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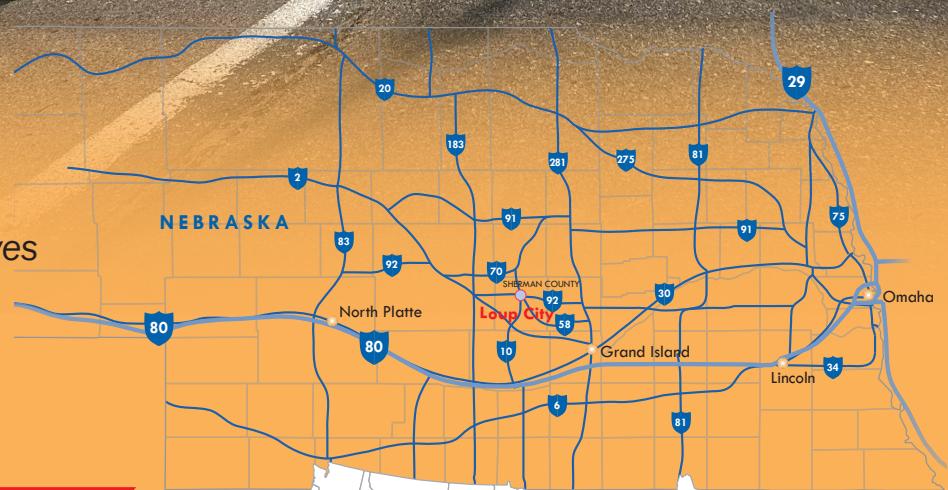
Loup City

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- ▶ The Polish Capital of Nebraska
- ▶ Destination for outdoor recreation and scenic drives

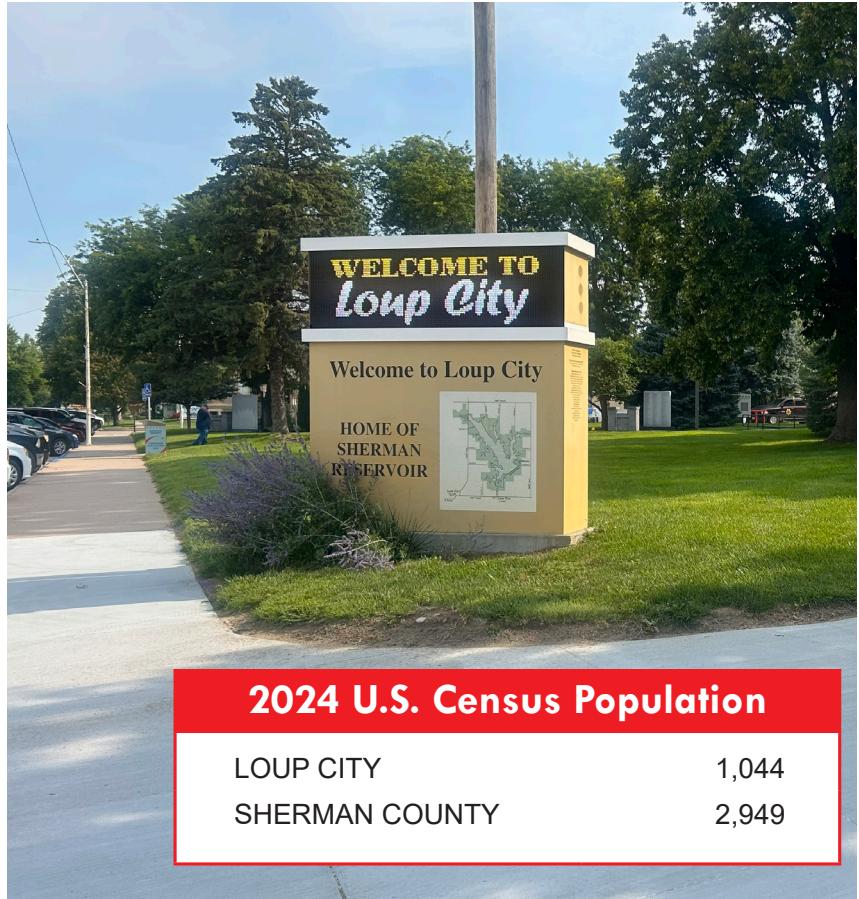


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2024 U.S. Census Population

LOUP CITY	1,044
SHERMAN COUNTY	2,949

The following pages contain basic information about Loup City, Nebraska.

This information was compiled by Sherman County Economic Development, Inc. (SCED), City of Loup City, Sherman County Clerk, Loup City Public School, Loup City Public Works Department, Loup City Fire & Rescue, and Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community development and quality of life.

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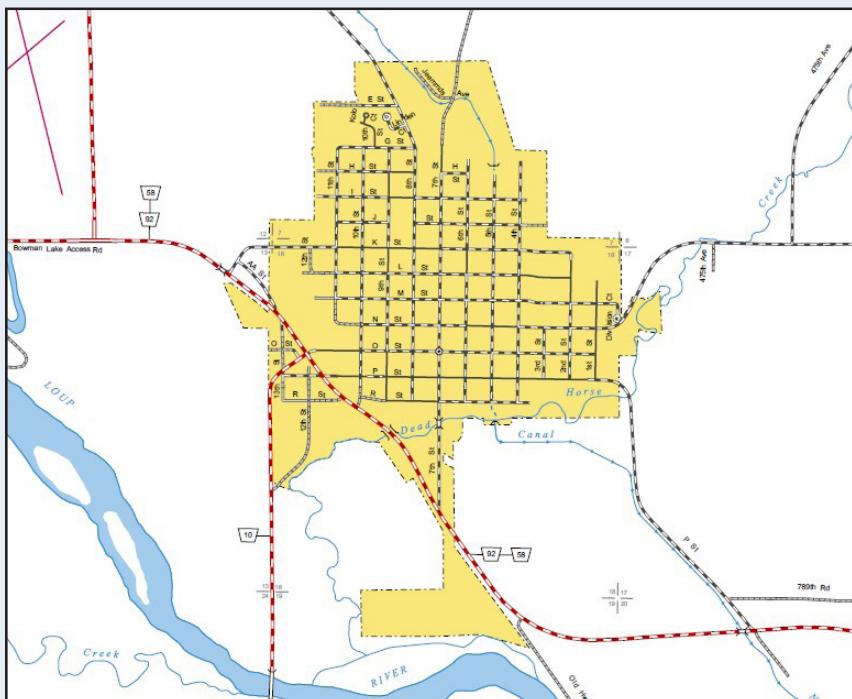
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Jenners Park



Werner Park



Geography

Location

Loup City is located in Sherman County in central Nebraska, close to the Middle Loup River and five miles from the Sherman Reservoir. Loup City is the county seat of Sherman County. Nebraska Highways 10, 58, and 92 run through Loup City. Kearney is 45 miles south and Grand Island is 47 miles southeast of Loup City, Nebraska.

Elevation

Loup City 2,070 feet above sea level.



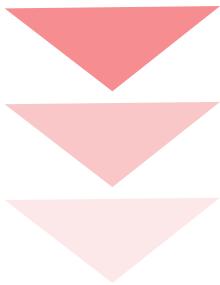
Ash Hollow Coffee

Economic Development

Sherman County Economic Development, Inc. (SCED) is a nonprofit organization based in Loup City, Nebraska, dedicated to strengthening the local economy and enhancing quality of life across Sherman County. With a mission to grow housing, support business development, and attract new residents, SCED plays a vital role in shaping the county's future. The organization is led by a volunteer board of directors and a full-time executive director who work closely with community members and partners to bring meaningful projects to life.

SCED supports a wide range of initiatives that directly benefit residents and businesses. These include developing affordable and senior housing, promoting new subdivisions, and offering technical assistance to both new and expanding companies. The organization also administers the LB840 local option sales tax fund, which provides financial support for community and economic development projects. In addition, SCED partners with regional organizations like the Central Nebraska Economic Development District (CNEDD) to offer services such as business marketing, financial planning, and goal-setting.

Beyond traditional economic development, SCED is committed to improving everyday life in Sherman County. The organization works to expand access to childcare, supports the construction of spec homes to meet housing demand, and helps local entrepreneurs through training, resources, and one-on-one guidance. SCED also promotes tourism, community events, and outreach efforts that celebrate the county's identity and help drive long-term growth. Through these efforts, SCED continues to be a driving force behind a stronger, more vibrant Sherman County.



Colony Restaurant



Sherman County Sprouts
Child Development Center

For more information on available
sites and buildings go to
sites.nppd.com

Firms with retail sales tax permits in
Loup City reported 2024 net taxable
retail sales of \$10,610,323, while
Sherman County reported retail sales of
\$12,710,024.



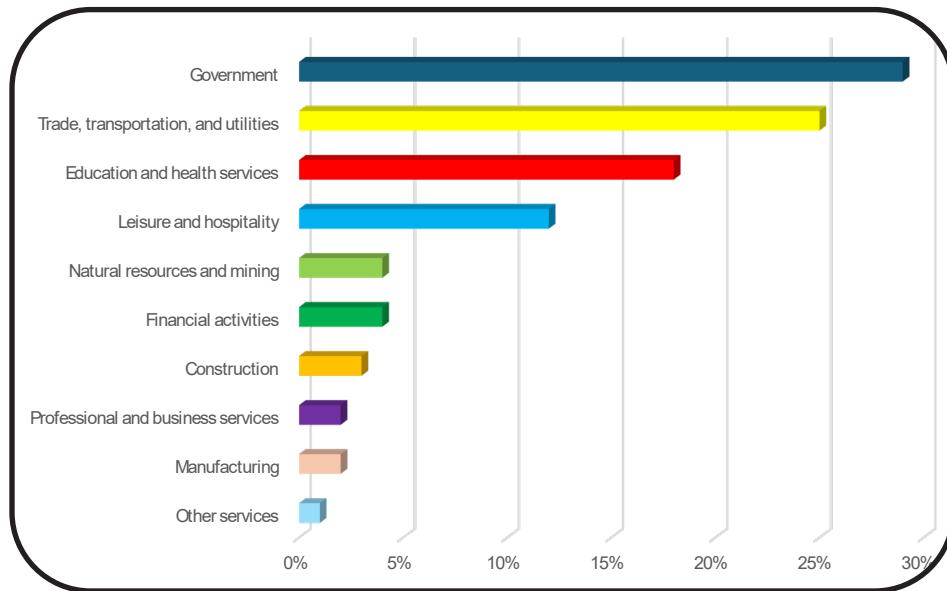
Sherman County Sprouts playground

LOUP CITY TOP EMPLOYERS

EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	EMPLOYEES
Loup City Public Schools	Education	69
Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership	Healthcare	41
Trotter's Inc.	Agriculture	33
Sherman County Courthouse	Government	29



Sherman County Labor Force 2024

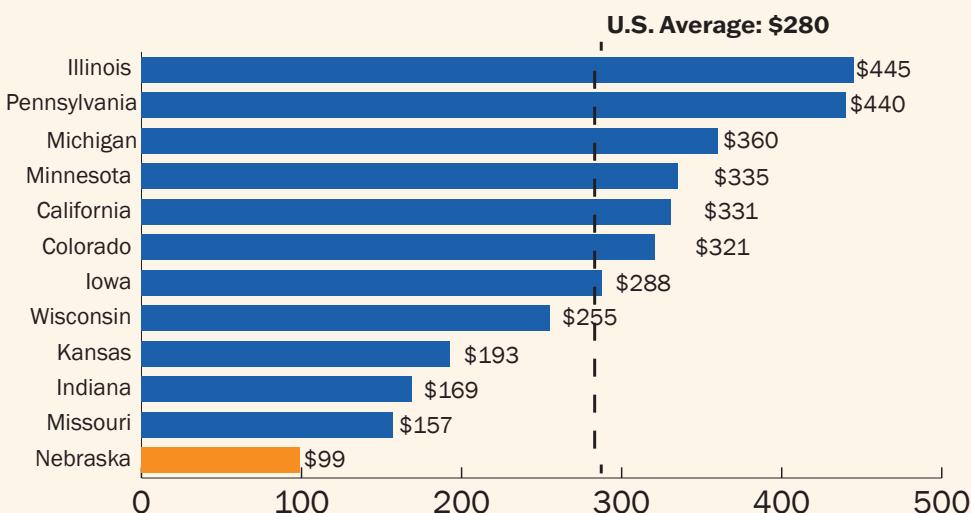


Park Shelter



Old Salt Boathouse

Average Annual Unemployment Insurance Contribution per Employee, 2023



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023

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.

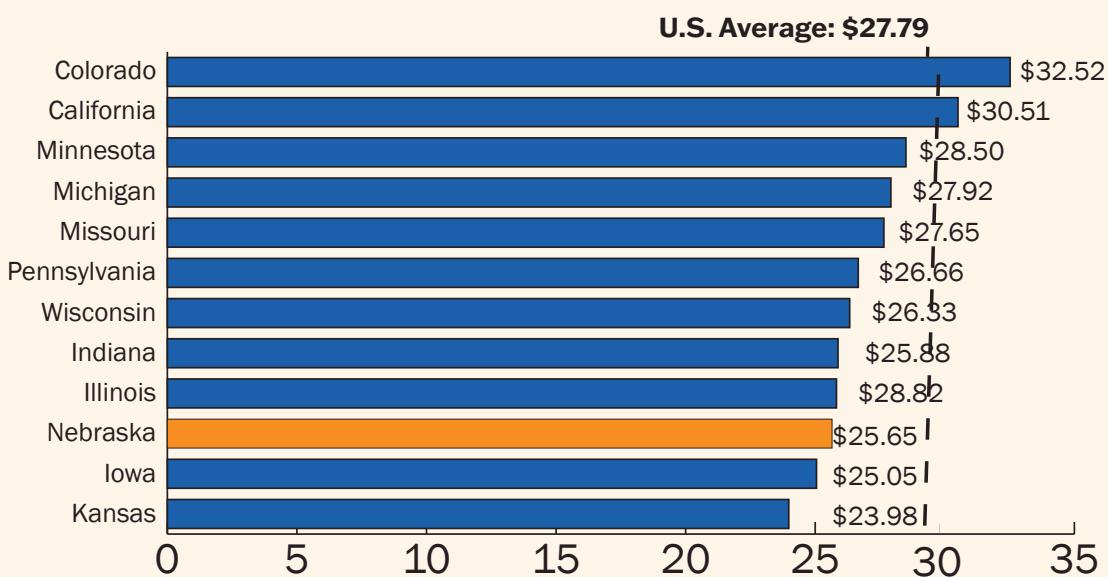
WAGE SAMPLING

Hourly wages rates for various occupations, Central Region, Nebraska

JOB TITLE	ENTRY LEVEL	MEDIAN	EXPERIENCED
ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS	\$22.59	\$32.05	\$42.07
CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES	\$16.07	\$18.86	\$22.39
ELECTRICIANS	\$19.38	\$24.32	\$30.76
HEAVY AND TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCK DRIVERS	\$19.08	\$24.05	\$29.26
LABORERS AND FREIGHT STOCK, MATERIAL MOVES, HAND	\$19.60	\$19.41	\$22.06
MACHINISTS	\$18.78	\$23.66	\$27.67
MISCELLANEOUS ASSEMBLERS AND FABRICATORS	\$18.83	\$21.91	\$22.82
OFFICE CLERKS	\$13.16	\$17.42	\$19.94
REGISTERED NURSES	\$31.63	\$39.19	\$43.24
RETAIL SALESPERSON	\$13.22	\$15.00	\$19.31
SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS, EXCEPT LEGAL, MEDICAL, AND EXECUTIVE	\$16.60	\$20.85	\$24.04
TOOL AND DIE MAKERS	\$26.35	\$37.75	\$37.32
WELDING, SOLDERING, AND BRAZING MACHINE SETTERS	\$20.69	\$24.52	\$27.83

Source: Nebraska Workforce of Labor, Labor Market Information, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics 2nd Quarter 2025.

Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers, 2024



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2024

Unionization

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution. In 2024, 6.8 percent of Nebraska's wage and salary workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 9.9 percent.

Local Labor Unions

United States Post Office -

American Postal Workers Union/
National Association of Letter
Carriers

Fringe Benefits

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range from 30 to 52 percent of wages, reflecting costs such as health insurance, retirement contributions, and paid leave.



Jennifer Smydra CPA

ANNUAL AVERAGE 2024 LABOR SUPPLY

*Contiguous Nebraska counties include Buffalo, Custer, Hall, Howard, Greeley, Valley.

	SHERMAN COUNTY & CONTIGUOUS*	SHERMAN COUNTY
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY WORKERS	73,329	724
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	75,173	1,473
LABOR FORCE POPULATION	77,236	1,515
ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY		
COMMUTING OUT OF COUNTY (2022)		842
UNEMPLOYED		42
TOTAL	844	

NOTE: Does not include 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.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 2024

	PERCENT
SHERMAN COUNTY	2.8%
NEBRASKA	2.8%
UNITED STATES	4.0%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Market Access

Highways

Loup City sits on the Middle Loup River, located in central part of the state. Nebraska Highways 10, 58, and 92 run through the town.

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 Kearney, Nebraska, 45 miles southwest of Loup City.

Rail

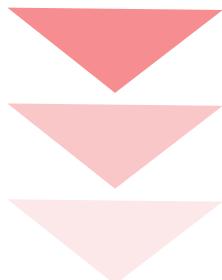
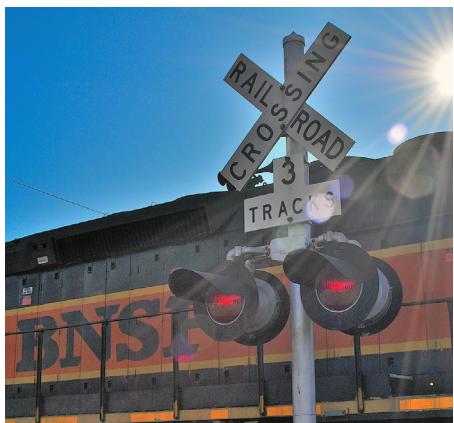
BNSF Railway is the main line that serves Loup City. It is located 21 miles south in Ravenna, Nebraska.

Air

The Loup City Municipal Airport (OF4) is located one mile northwest of the city. The 3,720 foot runway is paved and lighted.

Nearest Commercial Air Service:

- Kearney Regional Airport
Kearney, Nebraska
46 miles, 47 minutes
- Grand Island Central Regional Airport
Grand Island, Nebraska
49 miles, 51 minutes
- Eppley Airfield
Omaha, Nebraska
174 miles, 172 minutes
- Lincoln Regional Airport
Lincoln, Nebraska
141 miles, 134 minutes





Communications

Telecommunications & Internet Providers

Prairie Hills

prairiehillswireless.com

Phone/Internet

Spectrum

spectrum.com

Phone/Internet

Viaero Wireless

viaero.com

Phone/Internet

Radio Stations

- KBEAR - KBYR (92.3 FM)
- KNLV-FM (103.9 FM)
- KRNY/Y102 - (102.3 FM)
- KSYZ (107.7 FM)
- KQKY (105.9 FM)
- KRGJ (96.5)
- KRVN (880 AM or 93.1FM)

Post Office & Package Delivery Service

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

Federal Express, United Parcel Service, and U.S. Postal Service provide package delivery services in the Loup City area.

Newspapers

Sherman County Times delivers a weekly paper. Other newspapers delivered locally include the *Grand Island Independent* and the *Omaha World-Herald*.

Nebraska Highlights

Energy costs are 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, industrial rates are well below the national average. Nebraska's electric utilities can offer low rates, in part, because they draw from an efficient "mix" of generation resources including coal, natural gas, oil, diesel, and methane, along with carbon-free "fuels," like nuclear, wind, hydro, and solar power.

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) is the state's largest electric generating utility in terms of chartered territory, which includes all or parts of 84 of Nebraska's 93 counties. NPPD relies upon 9 major generating facilities, more than 5,000 miles of high-voltage power lines, approximately 260 substations, and thousands more miles of distribution lines. Because the system is interconnected to electrical grids in other states, NPPD works with regional utilities and industry entities to ensure power is delivered safely and dependably to Nebraskans.

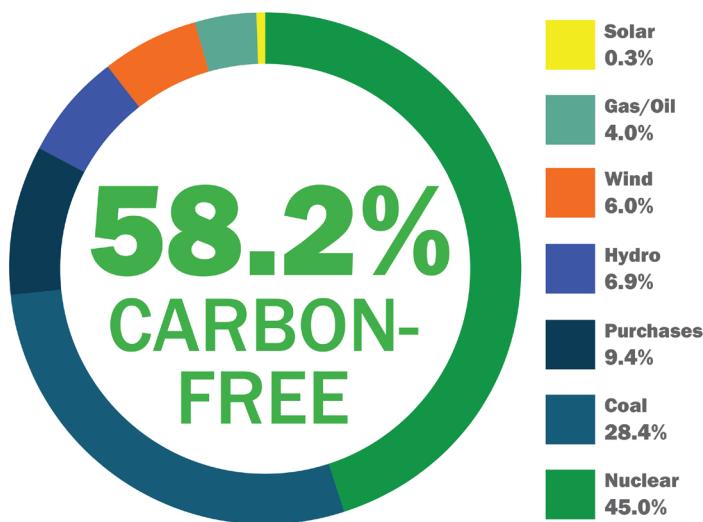
NPPD's renewable resources play a central role in a strong carbon-free footprint. In addition to a power purchase agreement with seven of the state's wind farms, NPPD owns and operates the largest public power wind facility in the state near Ainsworth.

NPPD has three hydropower facilities and contracts for generation from three other hydropower facilities. Community solar is available in seven communities, with more on the way. In 2023, NPPD's Cooper Nuclear Station contributed to an energy portfolio that was more than 58.2 percent carbon-free.

Infrastructure

NPPD ENERGY GENERATION RESOURCES FOR NEBRASKA CUSTOMERS

2023-2024 Rolling Two-Year Average



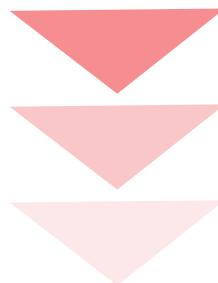
Natural gas in Nebraska is also attractive to industry for service, supply, and price. A gas-producing state, Nebraska is close and well-connected by pipeline to the major gas fields of the central and southern plains. The state's average cost of industrial gas is less than both the regional and national averages.

Utilities

Electricity

Loup City is provided retail electric service by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). Service is supplied by one 34.5 kV substation feed to one substation with a 6.25 MVA transformer, with two 4.16 kV distribution circuits.

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



Average Retail Price of Energy Costs

	Electric (Cents per Kilowatt Hour 2024)			Natural Gas (Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet 2024)		
	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
U.S. Average	16.48	12.85	8.15	14.59	10.14	3.93
NEBRASKA	11.74	8.70	7.53	10.79	7.52	4.37
California	31.86	25.29	21.98	21.85	13.86	11.38
Colorado	15.06	11.84	8.78	10.56	8.67	7.59
Illinois	15.92	11.77	9.16	11.57	8.96	6.54
Indiana	14.84	12.62	7.99	11.64	7.86	4.91
Iowa	13.55	10.35	6.85	10.38	7.63	5.65
Kansas	14.22	11.23	7.67	12.55	9.89	5.56
Massachusetts	29.35	20.96	18.13	21.80	15.70	13.20
Michigan	19.29	13.99	8.27	10.77	9.34	7.57
Minnesota	15.42	12.22	9.14	10.66	8.26	6.18
Missouri	12.91	10.29	7.90	14.84	12.12	7.98
Nevada	15.00	10.47	8.49	18.69	13.69	10.69
New Jersey	16.40	14.78	12.02	13.03	11.14	7.96
New York	24.37	18.83	9.11	16.57	9.64	10.77
Ohio	16.07	10.78	7.16	13.67	7.84	7.73
Pennsylvania	17.79	11.01	7.84	13.65	10.88	9.38
Wisconsin	17.22	12.65	8.52	10.08	7.40	5.76



Nebraska's
Energy Costs
are among
the lowest in
the Nation

Natural Gas

Black Hills Energy, a subsidiary of Black Hills Corp. serves 302,000 natural gas customers in 319 Nebraska communities and is proud to provide natural gas to residents and businesses in Loup City and surrounding areas. Black Hills Energy's Nebraska headquarters is located in Lincoln.

Black Hills Energy is the distributor of natural gas in Loup City. The transmission provider is Northern Natural Gas. Natural Gas in Loup City is provided by a 6" line with 70 pounds per square inch (PSI), with an average value of 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, and 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.

Black Hills—Nebraska interconnects with or laterals off Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission (TIGT) and Trailblazer pipelines.

More than just a natural gas company, Black Hills Energy prides itself on being a community partner investing in economic and community development projects that help the communities it serves to thrive and grow.

In 2024, \$823,000 in charitable giving was distributed throughout the state. This included contributions and sponsorships to nonprofits, chambers and economic development organization, United Way, energy assistance, in-kind donations, scholarships and investments in trees. In addition, Black Hills Energy employees dedicated more than 4,000 hours of time to volunteering in their communities.

To learn more about Black Hills Energy, visit blackhillsenergy.com. Rate information can be obtained by contacting the business development department at (888) 890-5554.

Water

The municipal water system in Loup City is supplied by two wells, which have an average depth of 15,824 feet. The system, serving the entire city, has a combined pumping capacity of 1,025 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 100,000 gallons. The underground storage capacity is 450,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 2,026,000 gallons per day.

Sewerage

Loup City has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The Loup City activated sludge plant was updated in 2003 and has an average daily flow of 70,000 gallons.

Recycling

The City of Loup City collects recyclables for Schaupps Disposal. Items collected are: paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and containers, glass bottles and jars, and metal cans. Plastics accepted are 1-7.



Thrive Physical Therapy & Wellness, LLC



Trade Winds Marina

Tax Structure

Nebraska Highlights

- Nebraska assesses income tax based upon the amount of federal taxable income
- No state property tax
- No inventory tax
- No sales tax on:
 - raw materials when used as ingredients or component parts in manufacturing operations
 - sales of energy for processing or manufacturing purposes
 - water used exclusively in manufacturing and processing
 - qualified agricultural machinery and equipment
 - manufacturing machinery, equipment, and related services
- Sales and use tax refunds are available on qualifying air and water pollution control equipment
- Sales and use tax refunds are available on property qualifying for certain investment incentives

The Nebraska State Government is financed by an individual income tax, corporate income tax, 5.5 percent sales and use tax, corporate occupation

tax, and selective excise taxes (liquor, tobacco, motor fuels, etc.). Local governments are financed primarily by property taxes, although some cities and counties collect a local option sales tax of between 0.5 and 2.0 percent.

Property taxes are levied against real and personal property by local political subdivisions such as counties, cities, school districts, fire districts, etc., to provide for local services. All real property except agricultural land is assessed at actual or market value. Agricultural land is assessed at 75 percent of actual value. Personal property is assessed at net book value. Tax rates are expressed in dollars and cents for each \$100 of actual value.

Market value is determined by each county assessor through professionally accepted mass appraisal methods, which include, but are not limited to:

- Comparison with sales of real property of known or recognized value, taking into account location, zoning, current

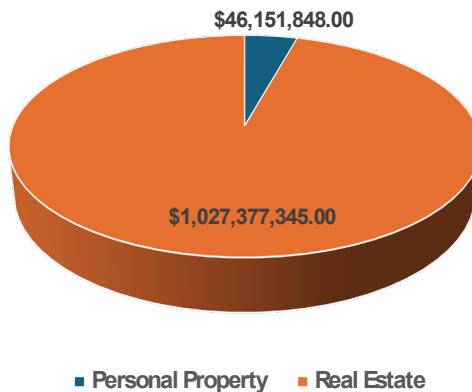
- functional use, and other statutory guidelines (sales comparison approach)
- Earning capacity of the real property (income approach)
- Cost less depreciation (cost approach)

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 at 800-426-6505 or visit opportunity.nebraska.gov.

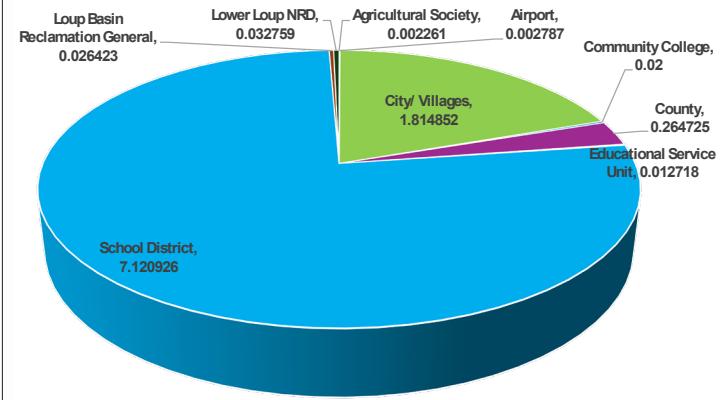
2024 ACTUAL VALUATION LOUP CITY



TOTAL

\$1,073,529,193

2024 TAX RATES LOUP CITY





Sherman County Courthouse



Local Government

Loup City a second-class city, has a mayor-council form of government with a city clerk. The 2024-25 actual budget is \$3,660,449.

Sherman County has six precincts, 30 townships, and is governed by the Sherman County Board of Commissioners. There are three elected commissioners. The actual county budget for 2024-25 is \$2,927,569.

Fire Protection

Fire protection is provided by Loup City Fire Department. It is a 35-member volunteer fire department.

Loup City has one fire station and 86 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits and outside it is 7. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$208,607.

The Rural Fire District provides protection to areas outside the community and responds to mutual aid calls with area communities.

Sheriff

The Sherman County Sheriff's Department has nine sworn officers and one support personnel. Equipment in the department includes six units, one K9 unit, radar trailer and statewide radio system.

For more information on Loup City's local government, visit shermancounty.nebraska.gov

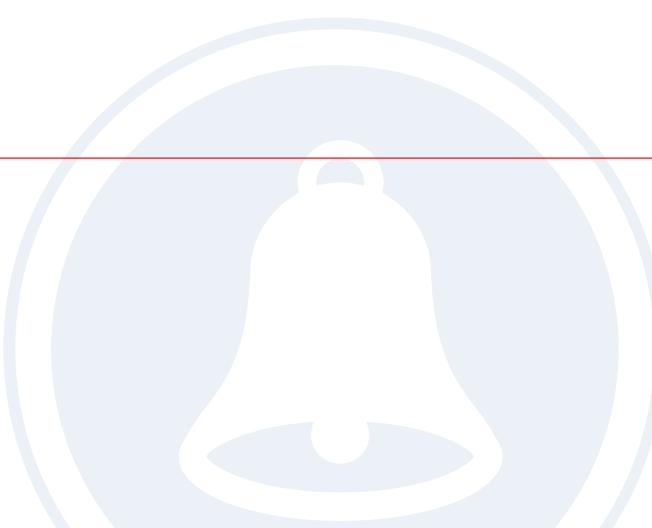
Streets

Loup City has 52.52 miles of streets; Ninety-five percent are hard-surfaced, Ten percent are concrete; five percent are gravel, and 85 percent are asphalt. Eighty-five percent have curbs and 75 percent have sidewalks.

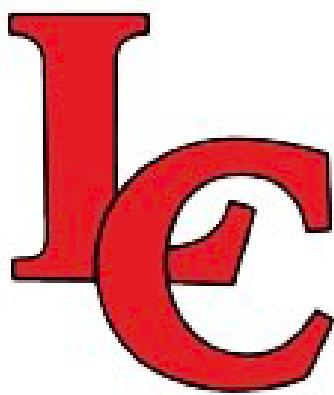


Loup City Fire Station

Education



Loup City Public School



Loup City Public School District

School District No. 3173090 in Sherman and parts of Howard and Valley Counties covers 272 square miles and has a 2024-25 actual valuation of \$746,912,226, with an actual valuation per student of \$2,256,532.

The 2023-24 school operation expenses totaled \$6,251,059, with an average cost per pupil of \$23,897.

Bus services are provided between the communities. This Class D-1 school is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education. For more information, visit loupcitypublicschools.org.

Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 10 (ESU),

headquartered in Kearney, serves 11 counties including Blaine, Buffalo, Custer, Dawson, Garfield, Greeley, Hall, Howard, Loup, Sherman, and Valley Counties. For more information regarding services, visit esu10.org.

2023-24 ACT SCORES

COMPOSITE	
LOUP CITY HIGH SCHOOL	18.9
NEBRASKA	18.6
NATIONAL	19.4

Source: Nebraska Department of Education

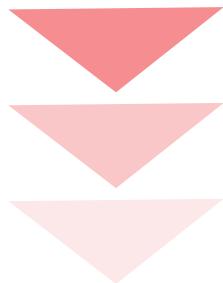
Higher Education

An abundance of public colleges and universities are available in Nebraska. There are also a number of community colleges as well as private colleges and trade schools. A large number of degree programs are available and some institutions offer courses and workshops specially tailored to meet specific training needs of industry, education, and business.

Several of Nebraska's universities are ranked as national leaders at making quality education affordable.

Colleges and Universities frequently attended by Loup City graduates:

- Mid-Plains Community College
North Platte, 116 miles away
- Central Community College
Grand Island, 48 miles away
- University of Nebraska - Kearney
Kearney, 45 miles away
- University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Lincoln, 142 miles away
- University of Nebraska - Omaha
Omaha, 162 miles away



Loup City School playground



Loup City track

LOUP CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	STUDENTS	TEACHER/PUPIL RATIO
ELEMENTARY (PRE-K-5), LOUP CITY	165	12:1
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL (6-12), LOUP CITY	146	8:1



Valley County System Medical Clinic

Quality of Life

Hospital

The Valley County Health System

Hospital, located 25 miles north of Loup City in Ord, is a 16 bed acute care facility, also operates a medical clinic in Loup City. For more information, visit valleycountyhealthsystem.org.

Howard County Medical Center located in St. Paul is 30 miles away. It offers an emergency room, surgery, obstetrics and various specialty clinics. It also has a full fitness center with a pool. For more information, visit hcmc.us.com.

Clinic

Valley County System Medical Clinic in Loup City staffs two physicians and one physician assistant.

Rescue Squad

Loup City - Ashton - Rockville

Cooperative Ambulance has one ambulance, two paramedics, two advanced Emergency Medical Technicians, three nurses, and seven Emergency Medical Technicians.

Nursing Homes

Brookefield Park Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation is the nearest nursing home located in St. Paul, 30 miles from Loup City.

Independent / Assisted Living

Heritage at Sagewood in Ravenna, 23 miles from Loup City, is the nearest independent and assisted living facility.

Low Cost / Retirement Housing

Westside Park offers public housing assistance in Loup City.

Sunset Cottages is a senior housing unit.

Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership (CNCAP) offers affordable housing options. For more information, visit centralnebraskacap.com.



Loup City Golf Course

Churches Denomination

- Baptist
- Catholic
- Evangelical
- Lutheran
- Methodist

Library

[Loup City Public Library](#) offers a collection of over 25,000 items, including books, large print books, books on CD, and DVDs. It also offers internet access and a collection of eBooks, audiobooks, and movies.

The library's mission is to provide informational, cultural, educational, and recreational resources to all residents of Sherman County.

Recreation

There are two parks in Loup City covering 17 acres.



Jenner's Park

[Jenners Park](#) has a large playground, tennis court, frisbee golf, and public restrooms.

[Peterson Park](#) has a small playground, ball fields, and public restrooms.

[Loup City Golf Course](#) is a fun course for all abilities. It lays out on a stretch of level ground on the edge of town.

[Sherman Reservoir State Recreation Area](#) covers over 2,800 acres of water and more than 4,700 acres of surrounding land in central Nebraska. Sherman Reservoir State Recreation Area is well-known for its excellent boating, fishing, and camping opportunities.

[Bowman Lake](#) offers the Sherman County Recreation Area Hike and Bike Trail, sand volleyball court, playground equipment, picnic, and shelters.

The [Sherman County Senior Citizens Center](#) in Loup City provides various services and programs for seniors. These include hot meals, social activities, and health services like monthly foot clinic and quarterly blood pressure checks.

The [Loup County Historical Society](#) focuses on the history of Loup County and the surrounding area.

Financial Institutions

- Citizens Bank
- Heritage Bank
- Harrington Financial

Housing

Three new homes were constructed in the past three years and it is estimated five will be built in 2026. The cost of new home construction averages \$225 per square foot.



Citizens Bank & Trust Co.

Nebraska's Rank Among States

1ST Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2024

Great Northern Bean Production, 2024

Beef and Veal exports, 2024

Harvested cropland acres, irrigated, 2022

Cash receipts per capita, 2023

2ND All cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2025

All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2025

Pinto bean production, 2024

Proso millet production, 2024

Ethanol production, 2024

Commercial red meat production, 2024

No-till cropland acres, 2022

Popcorn production, 2022

Bison, 2022

Alfalfa hay production, 2024

3RD Corn for grain production, 2024

All hay production, 2024

Cash Receipts from All Farm

Commodities, 2023

Corn Exports, 2022

4TH Beef Cows, Jan. 1, 2025

Land in Farms and Ranches, 2024

Dry edible bean production, 2024

Sunflower production, 2024

Light red kidney bean production, 2023

All hay production, 2023

Cash receipts from all crops, 2023

Cash receipts from all livestock and products, 2023

Total animal products exports, 2022

Cover crop acres, 2022

5TH Sugarbeet production, 2024

Sunflower production, 2024

Soybean Exports, 2022

Agricultural exports, 2022

6TH Commercial hog slaughter, 2024

All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2024

Pork exports, 2024

Harvest cropland acres, 2022

Source: Nebraska Department of Agriculture - USDA, NASS, NFO, and NBA



Agriculture

In 2024 Nebraska ranked first among the states in beef and beef product exports; third in corn grain production. Nebraska's farms and ranches utilized 44 million acres or 89 percent of the state's total land area. In 2024, the total value of agricultural products sold was \$31.6 billion to the state's economy. Of that 58 percent originated from livestock and 42 percent from crops.

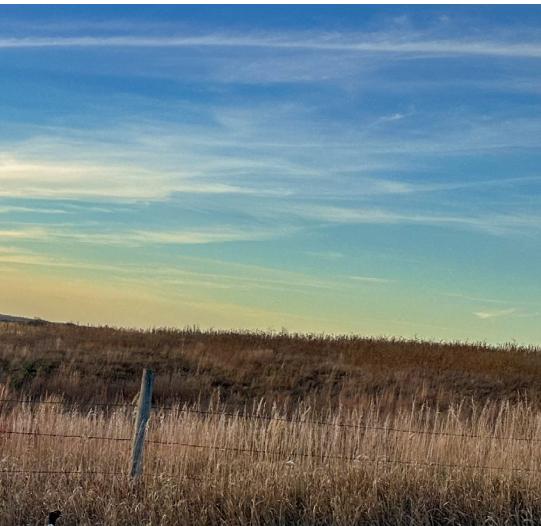
Sources: Nebraska Agriculture Rankings - USDA ERS, USDA NASS; Food Processing Status - Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Groundwater

One of Nebraska's most vital natural resources is its massive supply of groundwater. The High Plains Aquifer, also commonly referred to as the **Ogallala Aquifer** underlies 174,000 square miles in stretches through parts of eight states, but its most abundant water resource is located in nearly two-thirds of Nebraska. This groundwater availability has been essential to the success of agriculture in the state. With the implementation of more efficient irrigation systems and other water management measures, the Ogallala Aquifer will remain a valuable resource in Nebraska.

Center pivot irrigation is the most common method of providing water to row crops in the state, and as a result, four of the largest manufacturers of center pivot systems in the world are located in Nebraska. Nebraska has more than 100,000 registered irrigation wells.





Surface Water

Nebraska's surface water resources are surprisingly extensive, including approximately 80,000 miles of continuously flowing rivers and streams that add to Nebraska's bountiful natural resources.

Surface water is predominantly used by grazing livestock as its source drinking water.



2022 STATISTICS		
	SHERMAN COUNTY	NEBRASKA
NUMBER OF FARMS	326	44,479
LAND IN FARMS acres	222,304	43,975,693
AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS acres	682	989
MARKET VALUE per year	\$2,662,980	\$3,397,806
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD	\$134,601	\$29,413,398
TOTAL ACRES IRRIGATED	135	7,965,938
PERCENT OF FARMLAND IRRIGATED	0.0006%	18.1%

Source: 2022 Census of Agriculture

PRODUCTION OF LEADING CROPS		
5 year average - 2019-2023		
	SHERMAN COUNTY	NEBRASKA
CORN FOR GRAIN bushels	14,636,600	1,719,112,000
SOYBEANS bushels	2,020,200	295,390,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

AVERAGE LIVESTOCK POPULATION		
5 year average - 2019-2023		
	SHERMAN COUNTY	NEBRASKA
ALL CATTLE	56,700	6,630,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

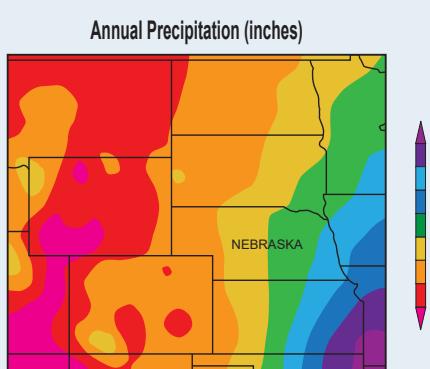
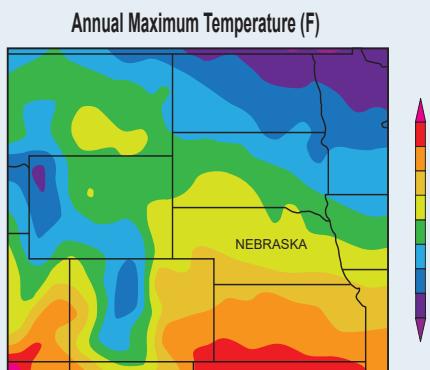
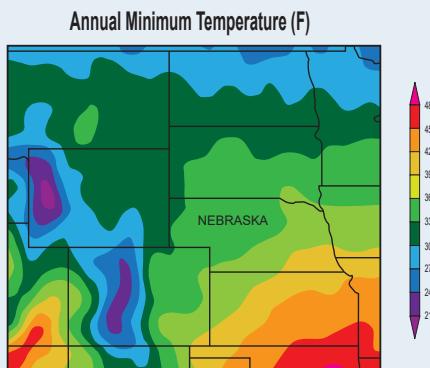
Climate

Four Distinct Seasons

Nebraska has a continental climate, with hot summers and cold winters. Temperatures are highly variable from season to season and year to year. The majority of the state has an average annual maximum temperature of 60°F to 65°F with average annual minimum temperatures in the 30°F to 40°F range. State temperature records are -47°F and 118°F. The average number of days in excess of 100°F range from 5 (northeast) to 11 (southwest) with most of the state between 6 and 9 days. Minimum temperatures below zero occur on average 7 days per year in southeast Nebraska to 20 days in north-central Nebraska.

Precipitation

Precipitation is also variable and ranges from an annual average of 15 to 20 inches in the west to 30 to 35 inches in southeast Nebraska. Approximately 75 percent of the precipitation falls as rain from April to September. Annual average snowfall ranges from 20 inches in the southeast to 50 inches in the northwest. Snowfall usually increases during late winter and reaches a maximum in March.



Based on 30-year climate normals 1981–2010 data from the High Plains Climate Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Source: www.hprcc.unl.edu



Sherman Reservoir State Recreation Area



Middle Loup River



Loup City Swimming Pool

Community Events



EVENTS

Loup City Chamber Easter Hunt • Saturday before Easter

Each year Loup City hosts an egg and candy hunt on the Courthouse Square. Highlights are drawings for Easter Baskets, "Exchanges" where eggs can be turned in for small prizes, and of course a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Farmer's Market • May-October

Saturday's from 8am-Noon on the south side of the Sherman County Courthouse lawn.

Loup City Polish Days • First Weekend in June

Loup City's Annual Celebration of our Polish Heritage. They call Loup City "The Polish Capital of Nebraska" with good reason. Polish Days begins with a parade, and includes rides, amusements, cultural events, contests, a beer garden and polka music, and of course, an awesome selection of Polish food!

City Wide Garage Sales • Saturday before 4th of July

Loup City Chamber sponsors and organizes this on the nearest Saturday to the 4th of July.

Sherman Lake Shoot Fireworks show • 4th of July

Everyone loves fireworks, so the Chamber provides and coordinates funding for this event in collaboration with the Trade Winds Marina at Sherman Reservoir. Fireworks occur on or near July 4th (depending on what day of the week the 4th falls) after dark at Sherman Reservoir.

EVENTS - continued

Sherman County Fair Free Chamber Barbecue • Tuesday evening of fair week

The Chamber hosts and funds the annual event on the last Tuesday of the fair. Attendees enjoy a free meal of barbecued beef, baked beans, chips, tea or lemonade, and ice cream. While donations are welcome, proceeds support community improvements, like the new Fairgrounds sign and VFW Hall renovations.

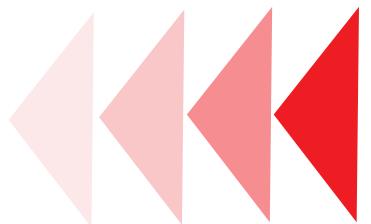
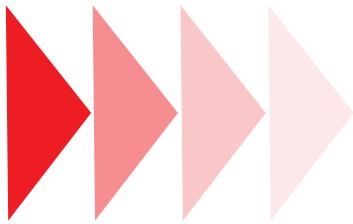
Chamber Halloween Parade • Halloween Day

Come to Loup City around Halloween and watch the kids parade along the sidewalk downtown in their Halloween costumes.

Loup City Chamber Christmas Cheer • First Saturday in December

On the first Saturday of December, Santa comes to Loup City. This event takes place at the Community Center and includes vendors, breakfast with Santa, family photos with Santa, and "kid zone" activities. It is also the culminating event of the many raffles, contests, and prizes that run during the Christmas season. All provided by the Loup City Chamber of Commerce.





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