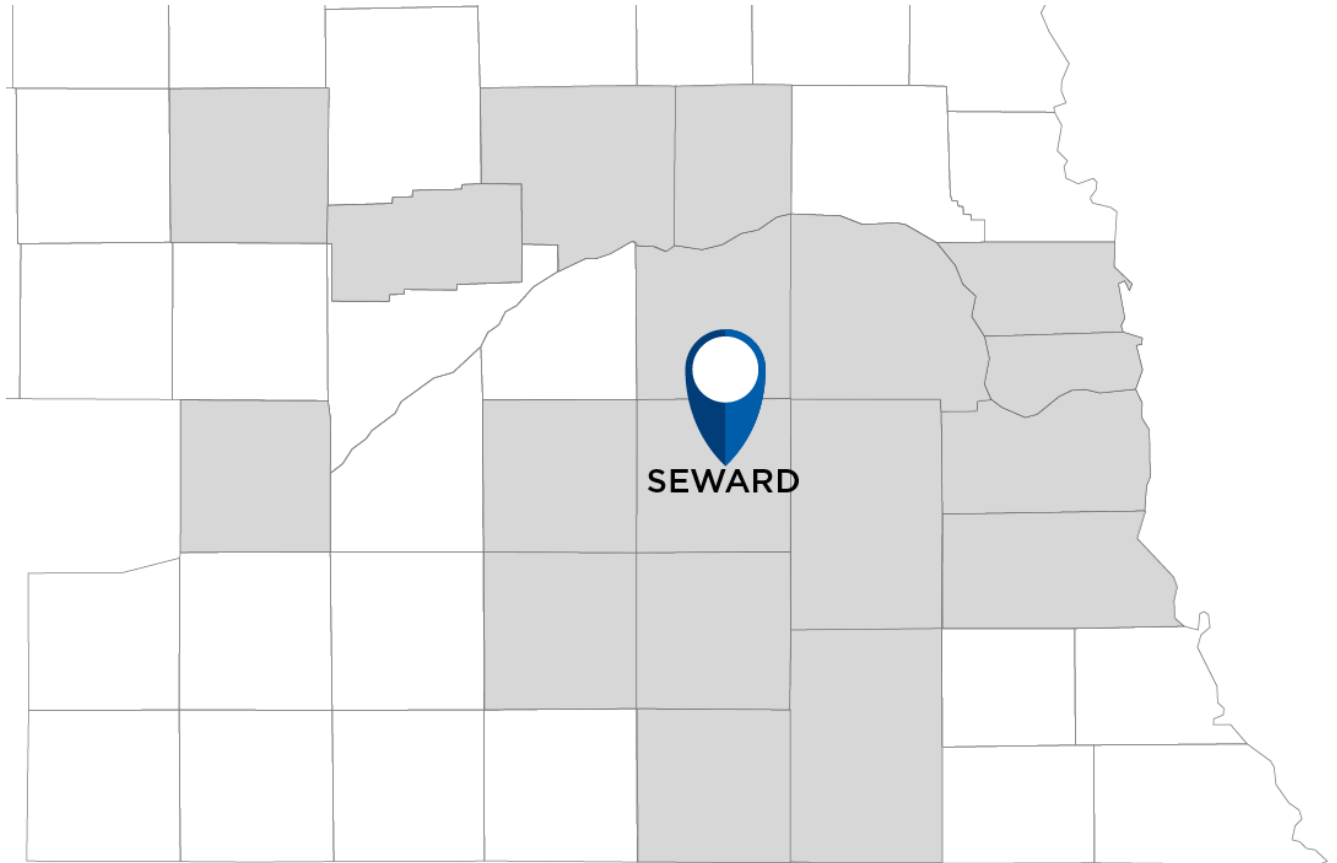# 2023 Commuting Patterns
Workers at Three Large Seward, Nebraska Employers

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2023 COMMUTING PATTERNS
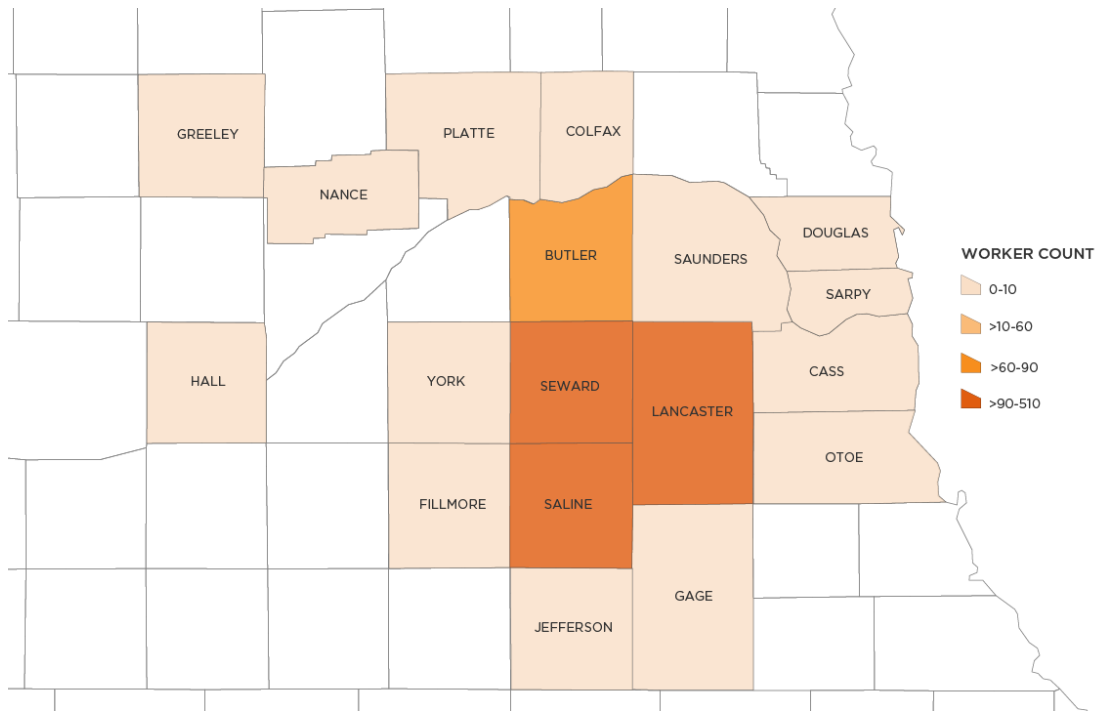# WORKERS AT THREE LARGE SEWARD, NEBRASKA EMPLOYERS

This study provides information on the 2023 Nebraska residence counties and communities (places) for 1,047 workers at three large Seward employers. Concordia University, Hughes Brothers, Inc., and Tenneco Automotive-Walker provided the mailing zip codes for each of their employees as of April 2023. In addition to the 1,047 employees with residences in Nebraska, there were several employees with residences outside Nebraska.

As shown in Figure One and Tables One and Two, the 1,047 workers have residences in 18 Nebraska counties. Seward County is the residence of 507 (48.4%) of the 1,047 workers. Other counties with large numbers of workers commuting to the City of Seward to work at the three employer sites include Lancaster (332 or 31.7%), Saline (92 or 8.8%), and Butler (59 or 5.6%).

TABLE ONE
Number of Workers by Residence Counties for Three Large Seward, Nebraska Employers, 2023

COUNTY	EMPLOYEE COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Butler	59	5.6%
Cass	1	0.1%
Colfax	1	0.1%
Douglas	1	0.1%
Fillmore	1	0.1%
Gage	1	0.1%
Greeley	1	0.1%
Hall	6	0.6%
Jefferson	2	0.2%
Lancaster	332	31.7%
Nance	1	0.1%
Otoe	1	0.1%
Platte	3	0.3%
Saline	92	8.8%
Sarpy	1	0.1%
Saunders	6	0.6%
Seward	**507**	**48.4%**
York	31	3.0%
Total	**1,047**	**100.0%**

Source: Information compiled by Tricia Moyer, Economic Research Specialist, Nebraska Public Power District, using data provided by Seward County Economic Development Corporation.

Table Two provides information on the 2021 population of the 18 Nebraska counties where workers at the three Seward employers reside. The 2021 total estimated population of the 18 counties is 1,353,959 people. Douglas County with 578,771 people and Lancaster County with 320,301 people accounted for 42.8 and 23.7 percent, respectively, of the total population of the 18 counties. With a population of 17,605, Seward County accounted for 1.3 percent of the total population.

TABLE TWO
Population of Residence Counties for Three Large Seward Employers, 2021

COUNTY	POPULATION	COUNTY	POPULATION
Butler	8,354	Lancaster	320,301
Cass	26,546	Nance	3,389
Colfax	10,608	Otoe	15,916
Douglas	578,771	Platte	34,123
Fillmore	5,561	Saline	14,395
Gage	21,706	Sarpy	188,464
Greeley	2219	Saunders	22,008
Hall	62,616	Seward	17,605
Jefferson	7,213	York	14,164
		Total	1,353,959

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. 2017-2021 American Community Survey, retrieved from data.census.gov.

As shown in Tables Three and Four and Figure Two, the 1,047 workers have residences in 48 Nebraska places. The City of Seward is the residence of 360, 34.4 percent, of the 1,047 workers. Other places with large numbers of workers commuting to the City of Seward to work at the three employers' sites include Lincoln, 324 or 30.9 percent; Crete, 55 or 5.3 percent; Milford, 36 or 3.4 percent; Dwight, 26 or 2.5 percent, Utica, 25 or 2.4 percent; and York, 22 or 2.1 percent.

TABLE THREE
Number of Workers by Residence Places for Three Largest Seward Employers, 2023

Place	Workers	Place	Workers	Place	Workers
Abie	1	Fairbury	2	Pleasant Dale	12
Beaver Crossing	18	Filley	1	Raymond	4
Bee	16	Friend	6	Rising City	2
Bellwood	4	Fullerton	1	Schuyler	1
Benedict	1	Garland	12	Seward	360
Brainard	6	Goehner	9	South Bend	1
Bruno	1	Grand Island	5	Staplehurst	19
Ceresco	1	Greeley	1	Ulysses	7
Columbus	2	Gresham	3	Unadilla	1
Crete	55	Lincoln	324	Utica	25
David City	12	McCool Junction	1	Valparaiso	4
Denton	3	Milford	36	Waco	4
Doniphan	1	Ohiowa	1	Wahoo	1
Dorchester	19	Omaha	1	Western	3
Duncan	1	Panama	1	Wilber	9
Dwight	26	Papillion	1	York	22
				Total	**1,047**

Source: Information compiled by Tricia Moyer, Economic Research Specialist, Nebraska Public Power District, using data provided by Seward County Economic Development Corporation.

FIGURE TWO
Number of Workers by Residence Places for Three Large Seward, Nebraska Employers, 2023

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Table Four provides information on the 2021 population of the 48 incorporated providing workers to the three City of Seward employers. The 2021 total estimated population of the 48 incorporated places is 938,023 people. Omaha with 466,059 people and Lincoln with 289,136 people accounted for 52.0 and 30.8 percent respectively of the total population of the 48 incorporated places. With a population of 7,651, City of Seward accounted for 0.8 percent of the total population.

TABLE FOUR
Population of Residence Places for Three Large Seward Employers, 2021

| Place	Population	Place	Population	Place	Population
Abie	48	Fairbury	3,916	Pleasant Dale	303
Beaver Crossing	373	Filley	101	Raymond	261
Bee	267	Friend	1,156	Rising City	401
Bellwood	488	Fullerton	1,573	Schuyler	6,526
Benedict	285	Garland	286	Seward	7,651
Brainard	382	Goehner	241	South Bend	108
Bruno	92	Grand Island	52,755	Staplehurst	302
Ceresco	1317	Greeley	394	Ulysses	166
Columbus	23,954	Gresham	233	Unadilla	371
Crete	7,224	Lincoln	289,136	Utica	1,048
David City	2,981	McCool Junction	619	Valparaiso	554
Denton	169	Milford	2,547	Waco	231
Doniphan	903	Ohiowa	104	Wahoo	4,754
Dorchester	490	Omaha	488,059	Western	206
Duncan	632	Panama	254	Wilber	1,984
Dwight	212	Papillion	23875	York	8,091
				Total	**938,023**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. 2017-2021 American Community Survey, retrieved from data.census.gov.

As shown in Figure Three and Four, 45.6 percent of the workers live within a 15-mile radius of the City of Seward and 95.7 percent live within a 30-mile radius. The longest commute, approximately 115 miles, was from Greeley in Greeley County.
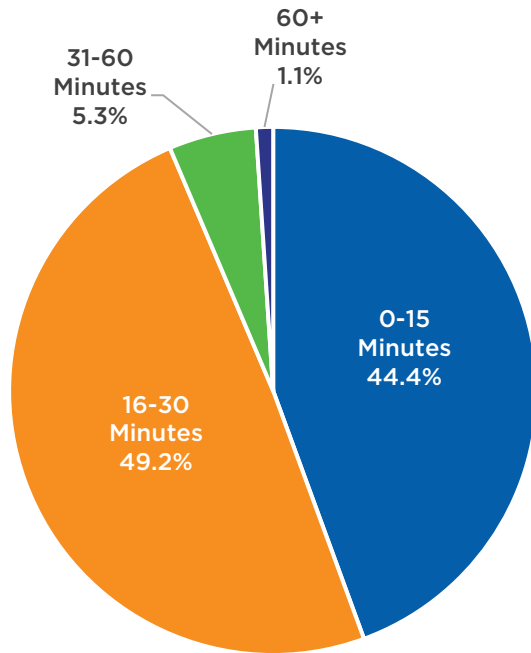
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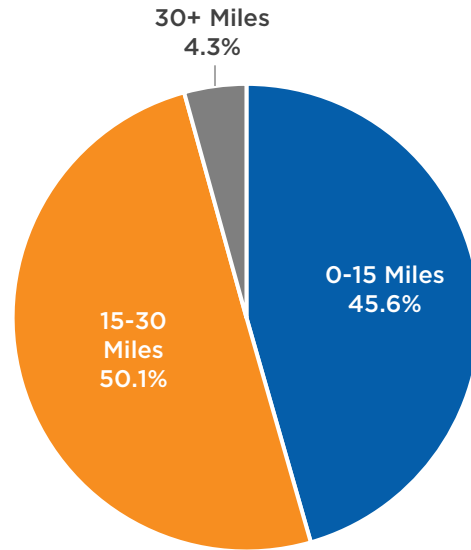
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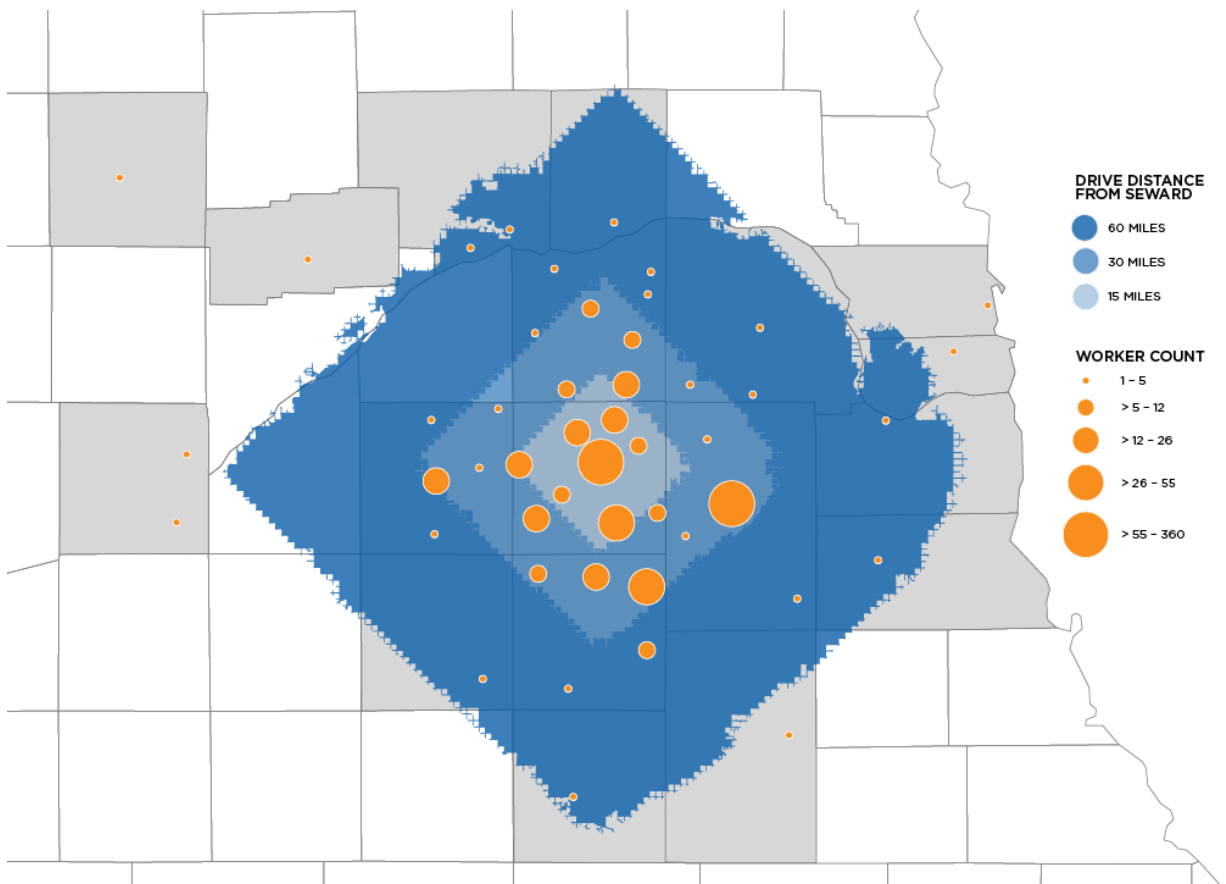
As shown in Figure Five and Six, 44.4 percent of the workers live within a 15-minute drive radius of the City of Seward, and 93.6 percent live within a 30-minute drive radius. The longest commute, approximately 111 minutes, was from Greeley in Greeley County.

FIGURE FIVE
Distribution of Workers' Residences for Three Large Seward, Nebraska Employers by Drive Time to the City of Seward, 2023

60+ Minutes 1.1%

31-60 Minutes 5.3%

0-15 Minutes 44.4%

16-30 Minutes 49.2%

FIGURE SIX
Distribution of Workers' Residences for Three Large Seward, Nebraska Employers by Drive Time to the City of Seward, 2023

DRIVE TIME MINUTES FROM SEWARD

60 MINUTES
30 MINUTES
15 MINUTES

WORKER COUNT

1 – 5
> 5 – 12
> 12 – 26
> 26 – 55
> 55 – 360