler was a "trail town" for shipping cattle east. As laws were passed to protect farmers' crops from the damage caused by the cattle herds, cattle trails and rail shipping terminals moved west.

The Wells-Abbott-Nieman Company was located in Schuyler. This milling plant produced "Puritan Flour" that was marketed worldwide. On October 7, 1933, the milling plant was completely destroyed by fire. Sadly, the plant was never rebuilt.

In 1969 the Spencer Foods Company built a beef packing plant west of Schuyler. Today, this modern plant operates as Cargill Meat Solutions and employs approximately 2,000 workers.

Schuyler became the midwestern home of the Benedictine Missions in 1935. The Missionary Benedictines of Ottilien have continued their fund raising efforts for the world missions from Schuyler. Since 1979 the current Benedictine Mission House has been located four miles north of Schuyler. In 1997 the St. Benedict Center was constructed near the Benedictine Mission House.

One of Nebraska's most beautiful recreational centers is Schuyler's Oak Ballroom, which was built by the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

Work began in 1935 and the structure was finished in 1937. It derived its name from the huge natural timbers and beams cut from local native oak trees. Native rocks were used for the walls and foundation. The Oak Ballroom, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is located at the entrance to the south city park and is situated on the old Mormon Trail. A huge hand-painted mural depicting a wagon train on the Mormon Trail is located above the fireplace inside the spacious ballroom.



St. Benedict Center



Oak Ballroom, National Register of Historical Places

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MANUFACTURERS

<u>Company</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Arps Gravel & Concrete, Inc. 1983	Red-e-mix concrete, sand & gravel	Local	9	0	None
Cargill Meat Solutions 1982	Beef processing	National & International	1,050	850 1*	UFCW

MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Alegent Health Memorial Hospital	Medical	9 8*	87 45*	None
Beverly Healthcare	Skilled care & assisted living	2 1*	25 32*	None
Bomgaars Supply	Retail household goods & farm supplies	4 2*	3 3*	None
Bruegger's	Plumbing & supplies	5 1*	3	None
City of Schuyler	Government	24 18*	11 42*	None
Colfax County	Government	20 10*	23 5*	None
Cummings & Sons, Inc.	Short haul trucking	4 2*	2	None
Didier's Grocery	Retail groceries, pharmacy & restaurant	8 24*	10 33*	None
First National Bank-Schuyler	Banking & financial services	7	21 3*	None
Frontier Cooperative Company	Grain storage & shipping	5	0	None
GM Express Inc.	Long/short haul trucking	10 4*	2	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Husker Coop	Fertilizer & chemicals, distribution/application	5 6*	2	None
Nor-Am Cold Storage	Public refrigeration warehouse	16 3*	1 1*	None
Pepsi Bottling Group	Warehouse & distribution center	10 3*	2	None
Pinnacle Bank-Schuyler	Banking & financial services	3	17	None
QC Supply	Retail & wholesale premanufactured products	40 5*	35 4*	None
Reinecke Motor Company	Auto sales & service	6	1	None
Schuyler Community Schools	Education	42	172	SEA/NEA/ NSEA
Schuyler Cooperative Association	Agronomy testing, custom application, chemicals, fertilizers, fuel, farm delivery, seed	27	1 2*	None
The Schuyler Sun	Weekly newspaper & printing	3	1 5*	None
Schwan's Sales	Retail foods (home delivery)	25 2*	0	None
St. Benedictine Mission House & Retreat Center	Mission procure & ecumenical retreat & conference center	7 5*	6 13*	None

See www.ci.schuyler.ne.us (business directory)

OTHER MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS (within 40 miles and employing 100 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
Columbus, 12 miles			
ADM Corn Processing Columbus	Wet corn milling, corn starch, corn syrup, fructose, ethanol & multiple corn products	287	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
Columbus (Cont'd)			
BD Medical Pharmaceutical Systems	Glass syringes	598 5*	None
BD Medical Surgical	Hypodermic needles & syringes	835 114*	None
Behlen Mfg.	Steel buildings, agriculture & livestock equipment & international diversified products	694 71*	None
Beverly Healthcare-Columbus	Nursing care	99 45*	None
CAMACO	Automotive seats & frames	450	None
Carneco	Ground beef	350	None
Central Community College	Higher education	103 82*	NSEA
City of Columbus	Government	157 17*	IUPA & IAFF
Columbus Community Hospital	Medical	311 169*	None
Columbus Public Schools	Education	410 99*	CEA/ NEA faculty only
EGS Electrical Group-Appleton	Electrical products	329 2*	None
FLEXcon Company, Inc.	Pressure sensitive material used for decals, package labels, holograms, adhesive nameplates	202 6*	None
Hamilton Telecommunications	Inbound/outbound call center	107 17*	None
Hy-Vee	Retail grocery	90 200*	None
Lakeview Community Schools	Education	111 48*	LEA/ NEA
Loup Power District	Electric utility	108 20*	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
Columbus (Cont'd)			
Nebraska Public Power District	Electric utility	387 20*	None
PST (Platte County)	Pork production	93 19*	None
Platte County	Government	164 15*	None
State of Nebraska (Platte Co.)	Government	115	None
Super Saver	Retail grocery	36 84*	None
Vishay Dale Electronics	Electronic components mfg.	620 2*	None
Wal-Mart	Retail	66 33*	None
Fremont, 32 miles			
Arbor Manor Living Center	Nursing home	130	None
Burger King	Food chain	105	None
City of Fremont	Government	130	None
Department of Utilities	Utilities	155	None
ENCORE/HRM Transp.	Truck transportation	100	None
Food 4 Less	Groceries	110	None
Fremont Area Medical Center	Medical hospital	793	None
Fremont Contract Carriers	Transportation	225	None
Fremont Beef Inc.	Beef & pork products	140	None
Fremont National Bank	Financial	132	None
Fremont Public Schools	Education	525	Yes
Hormel Foods Corp.	Food processing	1,350	Yes

*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
Fremont (Cont'd)			
Magnus LLC	Bearings & castings	107	None
Midland Lutheran College	Education	205	None
Oilgear Fremont Inc.	Hydraulic pumps & components	260	IAM
Oriental Trading Company	Mail order/catalog sales	410	None
Structural Component Systems, Inc.	Prefabricated structural trusses	120	None
TEK Industries	Electronics	136	None
Wal-Mart Store, Inc.	Retail sales	464	None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Retention and recruitment is the Schuyler Development Company's (SDC) primary focus in the economic development of Schuyler. The SDC, formed in 1985, is a non-profit organization comprised of 12 directors and a full-time economic development coordinator. Current funding is by city government.

The overall mission of the Schuyler Area Chamber of Commerce is to support a high quality of life through community growth, economic development, and political and social development. Schuyler's Chamber employs a full-time executive secretary.

Cargill Meat Solutions has completed several construction projects since 2000. Nor-Am Cold Storage built a 90,000 square foot cold storage facility on 26 acres near Schuyler in 2003. This \$7.3 million project employs 19 people. QC Supply, a retail and wholesale supplier of premanufactured products, expanded its facility in 2006 for the fourth time since 1998.

Approximately 207 acres of land in and adjacent to Schuyler are available for industry. The price of this land ranges from \$2,000 to \$6,000 per acre.

INDUSTRIAL SITES AVAILABLE

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



Cargill Meat Solutions & Nor-Am Cold Storage



Nor-Am Cold Storage



QC Supply

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LABOR SUPPLY

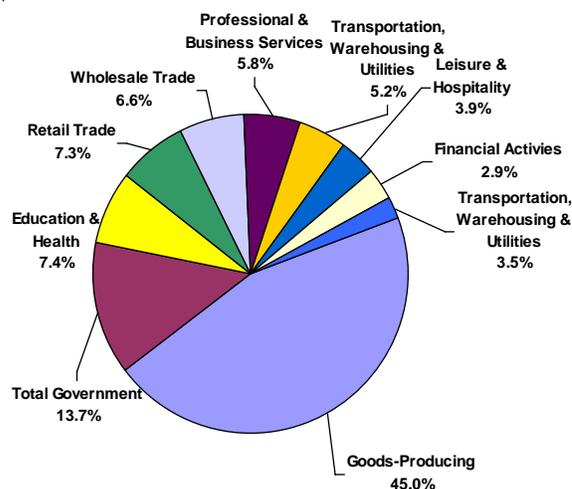
- A. Employment in the Schuyler labor market which is defined as the whole of Colfax County and the total labor market consisting of Colfax County and the contiguous counties of Butler, Cuming, Dodge, Platte, Saunders, and Stanton (12-month average, May 2005 through April 2006):

	<u>Colfax County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nonfarm Employment (wage and salary workers)		
Goods-Producing (Mfg., Nat. Res., Mining & Const.)	2,234	15,487
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	947	10,335
Trade, Wholesale	330	(D)
Trade, Retail	361	(D)
Transp., Warehousing & Utilities	257	(D)
Information	(D)	(D)
Financial Activities	145	2,122
Professional & Business Services	288	(D)
Educational & Health Services	387	(D)
Leisure & Hospitality	193	4,175
Other Services	(D)	(D)
Government	679	8,995
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	4,967	51,704
Farm Employment*	780	6,990
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	5,843	66,293
B. Commuting Out of County	1,739	N/A
C. Unemployment	165	2,480
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	6,008	68,773
D. Estimated number of homemakers, seasonal and part-time workers, and workers who would shift from low-paying jobs who could be expected to work for industry	1,200	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	110	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	3,214	

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

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

**NONFARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
COLFAX COUNTY
12-MONTH AVERAGE,
MAY 2005 THROUGH APRIL 2006**

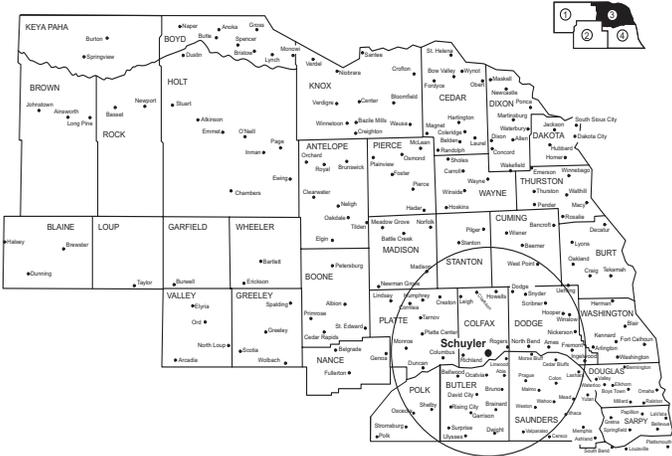


2000 POPULATION DATA						
Location	Density/ Sq. Mile	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Age	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	Median Household Effective Buying Income (2005)
Colfax Co.	25.3	16.0	35.0	72.0	11.5	\$34,717
Nebraska	22.3	13.6	35.3	86.6	23.7	\$36,910
U.S.	79.6	12.4	35.9	84.0	26.0	\$39,324

Colfax County had 5,682 eligible voters in 2004; 65.1 percent voted in the national election compared to 68.3 percent in Nebraska.

Source: U.S. Census, www.census.gov
 Sales and Marketing Management, 2005
 Statewide General Election 2004 Results, www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/canvass/general2004/General2004.htm

LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE SCHUYLER AREA



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

2005 Estimates	
City of Schuyler	— 5,327
30-Mile Radius, Schuyler	— 105,726
50-Mile Radius, Schuyler	— 523,595
Colfax County	— 10,433
Butler County	— 8,720
Platte County	— 31,262

County Population by Age/Gender, 2004		
Ages	Male	Female
Colfax County		
18-24	660	448
25-44	1,416	1,069
45-64	1,211	1,107
Butler County		
18-24	471	374
25-44	1,059	976
45-64	1,167	1,071
Platte County		
18-24	1,762	1,630
25-44	3,924	3,752
45-64	3,899	3,854

UNIONIZATION

Nebraska has a right-to-work provision in its constitution. In 2004, 10.8 percent of Nebraska’s manufacturing workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 12.9 percent. Union membership in Nebraska is concentrated in the railroad and packinghouse industries.

Labor organizations operating in Schuyler:

Company	Union
Cargill Meat Solutions	United Food & Commercial Workers
Qwest	Communications Workers of America
Schuyler Community Schools	Schuyler Education Association/ National Education Association/ Nebraska State Education Association

Approximately 25 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in Schuyler is unionized. There have been no strikes in Schuyler during the past 25 years.

WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Professional			
Accountants & Auditors	15.74	22.81	35.41
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	18.49	27.45	35.73
Electrical Engineers*	21.50	34.71	50.86
Industrial Engineers	18.60	26.86	36.85
Mechanical Engineers	18.72	25.83	35.09
Computer Programmers	13.63	24.86	35.26
Computer Systems Analysts	19.00	34.58	54.13
Registered Nurses	16.11	21.72	28.06
Retail			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	6.10	8.12	9.54
Retail Salespersons	6.01	8.14	16.36
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	7.29	11.51	19.18
Driver/Sales Workers	6.04	9.32	21.89
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	6.50	9.50	13.93
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	7.98	12.86	17.23
Clerical			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	7.94	11.08	16.46
Customer Service Representatives	6.35	9.46	14.88
Data Entry Keyers	7.63	10.60	13.76
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	7.20	10.57	14.00

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

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Clerical (Cont'd.)			
Office Clerks, General	6.40	9.34	13.64
Receptionists & Information Clerks	6.83	9.49	11.77
Telemarketers	6.83	8.22	10.51
Unskilled			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	7.07	10.48	13.52
Packers & Packagers, Hand	6.05	9.68	13.26
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other	9.05	11.77	13.98
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	7.48	9.67	12.24
Semi-Skilled			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	9.63	11.94	14.79
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	9.54	14.73	21.18
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	11.93	17.11	21.37
Machine Operators			
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	11.46	13.88	17.58
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	9.68	11.77	17.19
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	9.61	12.61	16.30
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	10.39	12.72	15.38
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.*	8.69	11.11	15.06
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	8.84	12.75	17.09
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	10.17	14.95	17.45
Skilled			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	7.10	11.94	24.74
Electricians	12.78	17.99	21.71
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	12.38	16.21	21.35
Machinists	10.14	13.65	17.75
Tool & Die Makers	15.71	19.54	23.02
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	9.36	13.04	17.74
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters*	10.62	13.47	17.96
Technical			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	11.22	24.44	33.67
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	14.42	20.42	27.42
Computer Operators	9.73	13.35	21.02

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

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, First Quarter 2006 wage estimates, All Industries, Northeast Region, www.dol.state.ne.us/lmiwages/toc000.htm.

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

FRINGE BENEFITS

Fringe benefits range up to 35 percent of payroll.



Colfax Days Celebration



U.S. Highway 30 Expressway

TRANSPORTATION

RAILROADS

Schuyler is served by a main line of the Union Pacific Railroad with 80–85 freight trains daily. Switching is done as needed. The nearest switching yard is located in Columbus, 12 miles west of Schuyler. For further information on rail service in Schuyler, contact Cheryl Schow, (308) 289-1911, caschow@up.com.

Amtrak provides Omaha, 60 miles, with rail passenger service east to Chicago and west to Denver and San Francisco/Oakland. Travel time from Omaha to Chicago is 10 hours and to the West Coast is 43 1/2 hours. Amtrak has one train each way daily.

MOTOR

Highways

U.S. Highway 30 Expressway (east-west) and Nebraska Highway 15 (north-south) intersect at Schuyler. Completed in 2004, the four-lane U.S. Highway 30 bypasses Schuyler at the north city limits. There are no local load restrictions. North-south U.S. Highway 81 (four-lane) is located 16 miles west of Schuyler. East-west Interstate 80 is 50 miles south and north-south Interstate 29 is 60 miles east of Schuyler.

Highway mileage from Schuyler to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	65
Omaha	60
Chicago	524
Dallas	661
Denver	487
Detroit	792
Kansas City	254
Los Angeles	1,500
Minneapolis	434
New York	1,298
St. Louis	508
San Francisco	1,626

U.S. Highway 30 Expressway from Columbus to Schuyler is four-lane with two exit/entry ramps located at the western and northern city limits of Schuyler. The Nebraska Department of Roads plans four-laning U.S. Highway 30 Expressway from Schuyler to Fremont by 2012.

Trucklines

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

The following trucklines have terminals in Schuyler:

Company	Trucks Daily
GM Express, Inc.	15
Skyhawk Transfer, Inc.	7
Cummings & Sons, Inc.	4

Bus Line

Arrow Stage Lines, with one bus daily, provides passenger and bus parcel services. Direct service is available to Omaha where interconnections are made to major cities in the United States.

The City Handivan provides public transportation weekdays in Schuyler.

AIR

The Columbus Municipal Airport, 12 miles west of Schuyler, is utilized by both commercial and private aircraft. Air freight and air express services are available.

Runway Identification			
Number	Length	Surface	Lighted
14/32	6,780'	Concrete/ Asphalt	Yes
02/20	4,135'	Turf	No

Facilities at the Columbus Municipal Airport include 100 low-lead octane and jet fuel, full instrument landing capabilities, nonprecision approach, full maintenance, tie downs, courtesy and rental cars,

aircraft rental and sales, crop spraying, and flight instruction. One of the 20 private planes hangared at the airport is available for charter. The airport is operational from dawn to dusk as well as on call. The elevation at the airport is 1,444 feet, the latitude is 41°26.88'N, and the longitude is 97°20.56'W.

Commercial air service is available at the Lincoln Airport, 65 miles southeast (70 minutes), and at Omaha's Eppley Airfield, 76 miles (90 minutes) east of Schuyler.

WATER

Barge service is available at 10 barge terminal facilities on the Missouri River in Nebraska. These

river ports are navigable approximately eight months per year. The Blair river port is 53 miles east of Schuyler. 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.

PIPELINE

Kaneb Pipe Line Company has a terminal nine miles west of Schuyler.



Union Pacific Railroad

UTILITIES

ELECTRICITY

Loup Power District (www.loup.com), a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), provides electric service to the four-county area of Colfax, Boone, Nance, and Platte and is the wholesale supplier to the city of Schuyler. Loup Power District, NPPD (www.nppd.com), and Cornhusker Public Power District (www.cornhusker-power.com) are headquartered in Columbus, 12 miles west of Schuyler.

Schuyler's principal source of power supply is from a 115 kV substation located 2.5 miles north of Schuyler on Highway 15. This substation is interconnected with the Loup Power District/Nebraska Public Power District statewide grid system.

Schuyler's power supply is from two separate 34.5 kV bays at the substation. Both bays are protected by oil circuit breakers. One bay supplies an overhead of 34.5 kV, 266 ACSR transmission line. The other bay supplies a 750 MCM underground, T2 4/0 ACSR overhead 34.5 kV transmission line. Both circuits are connected at separate points to a 34.5 kV ring bus around the city.

Schuyler's 12.5 kV wye, 4.16 kV wye, and 2.4 kV delta loop feed distribution system uses six substations to manage the current peak demand of 24,324 kW. These substations are connected at strategic points to the 34.5 kV ring bus, for a total of 77 MVA capacity to serve its residential, rural, commercial, industrial, and public service customers.

ELECTRIC RATES—CITY OF SCHUYLER (effective 4/1/05)

Residential Service (all electric):

Service Availability Charge: \$10.00	
Summer	
\$0.0695	per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh used
\$0.0600	per kWh for all additional use

Winter	
\$0.0520	per kWh for the first 700 kWh used
\$0.0305	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: \$10.00 per month	

The Power Procurement Cost Adjustment clause shall apply to this rate schedule.

Commercial (electric heat):

Service Availability Charge: \$12.50	
Summer	
\$0.0985	per kWh for the first 750 kWh used
\$0.0685	per kWh for the next 4,250 kWh used
\$0.0645	per kWh for all additional use
Winter	
\$0.0590	per kWh for the first 750 kWh used
\$0.0440	per kWh for the next 1,250 kWh used
\$0.0330	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: \$12.50 per month	

The Power Procurement Cost Adjustment clause shall apply to this rate schedule.

Commercial (electric heat) - Sample Cost per kWh:

kW*	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh
100	30,000	5.04
100	36,000	5.01
300	90,000	4.93
300	150,000	4.91
500	180,000	4.90

*No Demand Charge

Industrial:

Service Availability Charge: \$275.00	
Demand Charge:	
Summer:	\$12.50 per kW of billing demand
Winter:	\$10.00 per kW of billing demand
Energy Charge:	
Summer:	\$0.0220 per kWh
Winter:	\$0.0190 per kWh
Minimum Bill: The Demand Charge	

The Power Procurement Cost Adjustment clause shall apply to this rate schedule.

Large Industrial:

Service Charge: \$775.00 per month
Demand Charge:
Summer: \$11.75 per kW of billing demand
Winter: \$ 9.75 per kW of billing demand
Energy Charge:
Summer: \$ 0.0215 per kWh
Winter: \$ 0.0180 per kWh
Minimum Bill: The demand charge

The Power Procurement Cost Adjustment clause shall apply to this rate schedule.

Prospective customers should contact James McGowen, superintendent of utilities, Schuyler, (402) 352-5444, for further information regarding electric rates and service.

Cornhusker Public Power District, a wholesale customer of Loup Power District, serves the rural area north, south, and west of Schuyler. For information regarding electrical services in the Cornhusker Public Power District service area, contact Ron Hostetter, general manager, Columbus, Nebraska, (402) 564-2821, ronh.cppd@frontiernet.com, www.cornhusker-power.com.

NATURAL GAS

Aquila is the retail supplier of natural gas in Schuyler. The community is served by a six-inch line at 79 pounds of pressure. Northern Natural Gas Company is the pipeline company.

Aquila is a full-service natural gas distribution company with Nebraska headquarters in Lincoln. Natural gas with an average value of 1,000 BTU 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 customer varies with the type of service selected by the customer.

For further information regarding gas rates and services available, prospective commercial and industrial customers should contact the Economic Development Department at Aquila, (800) 232-1850, or email mary.simmons@aquila.com.

OTHER FUELS

LP Gas

Propane gas is available in Schuyler for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at Schuyler Cooperative Association.

Oil

Oil is available in Schuyler for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at Muehlich Oil Company and Schuyler Cooperative Association.

WATER

The municipal water system in Schuyler is supplied by three ground water wells, which have an average depth of 85 feet. The system, serving 96 percent of the city's population, has a combined pumping capacity of 2,700 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 500,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 1,086,974 gallons and the historic peak daily demand is 2,390,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 4,388,000 gallons per day. The static pressure is 60 pounds and the residual pressure varies from 35 to 40 pounds per square inch.

Groundwater is available for industrial uses. An 85-foot well will produce approximately 500 gallons of water per minute. The water table has not changed significantly in the past five years. The quality of water in Schuyler does not necessitate a water treatment plant.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in parts per million, is 320. The average tap water temperature varies from 40° to 46° in winter and 54° to 57° in summer.

Chemical Analysis (parts per million - ppm)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.82
Calcium	101.23
Total Solids	526
Magnesium	.07
Iron	N/D
Nitrate	4.93
Manganese	23.75
Chloride	30.50
Fluoride	.50
Sulfate	93.75
Total Alkalinity	N/A
Sodium	36.10
Total Hardness	350.5ppm/20.5gpg
Potassium	N/A

N/D - not detectable
 N/A - not applicable
 gpg - grains per gallon

WATER RATES (effective 3/25/06)

A water tapping fee of \$500 will be charged for new mains crossing adjoining property and \$800 for new mains installed directly in front of property.

Residential & Commercial:

Service Availability Charge (minimum bill):		
	City Limits	
Meter Size	Inside	Outside
5/8", 3/4", 1"	\$ 9.50	\$ 14.00
1 1/2"	\$ 26.25	\$ 37.00
2"	\$ 42.00	\$ 58.50
3"	\$ 78.75	\$110.25
4"	\$126.00	\$176.50
6"	\$160.00	\$224.00
 Consumption Charge:		
	City Limits	
Usage	Per 100	Cu. Ft.
First 300 cu. ft.	\$0.483	\$0.506
Next 900 cu. ft.	\$0.525	\$0.550
Next 2,400 cu. ft.	\$0.577	\$0.605
Next 4,800 cu. ft.	\$0.630	\$0.660
Additional usage	\$0.683	\$0.715

Industrial Domestic:

Service Availability Charge (minimum bill):		
	City Limits	
Meter Size	Inside	Outside
1"	\$ 25.00	\$ 40.00
2"	\$ 42.00	\$ 70.00
3"	\$ 78.75	\$125.00
4"	\$126.00	\$180.00
6"	\$170.00	\$255.00
 Consumption Charge:		
	City Limits	
Usage	Per 100	Cu. Ft.
First 1,200 cu. ft.	\$0.525	\$ 0.705
Next 2,400 cu. ft.	\$0.577	\$ 0.750
Next 4,800 cu. ft.	\$0.630	\$ 0.850
Additional usage	\$0.683	\$ 0.955

Capital improvements in 2006–07 include a new well, new water mains, and a new 500,000 gallon overhead water storage facility. The well, estimated at \$450,000, will be paid by water revenues and the water mains and overhead water storage facility, estimated at \$2,100,000, will be paid by state revolving loan funds.

SEWERAGE

Schuyler has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The treatment facility consists of six lagoons with a 210-acre land application area. The plant was built in 1963 with major improvements in 1980, 1997, and 2004. The daily capacity of the treatment facility is 700,000 gallons. The average daily flow is 425,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily discharge is 553,900 gallons. The application area is leased for agricultural use; rental monies are applied to operation of the system.

SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 3/25/06)

A tapping fee of \$1,200 will be charged for installing new sewer service.

Residential & Commercial:

Rates are based on the quarterly water consumption between December and March.

Service Availability Charge (minimum bill):		
	City Limits	
Meter Size	Inside	Outside
5/8", 3/4", 1"	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
1 1/2"	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00
2"	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00
3"	\$ 65.00	\$ 80.00
4"	\$100.00	\$125.00
6"	\$150.00	\$210.00
 Consumption Charge:		
	City Limits	
Usage	Inside	Outside
	Per 100 Cu. Ft.	
First 500 cu. ft.	\$ 1.285	\$1.325
Next 2,500 cu. ft.	\$ 2.575	\$2.650
Additional usage	\$ 1.805	\$1.855

Industrial Domestic:

Service Availability Charge (minimum bill):		
	City Limits	
Meter Size	Inside	Outside
1"	\$ 20.00	\$ 45.00
2"	\$ 35.00	\$ 75.00
3"	\$ 70.00	\$125.00
4"	\$100.00	\$160.00
6"	\$150.00	\$235.00
 Consumption Charge:		
	City Limits	
Usage	Inside	Outside
	Per 100 Cu. Ft.	
First 500 cu. ft.	\$1.285	\$1.750
Next 2,500 cu. ft.	\$2.575	\$3.505
Additional usage	\$1.805	\$2.515

In 2003–04 two additional lagoon cells and three pumping stations were added to the treatment system, serving an additional 300 acres of application area. This \$2,800,000 project was financed by revenue funds.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Privately owned waste removal services are available in Schuyler. A privately owned disposal site, with an estimated life of 20 years, is located 10 miles south of Schuyler.

SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES (effective 11/1/05)

Residential:

\$12.30 to \$25.50, depending on number of pickups and containers

Commercial & Industrial:

Varies

RECYCLING

The Colfax County Recycling Facility, open three days a week, serves the area and accepts #1 and #2 plastics, newspapers, magazines, paper, paperboard, shredded paper, phone books, packaging materials, corrugated cardboard, and steel and aluminum cans. The facility is used by Schuyler as well as nearby communities of Howells, Leigh, and Clarkson.

COMMUNICATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Qwest Communications is the local exchange carrier in the Schuyler area with a high-speed digital central office. Qwest is capable of providing business and residential lines, Qwest long distance, market expansion lines, class and custom calling features, ISDN, and high-speed Internet. Installation and maintenance personnel are located in the community.

INTERNET

Many high-speed Internet service providers serve Schuyler.

POST OFFICE

The post office in Schuyler provides house-to-house delivery and has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily. Postal receipts for the past two fiscal years:

Year	Receipts
2005	\$873,786
2004	\$901,099

PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	Federal Express	UPS	U.S. Postal Service
Latest Pick-up Time	4:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	5:15 p.m.
Earliest Delivery	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Next Day Delivery Guarantee	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saturday Delivery Guarantee	Yes	Yes	Yes

NEWSPAPER

The Schuyler Sun, the local weekly newspaper, has 2,900 subscribers. Other newspapers delivered locally include the Columbus Telegram, Omaha World-Herald, and Lincoln Journal-Star.

RADIO

Radio stations which carry local news include:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KKOT-FM	93.5 MHz	Columbus
KJSK-AM	900 KHz	Columbus
KTTT-AM	1510 KHz	Columbus
KLIR-FM	101.1 MHz	Columbus
KZEN-FM	100.3 MHz	Columbus
KTXL-FM	91.9 MHz	Columbus

TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news include:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KLKN	8	Lincoln
KOLN/KGIN	10/11	Lincoln/ Grand Island
NETV	12	Lincoln
KMTV	3	Omaha
WOWT	6	Omaha
KETV	7	Omaha
KPTM	42	Omaha

Cable TV provides viewing on 18 basic, 35 premium, and 1 community channel. Satellite TV is also available.



Housing Scenes in Schuyler



Residences at Socorro Lake, One Mile South of Schuyler

TAX STRUCTURE

VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES – CITY OF SCHUYLER

All real property is subject to tax at 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		
	2003	2004	2005
Real Estate	\$119,238,140	\$121,623,160	\$130,281,855
Personal Property	2,220,064	2,264,465	2,477,058
Special (railroad and utilities)	3,179,953	3,211,753	3,243,553
TOTAL	<u>\$124,638,157</u>	<u>\$127,099,378</u>	<u>\$136,002,466</u>

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

	2003	2004	2005
City	\$0.392500	\$0.373550	\$0.338380
County	.365090	.388000	.397200
School District	1.210680	1.171490	1.119920
Community College	.079063	.082411	.082962
Educational Service Unit	.014998	.014998	.014999
Natural Resource District	.044278	.044521	.043293
Agricultural Society	.019200	.020000	.020000
TOTAL	<u>\$2.125809</u>	<u>\$2.094970</u>	<u>\$2.016754</u>

The 2005 tax rate at the industrial sites outside the city limits is \$1.690354 per \$100 of actual value.

CITY SALES TAX

Schuyler imposes a 1 percent city sales tax.

LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of October 1, 2005:

City—Revenue Bonds	None
City—General Obligation Bond	\$1,015,000
School District (as of 5/1/06)	\$870,000
County	None

CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 10/1/05	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
General Obligation					
Various Purpose	8/20/04	\$1,115,000	\$1,015,000	1.8–4.05	8/15/14

It is anticipated that bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000 will be issued in 2006–07 for street improvements.

SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 5/1/06	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Middle School	5/15/95	\$3,500,000	\$870,000	3.14–4.35	5/15/12



Colfax County Courthouse

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Colfax County has 12 townships and is governed by three county commissioners, elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next election will be held in 2006. Colfax County belongs to the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District along with 15 other counties. The 2005–06 actual budget is \$8,791,459. www.colfaxcounty.ne.gov.

Zoning classifications are:

- A-1 Agriculture
- A-2 Second Agriculture
- PR Platte River
- A-3 Transitional Agriculture
- R-1 Residential
- I-1 Light Industrial
- I-2 Heavy Industrial
- PU Public Quasi
- R-M Mobile Home
- C-1 Commercial

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Schuyler a first class city, has a mayor-council form of government. The next election will be held in 2006. The 2005–06 budget is \$13,006,777. www.ci.schuyler.ne.us.

Municipal officials are:

Title	Method of Selection	Term of Office
Mayor	Elected	4 years
City Council (6)	Elected by Ward	4 years
City Administrator	Appointed	Indefinite
City Clerk	Appointed	Indefinite
City Treasurer	Appointed	Indefinite
City Attorney	Appointed	Indefinite

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided in the community by a 38-member volunteer fire department with

6 cadets. The department has an annual contract with the Rural Fire District No. 3 to provide fire protection to an additional 250 square miles outside the city limits.

There is one fire station and 226 fire hydrants in Schuyler. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 6; outside it is 9 and 10. Annual operating expenditures for fire protection during the past three years averaged \$102,100.

The Schuyler Fire Department provides on-going training and fire prevention education activities at the schools.

Equipment in the city/rural fire department:

Year/Make	Description
City & Rural	
1922 GMC	Parade vehicle (pumper)
1924 Ford (parade)	Model T Ladder Truck
1947 LaFrance	Pumper truck
1972 Ford	1,250 gal. tanker
1980 Hendrickson	1,000 gal. per min. pumper
1980 Kenworth	3,000 gal. per min. pumper
1990 Chevy	Equipment truck
1994 E-1 Sentry	1,250 gal. pumper
2000 Ford F350	250 gal. grass rig
2004 H & H	Fire prevention trailer

Fire losses for the past five years have been:

Year	Amount
2005	\$ 70,840
2004	\$319,500
2003	\$358,000
2002	\$ 63,000
2001	\$ 30,000

Rescue Squad

The Schuyler Rescue Squad, with eight certified Emergency Medical Technicians, operates as a separate city entity. Equipment includes:

1992 Ford E350	Ambulance
2002 Ford E450	Ambulance

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Schuyler Police Department

The Schuyler Police Department employs eight full-time police officers and two support personnel. The department has five vehicles with in-car cameras, radio equipment, computerized accident/incident records, and other standard equipment. Annual expenditures during the last three years averaged \$512,270.

The 2004 crime rate per 1,000 population in Schuyler was 14.2 and was 14.4 in Colfax County compared to state crime rate of 37.7 and a national rate of 39.8.

Sheriff's Department

The Colfax County Sheriff's Department in Schuyler is staffed by the sheriff, six deputies, and three support personnel. Regular patrol by the police and sheriff's departments provide protection to existing industries.

State Patrol

Troop B of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Norfolk, 60 miles northwest of Schuyler. Troop B serves 23 counties and headquarters 48 patrol officers. Schuyler is served by 4 patrol officers and 2 carrier enforcement officers stationed in Columbus, 12 miles west of Schuyler.

STREETS

Schuyler has 38 miles of streets, 83 percent of which are hard-surfaced with concrete or asphalt. Trucks are restricted from one street in the community. Eighty-three percent of the streets have curbs and seventy percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance includes street sweeping, snow removal, and periodic grading.

The city is planning to upgrade snow removal equipment and purchase a street sweeper. Additional hard-surfacing of gravel streets with infrastructure improvements is also being planned. These 2006 projects are estimated to cost \$1.5 million with probable financing by highway allocation funds, bonds, and special assessments.

BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS

The 2003 International Mechanical Code, International Building Code, International Plumbing Code, and International Field Gas Code are enforced in Schuyler.

Local zoning classifications are:

AG	Agricultural District
RR	Rural Residential District
R-1	Single-Family Residential District
R-2	Urban Family Residential District
R-3	Multiple-Family Residential
MH	Mobile Home Park Planned District
LC	Limited Commercial and Office District
GC	General Commercial District
CBD	Central Business District
LI	Limited Industrial District
GI	General Industrial District

PLANNING

Schuyler has a nine-member Planning Commission. Members are appointed by the Mayor and Council for four-year terms.

The Schuyler Comprehensive Plan was approved by the City in November 2004. Schuyler's Housing Study was updated in June 2006. Both documents were compiled by RDG & Associates of Omaha, Nebraska.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Schuyler Community Schools (www.schs.esu7.org)

Type of School	Number	Classrooms*	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary K-8	4	19	150	1:10	1:2
Elementary K-1	1	12	200	1:13	1:2
Elementary 2-8	1	39	650	1:13	1:2
High School 9-12	1	45	450	1:14	1:2

*Does not include the 29 classrooms in 14 modular buildings.

Schuyler Community Schools in Colfax County covers 289.9 square miles and has an actual 2005 valuation of \$530,998,294, with an actual valuation per student of \$366,206. This Class III district is accredited by the state of Nebraska and the North Central Association. The 2005-06 school operating expenses totaled \$10,340,000, with an average cost per student of \$6,953.

Capacities of the seven attendance centers are listed below:

Name of Center	Grades	Capacity
City		
Northward	K-1	120
Westward	2-8	550
Schuyler Central High	9-12	400
Rural		
Garfield	K-8	50
4R	K-8	60
24	K-8	60
Richland	K-8	90

2005-2006 Test Results

	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
7th Grade Terra Nova	98	48
8th Grade Terra Nova	99	46
9th Grade Terra Nova	92	51
11th Grade Terra Nova	94	53
ACT 12th Grade	62	19.5

It is estimated that 90 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school. Approximately 65 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a

college degree, 33 percent of the seniors enter the job market, and 2 percent joined the military immediately after graduation.

Vocational courses offered in the high school include industrial technology, trade and industry, agricultural, business, and family and consumer science. Adult education programs are available in the high school in conjunction with Central Community College. Numerous distance learning and on-line classes are also available.

An alternative education program is available for students who are not successful in a traditional school setting.

With some exceptions, Schuyler Community Schools are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Schuyler Community Schools provide an educational program for the severe and profound, as well as mild- to- moderate-, and multi-handicapped students.

Educational Service Unit (ESU)

Educational Service Unit 7 in Columbus, 12 miles west of Schuyler, serves the Schuyler schools. Services include the state-mandated core services of staff development, technology training/ infrastructure, and materials resources as well as those services determined by the member school districts through advisory input. ESU 7 serves the seven surrounding counties of Boone, Butler, Colfax, Merrick, Nance, Platte, and Polk. The ESU 7 staff of more than 60 provide services to more than 1,100 teachers and 15,000 public and nonpublic students in the seven-county area.

Special Schools

North Star of Nebraska in Columbus serves adults in Colfax, Boone, Nance, and Platte counties with habilitative/vocational training and residential services.

Community College

Schuyler is served by the **Central Community College (CCC)** system, which encompasses a 25-county area. The college is governed by an 11-member Board of Governors elected by the citizens of the counties served. Administrative offices are located in Grand Island with campuses in Hastings, Columbus, and Grand Island and off-campus centers in Holdrege, Lexington, and Kearney. Classes are available through extended learning programs in approximately 80 communities within the college's service area. During the 2004–05 academic year, 25,588 students were enrolled in Central Community College courses, with approximately 15,920 participating in off-campus programs. www.ccnneb.edu

CCC has a site coordinator at the Schuyler Community Schools and many classes are available locally.

Certificate, Diploma, and Degree Programs: Coursework in nearly all major areas of study is available, including more than 100 vocational-technical and academic transfer college credit courses. Classes are available through various delivery methods, including:

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

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

Adult Basic Education Program: This program is offered by Central Community College in cooperation with the Nebraska Department of

Education and the federal government. The program is designed to provide the opportunity to gain basic education skills at no cost to the student. The program has four major components:

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

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

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

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

Community Education Program: Avocational/recreational courses are offered to provide students an opportunity to explore and develop skills for personal interest, leisure, and recreational activities.

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

Central Community College, works with area industries, retail establishments, and other agencies and organizations in planning in-service and/or in-plant training programs.

2004–05 Program Graduates

<u>Program</u>	<u># of Graduates</u>
Accounting	15
Agriculture Occupations	14
Art, Commercial	5
Associate Degree in Nursing	44
Auto Body Technology	59
Automotive Technology	19
Business Administration	91



Schuyler High School & Gym



Schuyler Grade School & Library



Alegent Health-Memorial Hospital & Clinic



Beverly Square New Assisted Living Facility

Program	# of Graduates
Business Technology (Office Technology)	75
Commercial Horticulture	15
Construction Technology	43
Criminal Justice	22
Dental Assisting	18
Dental Hygiene	13
Diesel Technology	9
Drafting Occupations	53
Electrical Technology	31
Electronics Technology	55
Early Childhood Education	88
Health Information Management Services	40
Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration	17
Hospitality Management & Culinary Services	5
Human Services	20
Industrial Technology	44
Information Technology	68
Machine Tool Technology	6
Media Arts	22
Medical Assisting	12
Medical Laboratory Technology	13
Paralegal Studies	17
Parts Sales & Management	9
Practical Nursing	75
Quality Control	18
Welding Technology	37

Total 1,072

Other Schools

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

Community/College or University	Mileage
Columbus Central Community College, Columbus Campus	18
Fremont Midland Lutheran College	32
Seward Concordia University	42
Milford Southeast Community College, Milford Campus	54

Community/College or University	Mileage
Blair Dana College	55
Wayne Wayne State College	56
Omaha College of St. Mary's Creighton University Metropolitan Community College University of Nebraska at Omaha Grace College	60
Norfolk Northeast Community College	60
Lincoln Nebraska Wesleyan College University of Nebraska-Lincoln Southeast Community College, Lincoln Campus Union College	65
York York College	69
Crete Doane College	70
Grand Island Central Community College, Grand Island Campus	81
Hastings Hastings College	108
Kearney University of Nebraska at Kearney	132
Peru Peru State College	143
Chadron Chadron State College	385

CHURCHES

Denomination	Number of Churches
All Faith's Chapel	1
Benedictine Mission House	1
Baptist	1
Catholic	2
Iglesia De Dios	1
Jehovah's Witnesses	1
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	1
Lutheran, American	1
Maranatha Church	1
Presbyterian	1
United Methodist	1

The **Benedictine Mission House** was founded in 1935. It is an integral part of the Missionary Benedictine Congregation of St. Ottilien (started in Germany), and closely affiliated with the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing, who have their United States Priory in Norfolk, Nebraska.

The Benedictine monastery in Schuyler, Christ the King Priory, serves as mission procure for the missionary priests, brothers, and sisters working in various parts of the world, primarily in East and South Africa, Korea, China, the Philippines, and South America.

Saint Benedict Center, completed in 1997, is a nonprofit, ecumenical retreat and conference center founded by the Missionary Benedictines of Christ the King Priory, Schuyler, Nebraska. The Benedictines share their hospitality and spirituality with those who search for personal and spiritual growth. Individuals and groups of all Christian denominations are welcomed in a peaceful and quiet setting. For more information, visit www.benedictinemissionhouse.com.

SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Central Nebraska Community Services (CNCS) is a nonprofit community action agency providing health, human, and community development services in 21 counties in north-central Nebraska. Approximately 10,000 individuals are served annually by CNCS through four major service departments of (1) Health and Nutrition Services, (2) Early Childhood Programs, (3) Community Economic Development, and (4) Family Outreach.

The **East-Central District Health Department** serves the four counties of Platte, Boone, Colfax, and Nance. Programs include Community Wellness Center, Environmental Health Programs, Maternal Child Health, Dental Health, Family Medical Care, and Mental Health.

MEDICAL

There are three physicians and nine outpatient clinics in Colfax County.

Hospital

Alegent Health-Memorial Hospital in Schuyler is a 25-bed critical access hospital providing primary care services to all ages, including obstetrics and newborn care. Memorial Hospital is owned by Alegent Health, a not-for-profit, faith-based healthcare system.

Built in 1953, the hospital is accredited by the state of Nebraska and certified by Medicare/Medicaid. In 2005 the hospital completed a \$3 million renovation and expansion project, which features a new emergency room, specialty clinic, inpatient rooms, and CT suite.

Hospital services include ambulatory surgery, diagnostic radiology, adult/pediatric inpatient unit, home health program, speech pathology, cardiac rehabilitation, outpatient services, mammography, outpatient specialty clinics, blood bank, emergency department, health promotion services, patient representative services, physical therapy, hospital auxiliary, obstetrics, skilled nursing, ultrasound, and the rural health clinics in Schuyler, Clarkson, and Howells. Patients requiring more specialized care are transferred upon acceptance of a physician to a higher level of care at a tertiary hospital. www.alegent.com

Clinic

Alegent Health Schuyler Clinic, connected to the hospital, provides full-service primary care for the area.

Rescue Squad

Eight certified Emergency Medical Technicians comprise the Schuyler Rescue Squad and respond to calls in Schuyler and Rural Fire District #3 with two ambulances.

NURSING HOMES

The Beverly Healthcare, built in 1965 and licensed by the state of Nebraska, is a 53-bed skilled nursing facility. Certified and licensed for Medicare and Medicaid, the Schuyler facility has a recreation director and chapel. The center, with a large therapy/rehab room, provides physical,

occupational, and speech therapies. In 2001, 15 new assisted living units were added.

LIBRARY

The Schuyler Public Library recorded 20,471 patron visits, circulation of 19,308 items, and 14,581 computer and Internet patron visits during the 2004–05 fiscal year. The library has 27,000 titles in its collection, including 72 periodical subscriptions (9 of which are newspapers), 1,168 videos/DVDs, 667 adult audio books, and 188 juvenile and young adult audio books, as well as 125 cake pans and 61 music cassettes and CDs. The library provides access to more than 14,000 netlibrary e-books. Through the Nebraska Library Commission, with funding from the state of Nebraska, the library also provides access to six databases: Hertiage Quest Online, Books in Print, eLibrary, First Search, Kiplinger Forecasts, Wilson OmniFile, and Biographies Plus Illustrated.

Schuyler Public Library provides interlibrary loan services through the OCLC database; the catalog and circulation systems are automated with 3 research stations available. The library has 11 public access computers, all of which have Internet capabilities. Schuyler newspaper archives dating back to 1881 are available on microfilm. The library has a copier and fax machine available to the public as well as an Accu-cut die cut system. A meeting room is available for non-profit organizations.

Story time is held for preschool children throughout the year. Summer reading programs are sponsored for all children through the eighth grade during the summer months.

The Schuyler Public Library is the community site for the Adult Basic Education program and English as a Second Language classes. Language learning materials are available for use in the library. Basic computer classes are offered in the library throughout the year.

RECREATION

Two parks in Schuyler cover 155 acres and feature a swimming pool, fishing lagoons,

five ballfields, basketball court, overnight camping, lighted tennis courts, picnic areas, soccer fields, horseshoe pits, sand volleyball courts, fitness courts, playground equipment, and golf course. There are two unsupervised playgrounds. Railside Green, in downtown Schuyler, is an affiliate site of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum.

The Park Department, with an average annual budget of \$436,950, employs three full-time and two seasonal employees.

Schuyler has facilities for:

Arboretum	—	Railside Green
Boating	—	Canoeing and air boating on the Platte River, 2 miles south of Schuyler; all types of boating at Lake North, 18 miles
Bowling	—	Within 15 miles
Campgrounds	—	Campground in park with potable water and 22 electrical hookups
Fishing	—	Excellent fishing for crappie, bass, bullheads, blue gills, perch, northern pike, and catfish in 4 lagoons, area ponds, lakes, and the Platte River
Golf Courses	—	One public 9-hole grass greens course with clubhouse
Hunting	—	Ducks, pheasants, quail, rabbits, and deer
Races	—	Horse racing and stock car racing within 15 miles
Sand Volleyball	—	Two courts in parks
Soccer	—	Six children's and four adult fields
Swimming	—	Public pool in the park
Tennis	—	Two hard-surfaced and lighted courts
Theaters	—	Colfax Theatre in downtown business district

Annual celebrations include Knights of Columbus Spring Festival in June which includes a carnival, talent show, car show, free barbecue in downtown area, and a street dance; Schuyler Colfax Days in July includes fireworks and many other weekend activities and entertainment; the

three-day Labor Day celebration is highlighted by a parade, carnival, road run, alumni dance, and basketball and volleyball alumni tournaments; and Brotherhood Day is celebrated in late fall with cultural activities, ethnic foods, and costumes.

City recreation programs include Red Cross swimming lessons, soccer complex used for adult soccer games, children's T-ball, softball, and baseball leagues.

The **Senior Citizens Center** provides hot noon meals on weekdays and delivers noon meals to homes. One evening meal is served each month, and bingo is held every Friday evening. Regular events include exercise classes, cards, music, birthday celebrations, speakers, day trips, anniversary parties, and other programs.

The **Schuyler Historical Society Museum** was opened in 1976 as a bicentennial project. Many articles relating to the history of the Schuyler area are on display at the museum.

The **Oak Ballroom**, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is also the community center used for the Red Cross bloodmobile, dances, receptions, banquets, meetings, and arts and craft activities.

Camp Luther, located 12 miles northwest of Schuyler, is nestled in 160 acres of rolling hills with an oak forest, lake, and prairie grass meadows. Best known for its summer camp ministry, Camp Luther is also used year-round for a variety of retreats for youth and adults. One hundred guests can be housed overnight in winterized buildings. Gerwick Hall can seat 200 at tables or 300 in rows. Food service is available or groups can rent one of several public-use kitchens. Rest rooms and showers are in or near cabins and campground sites. Activities include swimming, waterslide, canoeing, paddle boating, fishing, hiking, frisbee golf, archery, tennis, basketball, volleyball, challenge course, sledding, and more. Camp Luther is affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and is open to the public with advance reservations. www.campluther.org

Camp Moses Merrill, a year-round camp and conference facility, lies 13 miles southeast of Schuyler and has 568 acres of wooded hills in the

bluffs overlooking the Platte River Valley. The camp, sponsored by the American Baptist Churches of Nebraska, is open to all demoninations and nonprofit organizations. The camp has 10 modern cabins that sleep up to 100 people, a large multi-purpose lodge, chapel, conference center, swimming pool, tennis court, baseball diamond, and other recreational acitivities. There are also camping areas for tents and RVs with water, sewer, and electrical hook-ups. www.campmerrill.com

HOUSING

New Construction

Building permits were issued for 24 single-family homes and 1 duplex during the last five years. Seven new homes have been built during the past two years and it is anticipated that nine will be built in 2006. The cost for new home construction averages \$100 per square foot.

Housing Market (as of 6/1/06):

Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family -	20
Townhouse -	1

Avg. Selling Prices (New and Existing)

Single Family Home	
3,500 sq. ft. - 4 bedrooms	\$190,000
2,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedrooms	\$156,000
1,000 sq. ft. - 3 bedrooms	\$95,000

Number of Single Family Homes

for Sale by Price (New and Existing)

Less than \$100,000	17
\$100,001-\$150,000	2
\$150,001-\$200,000	2
\$250,001-over	1

Rentals

Apartment, 2-bedroom	\$445
Apartment Vacancy Rate	less than 15%

Low-Cost/Retirement Housing/Market

Carol Lin Apartments, built in 1980, consists of four ground-level and four second-level units for families and elderly.

Drueppel Apartments for low-income retirees was built in 1976 and 1980. This facility has 13 duplexes.

East Park Village is comprised of 3 six-plexes for families (ground-level and second-level).

Heritage Apartments, built in 1994, consists of eight ground-level duplexes for the elderly.

Jones Park Place Apartments, built in 1979, has eight units for low-income families.

Lost Creek Apartments, built in 1994, consists of 24 apartments.

NorthVilla has 10 two-bedroom apartments for families.

Pinnacle Apartments consists of four buildings with 24 apartments built in 1997. Garages are available.

Schuyler Housing Authority-Park Place has 10 family townhouse units for low-income families.

Assisted Living

Beverly Square, built in 2001 adjacent to the Beverly Healthcare, has 15 assisted living units.

Whispering Pines, built in 1967 and renovated in 2005, is a seven-story masonry structure. It has 48 apartment units—28 units for low income and 20 apartments for assisted living.

FINANCIAL

As of March 2006:

Name	Capital		
	Accounts	Deposits	Loans
First National Bank-Schuyler	\$7,237,000	\$78,367,000	\$61,743,000
Pinnacle Bank-Schuyler	\$6,521,000	\$75,525,000	\$55,913,000



First National Bank



Pinnacle Bank



South Park



Schuyler Golf Club



Clubhouse



#1 Fairway

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL

Attorneys	5
Auctioneers	2
Certified Public Accountants	1
Chiropractors	3
Dentist	3
Medical Doctors (residing in your community)	
—general practitioners	3
Medical Doctors (on hospital consulting staff)	
—cardiologists	2
—ear, nose & throat	1
—general practitioners	1
—general surgeons	1
—oncologists	1
—ophthalmologists	1
—orthopedic surgeons	2
—pathologists	1
—podiatrists	1
—radiologists	3
—urologists	1
Nurse Practitioners	2
Nurses, Registered	23
Pharmacists	2
Physician Assistants	3
Podiatrists	1
Veterinarians	3

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies	2
Advertising Agencies	1
Apparel Stores—combination	3
Appliance Repair	2
Auto Repair & Service	9
Auto Supply Parts	1
Automobile Dealers	4
Automobile Renting & Leasing	1
Bakeries	1
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums	4
Beauty Salons & Barber Shops	9
Caterers	1
Child Care Services	3

Contractors—building	10
—carpentry	10
—concrete	4
—electric	2
—excavating	4
—general	10
—heating & air conditioning	6
—painting	5
—plumbing	2
—remodeling	10
—roofing	1
—well digging	2
Convenience Stores	4
Copying & Duplicating Services	1
Craft Stores	1
Dance Studios	1
Department Stores	1
Discount Stores	2
Drug Stores	2
Dry Cleaning & Laundry	1
Floral Shops	1
Funeral Homes	2
Garbage Collection	2
Gift Shops	2
Grocery Stores	4
Hardware Stores	4
Health Clubs	1
Insurance Companies	9
Jewelry Stores	2
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies	3
Laundries, Self-Service	2
Lawn Services	4
Lumberyard	2
Meat Lockers	1
Motels	1
Nurseries & Garden Centers	2
Office Equipment Services & Supplies	1
Office Machine Repairs	1
Photography Studios	3
Preschools	1
Printers	1
Real Estate Firms	5
Restaurants	15
Service Stations	1
Variety Stores	3
Welding Shops	2

AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

AGRICULTURE

2002 Statistics	Colfax County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	589	49,355
Land in Farms (acres)	224,361	45,903,116
Average Size of Farms (acres)	415	930
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$169,600,000	\$9,703,657,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$287,946	\$196,609
Total Acres Irrigated	59,064	7,625,170
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	26.3%	16.6%
Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2001–2005)		
Hay Alfalfa	64,522 tons	4,685,000 tons
Corn for Grain	14,312,880 bu.	1,158,890,000 bu.
Oats	94,240 bu.	4,075,000 bu.
Soybeans	3,092,900 bu.	207,072,000 bu.
Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2002–2006)		
All Cattle	81,400	6,350,000

Source: National Agriculture Statistics Service, 2001–2006
2002 Census of Agriculture

RAW MATERIALS

Sand and gravel, nonmetallic minerals, are available in unlimited quantities in the county; however, metallic minerals are not found in the area.



CLIMATE

TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature*			Precipitation		Humidity**	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	11.3	21.4	31.4	.57	5.1	76	65
February	16.9	27.2	37.4	.77	4.9	79	65
March	26.6	37.5	48.4	1.66	4.5	80	62
April	38.7	50.7	62.7	2.66	1.2	79	52
May	50.4	62.0	73.4	4.16	0.0	80	53
June	60.5	72.1	83.7	4.25	0.0	82	55
July	65.3	76.7	88.2	3.35	0.0	84	56
August	63.2	74.5	85.7	3.28	0.0	86	58
September	53.1	65.3	77.4	2.67	0.0	83	54
October	40.8	53.1	65.4	1.85	0.5	79	52
November	26.9	37.5	48.0	1.16	2.9	80	60
December	16.3	26.1	35.9	0.67	4.5	79	66
Annual	39.2	50.3	61.5	27.04	23.7	81	58

*Recorded at Columbus Weather Station

**Recorded at the Norfolk Weather Station

FROST DATA

Average date of last frost in spring	April 6
Average date of first frost in fall	October 5
Average length of growing season	182 days
Average number of "heating degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit	6,413
Average number of "cooling degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit	1,097
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average)	12
Prevailing wind direction (annual average)	South

NOTE: Degree Day units are computed as the difference between the base temperature. One unit is accumulated for each degree Fahrenheit the average temperature is below/above the base temperature.

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1948-2005, www.hpccsun.unl.edu