

# COMMUNITY FACTS COZAD, NEBRASKA

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## POPULATION (Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004 Est.</u>
Cozad	4,163	4,207
Dawson County	24,365	24,532
Labor Market*	128,038	128,973

\*Includes Dawson County and contiguous counties

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## INTRODUCTION

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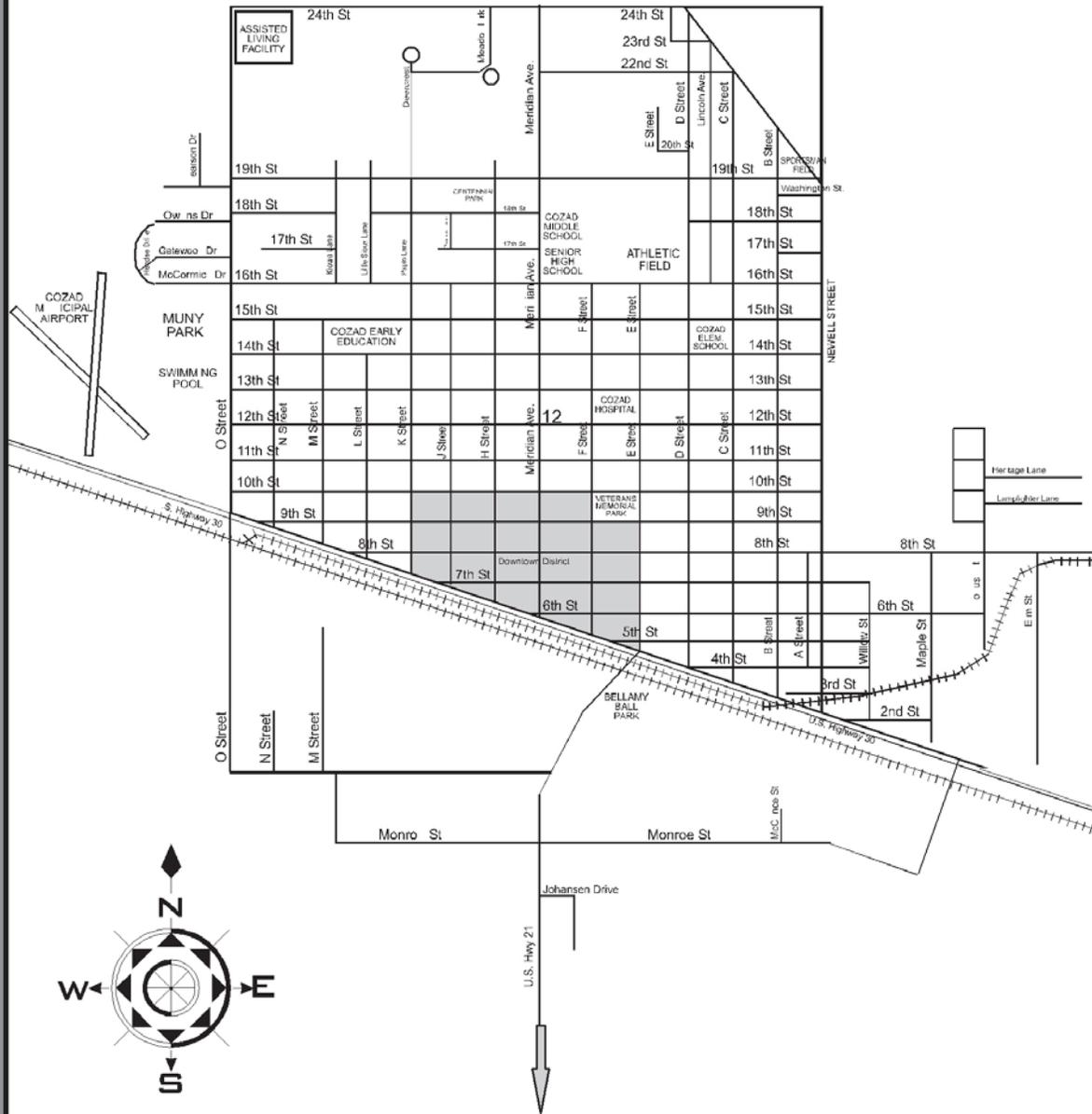
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# COZAD, NEBRASKA

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To Interstate #80

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## LOCATION

Cozad is located in the Platte River Valley on the 100th meridian in south-central Nebraska in Dawson County on U.S. Highway 30 and Nebraska Highway 21. Cozad is one-fourth mile north of Interstate 80, 235 miles west of Omaha, and 308 miles east of Denver.

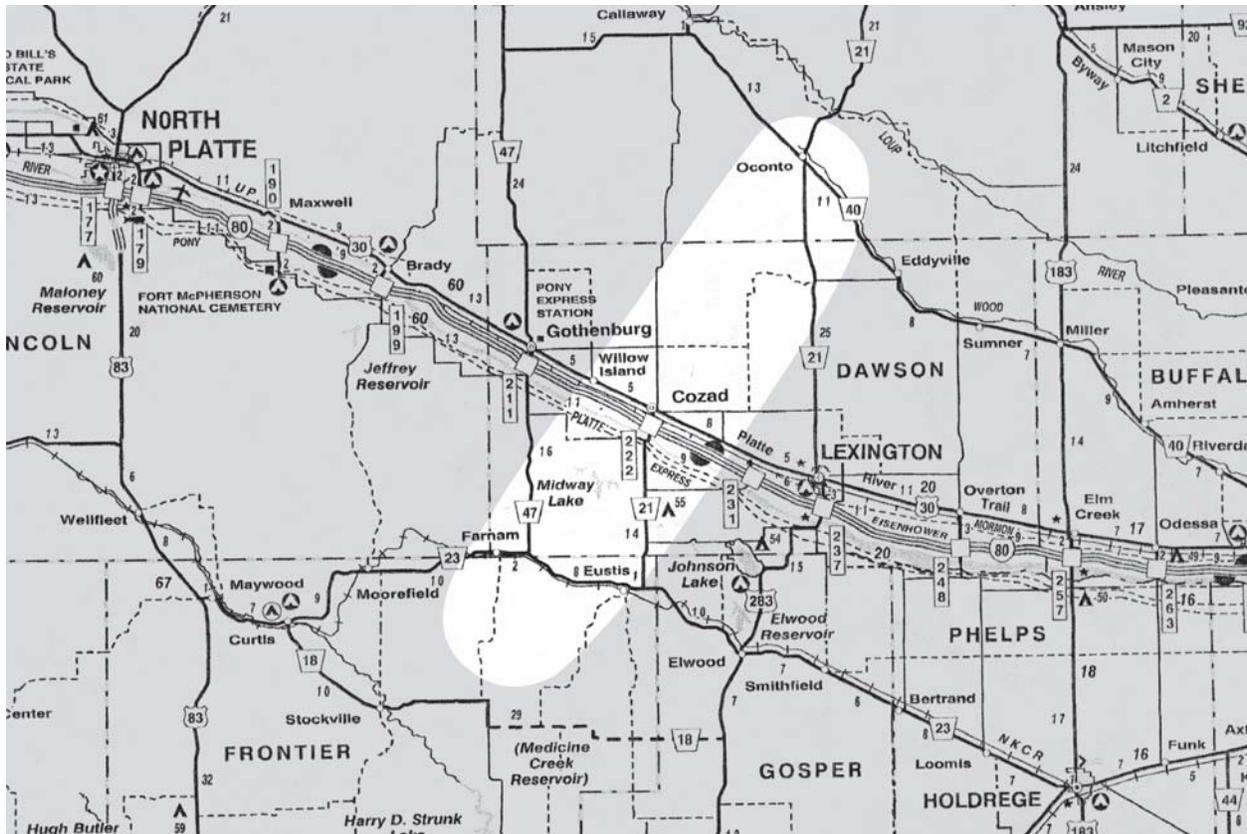
## POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Cozad	Dawson County
1970	4,219	19,771
1980	4,453	22,304
1990	3,823	19,940
2000	4,163	24,365
2004 (Est.)	4,207	24,532

Dawson County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2000 U.S. Census	
One race	23,992
White	20,058
Black or African American	76
American Indian and Alaska Native	164
Asian	161
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	3
Some other race	3,530
Two or more races	373
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	6,178

The 2004 U.S. Census estimates 128,973 people live within Dawson County and the contiguous counties of Buffalo, Custer, Frontier, Gosper, Lincoln, and Phelps.

There are 235 people in Cozad fluent in at least one other language, primarily Spanish.



Primary Retail Trade Area

## LOCAL ECONOMY

Cozad's major economic activities include farming, feeding and raising cattle and swine, manufacturing, services, and tourism. Cozad boasts a solid manufacturing base, a vibrant service sector, and a growing tourism industry.

The primary retail trade area extends approximately 56 miles southwest, 43 miles northeast, 13 miles southeast, and 10 miles northwest of Cozad.

Retail firms in Cozad with retail sales tax permits reported 2004 net taxable retail sales of \$43,796,745 while Dawson County reported retail sales of \$192,242,775. Wholesale firms in the community distribute food, feed products, bakery products, gloves, plastic fencing, automotive parts, and agricultural products and equipment.

## ELEVATION

Cozad is 2,487 feet above sea level.

## TOPOGRAPHY

The Platte Valley, in which Cozad is located, is fairly even terrain bordered on the south by the Platte River and on the north by the "Sand Hills."

The soil is deep-medium to medium-heavy texture of sedimentary and wind-blown deposits.

## HISTORY

In 1872 the Union Pacific Railroad was being pushed westward, opening a vast area for settlement. Mr. John J. Cozad, born in 1830 in Vinton County, Ohio, became interested in a colonization project and decided to investigate the Union Pacific's settlement ideas. A trip from Ohio to Omaha, as far west as the railroad was finished, left Mr. Cozad at the 100th meridian, which is now Cozad. This spot was where the Platte River had widened to several miles.

Mr. Cozad negotiated with the Union Pacific and purchased about 40,000 acres of land. He brought his first colony in 1873. The town was incorporated in 1873 and named Cozad in his honor.

One of John J. Cozad's sons, Robert Henri, became a famous artist. The Hendee Hotel, which was built by his father and was Henri's early childhood home, is more than 100 years old. This hotel has been renamed the "Robert Henri Museum & Historical Walkway" to commemorate his famous art work. Henri is noted for his "Ash Can" theory of painting.



100th Meridian Marker

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### MANUFACTURERS

<u>Company/ Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
ADM Alliance Nutrition 1961	Poultry & livestock feed	Export	13	4	None
Colorado Biolabs, Inc. 2000	Concentrated home iron products for human nutrition	National & Export	4	5	None
Cozad Alfalfa, Inc. 1960	Alfalfa products	National	12	2	None
Demeters Bakery 1954	Frozen bakery goods	National	19	14	None
Island Dehy Company 1974	Alfalfa products	National & Export	10	0	None
Nebraska Plastics, Inc. 1945	Vinyl products manufacturing	National	111	42	None
Paulsen, Inc. 1946	Construction & precast concrete products	Regional	245	23	None
Tenneco Auto Equipment Co. 1961	Shock absorbers	Export	455	281	None
VVS, Inc. 1961	Industrial & commercial food and vending service	Regional	105	204	None
Zook's Welding Shop, Inc. 1948	Mechanical fabrication & repair	Regional	9	1	None

### MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 30 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
City of Cozad	Government	28	8	None
		6*	18*	
Cozad Community Hospital	Medical	13	56	None
		1*	14*	

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Cozad Public Schools	Education	35 30*	96 40*	NSEA/ CEA
Hunt Cleaners, Inc.	Industrial dry cleaning	14	17	None
Southview Manor Care Center	Nursing home	4	66	None

**OTHER MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS** (within 40 miles employing 100 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
<b>Gothenburg, 10 miles</b>				
Baldwin Filters	Air filters	165 Total		None
<b>Lexington, 15 miles</b>				
Dawson County	Government	85	90	None
Lexington Public Schools	Education	88	265	NSEA
Nebraska By-Products	Cured hides & pet foods	137	5	None
Orthman Manufacturing, Inc.	Farm implements & grain wagons	115 Total		None
Tri-county Hospital	Medical	17	175	None
Tyson Foods	Boxed beef	2,450 Total		None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION**

The Dawson County Area Economic Development Council, Cozad Chamber of Commerce, and the Cozad Development Corporation work together with the city for economic development in the community.

The Dawson County Area Economic Development Council, funded in part by the city of Cozad, was founded in 1987.

The Cozad Development Corporation (CDC) is a nonprofit corporation comprised of 106 members.

In May of 1999, Cozad voters created their economic development plan under the LB 840 statutes and are in position to offer loans, grants, and other incentives for development. The city collects half a cent sales tax that is administered by the CDC Board of Directors.

Tenneco Auto Equipment Company, a manufacturer of shock absorbers, continues to expand internally and has added 67 new jobs since 1995. Nebraska Plastics added 33 employees while expanding their facilities in 2004. They added new

efficient, high tech equipment to increase production and to accommodate the growing vinyl manufacturing industry. VVS, Inc., an industrial food and vending service, doubled their employee count from 152 in 1994 to 309 in 2005 by expanding their market area to Texas, Colorado, Kansas, and Iowa.

In 2004, CDC built a 5,000 square foot speculative building in the CDC #1 Addition and began development on the CDC #4 Addition, with Hunt Cleaners building a new facility in 2005 on three acres of the land.

The CDC #2 Addition continues to develop with five businesses now located there, including Niles Construction, Doggie Styles, Hoff's Tops & More, Steinwart Sprinklers, and Leahy's Storage. The CDC #3 Addition has 66.62 acres available for development.

Approximately 100 acres of land in and adjacent to the community are zoned for industry. The price of industrially zoned land ranges from \$4,000 to \$8,000 per acre.

### **AVAILABLE SITE**

Click [here](#) to go to Nebraska Public Power District's [searchable sites and building database](#).



ADM Alliance Nutrition



Colorado Biolabs, Inc.



Hunt Cleaners, Inc.



Tenneco Auto Equipment Co.



Paulsen, Inc.



VVS, Inc.



Cozad Arch



Downtown Cozad



Mural in Downtown Cozad

# LABOR

## LABOR SUPPLY

- A. Employment in the Cozad labor market which is defined as the whole of Dawson County and the total labor market consisting of Dawson County and the contiguous counties of Buffalo, Custer, Frontier, Gosper, Lincoln, and Phelps (annual average, 2005):

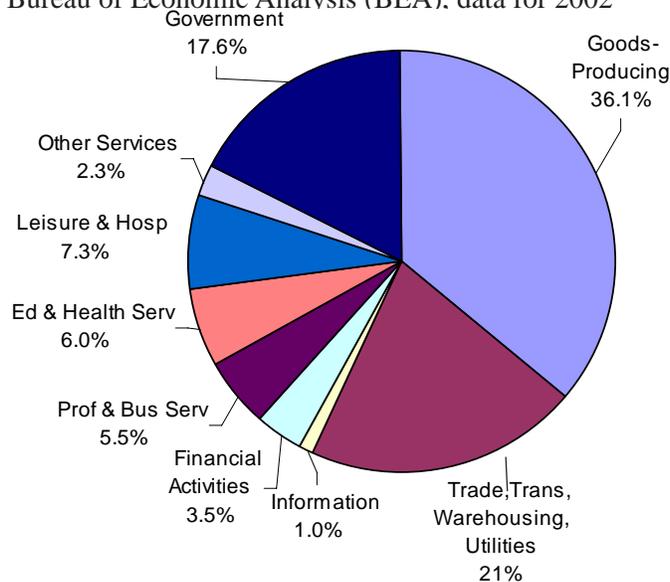
<u>Nonfarm Employment (wage and salary workers)</u>	<u>Dawson County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Goods-Producing	4,098	12,218
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	283	2,834
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	2,345	15,223
Wholesale Trade	554	(D)
Retail Trade	1,377	(D)
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	414	(D)
Information	117	(D)
Financial Activities	398	(D)
Professional & Business Services	626	(D)
Education & Health Services	677	(D)
Leisure & Hospitality	834	(D)
Other Services	256	(D)
Government	2,000	11,370
<b>TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS</b>	<b>11,350</b>	<b>63,009</b>
Farm Employment*	1,107	6,580
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>12,110</b>	<b>73,151</b>
B. Commuting Out of County	1,196	N/A
C. Unemployment	558	2,490
<b>TOTAL LABOR FORCE</b>	<b>12,668</b>	<b>75,641</b>
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	4,573	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	316	
<b>TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D &amp; E)</b>	<b>6,643</b>	

(D) Data withheld because of disclosure suppression.

\*Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2002

A labor study was completed in 2004; results are available at: [www.i80nebraska.com](http://www.i80nebraska.com). Cozad is willing to conduct a labor survey for a prospective business.

### NONFARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT DAWSON COUNTY ANNUAL AVERAGE, 2005

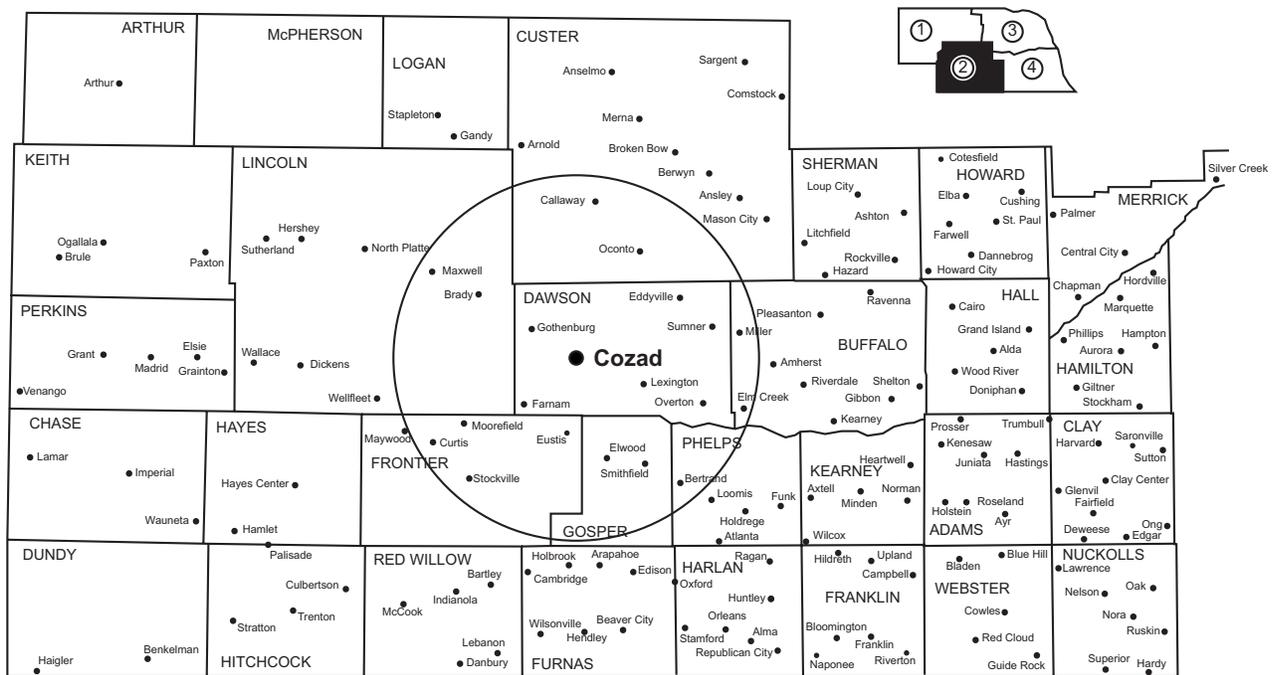


2000 POPULATION DATA						Median
Location	Density/ Sq. Mile	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Age	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	Household Effective Buying Income (2005)
Dawson Co.	24.1	14.1	34.3	73.6	14.4	\$33,702
Nebraska	22.3	13.6	35.3	86.6	23.7	\$36,910
U.S.	79.6	12.4	35.9	84.0	26.0	\$39,324

Dawson County had 13,235 eligible voters in 2004; 66.5 percent voted in the national election compared to 68.3 percent in Nebraska.

Source: U.S. Census, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)  
 Sales and Marketing Management, 2005  
 Statewide General Election 2004 Results, [www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/canvass/general2004/General2004](http://www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/canvass/general2004/General2004)

### LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE COZAD AREA



### POPULATION DATA U.S. Census Estimates

2004 Estimate	
City of Cozad	— 4,207
Dawson County	— 24,532
30-Mile Radius	— 33,840

Dawson County Population by Age/Gender, 2004		
Ages	Male	Female
18–24	1,290	1,109
25–44	3,216	2,914
45–64	3,007	2,777

## UNIONIZATION

Nebraska has a right-to-work provision in its constitution. In 2004, 10.8 percent of Nebraska's manufacturing workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 12.9 percent. Union membership in Nebraska is concentrated in the railroad and packinghouse industries.

Labor organizations operating in the Cozad area:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Union</b>
Cozad City Schools	Nebraska State Education Association/ Cozad Education Association
Kinder Morgan	Communications Workers of America

## WAGES

<b>Occupation Title</b>	<b>Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile</b>		
	<b>10th</b>	<b>50th</b>	<b>90th</b>
<b>Professional</b>			
Accountants & Auditors	15.45	24.71	45.22
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	16.24	24.70	32.33
Electrical Engineers*	21.27	34.33	50.30
Industrial Engineers	22.22	32.91	42.05
Mechanical Engineers*	18.64	27.24	42.50
Computer Programmers*	13.31	21.65	33.88
Computer Systems Analysts	15.29	20.77	36.87
Registered Nurses	16.12	22.27	27.56
<b>Retail</b>			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	6.29	8.19	10.41
Retail Salespersons	6.10	8.70	17.75
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	6.40	8.37	13.88
Driver/Sales Workers	5.88	8.97	21.75
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	7.21	11.76	16.07
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	7.78	10.44	13.65
<b>Clerical</b>			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	6.74	11.45	16.66
Customer Service Representatives	8.16	11.32	16.81
Data Entry Keyers	9.19	14.74	16.89
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	7.83	10.66	13.55
Office Clerks, General	6.15	9.05	13.93
Receptionists & Information Clerks	6.85	9.73	13.34
Telemarketers*	6.42	8.26	10.81

\*Wage information taken from Balance of the State (nonmetropolitan areas)

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Unskilled</b>			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	6.57	9.40	15.49
Packers & Packagers, Hand	5.79	7.83	13.72
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other*	7.99	11.01	13.96
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	7.21	8.54	10.98
<b>Semi-Skilled</b>			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	9.05	12.16	14.18
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	8.07	12.20	17.96
Maintenance Workers, Machinery*	9.41	13.49	20.07
Machine Operators			
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.**	11.01	13.45	16.19
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	9.61	11.69	17.06
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	9.54	12.52	16.18
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.*	9.41	12.25	15.71
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.*	8.63	11.03	14.95
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.*	8.94	12.26	16.53
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	11.38	15.29	17.42
<b>Skilled</b>			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	8.97	12.84	22.04
Electricians	10.07	17.41	33.26
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	14.67	19.19	26.77
Machinists	9.53	10.72	12.86
Tool & Die Makers*	13.58	18.17	22.62
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	9.12	10.89	15.27
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters*	10.54	13.38	17.83
<b>Technical</b>			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	13.52	22.56	28.00
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	16.20	24.01	27.80
Computer Operators	8.87	11.74	14.09

\*Wage information taken from Balance of the State (nonmetropolitan areas)

\*\*Wage information is average of Northeast and Southeast Regions

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Fourth Quarter 2005 wage estimates, All Industries, Mid-Plains Region, [www.dol.state.ne.us/lmiwages/toc000.htm](http://www.dol.state.ne.us/lmiwages/toc000.htm)

## FRINGE BENEFITS

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range from 20 to 30 percent of wages.

# TRANSPORTATION

## RAILROADS

Cozad is served by a main line of the Union Pacific Railroad with 200 freight trains daily. Switching is performed by a local train crew as needed.

For further information regarding Union Pacific Railroad, contact Cheryl Schow, (308) 239-2427 or (308) 289-1911, or visit [www.uprr.com/customers/ind-dev](http://www.uprr.com/customers/ind-dev).

Amtrak provides Holdrege, 54 miles southeast of Cozad, with rail passenger service east to Chicago and west to Denver and San Francisco/Oakland. The Superliner features a lounge car, coach and first-class accommodations, dining car service, and checked baggage service from most cities. Travel time is 14 hours to Chicago and 40 hours to the West Coast. Amtrak has one train each way daily.

## MOTOR

### Highways

U.S. Highway 30 (east-west) and State Highway 21 (north-south) serve Cozad. There are no local load restrictions. Interstate 80 (east-west) is adjacent to the south city limits and Interstate 70 (east-west) is 178 miles south of Cozad.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	182
Omaha	235
Chicago	700
Dallas	706
Denver	308
Detroit	965
Kansas City	372
Los Angeles	1,322
Minneapolis	610
New York	1,476
St. Louis	624
San Francisco	1,437

## Trucklines

There are 8,000 licensed motor carriers based in Nebraska with connections around the world to serve businesses in Cozad.

## Bus Line

Burlington Trailways and Black Hills Stage Lines of Lexington, 15 miles southeast of Cozad, provide two eastbound and two westbound buses daily. Bus parcel service is provided.

The Dawson County Handy Bus provides transportation for senior citizens by reservation.

Eppley Express Shuttle provides transportation along the I-80 corridor once a day to Kearney, 50 miles southeast, and points east of Kearney.

Dash-About Shuttle provides service across Nebraska both eastbound and westbound from Denver to Omaha once per day each way.

## AIR

Cozad Municipal Airport has a 4,200 foot lighted concrete runway, with an 800 foot extension under construction in spring 2006 and a 2,925 foot sod runway. Services include 100 octane aircraft fuel, maintenance, aerial spraying, and courtesy car for local use. A nondirectional beacon is located six miles west and one mile south of Cozad. Cozad, Gothenburg, and Lexington are joint sponsors of a VOR, which is located on the Cozad Municipal Airport. The elevation at the airport is 2,500 feet, the latitude is 40°52'15"N, and the longitude is 100°00'21"W.

Scheduled air service is available at the North Platte Regional Airport, 47 miles northwest of Cozad and the Kearney Municipal Airport, 50 miles southeast.

Airlines serving these locations:

<b>Flights</b>		
<b>Airlines</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Destination</b>
<b>North Platte</b>		
Great Lakes Aviation	3	Denver International
<b>Kearney</b>		
Great Lakes Aviation	4	Denver International

The North Platte Regional Airport has two hard-surfaced and lighted runways—4,436 feet and 8,000 feet. Other services include fuel and line service, instruction, charter service, repairs, weather on field, hangar and office rentals, meeting facility rental, restaurant, lounge, free vehicle parking, rental car, and taxi. The elevation at the airport is 2,779 feet, the latitude is 41°07'57"N, and the longitude is 100°41'02"W.

The Kearney Municipal Airport provides passenger, air freight, and air express services.

Facilities at the Kearney Municipal Airport include pilot's lounge, aircraft maintenance and repair, refueling, pilot training, charter, air ambulance, agriculture crop spraying, hangar storage, tie down, and other services. Four of the 64 private planes hangared at the airport are available for charter. The elevation at the airport is 2,131 feet, the latitude is 40°43'29"N, and the longitude is 99°00'19"W. The two lighted, hard-surfaced runways include No. 18/36 at 7,100 feet and No. 13/31 at 4,500 feet.

Public ground transportation is available via rental cars, motel shuttles, and taxi. Free Internet access is available at the terminal. Terminal hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m..

## **WATER**

Cozad has no nearby water transportation.

## UTILITIES

### ELECTRICITY

The city of Cozad owns and operates their municipal electrical distribution system. Power is supplied by Nebraska Public Power District from a 115 kV substation with a capacity of 56 MVA. The city is served from two 34.5 kV lines from the 115 kV substation. These sources are connected to the statewide transmission grid system by means of 115,000 volt transmission lines. The distribution voltage is 2,400/4,160 wye.

#### BASE ELECTRIC RATES (effective 6/20/05)

Summer bills run from June–September.

#### Residential Service:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$5.43 per month		
<b>Summer Winter</b>		
6.95¢	6.95¢	per kWh for the first 700 kWh used per month
6.95¢	3.37¢	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge		

#### General Service:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$13.00 per month		
<b>Summer Winter</b>		
7.31¢	7.31¢	per kWh for the first 2,000 kWh used per month
7.31¢	4.22¢	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge		

#### General Service Demand:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$32.60 per month		
<b>Demand charge per kW</b>		
<b>Summer Winter</b>		
\$12.78	\$8.74	On-peak
\$ 4.74	\$7.28	Interruptible
<b>Energy charge per kW</b>		
<b>Summer Winter</b>		
\$0.0240	\$0.0240	
<b>Ratchet:</b> 57% of peak summer demand		
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> \$300.00 Demand charge		

#### Sample Cost per kWh:

kW	kWh	Average
		¢/kWh Summer/Winter
100	30,000	6.67/5.31
100	36,000	5.95/4.83
300	90,000	6.66/5.31
300	150,000	4.96/4.15
500	150,000	6.66/5.31
500	180,000	5.95/4.83

#### Large Power Rate:

<b>Base Charge:</b> \$50.00 per month		
<b>Demand Charge:</b>		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
\$10.10	\$5.85	per kW
<b>Energy Charge:</b>		
\$ 0.0275	\$0.0250	per kWh (brackets estimated by kW x multiplier)
<b>Ratchet:</b> 57% of peak summer demand		
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> Demand charge, but not less than \$300.000		

#### Sample Cost per kWh:

kW	kWh	Average
		¢/kWh Summer/Winter
1,000	200,000	7.83/5.45
1,000	650,000	4.30/3.40

Prospective customers should contact Bob Anderson, electrical commissioner, city of Cozad, (308) 784-2090, [bpworks@cozadtel.net](mailto:bpworks@cozadtel.net), for further information regarding electric rates and service.

The Dawson County Public Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves the rural area surrounding Cozad. For information regarding electrical services in the Dawson County Public Power District service area, contact Robert Heinz, manager, Lexington, Nebraska (308) 324-2386, [rheinz@dawsonpower.com](mailto:rheinz@dawsonpower.com), [www.dawsonpower.com](http://www.dawsonpower.com).

## NATURAL GAS

Natural gas is supplied to Cozad by Kinder Morgan, Inc. through a 10-inch transmission pipeline with an operating pressure of approximately 600 pounds per square inch.

Kinder Morgan is also the distributor of natural gas within the community, serving approximately 1,600 residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

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 Kinder Morgan's Service Center at (800) 563-0012.

## OTHER FUELS

### LP Gas

LP gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Cozad at Farmland Service Coop, Cozad Oil & Propane, and All Points Cooperative.

### Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Cozad from All Points Cooperative and Cozad Oil & Propane.

## WATER

The municipal water system in Cozad is supplied by six wells, which have an average depth of 320 feet. The system has a pumping capacity of 600 to 1,900 gallons per minute and serves 99 percent of the city population. The overhead storage capacity is .5 million gallons. The average daily demand is 1.38 million gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 6.7 million gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 8.8 million gallons per day. The static pressure varies from 55–60 pounds per square inch.

Groundwater is available for industrial uses. The 300-foot deep well provides 1,000 gallons of water per minute. The water table has not changed in the past five years. The quality of the water in Cozad does not necessitate a water treatment plant.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in parts per million, is 368. The turbidity is .3 NTU. The average tap water temperature varies from 52 degrees in the winter to 58 degrees in the summer.

### Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.24
Calcium	88.6
Total Solids	640
Magnesium	20.6
Iron	0.05
Nitrate	2.7
Manganese	0.02
Chloride	14
Fluoride	0.4
Sulfate	133
Total Alkalinity	256
Sodium	40
Total Hardness	368
Potassium	19

### WATER RATES (effective 6/20/05)

#### Residential:

##### Unmetered:

\$23.00 per month per dwelling unit for homes, mobile homes, apartment houses, and other multiple dwelling units.

##### Metered:

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>\$/1,000 gal.</u>	<u>Minimum</u>
First 2,000	4.50	\$9.00
Next 8,000	0.85	\$15.80
Next 40,000	0.75	\$45.80
Next 450,000	0.65	\$292.50
Over 500,000	0.55	

**Minimum Bill: \$9.00**

**Commercial:**

<b>All Accounts Metered:</b>		
<b>Gallons</b>	<b>\$/1,000 gallons</b>	<b>Minimum</b>
First 2,000	5.50	\$ 11.00
Next 8,000	0.85	\$ 17.80
Next 40,000	0.75	\$ 47.80
Next 450,000	0.65	\$ 340.30
Over 500,000	0.55	

**Minimum Bill:** \$11.00

**Bulk Rate:**

\$2.50 per 1,000 gallons

Improvements during the last two years include replacing water meters and performing rate studies at a cost of \$120,000, which were financed by water revenue. A new well field and wells are planned in 2005–2007 at a cost of \$1.4 million to be financed through state revolving loan funds.

**SEWERAGE**

Cozad has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The treatment plant (sequencing batch reactors) was built in 1982 and has a daily capacity of .83 million gallons, an average daily flow of .6 million gallons, and a historic peak daily discharge of .9 million gallons.

**SEWER-USE CHARGES** (effective 6/20/05)

A \$75.00 connection fee is charged for new service.

**Residential and Commercial:**

\$29.00 per month

**Industrial:**

\$29.00 per month for the first 15,000 gallons of metered water, plus \$1.60 per 1,000 gallons in excess of 15,000 gallons per month.

**Minimum Bill:** \$29.00 per month

Capital improvements to the city sewerage system include a new flow meter and sampler and S.C.A.D.A. upgrade at an estimated cost of \$37,000, funded by sewer revenue. Planned improvements for 2006 include a new lift station at an estimated cost of \$30,000 to be funded by sewerage revenue.

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

Cozad operates the municipal solid waste collection system. The Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency disposal site is located near Lexington, 15 miles northeast of Cozad. The agency is comprised of more than 40 communities.

**SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES** (effective 1996)

**Residential:**

\$11.00 per month per living unit

**Commercial & Industrial:**

\$16.00 per dumpster per daily pickup

**RECYCLING**

The city of Cozad operates a recycling program collecting cardboard, telephone books, newspapers, magazines, aluminum and tin cans, paint products, used oil, plastics, and compost materials.



Cozad Water Tower



Cozad City Offices

# COMMUNICATIONS

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Cozad Telephone Company, through its digital central office and fiber optic network, provides both telecommunications and high-speed broadband access to all locations within the city and rural service area. Technicians and networking personnel reside in Cozad, providing 24-hour on-call service. Cozad Telephone Company is a locally owned member of the community and prides itself on delivering state-of-the-art technology, with a personal hometown touch. For further information, call (308) 784-4044 or visit [www.cozadtel.net](http://www.cozadtel.net).

### TARIFFED RATES (effective 9/02)

Residence Line	\$17.50
Business Line	\$27.50

## INTERNET

Internet service is provided in Cozad by Cozad Telephone Company, [www.cozadtel.net](http://www.cozadtel.net), (308) 784-4044, and Charter Communications Cable Company, [www.charterpromotions.net](http://www.charterpromotions.net), (308) 784-4614.

## POST OFFICE

Cozad provides house-to-house delivery service and has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily.

Postal receipts for the past five fiscal years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
2005	\$660,000
2004	\$640,537
2003	\$720,816
2002	\$706,227
2001	\$815,981

## PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	Federal Express	UPS	U.S. Postal Service
<b>Latest Pick-up Time</b>	3:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
<b>Earliest Delivery</b>	N/A	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
<b>Next Day Delivery Guarantee</b>	No	Yes	No
<b>Saturday Delivery Guarantee</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes

## NEWSPAPER

The Tri-City Tribune is the local weekly newspaper in Cozad with 3,450 subscribers. Daily papers delivered locally are the Omaha World-Herald, North Platte Telegraph, and Kearney Hub.

## RADIO

Radio stations which carry local news include:

<b>Call Letters</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Location</b>
KCVN	104.5 MHZ	Cozad
KJLT	970 KHz	North Platte
KODY	1240 KHz	North Platte
KELN	1410 KHz	North Platte
KRVN	880 KHz	Lexington
KRVN	93.1 MHZ	Lexington
KRNY	1460 KHz	Kearney
KQKY	105.9 MHZ	Kearney
KGFW	1340 KHz	Kearney

## TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news include:

<b>Call Letters</b>	<b>Channel</b>	<b>Location</b>
KNOP	2	North Platte
KOLN/KGIN	10/11	Lincoln/ Grand Island
KHGI	13	Kearney

Cable television service is available including 21 basic, 49 extended basic, 20 premium channels, 26 digital channels, 36 audio music channels,

5 HDTV channels, and 3 digital sports channels. Satellite service is available in Cozad from Dish Network and DirectTV.



Tri-City Tribune



Cozad Telephone Company



Charter Communications



U.S. Post Office

## TAX STRUCTURE

### VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES – CITY OF COZAD

All real property is subject to tax at market value. Agricultural land is valued at 75 percent of its actual 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		
	2003	2004	2005
Real Estate	\$116,842,219	\$118,818,879	\$120,387,897
Personal Property	13,943,555	12,628,438	11,966,445
Special (railroad and utilities)	<u>5,037,388</u>	<u>6,153,205</u>	<u>7,560,837</u>
TOTAL	\$135,823,162	\$137,600,522	\$139,915,179

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

	2003	2004	2005
City	\$0.38425	\$0.399634	\$0.408915
County	.37057	.332656	.381561
School District	1.34590	1.333458	1.348762
Community College	.07906	.082410	.082962
Educational Service Unit	.01500	.015000	.015000
Natural Resource District	.03350	.029190	.031180
Agricultural Society	.01288	.012440	.012171
Hospital #2 Cozad	<u>.05766</u>	<u>.055224</u>	<u>.054456</u>
TOTAL	\$2.29882	\$2.260012	\$2.335007

The tax rate at the industrial site outside the city limits is \$1.941092 per \$100 of actual value.

### CITY SALES TAX

The city of Cozad imposes a 1.5 percent city sales tax in addition to the Nebraska sales tax.

### LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of March 21, 2006:

City—Revenue Bonds	\$ 2,143,499
City—General Obligation Bonds	\$ 1,195,000
School District	\$ 7,553,160
County	\$ 2,595,000

## CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 3/21/06	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
<b>Revenue</b>					
Sanitary Sewer	12/1/93	\$ 1,453,200	\$ 382,685	5.50	12/1/08
Sanitary Sewer	12/15/98	\$ 2,460,037	\$ 1,760,814	4.12	12/15/18
<b>General Obligation</b>					
Various Purpose	6/1/97	\$ 690,000	\$ 165,000	5.25	6/1/07
Fire Department	5/15/97	\$ 190,000	\$ 85,000	5.50	5/15/11
Fire Department	10/15/99	\$ 140,000	\$ 60,000	5.00	10/15/09
Various Purpose	8/1/02	\$ 375,000	\$ 270,000	4.25	8/1/12
Various Purpose	6/3/04	\$ 175,000	\$ 160,000	3.80	9/30/14
Various Purpose	11/1/03	\$ 225,000	\$ 200,000	3.34	11/10/14
Cozad Airport Authority	10/12/05	\$ 255,000	\$ 255,000	4.00	12/15/20

## SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 3/21/06	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Refunding Bond	3/05	\$ 8,065,000	\$ 7,553,160	3.998	12/24

## COUNTY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 3/21/06	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
General Obligation Bonds	12/15/03	\$ 1,840,000	\$ 1,350,000	1.25–3.60	12/15/10
Remodel Bonds	12/1/03	\$ 1,385,000	\$ 1,245,000	1.30–3.90	6/1/13



Wilson Center and United Way



Cozad Chamber of Commerce/  
Cozad Development Corporation

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Dawson County has 22 precincts and is governed by five county commissioners, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next election will be held in 2006. The actual county budget for 2004–05 was \$4,699,326.

Zoning classifications are:

AG	General Agricultural
AGR	Agricultural Residential
FR	Rural Residential
RR	Recreational Residential
C-1	Highway Commercial
I	Industrial District

### MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Cozad, a second-class city, has a mayor-council form of government. The 2004–05 actual budget was \$3,899,928. The next election will be held in May 2006.

Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
<b>Elected at Large</b>	
Mayor	4 Years
<b>Elected by Ward</b>	
Council Members (4)	4 Years

### FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided to the city and the rural areas by a 40-member volunteer fire department; 12 members are EMT certified. The department also provides protection to areas outside the community and responds to mutual aid calls with area communities.

There are 195 fire hydrants in Cozad. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 5; outside it is 10. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$117,334.

Equipment in the fire department:

Year/Make	Description
<b>City</b>	
1992 Int'l Laverne	750 gal. tanker, 1,250 gpm
2000 Freightliner	1,000 gal. pumper, 1,250 gpm
1999 Ford	Ambulance
1991 Ford	Ambulance
<b>Rural</b>	
1974 Ford	250 gal. grass rig
1981 GMC	2,000 gal. tanker, 100 gpm
1993 Chevrolet	250 gal. grass rig
2002 Freightliner	750 gal. tanker, 1,250 gpm
<b>City/Rural</b>	
2004 Ford	300 gal. tanker

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

#### Police Department

Cozad employs seven full-time police officers and has four support personnel. Equipment in the police department include four cruisers, a dispatch center with alarm system, lifeline system, and telephone for the hearing impaired. Annual expenditures for police protection for the last three years averaged \$558,370.

#### Sheriff's Department

The Dawson County Sheriff's Department has nine sworn officers and five support personnel. The department has high band radios, firearms, in-car videos, and an intoxilyzer machine. Regular patrol provides protection to existing industries in the area by the police and sheriff's departments.

The crime rate per 1,000 population in Dawson County in 2004 was 30.3 compared to a state crime rate of 37.7 and a national rate of 39.8.

#### State Patrol

Troop D of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in North Platte, 47 miles northwest of Cozad.

## STREETS

Cozad has 34 miles of streets, 28 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete or asphalt. There are no load restrictions. Ninety percent of the streets have curbs and 80 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance include street sweeping, snow removal, tarring, grading, paint striping, patching, and graveling.

Contemplated improvements in the next five years include paving at an estimated cost of \$800,000 to be funded by Highway Allocation Funds.

## BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS

The Uniform Building Codes are enforced within the city.

Local zoning classifications are:

- Agriculture
- Rural Residential
- Low-Density Residential
- Urban Family Residential
- Multiple Family Residential
- Mobile-Home Residential
- Limited Commercial
- Community Commercial
- Downtown Commercial
- General Commercial
- Limited Industrial
- General Industrial

## PLANNING

Cozad has a nine-member planning commission. Members are appointed by the Mayor and city council to serve a three-year term.

The Comprehensive Plan for Cozad was prepared by RDG Grose Gardner Shukert of Omaha in 1997. A revision is planned for 2007.



Police and Fire Stations

# COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

### Cozad City Schools

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary (2)	32	440	1 to 14	1 to 3
Middle School	20	225	1 to 12	1 to 3
High School	20	284	1 to 12	1 to 2

Dawson County School District No. 24-0011 covers approximately 42 square miles and has a 2003–04 actual valuation of \$17,767,883 and an actual valuation per student of \$189,429. This Class 3 District is accredited by the state of Nebraska and North Central Association.

The 2004–05 school operating budget is \$7,534,927, with an average cost per pupil of \$7,940.

The elementary schools have a maximum capacity of 550. The middle school was built in 2002 and has a maximum capacity of 350. The high school was built in 1967 with updates in 1980 and 2002 and has a maximum capacity of 400.

#### Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
SAT	80	21.9
7th Grade Stanford Achievement Test	100	53

It is estimated that 91 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 73 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and 27 percent of the seniors enter the job market immediately after graduation.

Vocational/tech prep programs offered include Business Education, Family Consumer Science, Industrial Technology, Trades, and Industrial.

The Dawson County School District offers a developmental preschool and provides a special program called TLC for students having serious multiple handicaps. All sites are handicap

accessible and have labs designed for handicapped students.

#### Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit (ESU) 10, headquartered in Kearney, serves 10 counties including Dawson County. Services provided include instructional materials, Internet librarian, Satellite downlink, lamination, teacher centers, Internet and service support, CISCO Regional Academy, computer audio-visual center, Tri Valley Distant Education Consortium, special services (audiology, deaf education, and more), professional development (multicultural, bus driver training, statewide writing assessment, etc.), federal and state grants, and student activities.

Services available at the ESU 10/Cozad Center include Nebraska Educational Assistive Technology (NEAT). NEAT provides training, technical support, funding, and equipment loan pool to children (birth to twenty-one) with special needs and their families, caregivers, teachers, service providers, etc.

#### TechConnectors

TechConnectors is Nebraska's Technology Recycling Service for assistive technology located in Cozad and Omaha. The statewide service is an on-line classified service offering assistive technology for free or reduced pricing or are available for loan. For more information about the program, call (308) 784-4525.

#### Special Schools

The **Cozad Alternative School** is available for middle/high school students who have potential but

are not experiencing success in a traditional school setting, teen parents, students needing flexible scheduling, students returning from contracted services, school drop outs, students returning from physical and/or emotional illness, expelled or in danger of expulsion students, and students at risk intellectually, emotionally, or socially. The students are served through individual action plans for each student outlining curriculum, schedule, and criteria for exiting the program.

**South Central Development Services (SCDS)**, a private nonprofit corporation, provides residential, social, vocational, and recreational services to persons with mental retardation. SCDS, governed by a local board of directors, is part of a statewide system of community-based mental retardation programs. The state is divided into six regions, South Central being located within Region II.

### **Community College**

Cozad is part of the Central Community College, [www.cccneb.edu](http://www.cccneb.edu), which encompasses a 25-county area. The college is governed by an 11-member Board of Governors elected by the citizens of the counties served. Administrative offices are located in Grand Island with campuses in Hastings, Columbus, and Grand Island and off-campus centers in Holdrege, Lexington, and Kearney. Classes are available through extended learning programs in approximately 80 communities within the college's service area. During the 2004–05 academic year, 25,588 students were enrolled in Central Community College courses, with approximately 15,920 participating in off-campus programs.

**Certificate, Diploma, and Degree Programs:** Coursework in nearly all major areas of study is available, including more than 100 vocational-technical and academic transfer college credit courses. Classes are available through various delivery methods, including:

—**Independent Study:** Allows students to work on college credit classes at their own pace, using course materials from the campuses. The staff serve as contacts between the student and campus faculty and administration.

—**Distance Learning:** Uses several state-of-the-art teaching technologies, including video conferencing, satellite broadcasts, and Internet courses to deliver college credit courses.

**Adult Basic Education Program:** This program is offered by Central Community College in cooperation with the Nebraska Department of Education and the federal government. The program is designed to provide the opportunity to gain basic education skills at no cost to the student. The program has four major components:

—Adult Basic Education for those with less than an eighth grade education.

—English as a Second Language for non-English speaking persons wishing to learn to speak, read, and write English.

—High School Completion (General Educational Development (GED)) for those with less than a high school diploma.

—Living Skills for adults wishing to improve their basic life skills in consumer economics, health, community resources, government and law, and occupational knowledge.

**Community Education Program:** Avocational/recreational courses are offered to provide students an opportunity to explore and develop skills for personal interest, leisure, and recreational activities.

**Business and Professional Training:** Central Community College is a primary source of training and education for business, industry, agricultural association, civic groups, governmental agencies, and other organizations within its 25-county service area. College staff provide expertise in their fields of study to develop and coordinate specially-tailored short courses, workshops, and seminars to meet specific training needs.

Central Community College works with area industries, retail establishments, and other agencies and organizations in planning in-service and/or in-plant training programs.



Cozad Elementary School



Cozad Middle School



Cozad High School



Cozad Community Hospital



Cozad Medical Clinic



Southview Manor Care Center

### 2004-05 Program Graduates

<u>Program</u>	<u># of Graduates</u>
Accounting	15
Agriculture Occupations	14
Art, Commercial	5
Associate Degree in Nursing	44
Auto Body Technology	59
Automotive Technology	19
Business Administration	91
Business Technology (Office Technology)	75
Commercial Horticulture	15
Construction Technology	43
Criminal Justice	22
Dental Assisting	18
Dental Hygiene	13
Diesel Technology	9
Drafting Occupations	53
Electrical Technology	31
Electronics Technology	55
Early Childhood Education	88
Health Information Management Services	40
Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	17
Hospitality Management & Culinary Services	5
Human Services	20
Industrial Technology	44
Information Technology	68
Machine Tool Technology	6
Media Arts	22
Medical Assisting	12
Medical Laboratory Technology	13
Paralegal Studies	17
Parts Sales & Management	9
Practical Nursing	75
Quality Control	18
Welding Technology	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,072</b>

### Colleges and Universities

Excellence in classroom teaching is the University of Nebraska at Kearney's (UNK), [www.unk.edu](http://www.unk.edu), core mission. More than 300 faculty members are dedicated to providing intellectual challenges in a nurturing environment. Its personalized approach, academic support, and affordability combine to make UNK's programs accessible and very attractive to students from a wide variety of backgrounds.

Because careers of the future revolve around technology, UNK is preparing students by integrating the latest technology into its curriculum and everyday life.

UNK offers practical programs that prepare students to enter the workforce immediately or as pre-professional courses of study. The university's emphasis is on high quality undergraduate teaching and selected graduate programs in liberal arts, business, technology, and education.

Founded in 1903 as the Nebraska State Normal School at Kearney, the institution has grown from 96 students its first year to nearly 6,500 today. The Normal School became Nebraska State Teacher's College in 1921 and then Kearney State College in 1963 when its mission broadened to include a more diverse curriculum. Through an act of the state legislature, Kearney State College became the University of Nebraska at Kearney on July 1, 1991.

Today's student population comes from all 93 Nebraska counties, 40 states, and 50 foreign countries. Eighty undergraduate degree programs are offered through the colleges of business and

UNK Enrollment & Degrees Conferred by Department, 2003-2004 Academic Year			
Department	Enrollment	Degrees	
		Baccalaureate	Masters/Specialist
Business & Technology	1,338	327	17
Education	1,723	265	168
Fine Arts & Humanities	824	173	13
Natural & Social Sciences	<u>1,838</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>7</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,382</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>205</b>

technology, education, natural and social sciences, and fine arts and humanities. More than 1,000 undergraduate degrees are awarded annually. Twenty-one pre-professional and two specialist degree programs are also offered. UNK conducts an aggressive outreach program in western and rural parts of Nebraska, with classes offered in McCook, North Platte, Grand Island, Broken Bow, Holdrege, Lexington, Hastings, Columbus, Aurora, Scottsbluff, and others.

UNK varsity men's and women's athletic teams compete as members of the NCAA Division II in 16 sports within the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC). For eight consecutive years UNK has won the RMAC trophy.

### Other Schools

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

<b>Community/ College or University</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>Curtis</b> Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture	48
<b>North Platte</b> Joseph's College of Beauty Mid-Plains Community College	47
<b>Kearney</b> University of Nebraska at Kearney Central Community College, Kearney Campus	50
<b>Grand Island</b> Grand Island College Central Community College Grand Island Campus	100
<b>Hastings</b> Hastings College Central Community College Hastings Campus	107
<b>Crete</b> Doane College	180
<b>Lincoln</b> University of Nebraska-Lincoln Nebraska Wesleyan University	182
<b>Omaha</b> University of Nebraska at Omaha University of Nebraska Medical Center Creighton University	235

## CHURCHES

<b>Denomination</b>	<b>Number of Churches</b>
Assembly of God	1
Baptist	1
Berean Fundamental	1
Catholic	1
Church of Christ	2
Church of God	1
Church of Nazarene	1
Community Bible	1
Episcopal	1
Lutheran, ELCA	2
Presbyterian (PCUSA)	1
United Methodist	2

## HEALTH CARE

There are approximately 18 physicians and 14 outpatient clinics within a 50-mile of Cozad.

### Hospital

The Cozad Community Hospital, built in 1950, is a 21-bed critical access hospital. The facility is accredited by the American Hospital Association, Nebraska Hospital Association, and CMS. The skilled nursing facility provides inpatient and outpatient services, along with emergency, operating, and obstetrics services. Outpatient clinics, telemedicine, hospice, respite care, lab services including lab draws, mammograms, CT scans, MRIs, ultrasound, bone density, EKG monitoring, nuclear heart studies, cardiac and pulmonary rehab, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy are also available.

Patient transfers are arranged through ambulance services from tertiary facilities.

Contemplated improvements for the hospital include new heating and air conditioning at a cost of \$380,000, computer system updates at \$10,000, carpeting at \$15,000, and trauma designation equipment at a cost of \$3,000.

Good Samaritan Health Systems in Kearney, 50 miles from Cozad, is available for patients in need of advanced critical/medical care.



Grand Generation Center



Cozad Wilson Public Library



Wellness Center



Cozad Muny Park



Veteran's Memorial Park



Playground Equipment at Veteran's Memorial Park



Willow Island



Walking Trail



Hay Days Parade



Park Playground

## Clinics

The Cozad Medical Clinic provides family practice medicine, obstetrics, well baby care, preventative health, and minor surgery. General surgery assistance provided include colonoscopy, endoscopy, cesarean delivery, hernia repairs, and more.

## Rescue Squad

There are 12 Emergency Medical Technicians on the Cozad Rescue and Transfer Squad who operate the fire department's two ambulances.

## NURSING HOMES

Southview Manor Care Center is a 87-bed facility consisting of 67 skilled nursing home beds and 20 assisted living units. Two of their skilled nursing home wings were remodeled into secured Alzheimer's Care Units. These units are designated to meet the social and medical needs of the Alzheimer's residents. A provider of Medicare Part A services, the facility provides a wide variety of skilled nursing and therapy treatments as well as laundry, and housekeeping.

Along with long-term care, Southview Manor provides services to those who only need short-term services or adult day services. Respite services are provided to families who choose to care for their loved ones at home by offering short-term stays or day-care services.

Services provided at Southview Manor Care Center include therapy service, laundry, and housekeeping.

## LIBRARY

The Cozad Wilson Public Library contains 40,000 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 450,000.

The library has numerous magazines, cassettes, art prints, sculptures, and talking books for the blind or physically handicapped. Library activities include a reading program for children and home-bound delivery for the elderly.

## RECREATION

There are seven parks in Cozad covering 33 acres. Facilities include a 50-meter swimming pool; hard-surfaced exercise trails; horseshoe pits; picnic areas; grills; playground equipment; lighted tennis courts; soccer fields; frisbee golf; handicap accessible rest rooms; baseball and softball diamonds; sand volleyball courts; walking track; and overnight camping with electrical hookups, dump stations, and water.

Cozad has ten playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, ball diamonds, rest rooms, and standard playground equipment.

### Area facilities:

Boating	—	Midway Lake, Gallager State Recreation Area, Johnson Lake, Maloney Reservoir
Bowling	—	Cozad, North Platte, Lexington, Gothenburg, Kearney
Campgrounds	—	Cozad, Lexington, Gothenburg
Fishing	—	Interstate lakes, North Platte, Midway Lake, Gallager State Recreation Area, Maloney Reservoir
Golf Courses	—	Private 18 holes grass greens with clubhouse in Cozad; North Platte; Gothenburg; Johnson Lake; Overton; Kearney
Hiking Trails	—	.62 mile in Cozad
Hockey	—	Kearney
Hunting	—	Deer, quail, ducks, geese, pheasant, rabbit, grouse
Miniature Golf	—	Kearney
Racquetball	—	Indoor at Dawson County Racquet Club
Sand Volleyball	—	Cozad Muny Park
Soccer	—	Three fields at Cozad Muny Park
Swimming	—	Cozad Muny Park
Tennis	—	Sportsman Field
Theaters	—	Cozad, indoor, 350 seats

The **Comunity Wellness Center** (approximately 40,000 square feet) is located adjacent to the Cozad High School. The center has a full gymnasium, walking/jogging track, two fitness rooms, distance learning lab, two locker rooms, a weight room/cardiovascular area. Youth and adult leagues utilize the center.

Annual celebrations include the Robert Henri Birthday Celebration in June; Bands, Brews, and BBQ's in July; Hay Days the first weekend after Labor Day; and Winter Wonderland Parade in December.

Recreation programs in the Cozad area for men and women include bingo, bridge, sewing clubs, china painting, adult softball, elderly exercise classes, art club, extension clubs, and garden clubs.

**Camp Comeca and Retreat Center** is located south of Cozad on the hilltop overlooking the Platte River Valley and Midway Lake. A 20-unit hotel, an indoor pool, a full-sized gymnasium and several meeting areas are featured. Home-cooked buffet style meals are served.

In addition to the summer camping programs, Comeca offers a great place for business conferences, retreats, workshops, family reunions, and receptions in a unique, year-round setting.

Comeca provides a quiet, distraction-free environment for spiritual growth and reflection.

**The Grand Generation Center** serves noon meals Monday through Friday. Pool, quilting, card playing, dancing, and various other activities are available.

The **Robert Henri Museum and Historical Walkway** opened in May 1986. Henri, the son of John J. Cozad, became a famous artist and is known worldwide. The museum is his childhood home. The Walkway consists of an original Pony Express station, the Little Church in the Park, and a pioneer schoolhouse. The Robert Henri Museum holds many art shows throughout the year.

Another attraction is the **100th Meridian Museum** that was completed in 1994. The museum became the permanent home for the Cozad Stagecoach. This famous stagecoach

carried President Taft during his visits to Yellowstone National Park. Cultural activities are provided by the World Entertainment Series, which presents three concerts each year. The Cozad Area Arts Council sponsors artists in residence, local singing groups, and various plays and musical programs.

## HOUSING

### New Construction

Nine new homes were constructed in the past two years and it is estimated five will be built in 2006. The cost of new home construction averages \$82 per square foot. Building permits were issued for 39 single-family homes during the last five years:

### Housing Market (as of 11/05):

#### Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family - 67

#### Avg. Selling Prices (New and Existing)

Single Family Home

2,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedrooms \$125,000

1,600 sq. ft. - 3 bedrooms \$80,000-\$95,000

1,000 sq. ft. \$50,000-\$80,000

Apartment Vacancy Rate less than 2%

#### Number of Single Family Homes

#### for Sale by Price (New and Existing)

Less than \$100,000 59

\$100,000-\$150,000 8

### Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

**Haymaker Haven** consists of 40 units. Haymaker Haven offers housing for the elderly, handicapped, and disabled. The facility provides maintenance-free living and scheduled activities.

The **Cozad Housing** consists of 30 units for the elderly, handicapped, and disabled. Services provided include maintenance-free living with scheduled activities.

**Park Plaza Apartments**, a 10-unit complex, provides housing for the frail and elderly. Maintenance-free living and scheduled activities are provided. A service coordinator determines required services for an independent lifestyle.

**East Villa Court**, with 24-maintenance-free units, provides affordable living for families with some rental assistance to those needing two- and three-bedroom units.

**Assisted Living**

**Cozad Assisted Living**, consisting of 24 units, was built in 2005.

**FINANCIAL**

As of November 15, 2005

Name	Capital		
	Accounts	Deposits	Loans
- - - - -thousand dollars - - - - -			
Cozad State Bank	\$11,600	\$85,950	\$71,375
First Bank & Trust	\$13,672	\$115,407	\$93,039
Security First Bank	\$49,786	\$419,731	\$355,750



Haymaker Haven



Robert Henri Museum



100th Meridian Museum



Pony Express Cabin

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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### PROFESSIONAL

Architects .....	2
Attorneys .....	8
Auctioneers .....	2
Certified Public Accountants .....	2
Chiropractors .....	1
Dentists .....	4
Medical Doctors (residing in Cozad)	
—general practitioners .....	4
—ophthalmologists .....	1
Medical Doctors (on hospital consulting staff )	
—cardiologists .....	1
—general surgeons .....	1
Nurse Practitioners .....	14
Nurses, Registered.....	8
Optometrists .....	1
Oral Surgeons .....	1
Pharmacists .....	4
Veterinarians .....	2

### BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies .....	2
Agricultural Implement Dealers .....	2
Antique Shops .....	3
Apparel Stores—combination .....	2
Appliance Stores .....	1
Auto Repair & Service .....	3
Auto Supply Parts .....	2
Automobile Dealers .....	2
Aviation Seeding & Spraying .....	2
Bakeries .....	1
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums .....	2
Beauty Salons & Barber Shops .....	10
Carpet & Rug Dealers .....	1
Caterers .....	2
Child Care Services .....	11

Contractors—building .....	2	
—carpentry .....	1	
—concrete .....	1	
—electric .....	2	
—excavating .....	1	
—general .....	6	
—gravel .....	1	
—heating & air conditioning .....	1	
—plumbing .....	1	
—remodeling & repairing .....	1	
—roofing .....	1	
—well digging .....	1	
Convenience Stores .....	3	
Dance Studios .....	1	
Discount Stores .....	2	
Drug Stores .....	2	
Employment Services, Temporary .....	1	
Floral Shops .....	2	
Garbage Collection .....	1	
Gift Shops .....	4	
Grocery Stores .....	2	
Hardware Stores .....	2	
Health Clubs .....	1	
Insurance Companies .....	8	
Interior Decorators & Designers .....	1	
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies .....	2	
Laundries, Self-Service .....	2	
Lawn Services .....	3	
Lumberyards .....	2	
Machine Shops .....	1	
Motels .....	2	(87 rooms)
Photography Studios .....	1	
Preschools .....	2	
Real Estate Firms .....	4	
Restaurants .....	9	
Service Stations (gas & oil) .....	7	
Theaters (indoor & outdoor) .....	1	
Tool & Die Makers .....	1	
Upholstery Shops .....	1	
Variety Stores .....	2	
Welding Shops .....	1	

## AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

### AGRICULTURE

2002 Statistics	Dawson County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	718	49,355
Land in Farms (acres)	622,805	45,903,116
Average Size of Farms (acres)	867	930
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$371,332,000	\$9,703,657,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$517,176	\$196,609
Total Acres Irrigated	225,508	7,625,170
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	36.2%	16.6%
<b>Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2000–2004)</b>		
All Alfalfa Hay	239,350 tons	4,572,000 tons
Corn for Grain	30,767,060 bu.	1,107,650,000 bu.
Soybeans	1,836,140 bu.	195,251,000 bu.
All Wheat	228,700 bu.	62,706,000 bu.
<b>Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2001–2005)</b>		
All Cattle	227,600	6,360,000

In the past ten years, Dawson County ranked second in the production of alfalfa and fifth in the production of corn. They also ranked third in all cattle and calves from 1993–2001 along with seventh in beef cows and calf crop.

Source: National Agriculture Statistics Service, 2000–2005  
2002 Census of Agriculture

### RAW MATERIALS

Sand and gravel, nonmetallic minerals, are available in commercial quantities; however, metallic minerals are not found in the Cozad area.

# CLIMATE

## TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature			Precipitation*		Humidity*	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	10.0	23.4	36.6	0.46	5.10	80	65
February	15.4	28.6	41.8	0.71	6.30	79	62
March	22.2	35.3	48.6	1.12	6.60	80	56
April	34.6	49.0	63.4	1.73	2.30	80	51
May	46.0	59.6	73.1	3.43	0.30	83	55
June	56.5	70.0	83.6	4.13	0.00	84	56
July	61.0	74.8	88.6	3.41	0.00	84	55
August	59.6	73.4	87.2	2.52	0.00	85	56
September	48.8	63.5	78.1	2.07	0.00	83	52
October	36.7	52.3	67.9	1.52	0.50	81	51
November	23.1	37.5	51.8	0.55	2.70	81	58
December	14.3	27.4	40.5	0.51	5.50	80	63
<b>Annual</b>	35.7	49.6	63.5	22.16	29.30	82	57

\*Recorded at North Platte Weather Station

## FROST DATA

Average date of last frost in spring .....	May 5
Average date of first frost in fall .....	October 1
Average length of growing season .....	149 days
Average number of "heating degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	6,498
Average number of "cooling degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	897
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average) .....	10
Prevailing wind direction (annual average) .....	Northwest

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1948-2004, [www.hprcc.unl.edu](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu)