

COMMUNITY FACTS

COZAD, NEBRASKA

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POPULATION (Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008 Est.</u>
Cozad	4,163	4,218
Dawson County	24,365	24,665
Micropolitan Statistical Area*	26,508	26,591
Labor Market**	128,037	130,080

*Includes Dawson and Gosper Counties

**Includes Dawson County and contiguous counties

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INTRODUCTION

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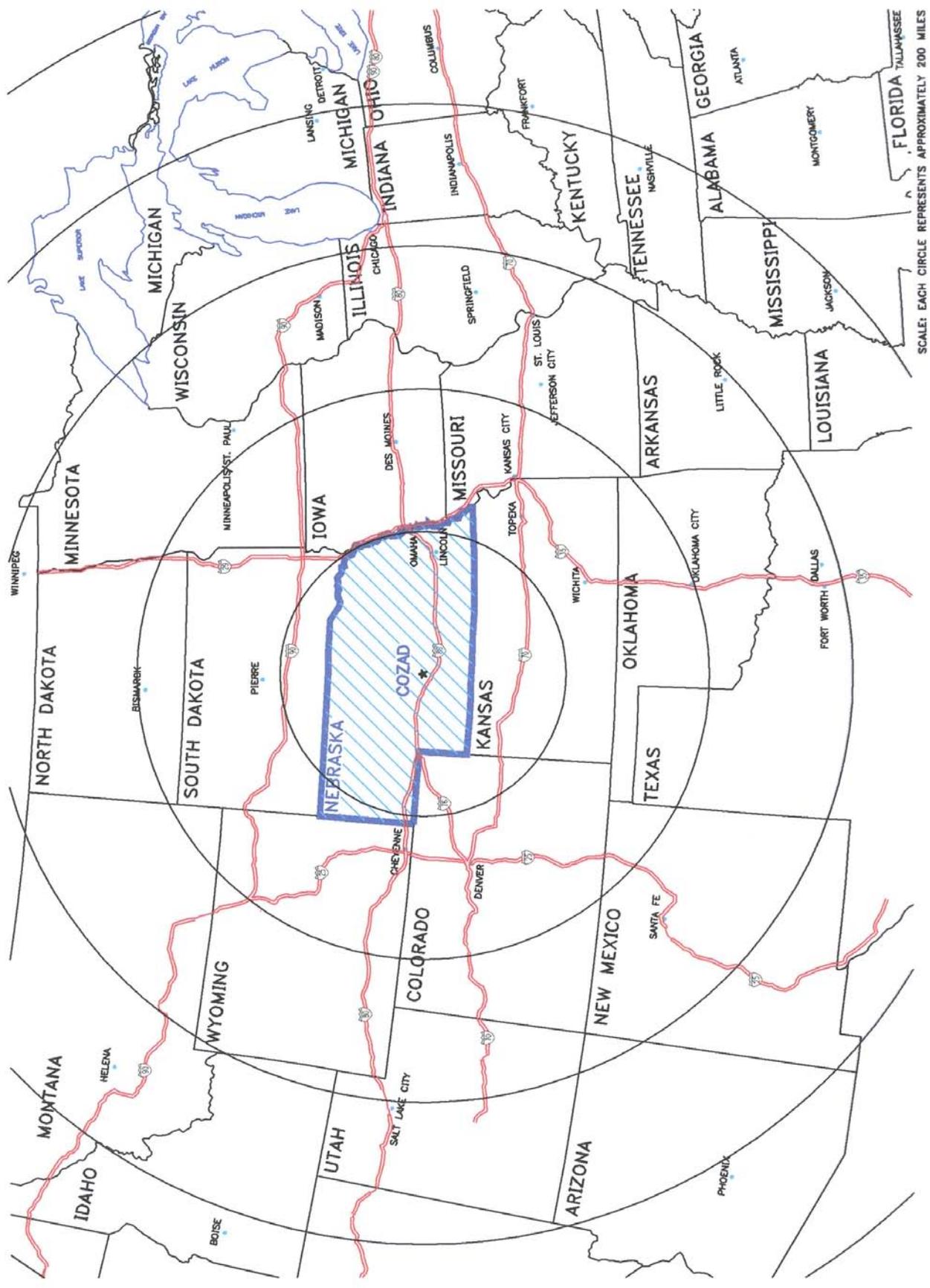
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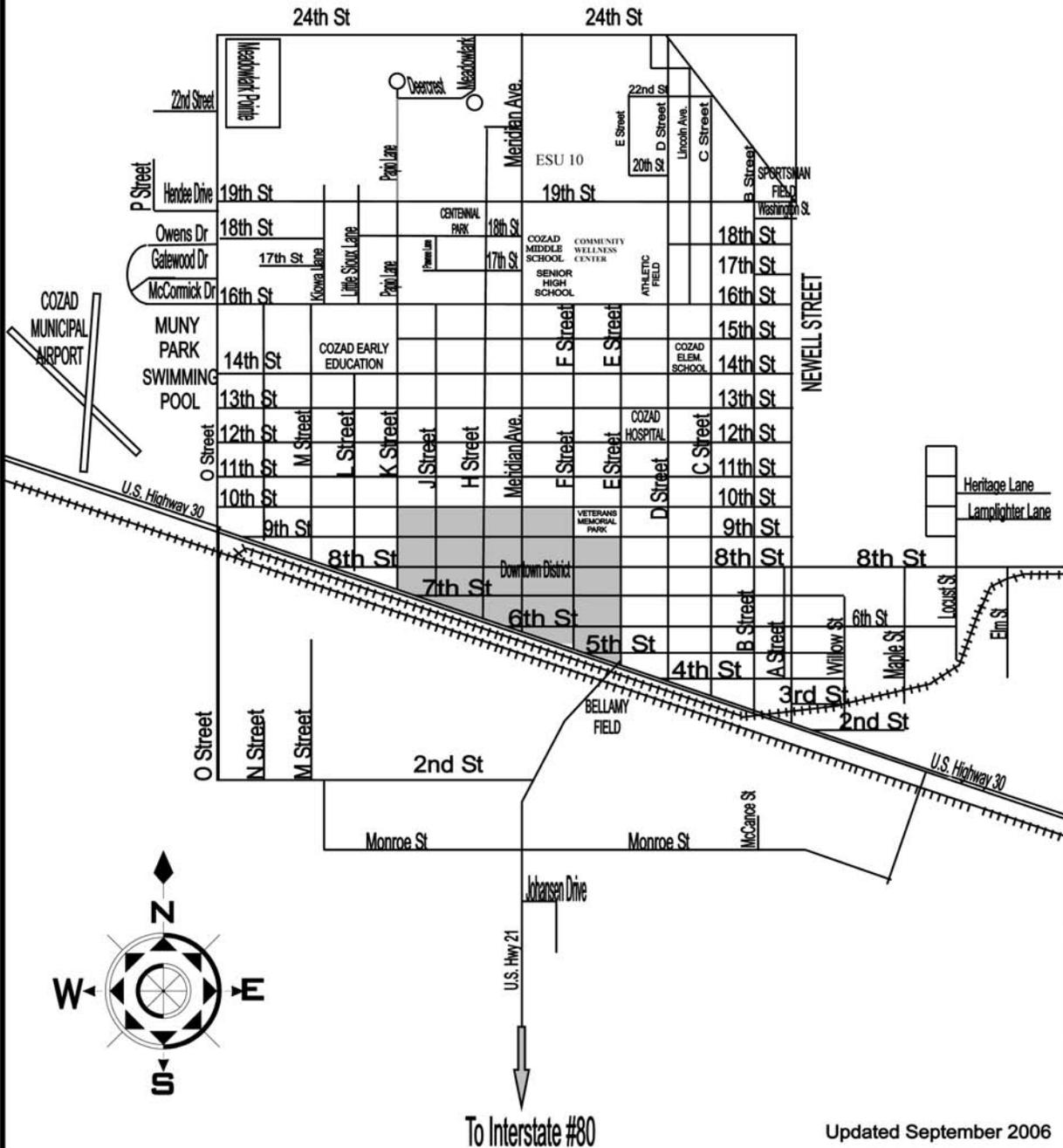


SCALE: EACH CIRCLE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES

COZAD, NEBRASKA

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GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Cozad is located in the Platte River Valley on the 100th meridian in Dawson County in south-central Nebraska. Cozad is included in the Lexington Micropolitan Statistical Area, which includes Dawson and Gosper Counties. Served by U.S. Highway 30 and Nebraska Highway 22, Cozad is one-fourth mile north of Interstate 80, 235 miles west of Omaha, and 303 miles east of Denver.

POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Cozad	Dawson County
1970	4,225	19,771
1980	4,453	22,304
1990	3,906	19,940
2000	4,163	24,365
2008 (Est.)	4,218	24,665

Dawson County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin 2008 U.S. Census

One Race	
White	95.7%
Black	1.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.1%
Asian	0.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%
Two or More Races	0.7%
Hispanic or Latino Origin*	31.2%
White Not Hispanic	65.8%

*Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories.

The 2008 U.S. Census estimates 26,591 people live in the Lexington Micropolitan Statistical Area, which includes Dawson and Gosper Counties, and 130,080 people in Dawson County and the contiguous counties of Buffalo, Custer, Frontier, Gosper, Lincoln, and Phelps.



Approximately 250 people in Cozad are fluent in at least one other language, primarily Spanish.

LOCAL ECONOMY

Cozad is located in the center of Dawson County with deep roots in agriculture and livestock production along with a diversified business and industry base. Cozad's major economic activities include farming, feeding and raising cattle, manufacturing, services, and tourism. Cozad boasts a solid manufacturing base, a vibrant service sector, and a growing tourism industry. Cozad is included in the Lexington Micropolitan Statistical Area.

Firms in Cozad with retail sales tax permits reported 2009 net taxable retail sales of \$45,700,837; Dawson County reported net taxable retail sales of \$224,955,733. Wholesale firms in the community distribute food, feed products, gloves, plastic fencing, automotive parts, and agricultural products and equipment.

Cozad's quality of life encompasses parks, museums, shopping opportunities, up-to-date libraries, schools, hospitals, an abundance of recreational opportunities, and a culture that remains focused on creating a better future for following generations.

ELEVATION

Cozad is 2,487 feet above sea level.

TOPOGRAPHY

The Platte Valley, in which Cozad is located, has 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.

The original Pony Express Station was built in approximately 1849 on the south bank of the Platte River, south of Darr, by Mr. Pat Malalley. The cabin was built of red cedars which were found in the canyons to the west. Wooden pegs were used in the construction and plastered with clay, which he found in the hills to the south. The Malalley Ranch became not only a trading post for Indians but also a camping place for wagon trains because water and wood for repairs and fuel were available. Later it was known as the Willow Island Station and used as a stage and Pony Express Station during the Pony Express from April 1860 through October 1861. The cabin is now located in Veteran's Memorial Park and is a focal point for visiting tourists.

Mr. Cozad negotiated with the Union Pacific and purchased approximately 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.

Construction of the Lincoln Highway, which passes through Cozad, began in 1913 when a group of American Industrialists envisioned a "continuous improved highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific, open to lawful traffic of all descriptions, without toll charges." This was constructed to be a lasting memorial to Abraham Lincoln.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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	12	5	None
Colorado Biolabs, Inc. 2000	Concentrated heme iron products for human nutrition	National & Export	13	11	None
Cozad Alfalfa, Inc. 1960	Alfalfa products	National	12	2	None
Island Dehy Company 1974	Alfalfa products	National & Export	12	0	None
Nebraska Plastics, Inc. 1945	Vinyl products	National & Export	92	50	None
Paulsen, Inc. 1946	Construction & precast concrete products	Regional	234	25	None
Tenneco Auto Equipment Co. 1961	Shock absorbers	National & Export	290	171	None
Zook's Welding Shop, Inc. 1948	Mechanical fabrication & repair	Regional	9	1	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

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	26 8*	8 23*	None
Cozad Community Hospital	Medical	13 1*	56 14*	None
Cozad Public Schools	Education	35 1*	94 16*	NSEA/ CEA

*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>	
Golden LivingCenter	Nursing home/assisted living	2	78	None
Hunt Cleaners, Inc.	Industrial dry cleaning	14	17	None
VVS, Inc.	Industrial & commercial food & vending service	117	224	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

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

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Gothenburg, 10 miles				
Baldwin Filters	Air filters	140 Total		None
Lexington, 15 miles				
Dawson County	Government	90	82	None
Lexington Public Schools	Education	90	394	NSEA/ LEA
Orthman Manufacturing, Inc.	Farm implements & grain wagons	166	15	None
Tri-county Hospital	Medical	15	209	None
Tyson Foods	Boxed beef	3,310 Total		None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Dawson Area Development, Cozad Chamber of Commerce, and Cozad Development Corporation (CDC) work together with the city for economic development in the community.

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

Cozad Development Corporation is a nonprofit corporation comprised of 106 members.

In May 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. In May 2007, Cozad voters affirmed their desire for development and growth by approving an additional ten years of sales tax collection. This will extend the collection until 2019.

VVS, Inc., an industrial food and vending service, doubled their employee count in 2005 by

expanding their market area to Texas, Colorado, Kansas, and Iowa.

In 2009 Tenneco announced their plant in Cozad will close in fall 2010.

CDC has various tracts of land available for development. 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.

INDUSTRIAL SITES AVAILABLE

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



ADM Alliance Nutrition



Colorado Biolabs, Inc.



Paulsen, Inc.



Hunt Cleaners, Inc.



VVS, Inc.

LABOR

LABOR SUPPLY

- A. Employment in the Cozad labor market, which is defined as the whole of the Lexington Micropolitan Statistical Area (Dawson and Gosper Counties) and the total labor market consisting of Dawson County and the contiguous counties of Buffalo, Custer, Frontier, Gosper, Lincoln, and Phelps (12-month average, April 2009 thru March 2010):

	<u>Lexington MSA</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)		
Goods-Producing	3,975	11,145
Manufacturing	3,631	(D)
Natural Resources & Construction	344	(D)
Wholesale Trade	520	(D)
Retail Trade	1,163	8,463
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	336	(D)
Information	103	(D)
Financial Activities	378	2,329
Professional & Business Services	604	(D)
Education & Health Services	825	8,879
Leisure & Hospitality	775	6,597
Other Services	297	2,051
Government	2,225	11,524
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	11,201	62,616
Farm Employment	1,381	6,337
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	12,611	72,661
B. Commuting Out of County	3,488	N/A
C. Unemployment	652	3,081
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	13,263	75,742
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	348	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	9,061	

(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

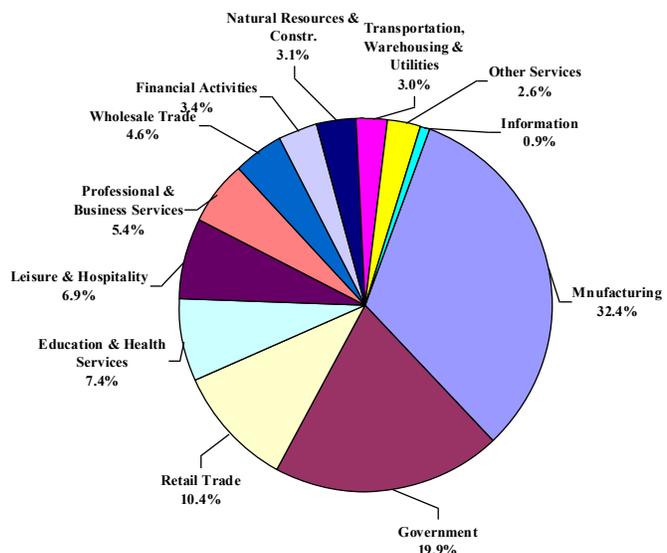
Source: Nebraska Workforce Development

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2007

U.S. Census

Cozad is willing to conduct a labor study for a prospective industry.

**NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
LEXINGTON MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
12-MONTH AVERAGE,
APRIL 2009 THRU MARCH 2010**



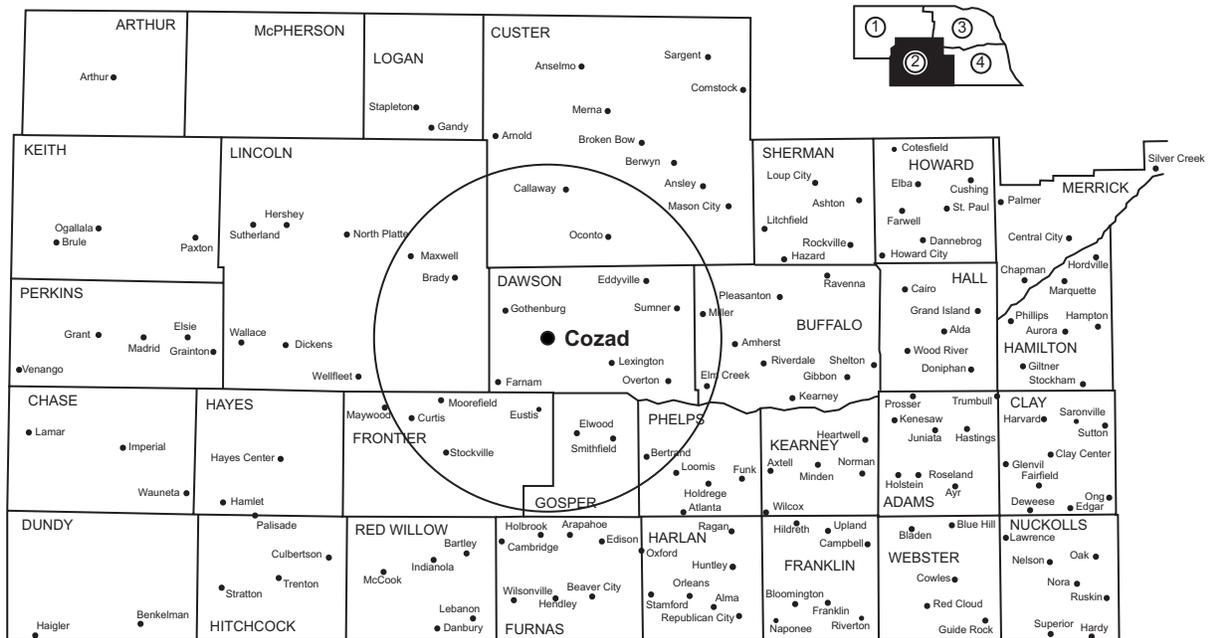
POPULATION DATA

Location	2000			2008		
	Density/Sq. Mile	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Age	County Median Family Income
Dawson Co.	24.1	73.6	14.4	12.9	36.2	\$52,200
Nebraska	22.3	86.6	23.7	13.5	36.2	\$59,800
U.S.	79.6	80.4	24.4	12.8	36.8	\$61,500

Dawson County had 13,606 registered voters in 2008; 59.8 percent voted in the national election compared to 70.2 percent in Nebraska.

Source: U.S. Census, www.census.gov
 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2009
 Statewide General Election 2008 Results, www.sos.state.ne.us

LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE COZAD AREA



POPULATION DATA U.S. Census Estimates

2008 Estimate	
City of Cozad	4,218
Dawson County	24,665
Lexington Micropolitan Area	26,591
30-Mile Radius	33,620

Dawson County Population Ages/Gender, 2008		
<u>Ages</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
18-24	1,030	891
25-44	3,186	2,859
45-64	3,228	3,031

UNIONIZATION

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution. In 2006, 7.9 percent of Nebraska's nonfarm wage and salary workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 12.0 percent.

Labor organizations operating in the Cozad area:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Union</u>
Cozad Public Schools	Nebraska State Education Association/ Cozad Education Association
SourceGas Distribution, LLC	Communications Workers of America

It is estimated that less than 1 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in Cozad is unionized. There have been no known strikes.

WAGES

<u>Occupation Title</u>	<u>Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile</u>		
	<u>10th</u>	<u>50th</u>	<u>90th</u>
Professional			
Accountants & Auditors	15.20	23.98	37.43
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	21.65	31.51	39.45
Electrical Engineers*	25.87	30.71	40.87
Industrial Engineers	16.90	26.07	46.05
Mechanical Engineers*	17.99	31.18	45.57
Computer Programmers*	13.93	23.81	39.42
Computer Systems Analysts*	16.10	32.77	50.18
Registered Nurses	16.41	24.60	32.39
Retail			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	7.03	8.37	9.80
Retail Salespersons	7.02	8.96	14.98
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	7.58	12.47	21.89
Driver/Sales Workers	7.32	14.03	24.27
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	7.24	10.21	17.80
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	9.86	13.58	16.98
Clerical			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	8.61	13.09	18.18
Customer Service Representatives	9.45	12.29	18.44
Data Entry Keyers	7.09	13.71	18.62
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	7.80	11.46	16.18
Office Clerks, General	7.33	10.24	14.80
Receptionists & Information Clerks*	7.81	10.42	15.60
Telemarketers*	7.55	9.32	13.04

*Wage information taken from Balance of State

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Unskilled			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	8.40	11.67	17.94
Packers & Packagers, Hand	7.78	16.12	19.29
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other*	10.39	13.61	16.12
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	8.34	10.47	13.95
Semi-Skilled			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	10.94	16.37	19.08
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	10.26	13.93	24.36
Maintenance Workers, Machinery*	12.93	17.55	25.21
Machine Operators			
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	9.92	12.06	14.20
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.	7.20	11.80	15.39
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	12.38	17.84	20.12
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.*	7.88	12.90	16.92
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	12.19	14.24	24.82
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	10.71	13.73	24.90
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	11.80	15.17	19.64
Skilled			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	8.96	12.46	21.46
Electricians	11.02	18.81	28.29
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	13.58	18.12	22.92
Machinists	10.97	13.88	28.57
Tool & Die Makers	12.68	19.71	24.64
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	9.57	14.04	22.66
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters*	11.89	14.65	18.20
Technical			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	17.19	28.58	33.22
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	16.30	19.81	30.64
Computer Operators	11.37	15.27	19.33

*Wage information taken from Balance of State

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, First Quarter 2010 wage estimates, All Industries, Mid Plains Region, <http://neblswages.nwd.ne.gov>.

Production workers are, for the most part, paid on a straight-time basis rather than an incentive basis.

FRINGE BENEFITS

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range from 12 to 15 percent of wages.

TRANSPORTATION

RAILROADS

Cozad is served by the Union Pacific Railroad's main line 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) 289-1911, or visit 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 services, 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	708
Dallas	705
Denver	303
Detroit	965
Kansas City	373
Los Angeles	1,321
Minneapolis	610
New York	1,472
St. Louis	624
San Francisco	1,437

Trucklines

More than 11,500 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.

Trucklines with terminals in Dawson County:

Cozad

Rolland Hood & Sons Inc.

Gothenburg

Hoovestol Trucking

Jensen Trucking Co. Inc.

NSG Transport Inc.

Lexington

HAR Transportation Inc.

Justa Trucking

Post Enterprises Inc.

Bud Small Trucking

Triple S Trucking

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 provides transportation along the I-80 corridor once a day to Kearney and to Eppley Airfield in Omaha, the Lincoln Airport, Grand Island, and York with three buses Monday through Friday, one bus on Saturday, and two buses on Sunday.

Denver Coach provides direct access from Kearney to Scottsbluff, with stops along Interstate 80 available by reservation. Daily shuttle service is also available to the Front Range of Colorado and Denver, including Denver International Airport. Denver Coach was recently acquired by AmeriStar Transportation Services, which also offers chartered tours through

AmeriStar Tours LLC Chartered Motor Coach Service, a Nebraska-based company.

AIR

Cozad Municipal Airport has a 5,000-foot by 75-foot lighted concrete runway and a 3,000-foot by 300-foot sod runway. Services include 100 low-lead Jet A aircraft fuel, aircraft 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 2,503 feet, the latitude is 40-52N, and the longitude is 100-01W.

Scheduled air service is available at the North Platte Regional Airport, 47 miles (35 minutes) northwest, and the Kearney Regional Airport, 50 miles (45 minutes) southeast of Cozad.

Airlines serving these locations:

Airlines	Flights Daily	Destination
North Platte		
Great Lakes Airlines	3	Denver International
Kearney		
Great Lakes Airlines	3	Denver International

The **North Platte Regional Airport**, 47 miles (35 minutes), has two lighted runways with full instrument landing capabilities—8,000-foot grooved concrete runway and a 4,436-foot asphalt runway. 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 2,777 feet, the latitude is 41-08N, and the longitude is 100-41W.

The **Kearney Regional Airport**, 50 miles (45 minutes) southeast of Cozad, provides passenger, air freight, and air express services. Public ground transportation is available via rental cars, motel shuttles, and taxi. Kearney Regional Airport has two paved and lighted runways (7,094 and 4,498 feet). Other facilities and services include pilots' lounge, aircraft maintenance and repair, refueling, pilot training, charter, air ambulance, agriculture crop spraying, hangar storage, tie down, and other services. One of the 29 private planes hangared at the airport is available for charter. The elevation at the airport is 2,128 feet, the latitude is 40-44N, and the longitude is 099-00W. Car rental and Internet access are available in the terminal.

WATER

Barge transportation is not available nearby.



Cozad Arch

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 28 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—CITY OF COZAD (effective 3/20/08)

Summer bills run from June–September.
Winter bills run from October–May.

Residential Service:

Customer Charge: \$5.84 per month		
Summer	Winter	
7.47¢	7.47¢	per kWh for the first 700 kWh used per month
7.47¢	3.62¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge		

This rate is subject to application of a Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

General Service:

Customer Charge: \$13.98 per month		
Summer	Winter	
7.86¢	7.86¢	per kWh for the first 2,000 kWh used per month
7.86¢	4.54¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge		

This rate is subject to application of a Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

General Service Demand:

Customer Charge: \$35.05 per month		
Demand Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
\$12.78	\$8.74	per kW on peak
\$ 4.74	\$7.28	per kW interruptible
Energy Charge:		
2.58¢	2.58¢	per kWh
Ratchet: 57% of peak summer demand		
Minimum Bill: \$325.00 demand charge		

This rate is subject to application of a Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Sample Cost per kWh for General Service Demand:

kW	kWh	Average
		¢/kWh Summer/Winter
100	30,000	7.53/6.18
100	36,000	6.80/5.68
300	90,000	7.45/6.10
300	150,000	5.73/4.92
500	150,000	7.43/6.09
500	180,000	6.72/5.60

Large Power Rate:

Base Charge: \$50.00 per month		
Demand Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
\$11.11	\$7.98	per kW of billing demand
Energy Charge:		
Summer	Winter	
4.74¢	3.533¢	per kWh on-peak (brackets estimated by kW x multiplier)
3.029¢	2.060¢	per kWh off-peak (brackets estimated by kW x multiplier)
Ratchet: 57% of peak summer demand		
Minimum Bill: Demand charge, but not less than \$325.00		

Sample Cost per kWh for Large Power Service:

kW	kWh	Average
		¢/kWh Summer/Winter
1,000	200,000	8.81/6.14
1,000	650,000	5.18/3.89

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

Dawson County Public Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves the rural area surrounding Cozad. For more 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, www.dawsonpower.com.

NATURAL GAS

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

SourceGas Distribution 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 SourceGas’s Service Center at (800) 563-0012.

OTHER FUELS

LP Gas

LP gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Cozad at All Points Cooperative.

Oil

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

WATER

The municipal water system in Cozad is supplied by six wells, which have an average depth of 380 feet. The city wells have a pumping capacity of 600 to 1,900 gallons per minute and together serve 99 percent of the city population. The overhead storage capacity is 0.5 million gallons. The average daily demand is 1.03 million gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 6.7 million gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 8.0 million gallons per day. The static pressure varies from 55–60 pounds per square inch.

The water table has changed slightly 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 258. The turbidity is 0.3 NTU. The average tap water temperature varies from 52° in the winter to 58° in the summer.

Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.3
Calcium	88.6
Total Solids	441
Magnesium	20.6
Iron	0.05
Nitrate	1.55
Manganese	0.02
Chloride	14
Fluoride	0.4
Sulfate	133

Total Alkalinity	215
Sodium	40
Total Hardness	258
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:	
Gallons	\$/1,000 gal.
First 2,000	4.50
Next 8,000	0.85
Next 40,000	0.75
Next 450,000	0.65
Over 500,000	0.55
Minimum Bill: \$9.00 per month	

Commercial:

All Accounts Metered:	
Gallons	\$/1,000 gal.
First 2,000	5.50
Next 8,000	0.85
Next 40,000	0.75
Next 450,000	0.65
Over 500,000	0.55
Minimum Bill: \$11.00 per month	

Bulk Rate:

\$2.50 per 1,000 gallons

Planned improvements for 2010 include painting the inside and outside of the water tower at a cost of \$117,530 and conducting another rate study at a cost of \$8,000. These costs will be financed by city funds.

SEWERAGE

Cozad has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The sequencing batch

reactor treatment plant was built in 1982 and has a daily capacity of 0.83 million gallons, an average daily flow of 0.6 million gallons, and a historic peak daily discharge of 0.99 million gallons.

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

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

Residential & 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

Planned improvements for the waste water treatment plant in 2010 include increasing the sludge storage capacities and adding a sludge press for the sludge disposal process. Further upgrades may be needed to assist the handling of industrial wastes. The project is estimated to cost up to \$2.6 million and probable financing is by State Revolving Loan Funds.

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 southeast of Cozad. More than 40 communities comprise the agency.

SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES
(effective 10/1/08)

Residential:

\$13.00 per month per living unit

Commercial & Industrial:

\$17.00 per dumpster per daily pickup per month

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.



Downtown Cozad



Cozad Mural



100th Meridian Marker

COMMUNICATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Cozad Telephone Company (CTC), through its IP central office and fiber optic network, provides both telecommunications and high-speed broadband access to all locations within the city and rural service area. A diversified route for both telecommunications and Internet broadband services became operational in December 2009. Cozad Telephone Company offers a full suite of integrated residential and business VoIP services on the BroadSoft platform. CTC's fiber optic infrastructure utilizes a one gigabit fiber ring in the community. With this network in place, secure WAN or LAN connections are available for business use throughout Cozad.

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.

TARIFFED RATES (effective 9/02)

Residence Line	\$17.50 per month
Business Line	\$27.50 per month

For further information on Cozad Telephone, call (308) 784-4044 or visit www.cozadtel.net.

INTERNET

Internet service is provided in Cozad by Cozad Telephone Company, www.cozadtel.net,

(308) 784-4044; Charter Communications Cable Company, www.charter.com, (888) 438-2427; and Internet USA, (308) 784-3301, www.internet-usa.net.

Charter Communications, Cozad's local broadband communications company, provides a full range of services to the home and business, including: digital cable, high definition TV, digital video recording, and high speed Internet. Charter Communications provides many resources and donations to the community including free cable and Internet to schools, scholarships, and donations/sponsorships for local organizations. For more information, visit www.charter.com.

POST OFFICE

The post office in Cozad provides house-to-house delivery service and has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily.

PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

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



Cozad Telephone Company

NEWSPAPER

The Tri-City Tribune, the local weekly newspaper in Cozad, has 3,450 subscribers. Daily papers delivered locally are the Lincoln Journal Star, North Platte Telegraph, and Kearney Hub.

RADIO

Radio stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KCVN-FM	104.5 MHz	Cozad
KJLT-FM	94.9 MHz	North Platte
KJLT-AM	970 KHz	North Platte
KODY-AM	1240 KHz	North Platte
KELN-AM	1410 KHz	North Platte
KRVN-AM	880 KHz	Lexington
KRVN-FM	93.1 MHz	Lexington
KRNY-AM	1460 KHz	Kearney

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KQKY-FM	105.9 MHz	Kearney
KGFW-AM	1340 KHz	Kearney
KKPR-FM	98.9 MHz	Kearney
KBBN-FM	95.3 MHz	Broken Bow
KCNI-AM	1280 KHz	Broken Bow

TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KNOP	22	North Platte
KOLN/KGIN	10/11	Lincoln/ Grand Island
KHGI	13	Kearney

Cable television service is available in Cozad through Charter Communications. Satellite service is available in Cozad from Dish Network and DirecTV.



Charter Communications



Cozad Post Office



Tri-City Tribune

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 72 percent of its market 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		
	2007	2008	2009
Real Estate	\$128,834,848	\$129,694,377	\$143,190,812
Personal Property	19,435,871	19,480,702	19,714,169
Special (railroad and utilities)	<u>6,904,239</u>	<u>7,353,459</u>	<u>7,441,253</u>
TOTAL	\$155,174,958	\$156,528,538	\$170,346,234

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

	2007	2008	2009
City	\$0.338577	\$0.428966	\$0.402613
County	.430275	.418270	.398250
School District	1.285420	.984890	.989139
Community College	.080161	.090980	.099275
Educational Service Unit	.015000	.015000	.015000
Natural Resource District	.058764	.055920	.047300
Agricultural Society	.010986	.012341	.012644
Hospital	.053483	.052129	.048143
Cozad #11 Bond & RR Trans. Safety	<u>.053451</u>	<u>.349418</u>	<u>.335075</u>
TOTAL	\$2.326117	\$2.407914	\$2.347439

The 2009 tax rate at the industrial site outside the city limits is \$1.944826 per \$100 of actual value.

CITY SALES TAX

The city of Cozad imposes a 1.5 percent city sales tax.

LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of March 1, 2010:

City—Revenue Bonds	\$1,292,350
City—General Obligation Bonds	\$1,045,180
School District	\$8,717,270
County	\$941,000

CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 3/1/10	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Revenue					
Sanitary Sewer	12/15/98	\$2,460,037	\$1,292,350	4.12	12/15/18
General Obligation					
Fire Department	5/15/97	\$190,000	\$40,000	5.50	5/15/11
Various Purpose	8/1/02	\$375,000	\$125,000	4.25	8/1/12
Various Purpose	6/3/04	\$175,000	\$100,000	3.80	9/30/14
Various Purpose	11/1/03	\$255,000	\$61,715	3.34	11/10/14
Cozad Airport Authority	10/12/05	\$255,000	\$168,422	4.00	12/15/20
Various Purpose	4/12/06	\$195,000	\$145,000	3.87	12/01/16
Street Equipment	5/27/07	\$225,000	\$95,043	4.10	3/31/12
Various Purpose	7/24/08	\$340,000	\$310,000	3.53	9/30/18

SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 3/1/10	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Refunding Bond	3/05	\$11,633,495	\$8,717,270	3.9983	12/24

COUNTY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 3/1/10	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Law Enforcement Center	6/15/09	\$563,000	\$281,000	1.10–1.55	12/15/10
Remodel Bonds	6/15/09	\$660,000	\$660,000	1.55–2.45	6/1/13



Cozad City Offices

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Dawson County has 20 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 2010. The actual county budget for 2009–10 is \$22,143,737.

Zoning classifications are:

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

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Cozad, a second-class city, has a mayor-council form of government. The next election will be held in 2010. The 2009–10 actual budget is \$13,560,831

Municipal officials are:

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

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided to the city and the rural areas by a 35-member volunteer fire department; 17 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 \$65,175.

Equipment in the fire department:

Year/Make	Description
City	
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
Rural	
2007 Ford	300 gal. grass rig
1981 GMC	2,000 gal. tanker, 1,000 gpm
2008 Chevrolet	250 gal. grass rig
2002 Freightliner	750 gal. tanker, 1,250 gpm
City/Rural	
2004 Ford	300 gal. tanker

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Department

Cozad employs seven full-time police officers and has four cruisers. The Dawson County Law Enforcement Center provides dispatch services. Annual expenditures for police protection during the last three years averaged \$637,925.

Sheriff's Department

The **Dawson County Sheriff's Department** has 15 sworn officers and 5 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 **Dawson County Law Enforcement Center** in Lexington is responsible for all requests for service from police, fire, and emergency medical services in Dawson County. The center, staffed by 30, operates 24 hours a day. All communications officers are certified to operate the teletype system, which allows communications with any other law

enforcement agencies in the nation. The officers are also certified in Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) to provide pre-arrival instructions to emergency medical calls. Information is then relayed to the responding rescue unit, cutting the response time for medical assistance to zero.

Crime rates per 1,000 population, 2008:

Location	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Cozad	1.4	15.5
Dawson County	1.7	24.5
Nebraska	3.0	30.9
U.S.	4.5	32.1

State Patrol

Troop D of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in North Platte, 47 miles northwest of Cozad. One sergeant and nine troopers are stationed in Dawson County.

STREETS

Cozad has 35 miles of streets, 33 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete or asphalt. There are no local load restrictions. Ninety percent of the streets have curbs and 80 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance includes street sweeping, snow removal, tarring, grading, paint striping, patching, and gravel.

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 2010.



Fire and Police Stations

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Cozad Public Schools

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary	27	359	1:13	1:2
Developmental Preschool	2	26	1:14	N/A
Cozad Early Education Center	5	83	1:14	1:3
Middle School	18	225	1:13	1:2
High School	29	292	1:11	1:2

School District No. 24-0011 covers approximately 240 square miles and has a 2009–10 actual valuation of \$425,090,910, or \$424,242 per student. This Class 3 district is accredited by the state of Nebraska. The Middle School and High School are also accredited by the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges.

School operating expenses in 2008–09 totaled \$11,674,566, with an average cost per student of \$11,745.

The Cozad Early Education Center, originally constructed in 1949 and renovated in 2002 with a capacity of 150, houses the developmental preschool and kindergarten programs. Cozad Elementary, built in 1953 with additions and renovation in 2002, is the home of the Technical Learning Center and houses the first through fifth grade students. The elementary school has a maximum capacity of 475. The Cozad Middle School, built as an addition to the high school in 2003, houses grades six, seven, and eight and has a maximum capacity of 350. Cozad High School was built in 1967 with additions in 1980 and 2003 and has a maximum capacity of 400.

More than 30 percent of the staff have advanced graduate degrees. The average stay for the teaching staff is 19.8 years.

It is estimated that 98.6 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 72 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and 28 percent of the seniors enter the job market or military after graduation.

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

Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
8th Grade		
Iowa Test of Basic Scores	95	55%
ACT	72	22.28

% of Students at or Above State Standard		
Grade	Writing	Reading
3rd	94.03	100.00
8th	90.41	95.65
11th	100.00	89.74

Cozad City Schools offers a developmental preschool and provides a special program for handicapped students called the Technical Learning Center (TLC). The district also provides opportunities for advanced course work through the High Ability Program.

Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 10 (ESU), headquartered in Kearney, serves ten 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 Assisted Technology (NEAT). NEAT provides training, technical support, funding, and equipment loan pool to children (birth to 21) 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 development disabilities. SCDS, governed by a local board of directors, is part of a statewide system of community-based development disabilities programs. The state is divided into six regions, South Central being located within Region II.

Community College

Cozad is served by the **Central Community College** 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 2008–09 academic year, 25,961 students were enrolled in Central Community College courses.

Certificate, Diploma, and Degree Programs:

Central Community College offers 33 career and technical education programs, including more than 700 vocational technical and academic transfer college credit courses. Classes are offered by multiple delivery methods, including traditional lecture/lab class settings. Some of the alternative delivery methods used include:

—**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.

—**Online Learning:** More than 200 courses needed to complete an associate of arts or associate of science degree are available online, in addition to courses from career and technical programs.

—**Adult 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 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 associations, 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 delivering various training programs.

Central Community College			
2008–09 Academic Year			
(Note: Numbers can be duplicated between award levels)			
Program	Degree	Diploma	Certificate
Academic Transfer	144	NA	NA
Agriculture	13	10	9
Associate Degree in Nursing	63	NA	NA
Auto Body Technology	7	6	67
Automotive Technology	11	3	2
Business Administration/Accounting	58	52	87
Commercial Art	7	9	12
Commercial Horticulture	6	3	13
Construction Technology	11	17	28
Criminal Justice	11	NA	NA
Dental Assisting	7	12	NA
Dental Hygiene	14	NA	NA
Diesel Technology	12	15	68
Drafting	27	23	28
Early Childhood Education	24	18	19
Electrical Technology	9	1	5
Electronics Technology	5	0	8
Health Information Management Services	11	11	4
Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	0	0	1
Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts	6	4	21
Human Services	12	10	0
Industrial Technology	15	15	62
Information Technology	20	10	19

NA-Not available

**Central Community College
2008–09 Academic Year**

(Note: Numbers can be duplicated between award levels)

Program	Degree	Diploma	Certificate
Machine Shop Technology	6	6	15
Media Arts	13	13	39
Medical Assisting	11	2	13
Medical Technology	7	NA	NA
Office Technology	12	21	26
Paralegal	4	2	2
Parts Sales & Management	2	2	0
Practical Nursing	NA	59	NA
Quality Control	2	NA	8
Truck Driving	NA	NA	29
Welding Technology	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>32</u>
Total	<u>557</u>	<u>339</u>	<u>617</u>

NA-Not available

Lexington Center

The Lexington Center, 15 miles southeast of Cozad, provides educational opportunities to Buffalo, Dawson, Furnas, and Gosper Counties. Facilities include a learning center for individualized college credit classes, a computer lab, and a distance learning classroom. College credit classes through the Community Education Program include:

- Classes offered through distance learning technology
- Avocational/recreational classes
- Adult education
- GED high school equivalency diploma classes and testing
- Certificate, diploma, and degree programs
- Business and professional training
- EMT training
- American Heart Association CPR

For more information on Central Community College, visit www.cccneb.edu.

Colleges and Universities

The **University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK)**, www.unk.edu, is a student-centered regional hub of intellectual, cultural, and artistic excellence that has been a prominent part of Nebraska’s higher education landscape for more

than a century. As one of four campuses of the University of Nebraska, UNK offers access to all the opportunities of a major public university, while preserving the personalized approach students may receive in a small, private campus.

UNK has a wide variety of programs that lead to exciting careers, nationally-renowned faculty, a nationally recognized program of undergraduate research, and a rich and diverse campus life. But what truly distinguishes UNK is its commitment to providing an outstanding education in a small and personal setting. It is a university that quickly transforms more than 6,500 students from across the globe into a close-knit, supportive community of friends. It is a place they will forever call “home.”

Founded in 1903 by the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska State Normal School began classes in September 1905. In 1921, reflecting the rapid growth in enrollment and need for teachers, the name was changed to the Nebraska State Teachers College at Kearney. Then, in 1963, it became Kearney State College after comprehensive changes were made to Nebraska’s college system. On July 1, 1991, the campus joined the University of Nebraska systems and became the University of Nebraska at Kearney, beginning a new era.



Cozad Elementary School



Cozad Middle School



Cozad High School



Cozad Community Hospital



Cozad Medical Clinic



Golden LivingCenter

Today, 5,013 undergraduate and 1,619 graduate students are enrolled in UNK's four colleges— Business and Technology, Education, Fine Arts and Humanities, and Natural and Social Sciences. Students can select from among 25 pre-professional programs, 170 undergraduate degree options, and more than 30 graduate degree programs. Students from all of Nebraska's 93 counties, 47 states, and 46 foreign countries are attracted to UNK's record of academic achievement. UNK is the only campus in Nebraska to participate in the National Student Exchange that allows students to attend one of 175 other universities or colleges across the continent for a semester or a year, often at UNK tuition rates. On-campus housing is available in eight traditional-style residence halls, three suite-style residence halls, two Greek complexes, and one university apartment complex.

Offering more than 160 student organizations, enriching music and performing arts programs, lively intramural programs, and an intercollegiate athletics program, UNK creates a diverse and enriching environment.

With a student-to-faculty ratio of 16:1, UNK's students benefit from 400 faculty members widely recognized for excellence in both scholarship and teaching. Moreover, in the last decade, the University of Nebraska at Kearney's 513-acre campus has undergone remarkable transformation, as investments

totaling more than \$80 million have renovated, expanded, or refurbished every academic building, residence hall, the Nebraskan Student Union, and Foster Field. In 2008 the Antelope/Nester three-building complex of suite-style residence halls opened and in 2009 UNK dedicated a completely renovated Bruner Hall of Science complex which features the latest design in teaching and research labs and a dramatically-designed new wing housing a state-of-the-art planetarium.

The Calvin T. Ryan Library at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, primarily serving the students, faculty, and staff of the University, is also open to the general public. The library offers free access to a wide array of computer and Internet-based resources. The collection includes more than 210,000 book titles and more than 250,000 volumes, 1,250 print periodical subscriptions, and 114,000 periodical volumes. In addition, the library subscribes to more than 100 electronic databases through which users have access to more than 15,000 full-text electronic periodicals.

The UNK library has been a select U.S. Government Depository since 1962. The collection consists of more than 275,000 items in print and micro-formats with growing access to U.S. Government Publications in electronic formats. The library is also a Nebraska State Depository that includes approximately 17,000 items.

Enrollment & Degrees Conferred by College 2008–2009 Academic Year			
College	Fall 2009 Enrollment	Degrees	
		Baccalaureate	Masters/Specialist
Business & Technology	1,279	308	19
Education	2,104	248	236
Fine Arts & Humanities	795	157	17
Natural & Social Sciences	1,821	253	50
University College— Pre-professional academic programs	651	N/A	N/A
Total	6,650	966	322

Other Schools

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

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

CHURCHES

Denomination	Number of Churches
Assembly of God	1
Baptist	1
Berean Fundamental	1
Catholic	1
Church of Christ	2
Church of God	1

Denomination	Number of Churches
Church of Nazarene	1
Community Bible	1
Episcopal	1
Lutheran, ELCA	2
Presbyterian (PCUSA)	1
United Methodist	2

HEALTH CARE

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 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. 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.

Recent improvements at the hospital included new heating and air conditioning at a cost of \$380,000, computer system updates at \$100,000, 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.

Clinics

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

Rescue Squad

There are 17 Emergency Medical Technicians on the **Cozad Rescue and Transfer Squad** who operate the fire department's two ambulances.

Nursing Homes

Golden LivingCenter is an 87-bed facility consisting of 67 skilled nursing home beds and 20 assisted living units. Two of the 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, Golden LivingCenter provides services to those who only need short-term services or adult day services.

Services provided at Golden LivingCenter 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 homebound 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 with 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. The first phase of the new hike and bike trail began in spring 2010.

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

Area facilities within 45 miles of Cozad:

Boating	— Midway Lake, Gallager State Recreation Area, Johnson Lake, Maloney Reservoir
Bowling	— Cozad, North Platte, Lexington, Gothenburg, Kearney
Campgrounds	— Many campgrounds in Dawson County
Fishing	— Interstate lakes, North Platte, Midway Lake, Gallager State Recreation Area, Maloney Reservoir
Golf Courses	— Public 18-hole grass greens courses with clubhouses in Cozad, North Platte, Gothenburg, Johnson Lake, Overton, Kearney
Hiking Trails	— 0.62-mile trail in Cozad
Hockey	— Kearney
Hunting	— Deer, quail, ducks, geese, pheasant, rabbit, grouse
Miniature Golf	— Kearney
Racquetball	— Indoor at Cozad Sports Complex
Sand Volleyball	— Cozad Muny Park
Soccer	— 3 fields at Cozad Muny Park
Swimming	— Cozad Muny Park
Tennis	— Sportsman Field

The **Community 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, and 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 following 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 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** completed in 1994. The museum became the permanent home for the Concord Touring Coach. This famous coach carried President Taft during his visits to Yellowstone National Park and is used in local and area parades.

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 two will be built in 2010. The cost of new home construction averages \$90 per square foot. Building permits were issued for 21 single-family homes during the last five years.

Cozad Housing Market (as of 9/09):

Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family - 44

Avg. Selling Prices (New and Existing)

Single Family Home	
2,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom	\$175,000
1,600 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom	\$115,000
1,000 sq. ft.	\$65,000

Number of Single Family Homes

for Sale by Price (New and Existing)

Less than \$100,000	29
\$100,001-\$150,000	9
\$150,001-\$200,000	5
\$200,001-\$250,000	1

Rentals

Apartment - 2 bedroom	\$350
Apartment Vacancy Rate	4.7%

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



Wilson Public Library



Grand Generation Center



Wellness Center



Muny Park & Playground Equipment



Veteran's Memorial Park



Playground Equipment at Veteran's Memorial Park



Cozad Park



Walking Trail



Hay Days Parade



Cozad Country Club

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

Golden LivingCenter, consisting of 20 units, was built in 2005 as an addition to the Golden LivingCenter Nursing Home.

Meadowlark Pointe, opened in 2006, has 24 units for independent and assisted living. The facility is located within the city limits of Cozad yet residents enjoy the quiet country-like surroundings. For those seeking private or social physical activity, residents may enjoy the lake, a

walking track, a fully equipped exercise room, a convenient pet run, and a challenging golf green—all located on the grounds. The facility includes an on-site bakery, beauty/barber shop, library, gifts, parking garage, and much more.

Meadowlark Pointe is a one-of-a-kind facility with unique surroundings, attention, and care. It is designed to provide residents a warm and gracious opportunity for positive aging.

FINANCIAL

Financial institutions in the community include:

First Bank & Trust

Homestead Bank

Security First Bank (branch location)



Haymaker Haven



Meadowlark Pointe



Robert Henri Museum



100th Meridian Museum



Pony Express Cabin

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL

Architects	2
Attorneys	10
Auctioneers	2
Certified Public Accountants	2
Chiropractors	2
Dentists	3
Medical Doctors (residing in Cozad)	
—family practitioners	4
—ophthalmologists	1
Medical Doctors (on hospital consulting staff)	
—cardiologists	9
—ear, nose & throat	1
—family practitioners	6
—general surgeons	1
—ophthalmologists	2
—orthopedic surgeons	3
—pathologists	3
—radiologists	11
—other	9
Nurse Practitioners	2
Nurses, Registered	35
Optometrists	1
Oral Surgeons	1
Pharmacists	2
Physician Assistants	5
Veterinarians	1

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies	2
Agricultural Implement Dealers	2
Antique Shops	2
Apparel Stores—combination	3
Appliance Stores	1
Auto Repair & Service	4
Auto Supply Parts	1
Automobile Dealers (new & used)	2
Aviation Seeding & Spraying	2
Bakeries	1
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums	3
Beauty Salons & Barber Shops	10
Carpet & Rug Dealers	1
Caterers	2
Child Care Services	13

Contractors—building.....	2	
—carpentry.....	1	
—concrete.....	1	
—electric.....	2	
—excavating.....	1	
—general.....	6	
—gravel.....	1	
—heating & air conditioning.....	2	
—painting.....	4	
—plumbing.....	1	
—remodeling & repairing.....	1	
—roofing.....	1	
—well digging.....	1	
Convenience Stores.....	4	
Craft Stores.....	1	
Dance Studios.....	1	
Discount Stores.....	2	
Drug Stores.....	2	
Employment Services, Temporary.....	1	
Farm/Ranch Supplies.....	1	
Feedlots (commercial & private).....	1	
Fertilizers.....	1	
Floral Shops.....	2	
Garbage Collectors.....	1	
Gift Shops.....	5	
Grain Dealers.....	1	
Grocery Stores.....	2	
Hardware Stores.....	2	
Health Clubs.....	1	
Insurance Companies.....	8	
Interior Decorators & Designers.....	2	
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies.....	2	
Laundries (self-service).....	1	
Lawn Services.....	3	
Lumberyards.....	2	
Machine Shops.....	1	
Motels.....	2	(87 rooms)
Nurseries & Garden Centers.....	1	
Office Equipment Services & Supplies.....	2	
Photography Studios.....	2	
Preschools.....	6	
Printers.....	1	
Real Estate Firms.....	3	
Restaurants.....	10	
Service Stations.....	7	
Tool & Die Makers.....	1	
Upholstery Shops.....	1	
Variety Stores.....	2	
Welding Shops.....	1	

AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

AGRICULTURE

2007 Statistics	Dawson County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	728	47,712
Land in Farms (acres)	640,541	45,480,358
Average Size of Farms (acres)	880	953
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$588,547,000	\$15,506,035,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$808,444	\$324,992
Total Acres Irrigated	263,867	8,558,559
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	41.2%	18.8%
Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2005–2009)		
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)	210,158 tons	4,008,400 tons
All Wheat*	287,750 bu.	71,900,000 bu.
Corn for Grain	36,187,240 bu.	1,377,890,000 bu.
Soybeans	2,716,620 bu.	233,518,000bu.
Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2005–2009)		
All Cattle	226,400	6,470,000

*Four-year average

During the past five years, Dawson County ranked in the top two counties in the state in the production of hay alfalfa and in the top six counties in the production of corn. The county also ranked in the top five counties in all cattle and calves each of the last five years..

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2005–2010
2007 Census of Agriculture

RAW MATERIALS

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



Scenes in Dawson County

CLIMATE

TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES*						Humidity**	
	Temperature			Precipitation		Morning	Afternoon	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)			
January	12.5	25.3	38.1	0.43	4.2	79	68	
February	16.3	29.4	42.6	0.61	4.8	79	66	
March	24.5	38.4	52.3	1.11	4.9	79	61	
April	35.9	50.2	64.5	2.30	1.6	79	57	
May	46.8	60.4	74.0	3.39	0.2	82	60	
June	56.7	70.1	83.5	3.94	0.0	82	61	
July	62.0	75.9	89.7	2.74	0.0	82	60	
August	60.1	74.0	87.9	2.74	0.0	84	61	
September	49.9	64.6	79.3	1.83	0.0	81	58	
October	37.2	52.4	67.6	1.37	0.6	80	56	
November	24.1	37.8	51.4	0.69	2.3	80	62	
December	15.4	27.9	40.5	0.53	4.3	80	66	
Annual	36.8	50.5	64.3	21.70	22.9	81	62	

*Recorded at the Gothenburg Weather Station

**Recorded at North Platte Weather Station

FROST DATA

Average date of spring freeze probability	May 6
Average date of fall freeze probability	September 29
Average length of freeze free season probability	149 days
Average number of heating degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit	6,222
Average number of cooling degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit	977
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average)	10.1
Prevailing wind direction (annual average)	Northwest

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1894–2009, www.hprcc.unl.edu