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POPULATION (Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2005 Est.</u>
Johnstown	53	51
Brown County	3,525	3,328
Labor Market*	13,707	13,065

*Includes Brown County and contiguous counties

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INTRODUCTION

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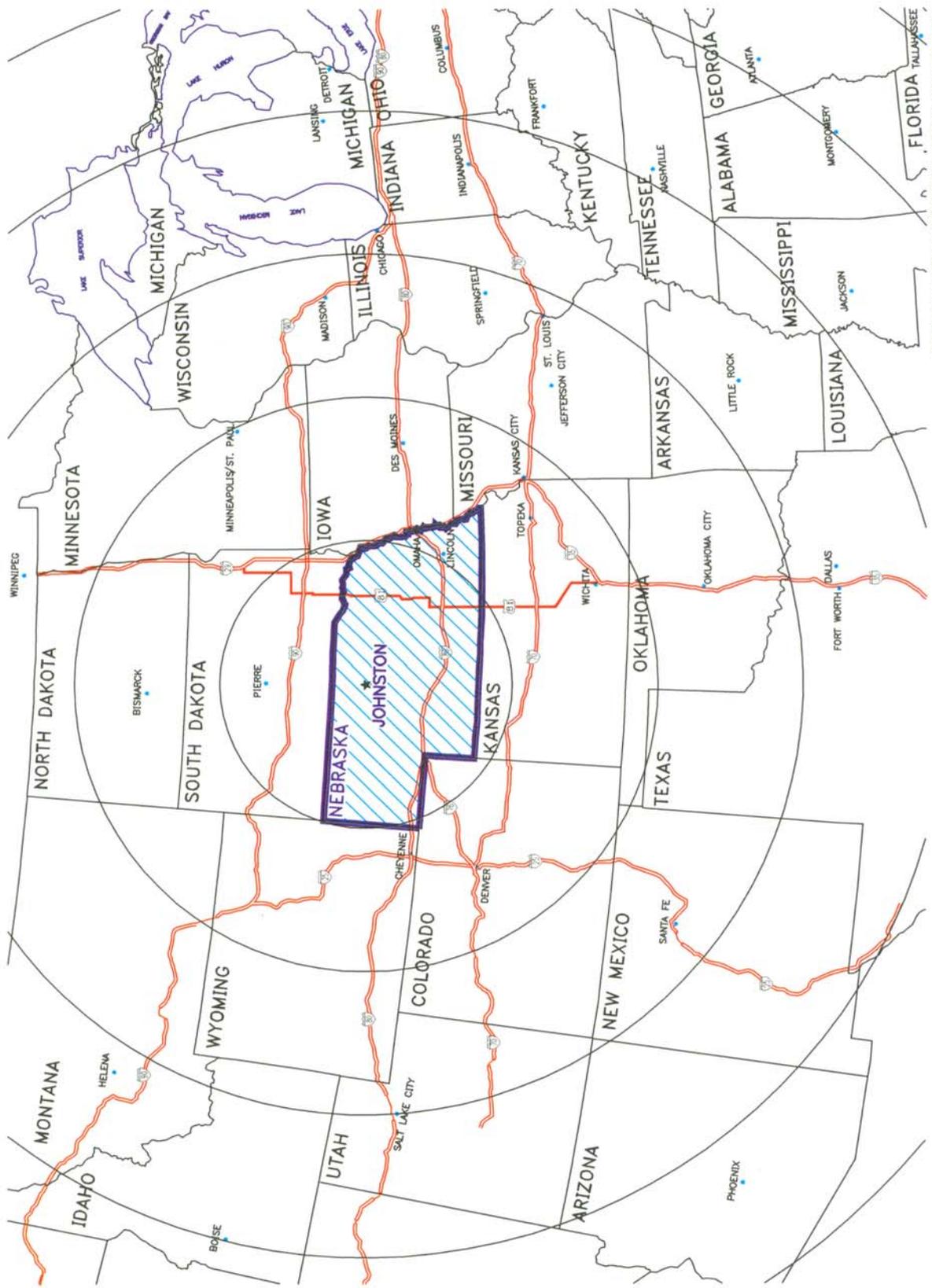
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SCALE: EACH CIRCLE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Johnstown is located in the northwestern part of Brown County in north-central Nebraska, along U.S. Highway 20. Johnstown is 200 miles west of Sioux City, Iowa; 292 miles northwest of Omaha, Nebraska; and 419 miles northeast of Denver, Colorado.

POPULATION (U.S. Census)

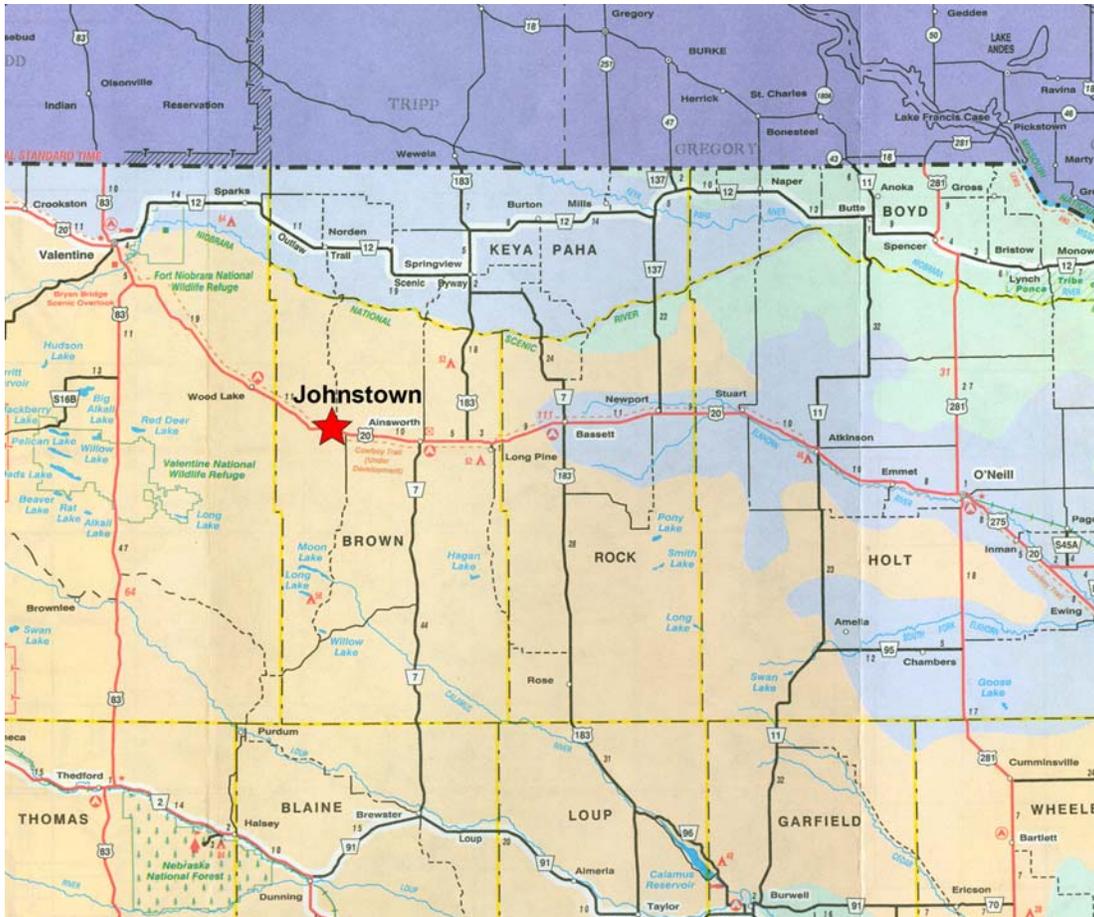
Year	Johnstown	Brown County
1970	82	4,021
1980	78	4,377
1990	48	3,657
2000	53	3,525
2005 (Est.)	51	3,328

Brown County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2000 U.S. Census

One race	3,503
White	3,477
Black or African American	1
American Indian and Alaska Native	7
Asian	9
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1
Some other race	8
Two or more races	22
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	29

The 2005 U.S. Census estimates 13,065 people live within Brown County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Blaine, Cherry, Keya Paha, Loup, and Rock.

Four people in the Johnstown area are fluent in Spanish and one in Thai.



LOCAL ECONOMY

Basic economic activities of Johnstown are cattle feeding, ranching, farming, retailing, and tourism.

The economy of Johnstown was boosted since 1995 with the beginning of these businesses—Keller’s Custom Embroidery, D & L Sand and Gravel, L Bow Room (bar and restaurant), and Sherman & Beel Photography. In 2006 Sandhills Sage & Company opened a shop offering refurbished furniture, accessories, homemade soaps, candles, potpourri, bee products, and antiques.

Retail firms in Johnstown reported 2005 net taxable retail sales of \$285,281, while Brown County reported retail sales of \$28,224,204.

ELEVATION

Johnstown is 2,600 feet above sea level.

TOPOGRAPHY

Typical of the Great Plains region of the central United States, the topography of the Johnstown area is level to gently rolling with a gradual slope toward the northwest, averaging ten feet per mile. Along the river valleys are steep slopes, canyons, and gullies.

The surface and near-surface formation of much of the Johnstown area consists of fine windblown sands lying upon silts, silty sands, and alluvial sands with relatively fine gravel. These formations range in thickness from about 190 feet to an extreme of more than 500 feet; the average is from 200 to 300 feet.

HISTORY

John Berry, a surveyor and land-buyer for the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad, was the originator of Johnstown. Berry acquired the land for the town and on July 27, 1883, he platted the site and named all the streets. He never lived in Johnstown, but went on west with the railroad. A contestant in the great Chadron to Chicago horse race in 1893, a promotional stunt to try to drum up

business for that far western community, Berry was awarded a pair of gold-handled pistols by Buffalo Bill Cody for being the first rider to arrive in Chicago. The Chadron race-officials, however, disqualified him for the award-money as they felt that because of his job with the railroad, he had knowledge of the route.

Silas Butts came to Johnstown with his parents in 1883. He opened a saloon and barber shop in 1900. He quit barbering in 1950, but operated the bar until his retirement. The saloon is still open seven days a week.

Dr. Cameron came from Canada in 1905. He was not only a physician but a dentist and pharmacist as well. He practiced in the community until his death in 1936. His liquid prescriptions cured many ills, and the legs and arms he set “by feel” always grew back strong and straight. The flu epidemic during the World War I period found him virtually living in his buggy, as after his last call for the day, his horse would bring him safely home while he slept.

Around 1910 Johnstown’s population was close to 500, with four blocks of businesses. It was a railroad-shipping town, with many carloads of cattle, hogs, and grain hauled out each year.

In 1913 Johnstown built a three-story brick schoolhouse, offering 11 grades of instruction. In 1944 a shortage of teachers, because of the war, forced the closing of the high school. The old school was condemned, and a new school was built in 1961.

In 1929 a fire ravaged two blocks of businesses. Next came the closing of the banks, the hard times of the 1930s, and still more fires. Johnstown declined rapidly.

After World War I, Johnstown voted to install its own light plant, but a city water system failed to pass. Because there was no city water system, modern plumbing was not common until the late 1950s.

In 1936 a group of town and rural citizens organized a county fair, now known as the “Brown County Agricultural Society.” During the fair, on Labor Day weekend, the population of Johnstown swells

to more than 1,000. Promoted as one of the best fairs in the state, it includes a rodeo, parade, barbecue, country western show, and four large buildings of exhibits.

Another fire in 1946 claimed the United Methodist Church. Members rebuilt it, and in 1968, the church celebrated its centennial, with more than 250 in attendance.

The town was honored in 1974 when Sharon Pelc, whose parents ranch outside Johnstown, was chosen as Miss Nebraska.

During the bicentennial year, 1976, the Johnstown Gals Extension Club chose as their project the task of cleaning up a vacant lot and creating a park honoring John Berry. Berry Park is now a little

oasis along Highway 20, well used and enjoyed by both townspeople and weary travelers.

The town celebrated its centennial year during the Brown County celebration in 1983. Many residents returned for the event. The high school alumni held their annual banquet along with a program at the fair grounds. Johnstown pioneer heritage families were honored. Descendants of pioneers to Johnstown Precinct who were still residents of the community, along with a king and queen and royal court, were honored. All were more than 70 years of age.

With the support of the rural community, the spirit of “Johnstowns togetherness” still prevails. When something needs doing, people work together until the job is completed.



Main Street Johnstown



Playground Equipment in Johnstown



Wind Turbines at NPPD's Ainsworth Site 10 Miles from Johnstown

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 5 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Gross Seed Company	Retail seed	3 4*	1 1*	None
Nature Conservancy	Conservation organization	7	1	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

OTHER MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS (within 40 miles employing 50 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Ainsworth, 10 miles				
Ainsworth Care Center	Nursing care	2 1*	33 15*	None
Ainsworth City Schools	Education	19 3*	51	NSEA
Ainsworth Feed Yard Company	Feeder livestock	35 4*	9 1*	None
Brown County	Government	17 22*	14 18*	None
Brown County Hospital	Medical	50 Total 21*		None
Farmers Ranchers Co-Op	Livestock feed farm/ranch supplies, appliances & auto repair	62	25	None
Bassett, 28 miles				
Rock County Hospital	Medical	6**	79**	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

** Includes part-time/seasonal

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

The North Central Development Center, Central Nebraska Economic Development District, Brown County Foundation, and Brown County Development, Inc. work with the village of Johnstown for industrial development in the area.

In 1993 six local entities formed the North Central Development Center to serve as the economic development office for north-central Nebraska. Funds are generated from annual dues from city and county governments, as well as grants. The center, operated by an executive director, has become an information office providing business development, chamber of commerce, and visitor information. Currently, seven entities and three at-large members support the center, including area cities and villages, counties, schools, and chambers of commerce.

The Central Nebraska Economic Development District is a 15-county regional development organization that encourages cooperation between

local government officials, community-based organizations, and the private sector. The district provides the link between federal and state programs and the local level where development occurs.

The Brown County Foundation was established in 1995. This foundation was organized to receive all gifts and memorials and disburse the monies to allowable activities within the area. These projects are selected by the Foundation's advisory board.

Brown County Development, Inc., established in 1982, is a group of local investors designed for area development. The organization donated a building to a new business that came to Ainsworth in 2003.

The Brown County Hospital Auxiliary was formed in 1972 and is comprised of 60 volunteers. It opened a community thrift shop to raise initial funds. Income from the thrift shop is given to the Brown County Hospital upon request for new medical equipment. The group also donates to Ainsworth Park Homes, firemen, and needy families.



North Central Development Center in Ainsworth

LABOR

LABOR SUPPLY

- A. Employment in the Johnstown labor market which is defined as the whole of Brown County and the total labor market consisting of Brown County and the contiguous counties of Blaine, Cherry, Keya Paha, Loup, and Rock (annual average, January 2006 through November 2006):

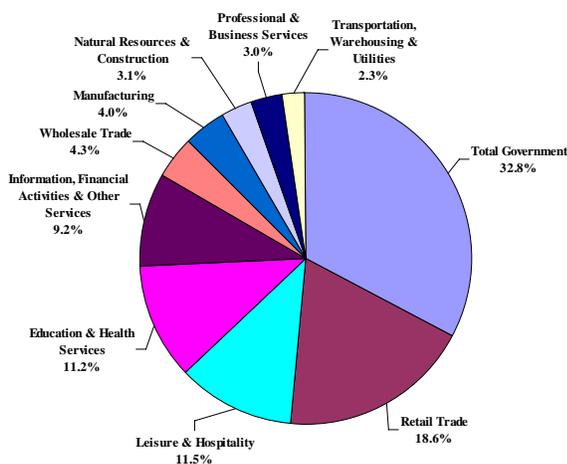
	Brown County	Total
<u>Nonfarm Employment (wage and salary workers)</u>		
Goods-Producing	132	346
Manufacturing	47	(D)
Natural Resources & Construction	85	(D)
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	294	977
Wholesale Trade	63	(D)
Retail Trade	199	(D)
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	31	(D)
Information	(D)	(D)
Financial Activities	(D)	(D)
Professional & Business Services	48	(D)
Education & Health Services	136	(D)
Leisure & Hospitality	131	(D)
Other Services	(D)	(D)
Government	373	1,381
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	1,247	4,186
Farm Employment*	432	2,295
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	1,833	7,234
B. Commuting Out of County	180	N/A
C. Unemployment	56	195
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	1,985	7,770
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	120	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	50	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	406	

(D) Data withheld because of disclosure suppression

*Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2002

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

**NONFARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BROWN COUNTY
11 MONTH AVERAGE
JANUARY 2006 THRU NOVEMBER 2006**

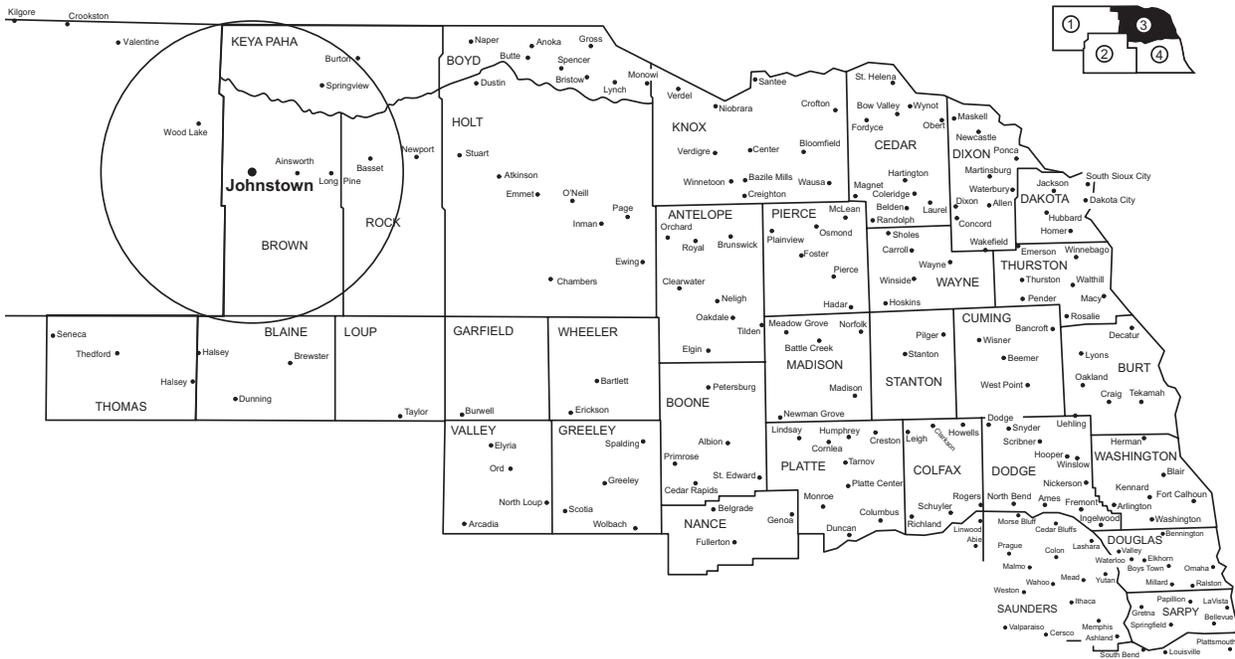


2000 POPULATION DATA						Median Household Effective Buying Income (2005)
Location	Density/ Sq. Mile	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Age	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	
Brown Co.	2.9	22.5	43.1	83.3	17.2	\$28,692
Nebraska	22.3	13.6	35.3	86.6	23.7	\$36,910
U.S.	79.6	12.4	35.9	84.0	26.0	\$39,324

Brown County had 2,541 eligible voters in 2004; 70.0 percent voted in the national election compared to 68.3 percent in Nebraska.

Source: U.S. Census, www.census.gov
 Sales and Marketing Management, 2005
 Statewide General Election 2004 Results, www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/canvass/general2004/General2004.htm

LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE JOHNSTOWN AREA



POPULATION DATA U.S. Census Estimates

2005 Estimate		
City of Johnstown	—	51
Brown County	—	3,328
30-Mile Radius	—	5,928

Brown County Population by Age/Gender, 2005		
Ages	Male	Female
18-24	137	102
25-44	323	341
45-64	464	483

UNIONIZATION

Nebraska has a right-to-work provision in its constitution. In 2004, 10.8 percent of Nebraska's manufacturing workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 12.9 percent. Union membership in Nebraska is concentrated in the railroad and packinghouse industries.

It is estimated that less than 1 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in Johnstown is unionized. There have been no known strikes during the last ten years.

WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Professional			
Accountants & Auditors	15.82	22.09	34.09
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	18.34	27.50	36.07
Electrical Engineers*	23.48	35.29	51.13
Industrial Engineers	19.19	27.90	39.92
Mechanical Engineers	20.02	26.09	35.18
Computer Programmers	13.65	25.53	35.85
Computer Systems Analysts	19.23	33.99	53.22
Registered Nurses	16.63	21.97	28.18
Retail			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	6.01	7.68	8.93
Retail Salespersons	5.99	8.22	16.73
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	7.43	11.06	17.24
Driver/Sales Workers	6.23	12.13	24.64
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	7.10	9.72	14.12
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	7.97	12.87	17.31
Clerical			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	8.46	11.61	15.65
Customer Service Representatives	6.60	9.63	14.17
Data Entry Keyers	7.90	10.81	13.80
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	7.38	10.74	14.16
Office Clerks, General	6.35	9.39	14.08
Receptionists & Information Clerks	6.90	9.69	12.50
Telemarketers	6.76	8.24	10.59

*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	6.55	10.34	13.63
Packers & Packagers, Hand	6.15	9.96	13.43
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other	7.69	11.13	13.96
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	7.51	9.78	12.29
Semi-Skilled			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	9.71	12.37	16.22
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	9.54	15.74	21.83
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	10.61	15.65	21.52
Machine Operators			
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	11.66	14.05	16.77
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	9.98	14.83	17.40
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	9.49	12.61	16.37
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	10.94	12.95	15.52
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.	11.19	12.56	14.31
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	9.09	12.84	17.20
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	10.78	15.33	17.62
Skilled			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	7.09	13.14	24.40
Electricians	10.52	17.59	21.79
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	11.83	16.24	21.31
Machinists	10.55	14.25	18.21
Tool & Die Makers	15.15	19.96	23.03
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	8.82	12.69	17.58
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	9.94	13.38	16.45
Technical			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	14.40	25.28	33.92
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	14.91	21.18	28.00
Computer Operators	9.61	12.79	19.95

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

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Third Quarter 2006 wage estimates, All Industries, Northeast Region, www.dol.state.ne.us/lmiwages/toc000.htm

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

FRINGE BENEFITS

Fringe benefits range from 15 to 20 percent of wages.

TRANSPORTATION

RAILROADS

The nearest rail service is provided by BNSF Railway Company, 59 miles south of Johnstown, along State Highway 2. Nebraska Northeastern Railway Company runs an east-west spur from Sioux City to O’Neill, 75 miles east of Johnstown, along U.S. Highway 20.

MOTOR

Highways

Johnstown is located on east-west U.S. Highway 20. Interstate 80 is 238 miles south and Interstate 90 in South Dakota is 146 miles north of Johnstown; both interstates run east-west. The nearest four-lane highway is U.S. Highway 81 in Norfolk, 151 miles southeast of Johnstown.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	288
Omaha	292
Chicago	727
Dallas	826
Denver	419
Detroit	993
Kansas City	478
Los Angeles	1,430
Minneapolis	524
New York	1,502
St. Louis	730
San Francisco	1,547

Trucklines

More than 8,000 licensed motor carriers are based in Nebraska with connections around the world to serve businesses in Johnstown and Nebraska.

Bus Line

K & S Express provides passenger and package delivery services with a 12-passenger mini van.

One round trip is made weekly along U.S. Highway 20, from Norfolk to Chadron, with stops in Ainsworth, 10 miles east of Johnstown.

AIR

The Ainsworth Municipal Airport is located on U.S. Highway 20, seven miles east of Johnstown. The 2,500-acre facility has served the Sandhills for 55 years. The airport has two lighted concrete runways (6,824 feet and 5,501 feet), hangers, 100 low-lead and jet fuel, beacon, windsock, tie downs, automated weather observation, remote communication outlets, instrument landing system, 50-foot by 50-foot helipad, and a VOR-DME facility. Nine private planes are hangared there. A \$3 million improvement project was recently completed at the airport by adding a new runway with lighting and approaches. The elevation at the airport is 2,589 feet, the latitude is 42°34’N, and the longitude is 99°59’W. For more information, visit www.airnav.com/airport/kanw.

Commercial air service is available at the North Platte Regional Airport, 155 miles southwest, and the Central Nebraska Regional Airport near Grand Island, 188 miles southeast of Johnstown. Passenger, air freight, and air express services are provided.

Airlines serving:

Airlines	Flights Daily	Destination
Grand Island		
Great Lakes Aviation	3	Denver
North Platte		
Great Lakes Aviation	3	Denver

WATER

Johnstown has no nearby water transportation.



Ainsworth Municipal Airport

UTILITIES

ELECTRICITY

KBR Rural Public Power District (KBR), a wholesale customer of Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), serves Johnstown and the surrounding area from a 34.5 transmission line into a 3,000 kVA substation, then distributed over KBR's 12.5/7.2 kV distribution system. Johnstown can also be fed from the west over the 34.5 kV transmission line and a 2,000 kVA substation in Wood Lake, Nebraska.

BASE ELECTRIC RATES—KBR (effective 3/03)

Summer bills run from June–September.

Residential Service (all electric):

\$ 0.079 per kWh for all use Minimum Bill: \$9.25 per month or \$1.00/kVA, whichever is greater
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General Service:

\$ 0.081 per kWh for all use Minimum Bill: \$1.00/kVA of transformer capacity
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For further information regarding electric rates and service, prospective customers should contact Rich Walters, general manager, KBR Rural Public Power District, Ainsworth, Nebraska, (402) 387-1120, or richkbr@threeriver.net or www.kbrpower.com. The KBR Rural Public Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves the rural area surrounding Johnstown.

NATURAL GAS

Natural gas is not available in Johnstown.

OTHER FUELS

LP Gas

LP gas is available at Farmers Ranchers Co-Op of Ainsworth, Sandhill Oil Company of Thedford,

and Murphy's Propane of Springview for residential, commercial, and industrial uses and Madison's Great Western of Ainsworth for residential and some commercial uses.

Oil

Oil is available from Sandhill Oil Company of Thedford and Farmers Ranchers Co-Op of Ainsworth for residential, commercial, and industrial uses. Madison's Great Western of Ainsworth provides oil for residential and some commercial uses.

WATER

Individual well systems are used to supply water in Johnstown.

SEWERAGE

Individual septic systems are used in Johnstown.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Johnstown is served by KBR Solid Waste of Ainsworth. Wastes are collected at a transfer station located at Ainsworth and hauled to a disposal site in Lexington, 184 miles south of Johnstown. There are 8–11 years of capacity left at the current site. Plans to begin construction of a new cell are currently being considered.

SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES (effective 2/2006)

Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

\$24.00 for three months or \$8.00 per month
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RECYCLING

The recycling program in Johnstown consists of a five-compartment recycling trailer, which is shared with Long Pine. Bins are available to accommodate aluminum, paper, magazines, cardboard, and plastic. Steel (tin) cans and glass are not accepted.



Scenes from Brown County



Tubing in Long Pine Creek



Scenes from the Niobrara River

COMMUNICATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Telecommunications services are provided to the Johnstown area by Three River Communications.

Three River Communications provides telecommunication services to the Johnstown area with a digital central office. Installation and maintenance personnel are located in Ainsworth 10 miles east. The office has DMS 10 switching. Extended area service is available to Long Pine and Ainsworth.

TARIFFED RATES

Residential Line	\$16.84
Business Line	\$25.30

INTERNET

Three River Communications, (402) 387-1353, provides high-speed Internet access to the area with DSL, dial-up, wireless, and satellite Internet services.

POST OFFICE

The post office in Johnstown has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily. The nearest general mail facility is in North Platte, 155 miles south of Johnstown, which includes next-day delivery in Nebraska.

Postal receipts averaged \$21,000 for the past five years.

PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

	U.S. Postal Service
Latest Pick-up Time	4:30 p.m.
Earliest Delivery	9:00 p.m.
Next Day Delivery Guarantee	Yes
Saturday Delivery Guarantee	Yes

NEWSPAPER

The Ainsworth Star-Journal, the local weekly newspaper, has 2,100 subscribers. Other newspapers delivered locally are the Omaha World-Herald and Norfolk Daily News.

RADIO

Radio stations which carry local news include:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KBRB	92.7 MHz	Ainsworth, NE
KBRB	1400 KHz	Ainsworth, NE
KMNE	90.3 MHz	Bassett, NE
KBRX	102.9 MHz	O'Neill, NE
KBRX	1350 KHz	O'Neill, NE
KVSH	940 KHz	Valentine, NE
KWYR	93.7 MHz	Winner, SD
KWYR	1260 KHz	Winner, SD

TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news include:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KOLN/	10/11	Lincoln/
KGIN		Grand Island
KMNE	7/15	Bassett

Satellite television services are available in Johnstown.



Three River Communications in Ainsworth



Johnstown United States Post Office

TAX STRUCTURE

VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES—VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN

All real property is subject to tax at market value. Agricultural land is valued at 77 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		
	2004	2005	2006
Real Estate	\$649,136	\$678,194	\$907,793
Personal Property	43,606	33,532	28,853
TOTAL	\$692,742	\$711,726	\$936,646

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

	2004	2005	2006
City	\$0.449864	\$0.449992	\$0.449981
County	.465358	.464602	.539719
School District	1.009859	1.049897	1.013204
Community College	.082711	.089622	.090421
Educational Service Unit	.014997	.014968	.015000
Natural Resource District	.037268	.035676	.034210
Fire District	.034642	.035398	.035598
TOTAL	\$2.094699	\$2.140155	\$2.178133

LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of 10/2005:

City—Revenue Bonds	None
City—General Obligation Bonds	None
School District	\$3,130,000
County	None

SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 10/2005	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Building	1/99	\$3,760,000	\$3,130,000	1.2	12/18



Sellors Barton Museum in Ainsworth



Brown County Courthouse

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Brown County is divided into three voting precincts and nine townships. The county is governed by three county commissioners who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next election will be held in 2006. The actual budget for 2005–06 is \$1,345,181. The county belongs to the Central Nebraska Economic Development District, involving 15 counties. County zoning classifications are:

AG	Agriculture
AZR	Overlay of Airport with Agricultural Zone
RC-1 & RC-2	Rural Conservation
RR	Rural Recreation
HC	Highway Commercial
I	Industrial

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

The village of Johnstown has a board of trustees form of government. The next election will be held in 2006. The 2006–07 budget was \$82,092.

Title	Term of Office
Elected at Large	
Board of Trustees (5)	4 Years
Chairman	4 Years
Appointed	
Village Clerk/Treasurer	Indefinite

FIRE PROTECTION

Johnstown Rural Fire Department with 30 volunteer members provides protection for areas inside and outside the village limits and has mutual aid agreements with Brown County and surrounding counties.

Johnstown has one fire station built in 1997. The community fire insurance classification inside and outside the corporate limits is 10. Annual expenditures for fire protection during the last three years averaged \$4,000.

Equipment in the rural fire department:

Year/Make	Description
Ford	300 gal. grass rig
Ford	300 gal. grass rig
International	300 gal. grass rig
Ford	800 gal. tanker/grass rig

Fire losses for the past five years have averaged \$20,000 annually.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Department

The village of Johnstown contracts with the Brown County Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement in the community.

Sheriff's Department

The Brown County Sheriff's Department employs six officers, three reserve deputies, and four full-time and two part-time support personnel. The department has six patrol vehicles, 24-hour dispatching, high band radio with scrambler capability, 911 emergency service, jail facilities, dispatching radio system, radars, in-car video cameras, National Criminal Justice Information System, and other standard equipment. Sheriff's patrol and protection is provided.

The crime rate per 1,000 population in Brown County in 2005 was 15.0 compared to a state crime rate of 39.0 and a national rate of 37.1.

State Patrol

Troop B of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Norfolk and serves 23 counties. Three patrolmen are stationed in Ainsworth.

STREETS

There are 9.94 miles of streets in Johnstown; 5.5 miles are hard-surfaced with asphalt, bituminous, armor coat, or gravel. Ten percent have sidewalks.

Maintenance and snow removal are provided by Brown County. The majority of street repairs are completed by the Johnstown Street Department.

Several streets in Johnstown were improved, with completion in 2005.

BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS

The state of Nebraska building codes are enforced in Johnstown.

PLANNING

Brown County has a planning commission comprised of seven members who are appointed by the Brown County Commissioners for three-year staggering terms.

A Comprehensive Plan for Brown County was prepared in 1993 by Hanna-Keelan Associates of Lincoln, Nebraska.



Brown County Ambulance in Ainsworth

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Ainsworth Community School District

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary (K–5)	13	165	1:12	1:2
Middle School (6–8)	9	173	1:12	1:1
High School (9–12)	20	204	1:13	1:2

School District No. 10 in Brown County covers 550 square miles and has an actual valuation of \$168,546,338. Ainsworth Community School District is a Class 3, Type K–12 district accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and the North Central Accreditation Association. The district operates McAndrew Elementary School (K–5); Ainsworth Middle School (6–8); and Ainsworth High School (9–12). Ainsworth Community Schools utilize newly remodeled school facilities, climate controlled classrooms, and technology to focus on student achievement.

The elementary school was built in 1958 and the middle school was built in 1922. The high school, originally built in 1922, had additions in 1948, 1975, and 1999.

The 2004–05 school operating expenses totaled \$5,214,150, with an average cost per pupil of \$9,219. The actual valuation per pupil was \$331,132.

Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
7th Grade	100	67
Terra Nova CAT-6		
ACT	74	22.3

It is estimated that 100 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 78 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, 15 percent of the seniors enter the job market, and 7 percent enter the military immediately after graduation.

Vocational programs in the high school include business, vocational agriculture, family and consumer science, and industrial technology.

Adult educational programs are available in the high school in conjunction with Northeast Community College. Internet access is available.

Special education teachers provide services in the elementary, middle, and high schools; one teacher is located at each school.

Raven, Highland Grove, and Buffalo Flats are Class 1, Type K–8 rural elementary schools in the area.

Educational Service Unit

Johnstown is a member of Educational Service Unit 17, which is headquartered in Ainsworth and serves four counties. General services available include media library, health screening, audio-visual repair, Starlab, computer repair, in-service training of staff, Internet, distance-learning classrooms, implementing registered nurses in schools, supervision of Class 1 schools, special education, and statewide cooperative purchasing.

Community College

Johnstown is part of the **Northeast Community College (NECC)** service area. The college, governed by an 11-member elected board, serves 20 counties in northeast Nebraska from the main campus located in Norfolk, 151 miles east of Johnstown, and through regional education centers located in O'Neill, South Sioux City, and West Point. Enrollment at NECC for 2005–06

included 7,311 students taking credit courses and 16,570 students taking noncredit, continuing education classes.

NECC offers more than 70 majors and transfer concentrations preparing students for immediate employment or transfer to a four-year college or university. In May 2006 the college awarded a record number 747 diplomas and degrees. According to the latest Graduate Employment Report, approximately 99 percent of the 2005 graduates seeking employment found jobs.

The Graduate Employment Report also showed that 34 percent of the 2005 graduates chose to continue their education, with most transferring to a four-year school. Other data confirms that college transfer students from NECC who continue their educations at four-year institutions do as well as or better than native and other transfer students.

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 NECC. Training is arranged at any time of the day or evening to meet the organization's special needs.

The Business and Industry Division served 253 employers and trained more than 5,800 employees through customized training workshops and seminars in fiscal year 2005-06.

The division also worked with 22 communities on strategic planning and economic development initiatives. More than 40 individuals seeking to start or expand their businesses received assistance through this division. An additional 12 minority-owned businesses were provided start-up assistance and consulting services. NECC also assisted in recruiting several new companies and divisions to the region.

The 205-acre main campus includes 19 buildings with classroom, shop, and lab facilities; library/resource center; student center; an activities center with gym and theater; the Lifelong Learning Center; residence hall for students; and two apartment buildings for student living. In 2004 Burkhardt Hall, a 147-bed residence hall addition, and the \$2.4 million Agriculture Complex, one mile east of the main campus, were dedicated. The Agriculture Complex includes a 550-seat arena and four classrooms. NECC also owns a 566-acre college farm with all facilities necessary for teaching farm operations.

In 2005 a \$2.57 million addition was completed to the Cox Activity Center, including 30 rooms that house the radio/TV broadcasting, audio recording, technology, and music departments. In spring 2006 ground was broken for a new utility line-professional truck driver training building. The \$2.7 million, 36,800 square-foot building will include nine new classrooms/labs, six offices, and two mechanic's bays. The building will be ready for classes in fall 2007.

Northeast Community College Representative Sample of the Class of 2005		
Program	Degree/Certificate	Conferred
Accounting	A.A. & A.A.S.	17
Administrative Assistant (Medical)	A.A., A.A.S. & 1-year diploma	21
Agriculture	A.A.S. & A.S.	53
Audio Recording Technology	A.A.S. & 1-year diploma	6
Auto/Auto Body Technology	A.A.S.	40
Building Construction	A.A.S.	29
Diesel Technology	A.A.S.	27
Electrical Construction & Control	A.A.S.	18
Nursing-LPN (Licensed Practical)	1-year diploma	63
Nursing-ADN (Registered Nursing)	A.D.N.	25
Utility Line	A.A.S.	36

The South Sioux City Education Center moved into a new 10,000-square-foot facility in South Sioux City in 2005. The state-of-the-art education center houses several classrooms, a large business-industry training room, computer lab, distance-learning classroom, conference rooms, and administrative offices. The center has classes leading to an associate of arts degree with a business administration or general studies emphasis and associate of applied science degree in administrative assistant-medical and business management. Representatives of the governing boards of NECC and Wayne State College and the South Sioux City Community Development Agency have signed an Interlocal Agreement for construction of a college center in South Sioux City. When the college center is complete, students will be able to take their freshman- and sophomore-level courses from NECC and then take junior- and senior-level or graduate-level courses from Wayne State College at the same location in South Sioux City. Northeast will also offer vocational classes, continuing education, and customized training for business and industry at this location.

For more information on Northeast Community College, call (800) 348-9033 or visit the website at www.northeastcollege.com.

Lifelong Learning Center

The **Lifelong Learning Center** at Northeast Community College (NECC) in Norfolk serves the business and professional community through a variety of uses. The 20,000-square foot educational wing includes two classrooms which can be opened into one large room, 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, including video conferencing, and food services are available to make the center a highly desirable location for meetings, training activities, and conferences.

In addition to the associate degree and continuing education programs offered through NECC, the Lifelong Learning Center serves as a clearinghouse for educational offerings from Educational Service Unit 8, Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District,

UNL Northeast Research and Extension Center, University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Madison County, and Wayne State College, as well as other public and private institutions. Using state-of-the-art distance education technology and live instruction, several bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees are offered, including computer science and engineering, industrial management systems engineering, and two M.B.A. programs.

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

Colleges

Wayne State College (WSC) located in Wayne, 172 miles from Johnstown, serves approximately 3,400 students from throughout Nebraska and Iowa as well as more than 25 other states and 13 foreign countries. At the undergraduate level, WSC offers more than 70 nonteaching majors and minors plus 39 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 13 percent major in the arts and humanities, 19 percent in education and counseling, 29 percent in business and technology, and 39 percent in natural and social sciences.

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

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

Contact Wayne State College at (800) 228-9972 or visit www.wsc.edu for further information.

Wayne State College				
Program	Undergraduate		Graduate	
	Majors*	Degrees**	Majors*	Degrees**
Applied Human & Sport Physiology	22	3	—	—
Art	46	7	—	—
Business	532	146	55	11
Chemistry	48	15	—	—
Computer Information Systems	62	22	—	—
Computer Science	31	5	—	—
Counselor Education/Counseling	—	—	63	18
Criminal Justice	160	40	—	—
Curriculum & Instruction	—	—	323	164
Early Childhood	93	22	—	—
Elementary Education	344	62	—	—
English	72	17	—	—
Exercise Science	59	18	6	1
Family & Consumer Sciences	62	9	—	—
French Education	2	—	—	—
Geography	27	8	—	—
Graphic Design	44	8	—	—
Health & PE	61	12	—	—
History	65	5	—	1
Human Service Counseling	84	22	—	—
Industrial Technology	94	17	—	—
Interdisciplinary Studies	3	2	—	—
Life Sciences	117	29	—	—
Mass Communications	47	13	—	—
Mathematics	32	8	—	—
Middle Level Education	20	4	—	—
Modern Language and Culture	1	1	—	—
Music	63	1	—	—
Natural Sciences	5	1	—	—
Organizational Management-Sport/Rec. Man.	—	—	7	—
Physical Science	3	—	—	—
Political Science	33	7	—	—
Pre-Professional	209	—	—	—
Psychology	86	15	—	—
School Administration	—	—	74	9
Social Sciences	49	7	1	3
Sociology	21	8	—	—
Spanish	31	4	—	—
Special Education	51	6	2	1
Speech Communications	48	14	2	—
Sport Management/Leisure Services	100	21	8	9
Technology	12	4	—	—
Theatre	22	1	—	—
Undeclared	308	—	—	—

*Includes first and second majors as of October 10, 2006

**Degrees awarded December 2005 through August 2006



Ainsworth Schools



Playground Equipment at Ainsworth School



Johnstown United Methodist Church



Ainsworth Care Center

Other Schools

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

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Norfolk Northeast Community College	151
North Platte Mid-Plains Community College	155
Kearney University of Kearney	170
Chadron Chadron State College	172
Wayne Wayne State College	173
Hastings Hastings College	212
Lincoln University of Nebraska-Lincoln	288
Omaha University of Nebraska at Omaha	293

CHURCHES

Denomination	Number of Churches
United Methodist	1

HEALTH CARE

There are approximately 30 physicians within a 50-mile radius of Johnstown.

Hospital

The Brown County Hospital in Ainsworth, opened in 1971, is licensed by the state of Nebraska as a 25-bed critical-access facility and is certified by the federal government to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The hospital is also dually licensed for 25 swing beds and 4 newborn bassinets. Medical services include mammography, ultrasound, surgery, recovery room, labor and delivery room, nursery, two coronary care units, one intensive care unit, emergency room, laboratory, radiology, blood bank, pharmacy, EKG, respiratory and physical therapy, stress testing, and ultrasound. Limited home health and volunteer

hospice care are also available. Other services include helicopter and Lifeline.

There are eight outpatient clinics. Special clinics are held at the hospital for urology, ear/nose/throat, orthopedic, cardiology, ophthalmology, podiatry, and general surgery. Mobile units include MRI and CT scan.

The hospital anticipates renovation and expansion in the near future, with focus upon implementing an operating room, ER with physical therapy, and rehab services.

Regional medical centers are located in Norfolk, 151 miles; North Platte, 155 miles; Kearney, 170 miles; Sioux City, 201 miles; Lincoln, 288 miles; and Omaha, 293 miles.

Clinics

Brown County Clinic, opened in 1971 and accredited in 1999, operates in association with Brown County Hospital. Four doctors and two nurse practitioners staff the facility. Specialty clinics are available for podiatrists, cardiologists, two orthopedic groups, and eye group specialists. The clinic offers eye surgery, MRIs, CAT scans, basic lab services, nuclear and cardiovascular testing, OB care, immunizations, pediatrics, and basic healthcare/maintenance.

Ainsworth Family Clinic, established in 1978 and operating in a facility built in 2000, offers obstetric services as well as emergency care, routine healthcare, pre-employment physicals, and on-site lab and x-rays. One full-time physician, one part-time physician, and one part-time nurse practitioner staff the facility.

Avenues to New Horizons Mental Health Services in Ainsworth, is an outpatient mental health clinic staffed with trained personnel. Counseling sessions for individuals, families, or groups may focus on marital problems, depression, anxiety, abuse, parenting, communications, and alcohol and drug abuse. Psychiatric and psychological assessments, consultations, and education are available. A psychologist and two community support employees are available upon request.

Rescue Squad

Brown County Ambulance, a countywide ambulance service, has four ambulances, one of which is used primarily for transfer. Three are stationed in Ainsworth and one is located in Long Pine. The squad is comprised of 30 volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians. The ambulances are licensed by the state, and personnel carry radio pagers for 24-hour calls. Training includes a 128-hour course with an additional 30 hours of certification required every three years.

NURSING HOMES

Ainsworth Care Center is a 46-bed, skilled nursing facility built in 1964. Certified by Medicaid/Medicare, the center offers 24-hour professional nursing care, long-term health care including physical therapy, IV therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, dietary services, nutritional support services, special diet accommodations, tracheotomy care, advanced wound care, discharge planning services, social services, recreational activities, laundry, housekeeping, maintenance, family support group, family and resident counseling, community re-entry assessment and planning, outpatient therapy programs, secure Alzheimer's and dementia unit, and exercise program. Transportation to the doctor and the local senior center is provided.

LIBRARY

The **Ainsworth Public Library** (www.ainsworthlibrary.com) contains approximately 24,000 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 22,639; circulation is automated. Other items available for checkout include puzzles, cake pans, CD-ROMs, Magic School Bus CD-ROMs, cassettes, magazines, newspapers, and videos. Library activities include a summer reading program, adult book-discussion groups, and a talking book service. The library has a junior and adult volunteer group. A CD-rom computer is on site with living books, encyclopedias, and reference books. Services include inter-library loan, GED classes, Microsoft Office, microfilm, FC Search Database, and a video conference room. A scanner, fax, copy machine, and two printers are available for public use.

RECREATION

Berry Park is located at Johnstown. The park covers 1/2 acre and features a shelter and picnic area.

Johnstown Area Facilities:

- Boating — Keller Park State Recreation Area, 16 miles; Long Pine Creek 17 miles; Long Lake State Recreation Area, 19 miles; Alkali Lake, 34 miles; Valentine National Wildlife Refuge, 58 miles; Niobrara River, 16 miles; Atkinson Lake State Recreation Area, 66 miles; Merritt Reservoir, 64 miles; Cub Creek Recreational Area, 35 miles; and Calamus Lake State Recreation Area, 80 miles
- Bowling — Eight-lane bowling alley in Atkinson, 65 miles
- Campgrounds — RV hookup and dump station in Johnstown, East City Park in Ainsworth, 10 miles; Long Pine State Recreational Area, 16 miles; Cub Creek Recreational Area, 35 miles; Long Lake State Recreational Area, 19 miles; Atkinson Lake State Recreational Area, 66 miles; Keller State Recreational Area, 16 miles; Bassett Historical Park, 28 miles; Merritt Reservoir State Recreational Area, 64 miles; and Calamus Lake State Recreational Area, 80 miles
- Fishing — Bass, bluegill, bullheads, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, rainbow trout, trout, yellow perch, and walleye.

- Golf Courses — Nine-hole grass greens course with clubhouse in Ainsworth, 10 miles; one public 9-hole grass greens course with clubhouse in Bassett, 28 miles
- Hiking/Biking Trails — 136-mile Cowboy Trail through Ainsworth; Atkinson Lake SRA 1-mile trail, 66 miles; 231-mile Outlaw Trail, 25 miles north on State Highway 12; and Long Pine SRA 1-mile trail, 19 miles
- Horseshoe — One pit in Johnstown, 24 lighted regulation courts in City Park; home of the 1986 and 1998 World Horseshoe Tournaments
- Hunting — Deer, antelope, turkey, pheasant, grouse, duck, dove, quail, and prairie chicken
- Racquetball — One court in Ainsworth
- Sand Volleyball — One court in Ainsworth, 10 miles; one court in Bassett, 28 miles
- Skating — Ice skating in park
- Swimming — Ainsworth, 10 miles; Bassett, 28 miles
- Tennis — Two lighted courts in Ainsworth, 10 miles
- Theaters — Royal Theater with seating capacity of 254 in Ainsworth
- Other — Scenic drives along the Niobrara River Valley or surrounding countryside

Annual celebrations in Johnstown are the 4-H Youth Fair, Annual Fireman’s Dance, and Fall Dinner.

Annual celebrations in Ainsworth are the “Middle of Nowhere” and Carnival Days in June, Sandhills Discovery Experience in July, Annual National Country Music Festival in August, the Brown County Fair in September, and a Christmas pageant supported by a combined choir of all the church choirs in the community.

The **Rodeo Bible Camp** is a youth event offered during the summer. It is divided into junior and senior camps and held at the Brown County

fairgrounds. The senior camp is scheduled in May, and the Junior camp is scheduled in June. More than 100 campers learn fundamental skills with participation in rodeo events and studying Bible lessons. Each day begins and ends with spiritual devotions.

The **Agricultural Society Hall**, a community facility, is available at the Brown County fairgrounds. The hall is available for auctions, receptions, dances, and fundraisers.

Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) are located in Brown County, including Pine Glen WMA, north of Ainsworth along U.S. Highway 183; South Pine WMA, south of Long Pine; South Twin Lake WMA, south of Johnstown; and Plum Creek Valley WMA, directly south of Johnstown.

The **Niobrara Valley Preserve of the Nature Conservancy** headquarters is located 16 miles north of Johnstown. This 50,000-acre area is dedicated to preserving a unique biological crossroads of five ecological zones, including both Sandhills and Riverine ecologies. Two self-guided hiking trails and a growing herd of bison are available for visitors to enjoy.

Two **historical markers** are located on Highway 20 between Ainsworth and Johnstown. One commemorates the only sod high school in Nebraska. The second marker notes Ainsworth Airbase, a significant base during World War II. The airbase, now utilized as a commercial airport, has the longest runway between Rapid City, South Dakota, and Omaha, Nebraska.

Fort Niobrara Wildlife Refuge near Valentine, approximately 35 miles west of Johnstown, encompasses 19,131 acres and sustains a rich diversity of wildlife including birds, bison, elk, and plants. The Niobrara River flows eastward, crossing nine miles of the refuge.

The **Cowboy Trail**, the longest rails-to-trails conversion in the nation, will span 321 miles through northern Nebraska when completed. Today, 136 miles of the trail are open to the public for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. This includes a 102-mile continuous segment from Norfolk to Stuart, a 16-mile segment from Bassett to

Ainsworth, and an 18-mile stretch at Valentine that crosses over the Niobrara River on a 148-foot-high bridge, and numerous community trails. A new 21-mile section under construction between Stuart and Bassett should be completed by the end of 2006. This trail follows the gentle slopes of the old Chicago and North Western rail line.

Sandhills Discovery Experience features experts in the fields of ecology, geology, paleontology, and hydrology. Additional attractions to the event include tours, exhibits, and vendors.

Seven Springs Water is bottled in Long Pine from the natural springs that supply the city. Many people visit Long Pine to tour the bottling plant.

The **Senior Citizens Center** in Ainsworth, built in 1981, serves noon meals Monday through Friday. Activities include pool, exercise class, pitch, cribbage, daily cards, Bible study, sewing, blood pressure clinics, kitchen, band, home-delivered meals, visually-impaired support group, caregivers support group, bridge, and weekend activities.

The **Methodist Church** quilting group is comprised of approximately eight members. The group ties quilts and donates them to various organizations such as the Ainsworth High School post-prom, Ainsworth Sheriff’s Department, Ainsworth Care Center, and Epworth Village in York. Monthly breakfasts are served at the Methodist Church before services.

The **Cluster** is a group of Methodist Church members from four counties—Brown, Rock, Keya Paha, and Holt. Approximately 11 members comprise the group. It hosts an annual fall youth rally in addition to a summer swimming party. In 2006, the Cluster hosted a fall talent show. The group works to integrate Methodist Church members throughout the four-county region.

Cultural Activities

The **Sellers Barton Museum** in Ainsworth, located 10 miles from Johnstown, was dedicated in 1936; another room was added in 1967 and Barton Memorial was completed in 1992. Numerous antique articles, mounted birds, bird eggs, Civil War guns, farm equipment, household goods, pictures, valuable papers, and clothing are

among the many interesting items on display, as well as an interpretive display about the Sandhills.

The **Brown County Historical Society**, located in the Coleman House, displays books, furniture, clothing, machinery, memorabilia, genealogical file, and other historical artifacts which were donated by citizens in Brown County.

Cultural events are provided by the Brown County Arts Council and the Ainsworth Art Guild. An art gallery is also located in Ainsworth.

The **Brown County Arts Council**, comprised of approximately 20 members, sponsors performing arts and occasional art displays. Each year the council sponsors a fine arts awards program for the high school and presents an outstanding fine arts scholarship. Every other year a Missoula Children’s Theatre is sponsored.

The **Ainsworth Art Guild**, with membership open to the public, serves Brown County as well as other areas. The guild participates in various projects, painting, and artist studies. Its mission is to support the arts and local communities. A spring art show is hosted each year at the Ainsworth Public Library and an artist is featured at the library each month from September to May.

HOUSING

New Construction

The average cost of new home construction is approximately \$85 per square foot.

Brown County Housing Market (as of 1/06):

Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family - 23

Avg. Selling Prices (New and Existing)

Single Family Home

2,500 sq. ft. - 4 bedrooms \$140,000

2,300 sq. ft. - 3 bedrooms \$122,500

1,000 sq. ft. - 3 bedrooms \$40,000

Townhouses

1,500 sq. ft. - 2 bedrooms \$28,000

Rentals

New 2 bedroom home \$650

Apartment Vacancy Rate less than 70%

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

Less than \$100,000	18
\$100,001-\$150,000	2
\$150,001-\$200,000	0
\$200,001-\$250,000	3

Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

Ainsworth Park Homes is a low-income housing development with priority given to the elderly or disabled. Rent is based on each tenant’s individual income. This 30-unit complex was built in 1966 by the federal government. There are 28 one-bedroom apartments and 2 two-bedroom apartments. A meeting room is available to the tenants and local service clubs. Each month a potluck supper is held for the tenants. Facilities include a laundry room, gazebo, community room, and lawn area.

Colonial Estates is a low-income housing development for low-income families and the elderly or disabled. There are 18 units, including 6 ground units and 12 garden-level units. Appliances, air conditioning, electricity, snow removal, heating, lawn care, solid waste services, water, and furniture are furnished.

Assisted Living

Cottonwood Villa in Ainsworth, is a state licensed, assisted living facility built in 2000 with 29 units and is certified by Medicaid-waiver. One nurse and numerous ADL assistants staff the facility. Services include grounds keeping, maintenance, dressing, bathing, housekeeping, laundry, transportation, monthly wellness checks, 24-hour system, full activities program, and three meals per day. Facilities include a beauty shop, whirlpool spa, exercise program, and resident-council meetings.

FINANCIAL

As of January 2006:

Name	Capital		
	Accounts	Deposits	Loans
----- <i>thousand dollars</i> -----			
Commercial National Bank	\$ 8,196	\$61,177	\$40,101
First National Bank	\$ 4,658	\$30,611	\$29,932
Union Bank & Trust*	\$14,305	\$1,102,850	\$1,490,632

*Branch bank; figures represent headquarters

Commercial Bank offers a 24-hour telebank and First National Bank offers a 24-hour deposit taking ATM.



Cottonwood Villa in Ainsworth

COMMUNITY SERVICES

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Contractors—building	1
—fencing	1
—gravel	1
Feedlots	1
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies	1
Photography Studios	1
Restaurants	1



Commercial National Bank



First National Bank



Union Bank & Trust Company

AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

AGRICULTURE

2002 Statistics	Brown County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	311	49,355
Land in Farms (acres)	686,466	45,903,116
Average Size of Farms (acres)	2,207	930
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$93,317,000	\$9,703,657,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$300,055	\$196,609
Total Acres Irrigated	52,330	7,625,170
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	7.6%	16.6%
Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2001-2005)		
All Alfalfa Hay	13,828 tons	4,685,600 tons
Corn for Grain	5,859,460 bu.	1,158,890,000 bu.
Soybeans	472,560 bu.	207,072,000 bu.
Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2002-2006)		
All Cattle	104,800	6,350,000

Source: National Agriculture Statistics Service 2001–2006
2002 Census of Agriculture

RAW MATERIALS

High-quality sand and gravel, nonmetallic minerals, are available in commercial quantities; however, metallic minerals are not available locally. Quantities of low-analysis limy sandstone rock are found in the vicinity north of Ainsworth. To date, little commercial use of this resource has been found.

Approximately 80 percent of the 7,000 acres of forested land in the Johnstown area are covered with hardwoods and the remaining areas are pine forest. This area averages 71 trees per acre. Cordwood volumes range from 0 to 4.110 cords per acre, with an average of .64 cord. This area is bounded on the east by U.S. Highway 183, on the south by U.S. Highway 20, on the north by the Niobrara River, and on the west by Fairfield Creek.

CLIMATE

TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature			Precipitation		Humidity*	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	11.9	22.8	33.6	0.42	5.3	76	62
February	16.8	27.8	38.9	0.63	6.4	78	64
March	23.9	35.5	47.0	1.25	8.1	79	60
April	35.3	48.0	60.7	2.25	5.2	77	52
May	46.8	59.2	71.6	3.42	0.3	79	53
June	56.4	68.8	81.1	3.69	0.0	80	52
July	62.0	74.9	87.7	3.13	0.0	79	51
August	60.3	73.2	86.0	2.62	0.0	80	52
September	50.5	63.7	76.9	2.29	0.2	77	49
October	39.0	52.0	65.0	1.34	1.6	75	50
November	25.7	36.6	47.5	0.81	5.2	76	57
December	16.2	26.7	37.2	0.45	5.6	75	61
Annual	37.1	49.1	61.1	22.30	37.9	78	55

*Recorded at Valentine Weather Station

FROST DATA

Average date of last frost in spring	May 3
Average date of first frost in fall	October 4
Average length of growing season	154 days
Average number of "heating degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit	6,643
Average number of "cooling degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit	872
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average)	9
Prevailing wind direction (annual average)	Northwest

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1948–2004, www.hprcc.unl.edu