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POPULATION
(Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2010</u>
Schuyler	6,211
Colfax County	10,515
Labor Market*	123,886

*Includes Colfax County and contiguous counties

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INTRODUCTION

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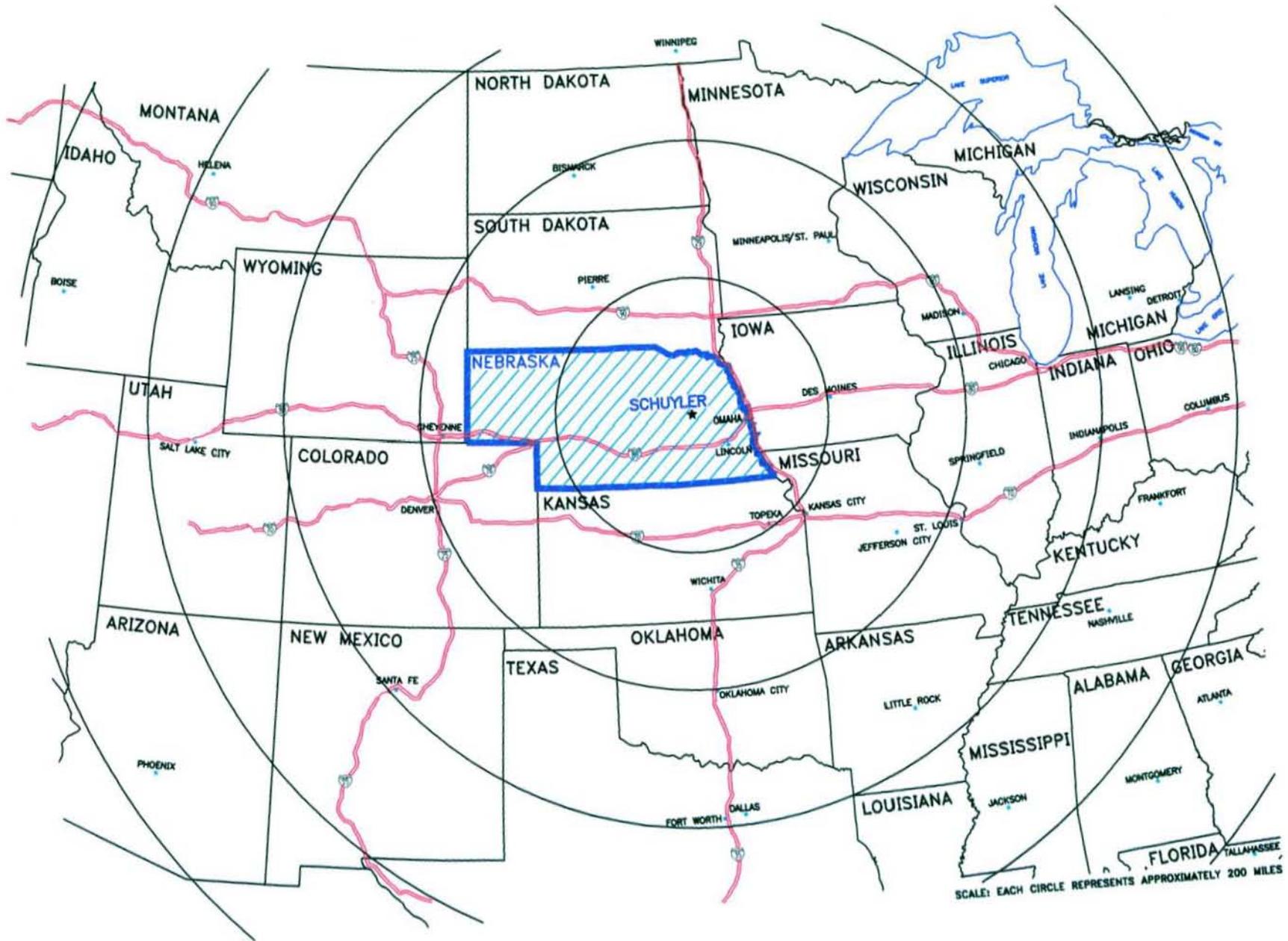
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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's northern city limits. Schuyler is located 60 miles (55 minutes) west of Omaha and 65 miles (70 minutes) northwest of Lincoln. Columbus lies 12 miles west and Fremont is 32 miles east of Schuyler.

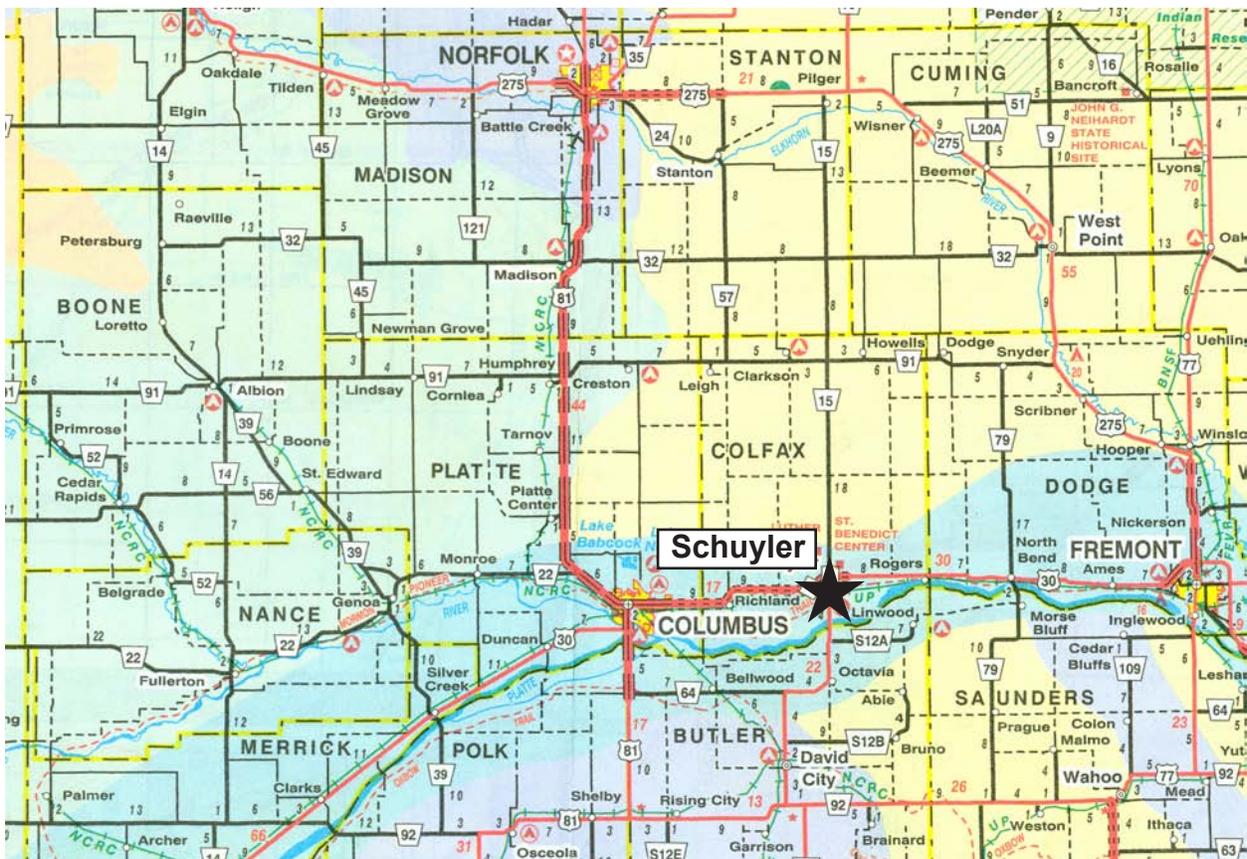
POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Schuyler	Colfax County
1970	3,597	9,498
1980	4,151	9,890
1990	4,197	9,139
2000	5,371	10,441
2010	6,211	10,515

Colfax County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin 2010 U.S. Census	
One Race	
White	72.6%
Black	0.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.1%
Asian	0.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Some Other Race	23.1%
Two or More Races	2.0%
Hispanic or Latino Origin*	
White Not Hispanic	57.4%

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

The 2010 U.S. Census reported 123,886 people live in Colfax County and the contiguous counties of Butler, Cuming, Dodge, Platte, Saunders, and Stanton.



Approximately 28 percent of the people in Schuyler are bilingual, with 48 percent speaking Spanish.

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.

Firms in Schuyler with retail sales tax permits reported 2009 net taxable retail sales of \$27,950,686, while Colfax County reported retail sales of \$44,741,089. The five wholesale firms in the community distribute agricultural feed, beef products, wooden decorations, 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 in a \$7 million facility

2004

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

2005

- \$1.5 million renovation of Whispering Pines residential 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 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

2007

- More than \$1,717,750 was spent on new residential home construction
- Voters approved Schuyler's Economic Development Plan
- \$866,854 was spent in new street paving
- \$6.9 million school bond approved by voters
- \$115,000 mini-storage with 56 units was built

2008

- New \$100,000 walking trail completed in South Park
- Sales tax revenue increased 10.5 percent from 2007
- New alumni website created
- A new prototype building constructed by Casey's General Store, Inc.
- \$26 million new and expanded box distribution load-out facility constructed by Cargill Meat Solutions

2009

- New lighting installed at Merchant Field
- New west 22nd Street constructed
- Opening of new 58,000 square foot elementary school building (K-3rd grade)
- As of June, sales tax revenue increased +13 percent

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.

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 1913–1925 coast-to-coast Lincoln Highway.

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

Schuyler’s population is a mixture of many nationalities. The three largest ethnic groups arriving early were Czech, Irish, and German. Since 1994 a large hispanic population has been established in Schuyler.

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 and cattle trails, 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.

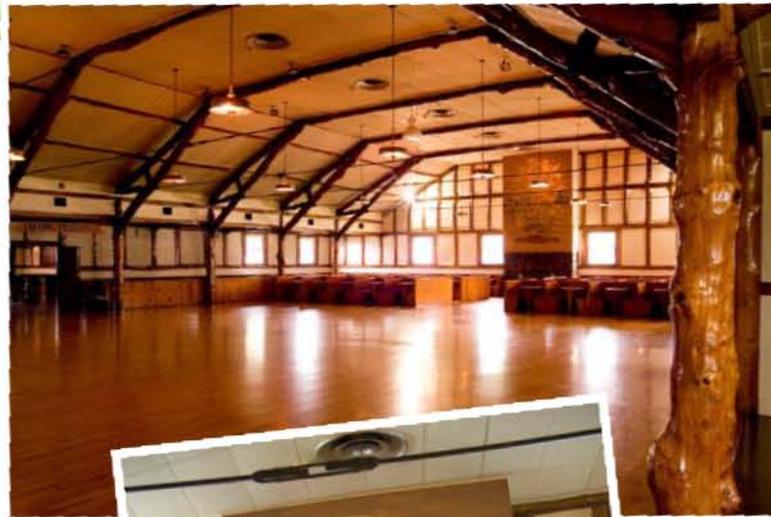
Schuyler became the midwestern home of the Benedictine Missions in 1935. The Missionary Benedictines of Otilien have continued their fund raising efforts for the world missions from Schuyler. Since 1979 the current Benedictine Mission House has been located four miles north of Schuyler. In 1997 the St.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

One of Nebraska’s most beautiful and unique structures is Schuyler’s Oak Ballroom, 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.

Today, Schuyler is a progressive, first-class city with the potential for sustainable long-term growth.



St. Benedict Center



Oak Ballroom, National Register of Historic Places

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MANUFACTURERS

<u>Company/Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Arps Gravel & Concrete, Inc. 1983	Ready-mix concrete, sand & gravel	Local	8	0	None
Cargill Meat Solutions 1982	Beef processing	National & International	1,378 6*	617 5*	UFCW

*Part-time and/or seasonal

MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 5 or more)

<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	7 3*	75 28*	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
Cumming & 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	5	19 2*	None
Frontier Cooperative Company	Grain storage & shipping	5	0	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>	
G-M Express Inc.	Long/short haul trucking	14 2*	2	None
Golden LivingCenter	Skilled care & assisted living	2 2*	38 27*	None
Husker Co-Op	Fertilizer & chemicals, distribution/application	6 3*	2	None
Nor-Am Cold Storage	Public refrigeration warehouse	28 3*	9	None
Pinnacle Bank-Schuyler	Banking & financial services	3	19	None
QC Supply	Retail & wholesale premanufactured products	40 5*	35 4*	None
Reinecke Motor Company	Auto sales & service	6 1*	1	None
Schuyler Community Schools	Education	51	194	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	1	None
St. Benedictine Mission House & Retreat Center	Mission procure & ecumenical retreat & conference center	7 5*	6 13*	None
Whispering Pines ALF, Inc.	Assisted living, low-income & market rate apartments	0	5 7*	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

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

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
Columbus, 12 miles			
ADM Corn Processing-Columbus	Wet corn milling, corn starch, corn syrup, fructose, ethanol & multiple corn products	305	None
BD Medical Pharmaceutical Systems	Glass syringes	757	None
BD Medical Surgical	Hypodermic needles & syringes	904 7*	None
Behlen Mfg. Co.	Steel buildings, agricultural & livestock equipment	688 73*	None
CAMACO, LLC	Automotive seats & frames	536	None
Cargill	Ground beef	400	None
Central Community College, Columbus Campus	Education	105 115*	NSEA, CCCEA (teachers only)
City of Columbus	Government	165	IAFF & IUPA
Columbus Community Hospital	Medical	323 151*	None
Columbus Public Schools	Education	425 107*	CEA/NSEA (teachers only)
EGS Electrical Group - Appleton	Electrical construction materials	330	None
First National Bank & Trust Co.	Financial	103 33*	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
FLEXcon Company, Inc.	Pressure sensitive plastic film, decals, package labels, holograms & adhesive nameplates	199 1*	None
Golden LivingCenter of Columbus	Skilled nursing & assisted living	163	None
Heartland Builders	General contractors/ construction	126 3*	None
Katana Summit, LLC	Tubular wind towers	150	None
Lakeview Community Schools	Education	110 139*	LEA/NSEA
Loup Power District	Electric utility	109 11*	None
Nebraska Public Power District	Electric utility	428 21*	None
Platte County	Government	161 15*	None
Progressive Swine Technology (Platte County)	Pork producers	122	None
State of Nebraska (Platte County)	Government	119	NAPE
Vishay Dale Electronics, Inc.	Electronic components	605	None
Fremont, 32 miles			
Arbor Manor Living Center	Nursing home	>100	None
Burger King	Food chain	>100	None
City of Fremont	Government	148	None
Department of Utilities	Utilities	145	None
Fremont Area Medical Center	Medical	726	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
Fremont Contract Carriers	Transportation	300	None
Fremont Beef Inc.	Beef & pork products	300	None
Fremont National Bank	Financial	110	None
Fremont Public Schools	Education	500	Yes
Hormel Foods Corp.	Food processing	1,425	Yes
Magnus LLC	Bearings & castings	65	None
Midland Lutheran College	Education	180	None
Oilgear Fremont Inc.	Hydraulic pumps & components	160	IAM
Oriental Trading Company	Mail order/catalog sales	>100	None
Structural Component Systems, Inc.	Prefabricated structural trusses	175	None
TEK Industries	Electronics	200	None
Wal-Mart Store, Inc.	Retail sales	330	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Schuyler Development Company, Schuyler Chamber of Commerce, and Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District work with the City of Schuyler for economic development in the area.

The Schuyler Development Company (SDC), formed in 1985, is a not-for-profit entity. Comprised of 12 volunteer directors and a full-time economic development coordinator, the SDC encourages positive leadership in achieving both community and economic development. Focused primarily on retention - expansion - recruitment, the SDC remains committed to expanding Schuyler's capacity to support sustainable growth as well as enhancing quality of place. Funding for

the Schuyler Development Company is received from the Schuyler Economic Development Plan (**SEDPlan**) via its partnership with the City of Schuyler.

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.

QC Supply, a retail and wholesale supplier of premanufactured products, expanded its facility in 2006 for the fourth time since 1998. A \$1.5 million Casey's General Store was built in 2008. Cargill Meat Solutions expanded its box distribution load-out facility in 2008, investing \$26 million.

Approximately 187 acres of land in and adjacent to Schuyler are available for industry. The price of this land ranges from \$4,500 to \$6,000 per acre.

INDUSTRIAL SITES AVAILABLE

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



Cargill Meat Solutions & Nor-Am Cold Storage



Nor-Am Cold Storage



QC Supply

LABOR

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 Butler, Cuming, Dodge, Platte, Saunders, and Stanton (annual average 2010):

<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)	<u>Colfax County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Goods-Producing	2,039	15,476
Manufacturing	(D)	(D)
Natural Resources & Construction	182	2,915
Wholesale Trade	300	2,234
Retail Trade	308	5,912
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	212	(D)
Information	(D)	(D)
Financial Activities	131	2,026
Professional & Business Services	241	(D)
Education & Health Services	327	(D)
Leisure & Hospitality	164	4,034
Other Services	113	1,816
Government	670	9,163
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	4,518	51,394
Farm Employment	625	5,978
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	5,441	64,564
B. Commuting Out of County	2,393	N/A
C. Unemployment	222	3,044
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	5,662	67,606
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	755	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	4,570	

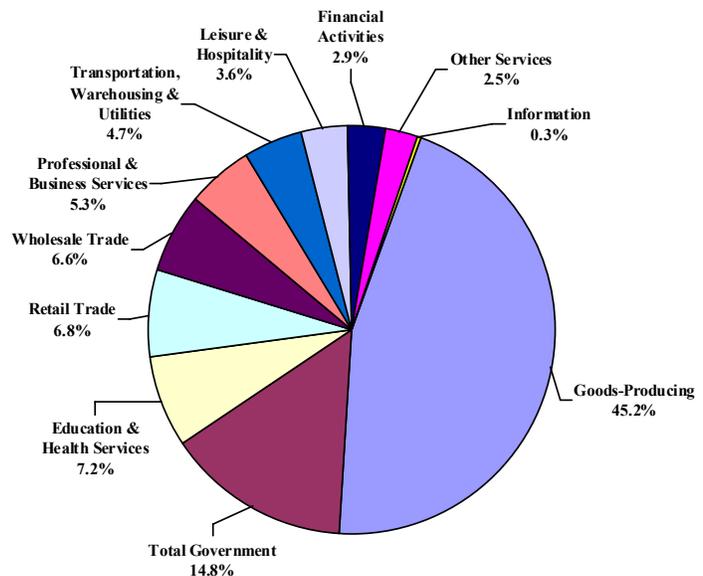
(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

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

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2009

U.S. Census

**NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
COLFAX COUNTY
ANNUAL AVERAGE 2010**



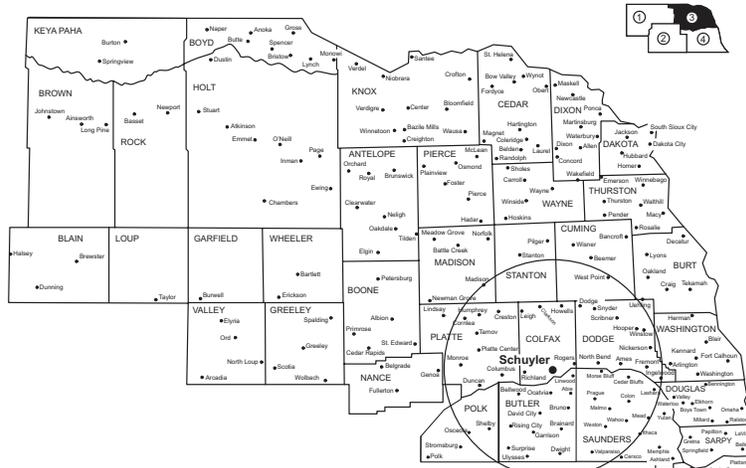
POPULATION DATA

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
Colfax Co. Nebraska	25.3	72.0	11.5	12.1	34.2	\$53,300
U.S.	79.6	80.4	24.4	12.9	36.8	\$64,400

Colfax County had 5,383 registered voters in 2008; 61.0 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 SCHUYLER AREA



POPULATION DATA

U.S. Census

2010 U.S. Census		
City of Schuyler	—	6,211
30-Mile Radius	—	106,864
50-Mile Radius	—	591,616
Colfax County	—	10,515
Butler County	—	8,395
Platte County	—	32,237

County Population—Ages/Gender, 2009 (Est.)			
	Ages	Male	Female
Colfax County	18–24	558	435
	25–44	1,325	892
	45–64	1,338	1,201
Butler County	18–24	359	312
	25–44	888	705
	45–64	1,281	1,221
Platte County	18–24	1,458	1,378
	25–44	3,581	3,271
	45–64	4,421	4,318

UNIONIZATION

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

Labor organizations operating in Schuyler:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Union</u>
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 known strikes.

WAGES

<u>Occupation Title</u>	<u>Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile</u>		
	<u>10th</u>	<u>50th</u>	<u>90th</u>
Professional			
Accountants & Auditors	16.30	23.90	44.58
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	19.84	33.37	46.61
Electrical Engineers	27.59	33.21	40.82
Industrial Engineers	22.88	30.91	43.60
Mechanical Engineers	16.69	28.83	46.06
Computer Programmers	14.45	30.07	43.21
Computer Systems Analysts	28.24	38.13	48.49
Registered Nurses	18.70	24.84	33.21
Retail			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	6.94	7.73	9.12
Retail Salespersons	7.14	8.94	15.59
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	7.34	12.87	21.17
Driver/Sales Workers	7.64	17.10	26.21
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	7.13	9.03	15.03
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	9.35	13.67	19.62
Clerical			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	8.14	12.72	18.61
Customer Service Representatives	7.70	13.09	20.42
Data Entry Keyers	7.76	11.07	15.85
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	8.36	11.71	17.07
Office Clerks, General	7.19	10.15	15.62

*Wage information taken from Balance of State

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Receptionists & Information Clerks	7.57	10.81	15.21
Telemarketers	7.81	10.37	12.32
Unskilled			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	8.30	12.36	17.62
Packers & Packagers, Hand	7.27	10.84	14.93
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other	10.87	14.51	17.49
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	8.48	10.83	14.08
Semi-Skilled			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	11.02	14.18	18.42
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	10.50	17.72	25.28
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	13.91	22.03	25.77
Machine Operators			
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	9.86	12.91	19.32
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.	13.58	16.32	18.44
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	13.18	15.32	20.88
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.	7.41	11.19	18.28
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	14.68	17.86	22.01
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	8.34	12.36	18.01
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	11.90	15.30	19.80
Skilled			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	9.68	16.34	24.15
Electricians	11.06	17.36	31.38
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	13.93	19.00	34.20
Machinists	10.29	16.89	37.11
Tool & Die Makers	14.90	19.22	24.93
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	10.36	13.63	19.57
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	11.92	14.72	18.78
Technical			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians*	15.42	27.77	35.99
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	17.67	25.37	31.86
Computer Operators	8.75	12.80	19.78

*Wage information taken from Balance of State

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

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

FRINGE BENEFITS

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range up to 35 percent of wages.

TRANSPORTATION

RAILROADS

Schuyler is served by a Class I line of the Union Pacific Railroad with 80–85 freight trains daily. Switching is performed as needed. The nearest switching yard is located in Columbus, 12 miles west of Schuyler.

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

Amtrak provides Omaha, 60 miles east of Schuyler, with rail passenger service east to Chicago and west to Denver and San Francisco/Oakland. The Superliner features a lounge car, coach and first-class accommodations, dining car services, and checked baggage service from most cities. Travel time is 10 hours to Chicago and 48 hours to the West Coast. Amtrak has one train each way daily.

MOTOR

Highways

Four-lane U.S. Highway 30 Expressway (east-west) intersects at Schuyler’s northern city limits with State Highway 15 (north-south). There are no local load restrictions. Four-lane U.S. Highway 81 (north-south) 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 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	380

Destination	Mileage
New York	1,298
St. Louis	508
San Francisco	1,617

Trucklines

More than 13,500 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 State 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	6,781'	Concrete/ Asphalt	Yes
02/20	4,135'	Turf	No

Facilities at the Columbus Municipal Airport include a full service FBO (fixed base operator) offering 100 low-lead octane and jet A fuel, full instrument landing capabilities, nonprecision approach, full maintenance, tie downs, rental cars, aircraft rental and sales, crop spraying, and

flight instruction. One of the 40 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 N41°26.88', and the longitude is W97°20.56'.

Commercial air service is available at the Lincoln Airport, 65 miles (70 minutes) southeast, 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, Iowa, to the mouth of the Missouri River near St. Louis, Missouri. Commodities transported by towing companies are grain, grain products, fertilizer, feed ingredients, cement, rock-aggregate, and salt.

PIPELINE

NuStar Energy L.P. has a terminal nine miles west of Schuyler.



Union Pacific Railroad



U.S. Highway 30 Expressway

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 Nebraska 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 power circuit breakers. One bay supplies an overhead of 34.5 kV, 226 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 and 4.16 kV wye loop feed distribution system uses six substations to manage the current peak demand of 25,652 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.

BASE ELECTRIC RATES—CITY OF SCHUYLER
(effective 1/1/09)

Residential Service:

Service Availability Charge: \$12.50
Summer
8.25¢ per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh used
7.25¢ per kWh for all additional use

Winter

6.40¢ per kWh for the first 700 kWh used

4.20¢ 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):

Service Availability Charge: \$20.00
Summer
11.60¢ per kWh for the first 750 kWh used
8.20¢ per kWh for the next 4,250 kWh used
7.80¢ per kWh for all additional use
Winter
9.65¢ per kWh for the first 750 kWh used
6.15¢ per kWh for the next 1,250 kWh used
4.45¢ per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: \$20.00 per month

Summer

11.60¢ per kWh for the first 750 kWh used

8.20¢ per kWh for the next 4,250 kWh used

7.80¢ per kWh for all additional use

Winter

9.65¢ per kWh for the first 750 kWh used

6.15¢ per kWh for the next 1,250 kWh used

4.45¢ per kWh for all additional use

Minimum Bill: \$20.00 per month

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

Industrial:

Service Availability Charge: \$325.00
Demand Charge:
Summer Winter
\$14.65 \$12.40 per kW of billing demand
Energy Charge:
Summer Winter
3.00¢ 2.80¢ per kWh
Minimum Bill: The Demand Charge

Demand Charge:

Summer **Winter**

\$14.65 \$12.40 per kW of billing demand

Energy Charge:

Summer **Winter**

3.00¢ 2.80¢ per kWh

Minimum Bill: The Demand Charge

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

Large Industrial:

Service Availability Charge: \$875.00		
Demand Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
\$13.80	\$11.90	per kW of billing demand
Energy Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
2.85¢	2.55¢	per kWh
Minimum Bill: The Demand Charge		

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

For further information regarding electric rates and service, prospective customers should contact the Superintendent of Utilities, Schuyler, (402) 352-5444 .

Cornhusker Public Power District provides service to rural areas in six counties, including Colfax County. For information regarding electrical services in the Cornhusker Public Power District service area, contact CEO/General Manager Clay Gibbs, Columbus, Nebraska, (402) 454-2821, clayg.cppd@frontiernet.net, www.cornhusker-power.com.

NATURAL GAS

Black Hills Energy is the retail supplier of natural gas in Schuyler. The transmission provider is Northern Natural Gas. Black Hills Energy is a full-service natural gas distribution company with Nebraska headquarters in Lincoln. Schuyler is served by a 6-inch steel line with 79 pounds of pressure.

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

Rates vary slightly due to seasonal and commodity price fluctuation. Current rates for the commercial/light industrial class customer, as well as one year's history for the Nebraska Area 3, can be found at www.blackhillsenergy.com.

Contact the Economic Development Department of Black Hills at (402) 437-1850 or (800) 232-1850 for further information regarding gas rates and service.

OTHER FUELS

LP Gas

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

Oil

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

WATER

The municipal water system in Schuyler is supplied by three ground 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.

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 the winter and 54° to 57° in summer.

Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.82
Calcium	101.23
Total Solids	526
Magnesium	0.07
Iron	N/D
Nitrate	4.93
Manganese	23.75
Chloride	30.50
Fluoride	0.50
Sulfate	93.75
Total Alkalinity	N/A
Sodium	36.10
Total Hardness	320.0
Potassium	N/A

N/D - Not Detected
 N/A - Not Available

WATER RATES (effective 4/1/08)

A water tapping fee of \$500.00 will be charged for new mains crossing adjoining property and \$800.00 for new mains installed directly in front of property.

Residential & Commercial:

Summer bills run from June through September.
 Winter bills run from December through May.

Service Availability Charge (minimum bill):		
City Limits		
Meter Size	Inside	Outside
5/8", 3/4", 1"	\$12.50	\$20.00
1 1/2"	\$31.25	\$50.00
2"	\$50.00	\$80.00
3"	\$93.75	\$150.00
4"	\$150.00	\$240.00
6"	\$200.00	\$320.00

Consumption Charge:		
City Limits		
	Inside	Outside
Winter	Per 100 Cu. Ft.	
First 300 cu. ft.	\$0.720	\$1.150
Next 900 cu. ft.	\$0.815	\$1.300
Next 2,400 cu. ft.	\$1.225	\$2.280
Next 4,800 cu. ft.	\$0.985	\$1.580
Additional usage	\$1.000	\$1.600
Summer	Per 100 Cu. Ft.	
First 300 cu. ft.	\$0.720	\$1.150
Next 700 cu. ft.	\$0.815	\$1.300
Next 2,400 cu. ft.	\$0.885	\$1.420
Next 4,800 cu. ft.	\$0.905	\$1.450
Additional usage	\$1.150	\$1.850

Industrial Domestic:

Service Availability Charge (minimum bill):		
City Limits		
Meter Size	Inside	Outside
1"	\$35.00	\$57.00
2"	\$50.00	\$80.00
3"	\$80.00	\$130.00
4"	\$130.00	\$210.00
6"	\$180.00	\$290.00
Consumption Charge:		
Usage	Per 100 Cu. Ft.	
First 1,200 cu. ft.	\$0.830	\$1.330
Next 2,400 cu. ft.	\$0.940	\$1.510
Next 4,800 cu. ft.	\$1.640	\$2.630
Additional usage	\$1.145	\$1.855

Capital improvements in 2009–10 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 of 553,900 gallons. The application area is leased for agricultural use; rental monies are applied to operation of the system.

SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 3/6/09)

A tapping fee of \$1,200.00 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"	\$11.00	\$18.00
1 1/2"	\$21.00	\$34.00
2"	\$37.00	\$58.00
3"	\$68.00	\$110.00
4"	\$105.00	\$170.00
Consumption Charge:		
Usage	Per 100 Cu. Ft.	
First 500 cu. ft.	\$1.375	\$1.795
Next 2,500 cu. ft.	\$2.815	\$3.635
Additional usage	\$1.950	\$2.540

Residential sewer customers who are not city water use customers are charged \$33.00 per month.

Industrial Domestic:

Service Availability Charge (minimum bill):		
City Limits		
Meter Size	Inside	Outside
1"	\$30.00	\$50.00
2"	\$45.00	\$75.00
3"	\$75.00	\$125.00
4"	\$125.00	\$195.00
6"	\$175.00	\$280.00
Consumption Charge:		
Usage	Per 100 Cu. Ft.	
First 500 cu. ft.	\$1.680	\$2.690
Next 2,500 cu. ft.	\$3.225	\$5.165
Additional usage	\$2.265	\$3.650

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 through #7 plastics, newspapers, magazines, paper, paperboard, shredded paper, phone books, corrugated cardboard, plastic bags, and steel and aluminum cans. The facility is used by Schuyler as well as the 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, 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 service and has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily.

Postal receipts for the past five fiscal years:

Year	Receipts
2008	\$887,368
2007	\$786,727
2006	\$748,438
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.	5:10 p.m.
Earliest Delivery	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Next Day Delivery Guarantee	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saturday Delivery Guarantee	Yes	Yes	Yes

NEWSPAPER

The Schuyler Sun, the local weekly newspaper has 2,800 subscribers. Daily papers delivered locally are the Columbus Telegram, Omaha World-Herald, and Lincoln Journal-Star.

RADIO

Radio stations carrying 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 television provides viewing on 18 basic, 35 premium, and 1 community channel. Satellite service is available in Schuyler.



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 market value. Agricultural land is valued at 75 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		
	2009	2010	2011
Real Estate	\$145,239,160	\$146,419,405	\$147,625,965
Personal Property	3,065,318	2,876,450	2,992,195
Special (railroad and utilities)	4,116,147	4,758,370	3,764,525
TOTAL	<u>\$152,420,625</u>	<u>\$154,054,225</u>	<u>\$154,382,685</u>

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

	2009	2010	2011
City	\$0.396380	\$0.262130	\$0.419590
County	.333160	.361590	.389000
Fire	.025080	.040000	.040000
School District	1.126090	1.149825	1.107890
Community College	.099275	.112023	.116248
Educational Service Unit	.015000	.014990	.014998
Natural Resource District	.042670	.044070	.054850
Agricultural Society	.020000	.020000	.015000
TOTAL	<u>\$2.057655</u>	<u>\$2.004628</u>	<u>\$2.157576</u>

CITY SALES TAX

The city of Schuyler imposes a 1.5 percent city sales tax; 0.5 percent is allocated for economic development.

LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of August 1, 2009:

City—Revenue Bonds	None
City—General Obligation Bonds	\$1,445,000
School District	\$7,240,000
County	None

CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 8/1/09	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
General Obligation					
Various Purpose	8/20/04	\$1,115,000	\$600,000	1.8–4.05	8/15/14
Various Purpose	3/25/09	\$845,000	\$845,000	1.1–4.4	11/15/23

SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 8/1/09	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Middle School	5/15/95	\$3,500,000	\$490,000	2.9	12/15/11
School District #123	10/07	\$6,900,000	\$6,750,000	4.5	12/15/32



Colfax County Courthouse

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Colfax County has 12 townships and is governed by three county commissioners, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next election will be held in 2010. The actual county budget for 2008–09 was \$10,234,831.

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 2010. The 2008–09 actual budget was \$14,053,968.

Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
Elected at Large	
Mayor	4 Years
Elected by Ward	
Council Members (6)	4 Years
Appointed	
City Administrator	Indefinite
City Clerk	Indefinite
City Treasurer	Indefinite
City Attorney	Indefinite

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided in the community by a 32-member volunteer fire department with 6 cadets. In 2006 the city fire department merged with the Schuyler Rural Fire Protection District #3, providing fire protection to an additional 250 square miles outside the city limits.

There is 1 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 \$93,000.

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
1922 GMC	Parade vehicle (pumper)
1924 Ford	Model T ladder truck (parade)
1947 LaFrance	Pumper truck
1972 Ford	1,250 gal. tanker
1980 Hendrickson	1,000 gal. per min. pumper
1980 Kenworth	3,000 gal. tanker
1990 Chevy	Equipment truck
1994 E-1 Sentry	1,250 gal. pumper
2000 Ford F350	225 gal. grass rig
2004 H & H	Fire prevention trailer
1999 Subaru	Transport/towing vehicle

Fire losses for the past five years have been:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2008	\$220,050
2007	\$30,130
2006	\$151,730
2005	\$70,840
2004	\$319,500

Rescue Squad

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

1992 Ford E350	Ambulance
2002 Ford E450	Ambulance

LAW ENFORCEMENT

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 for police protection for the last three years averaged \$580,500.

Crime rates per 1,000 population, 2009:

Location	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Colfax County	0.9	2.7
Nebraska	2.7	26.7
U.S.	4.3	30.4

Sheriff's Department

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

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, 3 investigators, and 2 carrier enforcement officers stationed in Columbus, 12 miles west of Schuyler.

STREETS

Schuyler has 38 miles of streets, 85 percent of which are hard-surfaced with concrete or

asphalt. Trucks are restricted from one street in the community. Eighty-five percent of the streets have curbs and seventy percent have sidewalks.

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

A \$273,000 construction project is scheduled to begin in June 2011 on North Chicago Street/Kehrli 2nd subdivision.

BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS

The 2003 International Mechanical Code, International Building Code, International Plumbing Code, and International Field Gas Code are enforced within the city.

Local zoning classifications are:

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

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

Type of School	Classrooms*	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary K–8 (three rural schools)	19	150	1:12	1:2
Elementary K–3	35	550	1:16	1:10
Middle School 4–8	39	550	1:18	1:5
High School 9–12	45	450	1:14	1:2

*Does not include the 17 classrooms in 8 modular buildings

Schuyler Community Schools in Colfax County covers 289.9 square miles and has an actual 2008–09 valuation of \$640,000,000 with an actual valuation per student of \$376,470. This Class III District is accredited by the state of Nebraska and North Central Association.

The 2008–09 school operating expenses totaled \$15,000,000, with an average cost per pupil of \$8,823.

Capacity of the six attendance centers:

Name of Center	Grades	Capacity
City		
Schuyler Elementary	K–3	560
Schulyer Middle	4–8	650
Schuyler Central High	9–12	400
Rural		
4R	K–8	60
2R	K–8	60
Richland	K–8	80

A \$3.5 million addition to the Schuyler Elementary School is scheduled to begin in June 2011.

2008–09 Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Avg. Score
7 th Grade Terra Nova	100	47.0
8 th Grade Terra Nova	100	53.0
9 th Grade Terra Nova	94	55.0
11 th grade Terra Nova	94	58.6
ACT 12 th Grade	48	21.5

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 after graduation.

Vocational courses offered in the high school include industrial technology, trade and industry, agricultural, business, and family 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.

Schuyler Community Schools is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Schuyler Community Schools provides an educational program for the severe and profound, as well as mild- to moderate- and multi-handicapped students.

Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 7 (ESU) in Columbus, 12 miles west of Schuyler, provides access to a wide range of supplemental services. Services include the state-mandated core services of staff development, technology training/infrastructure, and material resources as well as those services determined by the member school districts through advisory input. ESU 7 serves the

seven counties of Boone, Butler, Colfax, Merrick, Nance, Platte, and Polk and provides services to more than 1,100 teachers and 15,000 public and nonpublic students in the area.

Special Schools

NorthStar 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** 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 on line 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.

**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	<u>11</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>62</u>
Total	547	328	676

NA-Not available

Columbus Campus

The Columbus Campus is located three miles north of Columbus, adjacent to a lake and outdoor recreation area. It offers 21 career education programs and academic transfer courses in 26 areas. Two campus residence halls are home to 164 students.

A gymnasium, weight room and locker rooms are available for fitness programs, physical education classes, intramural sports, and intercollegiate competition in women's softball and volleyball and men's basketball and golf.

The Fine Arts Center theater provides seating for 340 people for a variety of concerts, plays, and other presentations offered each year.

Student writing and art are published in the annual Hilltop Review literary magazine. Students also display artwork to the public during the annual Fine Arts Festival.

The campus offers training for business and industry on a wide range of topics and is home to a nationally recognized Mechatronics Learning Lab, established in 2005, which emphasizes electronics, pneumatics, hydraulics, and robotics. It is maintained through state and national business and government funding.

The campus provides extensive learning opportunities at off-campus locations in a nine-county area, including a learning center in the Cargill Meat Solutions plant in Schuyler, operated through a collaborative agreement between the company and the college.

The Columbus Campus also offers distance learning classes in area high schools through CCC's Early College Program.

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

Wayne State College

Wayne State College (WSC) located in Wayne, 80 miles northeast of Columbus, serves approximately 3,600 students from throughout

Nebraska and Iowa as well as more than 32 other states and 24 foreign countries. At the undergraduate level, WSC offers more than 70 nonteaching majors and minors plus 38 various teaching endorsements in four academic schools including arts and humanities, business and technology, education and counseling, and natural and social sciences. Masters degrees are also available in business, education, and organizational management.

Of those undergraduate students declaring a major, approximately 12 percent major in the arts and humanities, 23 percent in education and counseling, 24 percent in business and technology, and 41 percent in natural and social sciences.

Founded in 1891, the college became a State College in 1909. The picturesque 128-acre campus serves as a state arboretum and features a walking/jogging trail, numerous indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, a renovated and expanded Student Center, a state-of-the-art business building, and a studio arts building.

The Office of Continuing Education at Wayne State College offers undergraduate and graduate coursework via Internet and distance learning. In addition, a variety of courses are also offered on site in several area cities. Schedules and course offerings vary.

The College Center of South Sioux City, opening in early 2011, is a collaborative effort of Northeast Community College and Wayne State College. Northeast and Wayne State will offer opportunities for students to earn associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees, a combination of customized training for business and industry, continuing education, licensing programs, and career and technical training. The College Center sits on 57 acres of land along U.S. Highway 77, donated by the Community Development Agency of South Sioux City.

For more information, contact Wayne State College at (800) 228-9972 or www.wsc.edu.

Wayne State College				
Program	Undergraduate		Graduate	
	Majors*	Degrees**	Majors*	Degrees**
Applied Human & Sport Physiology	42	4	—	—
Art	45	11	—	—
Business	380	122	82	20
Chemistry	46	21	—	—
Computer Information Systems	77	16	—	—
Computer Science	34	4	—	—
Counselor Education/Counseling	—	—	60	18
Criminal Justice	189	28	—	—
Curriculum & Instruction	—	—	206	102
Early Childhood	25	7	—	—
Early Childhood Education	111	19	—	—
Elementary Education	389	47	—	—
English	79	20	—	—
Exercise Science	83	13	8	2
Family & Consumer Sciences	62	16	—	—
French Education	1	1	—	—
Geography	28	5	—	—
Graphic Design	43	8	—	—
Health & Physical Education	86	11	—	—
History	61	6	—	—
Human Service Counseling	96	25	—	—
Industrial Technology	120	20	—	—
Interdisciplinary Studies	4	1	—	—
Life Sciences	102	40	—	—
Mass Communication	46	9	—	—
Mathematics	37	4	—	—
Middle Level Education	34	3	—	—
Music	70	10	—	—
Natural Sciences	9	1	—	—
Organizational Management	—	—	24	11
Physical Science	6	0	—	—
Political Science	26	9	—	—
Pre-Professional	263	0	—	—
Psychology	69	10	—	—
School Administration	—	—	140	24
Social Sciences	59	10	—	—
Sociology	19	4	—	—
Spanish	27	11	—	—
Special Education	90	6	5	40
Speech Communication	40	18	—	—
Sport Management	107	23	—	—
Technology	6	6	—	—
Theatre	9	2	—	—
Undeclared	312	0	—	—
Total	3,332	571	525	177

*Includes first and second majors for fall 2010 (as of 10/15/10)

**Includes degrees awarded December 2009 through August 2010

Other Schools

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

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Columbus Central Community College, Columbus Campus	22
Fremont Midland Lutheran College	32
Seward Concordia University	42
Milford Southeast Community College, Milford Campus	54
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 University 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

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Hastings Hastings College Central Community College, Hastings Campus	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
Catholic	1
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. Otilien (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



Schuyler High School & Gym



Schuyler Grade School & Library



Alegent Health-Memorial Hospital & Clinic



Golden LivingCenter Schuyler

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.

SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Central Nebraska Community Services (CNCS) is a non-profit community action agency providing health, human, and community development services in 21 counties in north-central Nebraska. CNCS serves approximately 10,000 individuals annually 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**, located in Columbus, 12 miles west of Schuyler, serves primarily the four counties of Platte, Boone, Colfax, and Nance. Some activities serve a broader service area. The Health Department is a full-service health department and services include: (1) family medical care to include primary medical care by full-time medical and nursing staff, prenatal care for pregnant women, reproductive health care, diabetes care and prevention program, immunizations, and paternity testing, (2) dental health care by a dentist and dental hygiene students, (3) nutritional programs such as the Womens, Infants, and Childrens (WIC) nutritional supplement program, weight loss program, and physical fitness center, (4) environmental health program with asbestos inspections, radon materials and test kits, mercury collection program, childhood lead information, and material child health, (5) community health programs such as tobacco prevention program; school screening for vision, hearing, and dental problems; Early Childhood Intervention programs for children with developmental delays; infectious disease surveillance programs (TB, influenza, hepatitis, etc.); avian flu workshops; other public health emergency response preparation; and confidential and anonymous

HIV testing and referral; (6) mental health services to include psychiatric care, substance abuse evaluations, substance abuse treatment, and child and adult therapy and evaluation.

HEALTH CARE

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, featuring 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, 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.

Clinic

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

Rescue Squad

The Schuyler Rescue Squad is comprised of nine certified Emergency Medical Technicians who respond to calls in Schuyler and Rural Fire District #3 with two ambulances.

NURSING HOMES

Golden LivingCenter Schuyler, 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 apartments were added. The facility was redecorated in 2007.

LIBRARY

The **Schuyler Public Library** has a circulation of 19,308 items and 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 7 databases: Heritage Quest Online, Books in Print, Elibrary, First Search, Kiplinger Forecasts, Wilson OmniFile, and Biographics 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 with 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.

Storytime 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.

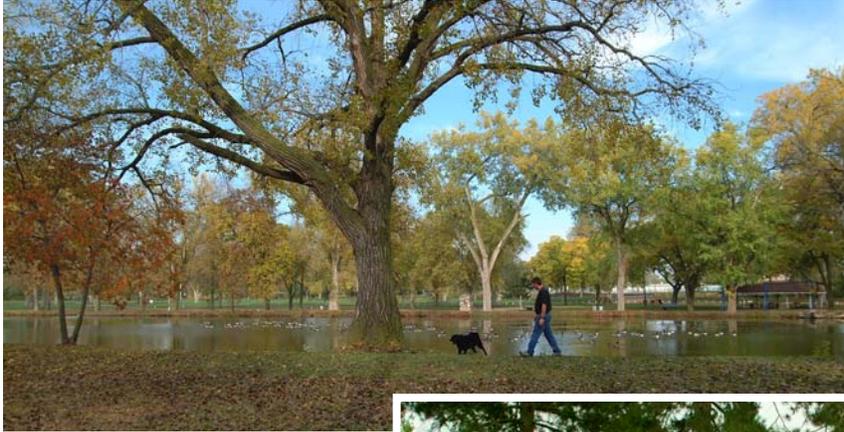
RECREATION

Two parks in Schuyler cover 155 acres and feature a swimming pool, 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 \$420,980, has four full-time and two seasonal staff members.

Area facilities:

Arboretum	— Railside Green
Boating	— Canoeing and air boating on the Platte River, 2 miles; all types of boating at Lake North, 22 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, area ponds, lakes, and the Platte River
Golf Courses	— 1 public 9-hole grass greens course with clubhouse
Hunting	— Ducks, pheasants, quail, rabbits, and deer
Racing	— Horse racing and stock car racing within 20 miles
Sand Volleyball	— 2 courts in parks
Soccer	— 6 children and 4 adult fields
Swimming	— Public pool in the park
Tennis	— 2 hard-surfaced and lighted courts



South Park



Schuyler Golf Club



Clubhouse



#1 Fairway



Colfax Days Celebration

Theaters — Colfax Theatre
seating 124

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. Two evening meals are served each month, and bingo is held every Friday. 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 available in or near cabins and campground sites. Activities

include swimming, water slide, 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.

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 denominations and nonprofit organizations. The camp has ten 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 activities. There are also camping areas for tents and RVs with water, sewer, and electrical hook-ups.

HOUSING

New Construction

Eight new homes have been built during the past two-years and it is anticipated that six will be built in 2009. The cost for new home construction averages \$100 per square foot.

Schuyler Housing Market (as of 6/09):

Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family - 19

Avg. Selling Prices (New and Existing)

Single Family Home

3,000 sq. ft. - 4 bedroom \$215,000

2,000 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom \$175,000

1,000 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom \$95,000

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

Less than \$100,000 14

\$100,001-\$150,000 2

\$150,001-\$200,000 1

\$250,001-over 2

Rentals

Single Family Home \$750

Apartment Vacancy Rate 10%

Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

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 Golden LivingCenter Schuyler, 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 for low income, assisted living, and market rate.

FINANCIAL

As of July 31, 2009:

Name	Capital		
	Accounts	Deposits	Loans
	----- thousand dollars -----		
First National Bank-Schuyler	\$7,738	\$91,837	\$66,584
Pinnacle Bank-Schuyler	\$8,921	\$89,856	\$58,711



First National Bank



Pinnacle Bank-Schuyler

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL

Attorneys.....	4
Auctioneers	2
Certified Public Accountants	1
Chiropractors.....	4
Dentists	2
Medical Doctors (residing in Schuyler)	
—family practice.....	3
Medical Doctors (on hospital consulting staff)	
—cardiologists	2
—ear, nose & throat	1
—general practitioners.....	1
—general surgeons.....	2
—oncologists	1
—ophthalmologists	1
—orthopedic surgeons	2
—pathologists	1
—podiatrists	1
—radiologists.....	3
—urologists.....	1
Nurse Practitioners.....	2
Nurses, Registered	23
Optometrists	1
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 (new & used)	4
Automobile Renting & Leasing	1
Bakeries.....	1
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums	4
Beauty Salons & Barber Shops.....	9
Carpet & Rug Dealers	1
Caterers	2
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 & repairing	10	
—roofing	1	
—well digging.....	2	
Convenience Stores.....	4	
Copying & Duplicating Services	1	
Craft Stores	1	
Dance Studios	1	
Discount Stores	2	
Drug Stores	2	
Dry Cleaning & Laundry	1	
Farm/Ranch Supplies	2	
Fertilizer Stores.....	3	
Floral Shops	1	
Funeral Homes.....	2	
Garbage Collectors.....	2	
Gift Shops	2	
Grain Dealers	3	
Grocery Stores	4	
Hardware Stores.....	4	
Health Clubs.....	2	
Insurance Companies	9	
Interior Decorators & Designers.....	2	
Jewelry Stores	1	
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies.....	2	
Laundries (self-service)	2	
Lawn Services.....	3	
Lumberyards	2	
Machine Shops.....	3	
Meat Lockers	1	
Motels	1	(20 rooms)
Nurseries & Garden Centers	2	
Office Machine Repairs	1	
Office Equipment Services & Supplies	1	
Photography Studios	1	
Preschools	2	
Printers.....	1	
Real Estate Firms.....	4	
Restaurants.....	15	
Service Stations.....	1	
Shoe Stores.....	1	
Theatres.....	1	
Variety Stores	3	
Welding Shops	2	

AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

AGRICULTURE

2007 Statistics	Colfax County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	519	47,712
Land in Farms (acres)	213,220	45,480,358
Average Size of Farms (acres)	411	953
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$250,777,000	\$15,506,035,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$483,193	\$324,992
Total Acres Irrigated	62,481	8,558,559
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	29.3%	18.8%
Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2005–2009)		
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)	62,012 tons	4,008,400 tons
All Wheat*	58,900 bu.	71,900,000 bu.
Corn for Grain	16,717,060 bu.	1,377,890,000 bu.
Soybeans	3,571,180 bu.	233,518,000 bu.
Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2006–2010)		
All Cattle	79,200	6,450,000

*4 year average

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

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						Humidity*	
	Temperature			Precipitation		Morning	Afternoon	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)			
January	9.3	20.4	31.5	0.65	6.4	76	65	
February	12.3	23.8	35.3	0.89	6.5	79	65	
March	25.1	38.0	50.8	1.62	6.0	80	62	
April	40.0	51.5	64.2	2.63	1.2	79	52	
May	49.2	61.9	74.5	3.97	0.0	80	53	
June	58.8	71.6	84.5	4.56	0.0	82	55	
July	63.2	77.5	91.9	3.07	0.0	84	56	
August	60.5	74.0	87.4	3.69	0.0	86	58	
September	52.5	65.5	78.2	2.84	0.0	83	54	
October	39.2	52.2	65.5	1.59	0.6	79	52	
November	27.0	39.5	52.1	1.14	2.7	80	60	
December	11.8	22.7	33.6	0.81	5.9	79	66	
Annual	37.4	49.9	62.5	27.47	29.2	81	58	

*Recorded at Norfolk Weather Station

FROST DATA

Average date of spring freeze probability	April 30
Average date of fall freeze probability.....	October 5
Average length of freeze free season probability.....	161 days
Average number of heating degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit	6,613
Average number of cooling degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit.....	1,140
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average).....	12
Prevailing wind direction (annual average)	South

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1905–2008, www.hprcc.unl.edu