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POPULATION
(Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2010</u>
Crawford	997
Dawes County	9,182
Labor Market*	47,950

***Includes Dawes County and contiguous counties**

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INTRODUCTION

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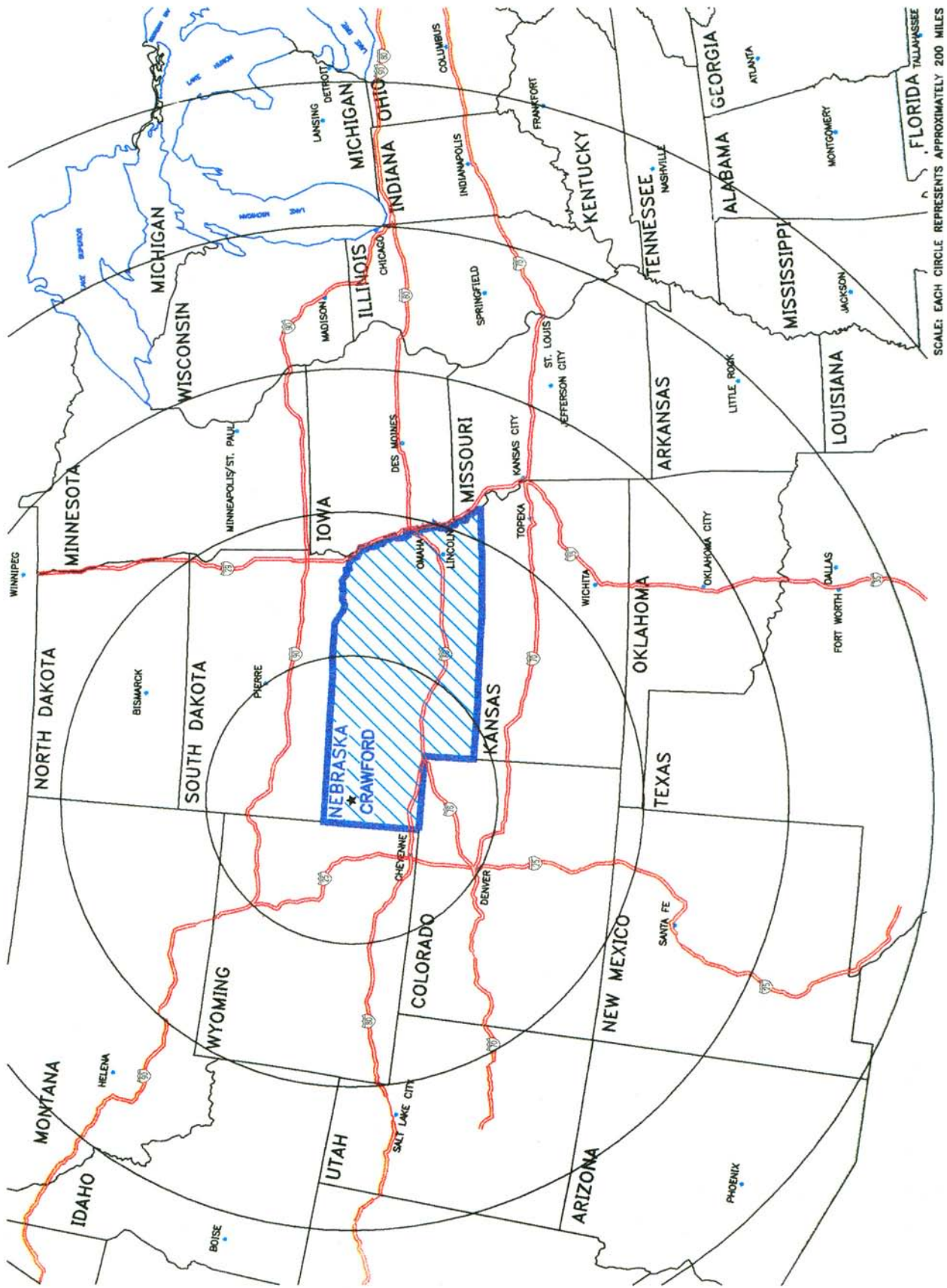
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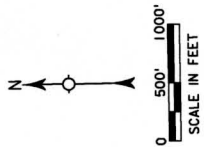
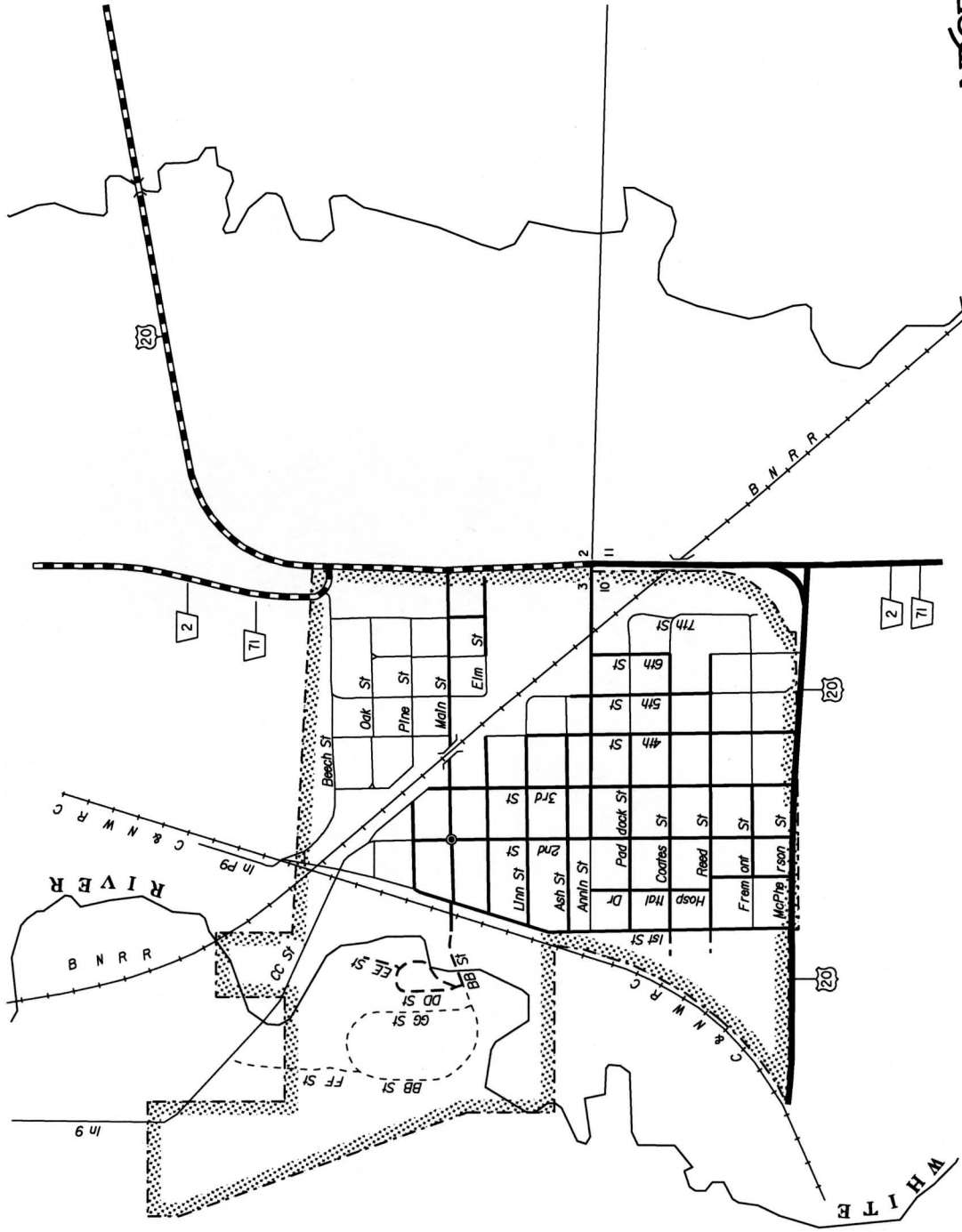
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CRAWFORD

DAWES COUNTY
NEBRASKA



- STATE HIGHWAYS**
- Gravel or Crushed Rock
- Asphalt/Bituminous Surface
- Multiple Lane Undivided Highway
- Asphalt/Bituminous Surface
- Concrete/Brick Surface
- Multiple Lane Undivided Highway
- Concrete/Brick Surface
- CITY STREETS AND COUNTY ROADS**
- Primitive or Unimproved
- Gravel or Crushed Rock
- Asphalt/Bituminous Surface
- Concrete/Brick Surface
- Interstate Numbered Routes
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- City Center
- Corporate Limits

CORPORATE LIMITS AS OF 2009
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GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

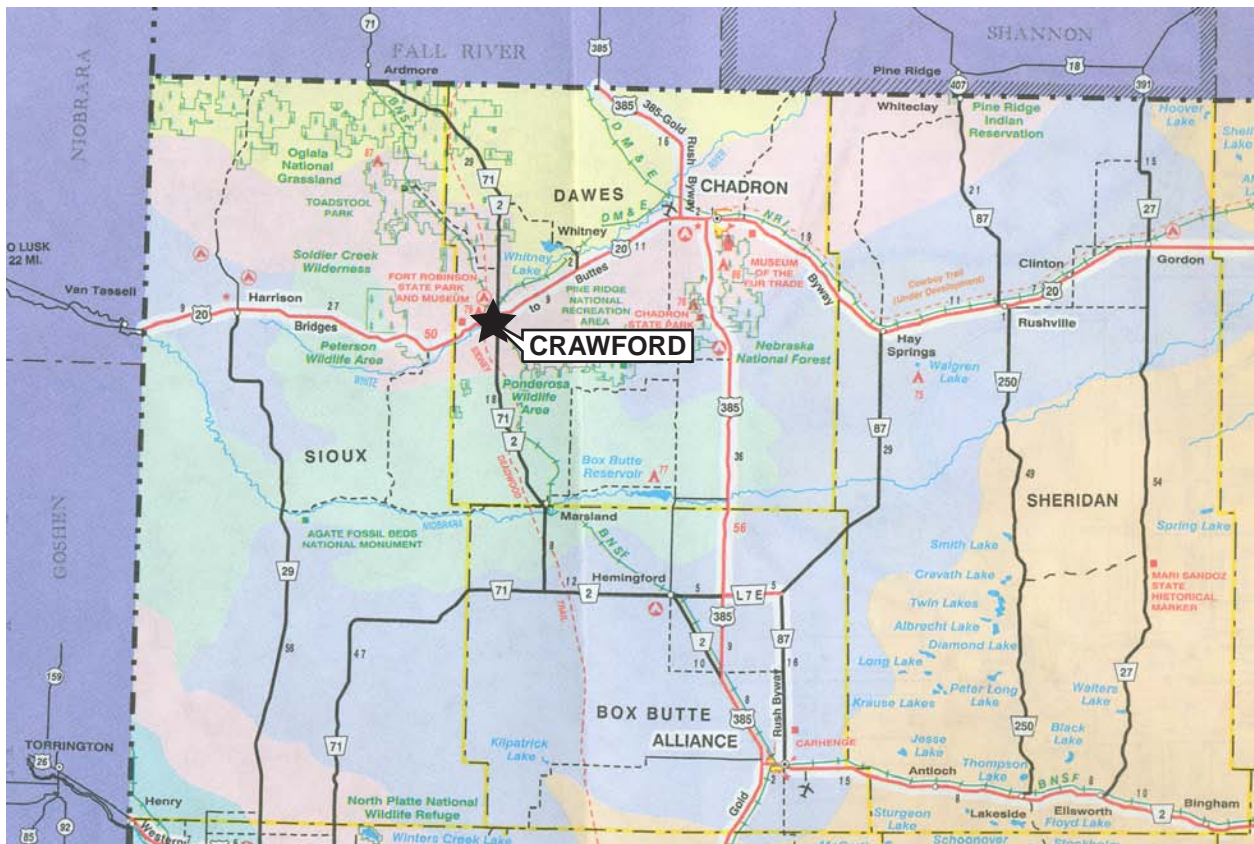
Crawford is located in the northwestern corner of Nebraska in the state's most scenic country—the Pine Ridge area. The city is located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 20 and State Highway 2/71 in Dawes County. Crawford is 24 miles southwest of Chadron, Nebraska; 75 miles north of Scottsbluff, Nebraska; 115 miles south of Rapid City, South Dakota; and 314 miles north of Denver, Colorado.

POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Crawford	Dawes County
1970	1,291	9,761
1980	1,315	9,609
1990	1,111	9,021
2000	1,107	9,060
2010	997	9,182

Dawes County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin 2010 U.S. Census	
One Race	
White	89.4%
Black	1.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3.9%
Asian	1.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.5%
Some Other Race	1.1%
Two or More Races	2.5%
Hispanic or Latino Origin*	
White Not Hispanic	87.8%

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



The 2010 U.S. Census reported 47,950 people live in Dawes County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Box Butte, Sheridan, and Sioux as well as Fall River and Shannon Counties in South Dakota.

There are 65 people in Crawford who are fluent in Spanish, a second language.

LOCAL ECONOMY

Basic economic activities of Crawford, a railroad town, include ranching, cattle feeding, tourism, and retail sales.

Firms with retail sales tax permits in Dawes County reported 2010 net taxable retail sales of \$85,750,839. One wholesale firm in Crawford distributes feed and seed.

A significant presence of uranium mining has developed near Crawford in the past five years at the Crow Butte Resources facility. Crow Butte Resources is the largest employer in the community, operating six miles southeast of Crawford.

ELEVATION

Crawford is 3,675 feet above sea level.

TOPOGRAPHY

The terrain is rolling to hilly with bluffs. Drainage is good to the north and west into the White River. Soils in the area are sandy and clay gumbo.

HISTORY

More than 10,000 years ago, a pair of “testosterone-crazed” bull mammoths crossed paths on the ice age high plains in what would one day be western Nebraska. Both mammoths were nearly equal in size and about 40 years old. The two Columbian mammoths—one with a snapped tusk on the left, the other with a break on the right—battle for mating rights; however, fate thwarted desire.

With broken tusks allowing each to jockey in close, the titans locked together and never separated. Eventually—after hours of exhaustive

pushing or moments after a decisive twist—one fell dragging the other to the ground and each to their death in the Little Badlands north of Crawford. Preserved under layers of sediment cascading off the Little Blue formations, the dueling titans were discovered in the summer of 1962.

In 1886 the Chicago and North Western Railroad began pushing its way across the Nebraska Panhandle into Wyoming and in its wake left a tent city, which was named Crawford. The town, located on the White River near the Red Cloud Indian Agency and Fort Robinson, was first platted on June 21, 1886, after getting the majority of the names on the petition from soldiers stationed at the fort.

Crawford and the surrounding territory are enriched with many historic accounts of early Indian wars and the “gun-totin’, hard-riding” days of the early West. The site of the Red Cloud Indian Agency, named for this famous chief, is located at Fort Robinson, three miles west of Crawford. In September of 1877, Crazy Horse, the Sioux war leader of Custer battle fame, was killed in a struggle at the Fort Robinson guardhouse.

Many of Crawford’s streets bear the names of people associated with Fort Robinson—Paddock, Coates, and Reed.

Located in Nebraska’s scenic Pine Ridge, Crawford has often been tagged “The Garden Beyond the Sandhills” by the town’s promoters. It has also been called the “Gate City” and rightly so as the town was established near the Sidney-Deadwood Trail at the intersection of two railroads with Nebraska’s only railroad tunnel a few miles to the south.

Other famous names from history associated with Crawford are Buffalo Bill Cody, reported to have had his showdown fight with Chief Yellowhand nearby; and also California Joe, Little Bat Garnier, Old Jules, Doc Middleton, and Spotted Tail.

From the “wild west” town of the past to the present, Crawford has undergone many changes—from the fire alarm of three pistol shots to the electric siren; from the one-room log schoolhouse to the new modern buildings;

and from the town well at the intersection of Second and Main Street (a \$1.25 rope and chain for the well being the first expense to the city)

to the present wide paved streets. This vigorous community looks to the future as it builds upon the foundations and legacy of the past.



Second Street North View



Second Street South View



Crawford Historical Marker



Crawford Information Booth



Park in Downtown Crawford

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>	
C & F Mats 1981	Truck & trailer bed mats, dog mats & floor mats	National	1	0	None
Vogel Brothers 2006	Fabrication & welding	Regional	2	0	None

MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 25 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
BNSF Railway Company	Transportation	40	2	Standard
Crawford Livestock Market, Inc.	Livestock sales	0 31*	0 8*	None
Crawford Public Schools	Education	10	38	NSEA
Crow Butte Resources	Uranium development	57	12	None
Dawes County	Government	58 Total		None
Ponderosa Villa	Nursing care	4	45	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

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

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Chadron, 24 miles				
Chadron Community Hospital	Health care	13 3*	138 25*	None
Chadron Public Schools	Education	35	129	NSEA

*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Union</u>
Chadron State College	Education	300 Total	375-400*	CSCEA, NSCPA, NAPE
U.S. Forest Service (USDA)	Government	130 Total		AFGE, NFFE
Wal-Mart	Retail store	245 Total		None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

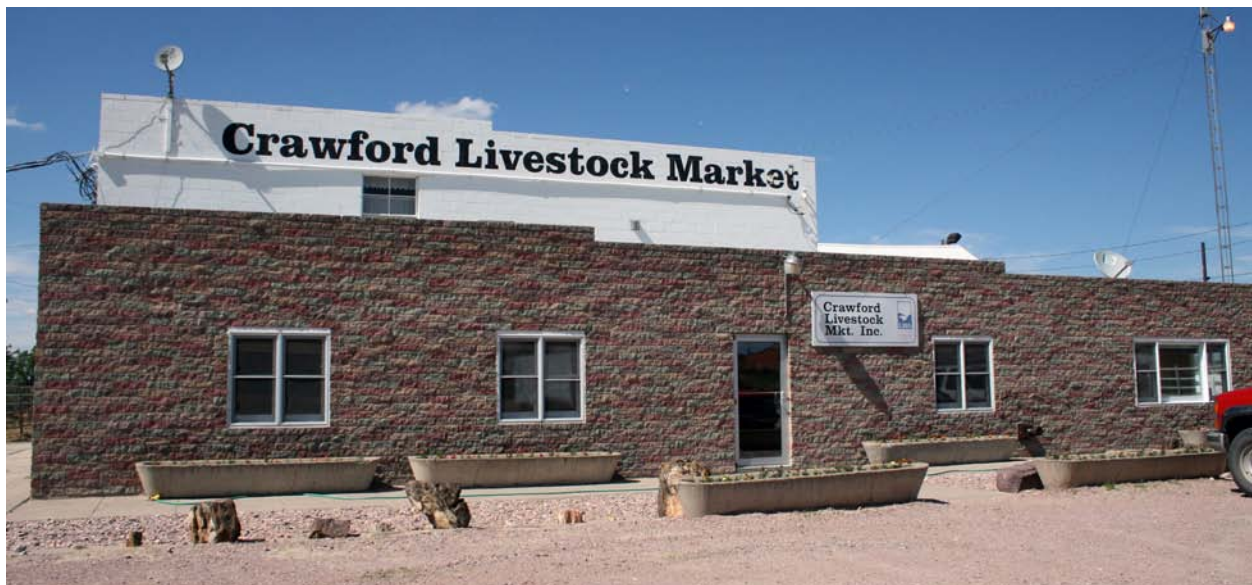
The Nebraska Northwest Development Corporation, Crawford Chamber of Commerce, the Nebraska Business Development Center, Chadron State College, Panhandle Area Development District, Nebraska Public Power District, and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development combine their efforts to provide a full complement of information and services for economic development in the community.

The Nebraska Northwest Development Corporation is a countywide nonprofit corporation

with 54 members. The corporation is financially supported by annual dues, the cities of Chadron and Crawford, and the county of Dawes.

In the last several years Crawford has experienced some business closures and downsizing. However, a pharmacy/drug store and a restaurant with lounge have opened in the past few years. A dentist has expanded to include dental prosthetics and increased employment by 100 percent.

Approximately 20 acres of land in and adjacent Crawford are zoned for industry. Industrially zoned land ranges in price from \$5,000 to \$15,000 per acre.



Crawford Livestock Market, Inc.

LABOR

LABOR SUPPLY

- A. Employment in the Crawford labor market, which is defined as the whole of Dawes County and the total labor market consisting of Dawes County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Box Butte, Sheridan, and Sioux. Figures for Fall River and Shannon Counties in South Dakota were not available (annual average, 2010):

	<u>Dawes County</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)		
Goods-Producing	266	753
Manufacturing	18	(D)
Natural Resources & Construction	248	(D)
Service-Providing	3,687	9,941
Wholesale Trade	85	(D)
Retail Trade	632	(D)
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	(D)	(D)
Information	48	188
Financial Activities	119	(D)
Professional & Business Services	(D)	(D)
Education & Health Services	425	885
Leisure & Hospitality	515	(D)
Other Services	109	315
Government	1,466	3,275
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	3,953	10,693
Farm Employment	443	1,923
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	4,892	13,684
B. Commuting Out of County	1,108	N/A
C. Unemployment	216	651
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	5,108	14,334
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.	600	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	83	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	2,007	

(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

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

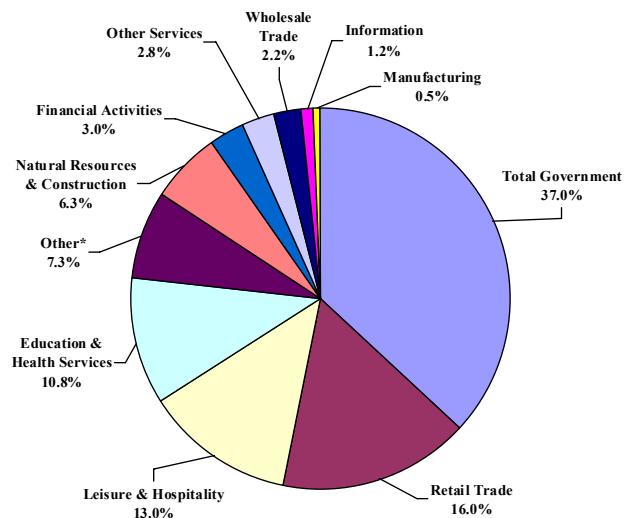
U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2008

U.S. Census

Crawford is willing to conduct a labor survey upon request.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DAWES COUNTY ANNUAL AVERAGE, 2010

*Other includes Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities and Professional & Business Services



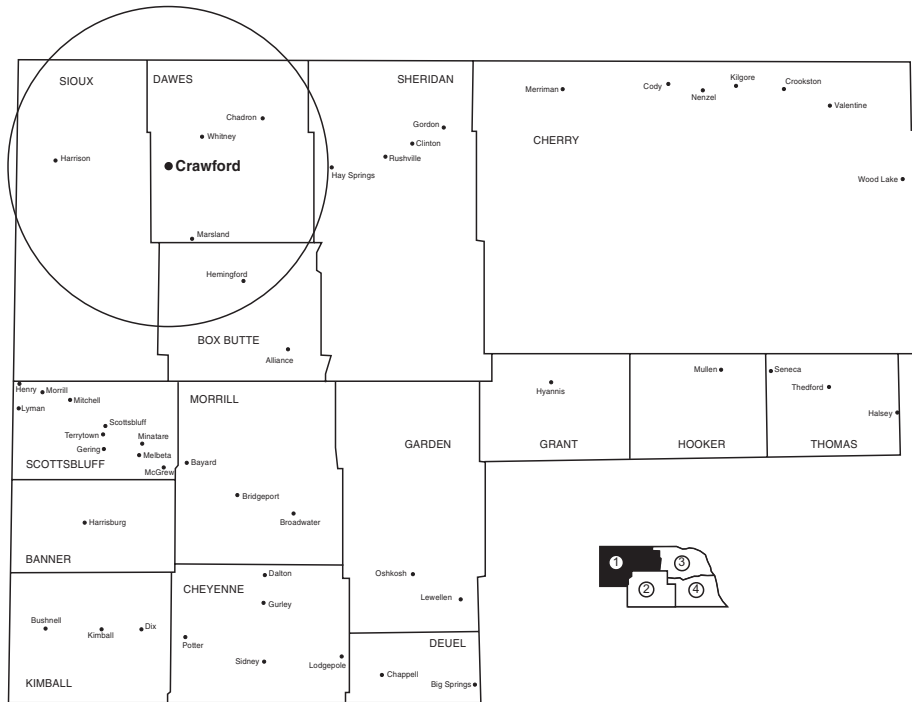
POPULATION DATA

Location	2005–2009		2010			2011 (Est.)
	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	Persons/Sq. Mile	Median Age	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Family Income
Dawes Co. Nebraska	91.1	30.9	6.6	33.0	16.3	\$48,100
Nebraska	89.7	27.1	23.8	36.2	13.5	\$63,500
U.S.	84.6	27.5	87.4	37.2	13.0	\$64,200

Dawes County had 6,066 registered voters in 2008; 62.9 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 CRAWFORD AREA



POPULATION DATA 2010 U.S. Census

City of Crawford	—	997
Dawes County	—	9,182
30-Mile Radius	—	11,252

Dawes County Population by Age/Gender		
<u>Ages</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
20–24	717	593
25–44	946	878
45–64	1,008	1,101

UNIONIZATION

In 2009, 4.2 percent of Nebraska's private sector wage and salary workers were members of labor union compared to a national figure of 7.2 percent.

Labor organizations operating in Crawford:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Union</u>
BNSF Railway Company	Standard railroad unions
Crawford Public Schools	Nebraska State Education Association

It is estimated that 8 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in Crawford is unionized. There have been no known strikes.

WAGES

<u>Occupation Title</u>	<u>Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile</u>		
	<u>10th</u>	<u>50th</u>	<u>90th</u>
Professional			
Accountants & Auditors	16.59	23.63	38.96
Engineers			
Civil Engineers*	24.47	36.74	52.83
Electrical Engineers*	26.90	38.81	52.75
Industrial Engineers*	21.95	33.47	47.25
Mechanical Engineers*	8.06	32.12	48.33
Computer Programmers	13.47	16.35	23.49
Computer Systems Analysts	19.04	24.96	39.60
Registered Nurses	19.86	27.08	36.69
Retail			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	7.72	8.68	10.11
Retail Salespersons	7.76	9.99	14.50
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	7.89	11.90	27.21
Driver/Sales Workers	9.28	12.94	20.64
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	7.74	8.93	12.19
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	9.34	12.32	20.46
Clerical			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	8.92	14.04	18.61
Customer Service Representatives	9.65	12.45	18.80
Data Entry Keyers	8.24	10.74	15.11
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	8.63	12.17	17.87
Office Clerks, General	7.91	9.96	14.49
Receptionists & Information Clerks	8.31	11.83	14.63
Telemarketers*	7.94	9.63	16.21

*Wage information taken from Balance of the State

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Unskilled			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	9.19	11.85	16.01
Packers & Packagers, Hand	7.59	8.02	12.65
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other*	9.28	14.09	27.77
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	9.10	11.13	14.13
Semi-Skilled			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	9.43	11.23	16.15
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	10.39	16.09	22.63
Maintenance Workers, Machinery*	13.16	18.16	23.33
Machine Operators			
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	7.87	9.55	18.52
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	10.66	16.70	22.19
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	8.99	11.59	18.71
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.*	9.15	13.78	18.17
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	8.35	10.18	15.44
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	8.46	10.53	15.20
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	9.99	15.10	18.72
Skilled			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	8.95	14.48	24.20
Electricians	12.46	18.33	30.37
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	14.78	20.17	23.29
Machinists	10.95	13.96	20.69
Tool & Die Makers*	13.84	19.88	26.16
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	8.25	10.02	17.36
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters*	14.12	18.54	22.57
Technical			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	13.05	20.21	28.52
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians*	7.88	11.75	24.30
Computer Operators	9.77	11.63	14.53

*Wage information taken from Balance of the State

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Fourth Quarter 2011 wage estimates, All Industries, Panhandle Region, <http://neblswages.nwd.ne.gov>.

FRINGE BENEFITS

Eighty percent of the top five nonmanufacturing employers offer fringe benefits.

TRANSPORTATION

RAILROADS

Crawford serves as a major artery for the BNSF Railway Company with approximately 35–50 trains daily, 30–40 which are coal trains. Reciprocal switching is available. Switching is performed by train crews as needed. The Nebraska Northwestern Railroad, a shortline railroad, also serves Crawford.

For further information regarding BNSF Railway Company, visit www.bnsf.com.

MOTOR

Highways

U. S. Highway 20 (east-west) and State Highway 2/71 (north-south) serve Crawford. There are no local load restrictions. Interstate 90 (east-west) is 100 miles north and Interstate 80 (east-west) is 140 miles south of Crawford.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	446
Omaha	460
Chicago	925
Dallas	1,017
Denver	314
Detroit	1,190
Kansas City	667
Los Angeles	1,234
Minneapolis	691
New York	1,699
Rapid City	115
St. Louis	920
San Francisco	1,306

Trucklines

More than 13,500 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.

Trucklines in the area providing interstate and intrastate service include Casey Soester in Crawford, NTC and Nebraska Transport of Alliance, L. Johnson Trucking in Chadron, Brown Transfer in Scottsbluff, and Terry Connell Trucking in Whitney.

Bus Lines

The city of Crawford operates a handibus, owned by the Northwest Community Action Agency, weekdays within the community limits for transport of the handicapped, senior citizens, and Head Start students.

AIR

The Chadron Municipal Airport provides both commercial and private air service with two lighted, hard-surfaced runways (5,998' and 4,400'). The airfield has a rotating beacon, hangars, tie downs, VOR, DME, PAPI, VASI, and NDB navigation, ILS approach, GPS approach, fuel, storage, aircraft maintenance, and lighted wind cone. The elevation at the airport is 3,298 feet, the latitude is 42-50N, and the longitude is 103-05W.

Commercial air service:

Chadron Municipal Airport

Distance: 24 miles east (25 min.)

Airline: Great Lakes Airlines

Destination: Denver International

Rapid City Regional Airport, South Dakota

Distance: 125 miles north (2 hours)

Airline: Allegiant Air

Destination: Phoenix-Mesa

Airline: American Airlines

Destination: Dallas Fort Worth

Airline: Delta

Destination: St. Paul / Salt Lake City

Airline: United

Destination: Chicago / Denver

WATER

Barge service is not available near Crawford.



Crawford BNSF Yards



BNSF Major Artery in Crawford

UTILITIES

ELECTRICITY

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) provides retail electric service to the city of Crawford. A 34,000-volt feeder from a 115,000-volt substation located east of Crawford provides service. The substation consists of three 1,000 kVA, 34.5/4.16 transformers. The system is connected to NPPD's statewide grid system.

BASE ELECTRIC RATES (effective 1/1/12)

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

Residential Service:

Customer Charge: \$18.00 per month		
Summer	Winter	
10.38¢	8.29¢	per kWh for the first 750 kWh used per month
10.38¢	5.85¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

General Service:

Customer Charge:		
	Single Phase	\$20.50 per month
	Three Phase	\$25.50 per month
Summer	Winter	
10.92¢	8.85¢	per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh used per month
10.92¢	7.62¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

Commercial Electric Space Heating:

Customer Charge:		
	Single Phase	\$53.50 per month
	Three Phase	\$61.50 per month
Summer	Winter	
12.27¢	8.45¢	per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
4.59¢	3.49¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

General Service Demand:

Customer Charge:		
Single Phase		\$95.00 per month
Three Phase		\$107.50 per month
Summer	Winter	
12.51¢	8.98¢	per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
4.45¢	3.52¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations. This rate is also subject to various adders and discounts depending upon the customer’s requirements, metering, etc.

NPPD has off-peak and load management rates available to qualifying customers.

Sample Cost per kWh for General Service Demand:

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh ¹
100	30,000	10.13
100	50,000	8.19
300	90,000	9.84
300	150,000	7.75
500	150,000	9.78
500	180,000	8.92

¹Includes Lease Payment and Gross Revenue Tax.

High Tension Service:

Customer Charge:	\$375.00 per month	
Demand Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
\$14.00	\$10.00	per kW of billing demand
Energy Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
4.48¢	3.56¢	per kWh for all on-peak energy
3.74¢	2.76¢	per kWh for all off-peak energy
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Energy Time Periods - For the monthly billing periods, the on-peak and off-peak hours for energy (all based on “Central” time) are as follows:

Energy Season	On-Peak Hours	Off-Peak Hours
Summer	10:01 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Monday–Saturday	All Other Hours
Winter	8:01 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Monday–Saturday	All Other Hours

All hours on New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day shall be considered off-peak hours.

Industries must take delivery at or be adjacent to a substation and own and maintain the primary dedicated line and any other facilities beyond the substation delivery point.

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

NPPD has off-peak and load management rates available to qualifying customers.

Sample Cost per kWh for High Tension Service:

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh ¹
1,000	300,000	8.43
2,500	750,000	8.34
2,500	1,250,000	6.60
5,000	1,500,000	8.31
5,000	2,500,000	6.59
10,000	6,400,000	6.01

¹Includes Lease Payment. Does not include Gross Revenue Tax.

The annual average ¢/kWh cost assumes 46 percent of monthly energy is consumed during on-peak hours of the four summer months and 53 percent during on-peak hours of the eight winter months.

Prospective customers should contact Nebraska Public Power District, (877) 275-6773, www.nppd.com, for further information regarding electric rates and service.

NATURAL GAS

Natural gas is supplied to Crawford by SourceGas Distribution, LLC through a 3-inch transmission pipeline with an operating pressure of approximately 550–600 pounds per square inch.

SourceGas is the retail distributor of natural gas within the community, serving approximately 500 residential, commercial, and industrial customers. Choice gas is available to natural gas customers in Crawford.

Natural gas is available for residential and commercial uses. Availability of natural gas for industrial uses is subject to individual situations. As specific requirements of an industrial prospect become available, information on gas service availability and applicable rates can be obtained from SourceGas’s Service Center at (800) 563-0012.

OTHER FUELS

LP Gas

LP gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Crawford at WESTCO.

Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Crawford from WESTCO and Muddy Creek Oil and Gas.

WATER

Crawford’s municipal water system, an infiltration gallery (850 gpm), is supplied by two wells, which have an average depth of 100 feet. The system, serving 90 percent of the city’s population, has a pumping capacity of 155 gallons per minute. The overhead storage capacity is 1,750,000 gallons and the raw water storage is 500,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 250,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 1,000,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 2,473,200 gallons per day. The static pressure is 58 pounds per square inch and the residual pressure is 25 pounds per square inch.

The rapid sand filters water treatment plant has a daily capacity of 1,500,000 gallons. The water table has not changed during the last five years. The turbidity influent is 0.076 and the effluent is 0.025. The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in parts per million, is 216. The average tap water temperature varies from 48° in the winter to 54° in the summer.

Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.80–8.20
Nitrate	0.68
Fluoride	0.32
Sulfate	14
Total Alkalinity	228
Total Hardness	216

WATER RATES (effective fall 2010)

A tapping fee of \$350–\$700 is charged for new construction.

Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

Metered Rate:

Meter Size	Readiness to Service Charge per Month
5/8" and 3/4"	\$22.00
1"	\$39.50
1 1/2"	\$57.00
2"	\$82.00
2 1/2"	\$109.50
3"	\$124.50
4"	\$162.00

Water Charge: \$1.00 per each 1,000 gallons used
Minimum Bill: Readiness to Service Charge

Bulk Rate:

\$5.00 per each 1,000 gallons used Minimum Bill: \$5.00 per month

Charges for all non-residents served with municipal water are double the rates set for residential use.

SEWERAGE

Crawford has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The Imhoff Tank and trickling filter treatment plant was built in 1935 and has a daily capacity of 200,000 gallons, an average daily flow of 150,000 gallons, and a historic peak daily discharge of 180,000 gallons.

SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 9/10)

A sewer permit and service fee of \$25–\$50 is charged for new service.

Residential:

\$22.50 per month for single family residence

Commercial & Industrial:

First 15,000 gallons or less	\$22.50
Over 15,000 gallons	\$1.00 per 1,000 gallons
Minimum Bill:	\$22.50 per month

Capital improvements to the city sewerage system planned in 2011 include a new lagoon at a cost of \$5,000,000 to be funded by loans, grants, and the city.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

A private source provides solid waste collection in Crawford. The Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska (SWANN) is the owner of the disposal site, located 24 miles northeast of Crawford. The site has approximately 75 years of service remaining. A collection site for branches, grass clippings, and weeds is located in Chadron, 24 miles northeast.

SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES (effective 2010)

Residential:

\$22.10 per month per living unit

Commercial & Industrial:

Small container	\$31.72
Large container	\$98.00
Base fees include weekly pick-up	

RECYCLING

All recyclable items are taken to the SWANN collection site located one mile northwest of Crawford. Labeled containers and dump areas are provided.

COMMUNICATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Telecommunications services are provided to the Crawford area by CenturyLink as the incumbent exchange carrier. The CenturyLink central office in Chadron, 24 miles, is on a fiber ring and provides ISDN, DSL, and ADSL. Additional fiber can be installed as needed. NT & T, Mobius Communications, and Allo Communications are the competitive local exchange carriers. NT & T is located in Omaha, and provides local and long distance service. Mobius Communications is headquartered in Hemingford, Nebraska, and is a provider for POTS, DSL, and ADSL. Allo Communications is headquartered in Imperial, Nebraska, and provides POTS, DSL, and ADSL.

Customer premise equipment can be provided by Great Plains TeleData and Manna Systems and Consulting. Great Plains TeleData offers Sprint Business Systems that feature VoIP technology and certified Local Area Network installers.

INTERNET

DSL broadband services are provided by CenturyLink, Allo Communications, and Mobius Communications via local exchange facilities and wireless by Action Communications and Sandhills Wireless. Great Plains Communications is the local cable modem provider and has an extensive local and statewide fiber network.

POST OFFICE

The Crawford post office provides house-to-house delivery service and has two mail receipts and one dispatch daily.

PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	Federal Express	DHL	U.S. Postal Service
Latest Pick-up	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Earliest Delivery	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Next Day Delivery Guarantee	Yes	Yes	No
Saturday Delivery Guarantee	No	No	Yes

NEWSPAPER

Weekly papers delivered in Crawford include the Crawford Clipper with 1,300 subscribers and the Chadron Record with 2,000 subscribers. Your Neighbor, a weekly shopping guide, is distributed to 4,500 Dawes County residents. Daily papers delivered locally are the Scottsbluff Star-Herald and the Rapid City Journal.

RADIO

Radio stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KCSR-AM	610 KHz	Chadron
KQSK-FM	97.5 MHz	Chadron

TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KDUH	4	Scottsbluff

Cable television service is provided by Great Plains Communications.

Satellite service is available in Crawford from Dish Network and DIRECTV.



Dancers at Pow-Wow



Mammoths Mural at Trailside Museum

TAX STRUCTURE

VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES—CITY OF CRAWFORD

All real property is subject to tax at market value. Agriculture land is valued at 70 percent of its market value. Personal property that is used in a trade or business and is depreciable is subject to tax at its “net book value.” All other personal property is exempt from taxation.

	Actual Valuation		
	2008	2009	2010
Real Estate	\$22,568,339	\$23,801,714	\$26,874,731
Personal Property	696,904	782,490	849,346
Special (railroad and utilities)	725,321	776,307	765,209
TOTAL	<u>\$23,990,564</u>	<u>\$25,360,511</u>	<u>\$28,489,286</u>

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

	2009	2010	2011
City	\$0.468339	\$0.424539	\$0.500000
County	.356193	.356193	.376193
School District	1.060481	.960998	.959600
Community College	.104854	.101622	.100259
Educational Service Unit	.016001	.015920	.015855
Natural Resource District	.020028	.018523	.020427
Agricultural Society	.004387	.003849	.004417
Fire District	--	--	.021263
TOTAL	<u>\$2.030283</u>	<u>\$1.881644</u>	<u>\$1.998014</u>

CITY SALES TAX

The city of Crawford imposes a 1.5 percent city sales tax.

LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

City—Revenue Bonds (as of 12/10)	\$120,000
City—General Obligation Bonds (as of 12/10)	\$802,476
School District (as of 1/11)	None
County (as of 1/11)	\$715,000

CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 12/10	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Revenue					
Legend Buttes Golf Course	4/13/10	\$135,000	\$120,000	2.73	12/15/17
General Obligation					
Water plant	6/1/01	\$668,700	\$597,476	4.4519	6/1/14
Street	6/1/04	\$40,000	\$10,000	4.15	6/1/13
Fire truck	6/1/04	\$75,000	\$45,000	4.68	6/1/20
Water & sewer	4/13/10	\$170,000	\$150,000	3.08	10/1/19

COUNTY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 1/11	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Courthouse upgrade	7/01/09	\$760,000	\$715,000	1.7	7/1/24



Crawford Fire Department



Crawford Grass Fire Truck

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Dawes County has seven townships and is governed by three county commissioners elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The actual county budget for 2010–11 is \$2,501,550.

Zoning classifications are:

- A Agricultural District
- RE Rural Residential District
- RL Residential Low Density District
- HC Highway Commercial District
- I Industrial District
- PR Park & Recreation District

Additional regulations to be followed in Dawes County include: mobile home park, sign, feedlot/confinement, communication tower, mining, and subdivision.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Crawford, a second class city, has a mayor-council form of government. The 2010–11 actual budget is \$7,332,887.

Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
Elected at Large	
Mayor	4 Years
Elected by District	
Council Members (4)	4 Years

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided to the city and the rural areas by a 37-member volunteer fire department; 12 members are EMT certified. The department also provides protection to 760 square miles outside the community.

There is one fire station and 76 fire hydrants in Crawford. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 6; outside it is 6/9.

Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$40,000 for the city and \$59,000 for the rural areas.

Equipment in the fire department:

Year/Make	Description
Rural	
1997 GMC	Grass truck - 250 gal. tank
1992 Dodge	Rescue truck
1991 Dodge	Grass truck - 250 gal. tank
1991 Ford	Grass truck - 250 gal. tank
1991 Ford Ranger	Grass truck - 125 gal. tank
1989 International	1,200 gal. tanker
1986 GMC	1,000 gal. tanker
City/Rural	
2010 RHINO	4x4 ATV
2008 Ford	4x4 rural command unit
2007 Ford	4x4 rural grass truck
2006 Ford	Ambulance
1995 International	1,250 gpm pumper
1993 Ford	Ambulance
1989 International	1,000 gpm pumper

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Department

The city of Crawford employs three full-time and two part-time police officers. The department has three patrol cars and one truck. Annual expenditures for police protection during the last three years averaged \$130,000.

Sheriff's Department

The Dawes County Sheriff's Department has three sworn officers and six support personnel. The department has patrol vehicles, radios, firearms, and other equipment. Regular patrol provides protection to existing industries in the area by the Crawford police and sheriff's departments.

Crime rates per 1,000 population, 2009:

Location	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Dawes County	2.1	15.8
Nebraska	2.7	26.7
U.S.	4.3	30.4

State Patrol

Troop E of the Nebraska State Patrol, with 48 patrol officers, is headquartered in Scottsbluff, 100 miles southwest of Crawford. Seven patrol officers are stationed in the Crawford area.

STREETS

Crawford has 12 miles of streets, 9 of which are hard-surfaced with concrete. There are no local load restrictions. All streets have curbs and 75 percent have sidewalks. Street maintenance equipment includes a street sweeper, motor grader, backhoe, tractor mower, snow blower, eight trucks, pay loader, and two pick-ups, including one with a snow plow.

BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS

The Uniform Building Codes are enforced within the city.

Local zoning classifications are:

- Residential
- Residential Estate
- Multi-family
- Commercial
- Central Business District
- Industrial
- Public
- Park
- Federal Park

PLANNING

Crawford has a five-member planning commission. Members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the city council to serve three-year terms.

The Comprehensive Plan for Crawford was prepared by the Panhandle Area Development District of Gering, Nebraska, in 1998.



Crawford City Hall

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Crawford Public School System

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary (K-6)	10	121	1:10	1:2
Jr.-Sr. High School (7-12)	15	114	1:8	1:1

Dawes County School District No. 23-0071 covers approximately 286 square miles and had a 2009-10 actual valuation of \$224,328,216 and an actual valuation per student of \$954,588. This Class 3, K-12 District is accredited by the state of Nebraska.

The 2009-10 school operating expenses totaled \$2,316,525, with an average cost per pupil of \$10,760.

The elementary school, built in 1958, has a maximum capacity of 185. The junior-senior high school was built in 1930 and has a maximum capacity of 220.

Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	% Proficient
7 th Grade NeSA	100	68
		Composite
ACT	100	21.1

It is estimated that 98 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 85 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and 15 percent of the seniors enter the job market or military following graduation.

Vocational/tech prep programs offered include Industrial Technology and Business Education. Distance learning is also available.

The Dawes County School District offers special education, 504 plans, and other facilities as determined by the IEP (Individual Education Plan).

Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 13 (ESU), headquartered in Scottsbluff, serves 11 counties including Dawes County. Services provided include special education, library services, in-service training, co-op purchasing, federal project agents, distance learning, and tech coordination.

Community College

Business and Community Education is part of the **Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC)** area which encompasses 12-1/2 counties in the Nebraska Panhandle. WNCC, a comprehensive community college, is governed by an 11-member board of governors. The college has campuses located in Scottsbluff, Sidney, and Alliance. WNCC also offers in Scottsbluff the John N. Harms Advanced Technology Center (HATC), a vibrant core of educational outreach for Nebraska Panhandle business communities.

The fall enrollment as of August 30, 2011 was:

Campus/ Center	Full-time	Part-time
Scottsbluff	680	747
Sidney	78	131
Alliance	51	165
Online	56	607
HATC	1	271

Western Nebraska Community College was established in Scottsbluff in 1926. In 1973, the State Legislature formed the Western Technical



Crawford Grade School



Crawford High School



Crawford School Gymnasium

Community College Area, which included Nebraska Western College (Scottsbluff), Western Nebraska Technical College (Sidney), and the Alliance School of Practical Nursing. The Board of Governors changed the name to Western Nebraska Community College in 1988.

Western Nebraska Community College offers four associate degrees: associate of arts, associate of science, associate degree-nursing, associate of applied science, and associate of occupational studies. There are also diploma and/or certification and professional skill award options through WNCC.

WNCC offers more than 80 program options in vocational and academic transfer education. These programs include business and vocational education, language and arts, science and mathematics, social science, health occupations, and applied technologies (automotive, auto body, welding, aviation, and power line construction and maintenance).

WNCC is part of the Western Nebraska Distance Learning Consortium. The consortium membership includes 20 area high schools, Educational Service Unit 13, Western Nebraska Community College, and Chadron State College. Utilizing the consortium distance learning system, high school campuses, and the three WNCC campuses, the college offers dual credit courses to area high schools in foreign language, math, English, automotive, welding, Cisco, CADD, and social sciences.

Business and community education continues to work with businesses and industries to identify and provide training needs. Specific activities include, but are not limited to, partnerships with businesses, the Cisco Networking Academy, Discovery Lab, Entrepreneurial Lab, Career Design Technology Program, and Certified Testing Lab. Other activities include customized training with businesses, public seminars, management and supervisory skills training, computer training, technical skills training, continuing professional education, and training in the health and safety fields.

2010–11 Program Graduates	
Program	# of Graduates
Associate Degree in Nursing	
Nursing	23
Associate of Arts	
Art	1
Biology/Ecology	1
Business Administration	23
Business Administration – Accounting	6
Criminal Justice	5
Economics	1
Education (Music)	2
Education (Elementary)	12
Education (Secondary)	8
English	1
Foreign Language (Spanish)	2
General Studies	42
Human Services (Transfer)	1
Information Technology	3
Journalism	2
Law (pre)	2
Psychology	6
Sociology	1
Social Work	5
Vocal Performance	2
Associate of Science	
Athletic Training (pre)	1
Computer Science (pre)	2
Biology/Ecology	5
Dental Hygiene (pre)	1
Engineering (pre)	1
General Studies	8
Mathematics & Engineering	1
Medicine (pre)	1
Physical Education/Coaching	1
Physical Education/Sports Administration	1
Physical Therapy (pre)	1
Professional Nursing (pre)	8
Radiologic Technology (pre)	2
Associate of Applied Science	
Business Technology	2

2010–11 Program Graduates

Program	# of Graduates
Business Technology – Accounting Specialist Option	1
Business Technology – Computer Applications	1
Business Technology – Retail Management Option	1
Criminal Justice	6
Education (Early Childhood)	1
Health Information Technology	7
Human Services (Applied)	4
Associate of Occupational Studies	
Auto Body Technology	3
Aviation Maintenance	6
Cosmetology	1
Information Technology	3
Power Line Construction & Maintenance Technology	10
Diploma	
Aviation Maintenance	1
Coding Technician	1
General Business	1
Power Line Construction & Maintenance	6
Nursing (Practical)	33
Welding Technology	2
Certificate	
Aviation Maintenance	1
Accounting Assistant	1
Criminal Justice	1
Welding Technology	2
TOTAL	277

For more information on Western Nebraska Community College, visit www.wncc.edu.

Colleges and Universities

Chadron State College (CSC), a member of the Nebraska State College System, is the only four-year and graduate degree-granting college in western Nebraska. Approximately 3,000 students attend CSC, which is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by subject-oriented accrediting agencies.

The college offers undergraduate programs in nearly 70 majors of endorsements and has numerous professional studies options. Many pre-professional programs in the health sciences are available, including the Rural Health Opportunities Program, conducted jointly with the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Chadron State confers the following advanced degrees: master of arts in education, master of business administration, master of education, and master of science in organizational management.

On-campus housing is available in five residence halls or a family apartment complex. The 281-acre campus includes 26 buildings, 5 of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Laboratory and research facilities are available in seven classroom buildings and the Reta E. King Library. The library contains more than 250,000 volumes including more than 54,000 electronic books, 450 periodical and newspaper subscriptions, and 27 online periodical databases. Laptop computers are available for loan for use within the library as part of the campus wireless network. The library's Web-based catalog contains the shared holdings of the Nebraska State College Library System.

The academic areas are divided into the School of Liberal Arts; School of Business; Economics; Applied and Mathematical Sciences; and the School of Counseling, Education, Human Performance, Psychology, and Social Work.

Chadron State has long been a pioneer of distance education. Many of its courses and programs are available over the Internet. Four master's degrees and more than a half-dozen bachelor's degree options are available online. A large number of courses and workshops are offered during the summer.

In 2002 the college renovated its former library into the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, which pays tribute to the author and includes exhibits on the development of the region.

Also during the past decade, Chadron State has renovated and modernized many of its oldest buildings including Memorial Hall, Miller Hall, Edna Work Hall and Wing, Administration

Building, Sparks Hall, and Crites Hall. Its wood-fired boiler plant has received national attention for its cost savings and minimal impact on the environment.

The conferencing office facilitates many activities on campus, including group gatherings, Elderhostels, youth camps and contests, professional association meetings, legislative hearings, and state and national workshops.

The Galaxy Series, which sponsors exhibits, concerts, and presentations by nationally and internationally known performers and speakers, is among the cultural opportunities available to Chadron State College.

Chadron State's intercollegiate athletic teams participate in the NCAA Division II and belong to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. The teams include football, volleyball, women's golf, men's and women's basketball, wrestling, track and field, and women's softball. The college also has a rodeo team that has won numerous national champions in the past decade. A vibrant intramural sports program and more than 60 student clubs and organizations complement the institution's academic offerings.

The Chadron State legacy was born in 1909 when the Legislature provided for a new higher education institution in northwest Nebraska. The Board of Education of State Normal Schools selected Chadron as the location of its fourth institution in January 1910. The school opened in June 1911.

More information about Chadron State College is available at the institution's web site, www.csc.edu or by calling 1-800-CHADRON.

Other Schools

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

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Chadron, Nebraska Chadron State College	24

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Scottsbluff, Nebraska Western Nebraska Community College	75
Rapid City, South Dakota South Dakota School of Mines	115
Kearney, Nebraska University of Nebraska at Kearney	350
Lincoln, Nebraska University of Nebraska - Lincoln	446
Omaha, Nebraska University of Nebraska at Omaha	460

CHURCHES

Denomination	Number of Churches
Assembly of God	1
Catholic	1
Church of Nazarene	1
Congregational	1
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	1
Methodist	1
Seven Day Adventist	1

HEALTH CARE

Hospital

The **Chadron Community Hospital**, located 24 miles northeast of Crawford, opened a new 25-bed facility in July 2010. This full-service, acute-care hospital is accredited by the state of Nebraska and is Medicare/Medicaid approved. Services include inpatient/outpatient services; 24/7 emergency services; radiology, including MRI, CT, ultrasound, mammography, bone density, and full diagnostic radiographic services; obstetrics; newborn services; general surgical; rehabilitative; physical, occupational, speech, and respiratory therapies; cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitative services; dietary services; diabetic education; home health/hospice services; social services; full community service programs including WIC, family planning, respite services, elderly nutritional programs, native American diabetes services, child care services, and



Legend Butte Health Services
of Crawford



Ponderosa Villa
Nursing Home



Assisted Living Addition to
Ponderosa Villa



Dental Office

immunization programs; outpatient dialysis services; and outpatient chemotherapy services.

Patient transfers are provided through two licensed ground transportation systems, two helicopter services, and one fixed-wing airplane.

The new hospital and clinic provide enhanced delivery of medical services to this rural region. The facility features private rooms, an expanded outpatient area to meet current healthcare trends, and space for specialty clinics.

Other medical facilities within 120 miles of Crawford include the Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff and the Rapid City Regional Medical Center in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Clinics

Legend Buttes Health Services, a certified rural health clinic in Crawford, includes Western Community Health Resources, Head Start, and a free community fitness room. Counseling is also available in Crawford.

The **Chadron Medical Clinic**, 24 miles from Crawford, is a full-service physician clinic.

Specialty medical clinics located within the Chadron Community Hospital include: internal medicine, cardiology, nuclear medicine, ENT (ear, nose, and throat clinic), neurology, nephrology, urology, orthopedics, and neurosurgery.

Rescue Squad

There are 12 Emergency Medical Technicians on the Crawford Fire Department who operate the department's two ambulances.

Nursing Homes

Ponderosa Villa, built in 1972, is a 35-bed skilled nursing facility owned by the city of Crawford. The facility is Medicare/Medicaid approved and is a cornerstone for elder care with a cheerful, homelike atmosphere.

Assisted Living

Ponderosa Villa Assisted Living, an 18-unit facility, was built in 2000 as an addition to the

Ponderosa Villa Nursing Home. This assisted living facility provides limited assistance to residents who can no longer live independently. The facility is owned by the city of Crawford and is Medicare/Medicaid approved.

LIBRARY

The **Crawford Public Library** contains 15,150 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 13,400.

The library has numerous periodicals, cassettes, CDs, videos, and DVDs. Library activities include a story hour, senior reading program at the nursing home, senior citizen book checkout program, reading club, summer reading program, and home-bound program. Internet access is available at the library for public use on five computers.

RECREATION

There are two parks in Crawford covering 60 acres. Facilities include overnight camping, tennis courts, swimming pool, playground equipment, baseball diamond, rodeo area, picnic area, horseshoe pits, rest room facilities, and a community building. Red Cross swimming lessons are offered at the pool.

The city employs one full-time park employee. Annual expenditures for the last three years averaged \$50,000 for the park, \$60,000 for the pool, and \$12,000 for the community building.

Summer recreation programs for youth include baseball, swimming, and a summer reading program at the library. Adult recreation programs include a gun club, bingo, bowling, women's dancing group, reading club at the library, horseback riding, and hiking/biking.

Crawford Senior Center activities include senior meals Monday through Friday, blood pressure testing on Thursdays, card playing, video watching, and other entertainment. The facility has a dining room that accommodates 60 people, kitchen, and rest rooms. The center is available for rent.

Area facilities:

- Boating — Whitney Lake, 10 miles; Box Butte Dam, 30 miles; and Angustora, SD, 72 miles
- Bowling — Facility with 6 lanes in Crawford; Chadron, 24 miles
- Campgrounds — Fort Robinson State Park, 3 miles; Chadron, 24 miles; Chadron State Park, 31 miles
- Fishing — Soldier Creek, Crawford; Carter P. Johnson Lake, Fort Robinson, 6 miles; Whitney Lake, 10 miles; Box Butte Dam, 30 miles; and Angustora, SD, 72 miles
- Golf Courses — 9-hole grass greens in Crawford; 9-hole grass greens in Chadron, 24 miles
- Hiking/Biking Trails — 3-mile White River Trail, Crawford; Fort Robinson State Park, 3 miles; and Chadron, 24 miles
- Horse Shoe Pits — Crawford city park
- Hunting — Excellent hunting for deer, antelope, wild turkey, grouse, prairie chicken, pheasant, dove, and elk
- Sand Volleyball — Court in Crawford city park
- Swimming — Outdoor pool in Crawford city park; indoor at Fort Robinson State Park, 3 miles; outdoor at Chadron, 24 miles; and outdoor at Chadron State Park, 31 miles

- Tennis — Hard-surface court in Crawford; Fort Robinson State Park, 3 miles; Chadron, 24 miles
- Theaters — Seasonal live performances at Fort Robinson State Park, 3 miles, and Chadron State College, 24 miles; movie theater in Chadron
- Skiing (cross country) — Marked trails in Crawford

Annual celebrations:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Events/Activities</u>
May	Pine Ridge Enduro - Off road dirt bike race, alternating between Crawford and Chadron
June	Intertribal Gathering - Pow-wow, cultural activities, crafts, and dancing Crawford High School Rodeo Crawford High School Alumni Association - Banquet
July	Fourth of July Celebration - Parade, PRC A rodeo, live music in the park Peabody Hale Fiddler's Contest - Fiddle contest for all ages, food Fur Trade Days - Chadron Ride the Ridge - Horse back riding and camping
August	Dawes County Fair - Chadron Senior Pro Rodeo - Crawford
September	Treasure Trek - Bargain hunting, garage sales Northwest Nebraska Rock Swap - Crawford College Rodeo - Chadron
December	Historical Christmas Dinner - Fort Robinson event, traditional dinner and entertainment



Scenes from City Park



Scenes from Legend Buttes Golf Course



Municipal Swimming Pool



Rodeo Arena

In the spring of 2006, the mammoths returned to western Nebraska in a new “Clash of the Titans” exhibit at the Trailside Museum in Fort Robinson State Park. The fossils, a one-of-a-kind find, are featured as they were found with their tusks locked in mortal combat.

People can walk around the exhibit and see the mammoths as they were found in 1962. In addition to the new exhibit is a mural of the dramatic scene of the mammoths’ death as envisioned by Nebraska artist Mark Marcuson. The mural is painted on the wall behind the exhibit. For more information, call (308) 665-2929 or visit www.trailside.unl.edu.

Cultural activities include the Post Playhouse Summer Theater, Art Guild, and the Western Art Show on July 4th at Fort Robinson State Park. Chadron State College in Chadron, 24 miles, also has seasonal theater, music, dance, art displays, cultural organizations, and student activities.

Other Attractions

Fort Robinson, Nebraska’s largest state park, is located three miles west of Crawford. This park serves as a tourist center and vacation headquarters for an average of 380,000 persons each season (April 15 to November 15). Here Nebraska’s most famous military outpost stands almost as it was 90 years ago. The old double veranda, brick-barracks building now houses a hotel and cafe. The former adobe and brick officer’s quarters have been converted to rental cabins complete with modern housekeeping facilities and appliances. The park also has camping facilities, live theatre nightly (summer season), swimming pool, concrete tennis courts, horseback riding facilities, and fast-running cold water streams for trout fishing. Buffalo and long-horn cattle roam the pastures of Fort Robinson and bighorn sheep can be seen in the area.

Fort Robinson was established by the Army in 1874 for the control of the Indians assigned to the Red Cloud Agency. At that time the agency was home for more than 10,000 Oglala Sioux, Cheyenne, and Arapahoes. In later years Fort Robinson played an important role in protecting western settlement.

Named after Lt. Levi H. Robinson who was killed near Ft. Laramie in 1874, the post stood as a bulwark between the white settlers and the “weary-of-being-pushed-back” Indians. Visitors touring the fort are reminded of the days of the gold rush to the Black Hills and the resulting Indian wars as they hike the ruts of the Sidney-Deadwood Trail, stand on the site of the Red Cloud Indian Agency, and wander through the various reconstructed and restored structures maintained by the Nebraska State Historical Society.

Since the early days, the 22,000 acres of the post were used for training purposes. After World War I, Fort Robinson was turned over to the Quarter-Master Corps to be developed into a remount depot. From that time until the post was abandoned by the Army in 1948, thousands of horses were received and conditioned for calvary and artillery use. During the Second World War, the post was also utilized as a war dog training center and a Prisoner of War camp. After the war, Fort Robinson was used by the USDA and the University of Nebraska as a beef research center. The old post headquarters building was dedicated as a State Historical Society museum in 1956.

The Crawford area is also known for its **World Class Fossils**, a geological find. Many artifacts are on display at the University of Nebraska Trailside Museum at Fort Robinson. Included in the many displays is a Columbian Mammoth skeleton.

A short distance away is the **Agate Fossil Beds National Monument**, known for its World Class Miocene Mammal Fossils.

The **Chadron State Park**, established by the State Legislature in 1921, consists of 1,500 acres of buttes and wooded hills in the Pine Ridge area, 31 miles from Crawford. The entrance to the park is adjacent to U.S. Highway 385, approximately 10 miles south of Chadron. The park, Nebraska’s most beautiful, was developed, to a large degree, by Civilian Conservation Corporation (CCC) forces; and the State Game and Parks Commission has since maintained and added improvements annually. The park facilities include administration and

maintenance buildings, 22 fully equipped rental cabins, numerous camping facilities, supervised swimming pool, 3.5-acre lake, rental rowboats, bridle paths and trails, and trout streams.

Toadstool Park is located 2 miles west of State Highway 2, approximately 17 miles north of Crawford. The rock formations in the park display the result of thousands of years of erosion. The area is a rock hound paradise where hunters find fairburn agate and Nebraska's gem stone, the blue agate.

The memorable **surrender site of Red Cloud**, famous Sioux Indian Chief, is located just 20 miles northeast of Crawford. Also located in the area, just north of Chadron on the Sioux Indian Reservation, is the famous **Wounded Knee Battlefield**. Among the many historic sites in the region are **Breakneck Hill**, the 1875 **Treaty Tree**, the **Cody-Yellowhand Battlefield**, **Camp Sheridan and Spotted Tail Agency**, and **James Bordeaux's Restored Fur Trade Post** (the Museum of the Fur Trade).

Within a 120-mile area to the north of Crawford are many more world-famous tourist attractions such as **Evans Plunge** at Hot Springs, South Dakota; the scenic **Black Hills**; **Mount Rushmore Monument**; **Chief Crazy Horse Monument**; **Mount Coolidge Observatory**; ranger stations; the **Badlands' Wind Cave and National Park**; and the **Custer State Park** which is inhabited with deer, elk, bighorn sheep, burros, groundhogs, huge buffalo herds, and other wildlife species.

The Crawford area is a sportsman's paradise. The big game hunter has many thousands of acres of rugged country to stalk and bag the mule deer and pronghorn antelope. The hunting of wild turkey twice a year is a thrill of a lifetime. The Crawford deer checking station is a busy place when deer season is underway. Not only big game hunting, but also upland game species, can be found in the area (grouse, pheasant, and prairie chicken). For the fisherman, there are trout, bass, crappie, and walleye.

HOUSING

New Construction

Three new homes were constructed in the past two years. The cost of new home construction averaged \$80,000 in the past five years. Five building permits for single-unit houses were issued in the last five years.

Housing Market (as of 12/30/10):

Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family - 15

Avg. Selling Prices (New and Existing)

Single Family Home

1,500–2,100 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom \$60,000

1,300 sq. ft. - 4 bedroom \$55,000

1,000–1,400 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom \$32,000

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

Less than \$100,000 15

Rentals

Apartment - 2 bedroom \$375

Apartment Vacancy Rate 10%

Retirement Housing

Ponderosa Settlement consists of 18 units built in 1975. Special features include a community room and central laundry room. The Peabody Hale Park is located across the street from the facility.

FINANCIAL

Financial institution in Crawford:

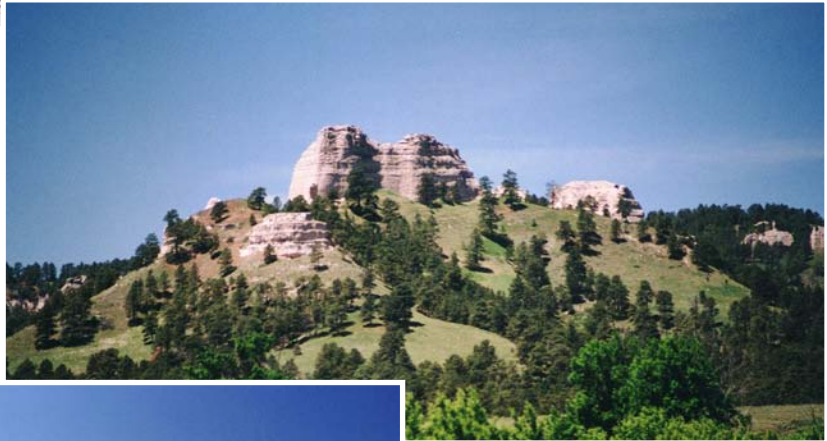
Security First Bank



Scenes from Fort Robinson



Stage Coach at
Fort Robinson



Saddlerock Near
Fort Robinson



Lover's Leap Near
Fort Robinson



Crow Butte East of Crawford

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL

Attorneys	1
Auctioneers	1
Dentists	3
Medical Doctors (visiting specialists in Crawford)	
—general practitioners	3
Nurse Practitioners	1
Nurses, Registered	3
Pharmacists	1
Veterinarians	1

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Agricultural Implement Dealers	1	
Antique Shops	2	
Appliance Stores	1	
Auto Repair & Service	2	
Auto Supply Parts	1	
Automobile Dealers (used)	1	
Aviation Seeders & Sprayers	1	
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums	4	
Beauty Salons & Barber Shops	3	
Bed & Breakfasts	3	(12 rooms)
Boot & Saddle Shops	2	
Caterers	2	
Child Care Services	1	
Contractors—carpentry	6	
—concrete	1	
—electric	1	
—excavating	2	
—general (commercial & residential)	3	
—gravel	3	
—heating & air conditioning	1	
—painting	1	
—plumbing	1	
—remodeling	6	
—well digging	2	
Convenience Stores	3	
Copying & Duplicating Services	1	
Craft Stores	1	
Farm/Ranch Supplies	1	
Fertilizer Suppliers	1	
Floral Shops	1	
Gift Shops	2	
Grocery Stores	1	
Hardware Stores	1	

Insurance Companies	2	
Laundries (self-service)	1	
Lumberyards	1	
Meat Processors	1	
Motels	3	(71 rooms)
Nurseries & Garden Centers	1	
Pharmacies	1	
Photography Studios	1	
Preschools	1	
Real Estate Firms	1	
Restaurants	5	
Service Stations	1	
Solid Waste Removal Services	1	
Variety Stores	1	



Ponderosa Settlement



Housing

AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

AGRICULTURE

2007 Statistics	Dawes County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	469	47,712
Land in Farms (acres)	848,753	45,480,358
Average Size of Farms (acres)	1,810	953
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$45,837,000	\$15,506,035,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$97,732	\$324,992
Total Acres Irrigated	17,572	8,558,559
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	2.1%	18.8%
Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2005–2009)		
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)	64,824 tons	4,008,400 tons
Winter Wheat All	1,372,820 bu.	72,880,000 bu.
Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2006–2010)		
All Cattle	60,600	6,450,000

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

RAW MATERIALS

A large sea-level salt bed (a non-metallic mineral) is found in the area, however, there are no metallic minerals available locally.

Ponderosa Pine timber is available in the Pine Ridge area (consisting of three counties—Dawes, Sheridan, and Sioux). The most recent Nebraska Forest Service inventory shows a 100,000-acre forestland base with 50,000 acres considered commercial timberland. Devastating forest fires during the past 50 years have removed more than 100,000 acres from this forestland base. Available woody biomass for renewable energy

production is about 60,000 tons per year. With good forest management, this volume could be increased by 200 percent over the unmanaged conditions that exist today. Since 1990, the Pine Ridge has supplied wood chips for the Chadron State College steam plant, resulting in a \$350,000 per year savings over non-renewable natural gas.

Crow Butte Resources, Inc., mines uranium near Crawford, recovering an average of 700,000 pounds per year producing yellow cake. It is shipped to a conversion facility in Canada for refining, where it can then be sold to be used in the nuclear production of electricity.

CLIMATE

TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature			Precipitation		Humidity*	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	15.8	27.9	40.0	0.60	7.4	76	65
February	18.8	31.1	43.3	0.93	9.5	77	67
March	25.1	38.4	51.6	1.64	12.9	78	63
April	33.0	47.4	61.7	2.60	7.6	75	58
May	44.0	57.9	71.8	3.50	0.1	77	58
June	52.8	66.8	80.8	3.05	0.0	78	58
July	57.8	72.3	86.8	2.79	0.0	77	57
August	56.4	71.4	86.3	1.18	0.0	78	57
September	46.6	61.4	76.2	1.79	1.0	76	55
October	34.9	49.3	63.7	1.86	3.6	75	56
November	23.6	36.0	48.3	0.93	9.3	75	61
December	15.7	28.0	40.3	0.79	10.2	75	64
Annual	35.4	49.0	62.6	21.67	61.7	77	60

*Recorded at Valentine Station

FROST DATA

Average date of Spring “Freeze” probabilities	May 10
Average date of Fall “Freeze” probabilities	September 23
Average length of “Freeze Free” season probabilities	139 days
Average annual number of “heating degree days” based on 65° Fahrenheit	6,466
Average annual number of “cooling degree days” based on 65° Fahrenheit	647
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average)	9
Prevailing wind direction (annual average)	Northwest

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1984–2000, www.hprcc.unl.edu