

# COMMUNITY FACTS HARTINGTON, NEBRASKA

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## POPULATION (Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004 Est.</u>
Hartington	1,640	1,585
Cedar County	9,615	9,059
Labor Market	78,226	76,247 (2003)

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## INTRODUCTION

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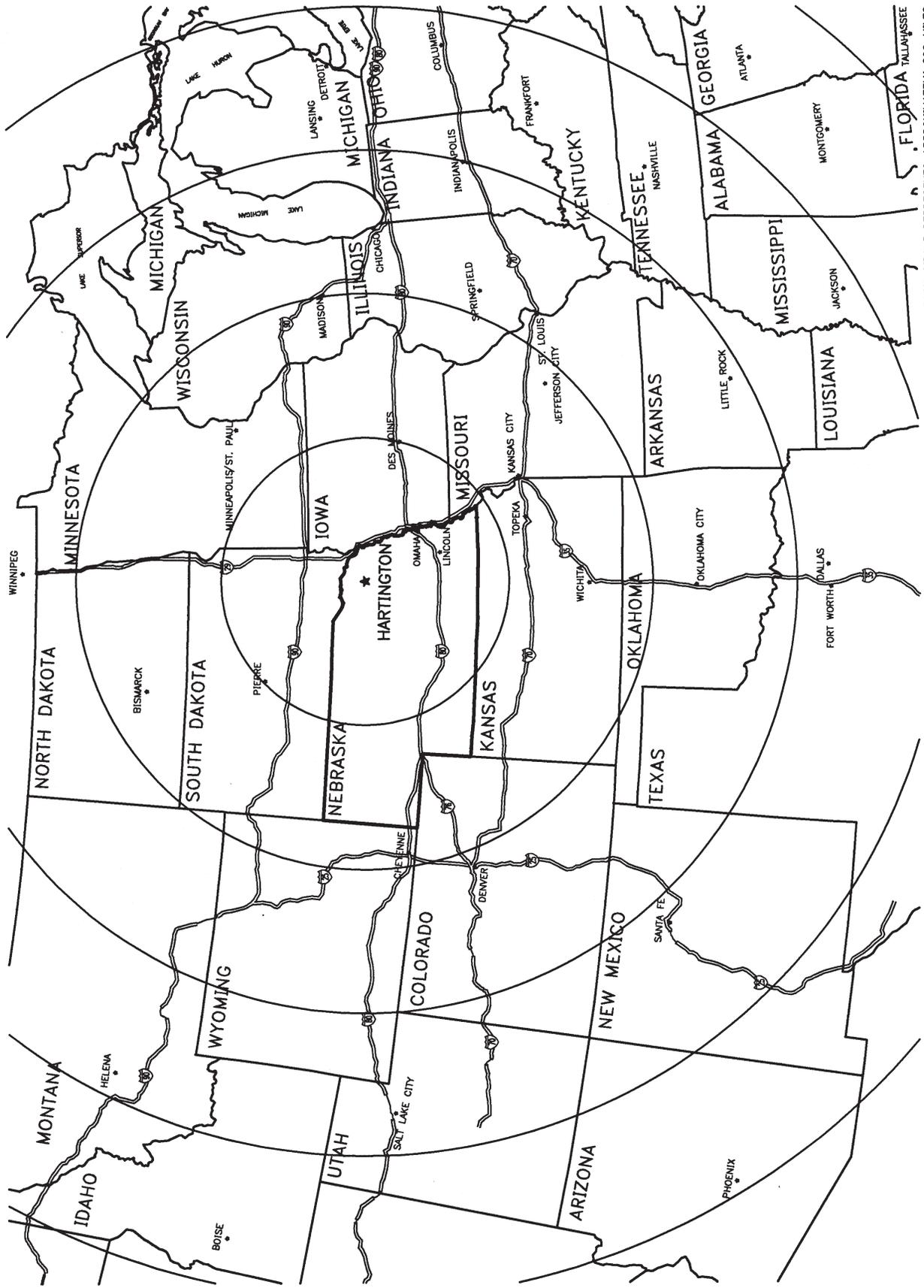
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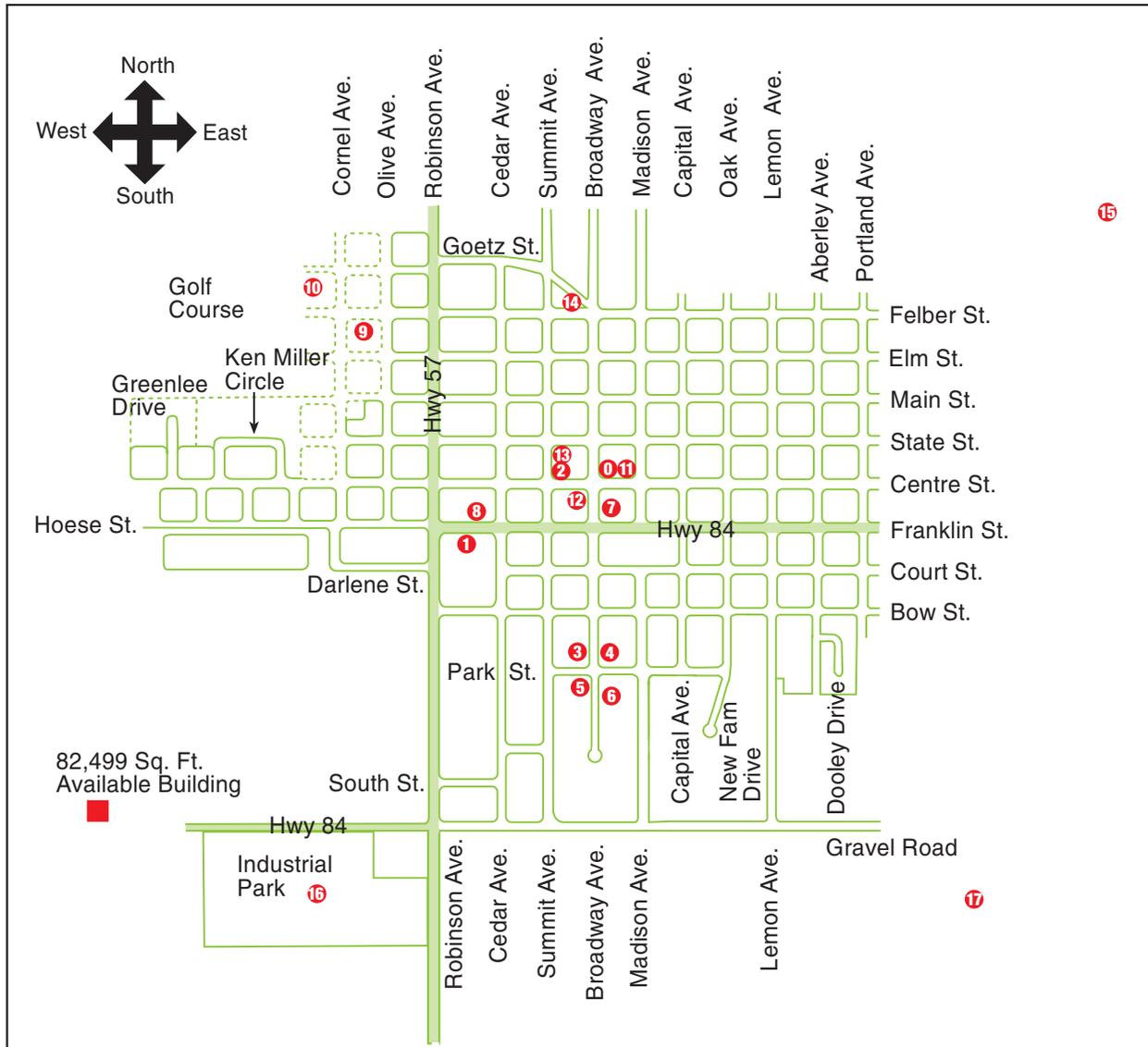
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SCALE: EACH CIRCLE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES

# CITY of HARTINGTON

## Nebraska



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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| ① Hartington City Auditorium      | ⑨ Hartington City Park                                      |
| ② First Congregational Church     | ⑩ Hartington Country Club                                   |
| ③ Trinity Lutheran Church         | ⑪ Hartington Fire Department                                |
| ④ Holy Trinity Catholic Church    | ⑫ City Library                                              |
| ⑤ Cedar Catholic High School      | ⑬ City Office                                               |
| ⑥ Holy Trinity Grade School       | ⑭ City Campground                                           |
| ⑦ Hartington Public Schools       | ⑮ Fairgrounds                                               |
| ⑧ Cedar County Courthouse         | ⑯ Industrial Park (outside corporate limits)                |
| ⑧ Cedar County Historical Society | ⑰ Hartington Airport (1.5 miles south on 57 & 2 miles east) |

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### LOCATION

Hartington, the county seat of Cedar County, is located near Nebraska's "North Shore" in the northeast corner of Nebraska. The northern border of the county is created by the Missouri River, which separates Nebraska from South Dakota.

State Highways 57 and 84 intersect in the community. U.S. Highway 81, located nine miles west of Hartington, is also a vital transportation link for the community. Hartington is located 25 miles southeast of Yankton, South Dakota; 57 miles west of Sioux City, Iowa; 25 miles southwest of Vermillion, South Dakota; 81 miles southwest of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and 155 miles northwest of Omaha, Nebraska.

<b>County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin</b>	
White	9,526
Total Hispanic	41
Black or African American	10
American Indian and Alaska Native	19
Asian	4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1
One race	9,577
Some other race	17
Two or more races	38

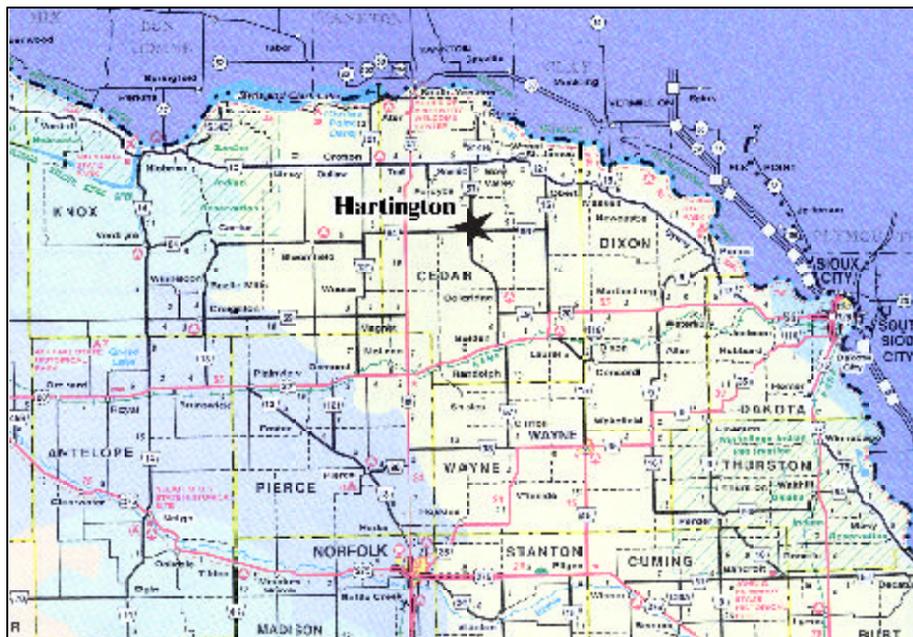
According to the 2003 U.S. Census, 76,247 people live within Cedar County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Dixon, Knox, Pierce, and Wayne as well as Yankton and Clay counties in South Dakota.

### POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Hartington	Cedar County
1970	1,581	12,192
1980	1,730	11,375
1990	1,652	10,200
2000	1,640	9,615
2003 (Est.)	1,606	9,242

### LOCAL ECONOMY

Hartington is a regional hub for retail, industrial, and professional businesses and services. The area's basic economic activities include agriculture, manufacturing, and retail business with a growing emphasis on tourism.



Firms with retail sales tax permits in Hartington reported net taxable retail sales of \$27,329,663 in 2004. Manufacturing firms distribute automobile and agriculture cylinders and livestock equipment.

Hartington is the home of regional federal offices, four new car dealerships, three statewide and regional publishing companies, five banks, and the offices of Cedar-Knox Public Power District.

Hartington has progressed in the last few years with new buildings for a bank, assisted living facility, and Cedar Knox Public Power District. Grant monies were awarded to the Hartington Park Board and Public Library Board for improvements and the city for the building of a spec building, later purchased by Wichelman Repair. The city of Hartington approved the replat of the Hartington Industrial Park Complex. A new sports complex will be completed in fall 2004.

## **ELEVATION**

Hartington is 1,340 feet above sea level.

## **TOPOGRAPHY**

The 740 square miles which comprise Cedar County feature rolling farmland. Eighty percent of the land in Cedar County is considered tillable--the remainder is used for grazing. Soils vary from sandy loam to some light chalk rock to the north.

## **HISTORY**

The extension of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Omaha Railroad into Cedar County in 1883 prompted the establishment of a

community. The townsite was incorporated on January 24, 1884. The town was named for Lord Hartington of England by Mr. Whitten, who was employed by the railroad. On January 20, 1885, after an exciting election, the county seat was moved 16 miles south from St. Helena to Hartington.

In 1888 a fire destroyed two blocks of main street. The next year a municipal water system was constructed. The first business was a restaurant followed by a hotel, livery stable, opera house, and lumberyard. Hartington became a second-class city in 1898, and the first county fair was held. The first automobile appeared in 1903.

After the first World War, the town prospered and grew through the 1920s, but the drought and depression of the 1930s brought progress to a standstill. During the 1940s it again prospered, but the '50s saw the rural farm population shrink and businesses in town suffered accordingly.

In the 1960s, new industry moved to the community and most streets were paved. A swimming pool, golf course, and city park were also constructed.

The community steadily progressed in the 1990s. A community fund drive in 1991-92 resulted in a new clubhouse for the golf course. A new transfer and recycling center was built, encompassing both citywide and countywide services. An addition to the library, a rehabilitation center added to the nursing home, and a new assisted living facility were all completed, and the swimming pool was rebuilt. Distance learning at the Hartington Public School and 911 emergency services also became available in the 1990s.



Entrance Signs



Main Street



First Congregational Church



Grace Baptist Church



Holy Trinity Catholic Church



Trinity Lutheran Church

## 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>	
Cedar County News 1898	Commercial printing & weekly newspaper	Regional	1 2 *	2 4 *	None
Hartington Concrete 1977	Concrete products & redi-mix concrete	Regional	40	1	None
Hartington Rendering 1948	Livestock rendering	Regional	1	1	None
Hartington Shopper 1960	Commercial printing & area shopping guide	Regional	1	4	None
Hydraulic Components Industries 1977	Hydraulic cylinders & valves	National	93	19	None
Pinkelman Manufacturing, Inc. 1975	Livestock buildings, ventilation systems & grain bins	Regional	6 1 *	1	None
Wiechelma Repair Shop 1932	Metal fabrication	Regional	4 2 *	1	None

### MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 15 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Beverly Healthcare-Hartington	Nursing care	2	64	None
Cedar County	Government	40	21	None
City of Hartington	Government	54	26	None
Gerry Miller Implement, Inc.	Farm equipment sales & service	51	3	None
Hartington Catholic Schools	Education	9	18	None
Hartington Public Schools	Education	29	39	HEA

\*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>	
Hartington Telemarketing, Inc.	Telephone sales	39	70	None
Radec Construction Company	Commercial construction	12	3	None

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

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
<b>Yankton, South Dakota, 25 miles</b>			
1st National Bankcard Center	Credit card processing	225 Total	None
Alcoa Extrusions, Inc.	Aluminum extrusions	484 Total	None
Baldwin Filters	Automotive air & oil filters	155 Total	None
Cimpl Meats, Inc.	Food processing	230 Total	None
City of Yankton	Municipal government	130 Total	None
Federal Bureau of Prisons	Minimum security prison	114 Total	None
First Dakota National Bank	Financial	130 Total	None
Gehl Power Products	Construction equipment	120 Total	None
Human Services Center	Mental	565 Total	None
HyVee Food Stores	Grocery	225 Total	None
Kolberg-Pioneer Inc.	Construction equipment	250 Total	None
M-Tron Industries	Crystals & oscillators	135 Total	None
Mount Marty College	Education	135 Total	None
Sacred Heart Health Services	Medical	975 Total	None
Shur-Co.	Tarping system	200 Total	None
Vishay Dale Electronics	Electronic components	265 Total	None
Wilson Trailer	Truck trailers	210 Total	Teamsters
Yankton Public School System	Education	375 Total	SDEA
Yankton Medical Clinic	Medical	265 Total	None

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
Wal-Mart	Retail	225 Total	None
<b>Wayne, Nebraska, 36 miles</b>			
First National Omaha Service Center	Telemarketing/credit card center	120 Total	None
Great Dane Trailers	Refrigerated semi-trailers	500 Total	None
Heritage Homes of Nebraska	Modular homes & light commercial buildings	155 Total	None
Inventive Communications	Internet-based resource center	114 Total	None
Providence Medical Center	Medical	143 Total	None
Pacific Coast Feather Company	Bedding	185 Total	None
Wayne Public School System	Education	116 Total	NSEA
Wayne State College **	Education	360 Total	SCEA, NAPE, NSCPA

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

\*\*Wayne State College also employs students on a part-time basis on a work-study program.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

The Hartington City Council, Hartington Chamber of Commerce, and Hartington Community Development, Inc., work together for industrial development in the community.

Hartington Community Development, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, is comprised of 114 members. The corporation's funds are derived from membership dues, real estate sales, and agricultural land rental.

Approximately 85 acres of land in and adjacent to the community are zoned for industry. The price of industrially zoned land ranges from \$1,500 to \$15,000 per acre.

## **INDUSTRIAL SITE & BUILDING AVAILABLE**

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



Hartington Concrete



Hydraulic Components Industries



Pinkelman Manufacturing, Inc.



Wiechelman Repair Shop



Gerry Miller Implement, Inc.



Hartington Telemarketing, Inc.



Radec Construction Company, Inc.

# LABOR

## LABOR SUPPLY

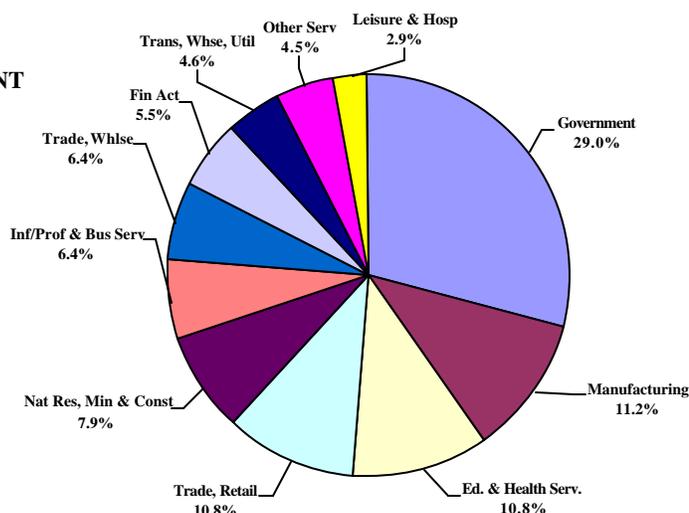
- A. Employment in the Hartington labor market which is defined as the whole of Cedar County and the total consisting of Cedar County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Dixon, Knox, Pierce, and Wayne as well as Yankton and Clay counties in South Dakota (2003 annual average, Nebraska counties only, South Dakota information not available):

<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)	<u>Cedar County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Manufacturing	291	(D)
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	205	(D)
Trade, Wholesale	168	716
Trade, Retail	281	1,375
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	119	405
Information	(D)	(D)
Financial Activities	144	745
Professional & Business Services	(D)	(D)
Educational & Health Services	283	1,245
Leisure & Hospitality	75	705
Other Services	118	(D)
Government	758	4,236
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	2,610	13,171
Farm Employment*	1,220	4,770
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	4,935	22,236
B. Commuting Out of County	1,160	NA
C. Unemployment	145	744
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	5,080	22,980
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	800	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	176	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	2,281	

(D) Data not available because of disclosure suppression.

\*Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2000. A labor survey was conducted for Cedar County in 2002. Results can be viewed at [www.ci.hartington.ne.us](http://www.ci.hartington.ne.us).

**NONFARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT  
CEDAR COUNTY  
2003 ANNUAL AVERAGE**

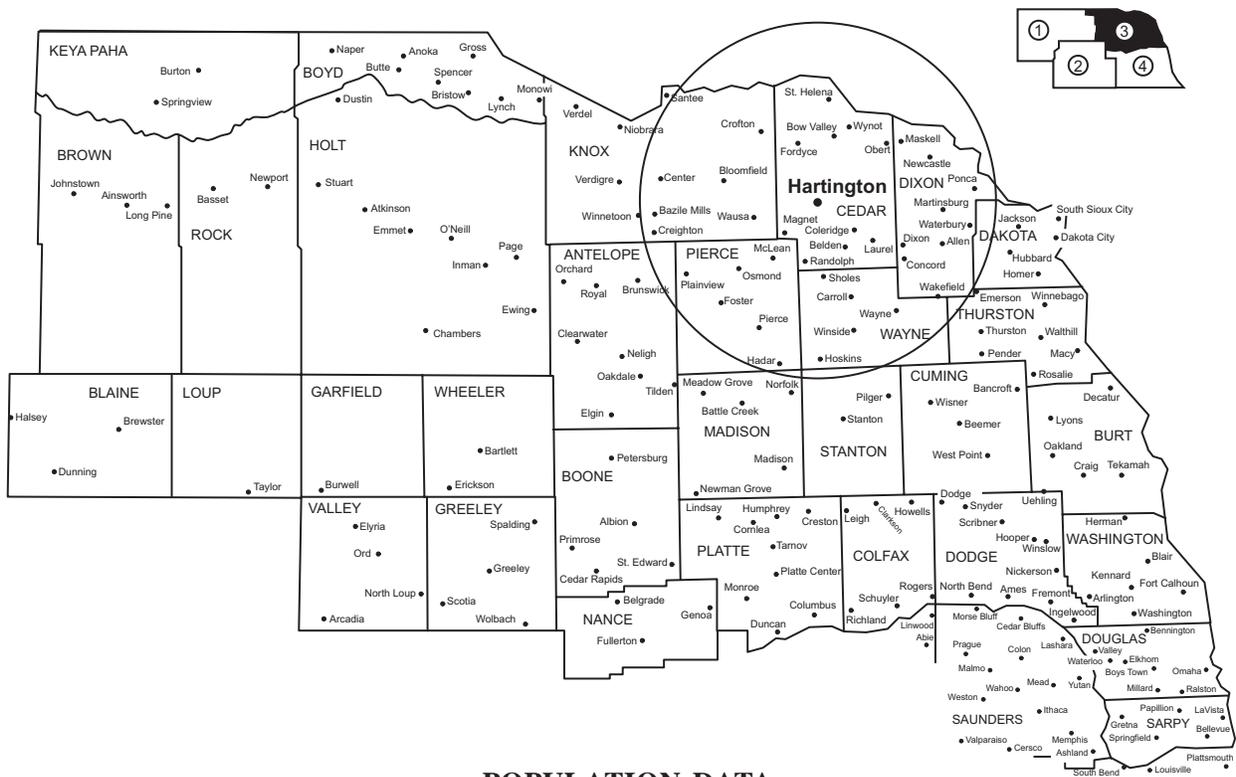


2000 POPULATION DATA						
Location	Density/Sq. Mile	65 Yrs & Over	Median Age	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	Median Household Effective Buying Income (2003)
Cedar Co.	13.0	20.0	38.8	83.5	13.0	\$32,058
Nebraska	22.3	13.6	35.3	86.6	23.7	\$35,948
U.S.	79.6	12.4	35.9	84.0	26.0	\$38,035

Cedar County had 6,369 eligible voters in 2004; 72.8 percent voted in the national election compared to 68.3 percent in Nebraska.

SOURCE: U.S. Census, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)  
 Sales and Marketing Management, September 2002  
 Statewide General Election 2004 Results, [www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/canvass/general2004/General2004](http://www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/canvass/general2004/General2004)

### LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE HARTINGTON AREA



### POPULATION DATA U.S. Census Estimates

2004 Estimate		
City of Hartington	—	1,585
Cedar County	—	9,059
30-Mile Radius	—	71,448 (2003)

Cedar County Population by Age/Gender, 2004		
Ages	Male	Female
18-24	425	378
25-44	1,033	934
45-64	1,088	1,029

## 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.

There is no unionization in Hartington.

## WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Professional</b>			
Accountants & Auditors	15.27	21.82	33.52
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	18.17	27.22	36.62
Electrical Engineers*	23.21	34.67	49.50
Industrial Engineers	18.15	25.78	35.63
Mechanical Engineers	18.49	25.26	34.79
Computer Programmers*	13.45	23.47	33.31
Computer Systems Analysts	18.54	35.21	51.50
Registered Nurses	15.44	21.11	27.46
<b>Retail</b>			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	6.59	8.28	9.74
Retail Salespersons	5.89	7.96	14.40
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	6.85	10.03	16.43
Driver/Sales Workers	6.00	9.95	21.88
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	6.33	10.04	15.87
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	7.45	11.45	16.84
<b>Clerical</b>			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	7.59	10.66	15.56
Customer Service Representatives	6.27	9.79	15.34
Data Entry Keyers	7.41	10.38	13.62
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	7.05	10.17	13.87
Office Clerks, General	6.28	9.37	13.50
Receptionists & Information Clerks	6.71	8.95	11.57
Telemarketers	6.82	8.30	10.83
<b>Unskilled</b>			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	7.08	9.36	13.14
Packers & Packagers, Hand	6.02	8.52	12.46
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Others	8.10	11.61	13.75
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	7.49	9.55	12.25

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

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Semi-Skilled</b>			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	9.30	11.62	16.70
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	9.50	14.58	21.52
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	11.87	14.39	20.25
Machine Operators			
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	10.32	12.80	17.07
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	9.63	11.72	16.76
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	9.45	12.44	15.82
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	9.86	12.45	15.16
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.	7.70	9.05	13.24
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	8.38	12.01	16.36
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	9.88	14.58	17.03
<b>Skilled</b>			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	7.15	11.98	19.61
Electricians	10.32	16.22	21.79
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	12.54	16.12	21.08
Machinists	9.60	13.17	17.45
Tool & Die Makers	14.10	18.83	24.49
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	9.40	12.67	17.57
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters*	9.91	12.99	17.68
<b>Technical</b>			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	11.57	23.76	32.59
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	13.31	19.69	26.66
Computer Operators	9.48	12.03	18.55

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

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

Local production workers are paid mostly on a straight-time basis rather than an incentive basis; however, Hydraulic Components Industries and Hartington Telemarketing pay production workers on an incentive basis.

## FRINGE BENEFITS

Local industries estimate fringe benefits range from 35 to 40 percent of wages.

# TRANSPORTATION

## RAILROADS

The nearest rail service is provided by the Northeast Railroad at Belden, 12 miles.

## MOTOR

### Highways

State Highway 84 (east-west) and State Highway 57 (north-south) intersect in Hartington. There are no local load restrictions on these highways. U.S. Highway 81 (designated to be a four-lane highway) is eight miles west, Interstate 29 is 50 miles east, Interstate 90 is 85 miles north, and Interstate 80 is 150 miles south of Hartington.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	175
Omaha	148
Chicago	583
Dallas	737
Denver	565
Detroit	851
Kansas City	330
Los Angeles	1,576
Minneapolis	375
New York	1,356
St. Louis	581
San Francisco	1,691
Sioux City	57

### Bus Lines

The Cedar County Handibus provides weekday transportation for the elderly and handicapped in Cedar County. Trips are scheduled from Hartington to Norfolk, Sioux City, and Yankton and back on a rotating basis for medical appointments and group shopping.

Arrow Stage Lines serves Norfolk, 50 miles south of Hartington, with one bus daily and provides bus parcel service. Direct service is available to Omaha, Columbus, Fremont, and Schuyler.

Interconnections are made in Omaha to major cities in the United States.

### Trucklines

Interstate trucklines serving the community:

Nearest Terminal/ Company	Trucks Daily
<b>Hartington, NE</b>	
Kathol Trucking*	6
<b>Norfolk, NE</b>	
Clark Brothers Transfer*	1
Deitloff Transfer*	1
<b>Omaha, NE</b>	
ANB Freight	On Call
Roadway	1
<b>Sioux City, IA</b>	
ABF Freight	On Call
Crouse Cartage Co.	1
Yellow Freight	On Call
*Also Intrastate	

## AIR

The Hartington Municipal Airport, located one mile from Hartington, has a 4,000-foot long, 60-foot wide paved and lighted runway and a 2,600-foot grass runway. Facilities available include an administration building, hangars, tie-downs, aviation fuel, rental cars, and telephone service. Charter service is available upon request. Fifteen plus local planes are based at this airport. The elevation is 1,384 feet, the latitude is 42°36'13"N, and the longitude is 97°15'20"W.

The nearest point of scheduled air service is at Sioux City, Iowa, 57 miles east (60 minutes) from Hartington. The Sioux Gateway Airport is served by one commercial carrier, Northwest, with seven departures daily to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## WATER

Barge service is available at 19 barge terminal facilities on the Missouri River in Nebraska. The Sioux City river port is 57 miles east of Hartington.

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 alfalfa pellets,

cement, concrete forms, distillers' dried grain, feed, feed ingredients, fertilizer, grain, machinery, molasses, newsprint, nitrogen fertilizer solution, propylene glycol, rock-aggregate, salt, steel, and twine.



Hartington Municipal Airport



Airport Hangars & Administration Building

# UTILITIES

## ELECTRICITY

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) retails electricity to the city of Hartington. Service is supplied from one local substation at 69,000 volts. The substation, with a 6,250 kVA capacity, is served from Belden and alternate sources are available from Hartington and Bloomfield. These lines are connected to NPPD's statewide 115,000-volt grid system with a tie to the Western Area Power Administration's facilities at Gavins Point, South Dakota. Electricity is distributed in the community by a 12,470-volt wye system, also known as a 12.470 kV wye system.

**BASE ELECTRIC RATES** (effective 02/01/03)  
Summer bills run from June - September.

**Residential Service** (electric water heat):

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$13.00 per month	
<b>Summer Winter</b>	
8.51¢	6.26¢ per kWh for the first 750 kWh used per month per kWh for
6.98¢	3.74¢ all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments.	

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

**General Service:**

<b>Customer Charge</b>	
Single Phase	\$15.00 per month
Three Phase	\$18.50 per month
<b>Summer Winter</b>	
9.72¢	7.56¢ per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh used per month
7.75¢	5.62¢ per kWh for the next 2,000 kWh used per month
7.75¢	5.02¢ per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments.	

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

**Commercial Electric Space Heating:**

<b>Customer Charge</b>	
Single Phase	\$27.50 per month
Three Phase	\$32.50 per month
<b>Summer Winter</b>	
8.40¢	5.17¢ per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
3.40¢	2.22¢ per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments.	

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

**General Service Demand:**

<b>Customer Charge</b>	
Single Phase	\$60.00 per month
Three Phase	\$70.00 per month
<b>Summer Winter</b>	
8.20¢	5.62¢ per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
3.25¢	2.35¢ per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments.	

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations. This rate is also subject to various adders and discounts depending upon the customer's requirements, metering, etc.

NPPD has an off-peak service rate available to qualifying customers.

**Sample Cost per kWh:**

Load Factor		Customer Billed	
%	kW	kWh	¢/kWh <sup>1</sup>
41	100	30,000	6.55
41	300	90,000	6.36
41	500	150,000	6.33
50	100	36,000	5.99
70	300	150,000	5.09
50	500	180,000	5.80

<sup>1</sup>Includes Lease Payment and Gross Revenue Tax

**High Tension Service\*:**

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$250.00 per month			
<b>Monthly Demand Charges</b> (Base Rate charge per kW):			
<b>Summer Season:</b>	\$11.00 per kW of billing demand		
<b>Winter Season:</b>	\$6.00 per kW of billing demand		
<b>Spring/Fall Season:</b>	\$6.00 per kW of billing demand		
<b>Monthly Energy Charges</b> (Base Rate charge per kWh):			
	<b>On-Peak</b>	<b>Mid-Peak</b>	<b>Off-Peak</b>
<b>Summer Season</b>	4.77¢	3.78¢	3.03¢
<b>Winter Season</b>	2.57¢	2.06¢	1.48¢
<b>Spring/Fall Season</b>	2.44¢	N/A	1.48¢
<b>Summer Season</b> rate applies to the Customer's demand and energy use from July 1 through August 31.			
<b>Winter Season</b> rate applies to the Customer's demand and energy use from December 1 through March 31.			
<b>Spring/Fall Season</b> rate applies to the Customer's demand and energy use from April 1 through June 30 and September 1 through November 30.			

\*Industries must take delivery at or be adjacent to a substation and own and maintain the primary dedicated line and any other facilities beyond the substation delivery point.

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

NPPD has several off-peak and curtailable service rates available to qualifying customers.

**Sample Cost per kWh:**

Load Factor		Customer Billed	
%	kW	kWh	¢/kWh <sup>1</sup>
28	150	30,000	7.46
28	500	100,000	6.79
28	1,000	200,000	6.65
92	150	100,000	4.08
90	500	300,000	4.02
90	1,000	650,000	3.87

<sup>1</sup>Includes Lease Payment. Does not include Gross Revenue Tax.

The ¢/kWh cost is estimated using the following assumption concerning the distribution of electricity use during on-peak, mid-peak, and off-peak periods which are specified in the National Data Standards (NDS) adopted by the International Economic Development Council.

	<b>On-Peak %</b>	<b>Mid-Peak %</b>	<b>Off-Peak %</b>
<b>Summer</b>	31.0	30.2	38.8
<b>Winter</b>	38.2	23.6	38.2
<b>Spring/Fall</b>	54.5	0.0	45.5

Prospective customers should contact Nebraska Public Power District, (877) ASK-NPPD or (877) 275-6773, [www.nppd.com](http://www.nppd.com), for further information regarding electric rates and service.

The Cedar-Knox Public Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves the rural areas adjacent to Hartington. For information regarding electric rates and service in the Cedar-Knox Public Power District service area, contact Thomas Finley, manager, Hartington, Nebraska, (402) 254-6291, [www.cedarknoxppd.com](http://www.cedarknoxppd.com).

## NATURAL GAS

Natural gas is supplied to Hartington by Kinder Morgan, through a four-inch transmission pipeline with an operating pressure of approximately 700 pounds per square inch.

Kinder Morgan is also the distributor of natural gas in the community, serving approximately 650 residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

Natural gas is available for residential and commercial uses. Availability of natural gas for industrial uses is subject to individual situations. As specific requirements of an industrial prospect become available, information on gas service availability and applicable rates can be obtained from Kinder Morgan's Service Center, (800) 563-0012.

## OTHER FUELS

### LP Gas

LP gas is available in Hartington for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at Ferrellgas Gas Company and Precision Agronomy.

### Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Hartington at Farmers Union Co-Op Gas and Oil Company and Jerry's Service.

## WATER

The municipal water system is supplied by four wells, which have an average depth of 75 feet. The system, serving 100 percent of the population, has a combined pumping capacity of 375 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 500,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 550,000 gallons and the historic peak daily demand is 1,200,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 1,090,000 gallons per day. The static pressure is 75 pounds and the residual pressure is 70 pounds per square inch.

Groundwater is available for industrial uses. A 75-foot well will produce 650 gallons of water per minute. The quality of water in Hartington does not necessitate a water treatment plant. The water table has not changed significantly during the past five years.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in parts per million, ranges from 220 to 312. The average tap water temperature varies from 52° in winter to 56° in summer.

### Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.7-8.0
Total Solids	330-420
Iron	.0-.3
Manganese	.0-0.2
Fluoride	.28-1.2
Total Alkalinity	185-256
Total Hardness	220-312
Calcium	60-90
Magnesium	N/A
Nitrates	1.3-4.0
Chlorides	2-4
Sulfates	80-90
Sodium	9-17
Potassium	N/A

### WATER RATES (effective 07/03)

A \$250.00 hook-up fee is charged for water connection along with a \$100.00 deposit for all utilities for a new resident.

### Residential & Commercial:

First 1,000 cu. ft.	\$20.00
All additional	@\$0.60 per 100 cu. ft.
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> \$20.00 per quarter	

**Outside City Limits:** Rates are doubled for residential and 1 1/2 times for industrial or commercial.

A new well was put into operation in January 2003 financed by a bond issue.

Water and storm sewer lines along Nebraska Highway 57 have been upgraded at a cost of approximately \$100,000 funded by bonds.

## Cedar Knox Rural Water System

Water service is being provided to rural homes and businesses outside the north city limits of Hartington from “Cedar Knox Rural Water System,” a project of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District (NRD). From the surface-water source of Lewis and Clark Lake, the project serves more than 670 homes and four towns in two counties. High quality soft water is piped underground to individual meters. The Lewis and Clark NRD administers the project, which originated from the need of local residents and is supported in full by user fees.

### Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Solids, Total Suspended	not detected
Iron	not detected
Manganese	not detected
Fluoride	.80-1.09
Hardness	123 (7.2 grns)
PH	8.8
Calcium	28
Magnesium	12.9
Nitrate-Nitrite	None
Chloride	38
Sulfate	242
Sodium	86.2

### RURAL WATER RATES (effective 07/01/98)

#### **Bow Creek area:**

First 1,000 gallons @ \$31.00 per month  
Over 1,000 gallons @ \$ 4.00 per 1,000 gallons  
**Minimum Bill:** \$31.00 per month

## SEWERAGE

Hartington has a sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. In 1995 the wastewater treatment facility was upgraded to an activated sludge process with waste sludge diverted to an aerobic digester . The system has a design daily flow of 195,000 gallons, and the average daily flow is 125,000 gallons. The historic daily peak is 278,000 gallons.

### SEWER-USE CHARGE (effective 06/19/95)

A \$250.00 fee is charged for sewer connection.

#### **Residential:**

\$30.00 per quarter

#### **Commercial & Industrial:**

\$30.00 or 87% of water usage based on winter quarter consumption

## SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Municipally owned and operated waste removal services are available in Hartington. The city has a transfer station. Wastes are hauled to a licensed landfill at Jackson, Nebraska, 45 miles southeast.

### SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES (effective 11/92)

#### **Residential:**

\$24.50 per quarter

#### **Commercial & Industrial:**

1.5 yard dumpster @ \$75.00 per quarter  
2.0 yard dumpster @ \$90.00 per quarter  
**Minimum Bill:** \$25.00 per quarter

## RECYCLING

A volunteer recycling program is located at the transfer station site. The city contracts with Siouxland Recovery, who provides a trailer and transportation of the recyclables to Sioux City, Iowa. The city received a grant and purchased a baler that bales cardboard, plastic, and tin.



Cedar-Knox Public Power District



Nebraska Public Power District



Louis & Clark Natural Resource District



Hartington Water Tower



Cedar County Recycling Center

# COMMUNICATIONS

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Hartington Telecommunications Company, Inc., with a digital central office served by 27 miles of fiber optic cable, provides telecommunication services to the Hartington area where installation and maintenance personnel are located. Many long distance carriers are available on an Interlata and Intralata basis. A DMS-10 digital switch equipped with the latest Nortel software available was installed with vertical features like voicemail, caller ID, etc.

### TARIFFED RATES

Residential Line	\$17.50
Business Line	\$27.50

## INTERNET

Internet service, 56K speed service or 256K speed or higher, is available on a local basis from Hartington Telecommunications Company, Inc. Direcway satellite broadband Internet access with speeds up to 256K is available through CedarVision Inc. in conjunction with DirecTV service.

## POST OFFICE

The post office in Hartington has one mail receipt of approximately 12,000 pieces and one dispatch of approximately 4,000 pieces daily. Rural delivery and post office box delivery are provided along with package delivery services and next day delivery to the states of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri.

## PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Airborne Express provides service to Hartington Monday through Friday but does not guarantee next day delivery.

Overnight express service availability:

	Federal Express	UPS	U.S. Post Office
<b>Latest Pick-up time</b>	1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	4:45 p.m.
<b>Earliest Delivery</b>	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
<b>Next Day Delivery Guarantee</b>	yes	yes	yes
<b>Saturday Delivery Guarantee</b>	no	yes	yes

## NEWSPAPER

The Cedar County News, the local weekly paper, has 2,600 subscribers. The Hartington Shopper, a weekly shopping newspaper, has approximately 7,000 readers in northeast Nebraska. Other papers delivered locally are the Omaha World-Herald, Sioux City Journal, Yankton Press and Dakotan, and the Norfolk Daily News.

## RADIO

Radio stations carrying local news are:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KTCH	104.9 MHz	Wayne, NE
KTCH	1590 KHz	Wayne, NE
WNAX	570 KHz	Yankton, SD
KYNT	1400 KHz	Yankton, SD
KKYA	93.1 MHz	Yankton, SD
KVHT	106.3 MHz	Yankton, SD
KVTK	1570 KHz	Yankton, SD
WJAG	780 KHz	Norfolk, NE
KEXL	106.7 MHz	Norfolk, NE
KNEN	94.7 MHz	Norfolk, NE

## TELEVISION

Regional stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KCAU	9	Sioux City, IA
KTIV	4	Sioux City, IA
KMEG	14	Sioux City, IA
KPTH	44	Sioux City, IA
KUSD	2	Vermillion, SD
KELO	11	Sioux Falls, SD

Cable television service is provided by Cedar Vision, Inc., and is available on 24 basic, 2 premium, and 1 local information channels.

Satellite television service is provided by CedarVision, Inc. with over 200 channels and Pay-Per-View movies available.



Hartington Public Library



Cedar County Historical Museum

## TAX STRUCTURE

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

All real property is subject to tax at its 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	\$43,861,395	\$44,582,830	\$45,430,115
Personal Property	3,302,390*	3,062,754*	1,749,978
Special (railroad & utility)	—	—	982,200
TOTAL	\$47,163,785	\$47,645,584	\$48,162,293

\*Includes Railroad & Utilities

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

	2002	2003	2004
City	\$0.46766	\$0.46668	\$0.61189
County	0.29845	0.29845	0.29845
School District	0.94587	1.00793	1.06954
Community College	0.07000	0.08112	0.08271
Educational Service Unit	0.01820	0.01800	0.01782
Natural Resource District	0.03779	0.03475	0.03342
Agricultural Society	0.00816	0.00756	0.00846
Airport	0.06574	0.06574	0.06574
TOTAL	\$1.91187	\$1.98023	\$2.18803

The 2004 tax rate at the industrial site outside the city limits is \$1.53883 per \$100 of actual value.

### CITY SALES TAX

The city of Hartington does not impose a city sales tax.

### LOCAL BOND INDEBTEDNESS

As of October 1, 2003:

City— Revenue Bonds	None
City—General Obligation Bonds	\$2,495,000
School District	None
County	None

## CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 10/01/2003	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
<b>General Obligation</b>					
Various Purpose	02/15/99	\$ 820,000	\$ 560,000	4.10 to 5.50	09/15/14
Various Purpose	09/15/99	\$ 100,000	\$ 70,000	4.35 to 5.30	09/30/10
Various Purpose	09/15/01	\$ 195,000	\$ 165,000	3.55 to 4.75	09/30/11
Water Bond	07/18/02	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	2.65 to 4.60	07/15/12
Recreational Complex	06/15/03	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	4.07	12/31/23



Cedar County Courthouse



Courthouse Annex & 911 Communications Center

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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## COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Cedar County has 21 precincts and is governed by three county commissioners, elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next election will be in 2004 for commissioners and in 2006 for all other county officials. Cedar County belongs to the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District along with 15 other counties. The 2003-2004 operating budget for the county is \$9,495,869.

County zoning classifications are:

A-1	Agriculture
A-1a	Agriculture
A-1b	Agriculture
A-2	Agriculture
MR	Missouri River Recreational District
R-1	Residential District

## MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Hartington, a second class city, has a mayor-council form of government. The 2003-2004 actual budget for the city is \$3,758,298. The next election will be held in 2004. Municipal officials serving four year terms are:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Method of Selection</u>
Mayor	Elected
Council Members (4)	Elected by Ward

## FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided in Hartington by a 30-member volunteer fire department made up of both city and rural members. The Rural Fire District also includes the village of Fordyce, which has 20 volunteer members, a fire house, one pumper truck, and an army tanker.

Hartington has 102 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 6; outside it is 9. Average annual expenditures for fire protection during the past three years were \$72,975 for both the city and rural fire departments.

Equipment in the city/rural fire department:

<u>Make/Year</u>	<u>Description</u>
Ford 1974	750 gal. per min.
GMC 1979	Equipment van
GMC 1990	1,200 gal. tanker
Ford 1990	Type 3 ambulance
GMC 1991	2,000 gal. tanker
Ford 1999	Type 3 ambulance
Ford 2002	Equipment truck

City and rural fire losses for the last five years were:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2003	\$ 6,250
2002	\$ 325,000
2001	\$ 26,000
2000	\$ 8,000 (all rural)
1999	\$ 52,750

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Police Department

The Hartington Police Department employs one full-time policeman and one part-time policeman and has two patrol cars equipped with radar, video cameras, shotguns, alco/sensors and other standard equipment. Average annual expenditures for police protection for the last three years were \$52,810.

### Sheriff's Department

The Cedar County Sheriff's Department employs four sworn officers and five support personnel. Equipment includes enhanced 911 equipment, four patrol vehicles, and other standard equipment to operate a jail. Regular patrol by the police and sheriff's departments provides protection to all areas within Cedar County.

The crime rate per 1,000 population in Cedar County in 2001 was 0.1 compared to a state crime rate of 42.4 and a national rate of 41.6.

## State Patrol

Troop B of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered at Norfolk, 50 miles. Two patrolmen are stationed near Hartington.

## STREETS

Hartington has 13.5 miles of streets, 12 miles of which are hard-surfaced with concrete. Eighty-five percent of the streets have curbs and eighty percent have sidewalks. There are no local load restrictions.

Street maintenance includes street sweeping, snow removal, grading, patching, and crack sealing.

Plans in the six-year projection include paving an additional 1,000 feet of streets at an estimated cost of \$45,000. This project will be funded by revenue bonds.

## BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS

The National Building Code, National Electrical Code, and the National Plumbing Code are

enforced in the community. City zoning classifications are:

A-1	Agriculture
R-1	Residential, Single-Family
R-2	Residential, Medium Density
R-3	Residential, Multiple-Family
C-1	Highway Commercial
C-2	Commercial
I-1	Industrial
I-2	Industrial

## PLANNING

Hartington has a nine-member planning commission. Appointed by the mayor, members serve staggering three-year terms.

A comprehensive plan for Hartington was completed in 1970 by Power-Willis-Wozniak and Associates of Fremont, Nebraska.



Hartington City Offices



City Auditorium

# COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

### Hartington School System

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Student Ratio
Elementary (K-6)	Open Concept	139	1 to 7	1 to 2.8
Elementary* (K-6)	7	174	1 to 19	1 to 7
Jr.-Sr. High (7-12)	Semi-Open Concept	170	1 to 8	1 to 3.6
Jr.-Sr. High* (7-12)	23	242	1 to 12	1 to 2.9

\* Catholic

School District No. 14-0008 in Cedar County covers 180 square miles and had an actual valuation of \$205,329,371 for 2002. This Class 3, Type K-12 district is accredited by the state of Nebraska and the North Central Association.

The 2001-2002 school operating expenses totaled \$3,035,071, with an average cost per pupil of \$8,420. The actual valuation per pupil was \$625,737.

The Hartington Public School system currently houses its total enrollment (kindergarten through twelfth grade) in one facility built in 1973. The maximum capacity in this school is 650. It is estimated that 100 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school. Ninety-two percent of Hartington High School graduates attend college while eight percent enter the labor market upon graduation.

#### Test Results

Title	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
7th Grade Iowa Test of Basic Skills*	100	74th percentile
ACT	100	22.6
*(Cedar Catholic School)		

Vocational courses offered in the high school include agriculture, family and consumer science, and business. The high school has established an Experience Based Career Education Program where students are involved with cooperating businesses.

Adult education programs are offered in the high school by Northeast Community College. College credit classes are also offered in evening and weekend classes in Hartington through Wayne State College, Doane College, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Northeast Community College.

Mild-moderate handicapped students are “mainstreamed,” i.e., integrated with their peers. Special facilities exist outside the school district for severe, profoundly handicapped students. Facility and program costs are shared.

Hartington Public School has 164 hook-ups for Internet accessibility.

#### Parochial Schools

Annual tuition to attend Holy Trinity Elementary school is \$850 while annual tuition to attend Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School is \$1,300. Average 2001-2002 cost per pupil for Holy Trinity and Cedar Catholic is \$3,950. Both Catholic schools have Internet access.

#### Educational Service Unit

Hartington participates in Educational Service Unit 1, which is headquartered in Wakefield and serves six counties. Programs and services available at the Hartington Public Schools include speech therapy, audio visual, repair service, cooperative purchasing, resources (special education), and nursing.

## Community College

Hartington 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 in Norfolk, 50 miles southwest of Hartington, and through regional education centers throughout the district.

Enrollment at Northeast Community College for 2002–2003 included 7,600 students taking credit courses and 19,000 students taking noncredit, continuing education classes.

Northeast offers more than 70 technical, vocational, business, and liberal arts programs preparing the student for immediate employment or transfer to a four-year college or university. In May 2003, the college awarded 681 diplomas and degrees. Ninety-nine percent of the graduates seeking employment find jobs soon after graduation.

About one-fourth of NECC graduates choose to continue their education, with most transferring to a four-year school. Statistics show that college transfer students from NECC do as well as, and usually better, than students who actually started at a four-year college.

The Business and Industry Division at NECC works with area industries, retail and 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 Northeast. Training is arranged at any time of the day or evening to meet the organization's special needs.

The Business and Industry Division served 127 employers and trained more than 6,800 employees through customized training, workshops, and seminars in the fiscal year 2002-2003. The division also worked with 28 communities on strategic planning and economic development initiatives. More than 60 individuals seeking to start or expand their business received assistance through this division.

The 205-acre main campus includes 16 buildings, including classroom, shop, and lab facilities; library/resource center; Student Center; an

Activities Center with gym and theater; the Lifelong Learning Center; dormitory for students; and two apartment buildings for student living. Fall 2004 is the scheduled completion date for the 147 room addition to the dormitory.

The college is one of the best computer-equipped educational institutions in the state. Northeast also owns a 566-acre college farm with all facilities necessary for teaching farm operations. The new agriculture and technology center opened in spring 2004.

Northeast Community College 2002-2003 students graduated from these selected programs:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Degree/ Certificate</b>	<b>Conferred</b>
Office Technology	AAS	23
	1-yr. diploma	18
Computer		
Science/MIS	AAS	17
Electronics Tech.	AAS	11
Network (CISCO)	Certificate	10
Administrator		
General Studies	AAS	54
(Academic Transfers)		
Electromechanical	AAS	12

For more information on Northeast Community College, call (800) 348-9033 or visit the web site at [www.northeastcollege.com](http://www.northeastcollege.com).

## Lifelong Learning Center

The Lifelong Learning Center at Northeast Community College serves the business and professional community through a variety of uses. The 20,000-square foot educational wing includes two distance learning classrooms, a computer center for software training, and the conference center that can be divided into six rooms and accommodate up to 700 people. Full technology 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 Northeast Community College, the Lifelong Learning Center serves as a clearinghouse for education offerings from Wayne State College, the University of and

Program	Wayne State College Undergraduate		Graduate	
	Majors*	Degrees**	Majors*	Degrees**
Applied Human & Sport Physiology	27	4	—	—
Art	42	6	—	—
Business	529	157	60	20
Chemistry	67	13	—	—
Computer Information Systems	73	14	—	—
Computer Science	33	9	—	—
Counselor Education/Counseling	—	—	68	27
Criminal Justice	167	34	—	—
Curriculum & Instruction	—	—	318	27
Early Childhood	84	11	—	—
Elementary Education	389	73	—	—
English	79	10	1	—
Exercise Science	64	20	6	5
Family & Consumer Sciences	52	14	—	—
French	1	—	—	—
Geography	27	7	—	—
Graphic Design	46	16	—	—
Health & PE	64	7	—	—
History	48	6	—	—
Human Service Counseling	89	30	—	—
Industrial Technology	92	14	—	—
Interdisciplinary Studies	5	1	—	3
Life Sciences	87	15	—	—
Mass Communications	63	11	—	—
Mathematics	42	11	—	2
Middle Level Education	20	—	—	—
Modern Language and Culture	1	—	—	—
— French	—	1	—	—
— Spanish	—	1	—	—
Music	48	2	—	—
Natural Sciences	9	4	—	—
Physical Science	1	—	—	—
Political Science	36	5	—	—
Pre-Professional	148	—	—	—
Pre-Professional Pharmacy	—	1	—	—
Psychology	81	23	—	—
School Administration	—	—	56	22
Social Sciences	52	7	6	1
Sociology	20	13	—	—
Spanish	24	2	—	—
Special Education	54	6	9	3
Speech Communications	50	18	6	—
Sport Management/Leisure Services	91	12	17	8
Technology	10	4	—	—
Theatre	22	2	—	—
Undeclared	349	—	—	—

\*Includes first and second majors as of fall 2004

\*\*Degrees awarded December 2003 through August 2004

Nebraska, and other public and private institutions. Using state-of-the-art distance education technology and live instruction, nearly 20 bachelors, masters, and doctorate degrees are offered, including computer science and engineering, industrial management systems engineering, and two MBA programs.

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

### Colleges

**Wayne State College (WSC)**, 36 miles southeast of Hartington in Wayne, Nebraska serves approximately 3,400 students from throughout Nebraska and Iowa as well as more than 22 other states and 28 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 and education.

Of those undergraduate students declaring a major, approximately 49 percent major in the arts and sciences, 22 percent in education, and 29 percent in business.

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 on-site in several area towns and cities. Schedules and course offerings vary.

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

### Other Schools

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

College or University	Mileage
<b>Yankton, SD</b> Mount Marty College	25
<b>Vermillion, SD</b> University of South Dakota	25
<b>Wayne, NE</b> Wayne State College	36
<b>Norfolk, NE</b> Northeast Community College	50
<b>Sioux City, IA</b> Briar Cliff College Morningside College	57
<b>Omaha, NE</b> University of Nebraska at Omaha	148
<b>Lincoln, NE</b> University of Nebraska-Lincoln	175
<b>Kearney, NE</b> University of Nebraska at Kearney	208

### CHURCHES

Denomination	Number of Churches
Baptist	1
Catholic	1
Congregational	1
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America	1

### MEDICAL

#### Clinic

The Avera Sacred Heart Clinic in Hartington is owned by the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota. The center is staffed by two physicians and a nurse practitioner.

#### Rescue Squad

Hartington has 14 certified Emergency Medical Technicians who are on 24-hour call. This is a volunteer group funded by the rural fire district and city boards. The two licensed ambulances, owned



Hartington Public Schools (K-12)



Holy Trinity Catholic (K-6)



Cedar Catholic (7-12)



Avera Sacred Heart Medical Clinic



Hartington Family Dentistry



Filips Eye Clinic



Chiropractic Clinic, PC



Olson Chiropractic

by the Hartington Rural Fire District and the city of Hartington, are fully equipped with oxygen, backboards, suction, jump kits, blood pressure monitors, and defibrillator.

## Hospital

**Avera Sacred Heart Health Services (ASHHS)** in Yankton, South Dakota, 25 miles north of Hartington, is a regional hospital 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. ASHHS provides the following services: 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 Department, Renal Dialysis Unit, Same Day Surgery, Senior Services, Sleep Disorders Laboratory, Speech Therapy, Sports Medicine, Rehab & Wellness Institute, and the Women's and Children's Center.

Major medical centers are located in Norfolk, 50 miles south, and Sioux City, Iowa, 57 miles east of Hartington.

## CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER

Haven House of Wayne operates a satellite office in Hartington providing crisis intervention and support services for domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

## NURSING HOMES

The Beverly Health Care, built in 1966, is licensed as a 53-bed Skilled Care facility by the state of Nebraska. Services include 24-hour nursing care, rehabilitation therapy, activities, and social services. The facility is certified by the Commission on Accreditation of Health Organizations.

## LIBRARY

The Hartington Public Library contains 600 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 34,630. Library activities include summer reading program, preschool to second grade story hour, humanities program, computer classes, annual book sale, and adult book discussion group. Internet access/DSL is available at the library for patron use. The library has an automated card catalog, art gallery, and microfilm newspapers/local history section. A public meeting room is available.

## RECREATION

The two parks in Hartington cover nine acres and have a swimming pool, lighted baseball field, tennis courts, shelter, barbecue pits, picnic tables, benches, rest rooms, and playground equipment. Two playgrounds in Hartington have standard playground equipment.

Hartington has facilities for:

- Boating — Excellent boating facilities at the Lewis and Clark Lake and the Missouri River, 27 miles, and the Niobrara River, 50 miles
- Bowling — Bowling alley with six lanes
- Camping — Six pads with water, sewer, and electrical hookups.
- Fishing — Excellent fishing in the Missouri River, Lewis and Clark Lake, Niobrara River, streams, and ponds
- Golf — A public 9-hole grass greens course with clubhouse
- Hunting — Pheasant, quail, rabbits, deer, squirrels, turkey, and grouse
- Skating — Roller skating rink
- Soccer — Four soccer fields
- Swimming — New heated pool
- Tennis — Four lighted and hard-surfaced tennis courts
- Other — Cross country skiing

Recreation programs offered are baseball, softball, soccer, and swimming.

Annual celebrations in Hartington include the Cedar County Fair.

Cultural activities include a Community Theater Group and Arlo and Anne Worth Art Gallery

Activities at the senior citizens center include cards, bingo, meals, handicrafts, and occasional tours. The senior center provides meals-on-wheels and handi-bus service.

The Cedar County Historical Society, formed in 1964, acquired a large older home for a museum and furnished it with Civil War mementos and items from the present. A military room is complete with uniforms, guns, and supplies; another room contains home furnishings of this era, including spinning wheels, cradles, and other items. An additional building was constructed and dedicated in 1996 to house additional items.

## HOUSING

### New Construction

Six new homes were constructed in Hartington in 2002 and 2003 and it is estimated that four new homes will be built in 2004. The average cost of new home construction for the past five years was \$100 per square foot.

### As of January 2004:

#### Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family - 16

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

Single Family Home	
3,500 sq. ft. - 4 bedrooms	\$150,000
2,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedrooms	\$140,000
1,000 sq. ft. - 3 bedrooms	\$68,000



Pine Lane Estates of Hartington

### Rentals

Executive Style	
New 2 - bedroom home	\$350
Apartment Vacancy Rate	less than 10%

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

Less than \$100,000	12
\$100,001 - \$150,000	4

Building permits issued in Hartington during the past five years include:

Single Unit Homes	25
Garages	34
Storage Sheds	40
Decks/Patios	25
Businesses	14
Additions	27

### Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

**Cedar Villa**, built in 1977, and **Port Center**, built in 1980, are both for low-income families. **Port Villa** was built in 1982 for low-income elderly. Each facility contains eight units.

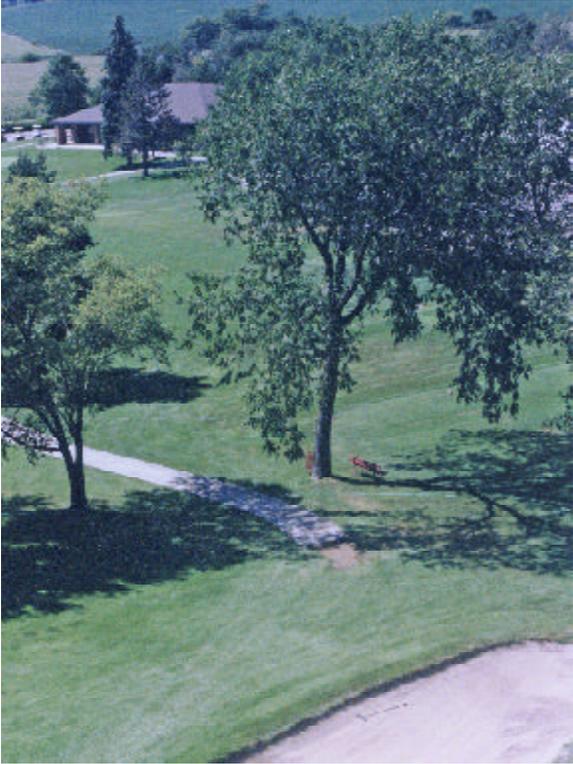
### Assisted Living

**Pine Lane Estates** was built in 1999 with 18 apartments serving up to 25 residents. The facility is Medicaid approved and provides home health therapy. The facility provides meals, nursing supervision, and social activities.

**Beverly Square**, built in 2002, consists of 18 apartments. The facility is Medicaid certified and provides meals, nursing supervision, and social activities.



Beverly Square Assisted Living



Hartington Golf Club



Aerial of Golf Course



Felber Park Complex



Baseball Diamond in City Park



Swimming Pool



Playground Equipment in City Park



Gazebo Near Pool in City Park



Shelter House in City Park

## FINANCIAL

As of December 31, 2003:

Name	Capital Accounts <sup>^</sup>	Deposits	Loans
Bank of Hartington	\$3,959,000	\$36,548,000	\$19,532,000
Cedar Security Bank*	\$2,622,000	\$18,140,000	\$12,874,000
Farmers & Merchants State Bank**	\$7,149,033	\$80,294,823	\$64,864,465
First National Bank Northeast**	\$14,068,000	\$124,995,000	\$98,596,000
Security National Bank***	\$10,097,463	\$81,396,976	\$63,272,294

<sup>^</sup> Includes capital, surplus and undivided profits

\* Figures represent three locations

\*\* Figures represent five locations

\*\*\* Figures represent four locations



Bank of Hartington



Cedar Security Bank



Farmers & Merchants State Bank



First National Bank Northeast



Security National Bank

# COMMUNITY SERVICES

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## PROFESSIONAL

Attorneys .....	2
Auctioneers .....	8
Chiropractors .....	3
Dentists .....	2
Medical Doctors (residing in Hartington) —general practitioners .....	1
Nurses, Practitioner .....	3
Nurses, Registered .....	4
Pharmacists .....	1
Physician Assistants .....	1
Veterinarians .....	1

## BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies .....	2
Advertising Agencies .....	3
Agricultural Implement Dealers .....	3
Antique Shops .....	2
Apparel Stores—children’s .....	2
—combination .....	2
—men’s .....	2
—women’s .....	1
Appliance Stores .....	3
Auto Repair Garages .....	6
Auto Supply Parts .....	3
Automobile Dealers .....	4
Automobile Renting & Leasing .....	4
Aviation Seeding & Spraying .....	1
Bakeries .....	2
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums .....	4
Beauty Salons/Barber Shops .....	8
Carpet & Rug Dealers .....	1
Caterers .....	3
Child Care Services .....	6
Contractors—building .....	5
—carpentry .....	4
—concrete .....	4
—electric .....	5
—excavating .....	3
—general .....	2
—gravel .....	2
—heating & air conditioning .....	5
—painting .....	7
—plumbing .....	5
—remodeling & repairing .....	7
—roofing .....	8
—well digging .....	2

Convenience Stores .....	2	
Copying & Duplicating Services .....	3	
Craft Stores .....	2	
Dance Studios .....	1	
Department Stores .....	4	
Drug Stores .....	1	
Dry Cleaning & Laundry .....	1	
Employment Services, Temporary .....	2	
Fast Food Establishments .....	2	
Feed & Seed .....	4	
Funeral Homes .....	1	
Furniture Stores .....	1	
Garbage Collection .....	2	
Gift Shops .....	6	
Grocery Stores .....	2	
Hardware Stores .....	3	
Industrial Equipment & Supplies .....	2	
Insurance .....	8	
Interior Decorators & Designers .....	5	
Jewelry Stores .....	2	
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies .....	6	
Laundromats .....	1	
Lawn Services .....	6	
Lumberyards .....	3	
Machine Shops .....	3	
Meat Lockers .....	1	
Motels .....	1	(8 units)
Nurseries & Garden Centers .....	3	
Office Machine Repairs .....	3	
Office Equipment Services & Supplies .....	3	
Photography Studios .....	2	
Preschools .....	2	
Printers .....	2	
Real Estate Firms .....	3	
Service Stations (gas & oil) .....	8	
Shoe Stores .....	3	
Specialized Shops (testing labs, special equipment repair, etc.) .....	3	
Television & Radio Repair .....	1	
Tool & Die Makers .....	3	
Travel Agencies & Bureaus .....	1	
Variety Stores .....	5	
Welding Shops .....	2	

## AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

### AGRICULTURE

Statistics	Cedar County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms (2001)	990	53,000
Land in Farms (acres)	445,430	46,400,000
Average Size of Farms (acres)	450	875
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, 2002	\$167,970,000	\$9,703,657,000
Market Value Per Farm, 2002	176,997	196,609
Wells Registered to 2001	654	84,061
Total Acres Irrigated, 2001	80,000	8,175,000
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	18.0%	17.6%
<b>Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (1997-2001)</b>		
All Alfalfa Hay	138,200 tons	4,797,600 tons
Corn for Grain	16,988,300 bu.	1,136,440,000 bu.
Sorghum Grains	7,300 bu.	46,124,000 bu.
Soybeans	4,408,300 bu.	177,240,000 bu.
Winter Wheat	11,500 bu.	70,660,000 bu.
<b>Five-Year Average Livestock Population (1997-2001)</b>		
All Cattle	101,200	6,620,000

Cedar County ranked in the top three counties in Nebraska in the production of oats in the last ten years, in the top ten counties in the production of soybeans in six of the last ten years, and in the top ten counties in all alfalfa hay and during the last ten years.

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

### RAW MATERIALS

Metallic minerals are not found in the area; however, sand and gravel, and nonmetallic minerals, are available in unlimited quantities.

Commercial forest land in Cedar County consists of 4,000 acres of Elm, Ash, Cottonwood, Oak, and Hickory. This land is located along the south shore of the Missouri River.

# CLIMATE

## TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

### AVERAGES

Month	Temperature			Precipitation		Humidity	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	9.3	19.8	30.2	0.67	6.4	76	65
February	13.2	23.9	34.5	0.91	7.5	79	65
March	23.8	35.0	46.2	1.60	7.9	80	62
April	36.4	49.2	61.9	2.58	2.5	79	52
May	47.9	60.5	73.1	3.84	0.2	80	53
June	57.8	70.1	82.4	4.29	0.0	82	55
July	62.9	75.5	88.2	3.06	0.0	84	56
August	60.9	73.5	86.1	3.12	0.0	86	58
September	51.5	64.5	77.5	2.61	0.0	83	54
October	39.7	52.6	65.6	1.70	0.7	79	52
November	25.1	36.2	47.2	1.18	4.3	80	60
December	14.4	24.3	34.2	0.74	6.3	79	66
<b>Annual</b>	36.9	48.7	60.6	26.29	36.2	81	58

## FROST DATA

Average date of last frost in spring .....	May 3
Average date of first frost in fall .....	October 5
Average length of growing season .....	155 days
Average number of "heating degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	6,872
Average number of "cooling degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	976
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average) .....	12
Prevailing wind direction (annual average) .....	South

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