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**POPULATION**  
(Official U.S. Census)

	<u><b>2010</b></u>
<b>Crofton</b>	<b>726</b>
<b>Knox County</b>	<b>8,701</b>
<b>Labor Market*</b>	<b>82,675</b>

\*Includes Knox County and contiguous counties

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# INTRODUCTION

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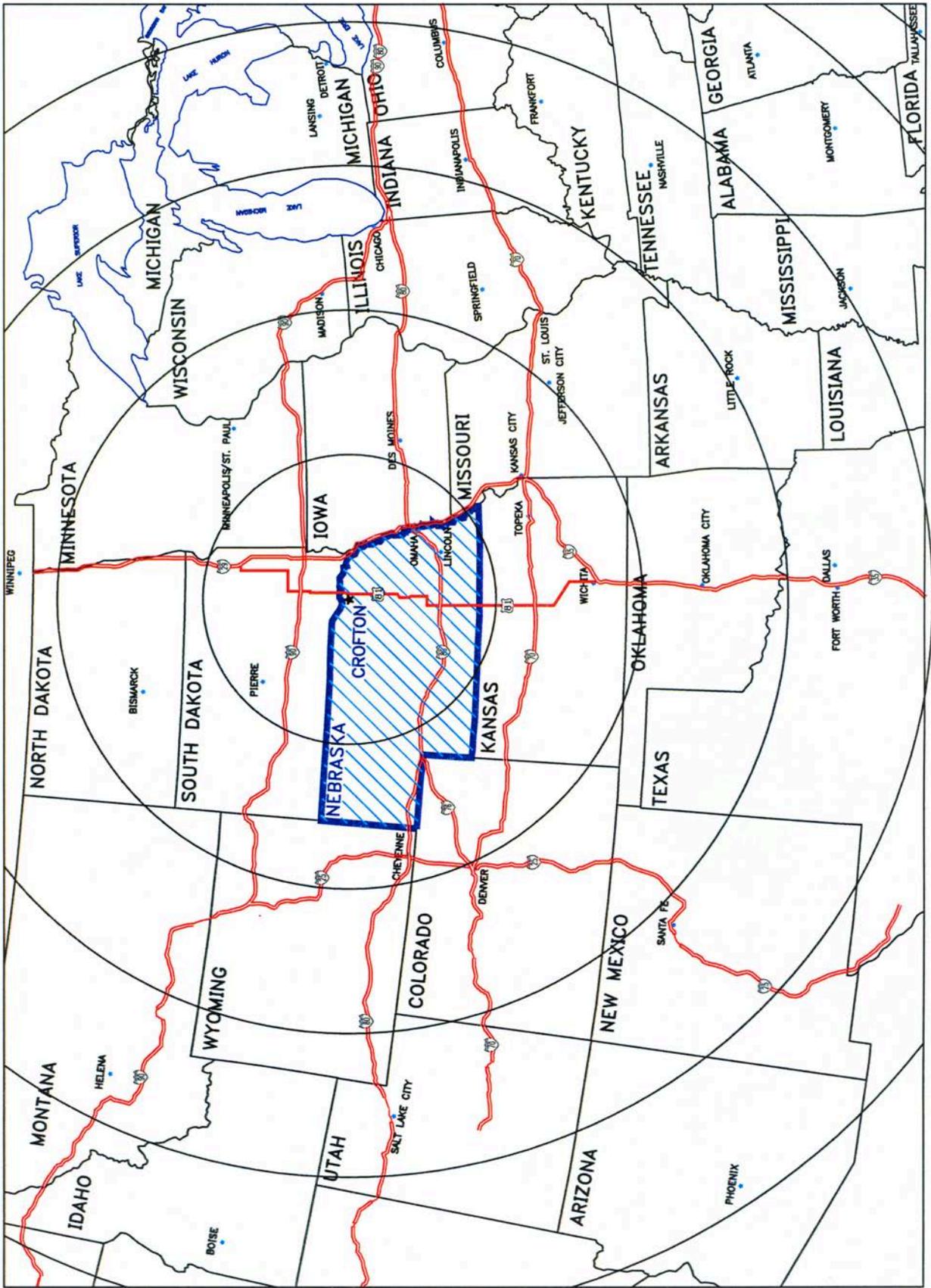
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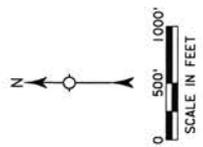
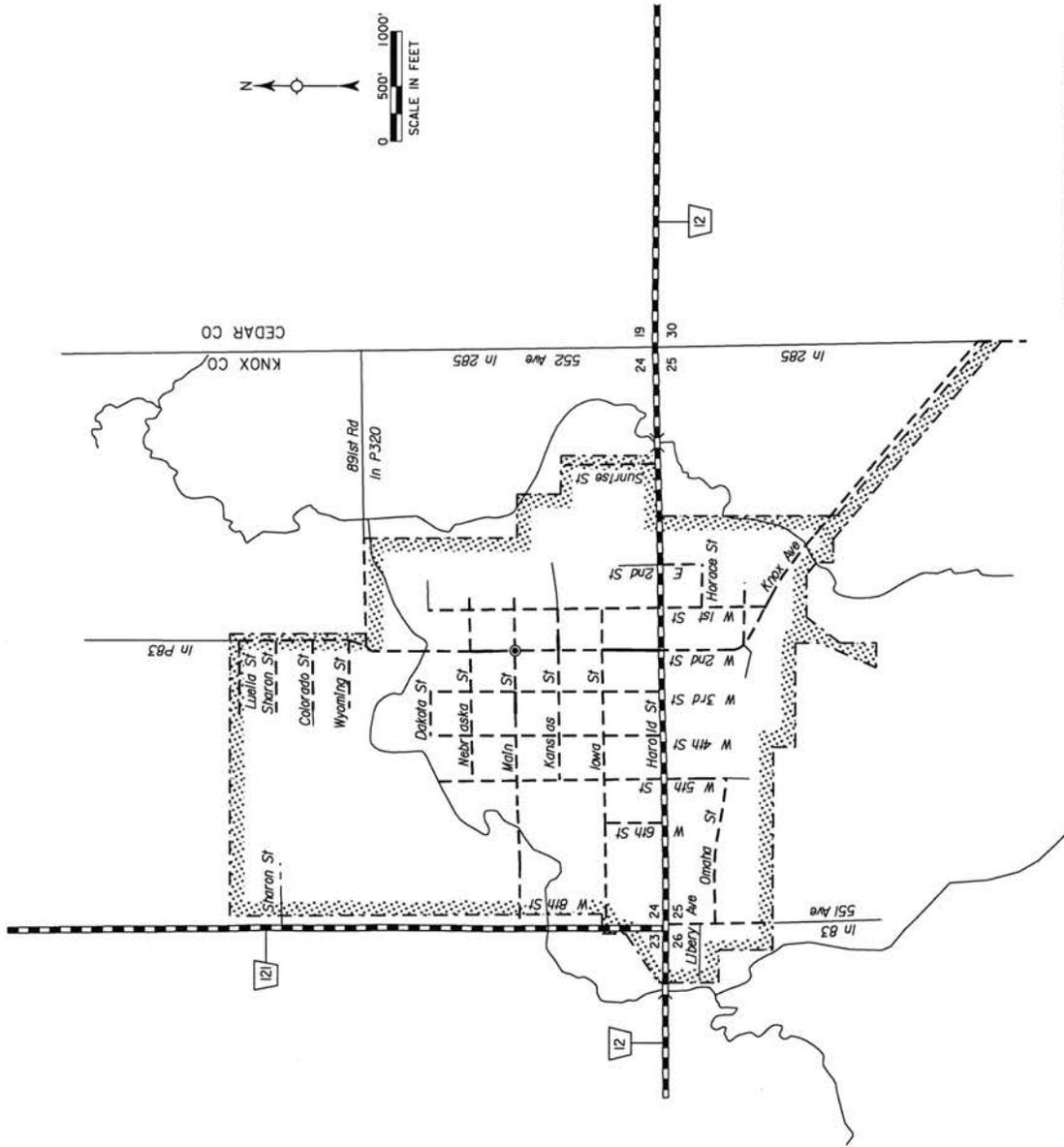
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SCALE: EACH CIRCLE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES

**CROFTON**  
KNOX COUNTY  
NEBRASKA



- STATE HIGHWAYS**
  - Gravel or Crushed Rock
  - Asphalt/Bituminous Surface
  - Multiple Lane Undivided Highway
  - Asphalt/Bituminous Surface
  - Concrete/Brick Surface
  - Multiple Lane Undivided Highway
  - Concrete/Brick Surface
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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## LOCATION

Crofton is located on the northern edge of Knox County, 13 miles from the Missouri River and Gavins Point Dam. Nebraska Highways 12 and 121 pass through Crofton and intersect on the southwest edge of town. Crofton is 14 miles southwest of Yankton, South Dakota; 54 miles north of Norfolk, Nebraska; and 68 miles northwest of Sioux City, Iowa.

## POPULATION (U.S. Census)

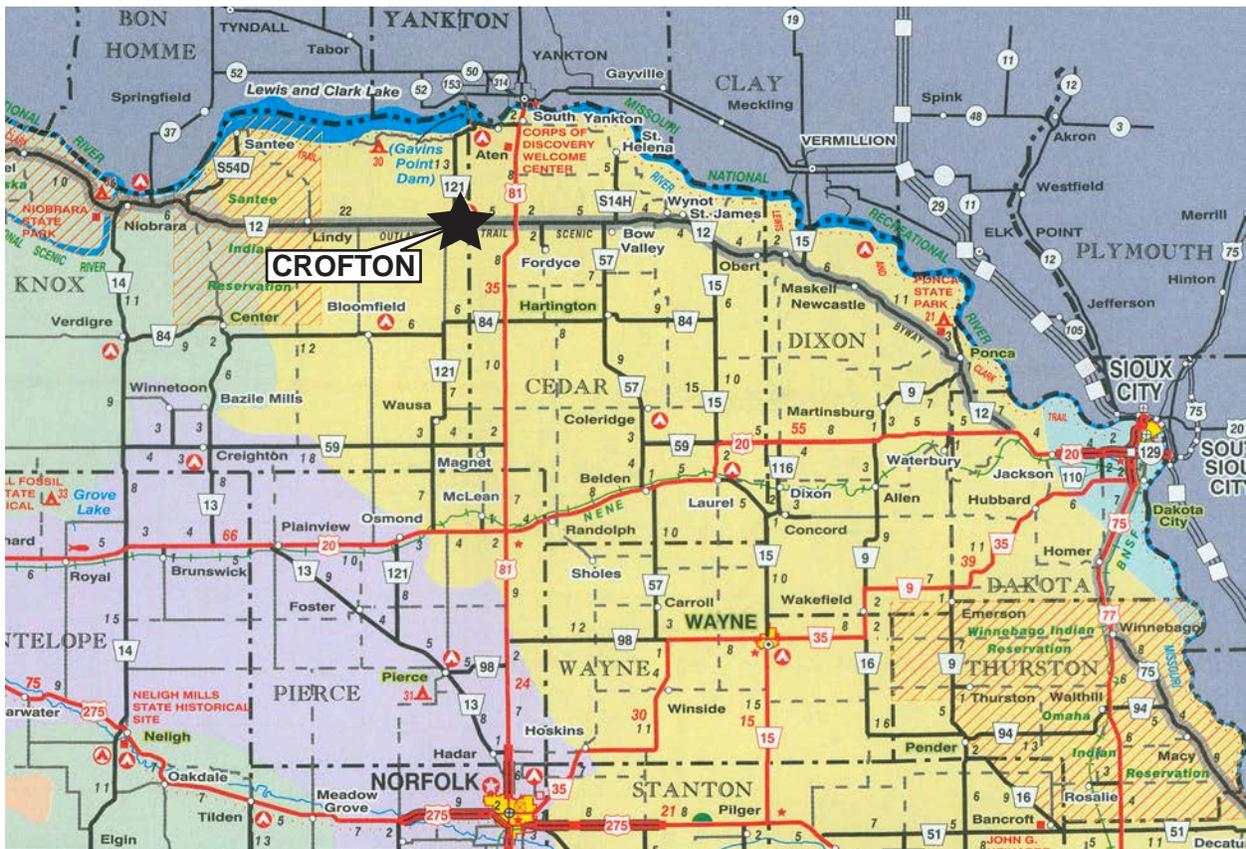
Year	Crofton	Knox County
1970	677	11,723
1980	948	11,457
1990	827	9,534
2000	754	9,374
2010	726	8,701

## Knox County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin 2010 U.S. Census

One Race	
White	89.1%
Black	0.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	9.0%
Asian	0.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or More Races	1.3%
Hispanic or Latino Origin*	
White Not Hispanic	88.4%

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

The 2010 U.S. Census reported 82,675 people live in Knox County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Antelope, Boyd, Cedar, Holt, and Pierce as well as Bon Homme, Charles Mix, and Yankton Counties in South Dakota.



## LOCAL ECONOMY

Basic economic activities of Crofton include agriculture (corn, soybeans, alfalfa, cattle feeding, and hog production); tourism; and hunting.

Firms in Crofton with retail sales tax permits reported 2011 net taxable retail sales of \$7,350,387, while Knox County reported retail sales of \$43,714,549.

There has been little change in the city's economy in the last five years. Plant closings in Yankton, South Dakota, have affected employment opportunities in Crofton.

## ELEVATION

Crofton is 1,421 feet above sea level.

## TOPOGRAPHY

The terrain in Crofton is a combination of rolling hills and flat farm ground. Along the river it is heavily wooded.

The predominate soil type is Bazile Loam.

## HISTORY

The city of Crofton was platted in 1892 and its first beginnings were a group of tents perched on a hill in the northwest corner of the original platting. Early settlers were attracted to Crofton because of the proposed railroad to be built under the direction of J. T. M. Pearce who was an Englishman. The railroad was to connect Yankton, South Dakota, and Norfolk, Nebraska, but the project eventually fell through because of the shady dealings of Pearce.

Even though Pearce eventually skipped town, the name of the new settlement was derived from his ties to England. His home in England was the Crofton Courts and Crofton was suggested by Pearce. It stuck and the first buildings constructed were two bars built across the street from each other.

Next came a lumber yard and a building for the bank. Then stores, a school, and homes were built and the town was booming. In 1896 the first medical doctor, J. M. Talcott, arrived in

Crofton. The Post Office was also established that same year. As the years passed, several buildings were moved from nearby Constance, which was a common occurrence in those days.

Eventually families which still have descendents in the city today emerged as community leaders. The Everton family was an early owner of a mercantile along Main Street. The Boecker family traded the building to the Evertons for a farm. The Kuehn family moved to town to run the grocery store. The Rissler family can trace their roots back to 1902, and Dr. Charles H. Swift, Sr. became Dr. D. D. Talcott's partner until Talcott died from the influenza outbreak in 1918. Swift's family name still lives on in the Knox County town. The Goetz and Kuehn families opened a department store in 1906.

Several other early settlers from the early 1900s were there when the village of Crofton was incorporated in 1906 and are still prominent businessmen and residents. The *Crofton Globe* was the town's first newspaper. The *Crofton Journal*, today's newspaper, was first printed in 1906.

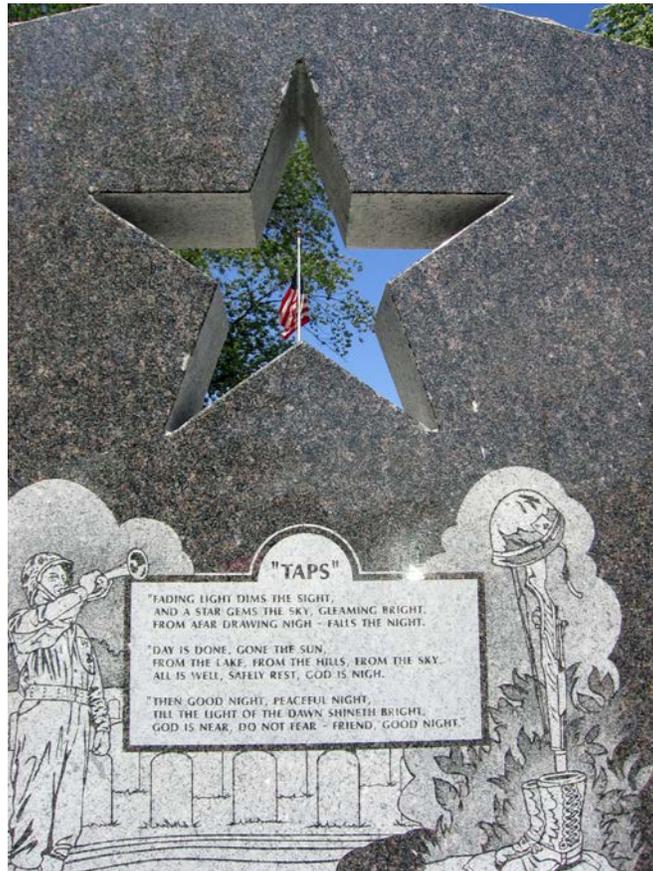
In 1907, school was available in a small structure on main street. But in 1909, a three-story building became the school facility. An addition to the school was completed in 1961 but the large brick building was eventually replaced with a modern facility for the secondary students in 1992. The first burial in the city cemetery was also 1909. Churches were built and baseball was a favorite past time of the city residents.

The village grew to a city and in the early 1970s there were as many as 150 small businesses in the downtown area. The businesses have changed hands and there are fewer but the names of many of the original settlers can still be found on Main Street and in the telephone book.

Today, there are few empty buildings in the downtown area and the small hometown appeal keeps those businesses open. Many residents travel across the Missouri River to go to work but are pleased with the rural lifestyle of Crofton. Baseball is still a favorite sport and tourism is one of the current economic boosts to the "best little town by a dam site."



Downtown Crofton



Veterans Memorial

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 7 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
City of Crofton	Government	7	None
Crofton City Schools	Education	52	None
Crofton Elevator	Grain & fertilizer	14	None
Kayton International Inc.	Farm machinery sale & repair	12	None
People's Grocery & Floral	Grocery	11	None
West-Hodson Lumber	Lumber & hardware	9	None
Wiebelhaus Recreation	Food & liquor	12	None

### 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>
<b>Yankton, SD, 14 miles</b>			
Ability Building Services, Inc.	Social services & training for disabled	114	None
Applied Engineering, Inc.	Manufacturing	155	None
Avera Sacred Heart Hospital	Medical	1,000	None
Baldwin Filters	Automotive air & oil filters	170	None
Cimpl Meats, Inc.	Food processing	238	None
City of Yankton	Government	145	None
Federal Bureau of Prisons	Minimum security prison	108	None
First Dakota National Bank	Financial	130	None
First National Bank SD & Bankcard Center	Credit card processing	257	None

<b><u>Employer</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Employees</u></b>	<b><u>Union</u></b>
Gehl Power Products	Construction equipment	188	None
HyVee Food Stores	Grocery	403	None
Kohlberg-Pioneer Inc.	Construction equipment	370	None
Mount Marty College	Education	132	None
Sapa Extrusions, Inc.	Manufacturing	303	None
Shur-Co	Tarping system	200	None
South Dakota Human Services Center	Government	625	None
Vishay Dale Electronics	Electronic components	275	None
Wilson Trailer Company	Truck trailers	253	Teamsters
Yankton Public School System	Education	375	SDEA
Yankton Medical Clinic	Medical	290	None
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Retail	316	None
<b>Hartington, NE, 19 miles</b>			
Hydraulic Components Inc.	Hydraulic cylinders & valves	142	None
<b>Creighton, NE, 38 miles</b>			
Creighton Area Health Services	Health care	178	None

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Crofton Economic Development, Lewis and Clark Economic Development Corporation, and 3Cs - Crofton Community Club combine their efforts for economic development in the community.

Crofton Economic Development Corporation is a nonprofit organization formed after the passage of the one percent sales tax through LB840. The organization consists of a seven-member board with funds derived through city government.

The Lewis and Clark Economic Development Corporation is a group of Crofton business people who strive for community development as a not-for-profit group.

In 2008 the city of Crofton implemented a 1 percent sales tax for infrastructure and economic development. A part-time economic development director was hired in 2009 and a community foundation was formed in 2010.

New construction includes a 12-unit motel that opened in 2011.

The city of Crofton is researching the possibility of a new housing development to be located on the northwest edge of Crofton.

Approximately 40 acres of land adjacent to the north edge of the community are zoned for industry. Since there have been no sales in this area in the last five years, land prices are negotiated with the landowner on an individual basis and approved by the city council on a case-by-case basis.



Crofton Elevator



Kayton International Inc.



People's Grocery & Floral



West-Hodson Lumber



Wiebelhaus Recreation

# LABOR

## LABOR SUPPLY

- A. Employment in the Crofton labor market, which is defined as the whole of Knox County and the total labor market consisting of Knox County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Antelope, Boyd, Cedar, Holt, and Pierce (annual average 2011): Figures for Bon Homme, Charles Mix, and Yankton Counties in South Dakota were not available.

<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)	<u>Knox County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Goods-Producing	286	1,610
Manufacturing	(D)	(D)
Natural Resources & Construction	95	(D)
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	569	3,530
Wholesale Trade	153	1,125
Retail Trade	369	1,778
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	47	628
Information	28	(D)
Financial Activities	112	667
Professional & Business Services	(D)	(D)
Education & Health Services	248	1,849
Leisure & Hospitality	149	852
Other Services	57	432
Government	1,242	4,043
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	2,815	13,766
Farm Employment	861	4,988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	4,724	24,302
B. Commuting Out of County	1,726	N/A
C. Unemployment	174	811
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	4,898	25,114
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.	312	
E. Estimated number of Crofton high school graduates annually	48	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	2,260	

(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

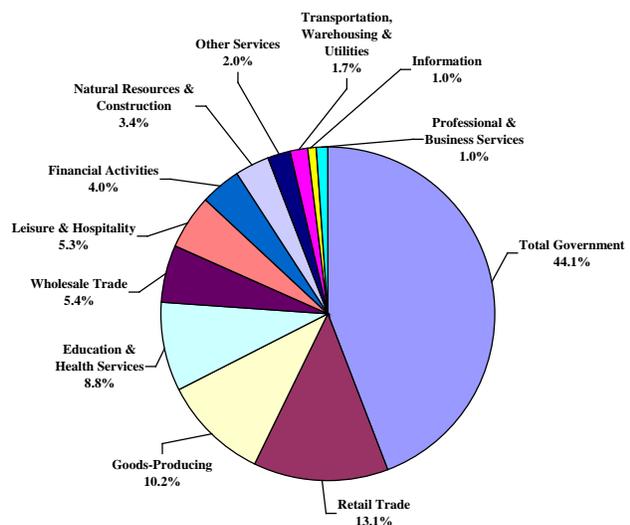
Source: Nebraska Department of Labor, [www.dol.nebraska.gov](http://www.dol.nebraska.gov)

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2009

U.S. Census

Crofton is willing to conduct a labor survey for a prospective industry.

**NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT  
KNOX COUNTY  
ANNUAL AVERAGE 2011**



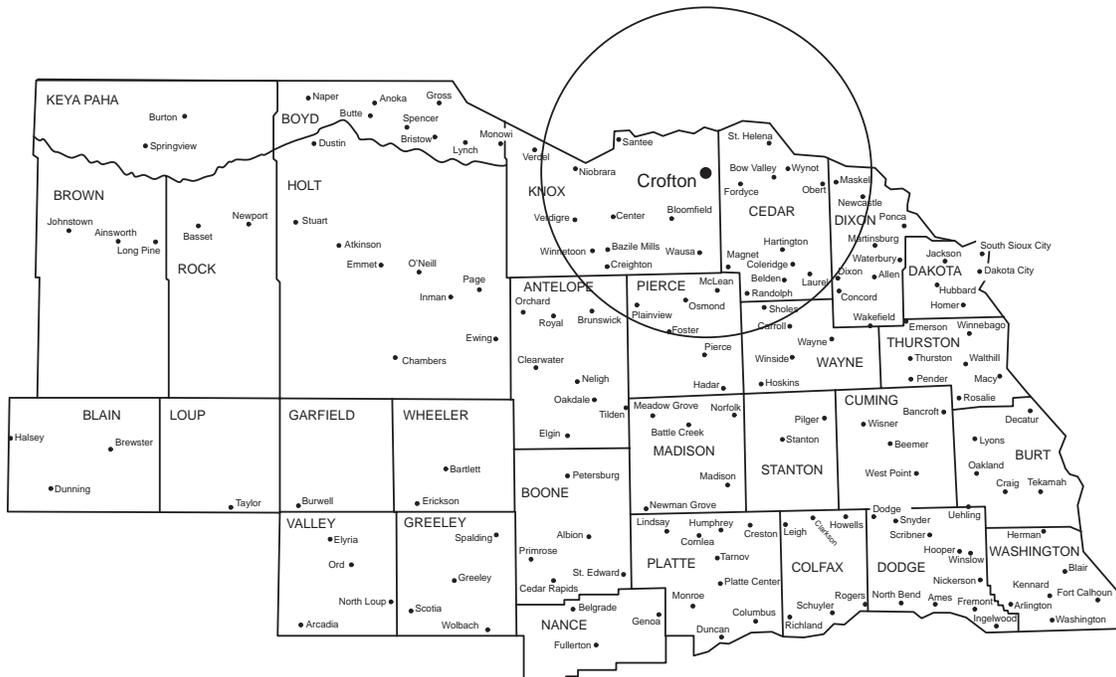
## POPULATION DATA

Location	2006–2010		2010			2011 (Est.)
	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	Persons/Sq. Mile	Median Age	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Family Income
Knox Co. Nebraska	88.2	17.5	7.9	46.6	22.7	\$51,400
U.S.	90.0	27.7	23.8	36.2	13.5	\$63,500
U.S.	85.0	27.9	87.4	37.2	13.0	\$64,200

Knox County had 5,971 registered voters in 2008; 69.5 percent voted in the national election compared to 70.2 percent in Nebraska.

Source: U.S. Census, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)  
 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2011  
 Statewide General Election 2008 Results, [www.sos.state.ne.us](http://www.sos.state.ne.us)

## LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE CROFTON AREA



## POPULATION DATA 2010 U.S. Census

Population	
City of Crofton	726
Knox County	8,701
30-Mile Radius	62,319

Knox County Population Ages/Gender		
Ages	Male	Female
20–24	158	138
25–44	825	770
45–64	1,303	1,265

## UNIONIZATION

In 2009, 4.2 percent of Nebraska's private sector wage and salary workers were members of labor union compared to a national figure of 7.2 percent.

There are no labor organizations operating in the Crofton area.

## WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Professional</b>			
Accountants & Auditors	16.17	24.80	47.48
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	20.33	32.26	45.94
Electrical Engineers	28.85	36.00	46.11
Industrial Engineers	23.72	32.18	44.28
Mechanical Engineers	16.29	26.70	44.58
Computer Programmers	14.80	31.81	44.77
Computer Systems Analysts	25.42	36.03	46.58
Registered Nurses	19.56	25.17	34.74
<b>Retail</b>			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	7.72	9.08	11.25
Retail Salespersons	7.71	9.15	15.92
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	7.77	14.31	25.58
Driver/Sales Workers	8.06	12.43	25.31
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	7.73	9.27	15.78
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	9.93	14.05	18.78
<b>Clerical</b>			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	8.56	12.80	18.66
Customer Service Representatives	8.69	12.91	18.37
Data Entry Keyers*	9.04	12.61	17.21
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	8.57	11.58	17.45
Office Clerks, General	7.79	10.48	15.50
Receptionists & Information Clerks	8.19	11.34	15.00
Telemarketers	7.82	8.96	12.74
<b>Unskilled</b>			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	8.43	12.05	16.89
Packers & Packagers, Hand	7.96	11.10	15.63
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other	8.29	11.91	17.88
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	8.97	11.09	14.35

\*Wage information taken from Balance of State

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Semi-Skilled</b>			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	11.15	14.22	19.87
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	10.36	16.65	25.20
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	15.78	19.85	23.46
Machine Operators			
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	10.35	19.12	22.66
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.	14.63	16.88	18.82
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.*	11.30	16.41	20.53
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.	8.30	13.15	18.03
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	15.12	17.65	21.98
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	8.65	13.50	21.67
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	9.99	15.10	18.72
<b>Skilled</b>			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	9.10	14.66	24.31
Electricians	11.54	17.65	33.24
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	13.06	16.88	23.49
Machinists	10.98	17.56	28.24
Tool & Die Makers	15.57	19.74	23.22
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	10.43	14.16	19.01
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	13.59	16.49	18.43
<b>Technical</b>			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians*	17.66	26.38	34.73
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	11.81	18.64	24.87
Computer Operators	8.79	14.08	21.49

\*Wage information taken from Balance of State

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Fourth Quarter 2011 wage estimates, All Industries, Northeast Region, <http://neblswages.nwd.ne.gov>.

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

# TRANSPORTATION

## RAILROADS

Nebraska Northeastern Railway serves Osmond, Nebraska, 39 miles, south of Crofton.

## MOTOR

### Highways

U.S. Highway 12 (east-west) and State Highway 121 (north-south) pass through Crofton. There are no local load restrictions. U.S. Highway 81 (designated to be a four-lane highway) is 5 miles east and Interstate 29 (north-south) is 80 miles east of Crofton.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	184
Omaha	158
Chicago	594
Dallas	741
Denver	569
Detroit	860
Kansas City	340
Los Angeles	1,580
Minneapolis	339
New York	1,367
St. Louis	592
San Francisco	1,696
Sioux City	68

### Trucklines

More than 13,500 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.

### Bus Line

The city of Crofton owns a handicapped accessible 10-passenger transit van. It is available for area residents not only inside the city limits, but also available for trips to area towns for medical reasons, nursing home visits, and even some shopping. There are charter services available as well.

Creighton Area Health Services operates a van to transport people to larger communities such as Norfolk, Omaha, and O'Neill, Nebraska, and Yankton, South Dakota, for medical reasons.

Arrow Stage Lines serves Norfolk, Nebraska, 54 miles south of Crofton, with one bus daily and provides bus parcel service. Direct service is available to Columbus, Fremont, Omaha, and Schuyler, Nebraska.

## AIR

Chan Gurney Municipal Airport, located in Yankton, South Dakota, 15 miles (20 minutes) northeast of Crofton, has two lighted and hard-surfaced runways, 6,095 foot and 3,380 foot. Services provided include charter, pilot training, aircraft rental, vehicle rental, aircraft maintenance, aircraft storage, and fuel (100 low lead and JetA). The elevation is 1,306 feet, the latitude is 42-55N and the longitude is 097-23W.

Commercial air service:

<p><b>Sioux Gateway Airport, Sioux City, IA</b>  <b>Distance:</b> 70 miles southeast (1 hr 27 minutes)  <b>Airline:</b> Delta  <b>Destination:</b> Minneapolis</p>
<p><b>Sioux Falls Regional Airport, Sioux Falls, SD</b>  <b>Distance:</b> 98 miles northeast (1 hr 48 minutes)  <b>Airlines:</b> American Airlines                      Allegiant Airlines                      Delta Air Lines                      Frontier/Midwest                      United Airlines  <b>Destination:</b> Nationwide</p>
<p><b>Eppley Airfield, Omaha, NE</b>  <b>Distance:</b> 161 miles southeast (2 hrs 51 minutes)  <b>Airlines:</b> Airtran (via Skywest)                      American Airlines                      Continental Airlines                      Delta Air Lines                      Frontier/Midwest                      Southwest Airlines                      United Airlines                      US Airways  <b>Destination:</b> Nationwide</p>

## **WATER**

The nearest barge service is the Sioux City, Iowa, river port, 68 miles east of Crofton. Nebraska has four barge terminal facilities on the Missouri River. These river ports are navigable approximately eight months per year. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintains a 9-foot deep, 300-foot wide channel for 735 navigable miles from Sioux City, Iowa, to

the mouth of the Missouri River near St. Louis, Missouri. Commodities transported by towing companies are fertilizers, feeds, grain, steel, lumber, salt, steel coils, steel bar, and steel plate.

## **PIPELINE**

Trans-Canada Keystone Pipeline transports crude oil from Canada to Illinois and Oklahoma. The Nebraska line is located 15 miles east of Crofton.



Photo courtesy of Rollie Goeden

**Aerial of Crofton**

## UTILITIES

### ELECTRICITY

Crofton is provided retail electric service by the Cedar-Knox Public Power District (CKPPD). Service is supplied by a 5 MVA, 69/4.16 kV transformer at the city substation that is fed from the District's 69 kV sub-transmission system. The Cedar-Knox sub-transmission system is supplied by three different 115 kV source substations near Hartington, Belden, and Bloomfield. An emergency, alternate source of power is also available to the city from a 12.5 kV rural distribution tie-line with 12.5/4.16 kV transformation. This addition was constructed in 2011 so that electric service can be maintained to Crofton consumers while maintenance or repairs are done on the normal-feed circuitry and substation.

An 80-megawatt wind energy facility began operations in March 2009 near Bloomfield in Knox County. This facility, with 27 turbines, is connected to NPPD's transmission system by a 34.5 kV to 115 kV substation. NPPD purchases all 80 megawatts from the facility, using 40 megawatts for its customers and selling the remaining 40 megawatts to other public power utilities.

#### BASE ELECTRIC RATES (effective 1/1/12)

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

#### Residential Service:

<b>Base Charge:</b> \$13.75 per month		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
\$0.0900	\$0.0840	per kWh for the first 750 kWh used per month
\$0.0762	\$0.0585	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> \$13.75 per month		

#### Urban Commercial:

<b>Base Charge:</b>		
Single Phase	\$13.75 per month	
Three Phase	\$22.00 per month	
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
\$0.1120	\$0.1055	per kWh for the first 850 kWh used per month
\$0.0780	\$0.0700	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> Single Phase \$13.75 per month Three Phase \$22.00 per month		

#### Commercial Electric Space Heating:

<b>Base Charge:</b>		
Single Phase	\$24.25 per month	
Three Phase	\$36.00 per month	
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
\$0.1105	\$0.0765	per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
\$0.0470	\$0.0365	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> Single Phase \$24.25 per month Three Phase \$36.00 per month		

#### Urban Commercial Demand:

<b>Base Charge:</b> \$46.25 per month		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
\$0.1090	\$0.0740	per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
\$0.0495	\$0.0410	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> \$46.25 per month		

Rates are subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Rates may be subject to Lease Payment of 11 percent and Gross Revenue Tax (GRT) payments of 5 percent.

Prospective customers should contact General Manager Dan Leise, Cedar-Knox Public Power District, (402) 254-6291, [www.cedarknoxppd.com](http://www.cedarknoxppd.com), for further information regarding electric rates and service.

## NATURAL GAS

Natural gas is supplied to Crofton by SourceGas Distribution, LLC, through a 2-inch transmission pipeline with an operating pressure of approximately 800 pounds per square inch.

SourceGas is the retail distributor of natural gas within the community, serving approximately 220 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 and commercial uses in Crofton at Thompson Propane.

## WATER

The municipal water system in Crofton is supplied by the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project. The source for drinking water is the Lewis and Clark Lake, fed by the Missouri and Niobrara Rivers. The system has a pumping capacity of 800 gallons per minute and serves 100 percent

of the city population. The underground storage capacity is 150,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 275,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 700,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 1,000,000 gallons per day.

The water treatment plant is a lime softening type with a daily capacity of 1,000,000 gallons.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in parts per million, is 6.6. The turbidity, in nephelometric turbidity units, is 1.04. The average tap water temperature varies from 40° in the winter to 55° in the summer.

### Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	9.32
Calcium	26.6
Total Solids	34.1
Magnesium	11.3
Iron	NA
Nitrate	NA
Manganese	NA
Chloride	34
Fluoride	0.7
Sulfate	202
Sodium	7.6
Total Hardness	6.6

NA - Not available

### WATER RATES (effective 4/09)

A water connection fee of \$500 inside city limits and \$6,500 outside city limits is charged.

### Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$22.90 per month
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Improvements during the last three years included a cross connected line to increase water flow at a cost of \$14,000, which was financed by water funds.

## SEWERAGE

Crofton has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The treatment plant (oxidation ditch) was built in 1973 and has a daily capacity of 100,000 gallons, an average daily flow of 58,000 gallons, and a historic peak daily discharge of 97,000 gallons.

### SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 4/09)

A sewer connection fee of \$500 inside city limits and \$3,000 outside city limits is charged.

### Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$6.92 per month
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Improvements during the last three years included an ultraviolet project at a cost of \$15,000, which was financed through city funds.

The city of Crofton is researching possible upgrades to the water and sewer lines.

## SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Solid waste removal is provided by a private garbage company. Residents are billed through the city; commercial and industrial are billed directly through the provider.

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

#### Residential:

\$11.75 per month \$10.25 per month for seniors
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#### Commercial & Industrial:

Contracts with private haulers
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## RECYCLING

A contracted recycling program is offered in Crofton.



Elkhorn Ridge Wind Farm



Thompson Propane



Photo courtesy of Rollie Goeden

Gavins Point Dam

# COMMUNICATIONS

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## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Telecommunications services are provided to the Crofton area by Great Plains Communications, with a digital central office served by a self-healing fiber ring in Blair, Nebraska. A copper communication softswitch is available. Services include DSL. Extended services include Knox County and Wynot, Nebraska. Installation and maintenance personnel are located in Crofton.

## INTERNET

Local Internet access in Crofton is provided by Great Plains Communications, (402) 456-9001, [www.gpcom.com](http://www.gpcom.com).

## POST OFFICE

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

## PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service is available at the U.S. Postal Service in Crofton. A Federal Express drop-off site is located in Yankton, South Dakota, at U-Haul Pack & Ship. UPS also has a drop-off site at Yankton Rexall Drug.

## NEWSPAPER

The Crofton Journal, with 1,000 subscribers, is the local weekly newspaper. Daily papers delivered locally are the Norfolk Daily News, Omaha World-Herald, Sioux City Journal, and Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan.

## RADIO

Radio stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KDAM-FM	94.3 MHz	Yankton, SD
KKYA-FM	93.1 MHz	Yankton, SD
KYNT-AM	1450 KHz	Yankton, SD
WNAX-AM	570 KHz	Yankton, SD
WNAX-FM	104.1 MHz	Yankton, SD
KVHT-FM	106.3 MHz	Vermillion, SD
KVTK-AM	1570 KHz	Vermillion, SD

## TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KTIV	4	Sioux City, IA
KCAU	9	Sioux City, IA
KMEG	14	Sioux City, IA
KPTH FOX	44	Sioux City, IA
KELO	11	Sioux Falls, SD
KSFY	13	Sioux Falls, SD

Cable television service is provided by Great Plains Communications, Inc. Satellite service is provided by Dish Network and DIRECTV located in Yankton, South Dakota; Norfolk, Nebraska; and Sioux City, Iowa.



Crofton Post Office



Crofton Journal

## TAX STRUCTURE

### VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES—CITY OF CROFTON

All real property is subject to tax at market value. Agriculture land is valued at 75 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		
	2009	2010	2011
Real Estate	\$22,548,405	\$22,928,631	\$23,549,264
Personal Property	933,365	1,007,040	847,242
Special (railroad and utilities)	300,425	267,911	282,035
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$23,782,195</u>	<u>\$24,203,582</u>	<u>\$24,678,541</u>

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

	2009	2010	2011
Township	\$0.147253	\$0.166764	\$0.180641
City	.459510	.459335	.459174
County	.268134	.316661	.297432
School District	1.145682	1.080546	1.046209
Community College	.093540	.098500	.095253
Educational Service Unit	.015000	.015000	.015000
Natural Resource District	.021550	.023549	.021731
Agricultural Society	.006354	.008000	.008000
Fire District	.050000	.050000	.050000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2.207023</u>	<u>\$2.218355</u>	<u>\$2.173440</u>

The 2011 tax rate at the industrially zoned land outside the city limits is \$1.714266 per \$100 of actual value.

### CITY SALES TAX

The city of Crofton imposes a 1 percent city sales tax.

### LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of July 15, 2011:

City—Revenue Bonds	None
City—General Obligation Bonds	\$220,000
School District	None
County	None

# CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 7/15/11	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
<b>General Obligation Bonds</b>					
Paving Bond	8/10/10	\$240,000	\$220,000	2.8656	7/15/20



Crofton City Offices

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Knox County has 30 townships and is governed by seven county board of supervisors, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The actual county budget for 2011–12 is \$23,191,949.

Zoning classifications are:

- AGG General Agricultural
- AGT Transitional Agricultural
- CI Commercial Industrial
- LAR Lake Area Residential
- LACC Lake Area Commercial Corridor
- PD Planned Development
- RR Rural Residential
- RAR River Area Residential

### MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Crofton, a second-class city, has a mayor-council form of government. The 2011–12 actual budget is \$864,834.

Municipal officials are:

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

### FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided to the city and the rural areas by a 25-member volunteer fire department; 20 members are EMT certified, as well as 1 paramedic. The department also provides protection to areas outside the community.

There are 53 fire hydrants in Crofton. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 7; outside it is 9 or 10. Annual expenditures budgeted for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$154,000.

Equipment in the rural fire department:

Year/Make	Description
2012 Freightliner	1,250 gpm pumper
2009 Ford	Ambulance
2006 Ford	Equipment van
1996 GMC	2,000 gal. tanker
1992 Ford	750 gpm pumper
1986 Chevrolet	Pickup with 20 gal. skid unit
1983 Ford	Grass rig pickup
1972 Kaiser	1,250 gal. tanker
1930 Model A	Antique fire truck

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

#### Police Department

Crofton employs two full-time police officers. The police department has standard equipment as well as a 2008 Crown Victoria. Annual expenditures for police protection for the last three years averaged \$87,700.

#### Sheriff's Department

The Knox County Sheriff's Department has five sworn officers and six support personnel. The department has a 911 call center, jail, and four patrol cars. Regular patrol is provided in the area by the sheriff's department.

Crime rates per 1,000 population, 2010:

Location	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Knox County	0.0	2.9
Nebraska	2.7	26.3
U.S.	4.0	29.4

#### State Patrol

Troop B of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Norfolk, 54 miles south of Crofton.

## **STREETS**

Crofton has 20.49 miles of streets, 19.61 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete and asphalt. There is a load restriction on Omaha Street from 5th Street to 8th Street. Seventy-five percent of the streets have curbs and 55 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance includes street sweeping and snow removal.

## **BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS**

The Uniform Building Codes are enforced within the city.

Local zoning classifications are:

- R-6 Residential
- R-10 Residential (size of lot & structure)
- CI Commercial/Industrial
- I Industrial Development
- AG Ag or Non-Residential
- CBD Central Business District

## **PLANNING**

Crofton has a six-member planning commission. Members are appointed by the city council with no term limits.

The Comprehensive Plan for Crofton was prepared by Advantage Consulting Group of Allen, Nebraska, in 2009.



Crofton Fire & Rescue

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

#### Crofton Community Schools

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary (K–6)	11	151	1:13	1:1
Jr.–Sr. High School (7–12)	20	185	1:9	1:1

Crofton Community School District No. 54-0096 covers approximately 175 square miles and has a 2011–12 actual valuation of \$299,365,961 and an actual valuation per student of \$826,980. This Class III District is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education.

The 2011–12 school operating budget is \$4,607,724, with an average cost per pupil of \$11,106.

The elementary school, built in 1961, has a maximum capacity of 200. The junior–senior high school was built in 1992 and has a maximum capacity of 350.

#### Test Results

Name	% Students	
	Taking Test	Composite
ACT	45	23.2

It is estimated that 100 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 95 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree and 5 percent of the seniors enter the job market or military following graduation.

Vocational/tech prep programs offered include Business; Family Consumer Science; Agriculture; and Trades and Industrial.

The Crofton Community School District provides in-school programs with buildings accessible for the mentally and physically handicapped. Special programs are available.

St. Rose of Lima, a Catholic school, serves preschool and grades K–8 offering a faith-based education for all denominations. The school has

nine classrooms and serves 100 students. The teacher/pupil ratio is 1 to 11 and the computer/pupil ratio is 1 to 4. The average annual tuition is \$650.

#### Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 1 (ESU), headquartered in Wakefield, serves six counties including Knox County. Special education services include: audiological testing, behaviorally disordered student program, deaf educator, early childhood special education services, early development network services, occupational therapy, paraeducator services, physical therapy, program supervision, school psychology services, severe and profoundly disabled student program, speech therapy, transition, and vision and orientation/mobility consultation. Other services include: computer and equipment repair, cooperative purchase program, early childhood professional development, Internet infrastructure and support, media and teacher resource library, technology training, and school-wide hearing screening.

#### Special Schools

The **Ability Grouping School** in Yankton, South Dakota, contracted by the Crofton Community School District, provides services for some of the District’s special needs students.

#### Community College

Crofton is part of the **Northeast Community College (NECC)** service area. The college, governed by an 11-member elected board, serves 20 counties in northeast Nebraska from the main campus located in Norfolk, 54 miles south

of Crofton, and through regional education centers located in O’Neill and West Point and the College Center in South Sioux City.

Enrollment at NECC for 2010–11 included 7,717 students taking credit courses and 22,274 students taking noncredit classes or 3,485 full-time equivalent students. Northeast also provided adult education classes for more than 1,000 students in 2010–11. Those students were taking classes for the acquisition of basic math and English skills, English as a Second Language, English language civics, General Educational Development (GED) for a high school diploma, or preparation for the Naturalization Test.

NECC offers more than 80 concentrations or options of study preparing students for immediate employment or transfer to a four-year college or university. Some 786 students completed their studies for a diploma or degree during the 2010–11 academic year. According to the latest Graduate Employment Report, 98 percent of the 2010 graduates seeking employment found jobs or continued their education.

The most recent Graduate Employment Report also showed that 256 of the 2010 graduates chose to continue their education, with 88 percent transferring to a Nebraska institution of higher learning. Other data confirm that college transfer students from NECC who continue their education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln do as well as, or better, than native and other transfer students.

The Business and Industry Division of NECC works with area industries, retail, service establishments, agriculture, and other agencies in planning employee development and training. The programs can be delivered on-site at the company or at the state-of-the-art facilities at NECC. Training is arranged at any time of the day or evening to meet the organization’s special needs.

The Business and Industry Division served 193 employers and trained more than 5,000 employees through customized training workshops and seminars in fiscal year 2010–11. The division also worked with 15 communities

on strategic planning and economic development initiatives. More than 18 individuals seeking to start or expand their businesses received assistance through this division. An additional four minority-owned businesses were provided startup assistance and consulting services. NECC also assisted in recruiting several new companies and divisions to the region.

The Business and Industry Division also assisted 12 area manufacturing plants with training through Nebraska Advantage customized training and Nebraska Worker Training Grants.

The **205-acre main campus in Norfolk** includes 24 buildings with classroom, shop, and lab facilities; library/resource center; student center; an activities center with gym and theater; the Lifelong Learning Center; and residence halls and two apartment buildings for student living.

Northeast also owns a 566-acre college farm with all facilities necessary for teaching farm operations.

Northeast Community College’s library in Norfolk, with its 26,000 volumes, more than 40,000 electronic books, national and regional newspapers, magazines and journals, and approximately 900 video tapes and DVDs, is open to the residents of Northeast’s 20-county service area. The fully automated library is a member of the ONELibrary Consortium that includes Central Community College Library and the public libraries of Columbus, Norfolk, Schuyler, Scottsbluff, and Wayne.

Northeast Community College continues to grow. A unique partnership between Northeast Community College and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Nursing came to fruition in August 2010 when the 43,747-square-foot J. Paul and Eleanor McIntosh College of Nursing opened. The facility houses all Northeast’s nursing programs including the basic nurse aide (commonly called the certified nurse aide), medication aide, practical nursing, associate degree nursing, and bachelor’s and graduate nursing programs from the UNMC College of Nursing Northern Division. An \$11.9 million capital campaign, believed by some to be the



Crofton Elementary School & Playground



Crofton Jr.-Sr. High School



St. Rose of Lima Catholic School



Eastern Township Library

largest capital campaign in northeast Nebraska history, was completed with a donation of well over \$1,000,000 from J. Paul and Eleanor McIntosh.

The \$7.9 million, 40,025-square-foot College Welcome Center on the Northeast campus in Norfolk opened in October 2009. It houses most Student Services' and Administrative Services' functions. Designed to be a "one-stop shop," the facility includes a welcome/reception area, testing and academic advisement area, financial aid offices, student counseling facilities, and the business offices for payment of tuition and fees.

The College Welcome Center is also home to recruitment/admissions, disabilities services, adaptive technology center, career services, registration and records, and veterans' services. Prospective students begin their college tours from this facility, which also has conference rooms.

**The College Center at South Sioux City,** 66 miles southeast of Crofton, built on 57 acres of prime real estate along U.S. Highway 77 donated to Northeast by the South Sioux City Community Development Agency, opened in March 2011. Students can take their freshman and sophomore classes from Northeast Community College and continue their education from Wayne State College, all in the same location. The Nebraska Legislature appropriated \$3.5 million for Wayne State's share of the facility.

Currently students can take short-term training in EMT-Basic, medication aide, basic nurse aide, truck driving, welding, and welding-pipe fitting or earn certificates in accounting, administrative assistant, and office management from Northeast at the College Center. One-year diplomas are also offered in accounting, administrative assistant-general, administrative assistant-medical, business, industrial technician, medical coding, and welding.

Northeast students can earn associate of arts degrees in academic transfer, accounting, agriculture-college transfer, behavioral science, business administration, criminal justice, early childhood education (statewide program), elementary education, journalism, library

information services (joint program), and social science at the College Center. Northeast offers associate of applied science degrees in accounting, administrative assistant-general, administrative assistant-medical, business and industrial facility drafting and associate degree in nursing there. These programs may be delivered via a combination of traditional classes, interactive television classes, and online classes.

Students can earn a bachelor of science degree in business administration, criminal justice, and elementary education and a master of science degree in curriculum and development or education administration from Wayne State College at the College Center.

Over 500 students were expected to take Northeast and Wayne State College classes in the fall 2011 semester at the College Center.

A 5,750-square-foot Industrial Training Building on the College Center grounds in South Sioux City opened in July 2010. Approximately 50 percent of the funds for the Industrial Training Building project are federal funds from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. Northeast's one-year welding and industrial technician programs are housed in the facility.

**The Northeast Education Center in West Point,** 96 miles southeast of Crofton, is comprised of 8,000 square feet in the Shirley and Jake Weber Education Center, part of the \$5.4 million Donald E. Nielsen Community Center, dedicated in 2008. Construction of NECC's portion of the building was financed with a \$500,000 grant from the Louis and Abby Faye Dinklage Foundation and a \$250,000 gift from Hank and Mona Stalp.

The Northeast Education Center contains six classrooms (two ITV classrooms, two computer labs, a science lab, and a general purpose classroom), four offices, student lounge, registration area, lobby area, workroom, and storeroom. General education, nursing, business, English as a Second Language, computer training, business/industry training, and continuing/community education classes are offered in West Point.

The West Point Education Center enrolled 65 degree-seeking students who earned 1,524 credits in 2010–11. In May 2011, 16 students who took most of their classes at the West Point education center graduated from Northeast. The Northeast Education Center also offered 189 non-credit classes to 1,008 students.

Northeast Community College programming continues to increase at the **Northeast Education Center in O’Neill**, 96 miles southwest of Crofton. In May 2011, 11 students who took most of their classes at the O’Neill Education Center joined more than 700 others who earned Northeast degrees or diplomas. During the 2010–11 academic year, some 87 degree-seeking students took 2,161 credit hours at the O’Neill Education Center. Northeast also enrolled 1,731 students in 180 different non-credit classes.

An Economic Impact Study by Economic Modeling Specialists Inc./CCbenefits Inc.

of Moscow, Idaho, released in summer of 2010, showed that taxpayers in Northeast’s 20-county service area see a sound return on their investment. The study revealed that area taxpayers see a return of 9.8 percent on their annual investments in Northeast and recover all investments in 12.9 years. The study also showed that Northeast’s workforce training increased the output of local industries (where former Northeast students are employed) by \$190.5 million annually. Using the multiplier effect, Northeast’s annual payroll and benefits of \$18 million turns in to \$25 million. Additionally, the study also showed that for every \$1 a student invests in a Northeast education, he or she will receive a cumulative \$6.10 in higher future earnings for the next 30 years.

For more information on Northeast Community College, visit [www.northeast.edu](http://www.northeast.edu) or call (800) 348-9033.

<b>Northeast Community College 2010–11 Academic Year</b>			
<b>Program</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Diploma</b>	<b>Certificate</b>
Academic Transfer & General Studies	72	NA	NA
Administrative Assistant	20	12	1
Agriculture	63	0	NA
Associate Degree Nursing	44	NA	NA
Audio Recording	10	0	11
Auto Body Repair Technology	17	NA	NA
Automotive Technology	24	0	NA
Behavioral Science	31	NA	NA
Broadcasting	7	NA	NA
Building Construction	13	NA	NA
Business	51	3	2
Criminal Justice	21	NA	NA
Diesel Technology	30	NA	NA
Drafting	21	NA	NA
Early Childhood Education	13	2	NA
Education	21	NA	NA
Electrical Construction and Control	26	NA	NA
Electromechanical Technology	20	0	0
EMT Paramedic	4	0	NA

NA-Not available

<b>Northeast Community College 2010–11 Academic Year</b>			
<b>Program</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Diploma</b>	<b>Certificate</b>
Graphic Design	10	NA	NA
Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	8	NA	NA
Industrial Maintenance	NA	7	NA
Information Technology	14	0	3
Journalism	3	NA	NA
Music	3	NA	NA
Practical Nursing	NA	40	NA
Pre-Professional Studies	56	NA	NA
Physical Therapist Assistant	22	NA	NA
Renewable Fuels	6	11	1
Utility Line	35	NA	NA
Welding	NA	12	NA
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>18</b>

NA-Not available

### **Lifelong Learning Center**

The Lifelong Learning Center at Northeast Community College in Norfolk serves the business and professional community through a variety of uses. The 20,000-square-foot educational wing includes two classrooms which can be opened into one large room, one distance-learning classroom, a computer center for software training, a general purpose classroom, and the conference center that can be divided into six rooms and accommodate up to 700 people. Full technology, including video conferencing, and food services are available to make the center a highly-desirable location for meetings, training activities, and conferences.

In addition to the associate degree and continuing education programs offered through NECC, the Lifelong Learning Center serves as a source for information for educational offerings from Educational Service Unit 8, Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Northeast Research and Extension Center, UNL Extension in Madison County, and Wayne State College, as well as other public and private institutions.

For more information on the Lifelong Learning Center, its programs and facilities, call the facility's coordinator at (402) 844-7246.

### **College**

**Wayne State College (WSC)** located in Wayne, 63 miles southeast of Crofton, serves approximately 3,500 students from throughout Nebraska and Iowa as well as 36 other states and 17 foreign countries. At the undergraduate level, WSC offers more than 70 nonteaching majors and minors plus 38 various teaching endorsements in four academic schools including arts and humanities, business and technology, education and counseling, and natural and social sciences. Masters degrees are also available in business, education, and organizational management.

Of those undergraduate students declaring a major, approximately 12.5 percent major in the arts and humanities, 24 percent in education and counseling, 23 percent in business and technology, and 40.5 percent in natural and social sciences.

Founded in 1891, the college became a State College in 1909. The picturesque 128-acre campus serves as a state arboretum and features a walking/jogging trail, numerous indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, a renovated and expanded Student Center, a state-of-the-art business building, and a new studio arts building.

The Office of Continuing Education at Wayne State College offers undergraduate and graduate coursework via Internet and distance learning. In addition, a variety of courses are also offered onsite in several area cities. Schedules and course offerings vary.

Open since Spring 2011, the College Center of South Sioux City is a collaborative effort of Northeast Community College and Wayne State College. Northeast Community College and Wayne State College offer opportunities for

students to earn associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees, a combination of customized training for businesses and industry, continuing education, licensing programs, and career and technical training. The College Center sits on 57 acres of land along U.S. Highway 77, donated by the Community Development Agency of South Sioux City.

For more information, contact Wayne State College at (800) 228-9972 or visit [www.wsc.edu](http://www.wsc.edu).

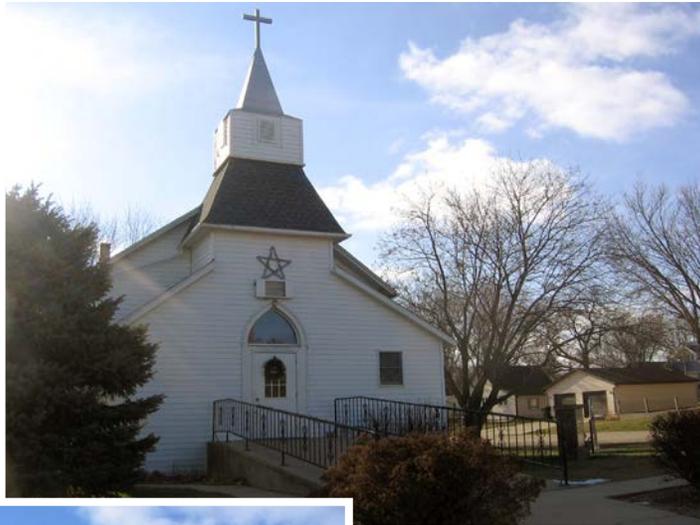
<b>Wayne State College</b>				
<b>Program</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>		<b>Graduate</b>	
	<b>Majors*</b>	<b>Degrees**</b>	<b>Majors*</b>	<b>Degrees**</b>
Applied Human & Sport Physiology	37	14	0	0
Art	49	5	0	0
Business	381	109	94	24
Chemistry	46	23	0	0
Computer Information Systems	69	14	0	0
Computer Science	32	6	0	0
Counselor Education/Counseling	0	0	70	14
Criminal Justice	198	43	0	0
Curriculum & Instruction	0	0	130	136
Early Childhood	18	9	0	0
Early Childhood Education	114	29	0	0
Elementary Education	386	55	0	0
English	87	10	0	0
Exercise Science	77	13	7	1
Family & Consumer Sciences	68	10	0	0
Geography	24	8	0	0
Graphic Design	51	12	0	0
Health & Physical Education	75	20	0	0
History	63	8	0	0
Human Service Counseling	104	35	0	0
Industrial Technology	121	25	0	0
Interdisciplinary Studies	5	8	0	0
Life Sciences	103	24	0	0
Mass Communication	55	5	0	0
Mathematics	43	8	0	0
Middle Level Education	34	4	0	0
Music	78	16	0	0
Natural Sciences	11	4	0	0
Organizational Management	0	0	27	13
Physical Science	7	1	0	0
Political Science	29	7	0	0

\*Includes first and second majors for fall 2011 (as of 10/15/11)

\*\*Includes degrees awarded December 2010 through August 2011



Community Bible Church



Trinity Lutheran Church



St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church



United Church of Christ



Avera Medical Group



Crofton Senior Center

<b>Wayne State College</b>				
<b>Program</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>		<b>Graduate</b>	
	<b>Majors*</b>	<b>Degrees**</b>	<b>Majors*</b>	<b>Degrees**</b>
Pre-Professional	257	0	0	0
Psychology	82	11	0	0
School Administration	0	0	105	61
Social Sciences	54	9	0	0
Sociology	12	6	0	0
Spanish	34	5	0	0
Special Education	101	7	5	0
Speech Communication	34	13	0	0
Sports Management	97	18	0	0
Technology	5	1	0	0
Theatre	9	1	0	0
Undeclared	315	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,365</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>249</b>

\*Includes first and second majors for fall 2011 (as of 10/15/11)

\*\*Includes degrees awarded December 2010 through August 2011

### Other Schools

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

<b>Community/ College or University</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>Yankton, SD</b>	14
Mount Marty College	
<b>Vermillion, SD</b>	39
University of South Dakota	
<b>Norfolk, NE</b>	54
Northeast Community College	
<b>Wayne, NE</b>	63
Wayne State College	
<b>Sioux City, IA</b>	68
Briar Cliff College	
Morningside College	
Western Iowa Tech Community College	
<b>Omaha, NE</b>	158
University of Nebraska at Omaha	
<b>Lincoln, NE</b>	180
Nebraska Wesleyan University	
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	
<b>Kearney, NE</b>	212
University of Nebraska at Kearney	

### CHURCHES

<b>Denomination</b>	<b>Number of Churches</b>
Catholic	1
Congregational	1
Lutheran, ELCA	1
Non-denominational	1

### HEALTH CARE

#### Clinics

The **Avera Medical Group Crofton** is owned by the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota. The family practice clinic is staffed by one physician's assistant and one nurse.

#### Hospital

**Avera Sacred Heart Health Services (ASHHS)** in Yankton, South Dakota, 14 miles northeast of Crofton, is a regional hospital and service network committed to providing quality care and improving the health of individuals and communities in 17 counties in southeastern South Dakota and northeastern Nebraska. ASHHS serves as a 257-bed regional medical center that includes 144 beds in acute care and 113 beds in comprehensive long-term care. The hospital, started by the Benedictine Sisters, is

a widely recognized and respected teaching hospital. Services include: adult day services, cancer center, cardiac catheterization laboratory, CT scanning/MRI, Dakota Diabetes Center, emergency center, home care, hospice, intensive/coronary care units, medical clinics, medical rehabilitation center, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy, radiology, renal dialysis unit, same day surgery, senior services, sleep disorders laboratory, speech therapy, sports medicine, rehab and wellness institute, and Women's and Children's Center.

Major medical centers are also located in Norfolk, 54 miles south; Sioux City, Iowa, 68 miles southeast; Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 94 miles northeast; and Omaha, Nebraska, 158 miles southeast.

**Rescue Squad**

The Rural Crofton Fire District offers ambulance services to Crofton and the surrounding area with a staff of 20 emergency medical technicians and a 2009 Ford ambulance.

**Nursing Homes / Assisted Living**

Nursing homes and assisted living facilities are available in several area communities—Yankton, South Dakota; 14 miles; and the Nebraska communities of Bloomfield, 17 miles; Wausa, 18 miles; and Hartington, 19 miles.

**LIBRARY**

The **Eastern Township Library** contains approximately 7,000 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 10,400.

Library activities include a preschool reading program, summer reading program, and crocheting and knitting program. Internet is available at the library. Library resources include State and National Library Loan Program.

**RECREATION**

Crofton has two city parks covering approximately 17 acres. Facilities include playground equipment, swimming pool, tennis courts, basketball courts, picnic shelters, camping pads, and rest rooms.

Crofton has two playgrounds with swing sets, wood tower set, small riding animals on springs, sandbox, and merry-go-round.

The city employs six part-time/seasonal employees. Annual expenditures for the last three years averaged \$28,000 for the parks and \$39,500 for the swimming pool.

City programs offered include town team amateur baseball; American Legion juniors and seniors baseball; and youth softball, baseball, and football.

**Area facilities:**

- Archery — Yankton, SD
- Baseball/Softball — Crofton, NE; Yankton, SD
- Boating — Lewis & Clark Lake; Missouri River
- Bowling — Yankton, SD; Norfolk, NE
- Campgrounds — Lewis & Clark SRA
- Firing Range — Yankton, SD
- Fishing — Lewis & Clark Lake; Missouri River
- Golf Courses — Crofton, Hartington, Norfolk, Pierce, Plainview, Ponca, Randolph, and Wausa, NE; Yankton, SD
- Hiking/Biking Trails — Lewis & Clark SRA and South Dakota side of Missouri River
- Hockey — Yankton, SD
- Horseshoes — Lewis & Clark SRA
- Hunting — Missouri River
- Laser Tag — Yankton, SD
- Miniature Golf — Lewis & Clark SRA
- Sand Volleyball — Lewis & Clark SRA
- Snowmobiling — Nebraska State Park
- Soccer — Yankton, SD; Hartington & Norfolk, NE
- Swimming — Yankton, SD; Hartington & Norfolk, NE
- Tennis — Yankton, SD; Norfolk, NE

Theatres — Yankton, SD;  
Norfolk, NE

Contemplated improvements in the next five years include swimming pool improvements, rest rooms/concession stand at softball field, and additional camping pads.

Annual celebrations include the Easter Bunny Fun Run in spring; Crofton Fourth of July Activities—street dance, alumni banquet, baseball, 5K Run, and fireworks; Fall Festival with car show, grill fest, and citywide rummage sale held the last Saturday in August; and Santa Day, traditionally held the first Sunday in December.

Summer recreation programs for the youth in Crofton include baseball and softball. Youth football is offered in the fall.

Cultural activities include a Crofton Community Theater Group that presents plays by local talent, traditionally a Christmas presentation.

The **Crofton Senior Citizens Center** activities include monthly pancake feeds, annual raffles, spring fling, and a summer garden tour and luncheon.

The **Lewis & Clark State Recreation Area** lines the south shore of Lewis & Clark Lake and includes five recreational areas on the south side of the lake: Weigand-Burbach, Miller Creek, Bloomfield, South Shore, and Deep Water. The areas include boat docks, cabins, camping pads, primitive camping, playground areas, hiking and horseback riding trails, as well as a snowmobile trail in season.

**Crofton Lakeview Golf Course** is among some of the most popular golfing opportunities in Nebraska. The 9-hole course overlooks Lewis & Clark Lake and follows nature's ravines and gullies. The regulation public course offers 2,925 yards of golf with a par 36. The course rating is a 34.7 with a slope rating of 115.

The historic **Argo Hotel** in Crofton is one of the oldest buildings starting back in 1911 as a hotel for the railroad traffic. It has served as a health clinic and medical clinic, but most recently

the stately building has been renovated to a bed & breakfast and steakhouse.

## HOUSING

### New Construction

Two new homes were constructed in the past two years and it is estimated one will be built in 2012. The cost of new home construction averages \$125 per square foot. Building permits were issued for 10 single-family homes during the last five years.

### Housing Market (as of 12/15/11):

#### Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family - 2

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

Single Family Home

2,500 sq. ft. - 3-bedroom \$300,000

1,000 sq. ft. - 3-bedroom \$150,000

#### Number of Single Family Homes for Sale by Price (New and Existing)

Less than \$100,000 2

#### Rentals

3-bedroom home \$750

Apartment - 2-bedroom \$300

Apartment Vacancy Rate 10%

### Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

The **Crofton Housing Authority - Cottonwood Villa**, built in 1972, is a 24-unit complex.

## FINANCIAL

Financial institution in Crofton:



Farmers & Merchants State Bank - Branch



Lewis and Clark State Recreation Area -  
Weigand - Burbach



Weigand - Burbach Marina



Lewis and Clark Visitor Center



Gavins Point



Fall Festival Scenes



Photo courtesy of Rollie Goeden

Crofton Lakeview Golf Course & Club House



Crofton Playgrounds



Crofton & Fordyce Baseball Field

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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### PROFESSIONAL

Attorneys.....	1
Chiropractors.....	1
Dentists .....	1
Engineering Firms.....	2
Nurse Practitioners.....	1
Veterinarians .....	1

### BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Agricultural Implement Dealers .....	1
Antique Shops.....	3
Appliance Stores .....	1
Auto Repair & Services .....	5
Bakeries.....	1
Banquet Facilities, Halls, Auditoriums & Meeting Rooms .....	2
Beauty Salons/Barber Shops.....	4
Bed & Breakfasts .....	1 (16 rooms)
Caterers .....	1
Convenience Stores.....	2
Department Stores.....	1
Farm/Ranch Supplies .....	1
Feed & Seed Dealers.....	1
Fertilizers .....	1
Floral Shops .....	1
Funeral Homes .....	1
Gift Shops .....	1
Grain Dealers .....	1
Grocery Stores .....	1
Gun Shop .....	1
Hardware Stores.....	1
Health Clubs.....	1
Hotels/Motels .....	1 (12 rooms)
Insurance Companies .....	2
Lumberyards .....	1
Machine Shops.....	1
Preschools .....	1
Real Estate Firms.....	3
Restaurants.....	4
Service Stations.....	3
Tool & Die Makers .....	1
Welding Shops .....	1
Wind Maintenance .....	1



The "Historic" Argo Hotel



Lewis & Clark Lodge

## AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

### AGRICULTURE

2007 Statistics	Knox County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	863	47,712
Land in Farms (acres)	536,457	45,480,358
Average Size of Farms (acres)	622	953
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$226,546,000	\$15,506,035,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$262,510	\$324,992
Total Acres Irrigated	51,751	8,558,559
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	9.6%	18.8%
<b>Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2006–2010)</b>		
Corn for Grain	17,873,720 bu.	1,417,610,000 bu.
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)	173,304 tons	3,813,200 tons
Oats	361,040 bu.	2,076,000 bu.
Soybeans	3,012,200 bu.	240,002,000 bu.
Winter Wheat All	189,200 bu.*	71,966,000 bu.
<b>Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2007–2011)</b>		
All Cattle	114,600	6,390,000

\*4 year average

During the past five years, Knox County ranked first in the production of oats and either second or third in the production of hay alfalfa (dry).

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2006–2011  
2007 Census of Agriculture

### RAW MATERIALS

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

# CLIMATE

## TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						Humidity*	
	Temperature			Precipitation		Morning	Afternoon	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)			
January	11.4	21.4	31.3	0.60	6.5	76	67	
February	14.6	25.1	35.6	0.84	6.9	78	67	
March	24.4	35.5	46.6	1.68	6.4	79	64	
April	36.0	48.0	60.0	3.50	4.2	77	56	
May	47.5	59.1	70.7	3.89	0.0	79	57	
June	58.2	69.2	80.1	4.20	0.0	81	59	
July	63.1	74.0	84.9	3.44	0.0	82	60	
August	61.5	72.4	83.2	3.20	0.0	85	62	
September	51.7	63.7	75.7	3.22	0.0	82	59	
October	38.5	50.4	62.2	2.46	0.8	78	56	
November	25.1	35.6	46.1	1.25	5.5	78	63	
December	14.3	23.8	33.2	0.80	7.0	78	68	
<b>Annual</b>	37.2	48.2	59.1	29.10	37.2	80	62	

\*Recorded at Norfolk Weather Station

## FROST DATA

Average date of spring freeze probability .....	May 1
Average date of fall freeze probability.....	October 6
Average length of freeze free season probability.....	160 days
Average number of heating degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	6,953
Average number of cooling degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit.....	844
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average).....	10.7
Prevailing wind direction (annual average) .....	North-northwest

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1988–2010, [www.hprcc.unl.edu](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu)  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 2010