Welcome to Cass County!

- A community rich in history
- Strong leadership team with continuity of programs and initiatives
- Small town personality with easy access to metro amenities and labor force

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The following pages contain basic information about Plattsmouth, Nebraska. This information was compiled by the City of Plattsmouth, Cass County Nebraska Economic Development and Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community development and quality of life.

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Transportation

Location / Highways
Plattsmouth is located in northeast Cass County at the confluence of the Platte and Missouri Rivers. Plattsmouth is also the county seat of Cass County. U.S. Highways 34 and 75 run north-south on the west edge of town. Plattsmouth is 20 miles south of Omaha, 54 miles northeast of Lincoln, and 165 miles north of Kansas City, Missouri.

Air
The Plattsmouth Municipal Airport has a 5,500 foot paved and lighted runway.

- Eppley Airfield, Omaha, Nebraska 25 miles, 30 minutes
- Lincoln Airport, Lincoln, Nebraska 55 miles, 62 minutes

Trucklines
More than 13,500 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America. The following trucking map is based on Lincoln, Nebraska.

Rail
Two rail mainlines serve Plattsmouth. BNSF Railway Company runs along the east side and Union Pacific Railroad runs along the west side.
Economic Development

Plattsmouth is certified by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development as “ready for economic development.” This certification makes Plattsmouth eligible for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for infrastructure and downtown revitalization improvements. More than $1 million in downtown building improvements have been funded by the private-public partnerships created through CDBG programs. The Nebraska Chapter of the American Planning Association recently recognized Plattsmouth for the successful implementation of its comprehensive plan as it relates to the wide array of improvements in the Main Street Historic District.

Plattsmouth partners with the Cass County Economic Development Council, Nebraska Public Power District, and other investors to recruit new businesses and strengthen those who have already invested in the community. Clear evidence of success is illustrated by recent investments of Vireo Resources, Wilbur Ellis, New Age Manufacturing, Superior Sales and Service, OFC Schmidt Liquid Trucking, Ferrarro Concrete and others to retain and grow industrial jobs in the community. Retail sales have risen more than 20 percent in recent years. Plattsmouth represents 54 percent of all Cass County net retail sales. New retail businesses in recent years include, but are not limited to: Shaw Hardware, Jean Marie Boutique, Cottage Refunk, The Sweet Spot, Fork and Hammer, Hy-Vee, Casey’s, Herban Coffee Lab, DJs Dugout, Runza, Scooter’s Coffee, and others.

Vireo Resources leveraged economic development incentives to expand manufacturing capabilities in Plattsmouth to create an additional 200 new jobs within the community.

Workforce housing is an important part of Plattsmouth’s plan to create and retain jobs. The city recently optioned property along the Washington Avenue corridor and is working with a redeveloper for creative infill housing opportunities. Industrial site development is also a priority with Plattsmouth’s FourMile Industrial Park, with 45 acres available for industrial use, earning “GO READY SITE CERTIFICATION” designation from the Greater Omaha Area Economic Development Partnership. FourMile is the only Cass County site with such designation. For more information on available sites and buildings, visit sites.nppd.com.

Firms with retail sales tax permits in Plattsmouth reported 2019 net taxable retail sales of $68,083,934, while Cass County reported retail sales of $132,927,579.
Economic Trends

Nonfarm employment is essential to rural areas for a number of reasons including second incomes so farmers can stay on the farm. The top chart on the right compares total nonfarm wage and salary employment growth in Cass County with Metropolitan, Non-Metro and Nebraska as a whole. Cass County’s nonfarm employment growth (purple line with diamonds) increased 18.7% (914 jobs) from 2009 to 2019. The Professional and Business Services sector recorded the largest percentage increase in employment between 2009 and 2019 (57.2 percent or 95 jobs). The Trade, Transportation and Utilities sector recorded the largest actual employment increase between 2009 and 2019 (245 jobs or 20.7%). The Manufacturing sector recorded a 50.9% increase Manufacturing employment since 2009 (202 jobs).

The bottom retail sales chart shows a historic perspective of pull factors for Plattsmouth, in Cass County, Nebraska as a whole, and Non-Metro Nebraska. In examining the timeline, you can see the City of Plattsmouth maintained a considerably lower level than the state average (as a whole), and even the Non-Metro average until 2016 when it rose slightly above the Non-Metro average ending the period at 0.81. Cass County was well below the Non-Metro county average throughout the time period, ending the study period at 0.39.

New Age Manufacturing and Hy-Vee continue to contribute to the rising nonfarm wage and salary employment number. Businesses like these are vital to Plattsmouth’s economy.
Cass County is one of the earliest settled counties in the state of Nebraska. Plattsmouth, the county seat, is home to the historical Cass County Courthouse.

### PLATTSMOUTH’S LEADING EMPLOYERS

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<td>Schmidt Transportation</td>
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<td>Superior Sales &amp; Service</td>
<td>Manufacturing/Fabrication</td>
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<td>DJs Dugout</td>
<td>Restaurant</td>
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### Workforce

The Nebraska Department of Labor serves employers and job seekers across Nebraska through its “One Stop Career Centers” located across the state. Services for employers include employee recruitment and screening, posting job openings, tax credit information, and labor market and labor law information. Job seekers can find a full array of employment and training related services including on site services provided by a network of mandatory Workforce Investment Act partners. To learn more about these and other services, visit neworks.nebraska.gov.

### Unionization

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution.
### Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers, 2018

- **U.S. Average:** $19.86
- **NEBRASKA:** $19.47
- **California:** $23.45
- **Colorado:** $26.90
- **Illinois:** $21.30
- **Indiana:** $21.09
- **Iowa:** $19.68
- **Kansas:** $19.95
- **Michigan:** $21.31
- **Minnesota:** $21.71
- **Missouri:** $22.04
- **Pennsylvania:** $20.78
- **Wisconsin:** $20.56


### Average Employer Tax Amount Per Covered Employee, 2019

- **U.S. Average:** $277
- **NEBRASKA:** $88
- **California:** $413
- **Colorado:** $238
- **Illinois:** $335
- **Indiana:** $188
- **Iowa:** $321
- **Kansas:** $200
- **Michigan:** $342
- **Minnesota:** $327
- **Missouri:** $151
- **Pennsylvania:** $239
- **Wisconsin:** $593


### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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<td>Cass County</td>
<td>4.3%</td>
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<td>Nebraska</td>
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<td>United States</td>
<td>8.1%</td>
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**Labor Supply**

The figure below provides labor force information for Cass County residents. These numbers are based on where the labor force participant resides, regardless of where they work. Unemployment decreased 36.7 percent between 2009 and 2019. The unemployment rate in 2019 was 3.3%; above Nebraska as a whole (3.0%). When looking at the 2009 to 2019 time period, total employment (those residents actually working) increased: 0.7% or 92 people.

### WAGE SAMPLING

<table>
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<tr>
<th>JOB TITLE</th>
<th>10TH PERCENTILE</th>
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<td>ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS</td>
<td>21.73</td>
<td>31.19</td>
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<td>COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS</td>
<td>22.45</td>
<td>41.28</td>
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<td>REGISTERED NURSES</td>
<td>25.72</td>
<td>33.05</td>
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<td>RETAIL SALESPEOPLE</td>
<td>10.44</td>
<td>13.00</td>
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<td>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS</td>
<td>13.01</td>
<td>18.17</td>
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<td>CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES</td>
<td>12.95</td>
<td>17.63</td>
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<td>OFFICES CLERKS, GENERAL</td>
<td>10.61</td>
<td>16.82</td>
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<td>ASSEMBLERS AND FABRICATORS, ALL OTHER</td>
<td>10.81</td>
<td>15.46</td>
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<td>LABORERS AND FREIGHT STOCK, MATERIAL MOVES, HAND</td>
<td>11.93</td>
<td>16.39</td>
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<td>MACHINISTS</td>
<td>13.39</td>
<td>20.63</td>
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<td>WELDERS, CUTTERS, SOLDERERS AND BRAZERS</td>
<td>16.70</td>
<td>21.70</td>
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<td>WELDING, SOLDERING, AND BRAZING MACHINE SETTERS</td>
<td>17.63</td>
<td>26.04</td>
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<td>HEAVY AND TRACTOR-TRAILOR TRUCK DRIVERS</td>
<td>17.22</td>
<td>22.97</td>
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<td>ELECTRICIANS</td>
<td>15.02</td>
<td>26.20</td>
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<td>TOOLS AND DIE MAKERS</td>
<td>15.52</td>
<td>24.08</td>
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**NOTE:** Does not included estimated number of homeowners, seasonal and part-time workers, and workers who would shift from low paying jobs who could be expected to work for industry.

**ANNUAL AVERAGE 2019 LABOR SUPPLY**

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<td>NON-FARM WAGE &amp; SALARY WORKERS</td>
<td>215,754</td>
<td>4,415</td>
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<td>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT</td>
<td>298,211</td>
<td>13,117</td>
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<td>LABOR FORCE POPULATION</td>
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<td>ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY</td>
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<td>COMMUTING OUT OF COUNTY (2018)</td>
<td>10,604</td>
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<td>UNEMPLOYED</td>
<td>453</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
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The post office is one of many package delivery services in Plattsmouth.

### Telecommunications & Internet Providers

- Charter Communications
  [www.spectrum.com](http://www.spectrum.com)
- Unite Private Networks
  [www.uniteprivatenetworks.com](http://www.uniteprivatenetworks.com)
- US Cellular
  [www.uscellular.com](http://www.uscellular.com)
- Verizon
  [www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com)
- Windstream
  [www.windstream.com](http://www.windstream.com)

### Post Office & Package Delivery Service

The U.S. Postal Service in Plattsmouth has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily.

Federal Express, United Parcel Service and U.S. Postal Service provide package delivery services in the Plattsmouth area.
Local Government

Plattsmouth is governed by a Mayor-Council form of government, City Administrator and City Clerk.

Cass County has 30 precincts and 13 townships. The county is governed by five county board of commissioners.

Streets

Plattsmouth has 45 miles of streets, 80 percent of the streets are hard-surfaced. Ninety percent of the streets have curbs and 60 percent have sidewalks.

Fire Protection

Fire protection is provided to the city by a 53 member volunteer fire department. Plattsmouth has one fire station and 500 fire hydrants.

Law Enforcement

The City of Plattsmouth employs 15 full-time police officers and three full-time support personnel to provide law enforcement to the community.

The Cass County Sheriff’s Department has 36 sworn deputies. Regular patrol by the sheriff’s department provides protection outside of Plattsmouth’s corporate jurisdiction.

2019 CRIME RATES

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<td>5.0</td>
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<td>NEBRASKA</td>
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<td>U.S. TOTAL</td>
<td>3.4</td>
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Source: ucr.fbi.gov

Tax Structure

Nebraska Tax Incentives

Nebraska’s performance-based tax incentive programs demonstrate the state’s commitment to creating a favorable business environment for your business expansion or location. Known as the “ImagiNE Nebraska Act,” this multi-tiered program provides qualifying businesses with employee payment credits, investment credits, sales and use tax refunds, and personal and property tax exemptions. Qualified companies, large and small can take advantage of these benefits. For more information on the qualifications and potential benefits available to your company, contact the Nebraska Department of Economic Development 800-426-6505 or visit opportunity.nebraska.gov

2021 ACTUAL VALUATION PLATTSOUTH

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<td>Personal Property</td>
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<td>Real Estate</td>
<td>$330,534,855</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>$334,923,529</td>
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2020 TAX RATES PLATTSOUTH

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dollars and cents per $100 of actual value
Utilities

Nebraska Highlights
Energy costs are often a considerable part of any business’ operational budget. These costs can vary greatly between states, but in Nebraska (the only state in the nation where all electric utilities are publicly owned) electric costs are passed to consumers at low, cost-of-service rates. As a result, the state offers industrial rates well below the national average. Nebraska electric utilities achieve low rates, in part, because they draw from a balanced and efficient “mix” of generation resources.

NPPD has an Economic Development Rate (EDR) for customers with qualifying projects of new or additional electric load. To be eligible for the lower, incentivized EDR, a customer must be served by an NPPD wholesale utility customer or NPPD’s Retail Division. The project must add new or additional electric load of at least one megawatt, and have a minimum monthly load factor of 60 percent. The customer must enter into a written agreement with State of Nebraska or any political subdivision to provide an economic development project pursuant to state or local law and have a written service agreement with NPPD.

Electricity
The City of Plattsmouth is provided retail electric service by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). A 69 kV subtransmition system serves three distribution substations throughout the city. The distribution system within Plattsmouth operates at 12.5 kV.

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

Natural Gas
Black Hills Energy is a retail supplier of natural gas in Plattsmouth. For more information, visit www.blackhillsenergy.com.

Water & Sewerage
The City of Plattsmouth owns and operates its own water supply and distribution system which consists of six wells and treatment system with a daily capacity of 3 million gallons. The City’s sewer system consists primarily of a gravity-based collection system and treatment plant with a daily capacity of 1.5 million gallons, an average daily flow of .850 million gallons per day.

On March 14, 2019, most of the Platte and Missouri River basins, including Plattsmouth, experienced record flooding. This was the most severe flood on record for the city of Plattsmouth. Plattsmouth’s well field, water treatment plant and wastewater plant were offline for months.

The flood event was a federally declared disaster. Working with FEMA and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), clean up and temporary repairs were made at costs exceeding $6 million. Long-term recovery is underway, with the most likely scenario being a new wastewater treatment plant constructed out of the floodplain. As for drinking water, the most economically feasible option appears to be connection to the Metropolitan Utilities District.

Plattsmouth will fund the options above through FEMA and NEMA recovery and long-term state revolving loan funds obtained through the State of Nebraska.

Recycling
Recyclables are collected by three private companies. The following items are accepted: aluminum, paper, all plastics, corrugated cardboard, and yard waste. Once a year electronics are offered to be recycled as well.
Education

The elementary school (left), middle school (center) and high school (right) all provide exceptional education to Plattsmouth’s youth.

The Wall-to-Wall program’s vision is that graduates will have and continue to develop the foundational skills, experiences and awareness of career opportunities needed to compete in a global workplace.

Plattsmouth School District
Plattsmouth Community School District in Cass County covers approximately 70 square miles. Bus services are provided between the communities.

This Class 3 school is accredited by Nebraska Frameworks. For more information, visit www.pcsd.org.

2020 ACT SCORES

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Source: Nebraska Department of Education

Career Education Program
The Wall-to-Wall program works in partnership to develop career-ready graduates who apply their personal strengths, talents, experiences and continuing education to bring value to their workplace, community and career through their performance, skill, diligence, ethics and responsible behavior. The program’s vision is that graduates will have and continue to develop the foundational skills, experiences and awareness of career opportunities needed to compete in a global workplace. They will apply appropriate academic and technical skills, communicate effectively, and utilize applicable technology in their work environment. Plattsmouth graduates will solve problems, use critical thinking, and demonstrate innovation and creativity. They will model ethical leadership and effective management, work productively in teams, and demonstrate cultural competency. Graduates will also be reflective and forward thinkers as they manage their career development and attend to personal and financial well-being.

Educational Service Unit
Educational Service Unit 3 (ESU), headquartered in LaVista, serves 18 counties including Cass County. For more information regarding services, visit www.esu3.org.

Higher Education
Southeast Community College’s remote learning center is located in Plattsmouth. Other institutions are also in close proximity.

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<td>HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)</td>
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Quality of Life

Hospital
The Bellevue Medical Center is located in Bellevue, 11 miles north of Plattsmouth. This not-for-profit hospital is an affiliate of the University of Nebraska Medical Center with 91 beds. Nebraska Medicine also operates an urgent care in Plattsmouth. For more information, visit www.nebraskamed.com.

Emergency Medical Services
Plattsmouth has a combination paid paramedic/EMT EMS system supplemented by motivated and qualified volunteers. The department averages 91 emergency runs per month and is out the door in less than one minute in most calls. The Fire/Rescue district covers more than 70 square miles. Average response time is less than seven minutes to remote calls but less than four minutes to 80 percent of calls.

Nursing Homes / Independent / Assisted Living
- Plattsmouth Care & Rehab
- Masonic Home
- Woodbridge

Housing
Forty new homes were constructed between 2019-2021.

Churches (Denomination)
- Baptist
- Catholic
- Christian Church
- Episcopalian
- Evangelical
- Jehovah’s Witness
- Lutheran
- Methodist
- Mormon/Latter-Day Saints
- Nondenominational
- Presbyterian
- Protestant
- Seventh-Day Adventist

Library
The Plattsmouth Public Library offers books, audiobooks, movies, video-games, tables, chairs and more for checkout. Staff will help visitors with the public computers. Programs and services include story times, lamination, laser cutter, DVD cleaning, copying, faxing, scanning, and free wifi. Delivery is available for the homebound.

Financial Institutions
- Cass County Bank
- Cobalt Credit Union
- Plattsmouth State Bank

Edward Jones Investment is one of many businesses in Plattsmouth’s Historic Downtown.
Recreation
There are three city parks in Plattsmouth covering 30 acres. Rhylander Park is equipped with baseball, softball, and soccer fields; playground equipment; a walking/jogging trail; a pavilion and gazebo; and rest rooms. Garfield Park is a late 19th century presidential design park with floral gardens, gazebo and grandstand, and rest rooms. Memorial Park offers disc golf, playground equipment, picnic shelter, and rest rooms.

Additional recreational activities include the Plattsmouth Community Center and Twin Rivers Water Park. For more information visit www.plattsmouth.org.

Historic Downtown
Much of the Plattsmouth Main Street downtown area was constructed in the late 1800s. It is listed as an Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. Main Street is the cultural heartbeat of Plattsmouth. Since 2010, the City and private property owners have invested well over $8 million in public and private improvements, including a streetscape that was designed to reflect the architectural character of the District. The Historic District also serves as the venue for several large-scale community events sponsored by the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. Those events include Food Truck Wars, Cruizin’ Main, and the annual Harvest Festival.

Events

Food Truck Wars • June
Food trucks competing against other food trucks for cash prizes and other recognition. Food, fun, and music on the City’s outdoor stage in the middle of the Historic District.

Cruizin’ Main • September
Large classic car show and shine. The event draws more than 600 classic cars and trucks.

Harvest Festival • September
The Festival includes a parade, a tractor pull, a kiddie parade and many other activities, including a Friday evening fireworks show and music on the outdoor stage.
Nebraska’s top five agricultural exports in 2019 were soybeans and soybean products, beef, corn, pork, and ethanol. Nebraska’s farms and ranches utilized 44.9 million acres or 92 percent of the state’s total land area. Cash receipts from farm markets in 2019 contributed more than $21.4 billion to the state’s economy and 5.8 percent of the U.S. total. Food processing is the state’s largest manufacturing sector and foreign markets are important for many of the state’s manufacturers.

The Ogallala Aquifer underlies 174,000 square miles in parts of eight states. The Ogallala Aquifer within Nebraska contains approximately 65 percent of the water storage in the entire aquifer. With the implementation of more efficient irrigation systems and other water management measures, the Ogallala Aquifer will remain a valuable resource in Nebraska.

Nebraska’s Natural Resource Districts (NRDs) have responsibility for managing groundwater resources. The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources maintains responsibility for administration of surface water rights. In locations where groundwater and surface water are connected, the responsibility is shared among the NRDs and the state for achieving a sustainable balance between water supplies and water use.
Climate

Nebraska has a continental climate, with hot summers and cold winters. Temperatures are highly variable from season to season and year to year.

Precipitation is also variable and ranges from an annual average of 15–20 inches in the west to 30–35 inches in southeast Nebraska.

The growing season in Nebraska fluctuates in length, but on average it ranges from 120 days in the extreme northwest to 170 days in the southeast.

For more information regarding Nebraska’s climate, visit High Plains Climate Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln at www.hprcc.unl.edu.
“Plattsmouth is a community with incredible energy. I was attracted to the community because of the planned improvements and great community leaders.”

– Emily Bausch, Assistant City Administrator/Public Works Director

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