

Firefighter

\$45,120 - \$85,000

FIRST IN, LAST OUT—ALWAYS READY

Becoming a firefighter is about more than battling flames—it's about being a first responder, a community protector, and a skilled technician.

In 2022, Nebraska employed about 1,080 firefighters statewide.

Employment is projected to grow 4% by 2032.

The median salary for a firefighter in Nebraska is **\$61,760 per year**. This number can increase based on location, specialization, or experience.

Pathway to Firefighting

- Minimum requirement of high school diploma or GED
- EMT or Paramedic certification
- Completion of the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT)
- Volunteer firefighting is an option for gaining experience and training locally
- Some fire departments offer cadet/explorer programs



Training Programs

- [Nebraska State Fire Marshal Training Division](#)
- [Metropolitan Community College](#)
- [Mid-Plains Community College](#)
- [Southeast Community College](#)
- [Nebraska Wildland Fire Academy](#)

Possible Employers

Nebraska's firefighters are in demand across a wide range of locations—from urban departments in cities like Lincoln and Omaha to wildland fire crews in rural regions. Whether you're just starting out or looking to advance your fire service career, there are multiple opportunities to explore. Be sure to check job posting sites regularly for available openings!