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HUMBOLDT, NEBRASKA

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POPULATION
(Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2007 Est.</u>
Humboldt	941	815
Richardson County	9,531	8,351
Labor Market*	54,090	50,133

*Includes Richardson County and contiguous counties

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INTRODUCTION

The following pages contain basic information about Humboldt, Nebraska. This material was compiled by the city of Humboldt, Southeast Nebraska Development District, Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, Humboldt Shares, Inc., and Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community development.

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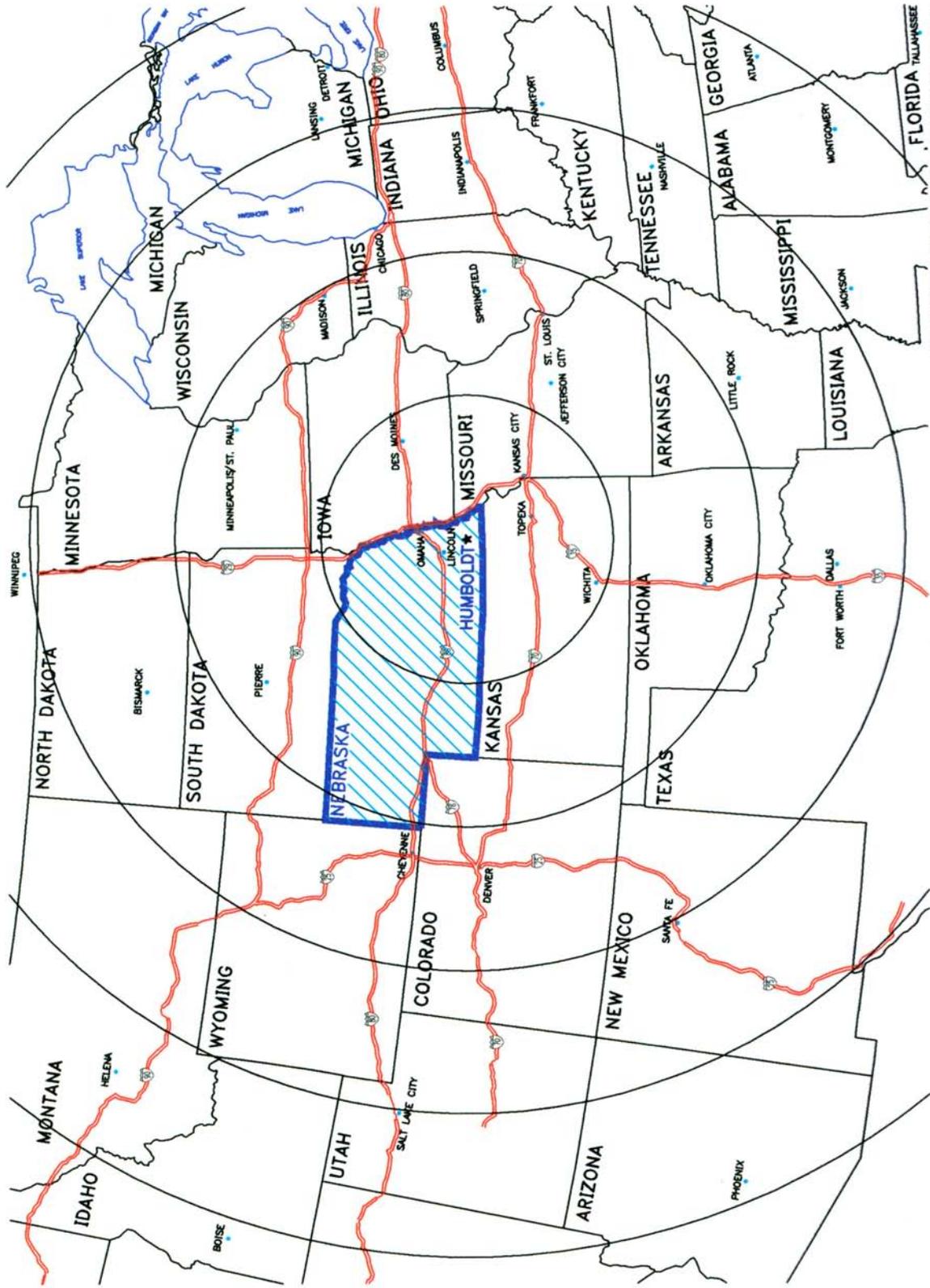
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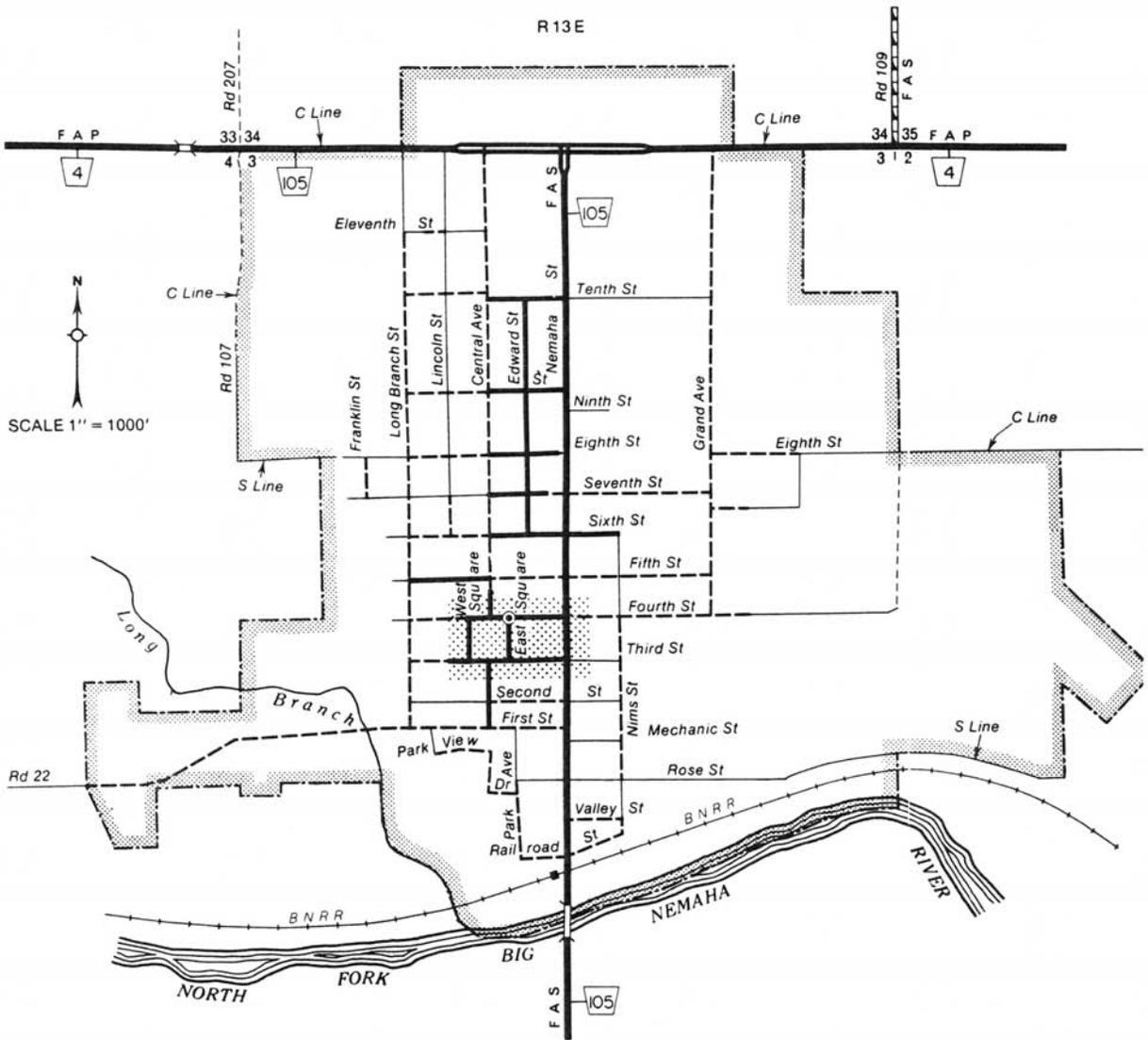
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SCALE: EACH CIRCLE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES

HUMBOLDT

RICHARDSON COUNTY
NEBRASKA



GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Humboldt is located in southeastern Nebraska within the Nemaha River Valley in Richardson County, 12 miles north of the Kansas-Nebraska border. Nebraska Highways 4 and 105 and U.S. Highways 73 and 75 serve Humboldt. Humboldt is 83 miles northwest of St. Joseph, Missouri; 88 miles southeast of Lincoln, Nebraska; 91 miles south of Omaha, Nebraska; and 136 miles northwest of Kansas City, Missouri.

POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Humboldt	Richardson County
1970	1,194	12,277
1980	1,176	11,315
1990	1,003	9,937
2000	941	9,531
2007 (Est.)	815	8,351

Richardson County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2006 U.S. Census

White	95.2%
Black	0.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	2.6%
Asian	0.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or More Races	1.5%
Hispanic or Latino Origin	1.2%
White Persons Not Hispanic	94.2%

The 2007 U.S. Census estimates 50,133 people live in Richardson County and the contiguous counties of Nemaha and Pawnee in Nebraska; Brown, Doniphan, and Nemaha in Kansas; and Atchison and Holt in Missouri.

There are four people in Humboldt who are fluent in Spanish, two in French, and two in German.



Mainstreet Humboldt

LOCAL ECONOMY

Basic economic activities of Humboldt include retail sales, agricultural industries, cattle and hog feeding, and farming.

Firms with retail sales tax permits in Richardson County reported 2007 net taxable retail sales of \$43,246,083.

ELEVATION

The elevation at Humboldt is 990 feet above sea level on the south edge of town and rises to 1,100 feet at the north city limits.

TOPOGRAPHY

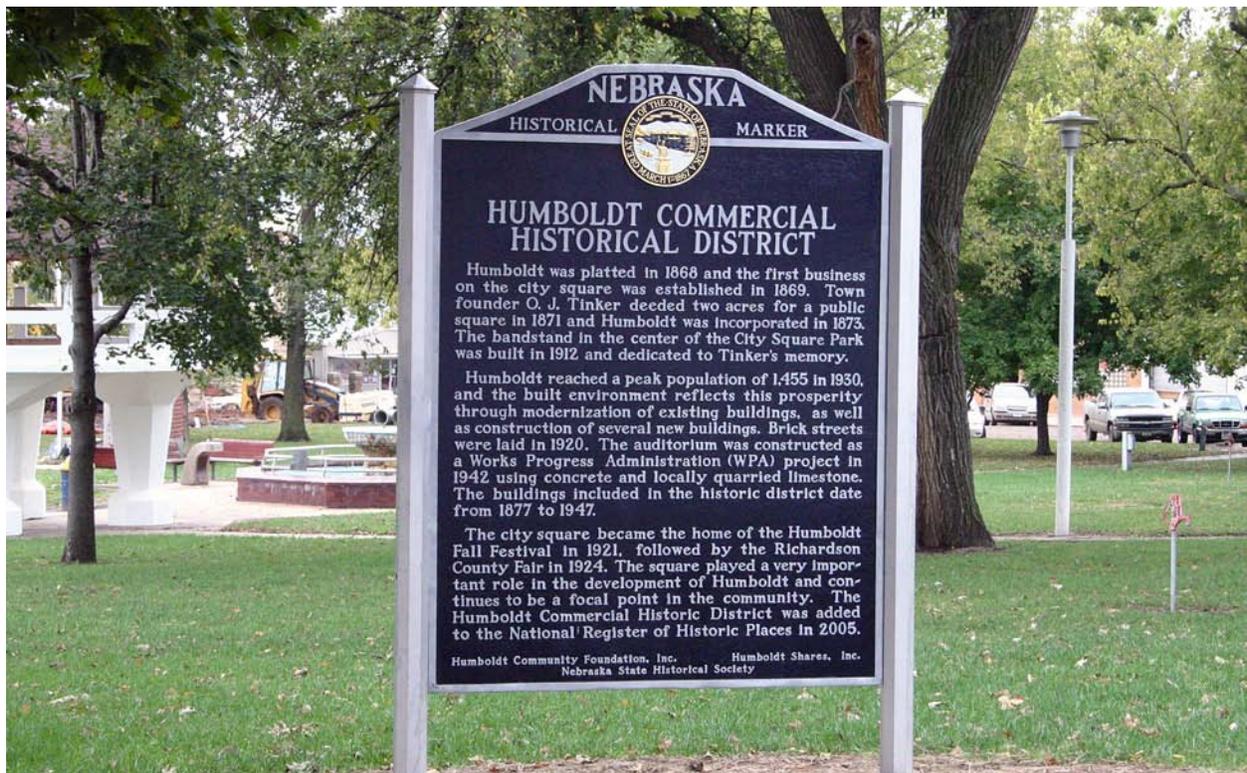
The terrain around Humboldt varies from gently rolling to steeply rolling next to the Missouri River bluffs. The soil, predominantly silty clay loam, is easily tilled and free of gravel and stones. Bottom lands are of better silt, loam soils. Drainage is required in some areas.

HISTORY

Several families located in the Nemaha River Valley as early as 1855. One of the first settlers was O. J. Tinker who arrived in 1857 and settled on most of the land which now comprises the city of Humboldt. He established the first post office in 1867. His son, Edward P. Tinker, served in the cavalry during the Civil War from 1861 to 1865 and was headquartered in Humboldt, Tennessee. He suggested the name Humboldt to his father who was looking for a name for the town. O. J. Tinker liked the name and named the town "Humboldt." Edward Tinker served on the first Board of Trustees. Humboldt was incorporated as a city in 1875.

In 1871 the Atchison and Nebraska Railroad was completed to Humboldt. The first general store was opened in 1867 and was known as the "Stone Store."

Kirkman's Cove, a multipurpose flood control structure, lake, and recreation area, was opened in 1988 two miles northwest of Humboldt.



Humboldt Historical Marker

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MANUFACTURERS

<u>Company/Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Best Printing 1990	Commercial printing	Regional	2	2	None
Humboldt Grain & Flour 1981	Flour & mixes	National	3	1	None
Humboldt Standard 1883	Commercial printing & weekly newspaper	Regional	3	3	None

MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 50 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Colonial Acres	Nursing home & assisted living	2	63	None
Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer Public Schools	Education	24	53	NSEA

OTHER MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS (within 35 miles and employing more than 100)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
Auburn, 21 miles			
Armstrong Cabinets	Wood kitchen & bathroom cabinets	280	BC & J
Ariens Company	Ground & lawn maintenance equipment	100	None
Auburn Public Schools	Education	142	NSEA
Nemaha County Good Samaritan Home	Health care	75 50*	None
Nemaha County Hospital	Medical	63 42*	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
Falls City, 26 miles			
Community Medical Center	Medical	127 60*	None
Falls City Public Schools	Education	140 50*	NSEA
Tecumseh, 25 miles			
Tecumseh State Correctional Institution	State prison	440	None
Sabetha, KS, 30 miles			
MAC Equipment	Manufacturing	200 10*	None
Wenger Manufacturing, Inc.	Manufacturing	200	None
Seneca, KS, 30 miles			
Koch & Company	Manufacturing	265 5*	None
SKF Sealing Solutions	Manufacturing	194 8*	UFCW Locl 1456
Brownville, 31 miles			
Nebraska Public Power District	Electric utility	725 7*	None
Peru, 33 miles			
Peru State College	Education	169 1*	NAPE/ NSCPA/ SCEA

*Part-time and/or seasonal

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Humboldt Shares, Inc., Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, and Southeast Nebraska Development District work with the city of Humboldt for economic development in the community.

Humboldt Shares, Inc., is a nonprofit corporation comprised of 85 members. Money is raised through annual dues and a one-time initial fund drive.

Humboldt Shares purchased a 24.42 acre industrial site. The corporation also purchased land with a building and leased it to the community for a medical clinic.

The price of industrially zoned land ranges up to \$5,000 per acre.

INDUSTRIAL SITE AVAILABLE

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



Mural of Downtown Humboldt



Band Stand in City Square Park

LABOR

LABOR SUPPLY

A. Employment in the Humboldt labor market, which is defined as the whole of Richardson County and the total labor market consisting of Richardson County and the contiguous counties of Nemaha and Pawnee Counties in Nebraska. Figures for Brown, Doniphan, and Nemaha Counties in Kansas and Atchison and Holt Counties in Missouri were not available. Twelve-month average (June 2007 through May 2008).

<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)	Richardson County	Total
Goods-Producing	321	1,163
Manufacturing	204	(D)
Natural Resources & Construction	118	(D)
Wholesale Trade	149	149
Retail Trade	349	631
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	149	149
Information	27	(D)
Financial Activities	118	287
Professional & Business Services	148	(D)
Education & Health Services	460	(D)
Leisure & Hospitality	198	552
Other Services	78	192
Government	614	2,512
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	2,612	6,960
Farm Employment	803	5,497
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	4,107	9,068
B. Commuting Out of County	1,180	N/A
C. Unemployment	176	370
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	4,283	9,438
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.	500	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	125	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	1,981	

(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

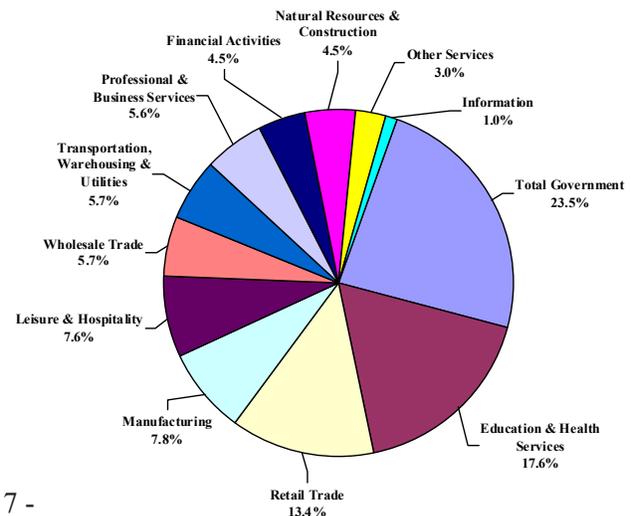
Source: Nebraska Workforce Development

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2005

U.S. Census

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

**NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
RICHARDSON COUNTY
12-MONTH AVERAGE
JUNE 2007 THROUGH MAY 2008**



POPULATION DATA

Location	2000			2006	2007	
	Density/ Sq. Mile	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Age	County Median Family Income
Richardson Co. Nebraska	17.2	81.8	13.6	21.5	45.6	\$48,000
U.S.	79.6	80.4	24.4	12.4	36.4	\$59,000

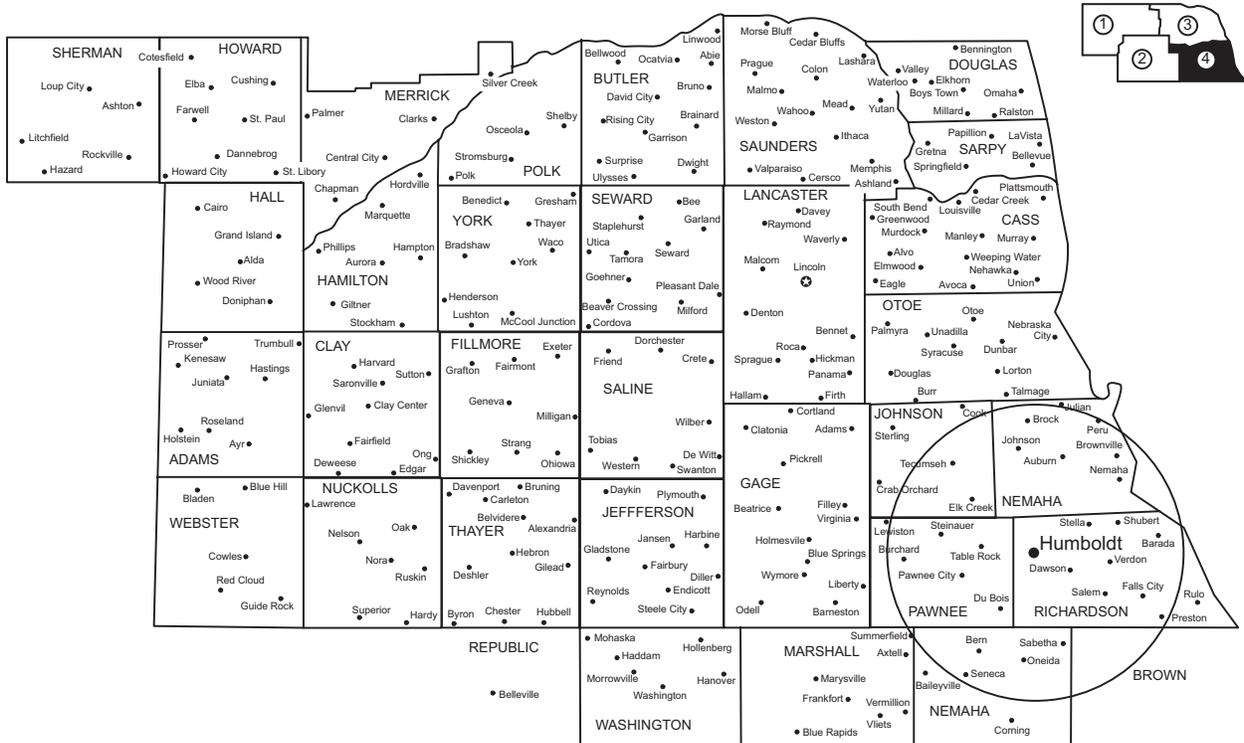
Richardson County had 6,777 eligible voters in 2004; 63.9 percent voted in the national election compared to 68.3 percent in Nebraska.

Source: U.S. Census, www.census.gov

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2007

Statewide General Election 2004 Results, www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/canvass/general2004/General2004

LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE HUMBOLDT AREA



POPULATION DATA U.S. Census Estimates

2007 Estimate		
City of Humboldt	—	815
Richardson County	—	8,351
30-Mile Radius	—	44,955

Richardson County Population by Age/Gender, 2007		
Ages	Male	Female
18–24	350	328
25–44	854	824
45–64	1,168	1,219

UNIONIZATION

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

Labor organizations operating in the Humboldt area:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Union</u>
Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer Public Schools	Nebraska State Education Association

WAGES

<u>Occupation Title</u>	<u>Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile</u>		
	<u>10th</u>	<u>50th</u>	<u>90th</u>
Professional			
Accountants & Auditors	15.20	25.03	45.86
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	19.83	33.55	51.65
Electrical Engineers*	21.10	36.44	50.98
Industrial Engineers	21.66	28.24	38.71
Mechanical Engineers	22.34	34.53	51.48
Computer Programmers	13.93	24.96	36.47
Computer Systems Analysts	21.34	26.68	54.95
Registered Nurses	17.14	23.15	29.89
Retail			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	6.03	7.49	9.50
Retail Salespersons	6.06	8.56	16.05
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	7.40	10.95	15.19
Driver/Sales Workers	6.71	13.66	21.14
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	6.17	8.65	14.24
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	9.60	14.08	22.21
Clerical			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	8.13	12.65	18.50
Customer Service Representatives	6.64	11.13	19.50
Data Entry Keyers	6.32	10.42	15.07
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	8.35	11.47	17.12
Office Clerks, General	6.21	9.05	14.01
Receptionists & Information Clerks	7.10	9.84	12.99
Telemarketers*	6.61	9.34	15.26

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

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Unskilled			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	7.09	11.69	15.42
Packers & Packagers, Hand	6.60	12.30	14.53
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other	9.44	10.75	13.08
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	8.39	10.78	13.78
Semi-Skilled			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	10.46	12.73	18.12
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	6.91	12.27	23.76
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	10.40	23.82	28.78
Machine Operators			
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	8.99	13.30	18.78
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	11.45	14.54	18.27
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	10.29	13.28	17.85
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.*	8.77	12.77	17.53
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	8.87	12.51	18.80
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	11.99	14.38	17.12
Skilled			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	8.35	13.80	21.47
Electricians	11.80	14.53	19.31
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	12.42	19.25	38.27
Machinists	10.70	15.57	20.22
Tool & Die Makers	12.98	15.36	24.49
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	10.52	13.83	18.90
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	10.74	13.91	17.57
Technical			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	16.26	22.95	39.23
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	16.53	22.85	32.41
Computer Operators	9.03	14.19	18.85

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

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Second Quarter 2008 wage estimates, All Industries, Southeast Region, www.dol.state.ne.us/Lmiwages/toc000.htm.

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

FRINGE BENEFITS

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range from 15 to 35 percent of wages.

TRANSPORTATION

RAILROADS

Humboldt is served by the main line of the BNSF Railway Company with one freight train daily. Switching is done by train crews as needed.

Amtrak provides Lincoln, 88 miles northwest of Humboldt, with rail passenger service east to Chicago and west to Denver and San Francisco/Oakland. The Superliner features a lounge car, coach and first-class accommodations, dining car services, and checked baggage service from most cities. Travel time is 11 1/4 hours to Chicago and 46 1/2 hours to the West Coast. Amtrak has one train each way daily.

MOTOR

Highways

East-west Nebraska Highway 4 and north-south Nebraska Highway 105 and U.S. Highways 73 and 75 serve Humboldt. There are no local load restriction on these highways. Interstate 29 is 35 miles east, Interstate 80 is 80 miles north, and Interstate 70 is 80 miles south of Humboldt.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	88
Omaha	91
Chicago	545
Dallas	586
Denver	575
Detroit	811
Kansas City	136
Los Angeles	1,586
Minneapolis	455
New York	1,318
St. Louis	386
San Francisco	1,703

Trucklines

More than 8,000 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.

Pawnee Transfer with 20 trucks has a terminal in Humboldt.

Bus Line

The nearest bus service is located at Rockport, Missouri, 40 miles northwest of Humboldt.

AIR

The nearest airfield for private planes is located at Falls City, 25 miles southeast of Humboldt. Facilities include a 4,000-foot lighted concrete runway, a 1,850-foot turf runway, nonprecision instrument approach, automated weather reporting, attendant (9 hours), and 100 low lead fuel. A courtesy car is provided by the city of Falls City. Twenty-nine private planes are hangared there. The elevation at the airport is 991 feet, the latitude is N40°04.73', the longitude is W95°35.52'.

Scheduled air service is available at three regional airports—Lincoln, 88 miles northwest; Omaha, 91 miles north; and Kansas City, 136 miles southeast of Humboldt.

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 Brownville river port is located 31 miles northeast of Humboldt. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintains a 9-foot deep, 300-foot wide channel for 735 navigable miles from Sioux City, Iowa, to the mouth of the Missouri River near St. Louis, Missouri. Commodities transported by towing companies are grain, grain products, fertilizer, feed ingredients, cement, rock-aggregate, and salt.



War Memorial and Band Stand in City Square Park

UTILITIES

ELECTRICITY

Humboldt is provided retail electric service by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). Humboldt is served from an interconnected statewide transmission/subtransmission system at 34.5 kV. Distribution service is provided at 12.5 kV. These substations are tied into the statewide grid system.

BASE ELECTRIC RATES

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

Residential Service, Electric Water Heat: (effective 2/1/03)

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

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

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: (effective 2/1/03)

Customer Charge:	
Single Phase	\$15.00 per month
Three Phase	\$18.50 per month
Summer	Winter
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	
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments	

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

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: (effective 2/1/07)

Customer Charge:	
Single Phase	\$32.50 per month
Three Phase	\$37.50 per month
Summer	Winter
8.74¢	5.42¢
per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month	
3.40¢	2.22¢
per kWh for all additional use	
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments	

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

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: (effective 2/1/07)

Customer Charge:		
Single Phase		\$65.00 per month
Three Phase		\$75.00 per month
Summer	Winter	
8.71¢	5.90¢	per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
3.25¢	2.35¢	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

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

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 off-peak and load management rates available to qualifying customers.

Sample Cost per kWh:

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh ¹
100	30,000	6.86
100	36,000	6.25
300	90,000	6.66
300	150,000	5.27
500	150,000	6.62
500	180,000	6.05

¹Includes Lease Payment and Gross Revenue Tax.

High Tension Service: (effective 2/1/07)

Customer Charge: \$250.00 per month		
Monthly Demand Charges (Base Rate charge per kW):		
Summer:	\$9.45 per kW of billing demand	
Winter:	\$6.00 per kW of billing demand	
Monthly Energy Charges (Base Rate charge per kWh):		
Seasons	On-Peak	Off-Peak
Summer	3.68¢	2.18¢
Winter	2.77¢	1.65¢
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

Energy Time Periods - For the monthly billing periods, on-peak and off-peak hours for energy (all based on “Central” time) are as follows:

Energy Season	On-Peak Hours	Off-Peak Hours
Summer	10:01 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Monday–Saturday	All Other Hours
Winter	8:01 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Monday–Saturday	All Other Hours

All hours on New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day shall be considered off-peak hours.

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.

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

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Sample Cost per kWh:

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh ¹
150	30,000	7.80
150	100,000	4.30
500	100,000	7.14
500	300,000	4.24
1,000	200,000	7.00
1,000	650,000	4.09

¹Includes Lease Payment. Does not include Gross Revenue Tax.

The annual average ¢/kWh cost assumes 46 percent of monthly energy is consumed during on-peak hours of the four summer months and 54 percent during on-peak hours of the eight winter months

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

NATURAL GAS

Black Hills Energy is the retail supplier of natural gas in Humboldt. The transmission provider is Northern Natural Gas.

Black Hills Energy 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.

Humboldt is served by a 4-inch line with 36 pounds of pressure.

Rates vary slightly due to seasonal and commodity price fluctuation. Current rates for the commercial/light industrial class customer

can be found at Aquila's web site www.aquila.com.

Contact the Economic Development Department of Black Hills Energy at (800) 232-1850 for further information regarding gas rates and services available.

OTHER FUELS

LP Gas

LP gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Humboldt at Stateline Propane Service, Inc., and Vice Oil and Propane.

Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Humboldt from Berwick Oil and Vice Oil and Propane.

WATER

The municipal water system in Humboldt is supplied by two wells, which have an average depth of 120 feet. The system, serving 100 percent of the city population, has a combined pumping capacity of 800 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 250,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 175,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 300,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 1,402,000 gallons per day. The static and residual pressures vary from 40–80 pounds per square inch.

The 120-foot deep well will produce 500 gallons of water per minute. The water table has not changed in the past five years. The quality of the water in Humboldt is high in nitrates, but otherwise good.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in grains per gram, is 16.5. The turbidity is clear. The average tap water temperature varies from 50° in the winter to 60° in the summer.

Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.26
Calcium	83.5
Total Dissolved Solids	417

Magnesium	18.0
Iron	N/D
Nitrate-Nitrogen	13.0
Manganese	N/D
Chloride	2
Fluoride	0.2
Sulfate	38
Sodium	31.5
Total Hardness	16.5 gpg
N/D - Not detected	
gpg - grains per gram	

WATER RATES (effective 2005)

A tapping fee of \$250.00 is charged for new service.

Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

Bi-monthly fixed meter charge	\$41.00
per 1,000 gallons	\$1.75
Minimum Bill:	\$41.00 bi-monthly

The city is in the process of updating water mains in the downtown area and is looking for new water sources that are lower in nitrates.

SEWERAGE

Humboldt has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The activated biofilter was built in 1978 and has a daily capacity of 240,000 gallons, an average daily flow of 150,000 gallons, and a historic peak daily discharge of 300,000 gallons.

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

A tapping fee of \$250.00 is charged for new service.

Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

Base Rate	\$13.00
per 1,000 gallons	\$1.75
Minimum Bill:	\$13.00

Capital improvements to the city sewerage system within the next five years includes an ultra-violet disinfection. This \$200,000 project is anticipated to be funded by grants and/or general obligation bonds.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Privately owned waste removal service is available in Humboldt. Wastes are hauled to a disposal site in DuBois, 15 miles southwest.

SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES (effective 10/07)

Residential:

\$13.00 per month

Commercial & Industrial:

\$48.00 per month

RECYCLING

Aluminum cans are picked up in Humboldt by a recycling private company.



Humboldt Water Tower

COMMUNICATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Telecommunication services for the Humboldt area are provided by Windstream Communications with a DMS100 remote digital switch. Installation and repair personnel in Auburn, 20 miles, serve the Humboldt exchange.

A self-healing fiber ring serves Humboldt with diverse routing on the Windstream network. Enhanced local calling plans are available to the exchanges of Auburn, Brock, Brownville, Burchard, Dawson, DuBois, Elk Creek, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee City, Peru, Steinauer, Table Rock, and Tecumseh. The central office provides all types of digital calling features as well as equal access to long distance providers.

Windstream Communications offers a wide variety of products and services including: telephone systems, call accounting systems, long distance, 800 service, traffic studies, data services, DSL/Internet service, and high capacity digital services.

TARIFFED RATES (effective 9/01)

Residence Line	\$17.50
Business Line	\$27.50

Cell Phone Service

Alltel and US Cellular each have a tower in Humboldt.

INTERNET

Internet service is provided in Humboldt by Time Warner Cable, Haug Communications, and Windstream.

POST OFFICE

Humboldt has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily. The nearest general mail facility is 75 miles from Humboldt.

PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	U.S. Postal Service
Latest Pick-up Time	5:30 p.m.
Earliest Delivery	8:30 a.m.
Next Day Delivery Guarantee	Yes
Saturday Delivery Guarantee	Yes

NEWSPAPER

The Humboldt Standard is the local weekly newspaper with 1,200 subscribers. Daily papers delivered locally are the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald.

RADIO

Radio stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KTNC-AM	1230 KHz	Falls City, NE
KLZA-FM	101.3 MHz	Falls City, NE
KNZA-FM	103.9 MHz	Hiawatha, KS

TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KOLN/KGIN	10/11	Lincoln/ Grand Island
WOWT	6	Omaha
KETV	7	Omaha
KPTM	42	Omaha
KMTV	3	Omaha

Cable television and satellite services are available in Humboldt.



Humboldt Post Office



Humboldt Swimming Pool



Humboldt Baseball/Softball Field

TAX STRUCTURE

VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES—CITY OF HUMBOLDT

All real property is subject to tax at market 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		
	2005	2006	2007
Real Estate	\$13,894,343	\$13,468,923	\$13,737,965
Personal Property	798,826	670,596	566,144
Special (railroad and utilities)	930,871	940,581	944,428
TOTAL	<u>\$15,624,040</u>	<u>\$15,080,100</u>	<u>\$15,248,537</u>

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

	2005	2006	2007
City	\$0.500000	\$0.500000	\$0.500000
County	.413266	.442146	.434182
School District (General)	1.027396	.961165	.975806
Community College	.064100	.063400	.069800
Educational Service Unit	.015000	.015000	.015000
Natural Resource District	.042175	.040471	.040471
Agricultural Society	.008726	.008687	.008550
TOTAL	<u>\$2.070663</u>	<u>\$2.030869</u>	<u>\$2.043809</u>

LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of January 1, 2008:

City—Revenue Bonds	None
City—General Obligation Bonds	None
School District	\$1,091,940
County	None

CITY BOND ISSUES

A bond in the amount of \$650,000 is anticipated to be issued in 2008 for a downtown improvement project.

SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 1/1/08	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
General Obligation	1998	\$1,869,230	\$1,009,000	5.2	12/15/18
Limited Tax Bond	2003	\$195,000	\$82,940	2.5	12/08



City of Humboldt



Humboldt Auditorium

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Richardson County has 16 townships and is governed by three county commissioners, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next election will be held in 2008. The actual county budget for 2007–08 is \$8,265,603. The county belongs to the Southeast Nebraska Development District along with seven other counties. The county is not zoned.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Humboldt is a second-class city with a mayor-council form of government. The next election will be held in 2008. The 2007–08 actual budget is \$3,251,525, which includes the nursing home.

Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
Elected	
Mayor	4 Years
Elected by Ward	
Council Members (4)	4 Years
Appointed	
Treasurer	1 Year
City Clerk	1 Year
City Attorney	1 Year

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided to the city and the rural areas by a 19-member volunteer fire department; 3 members are EMT certified. The department also provides protection to areas outside the community by operating the Rural Fire District's equipment.

There are 62 fire hydrants in Humboldt. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 7; outside it is A-9. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$13,000.

Equipment in the fire department:

Year/Make	Description
City/Rural	
1992 Ford	1,250 gal. per min.
1987 Ford	Emergency vehicle
2003 Ford	2,000 gal. tanker/ 500 gal. per min.
Rural	
1979 Ford	1,400 gal. tanker/ 350 gal. per min.
1992 Ford	1 ton pickup

The department is contemplating upgrading the 1987 emergency vehicle and 1992 Ford pumper.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Department

The city of Humboldt contracts with the Richardson County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement in the community.

Sheriff's Department

The Richardson County Sheriff's Department is located in Falls City, Nebraska, 28 miles southeast of Humboldt. The department is staffed by one sheriff, seven deputy, and nine dispatchers. Regular patrol by the Sheriff's Department provides protection to existing industries in Richardson County.

Crime rates per 1,000 population, 2007:

Location	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Richardson County	0.4	15.2
Nebraska	3.0	30.8
U.S. (2006)	4.7	34.3

State Patrol

The Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Lincoln, 80 miles northwest of Humboldt. Several patrolmen are stationed in Falls City, 28 miles southeast of Humboldt.

STREETS

Humboldt has 12 miles of streets, 11 miles of which are hard-surfaced with brick, concrete, or asphalt. Commercial vehicles are restricted to main arterials. Ninety percent of the streets have curbs and 75 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance equipment includes a street sweeper, snow removal equipment, maintainer, front loader, dump truck, and two pickups.

Contemplated improvements in the next five years include purchasing a street sweeper for \$50,000.

BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS

The Uniform Housing Code, National Building Code, American Standard Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, and the Fire Prevention Codes are enforced in Humboldt.

Local zoning classifications are:

- Business
- Residential
- Highway Business
- Multiple Dwelling
- Light Industrial
- Heavy Industrial
- Agriculture

PLANNING

Humboldt has a five-member planning commission. Members are appointed by the mayor and city council to serve three-year terms.

The Comprehensive Plan for Humboldt was prepared in 2003 by Hanna:Keelan of Lincoln, Nebraska.



Humboldt Fire Equipment

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Humboldt, Table Rock, Steinauer Public School System

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary (K–3)	8	76	1:11	1:3
Middle School (4–8)*	14	134	1:16	1:4
High School (9–12)	19	140	1:8	1:3

*Located in Table Rock

School District 74-0070 in Richardson County covers approximately 315 square miles and has a 2007 actual valuation of \$196,914,527 and an actual valuation per student of \$562,612. This Class III, K–12 District is accredited by the state of Nebraska and North Central Association.

The 2006–07 school operating expenses totaled \$4,375,000, with an average cost of \$12,500 per pupil.

The elementary school built in 1959 has a maximum capacity of 100. The middle school, in Table Rock with a maximum capacity of 300, was built in 1902 with additions in 1933, 1964, and 1988. The high school, built in 1930 with additions in 1975 and 1999, has a maximum capacity of 300.

Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
7 th Grade CTBS	100	62%tile
ACT	50	22.43

It is estimated that 100 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 91 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and 9 percent of the seniors enter the job market or military after graduation.

Vocational/tech prep programs offered include trades and industry, electronics, auto mechanics, and mechanical drawing. Adult education programs are available in the high school through the Southeast Community College Area.

Humboldt has facilities for the handicapped. The school contracts as necessary with other schools to serve the handicapped.

Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 4, headquartered in Auburn, serves five counties including Richardson County. Services offered include staff development, program supervision, resources, psychological, audiological, speech and language, early childhood services, and technology.

Community College

Southeast Community College (SCC) is a two-year community college, governed by an 11-member Board of Governors elected from the college's 15-county service area. The college is a multi-campus institution with campuses at Beatrice, Milford, and Lincoln. The 2005–06 total credit enrollment was 9,288 full-time equivalent students. During 2005–06 the college also served 17,300 non-credit students in Continuing Education on the campuses and in communities throughout southeast Nebraska.

An outstanding Continuing Education program provides technical, occupational, and leisure classes to regional residents and businesses. Continuing Education offers classrooms and labs for technical training for individuals and Workforce Development for employers. This training is customized to fit the needs of each business and is offered at convenient times and places for business employees. Many types of technical training, employee relations, and other workshops and seminars are available.

Businesses and industries are key stakeholders in the educational planning and outcomes of Southeast Community College. For students in SCC programs, business and industry partners serve as cooperative education and clinical work sites where students experience hands-on technical education guided by industry experts. Business and industry representatives serve on program advisory committees and offer practical advice, based on years of experience in business, on such matters as curriculum, texts, and other materials used, laboratory experiences needed to gain working knowledge of the career field, and much more. Often businesses and industries donate workbooks, manuals, and equipment to the programs to help students gain real-world experience and to assist the college in keeping pace with technological changes.

2006 Graduate Placement Statistics

Program	# of Graduates
Academic Education	
Academic Transfer	198
Criminal Justice/Nebraska Law Enforcement	6
Agriculture/Laboratory Science Occupations	
Agriculture Business & Management Technology	61
Laboratory Science Technology	8
Business Occupations	
Business Administration	216
Office Technology	39
Construction Occupations	
Architectural-Engineering Technology	19
Building Construction Technology	48
Computer Aided Drafting & Design Technology	16
Fire Protection Technology	43
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	32
Land Surveying/Civil Engineering Technology	10
Electronic/Computer Occupations	
Computer Programming Technology	12
Electrical Technology	36

2006 Graduate Placement Statistics

Program	# of Graduates
Electromechanical Technology	18
Electronic Servicing & Electronic Engineering Technology	41
Microcomputer Technology	40
Family & Consumer Science Occupations	
Early Childhood Education	29
Food Service/Hospitality	67
Health Occupations	
Associate Degree Nursing	63
Dental Assisting	26
Human Services	43
Medical Assisting	28
Medical Laboratory Technology	8
Practical Nursing	107
Radiologic Technology	45
Respiratory Care	28
Surgical Technology	34
Manufacturing Occupations	
Machine Tool Technology	37
Manufacturing Engineering Technology	12
Nondestructive Testing Technology	26
Welding Technology	34
Mass Media/Communication Occupations	
Graphic Design	15
Mass Media	4
Visual Publications	16
Transportation Occupations	
Auto Collision Repair Technology	32
Automotive Service Educational Program-GM ASEP	10
Automotive Student Service Educational Training Program-FORD ASSET	8
Automotive Technology	68
DaimlerChrysler (CAP)-College Automotive Program	10
Deere Construction & Forestry Equipment Technology	9
Diesel Technology Farm	18
Diesel Technology Truck	19
John Deere Ag Parts	11

2006 Graduate Placement Statistics

Program	# of Graduates
John Deere Ag Technology	14
Motorcycle, ATV & Personal Watercraft Technology	19
Parts Marketing & Management	7
Professional Truck Driver Training	80
TOTALS	1,770

The Beatrice campus, 48 miles northwest of Humboldt, offers technical programs in Agriculture Business and Management Technology, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Business Information Technology, Practical Nursing, and Mass Media. SCC-Beatrice was the first home of the Academic Transfer program for students wishing to earn credit toward the first two years of a bachelor's degree. Academic Transfer students at SCC-Beatrice can complete basic college course work as they prepare for further coursework in medicine, law, journalism, education, music, theater, arts, and other professional studies. SCC-Beatrice awards associate of arts, associate of science, and associate of applied science degrees. One-year diplomas are awarded in some programs. SCC-Beatrice provides Continuing Education classes and customized training for business and industry.

For further information on Southeast Community College, visit www.southeast.edu.

Colleges and Universities

Peru State College's "Campus of a Thousand Oaks," a member of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, is nestled in the hills of historic southeast Nebraska, 32 miles northeast of Humboldt. The state's first and fastest-growing college, Peru State offers a unique mix of innovative online and traditional classroom undergraduate and graduate programs, including online graduate degrees in education and organizational management.

In 1867, the same year that Nebraska became a state, the new Nebraska Legislature established an institute in Peru to train teachers. The school

actually began on December 2, 1865, when its predecessor, Mount Vernon College, was organized by a group of early settlers who resolved to place the school under the "care and management of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

Colonel T.J. Majors, a Civil War veteran and state legislator, proposed that the school be made into a state university. Although the offer was rejected, on June 20, 1867, the Legislature did accept the institution as a "normal school"—even before the state university was established. For the next 38 years, the Peru school was the only teacher education institution in the state.

As Nebraska's population increased, the Legislature extended the normal schools from two-year to four-year institutions and authorized them to grant the degrees of Bachelor of Arts in Education, Bachelor of Science in Education and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Education. The name of the college also was changed from State Normal School to State Teachers College.

When the United States entered World War II, the college trained officers for the armed forces. The first of an eventual 500 men in the Navy's V-12 program arrived on campus July 1, 1943. The college operated an accelerated program for both civilian students and naval trainees.

In 1949, the Legislature authorized the Nebraska State Colleges to confer the Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1963, Peru's name was changed to Peru State College. The Bachelor of Science degree was authorized in 1965.

Emerging from its role as a single-purpose teachers college, Peru State is now a regionally renowned state college offering a wide variety of programs to meet the changing needs of southeast Nebraska and beyond. The citizens of Nebraska have made the facilities of the college available to students at a minimal personal cost, admitting all graduates of accredited Nebraska high schools and qualified out-of-state and international students. The philosophy at Peru State College is that everyone is entitled to the opportunity to succeed at the collegiate level. All who have the

ability and the willingness to work will have an excellent change to succeed at Peru State.

The college believes in academic excellence, opportunities for personal growth and student self-determination consistent with the principles of a democratic society. Administrative intent is to involve students in the decisions which affect them. The college's educational experience is designed to enable students to learn, equip themselves for meaningful careers and be productive members of society. Peru State students have the opportunity to know their instructors well and to be working partners with the staff and other students. Living and working with others offer many opportunities for friendship, growth, and personal development.

Peru State College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the National Council for Accreditation of Teachers Education. It is a member institution of the Nebraska State College System. For more information, visit www.peru.edu or call (800) 742-4412.

Other Schools

Colleges, universities, and community colleges frequently attended by Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer Public high school graduates include:

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Peru, NE Peru State College	32
Beatrice, NE Southeast Community College, Beatrice Campus	48
Tarkio, MO Tarkio College	48
Maryville, MO Northwest Missouri State	80
Lincoln, NE University of Nebraska-Lincoln Nebraska Wesleyan University	88

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Crete, NE Doane College	88
Omaha, NE University of Nebraska at Omaha	90
Milford, NE Southeast Community College, Milford Campus	110

CHURCHES

Denomination	Number of Churches
Berean	1
Christian Church - Disciples of Christ	1
Congregational	1
Lutheran - Evangelical Lutheran Church of America	1
Lutheran - Missouri Synod	1
Presbyterian - USA	1
United Methodist	1

HEALTH CARE

Clinics

The medical clinic in Humboldt is staffed by physicians from the Falls City Community Medical Center.

Rescue Squad

There are 15 certified Emergency Medical Technicians, on the Humboldt Rescue Squad who respond to calls with two Advanced Life Support equipment vehicles, transporting to five area hospitals.

Hospital

Residents of Humboldt utilize the hospitals within a 20–30 minute drive to Auburn, Falls City, Pawnee City, and Tecumseh, Nebraska, as well as Sabetha, Kansas. The hospitals have emergency rooms, acute care, swing bed,



Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer Public School



Humboldt Medical Clinic



Brunn Memorial Library



Christian Church, D.O.C.



Faith Lutheran Church



Presbyterian Church



Humboldt Bible Church



United Methodist Church

radiology, lab, diagnostic services, and outpatient clinics.

NURSING HOMES

Colonial Acres, built in 1967, is a 49-bed skilled care facility certified by Medicare and Medicaid. The home, owned by the city of Humboldt, provides respite care; adult day care; and physical, occupational, speech, and outpatient therapies.

LIBRARY

The **Bruun Memorial Library** contains 17,175 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 16,860. Four computers with Internet access are available. The library has numerous videos/DVDs, audio books, magazines, cake pans, puzzles, and games available for check out. Activities include story time, summer reading program, and “Friends of the Library” meetings.

RECREATION

The 2 parks in Humboldt cover 19 acres. Facilities include a swimming pool, 2 lighted athletic fields, picnic grounds, picnic shelter, lake, hard-surfaced basketball and tennis courts, and camping area with electric hookups.

Area facilities:

Boating	— Kirkman’s Cove and Burchard Iron State Lake, 20 minutes
Bowling	— Four lanes
Camping	— City Lake Park, Kirkman’s Cove, and Sycamore Springs, 20 miles
Fishing	— City Lake Park, Nemaha River, Kirkman’s Cove, and numerous private lakes
Golf	— Public 9-hole grass greens course with clubhouse
Horsehoses	— City park

Hunting	— Deer, quail, rabbit, racoon, goose, squirrel, pheasant, and duck
Miniature Golf	— Nebraska City, 41 miles; and Beatrice, 48 miles
Skating	— Ice skating in winter; roller skating in Sabetha, MO, 27 miles; and Beatrice, NE, 48 miles
Swimming	— Heated pool in park
Tennis	— One hard-surfaced court
Theatres	— State Theatre, Auburn, 22 miles; Seneca Theatre, Seneca, KS, 28 miles

Annual celebrations include the Fourth of July fireworks display held annually in conjunction with a four-county pork barbecue and celebration and the Richardson County Free Fair with exhibits and judging in July. The fair is held in September with three daily parades, carnivals, exhibits, and free acts twice daily.

Recreation programs for youth include softball, T-ball, baseball, and swimming lessons. Other recreation programs offered include pony league football, junior boys and girls basketball, and junior wrestling.

The Senior Citizens Center in Humboldt provides a place to gather for coffee and cards. The Senior Center can be used for recreational activities and is available for rent.

Kirkman’s Cove; located 2 1/2 miles northwest of Humboldt, is a multipurpose flood control structure, lake, and recreation area opened in 1988. The 511-acre park, operated and maintained by the Nemaha Natural Resources District, includes a 160-acre lake.

The Cornhusker Scout Reservation, located 12 miles south of Humboldt, contains 880 acres of beautiful rolling hills dotted with large oak trees and an abundance of wildlife. Approximately 250 scouts are camped at the Scout Reservation weekly during the summer months. The area

is rich in history of the many Indian tribes that lived and traveled through the territory. The Pony Express Trail, Oregon Trail, and the Lewis and Clark Trail passed through the reservation.

The park offers numerous recreational activities including swimming, fishing, boating, water skiing, picnicking, playground equipment, camping, hiking, and environmental studies. A sandy beach, beach volleyball court, and ballfield are open to the public. Additional winter activities are skiing, tobogganing, skating, snowshoeing, and ice fishing. The lake is stocked with large mouth bass, walleye, channel catfish, and blue gill.

The Humboldt Community Choir has performed concerts since 1976. The Brownville Theatre and Concert Series in Brownville, 32 miles, holds performances 50 times each year. Other cultural activities within a two-hour drive are held in Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska; Topeka, Kansas; and St. Joseph, Missouri.

HOUSING

Housing Market (as of 1/08):

Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family - 8

Avg. Selling Prices (New and Existing)

Single Family Home
 2,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom \$87,450
 1,600 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom \$82,500
 1,000 sq. ft. \$39,000

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

Less than \$100,000 7
 \$200,001–\$250,000 1

Rentals

3 Bedroom Home \$300
 Apartment - 2 bedroom \$200
 Apartment Vacancy Rate 15%

Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

Parkview Heights Apartments, built in 1966, is a low-income housing facility comprised of 38 units for the elderly.

Assisted Living

Colonial Acres has 14 assisted living units (either 1 bedroom or studio apartments) with kitchenettes. Services include activities, meals, laundry, bathing, and medications.

FINANCIAL

As of December 31, 2007:

Name*	Capital		
	Accounts	Deposits	Loans
	----- thousand dollars -----		
American National Bank	\$153,317	\$1,312,743	\$1,287,823
State Bank of Table Rock	\$2,481	\$23,581	\$27,900
Tier One	\$363,077	\$2,354,838	\$3,020,865

*Branch locations in Humboldt; figures represent headquarters.



City Square Park



City Lake Park



Senca Humboldt Community Center



Parkview Heights Apartments



American National Bank



State Bank-Table Rock Humboldt Branch



TierOne Bank

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL

Attorneys.....	4
Engineering Firms.....	1
Nurses, Registered	6
Physician Assistants.....	1

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Advertising Agencies	1
Agricultural Implement Dealers	2
Appliance Stores	4
Auto Repair & Services	2
Auto Supply Parts	1
Beauty Salons & Barber Shops.....	3
Child Care Services.....	3
Contractors—concrete	3
—excavating.....	6
—heating & air conditioning.....	2
—painting.....	1
—plumbing.....	1
—remodeling & repair	2
—roofing	2
Convenience Stores.....	1
Copying & Duplicating Services	2
Department Stores.....	1
Discount Stores	1
Dry Cleaning & Laundries.....	1
Floral Shops	1
Garbage Collectors.....	2
Gift Shops	1
Grocery Stores	1
Hardware Stores.....	1
Insurance Companies	3
Laundries (self-service)	1
Lawn Services.....	3
Lumberyards	1
Machine Shops.....	1
Preschools	1
Printers	2
Real Estate Firms	1
Restaurants.....	3
Service Stations.....	3
Shoe Stores.....	1
Variety Stores	1
Welding Shops	1



Kirman's Lakeview Golf Course



Kirkman's Cove Recreation Area

AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

AGRICULTURE

2002 Statistics	Richardson County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	732	49,355
Land in Farms (acres)	320,783	45,903,116
Average Size of Farms (acres)	438	930
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$52,949,000	\$9,703,657,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$72,335	\$196,609
Total Acres Irrigated	1,050	7,625,170
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	0.3%	16.6%
Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2003–2007)		
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)	17,450 tons	4,546,200 tons
All Wheat	251,940 bu.	71,778,000 bu.
Corn for Grain	12,672,600 bu.	1,272,880,000 bu.
Sorghum For Grain	161,140 bu.	25,568,000 bu.
Soybeans	4,291,060 bu.	215,393,000 bu.
Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2004–2008)		
All Cattle	27,400	6,470,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2003–2008
2002 Census of Agriculture

RAW MATERIALS

Lime, rock, and gravel (nonmetallic minerals) are available in large quantities. There is a gypsum bed in the immediate area.

There is an abundant supply of cottonwood trees in the area with oak and walnut along creeks and streams. Kiln dried walnut, oak, and other lumber are available in nearby Pawnee County. Pallet lumber is also available from two sawmills in Pawnee County.

CLIMATE

TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature*			Precipitation*		Humidity**	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	15.6	26.5	34.5	0.87	6.7	79	67
February	16.4	28.0	39.6	1.05	6.1	81	66
March	30.7	42.7	54.8	2.32	5.3	81	61
April	40.5	53.4	66.4	2.85	1.3	80	56
May	49.6	62.3	74.9	4.22	0.0	84	60
June	60.3	72.0	83.8	4.55	0.0	83	58
July	65.7	78.2	90.7	4.60	0.0	83	58
August	63.9	75.8	87.7	4.16	0.0	87	61
September	53.0	66.0	79.1	3.64	0.0	85	59
October	41.0	53.6	66.4	2.30	0.3	81	56
November	29.7	41.6	53.5	1.52	2.1	82	63
December	20.0	31.2	42.3	0.97	5.4	81	67
Annual	40.5	52.6	64.5	33.04	27.3	82	61

*Recorded at Table Rock

**Recorded at Lincoln Weather Station

FROST DATA

Average date of spring freeze probability	April 26
Average date of fall freeze probability.....	October 2
Average length of freeze free season probability.....	160 days
Average number of heating degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit	5,686
Average number of cooling degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit.....	1,207
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average).....	9
Prevailing wind direction (annual average)	North

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1948–2007, www.hprcc.unl.edu