

# COMMUNITY FACTS DAVID CITY, NEBRASKA

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## POPULATION

(Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003 Est.</u>
David City	2,597	2,618
Butler County	8,767	8,899
Labor Market	379,286	404,069

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## INTRODUCTION

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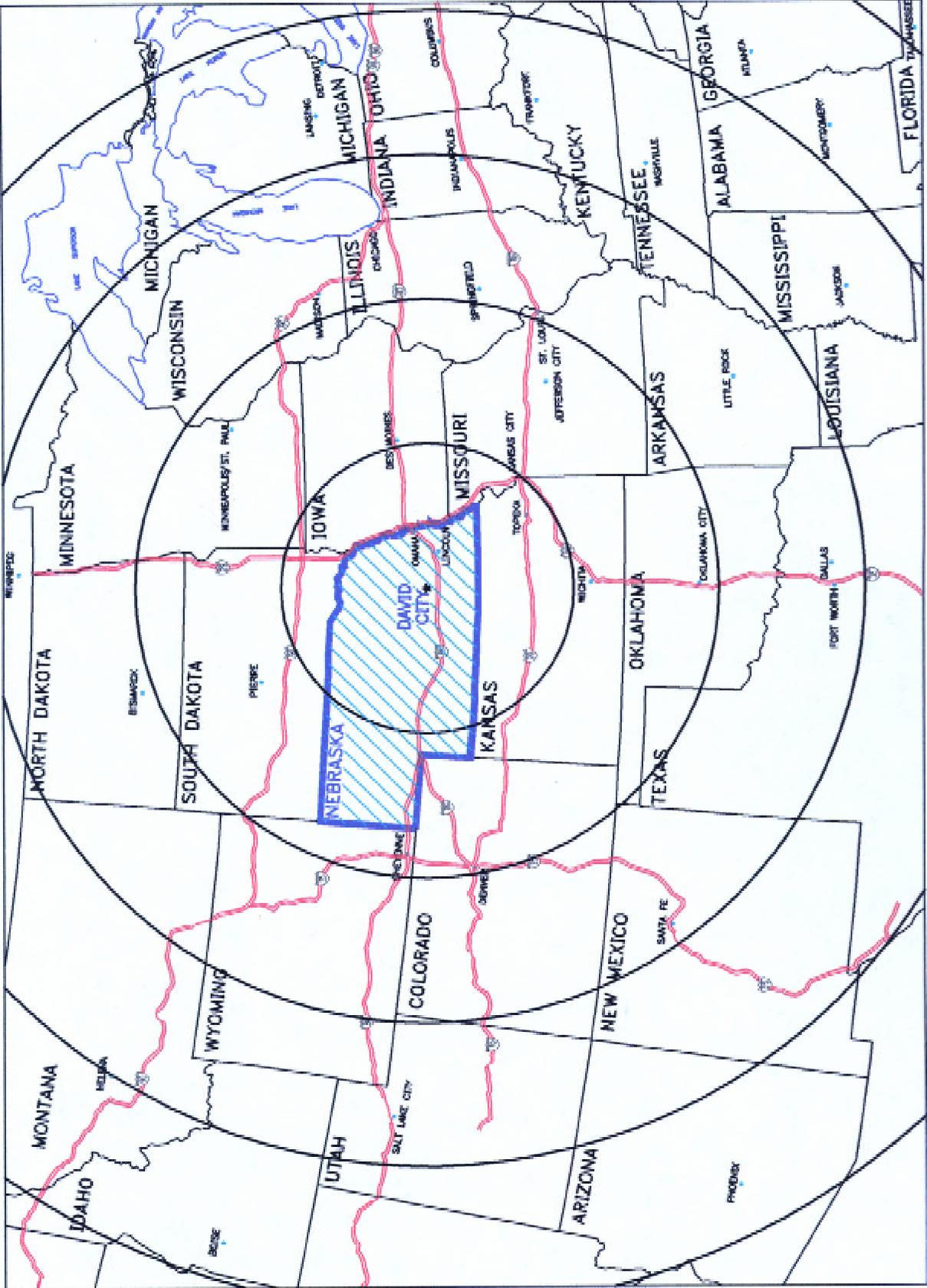
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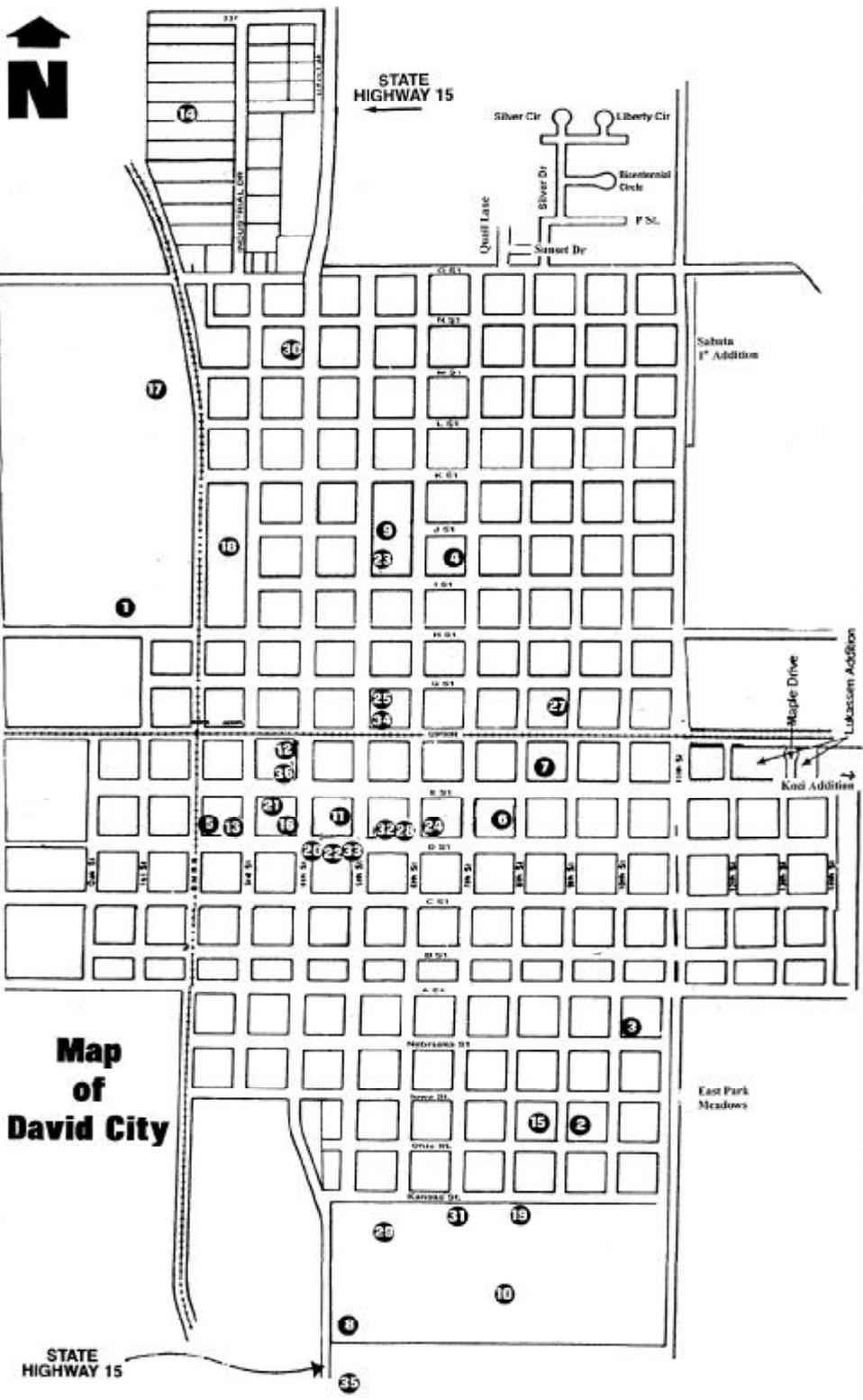
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### LOCATION

David City, the county seat of Butler County, is located in east-central Nebraska. The city is served by Nebraska Highway 15 and Nebraska Highway 92 is three miles south. David City is located 55 miles northwest of Lincoln and is the midpoint between Omaha and Grand Island, 75 miles.

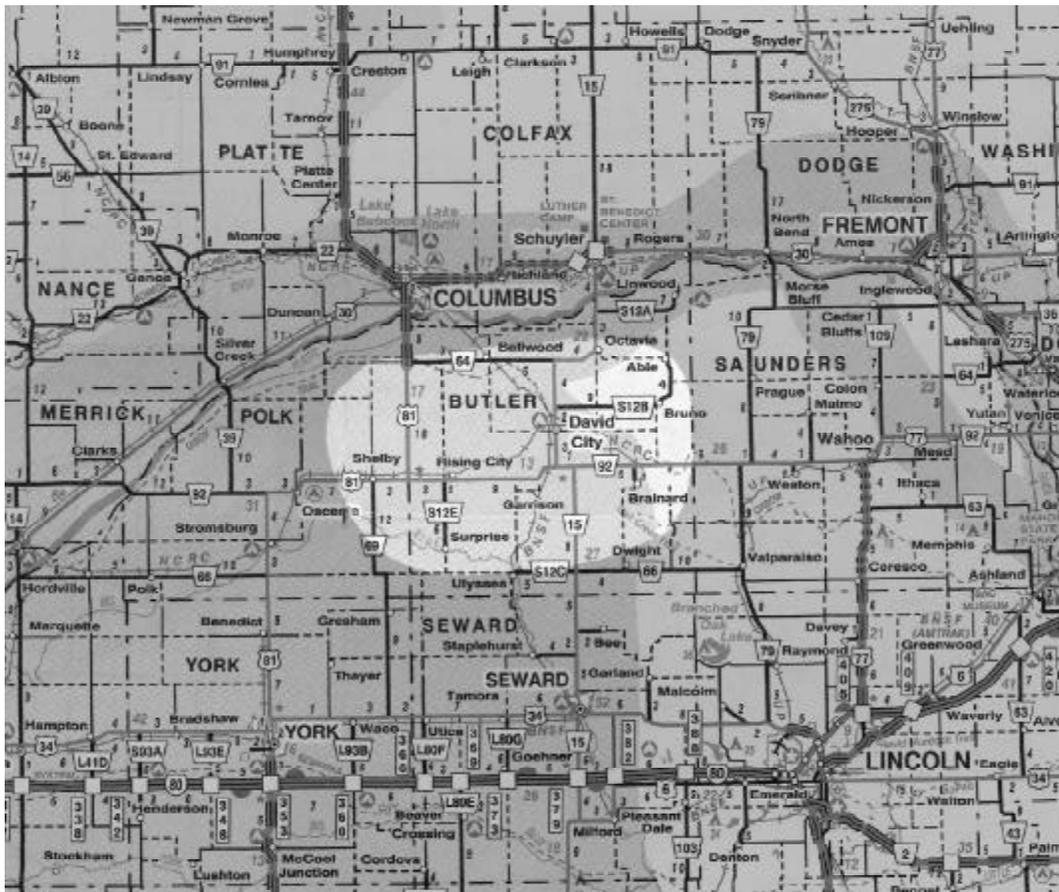
### POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	David City	Butler County
1970	2,380	9,461
1980	2,514	9,330
1990	2,522	8,601
2000	2,597	8,767
2003 (Est.)	2,618	8,899

### County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2000

One race	8,732
White	8,625
Black or African American	9
American Indian and Alaska Native	11
Asian	11
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5
Some other race	71
Two or more races	35
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	145

The 2003 U.S. Census estimates 404,069 people live within Butler County and the contiguous counties of Colfax, Dodge, Lancaster, Platte, Polk, Saunders, Seward, and York.



Primary Retail Trade Area

## LOCAL ECONOMY

Basic economic activities for David City, the county seat, include farming, cattle feeding, hog production, egg production, manufacturing, food processing, and retail sales.

The primary retail trade area for David City extends 12 miles east, 10 miles south, 19 miles west, and 4 miles northwest and contains approximately 7,514 people. Retail firms with sales tax permits reported net taxable retail sales of \$20,462,134 in 2003. The five wholesale firms in David City distribute egg products, frozen foods, auto parts, petroleum, dairy products, veterinary supplies, electrical harnesses, truck trailers, and metal products.

Tempte, Henningson Foods, and Kennel Vaccine Vet Supply have expanded their operations since 1995, increasing economic activity in the area.

## ELEVATION

David City is 1,614 feet above sea level.

## TOPOGRAPHY

The terrain in Butler County is gently rolling to steep hills and is level in the Platte River Valley. Soils are medium-textured silt loams with moderately heavy to heavy subsoils. Drainage is good.

## HISTORY

David City traces its beginning to the year 1873 when residents of Butler County voted to remove the county seat from Savannah, located along the northern border of the county, to a more central location.

Mrs. Phoebe Miles provided the site for the county seat and the town was named David's City in honor of her father, William David. Later the "s" was dropped and this became the only town in the world with the name David City.

In the fall of 1873 a new courthouse was built in David City and homes were built soon afterward. The David City Centennial History Book reports B. O. Perkins, the town's first mayor, bought the old courthouse at Savannah and moved it to David City where it became the first hotel, known as the "David City House." The town was officially incorporated on June 5, 1874.

A brick three-story courthouse in the center of the town square was built in 1890. It was replaced in 1964 by a one-story brick courthouse constructed on the same site.

The Butler County Press, established in January 1873 at Savannah, moved its office to David City in September 1873. It has continued operation and is now known as The Banner-Press as a result of its merger with The Peoples Banner in December 1953.

The David City Volunteer Fire Department was organized in April 1879. The David City Public Library, established in 1891, was located in the basement of the courthouse. A Carnegie Library was built later and was replaced in the 1996 by a \$1.2 million Roman L. and Victoria E. Hruska Memorial Public Library.

The David City Public School system originated in 1890 with the establishment of a grade school. Other buildings were built and the K-12 system now operates in two structures.

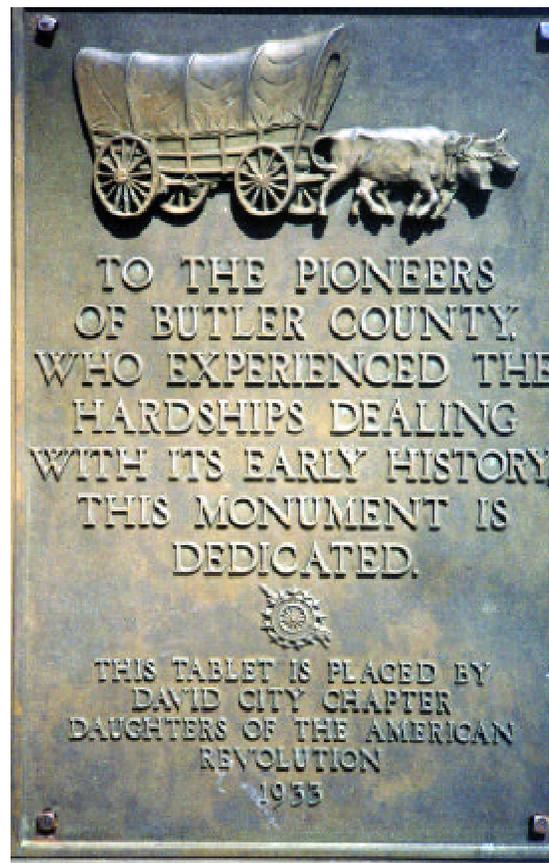
St. Mary's School, operated by St. Mary's Parish, began operating in 1899 and added a high school to its facilities in 1961. The grade school is now operated as a part of the Aquinas School system, offering K-12 education for students in Butler County and surrounding parishes.

The first electric service in David City was provided under the private ownership of James Bell. This operation continued until the fall of 1913, when the city purchased the system.

The privately-owned David City Hospital was built in 1911. It continued in operation at another nearby location until it was replaced in 1973 by the Butler County Hospital, now known as the Butler County Health Care Center with its accompanying Wellness Center and Physicians Clinic.

In 1966 the community undertook a downtown redevelopment project, which involved restoring many of the business buildings to their original status. This project, inspired by a suggestion from the Northern Natural Gas Company, attracted literally worldwide attention with the story of the work being shown in a film, "The David City Story." Copies were sent to interested communities who, in turn, carried out similar downtown redevelopment projects.

David City was the birthplace of several well-known personalities, including Ruth Etting, a Ziegfeld Follies star of the 1920s and the 1930s; Joyce C. Hall, founder of Hallmark Company; U.S. Senator Roman L. Hruska; Dale Nichols, internationally known artist and former art editor of Encyclopedia Britannica; and Floyd F. Nichols, known for his welding sculptures.



Pioneer Memorial



East Side of Square



North Side of Square

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### MANUFACTURERS

<u>Company/ Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Arps Red-E-Mix 1990	Ready-mixed concrete	Local	3	0	None
Banner-Press 1873	Commercial printing & weekly newspaper	National	3	7	None
Fargo Assembly of PA David City Plant 1982	Electrical harnesses	National	34	84	None
Filter Care of Nebraska 1979	Recycled filters	Regional	2	1	None
Five Star Feeds, Inc. 1948	Animal & poultry feeds	Local	9	1	None
Henningsen Foods, Inc. 1941	Frozen, liquid & dehydrated egg products	International	79	51	None
Henningsen Foods, Inc., Shell Egg Division 1970	Shell eggs	National	1	1	None
Region V Industries 1977	Lathes & stakes	Local	23	40	None
Timpte, Inc. 1980	Truck trailers	National	113	11	None

### MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 25 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Butler County	Government	53	33	None
Butler County Health Care Center	Medical	14	91	None
City of David City	Government	32	10	None

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
David City Public Schools	Education	28	83	NSEA
David Place, Inc.	Multi-health care	5	95	None
Kennel Vaccine Vet Supply	Animal health supplies & human natural supplements	15	87	None
St. Joseph's Villa & Court	Nursing care/assisted living	7	98	None
St. Thomas Aquinas	Education	24	5	None

**OTHER MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS** (employing more than 100)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
<b>Schuyler, 16 miles</b>				
Excel Corporation	Beef processing	1,606	623	UFCW
Alegent Health/Memorial Hospital, Inc.	Medical	145 Total		None
Schuyler Public Schools	Education	50	132	SEA/NEA
<b>Columbus, 25 miles</b>				
ADM Corn Processing - Columbus	Wet corn milling, corn starch, corn syrup, fructose, ethanol & multiple corn products	249	36	None
BD Medical Pharmaceutical	Glass syringes	182 1*	218 3*	None
BD Medical Surgical	Hypodermic needles & syringes	732 Total 14*		None
Behlen Mfg. Co.	Steel buildings, agriculture & livestock equipment	539 3*	120 4*	None
Beverly Healthcare - Columbus	Nursing care	130 Total 30*		None
CAMACO, LLC	Automotive seats & frames	348	145	None
Carneco Foods	Ground beef	350 Total		None

\*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>	
Central Community College, Columbus Campus	Education	47 7*	47 25*	NSEA, CEA (faculty only)
City of Columbus	Government	108 22*	54 26*	None
Columbus Community Hospital	Medical	40	236 175*	None
Columbus Public Schools	Education	104 7*	297 77*	CEA/ NEA
Double O Trucking	Full service transportation	103	7 1*	None
EGS Electrical Group - Appleton	Electrical products	345 Total 2*		None
First National Bank & Trust Co.	Financial	17 3*	64 27*	None
FLEXcon Company, Inc.	Pressure sensitive plastic film, decals, package labels, holograms, adhesive nameplates	183	60	None
Hamilton Telecommunications	Telemarketing	9 18*	28 49*	None
Lakeview Community Schools	Education	22 30*	87 23*	LEA/NEA
Loup Power District	Electric utility	92 2*	16 10*	None
Nebraska Public Power District	Electric utility	244 6*	164 5*	None
Platte County	Government	91 4*	68 4*	None
State of Nebraska (Platte County)	Government	113 Total		NAPE
Vishay Dale Electronics	Electronic components	525 Total		None

\*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>	
<b>Seward, 25 miles</b>				
Concordia University	Education	130	124	None
Hughes Brothers, Inc.	Crossarms, transmission & distribution materials	203	60	IAM & AW
Metro Group	Direct mail	400 Total		None
Seward County	Government	67	54	None
Memorial Health Care Systems	Medical	44	314	None
Seward Motor Freight, Inc.	Trucking	150	22	None
Seward Public Schools	Education	189 Total		NEA
Tenneco Automotive	Automotive exhaust systems	308	67	None
Wal-Mart Discount City	Discount store	30	70	None
<b>Wahoo, 30 miles</b>				
M.E. Collins	Engineering & construction	93 15*	7 5*	None
Saunders County	Government	85 15*	40 10*	None
Saunders County Health	Medical	16	194	None
Wahoo Public Schools	Education	34	84	NEA

\*Part-time or seasonal

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

The Butler County Development Alliance (BCDA) works with the David City Area Chamber of Commerce and the city of David City for economic growth in the community.

Butler County Development Alliance, based at the David City Area Chamber of Commerce. The BCDA Board of Directors is represented by county government and the governing bodies of most towns in the county belonging to the Alliance. Each member initially contributed financial support on

a three-year basis and individual, city, and county financial support continues.

Industrial progress since 2000 includes a 14,000 square foot expansion by Kennel Vaccine Vet Supply, now occupying 50,000 square feet.

Approximately 122 acres of land in and adjacent to the community are zoned for industry. The price of industrially zoned land ranges from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per acre.

## **INDUSTRIAL SITES AVAILABLE**

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



Banner Press



Fargo Assembly of PA



Five Star Feeds, Inc.



Henningsen Foods, Inc.



Region V Industries



Timpte, Inc.



Butler County Rural Public Power District



Kennel Vaccine Vet Supply

# LABOR

## LABOR SUPPLY

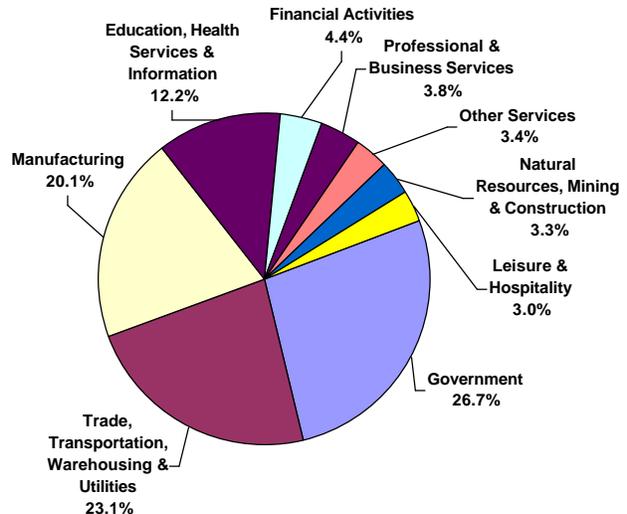
- A. Employment in the David City labor market, which is defined as the whole of Butler County and the total consisting of Butler County and the contiguous counties of Colfax, Dodge, Lancaster, Platte, Polk, Saunders, Seward, and York (twelve-month average, October 2003 through September 2004):

<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)	<u>Butler County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Manufacturing	459	(D)
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	76	(D)
Trade, Transportation, Warehouse, Utilities	528	40,575
Information	(D)	(D)
Financial Activities	101	13,543
Professional & Business Services	87	(D)
Education and Health Services	(D)	25,693
Leisure & Hospitality	69	21,094
Other Services	77	(D)
Government	609	46,161
<b>TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>220,377</b>
Farm Employment*	894	9,472
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>4,337</b>	<b>229,366</b>
B. Commuting Out of County	1,880	
C. Unemployment	190	8,783
<b>TOTAL LABOR FORCE</b>	<b>4,527</b>	<b>238,149</b>
D. Estimated number of homemakers, seasonal and part-time workers, and workers who would shift from low-paying jobs who could be expected to work for industry	408	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	134	
<b>TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D &amp; E)</b>	<b>2,612</b>	

(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

\*Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA); data for 2000 David City is willing to conduct a labor survey for a prospective industry.

**NONFARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT  
BUTLER COUNTY  
12-MONTH AVERAGE  
OCTOBER 2003 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2004**

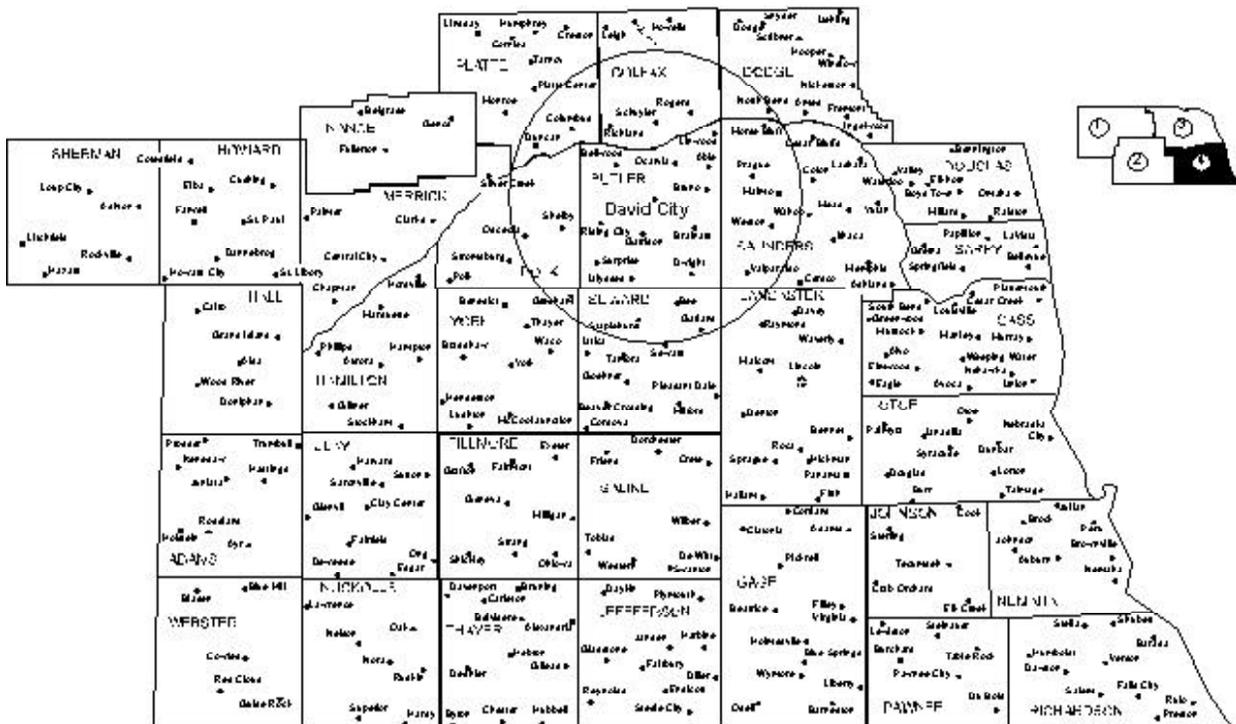


Location	2000 POPULATION DATA					Median Household Effective Buying Income (2003)
	Density/ Sq. Mile	% 65 Yrs & Over	Median Age	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	
Butler Co.	15.0	17.7	38.8	83.4	13.6	\$32,780
Nebraska	22.3	13.6	35.3	86.6	23.7	\$35,948
U.S.	79.6	12.4	35.9	84.0	26.0	\$38,201

Butler County had 6,368 eligible voters in 2000; 61.2 percent voted in the national election compared to 65.2 percent in Nebraska.

SOURCE: U.S. Census, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)  
 Sales and Marketing Management, September 2004  
 Statewide General Election 2000 Results, [www.nol.org/home/SOS/Canvass2000/gen2000menu.htm](http://www.nol.org/home/SOS/Canvass2000/gen2000menu.htm)

### LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE DAVID CITY AREA



### POPULATION DATA U.S. Census Estimates

2003 Estimate	
City of David City	2,618
Butler County	8,899
30-Mile Radius	87,775

Butler County Population by Age/Gender, 2002		
Ages	Male	Female
18-24	418	322
25-44	1,139	1,060
45-64	1,088	1,034

## UNIONIZATION

Nebraska has a right-to-work provision in its constitution. In 2000, 13.1 percent of Nebraska's manufacturing workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 14.8 percent. Union membership in Nebraska is concentrated in the railroad and packinghouse industries.

Labor organizations operating in David City:

Company	Union
Alltel	Communications Workers of America
David City Public Schools	Nebraska Education Association

Less than 1 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in David City is unionized. There have been no known strikes in David City.

## WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Professional</b>			
Accountants & Auditors	14.12	23.32	37.54
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	11.96	24.87	41.43
Electrical Engineers*	17.98	23.95	33.97
Industrial Engineers	18.74	27.69	45.70
Mechanical Engineers	18.84	24.03	36.41
Computer Programmers	12.04	15.34	30.58
Computer Systems Analysts	15.25	26.92	38.81
Registered Nurses	14.92	19.87	24.22
<b>Retail</b>			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	6.31	7.63	9.07
Retail Salespersons	5.99	7.48	19.65
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	6.13	8.68	15.76
Driver/Sales Workers	7.46	9.54	15.28
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	6.15	8.14	13.43
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	7.70	11.84	14.47
<b>Clerical</b>			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	6.28	9.79	14.73
Customer Service Representatives	6.42	9.43	18.13
Data Entry Keyers	7.05	9.84	12.95
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	6.55	9.38	13.75
Office Clerks, General	6.51	8.91	13.32
Receptionists & Information Clerks	6.64	8.74	11.17
Telemarketers	6.40	8.33	9.55

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

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Unskilled</b>			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	6.28	9.07	12.76
Packers & Packagers, Hand	6.03	7.46	14.03
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other	8.97	12.31	14.60
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	7.80	9.52	11.95
<b>Semi-Skilled</b>			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	9.42	12.29	18.38
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	8.30	15.07	20.04
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	11.32	17.25	28.15
Machine Operators			
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	8.62	11.94	14.23
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	9.67	13.19	18.05
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	9.97	12.69	16.66
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	9.77	11.97	14.19
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.*	7.69	9.95	14.52
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	9.17	12.86	16.68
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	10.88	13.21	15.11
<b>Skilled</b>			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	7.93	13.15	20.01
Electricians	12.43	16.55	22.03
Industrial Machinery Mechanics*	11.41	15.40	21.07
Machinists	10.41	13.64	17.73
Tool & Die Makers	13.81	16.95	21.43
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	10.15	13.48	17.86
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machines Setters/Oper.	11.03	13.14	14.70
<b>Technical</b>			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	14.18	18.35	35.29
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	11.55	19.00	23.63
Computer Operators	8.09	10.25	16.16

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

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, First Quarter 2004 wage estimates, Southeast Region, [www.dol.state.ne.us/lmiwages/toc000.htm](http://www.dol.state.ne.us/lmiwages/toc000.htm).

Production workers are paid on a straight time and an incentive basis.

## FRINGE BENEFITS

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

# TRANSPORTATION

## RAILROADS

David City is served by a main line of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe with one freight train daily and a branch line of the Nebraska Central Railroad with one train daily.

Railroad mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Omaha	111
Chicago	584
Dallas	779
Denver	491
Detroit	904
Kansas City	263
Los Angeles	1,855
Minneapolis	499
New York	1,434
St. Louis	552
San Francisco	1,889

Amtrak provides Lincoln, 56 miles southeast of David City, with rail passenger service east to Chicago and west to Denver and San Francisco/Oakland. The Superliner features lounge car, coach, and first-class accommodations, dining car service, and checked baggage service from most cities. Travel time is 11 hours to Chicago and 42 hours to the West Coast. Amtrak has one train each way daily.

## MOTOR

### Highways

David City is served by Nebraska Highways 15 (north-south) and 92 (east-west). There are no local load limits imposed on these highways. Interstate 80 is 31 miles south and Interstate 29 is 75 miles east of the community. David City is 13 miles east of U.S. Highway 81 (north-south), designated to be a four-lane expressway.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	56
Omaha	71
Chicago	541
Dallas	647
Denver	495
Detroit	809
Kansas City	247
Los Angeles	1,509
Minneapolis	451
New York	1,315
St. Louis	498
San Francisco	1,635
Sioux City	121

### Trucklines

Intra/interstate trucklines serving the community:

Nearest Terminal/ Company	Trucks Daily
<b>David City</b>	
M&S Trucking	8
<b>Lincoln</b>	
Roadway	1
<b>Omaha</b>	
Yellow Freight	1

Scrib's House Moving and Heavy Hauling of David City also provides interstate and intrastate trucking.

### Bus Lines

The nearest scheduled bus service is provided by Arrow Stage Line in Columbus, 33 miles north of David City, with one bus daily to Omaha. Burlington Trailways provides bus service at Lincoln, 55 miles southeast of David City.

### Taxi

There are no cab companies in David City.

Busy Wheels is available at the Senior Center for local transportation.

## AIR

The David City Municipal Airport has two runways—a lighted 3,100 foot asphalt runway and a 2,100 foot turf runway. Other facilities include four tee-hangars, one shop hangar, an administration building, hard-surface taxiway, and parking area. Five private planes are hangared there; none are available for charter. The elevation at the airport is 1,614 feet, the latitude is 41°14'00"N, and the longitude is 97°07'02"W.

Commercial air service is available at the Lincoln Airport, 56 miles (76 minutes) southeast, and Omaha Eppley Airfield, 71 miles (102 minutes) east of David City.

Airlines serving Lincoln:

<b>Airline</b>	<b>Flights Daily</b>	<b>Non-stop Destinations</b>
American Connection	4	Chicago
Northwest/ Pinnacle	6	Minneapolis, Detroit
United Express	12	Chicago, Denver

## WATER

Barge service is available at 10 barge terminal facilities on the Missouri River in Nebraska. 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 to the mouth of the Missouri River. Commodities transported by towing companies are grain and grain products, fertilizer, feed ingredients, cement, rock-aggregate, and salt.

## PIPELINE

The Gulf Central Pipeline System, with a terminal five miles south of David City, was established to provide safe and efficient transportation of anhydrous ammonia from south Louisiana plants to the Midwest farming area, where it is used as a fertilizer. The pipeline is monitored and operated remotely from a control center in Wichita, Kansas.



West Lake With Island Tee

# UTILITIES

## ELECTRICITY

The city of David City owns and operates its distribution system and generating equipment consisting of seven dual fuel powered generators with a total generating capacity of 10,550 kW. The city purchases power from Nebraska Public Power District and Western Area Power Administration at wholesale and has leased 8,800 kW of its generating capacity to Nebraska Public Power District. The electric load, including the industrial sites, is supplied at 13.8 kV. A total substation capacity of 10/12.15 MVA presently serves the 13.8 kV ring bus, which has ample capacity for future expansion. The system is tied into the statewide grid system by means of high voltage transmission lines.

**ELECTRIC RATES — CITY OF DAVID CITY**  
(effective 3/01/02)

### Residential Service:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$7.00 per month			
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>		
\$0.0725	\$0.0725	per kWh for the first	500 kWh used per month
\$0.0600	\$0.0500	per kWh for the next	500 kWh used per month
\$0.0550	\$0.0330	per kWh for all additional	use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge.			

This rate is subject to application of a production cost adjustment.

### Commercial Single Phase Service:

<b>Customer Charge:</b>			
Single Phase		\$7.00	per month
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>		
\$0.0800	\$0.0800	per kWh for the first	1,000 kWh used per month
\$0.0625	\$0.0560	per kWh for the next	1,000 kWh used per month
\$0.0625	\$0.0450	per kWh for all	additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge or \$1.65 per month per horsepower for the first 10 horsepower and \$0.95 per horsepower of connected load thereafter, or whichever is greater.			

This rate is subject to application of a production cost adjustment.

### Commercial Three Phase Service:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$14.00 per month			
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>		
\$0.0800	\$0.0800	per kWh for the first	1,000 kWh used per month
\$0.0625	\$0.0560	per kWh for the next	1,000 kWh used per month
\$0.0625	\$0.0450	per kWh for all additional	use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge or \$1.65 per month per horsepower for the first 10 horsepower and \$0.95 per horsepower of connected load there after, or whichever is greater.			

This rate is subject to application of a production cost adjustment.

### Sample Cost per kWh:

Load Factor			Customer Billed
	%	kW	kWh
			¢/kWh
41	100	30,000	4.76
41	300	90,000	4.93
41	500	150,000	5.09
50	100	36,000	4.73
70	300	150,000	4.37
50	500	180,000	4.41

## Industrial:

### Customer Charge:

#### Summer Winter

\$14.60 \$11.50 per kW of maximum billing demand

### Energy Charge:

\$0.030 \$0.025 per kWh for all use

**Minimum Bill:** The billing demand or \$275.00 per month, whichever is greater.

This rate is subject to application of a production cost adjustment.

### Sample Cost per kWh:

Load Factor %	Load		Customer Billed ¢/kWh
	kW	kWh	
28	150	30,000	7.25
28	500	100,000	6.63
28	1,000	200,000	6.13
92	150	100,000	3.77
90	500	300,000	3.86
90	1,000	650,000	3.61

Prospective customers should contact David City Utilities, (402) 367-3135, for further information on electric rates and services.

The Butler Public Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves the rural area surrounding David City. For more information regarding electrical services in the Butler Public Power District service area, contact Gary Westphal, manager, at (402) 367-3081 or visit [www.butlerppd.com](http://www.butlerppd.com).

## NATURAL GAS

Aquila is the retail supplier of natural gas in David City, Nebraska. The community is served by a 6-inch line at 12 pounds of pressure. Northern Natural Gas Company is the pipeline company.

Aquila is a full-service natural gas distribution company with Nebraska headquarters in Lincoln.

Natural gas, with an average value of 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, is available for residential,

commercial, and industrial customers for base and peak use on a firm basis. Interruptible service is available for customers with alternate fuel capability. Annual curtailment of interruptible customers varies with the type of service selected by the customer.

### NATURAL GAS RATES (month of 11/04)

Rates vary slightly due to seasonal and commodity price fluctuation.

### Residential:

**Customer Charge:** \$11.00 per month  
All therms \$0.94721 per therm

### Commercial/Industrial:

**Customer Charge:** \$15.00 per month  
All therms \$0.97810 per therm

### Small Volume Interruptible\*:

**Customer Charge:** \$50.00 per month  
All therms \$0.81154 per therm

\*This schedule applies to commercial and industrial customers with daily requirements less than 200 Mcf.

### Commercial/Industrial - Large Volume:

Rates are negotiable and determined by individual customer contract with energy supplier.

Prospective commercial or industrial customers should contact the Economic Development Department at Aquila, (402) 437-1850 or (800) 232-1850, for further information regarding gas rates and services.

## OTHER FUELS

### LP Gas

LP gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at Frontier Co-Op Company, Kirby's Northside 66, and Ferrellgas.

## Oil

Oil is available at Kirby's Northside 66 and Frontier Co-Op Company for residential and commercial uses.

## WATER

The municipal water system in David City is supplied by four wells which have an average depth of 400 feet. The system, serving the entire population in David City, has a combined pumping capacity of 1,860 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 125,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 450,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 1,500,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 2,803,400 gallons per day. The static pressure varies from 57 to 61 pounds per square inch.

Groundwater is available for industrial uses. A 400 foot well will produce 300 to 1,000 gallons of water per minute. The water treatment plant with a daily capacity of 2,500,000 gallons softens the lime. The water table has dropped slightly due to drought conditions during the last three years.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in parts per million, is 120. The average tap water temperature varies from 52° in winter to 54° in summer.

### Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	8.2
Calcium	19.3
Total Solids	192
Magnesium	6.42
Iron	NIL
Nitrate	NIL
Manganese	NIL
Chloride	5
Fluoride	.7
Sulfate	86
Total Alkalinity	102
Sodium	24.9
Total Hardness	120
Potassium	NIL

## WATER RATES

Effective Date	6/1/04	6/1/05	6/1/06
	---per 1,000 gallons---		
First 100,000 gal.	\$1.80	\$1.90	\$2.00
Over 100,000 gal.	\$1.80	\$1.95	\$2.10
Customer Charge (no water usage included):			
Meter Size	6/1/04	6/1/05	6/1/06
5/8" by 3/4"	\$ 7.50	\$ 11.25	\$ 16.90
3/4" & 1	\$11.25	\$ 16.90	\$ 21.10
1 1/2"	\$18.75	\$ 28.10	\$ 42.20
2"	\$56.25	\$ 84.40	\$126.55
3" & 4"	\$75.00	\$112.50	\$168.75

## SEWERAGE

David City has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The Aqua Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR), built in 1998, has a daily capacity of 2,000,000 gallons. The average daily flow is 940,000 gallons.

### SEWER-USE CHARGES

A \$1,200 hook-up fee is charged for a new sewer connection.

### Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

Effective Date	3/1/04	3/1/05	3/1/06
Customer Charge	\$4.60	\$4.80	\$5.00
First 100,000 gal.	\$2.03	\$2.13	\$2.23
Over 100,000 gal.	\$1.53	\$1.63	\$1.73

Residential rates are based on average water usage from December to February and the commercial and industrial rates are based on monthly water usage.

## SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Privately owned waste removal services are available in David City. The disposal site in Butler County, five miles east from David City, is privately owned and has an estimated life of 25-30 years. Future expansion is anticipated.

**SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES** (effective 01/01/04)

**Residential:**

\$12.35 per month with own container \$14.60 per month without container
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**Commercial & Industrial:**

Based on use
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**RECYCLING**

Butler County Recycling Association recycles tin cans, newspaper, yard waste, cardboard, pop

bottles, milk jugs, car batteries, and magazines. The David City Street Department utilizes waste oil in their waste oil-burning heater.

In 2003 the Recycling Center donated \$3,500 to the Family Aquatic Center, \$1,000 to the library, \$1,000 to the tennis court project, and \$1,000 to the David City Ball Association. This money was generated from the sale of recycled newspapers, plastics, and cardboard.

The center recently obtained a used oil burner and now accepts used oil.



David City Water Plant



David City Power Plant

# COMMUNICATIONS

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Telecommunications services are provided to the David City area by Alltel with a DMS 100/200 remote, digital central office served by 35 miles of fiber to the York office. Installation and maintenance personnel from York, 60 miles southwest of David City, serve this equal access community. Enhanced local calling plans are available to 13 exchanges in the area. Products and services available from Alltel include traffic studies, long distance, 800 service, telephone systems, call accounting systems, data services, personal pagers, cellular service, DSL/Internet service, and high capacity digital services.

### Tariffed Rates (effective 5/27/98)

Residential Line	\$17.50
Business Line	\$27.50
PBX Trunk	\$37.50

For further information regarding telecommunications services, contact Suzanne Frasier, Alltel, P.O. Box 81309, Lincoln, Nebraska 68501, (800) 869-0445.

## INTERNET

Local internet service is provided by Alltel.

## POST OFFICE

The post office in David City provides house-to-house delivery and has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily. The nearest general mail facility is located in Norfolk, 75 miles north. Next day delivery is provided to Nebraska and eastern Iowa. Postal receipts for the past five fiscal years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
2003	\$616,762
2002	\$643,283
2001	\$606,832
2000	\$592,846
1999	\$467,880

## PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

	Federal Express	UPS	U.S. Postal Service
<b>Latest Pick-up Time</b>	4:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	5:20 p.m.
<b>Earliest Delivery</b>	12:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	6:00 a.m.
<b>Next Day Delivery Guarantee</b>	Yes*	Yes	Some locations
<b>Saturday Delivery Guarantee</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*No Monday deliveries.

## NEWSPAPER

The Banner Press, with 3,300 subscribers, is the local weekly newspaper. Other newspapers delivered locally are the Columbus Telegram, Omaha World-Herald, and Lincoln Journal Star.

## RADIO

Radio stations carrying local news include:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KLIR	101.1 MHz	Columbus
KJSK	900 KHz	Columbus
KTTT	1510 KHz	Columbus
KKOT	93.5 MHz	Columbus
KZEN	100.3 MHz	Columbus
KFAB	1110 KHz	Omaha
KOIL	1180 KHz	Omaha
KFOR	1240 KHz	Lincoln
KLIN	1400 KHz	Lincoln
KLMS	1480 KHz	Lincoln

## TELEVISION

Television stations which carry local news are:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KOLN/KGIN	10/11	Lincoln
NETV	12	Lincoln
KLKN	8	Lincoln
KETV	7	Omaha
KMTV	3	Omaha
WOWT	6	Omaha

Cable television is available on 18 limited basic, 72 full basic channels, and 60 premium channels.



Senior Center



Thorpe Opera House

## TAX STRUCTURE

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

All real property is subject to tax at actual value. Agricultural land is valued at 80 percent of its actual value. Personal property that is used in a trade or business and is depreciable is subject to tax at its “net book value.” All other personal property is exempt from taxation.

	Actual Valuation		
	2002	2003	2004
Real Estate	\$75,930,215	\$77,378,725	84,731,325
Personal Property	5,599,299	4,761,225	4,066,336
Special (railroads & utilities)	1,271,524	1,422,364	1,328,150
TOTAL	\$82,801,038	\$83,562,314	\$90,125,811

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

	2002	2003	2004
City	\$0.450000	\$0.444400	\$0.500000
County	.325900	.280540	.257370
School District	1.003780	1.039080	.969630
Community College	.070000	.079063	.082411
Educational Service Unit	.015334	.014998	.014998
Natural Resource District	.044560	.044280	.044530
Agricultural Society	.010000	.010000	.009310
Fire District	.079160	.082170	.069910
TOTAL	\$1.998734	\$1.994531	\$1.948159

The tax rate at the industrial sites outside the city limits is \$1.666001 per \$100 of actual value.

### LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of July 1, 2004:

City—Revenue Bonds	None
City—General Obligation Bonds	None
School District (as of 12/15/04)	\$2,535,000
County	\$2,870,000

### SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 12/15/04	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
K-8	02/98	\$ 780,000	\$ 545,000	4.7	01/15/13
K-6	12/99	\$ 1,220,000	\$ 976,500	4.7	12/15/15
7-12	12/99	\$ 1,510,000	\$ 1,193,500	4.7	12/15/15

## COUNTY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 07/01/04	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Courthouse/Detention Center	05/01/02	\$2,970,000	\$2,870,000	3.05	05/01/22



Butler County Courthouse



Municipal Auditorium

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Butler County has 17 townships and is governed by a seven-member Board of Supervisors, elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next election will be held in 2006. The county is not zoned. The 2003-04 county budget was \$17,798,965.

### MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

David City, a city of the second class, has a mayor-council form of government with a city administrator. David City belongs to the Northeast Economic Development District with 16 other counties. The next election will be held in 2006. The 2003-04 city budget was \$7,419,000. Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
<b>Elected</b>	
Mayor	4 years
Council Members (6)	4 years
<b>Appointed</b>	
City Administrator	1 year
City Clerk	1 year
Department Heads (7)	1 year

### FIRE PROTECTION

The David City Rural Fire District of Butler County was formed in 2000 by a merger of the David City Volunteer Fire Department and Rural Fire District #9. The department, with a fire station in David City and a grass rig in Garrison, has 53 active volunteer firefighters. The city of David City appoints the fire chief for a one-year term.

Fire protection is provided to David City and 124 square miles in the rural fire district. The department also provides rescue services for Abie, Bruno, and Linwood fire departments.

David City has 133 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits was recently upgraded to a 4 with completion of an ISO; the fire insurance classification is 8 up to

10 miles outside the corporate limits and 9 past 10 miles.

Annual expenditures for fire protection during the past three years averaged \$385,288, which included a new 75 foot aerial truck with a 1,500 gallon-per-minute pumper.

Equipment in the fire department:

Make/Year	Description
2002 Smeal	75' aerial ladder/ 1,500 gpm with a 300 gallon water tank
1997 Smeal	1,250 gpm pumper with a 1,000 gallon water tank
1978 Smeal	75' aerial ladder/ 1,000 gpm with no water
2000 Danko	2,000 gallon tanker with a 350 gpm pump
1989 Smeal	3,000 gallon tanker with a 500 gpm pump
1993 Smeal	2,000 gallon tanker with a 350 gpm pump
1992 Chevy/Danko	225 gallon grass rig with a 250 gpm pump
1982 Chevy/EDM	225 gallon grass rig with a 250 gpm pump (grass rig unit was updated in 2002)
1986 Chevy/Smeal	300 gallon grass rig with a 250 gpm pump (Garrison grass rig)
1977 Dodge/Darely	300 gallon grass rig with a 250 gpm pump
1979 International	Heavy rescue/equipment unit
1999 Chevy	Personal carrier
1996 Ford	Type 3 rescue squad with Ford chassis/lifeline
2004 Mediteck	Rescue unit

Fire losses for the past five years have been:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2003	\$ 133,500
2002	\$ 91,725
2001	\$ 71,350
2000	\$ 34,450
1999	\$ 230,100

A training tower, constructed in 1999 by volunteers, is used by the department for inhouse training.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

### **Police Department**

The city of David City employs one part-time and five full-time police officers and one support person. The department has three radio-equipped patrol cars, radio communications, radar, ALCO sensors, drug testing, and other standard equipment. Average annual expenditures for police protection for the last three years were \$300,000.

The crime rate per 1,000 population in David City in 2002 was 14.9 compared to a state crime rate of 42.6 and a national rate of 41.2.

### **Sheriff's Department**

The Butler County Sheriff's Department is staffed by seven sworn officers and five dispatchers. The department has six marked and one unmarked patrol vehicles, radio communications, ALCO sensors, radar, and other standard equipment. Regular patrol by the police and sheriff's departments provides protection to existing industries. The E911 system, serving the Butler County area, enables dispatchers to talk to the caller and determine the location. The Butler County Detention Center officially opened June 7, 2004. Twenty-eight beds and two holding cells accommodate 12 male inmates and 16 female inmates. Two corrections officers are on duty at all times. Inmates are brought to county and district courtrooms through nonpublic corridors.

## **State Patrol**

The Nebraska State Patrol headquarters and Troop H are located in Lincoln, 56 miles southeast of David City. One patrolman is located in David City, one in Dwight, and one in Bellwood.

## **STREETS**

David City has 30 miles of streets, 29 miles of which are hard-surfaced with concrete, asphalt, or brick. Truck routes are established. Eighty-five percent of the streets have curbs and 67 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance includes street sweeping, snow removal, surface repair, pot hole patching, painting cross walks and parking spaces, and concrete and asphalt street repairs.

The one- and six-year street improvement plans include repaving of 28 streets. These plans are estimated at \$674,000 and will be financed by highway allocation funds and city tax dollars.

## **BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS**

The Uniform Building Codes are enforced within the community. Local zoning classifications include:

- Agricultural
- Downtown Commercial
- Highway Commercial
- Industrial
- Light Industrial
- Low-Density Residential
- High-Density Residential
- Mobile Home Residential
- Supplemental Flood Hazard & Airport Hazard

## **PLANNING**

The David City Planning Commission is comprised of five-members plus one alternate member. Members are appointed by the city council for three-year staggered terms.

A comprehensive plan was prepared by Clark Enersen Partners, Inc. The plan will be updated in 2005.



City Office



Police Department



Fire Department



David City Golf Club



9-Hole Golf Course

# COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

### David City School System

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer Pupil/Ratio
Elementary (K-6)	18	268	1 to 14	1 to 5
Elementary (K-6)	10	94	1 to 14	1 to 4
Junior/Senior High (7-12)	27	320	1 to 12	1 to 5

School District No. 56 in Butler County covers 229 square miles and has a 2003 actual valuation of \$361,899,083. This Class 3, Type K-12 district is accredited by Nebraska Department of Education and the North Central Association. Elementary school buildings are located in David City and Bellwood.

The 2002-03 school operating expenses totaled \$5,090,430, with an average cost per pupil of \$7,553. The actual valuation per pupil was \$532,204.

The maximum capacity of the public elementary school in David City is 450 and the Bellwood school has a capacity of 260. The public junior-senior high school was built in 1916 with additions in 1985 and 1993 and has a maximum capacity of 500. It is estimated that 96 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 79 percent of the high school graduates pursue a college degree, and 17 percent enter the workforce.

#### Test Results

<u>Name</u>	<u>% Students Taking Test</u>	<u>Average Score</u>
8th Grade ITBS	100	63
ACT	48	22.4

Vocational courses offered in the high school include agriculture, business education, family and consumer science, industrial technology, and industrial education. Adult education programs are available in the high school in cooperation with Central Community College Area. Distance learning programs are available via satellite.

Special education programs are available in the school district; however, severely profound students are transported to other locations.

### Parochial Schools

#### Catholic

St. Thomas Aquinas middle and high school and St. Mary's Catholic Grade Schools offer a Christian-centered educational environment. Aquinas High School, built in 1961, is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and the North Central Association. In 1999 the Aquinas Chapel and building trades and construction classroom were completed. St. Mary's completed a 5,000 square foot building project in 2000. The addition includes two kindergarten classrooms and a resource room.

Academically, Aquinas and St. Mary's schools stress the basics of religion, reading, writing, and arithmetic. Standardized tests assist teachers in evaluating the students' progress on a regular basis. Several advanced placement courses are offered each year. Religion and Mass play a part of each day's activities. More than 95 percent of Aquinas graduates attend college.

The Catholic school system is financially supported by 13 parishes in Butler and Polk counties. The Aquinas Endowment, began in 1981, currently holds more than \$3.4 million.

<u>School</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>	<u>Annual Enrollment</u>
St. Mary's		
Preschool	\$400	32
Grade School	\$505	205
St. Thomas Aquinas		
Middle School	\$715	98
High School	\$900	176

**Lutheran**

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool for 3, 4, and 5 year old children has an enrollment of 15. Tuition varies from \$20.00 for a one-day class per week to \$40.00 for two days per week and \$50.00 for three days per week. Nonmembers pay an additional \$5.00.

**Special Schools**

Region V Industries-David City, a sheltered workshop, was completed in 1982. It serves as a manufacturing, industrial, and lifestyle training center.

**Educational Service Unit**

David City schools receive and have access to a wide range of supplemental services from Educational Service Unit 7 (ESU 7) located in Columbus. Services include the state-mandated core services of staff development, technology training/infrastructure, and materials resources as well as those services determined by the member school districts through advisory input. ESU 7 serves the seven counties of Butler, Boone, Colfax, Merrick, Nance, Platte, and Polk.

**Community College**

David City is part of the Central Community College system, 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 full-service 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 2003-04 academic year,

25,750 students were enrolled in Central Community College courses, with approximately 7,699 participating in off-campus programs.

Central Community College operates a Learning Center in the David City High School. Courses are taught on an individual basis, using course materials from the Columbus Campus, 33 miles northwest of David City. Materials include books, cassette tapes, slides, films, and various types of study packets. A Learning Center Manager helps students as they work through courses that pertain to a special degree with academic transfer and serves as a contact with the Columbus Campus facility.

**Certificate, Diploma, and Degree Programs:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



David City Public Junior-Senior High School



David City Public Elementary School



Activities Center & Shop



Aquinas High School



Aquinas Middle School



St. Mary's Elementary School

—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 provides expertise in their fields of study to develop and coordinate specially-tailored short courses, workshops, and seminars to meet specific training needs.

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

**Placement Report 2003-04**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Number of Graduates</u>
Accounting	26
Academic Transfer	85
Agriculture Occupations	18
Art, Commercial	7
Associate Degree in Nursing	39
Auto Body Technology	35
Automotive Technology	24
Business Administration	62
Commercial Horticulture	11
Construction Technology	53
Criminal Justice	10
Dental Assisting	21
Dental Hygiene	15
Diesel Technology	12
Drafting Occupations	37
Electrical Technology	20
Electronics Technology	11
Family and Consumer Science	42
Health Care Administration	1
Health Information Management Services	32

<u>Program</u>	<u>Number of Graduates</u>
Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration	15
Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts	11
Human Services	20
Industrial Technology	45
Information Technology	53
Machine Tool Technology	20
Media Arts	18
Medical Assisting	6
Office Technology	36
Paralegal Studies	18
Parts Sales & Management	7
Practical Nursing	91
Quality Control	22
Welding Technology	13

Visit [www.cccneb.edu](http://www.cccneb.edu) for more information on Central Community College.

**Other Schools**

Colleges, universities, and community colleges frequently attended by David City high school graduates:

<u>Community/College or University</u>	<u>Mileage</u>
<b>Seward</b>	25
Concordia University	
<b>Columbus</b>	33
Central Community College, Columbus Campus	
<b>Milford</b>	38
Southeast Community College	
<b>Fremont</b>	51
Midland Lutheran College	
<b>Crete</b>	53
Doane College	
<b>Lincoln</b>	56
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	
Nebraska Wesleyan University	
<b>Omaha</b>	71
University of Nebraska at Omaha	
Creighton University	
<b>Wayne</b>	73
Wayne State College	
<b>Kearney</b>	140
University of Nebraska at Kearney	

## CHURCHES

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Number of Churches</u>
Catholic	1
Congregational Christian	1
Evangelical Free	1
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	1
United Methodist	1

## MEDICAL

### Hospital

**Butler County Health Care Center** ([www.bchccnet.org](http://www.bchccnet.org)), built in 1973, is a 25-bed critical access medical and surgical facility offering a full range of inpatient and outpatient services to the residents of Butler County and the surrounding area. Fully accredited and licensed by the state of Nebraska and certified by Medicare and Medicaid, the hospital offers the following services: acute medical care, cardiac rehabilitation, CPR classes, emergency room, laboratory, nutritional services, obstetrical and newborn care, physical therapy, radiology and mobile services, respiratory therapy, skilled nursing service, and surgical services. A full-time pharmacist is on staff.

To bring health care services closer to home, Butler County Health Care Center (BCHCC) offers the following specialized clinics: cardiology and cardiovascular, gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology, nephrology, oncology, ophthalmology, orthopedic and sports medicine, pain clinic consultations and procedures, urology, and ear, nose, and throat.

The hospital owns and operates a transport ambulance.

The hospital is also home to a 5,100 square foot **Community Wellness Center**. The center features weight machines, stationary bicycles, treadmills, stair climbers, recumbent cycles, elliptical, smith press-fixed bar, free weights and dumbbells, aerobic classes, learning center, complete locker facilities, fitness evaluation, and consultation. Membership packages are available to anyone over age 14.

The hospital is in the process of a \$6.5 million infrastructure update and an addition to improve all around service especially in the area of outpatient care. Total project will be completed in five phases. Phase one was completed in June 2004 and phase two will be completed in January 2005.

### Clinic

The **Butler County Clinic, P.C.**, was added to the hospital in 1990. The clinic is staffed by five family practice physicians and one physician assistant and served by 30 medical specialists. Quality, comprehensive, consistent, and cost-effective health care is provided to people of all ages. Services available include routine health care, well baby checks, minor surgical procedures, prenatal care, diagnostic services, and immunizations.

### Rescue Squad

David City has 29 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and 9 EMT A/MS (Airway Management); all are trained to operate a defibrillator. They respond to calls with the two ambulances owned by the David City Rural Fire District of Butler County.

A transport ambulance is operated by the Butler County Health Care Center to serve hospital patients.

## NURSING HOMES

**St. Joseph's Villa, Inc.**, built in 1967 and expanded in 1976, is a 58-bed, full service, skilled nursing facility providing the following services:

- Restorative nursing
- Beauty shop
- Social services
- Special care unit with 11 beds
- Alzheimer's support group
- Nutritious dietary services
- Van for medical appointments and outings
- Private, semi-private, or deluxe semi-private rooms
- Laundry, housekeeping, and maintenance
- Secure care system for wanderers
- Special social events and activities



St. Lukes United Methodist Church



Redeemer Lutheran Church & Hall



Congregational - Christian Church



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Butler County Health Care Center



Wellness Center



Butler County Clinic, P.C.

- Physical therapy provided by East Central Nebraska Therapy Association located at BCHCC
- Occupational and speech therapy
- Neighborhood concept
- Eden certified
- Family support group
- Medical records
- Adult day care
- Chapel for church services
- Hospice
- Buffet dining
- 24-hour professional nursing care

St. Joseph's Villa has been chosen as one of 38 nursing homes to participate in the Nursing Home Quality Initiative conducted by CIMRO of Nebraska, the quality improvement organization for Nebraska.

St. Therese's Garden, an 11-bed Alzheimer's and Related Dementia unit at St. Joseph's Villa, is licensed by the Nebraska Department of Health. Structured and impromptu activities are held.

St. Joseph's Villa Court, constructed in 2000 as an extension of the Villa, is a 22 apartment assisted living facility.

**David Place** is an 86-bed skilled nursing facility with a philosophy of "Dignity in Life." David Place was built in 1976, through the efforts of the Butler County Community Development Corporation, and an addition was constructed in 1988. The home offers skilled nursing care and rehabilitation facilities and features an Eden Alternative Philosophy. It is licensed by the state of Nebraska and certified by Medicaid and Medicare.

In 2003 David Place was selected as Nebraska's representative in a National Nursing Home Improvement Collaborative (NNHIC). The Collaborative, sponsored by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and QUALIS Health in conjunction with CIMRO of Nebraska, has test interventions designed to improve the ways in which nursing home staff attempt to prevent and treat pressure ulcers. Services include activities, clinical laboratory, onsite dental services, dietary, housekeeping, nursing, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy,

social work, speech/language pathology, vocational, and diagnostic x-rays.

## HEALTH CARE SERVICES

**Tabitha Health Care Services** opened in July 2003 to serve David City and surrounding Butler and Polk counties. Tabitha's David City office offers home care services, assisted living or nursing care, rehabilitation, home health aides, and homemaking. The office is staffed by two nurses, one hospice nurse who provides end of life support services, and a visiting nurse who provides skilled nursing services. Hospice is provided 24-hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week, with an on-call nurse.

**Four Corners Health Department** is made up of Butler, Polk, Seward, and York counties in Nebraska and is funded through LB692, which provides per capita funds to local health departments. The goal of the health department is to improve lives of area residents by addressing chronic disease risk factors, such as obesity, lack of physical activity, and tobacco control. In health departments large and small, the West Nile virus outbreak in 2002 provided an opportunity to demonstrate public health's power of public information. Multicounty health departments responded to the state's efforts to combat bioterrorism.

**Local Information for Elders (LIFE)** established an office in David City in 2000. The purpose of LIFE is to help older adults maintain independence. LIFE provides assistance to the elderly in a crisis situation, hospitalization, financial concerns, health problems, medical bills, relocations, care for others, or legal concerns. LIFE works closely with other agencies such as the Senior Center and Blue Valley Community Action.

## LIBRARY

**The Roman L. and Victoria E. Hruska Public Library**, a 10,600 square foot library built in 1996, offers a technology center and community room and provides area residents with access to video equipment, computers, and on-line services,

including Internet. This million dollar facility was financed with private and foundation contributions.

The library contains 22,034 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 66,008. In addition to books and periodicals, audio tapes, video tapes, microfilm, computer, and copier services are offered. Library activities include childrens reading programs, book delivery to nursing homes, "Food for Thought," preschool story hour, summer reading program, and special interest programs for adults.

## RECREATION

Three parks in the community cover approximately 75 acres. Facilities include aquatic center, tennis court, walking trail, Schweser House, running and walking track, city auditorium, picnic shelter, one building for year-round use, playground equipment, tennis/basketball courts, athletic fields, and a sand volleyball court. There are five playgrounds in David City with standard playground equipment. Annual expenditures for the last three years averaged \$130,000.

David City has facilities for:

- Boating — Boating facilities at Lake North and Platte River, 33 miles; Branched Oak, 35 miles; and Pawnee Lake, 38 miles
- Bowling — within 27 miles
- Fishing — Excellent fishing in two nearby lakes
- Golf — One private 9-hole grass greens course with clubhouse
- Hunting — Pheasant, deer, quail, dove, duck, rabbit, and squirrel
- Swimming/ — Public swimming pool/water park  
Family Aquatic Center
- Tennis — Two lighted hard-surfaced courts
- Theatres — Within 25 miles

Annual events are the July Jam and Greater Nebraska Ultra-light Gathering, Butler County Fair held in July, and River City Trail Days held in mid-September.

Summer recreation programs for youth include AYSO soccer, Pony League baseball, Little League baseball, American Legion Midget and Junior baseball, Little League softball, girls' softball, tetherball, T-ball, swimming, tennis, and golfing. The municipal auditorium is used for meetings, dances, receptions, volleyball, basketball, and wrestling as well as a variety of other community activities.

The David City Ball Association formally organized in 1986 with the goal to build a four-field ball complex. The complex was completed in 1997 and is used extensively.

Activities at the Senior Citizens Center include meals, "Meals on Wheels," recreational programs, quilting and crafts, shopping assistance, visitation program, personal care, and chore and handy-man assistance. Assistance to senior citizens includes health support, Medicare, income tax, insurance, and social security. Busy Wheels transports seniors in town and the Handy Van transports seniors to neighboring communities and homes.

Attractions include the Butler County Historical Society Museum and Nichol's Round Barn, located west of the city.

The Butler County Arts Council, Inc., organized in 1980, promotes the arts through programs, workshops, and art fairs. The council assists and encourages county schools in efforts to promote awareness and appreciation of the arts by cosponsoring yearly drama, musical and opera productions, and workshops between professional touring groups and the schools. In addition, mini-art courses are offered during the summer in the parks, libraries, and schools throughout the county. There are three artists in residence.

The Thorpe Opera House was built by W. B. Thorpe and opened for the cultural use of David City in 1889. The building was refurbished and reopened in 1981. It is available for use by any group or individual in the community for meetings, dinners, receptions, theatre, and musical events.



David Place



St. Joseph's Villa



Roman L. and Victoria E. Hruska Public Library



Playground Equipment in Park



Gazebo in Park



Monument at Entrance to Athletic Field



David City Family Aquatic Center



Basketball/Tennis Courts

## HOUSING

### New Construction

Twenty-two new homes have been built in 2002-03 and it is anticipated that 12 will be built in 2004. New home construction averages \$100 per square foot. Building permits were issued for 35 single-unit homes, 3 duplexes, and 1 townhouse during the past five years.

### As of April 1, 2004:

#### Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family - 20-23

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

Single Family Home

3,500 sq. ft. - 4 bedrooms \$104,000 to 300,000

2,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedrooms \$130,000

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

Condominiums

1,200 sq. ft. - 2 bedrooms \$165,000

#### Rentals

Executive Style

2,000 sq. ft. - 3 bedrooms \$675

New 2 bedroom home 1,200 sq. ft. \$475

Apartment Vacancy Rate less than 10%

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

Less than \$100,000	22
\$100,001 - \$150,000	6
\$150,001 - \$200,000	1
\$250,001 - over	1

### Low-Cost or Retirement Housing

**Sunshine Court**, with 57 units, provides retirement housing for the elderly who are independent and capable of providing for themselves on a daily basis. Facilities include a community hall, pool tables, kitchen, and central laundry. Planned recreation programs are available for residents.

**Gillespie Apartments** provide retirement housing at three sites. Eight units were built in 1976, 8 units in 1981, and 12 units in 1986. Rental assistance is available.

**Pinnacle Apartments**, constructed in 1999, contain 16 two-bedroom units. These apartments are located on 3.5 acres.

### Assisted Living

**St. Joseph's Villa Court** is a 22-unit assisted living facility constructed as an addition to St. Joseph's Villa. The facility opened in 2000.

## FINANCIAL

As of December 31, 2003:

Name*	Capital	Deposits	Loans
	Accounts		
	-----thousand dollars-----		
Bank of the Valley	\$ 2,677	\$ 29,636	\$ 24,635
First National Bank of Omaha	\$ 434,207	\$ 4,680,891	\$ 3,461,543
US Bank	\$ 5,851	\$119,052,000	\$118,235,000
Union Bank and Trust Company	\$ 111,042	\$ 981,387	\$ 1,076,082

\*Branch locations in David City; figures represent headquarters.

Farm Credit Services of America and Farmers Service Agency also have offices in David City.



First National Bank of Omaha - David City Branch



Bank of the Valley - David City



US Bank



Union Bank



Gillespie Apartments



Pinnacle Apartments



Sunshine Court



Historic Homes in David City



New Homes in David City

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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### PROFESSIONAL

Attorneys .....	3
Certified Public Accountants .....	2
Chiropractors .....	1
Dentists .....	3
Medical Doctors (residing in David City)	
—general practitioners .....	5
Medical Doctors (on hospital consulting staff)	
—ear, nose & throat .....	1
—general surgeons .....	1
—nephrologists .....	1
—ob/gyn .....	1
—oncologists .....	1
—ophthamologists .....	1
—orthopedic surgeons .....	3
—pathologists .....	4
—radiologists .....	3
—urologists .....	1
—vascular surgeons .....	1
Nurses, Registered .....	22
Optometrists .....	1
Pharmacists .....	2
Physician Assistants .....	2
Veterinarians .....	1

### BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Abstractor .....	1
Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies .....	3
Advertising Agencies .....	1
Agricultural Implement Dealers .....	3
Apparel Stores—men’s .....	1
—combination .....	1
Auto Repair Garages .....	4
Auto Supply Parts .....	2
Automobile Dealers—new .....	1
—used .....	1
—new & used .....	1
Barber Shops .....	1
Beauty Shops .....	4
Construction Services & Facilities .....	3

Contractors —carpentry .....	7	
—concrete .....	2	
—electrical .....	3	
—general .....	2	
—gravel .....	2	
Convenience Stores .....	3	
Dance Studios .....	2	
Day Care, Licensed .....	12	
Discount Stores .....	3	
Drug Stores .....	2	
Dry Cleaning & Laundry .....	2	(pick-up)
Fast Food Establishments .....	5	
Feed & Seed .....	2	
Florists .....	3	
Funeral Homes .....	2	
Gift Shops .....	6	
Grocery Stores .....	2	
Hardware Stores .....	2	
House Moving .....	1	
Insurance .....	7	
Laundromats .....	1	
Lumberyards .....	1	
Motels .....	1	(18 units)
Office Supplies .....	4	
Preschools .....	3	
Restaurants .....	3	
Tanning Salons .....	2	
Tire Shops .....	3	
Variety Stores .....	1	
Welding Shops .....	1	



Butler County Grandstand

## AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

### AGRICULTURE

Statistics	Butler County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms (2001)	840	53,000
Land in Farms (acres)	374,634	46,400,000
Average Size of Farms (acres)	446	875
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, 2002	\$94,511,000	\$9,703,657,000
Market Value Per Farm, 2002	\$112,513	\$196,609
Wells Registered, 2001	1,178	84,061
Total Acres Irrigated, 2001	115,000	8,175,000
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	30.7%	17.6%
<b>Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (1997-2001)</b>		
All Alfalfa Hay	44,900 tons	4,797,600 tons
Corn for Grain	19,929,100 bu.	1,136,440,000 bu.
Oats	21,600 bu.	4,274,000 bu.
Sorghum Grains	423,400 bu.	46,124,000 bu.
Soybeans	4,345,500 bu.	139,790,000 bu.
Winter Wheat	48,700 bu.	70,660,000 bu.
<b>Five-Year Average Livestock Population (1997-2001)</b>		
All Cattle	40,000	6,620,000

SOURCE: Nebraska Agriculture Statistics, 1997-2001  
2002 Census of Agriculture

### RAW MATERIALS

There are no metallic minerals in the area; however, nonmetallic minerals of sand and gravel are available locally in commercial amounts.

Butler County is home to 1,003,500 chickens. Egg processing is completed in David City, and yolks and egg whites are dried or frozen and packaged in the plant. About 30 percent is shipped overseas with the remaining products sold to food processors.



Livestock Barns at Fair Grounds

## CLIMATE

### TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature			Precipitation		Humidity*	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	12.2	22.3	32.4	.75	6.4	79	67
February	16.2	26.5	36.9	.93	6.4	81	66
March	26.0	37.1	48.1	1.72	6.7	81	61
April	38.2	50.3	62.4	2.74	1.4	80	56
May	49.5	61.2	72.9	4.16	0.0	84	60
June	59.7	71.1	82.5	4.72	0.0	83	58
July	64.8	76.5	88.2	3.20	0.0	83	58
August	62.9	74.3	85.8	3.45	0.0	87	61
September	53.7	65.6	77.4	2.93	0.0	85	59
October	41.7	53.7	65.8	1.80	0.5	81	56
November	27.7	38.4	49.0	1.26	2.9	82	63
December	16.8	26.4	36.0	.84	5.4	81	67
<b>Annual</b>	39.1	50.3	61.5	28.51	29.8	82	61

\*Recorded at Lincoln Weather Station

### FROST DATA

Average date of last frost in spring .....	April 27
Average date of first frost in fall .....	October 9
Average length of growing season .....	165 days
Average number of "heating degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	6,406
Average number of "cooling degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	1,072
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average) .....	9
Prevailing wind direction (annual average) .....	North

SOURCE: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1931-2001, [www.hpccsun.unl.edu](http://www.hpccsun.unl.edu)



Horse Arena & Barn at Fair Grounds