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**NORFOLK, NEBRASKA**

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

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006 Est.</u>
<b>Norfolk</b>	<b>23,516</b>	<b>23,896</b>
<b>Madison County</b>	<b>35,226</b>	<b>35,279</b>
<b>Labor Market*</b>	<b>104,668</b>	<b>103,170</b>

\*Includes Madison County and contiguous counties

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# INTRODUCTION

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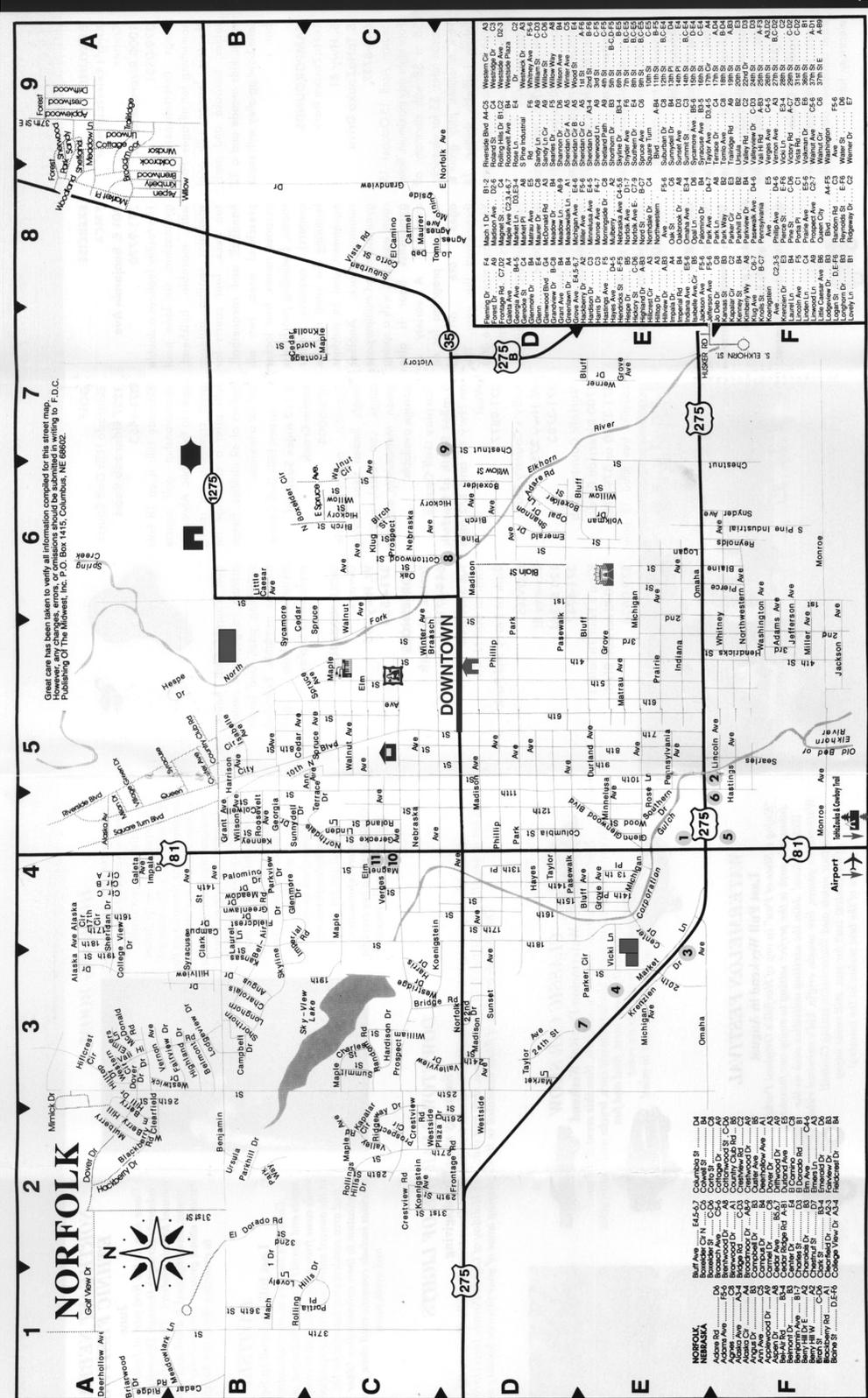
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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## LOCATION

Norfolk is located in the Elkhorn River Valley of Madison County in northeast Nebraska. Intersecting in Norfolk are U.S. Highways 81 and 275 and Nebraska Highways 24 and 35. Norfolk is 84 miles southwest of Sioux City, Iowa; 119 miles northwest of Omaha, and 129 miles northwest of Lincoln.

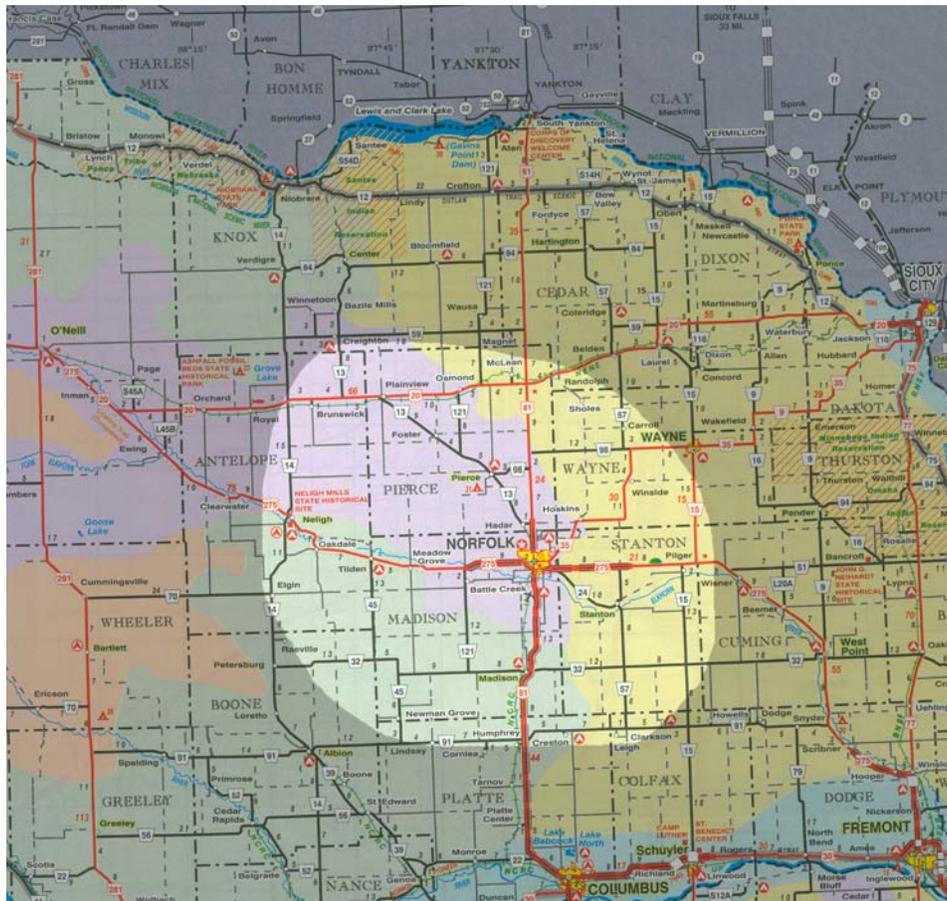
## POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Norfolk	Madison County
1970	16,607	27,402
1980	19,449	31,382
1990	21,476	32,655
2000	23,516	35,226
2006 (Est.)	23,896	35,279

### Madison County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2005 U.S. Census

White	95.3%
Black	1.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.4%
Asian	0.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%
Two or more races	0.8%
Hispanic or Latino	12.3%
White persons not Hispanic	83.7%

The 2006 U.S. Census estimates 103,170 people live in Madison County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Antelope, Boone, Pierce, Platte, Stanton, and Wayne.



**Primary Retail Trade Area**

## **LOCAL ECONOMY**

Norfolk is the major retail trade center for northeast Nebraska. The economy is comprised of activities in agriculture (both grain and livestock farming), manufacturing, and services (including retail and wholesale trade, education, and health care).

The primary retail trade area extends approximately 31 miles north, 21 miles northeast, 21 miles south, and 51 miles northwest and contains approximately 77,100 people. Norfolk firms with retail sales tax permits reported retail sales of \$462,696,742 in 2006 while Madison County reported retail sales of \$495,537,571. Wholesale firms in the community distribute groceries, food, soft drinks, beer, farm products, bottles, oil and gas, agriculture, well installation equipment, janitorial products, welding, paper products, steel, syringes, electronic resistors, burial vaults, construction materials, high pressure/hydraulic hoses, and treated cellulose insulation.

Since 2000 the hiring trend has been up, even with the closing of the Tyson box beef plant and the downsizing of Arnold Engineering. Expansions at COVIDIEN (Tyco HealthCare) and U.S. Greenfiber in addition to the attraction of Elkhorn Valley Ethanol, Sterling Computer, and the Nucor Detailing Center have stabilized the local economy with higher paying jobs than those lost. Faith Regional Medical Center is planning an addition that will add 25 jobs in the medical services field.

## **ELEVATION**

Norfolk is 1,544 feet above sea level.

## **TOPOGRAPHY**

Norfolk is nestled in the heart of the Elkhorn Valley, with the Sandhills lying to the west and farmland to the east. The surrounding land is gently rolling. The land is mainly Marshall and Shelby series soils of good absorptive quality, retaining moisture yet providing good drainage.

## **HISTORY**

On July 17, 1866, a three-train caravan of prairie schooners carrying 44 German families from Ixonia and Watertown, Wisconsin, arrived at the junction of the Elkhorn and North Fork Valleys where they were attracted by the rich land open for settlement. These pioneers were joined by others from Wisconsin and formed the community, which later became Norfolk. Others, some from New England, soon came to the new settlement and established a grist mill, which was operated by water power from the North Fork River. A mill store was opened, and this structure determined the location of the town.

In 1881 the village of Norfolk was organized. The settlers proclaimed “North Fork” to be their permanent post office address, named after the river, but suggested “Norfork” as the name because it was simplest compounding of “North Fork.” Postal authorities, thinking the word had been misspelled, changed the spelling to “Norfolk.”

As the hub—first of horse trails, then of railroads and highways—Norfolk was destined to become the largest city of a rich and extensive area. Early freighters to the Black Hills made it an important transportation point. Railroads transversing the Elkhorn and North Fork Valleys made certain Norfolk’s growth emerged from a village of a few hundred to a vital trade center. Norfolk continues to grow as industry combines with agriculture to provide a diversified economy necessary for a prosperous community. This growth has made Norfolk a “Center of Jobs” as well as a cultural center.

The most famous person from Norfolk is Johnny Carson of the Johnny Carson Show. Prior to his death in 2005, Johnny donated more than \$2 million to the Carson Regional Radiation Center at Faith Regional Health Services. A donation of \$650,000 helped to build the theatre at the public high school that bears his name and seats an audience of 1,234. The Norfolk Arts Center received \$100,000 as did the Elkhorn Valley Museum, which hosts the Johnny Carson Show Exhibit. Johnny also donated \$1 million to bring long distance technology to the Life

Long Learning Center, located on the Northeast Nebraska Community College Campus.

Norfolk has been the home of many outstanding individuals including: Thurl Ravenscroft, the

voice for Tony the Tiger, and Orville Carlisle, inventor of a safe model rocket system, whose rockets are on display in the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C.



Downtown Norfolk





Nucor Steel Division of Nucor Corporation



Vulcraft Division, Nucor Corporation

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### MANUFACTURERS

<u>Company/Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Arkfeld Manufacturing Inc. 1921	Farm scales & automatic livestock waterers, security cabinets & custom metal fabrication	National & Export	10	3 2*	None
Big Red Printing 1984	Commercial printing	Local & Regional	4	2 2*	None
Classen Fabrication Inc. 1973	Lawn & garden equipment	Regional	9	1	None
Classen Manufacturing 1973	Turf equipment	Regional	22 5*	1 2*	None
Colonial Research Chemical 1971	Industrial maintenance products	Regional	4	1	None
Copycraft Printing 1974	Commercial printing	Local & Regional	3	4	None
COVIDIEN (formerly Tyco HealthCare) 1961	Disposable syringes, blood tubes & thermometer probe covers	National & Export	202	300	None
Custom Feed Services 1975	Custom premix for hogs & cattle	Local, Regional & National	8 2*	0	None
Custom Machine & Tool 1971	Industrial tooling	National	4	0	None
EBM Mill & Elevator Supply 1980	Gentle roll cleaner & mill wright construction	National & Export	33	5	None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Company/Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Gerhold Concrete 1955	Ready-mix concrete, concrete blocks & products (retaining walls, spray on concrete)	Local & Regional	31	1	None
Goodyear Tire & Rubber 1979	High pressure/hydraulic hose	National & Export	273 14*	69 14*	None
Henningsen Foods, Inc. 1889	Dehydrated meat & poultry	National & Export	55 Total		None
Hiland-Roberts 1917	Ice cream	International	54 2*	16	None
Krueger Planing Mill 1931	Custom cabinets & millwork	Local	3	0	None
Love Signs 1920	Signs	Local & Regional	22 Total		None
Louis Dreyfus Commodities-Norfolk** 2007	Ethanol	Regional	40 Total		None
Marathon Press, Inc. 1934	Commercial printing	National	33 7*	41 9*	None
Midwest Ornamental Iron Co. 1969	Architectural & ornamental iron fabrication (spiral staircases, arbors, gates, fences)	Local & Regional	1 1*	0	None
Nebraska Wilbert Vault Co. 1967	Burial vaults	Local	7	0	None
Norfolk Awning Co. 1934	Canvas-related products, tarps & awnings	Regional	2	0 1*	None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

\*\*The company expects to begin production in September 2007. When up to full production, the company anticipates having 40 employees.

<u>Company/Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Norfolk Daily News 1887	Daily newspaper & newspaper products	Local & Regional	65 Total 36* Total		None
Norfolk Iron & Metal Co. 1908	Steel products, distribution & steel service center	Midwest	297	38	None
Norfolk Printing Co. 1973	Commercial printing	Regional & National	15 Total		None
Norfolk Specialties, Inc. 1978	Fabricated metal products & industrial job shop	Local & Regional	6 1*	4 1*	None
Nucor Detailing Center 2006	Computer assisted design of steel, construction products	Regional, National & Export	40 Total		None
Nucor Steel Division of Nucor Corporation 1973	Steel angles, rounds, flats & channels	Regional, National & Export	396	20	None
Oberg Industrial Machine & Tool 1988	Industrial tooling	National	2	1	None
Progressive Nutrition 1992	Animal feeds	Regional	Not Available		None
Protient 1995	Protein	Regional	40 9*	5 1*	None
R. F. Machine Works 1989	Industrial agricultural supplies & maintenance repairs on motorcycles, jet skies & snowmobiles	Regional	2	1	None
Tielkes Enterprise, LLC 1990	Prepackaged & private label sandwiches	Regional	4 4*	10 2*	None
U.S. Greenfiber LLC 1976	Treated cellulose insulation	National & Export	30 Total 7* Total		None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Company/Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Vit-E-Men Inc. 1971	Bacterial grain inoculants, probiotics & animal health products	National & Export	7 2*	1	None
Vulcraft Division of Nucor Corporation 1964	Steel joists, metal deck & cold drawn bar	Regional	408 4* Total	51	None
Wis-Pak of Norfolk 1977	Soft drinks, flavored waters & teas	Regional	80 8*	20	None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

### MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 100 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Affiliated Foods Cooperative, Inc.	Food distribution	503 55* Total	155	Teamsters
City of Norfolk	Government	142 2*	58 11*	Firefighters
Faith Regional Health Services	Medical	115 45*	702 305	None
Madison County	Government	15 5*	4 1*	None
Nebraska Public Power District	Electric utility	56	44	None
Norfolk Public Schools	Education	133 12*	513 166*	NSEA/ NCEA
Norfolk Regional Center	State psychiatric hospital	71	177	NAPE/ AFSCME
Norfolk Veterans Home	Medical	160 Total 20* Total		AFSCME

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Northeast Community College	Education	224 Total 45* Total		NSEDA
St. Joseph Rehabilitation & Care Center	Medical	5 3*	60 51*	None
State of Nebraska (Madison County)	Government	782 Total		None
Sterling Computers	Customized computer hardware	140 Total		None
United States	Government	216 Total		None
Wal-Mart	Retail	325 Total		None
Wiese Research Associates, Inc.	Market research	140 Total		None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

### **OTHER MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS** (within 40 miles and employing more than 100)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
<b>Madison, 15 miles</b>				
Madison County	Government	85 17*	77 14*	None
Madison Public Schools	Education	107 Total		NSEA
Tyson Fresh Meats	Hog slaughter	1,115 Total		None
<b>Neligh, 35 miles</b>				
Antelope Memorial Hospital	Medical	21	144	None
Educational Service Unit 8	Education	7 1*	85 23*	NSEA
<b>Wayne, 35 miles</b>				
First Bankcard Center	Credit card collections	35 Total		None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Great Dane Trailers	Refrigerated semi-trailers	501 Total 7* Total		None
Heritage Homes of Nebraska, Inc.	Modular homes & light commercial buildings	107 Total		None
NorthStar Services	Support services for developmentally disabled	5 17*	23 59*	None
Pacific Coast Feather Company	Mattress pads	142 Total		None
Providence Medical Center	Medical	5 6*	60 84*	None
Wayne City Schools	Education	29 3*	87 8*	WEA
Wayne State College	Education	161 38*	181 48*	NSEA/ NSCPA/ NAPE
<b>Lindsay, 36 miles</b>				
Lindsay Corporation	Irrigation equipment & diversified manufacturing	525 Total		None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

The Action Council of the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Norfolk, the Greater Norfolk Economic Development Foundation, the Elkhorn Valley Economic Development Council, and the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District work together for economic development in the area.

The Greater Norfolk Economic Development Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation. Its principal assets include cash, land, and certificates of deposit. With a nine-member board, funds come from an annual capital campaign and money is also raised as needed.

The Elkhorn Valley Economic Development Council (EVEDC), with a professional staff of Executive Director, Entrepreneur Programs Director, and Administrative Assistant, was formed in 2001 as a non-profit corporation. EVEDC provides economic development and business development services for communities in Madison, Antelope, Pierce, and Stanton Counties as well as the City of Norfolk, The Greater Norfolk Economic Development Foundation, and the Norfolk Chamber's Action Council. EVEDC is governed by a 21-member board of directors with funding derived from the cities and counties and a private sector capital campaign at five-year intervals.

The Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD) is a 21-county regional

development organization created in 1977. The organization encourages cooperation between local government officials, community-based organizations, and the private sector to foster economic growth. NENEDD provides the link between federal and state programs at the local level where development actually occurs. During the past three years, NENEDD has successfully brought in approximately \$17 million in federal and state funds to its member communities. Economic development funds have also assisted in the creation or retention of more than 700 jobs in the northeast region.

Since 2000 the hiring trend has been up, even with the closing of the Tyson box beef plant and the downsizing of Arnold Engineering. Expansions at COVIDIEN (Tyco HealthCare) and U.S. Greenfiber in addition to the attraction of Elkhorn Valley Ethanol, Sterling Computer, and the Nucor Detailing Center have stabilized

the local economy with higher paying jobs than those lost. Faith Regional Medical Center is planning an addition that will add 25 jobs in the medical services field. An estimated 500 to 600 new jobs will come on line in Norfolk during the next four to five years.

Approximately 300 acres of land in and adjacent to Norfolk are available for industry. Of the 300 acres, nearly 200 are either owned or optioned by the Greater Norfolk Economic Development Foundation or are zoned for industry. Several sites are located in county industrial tracts, which offer property tax advantages. The price of commercial and industrially zoned land or other appropriate property for those uses varies widely from \$5,000 per acre to \$3.00 per square foot.

## INDUSTRIAL SITES AVAILABLE

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Affiliated Foods



Goodyear Tire & Rubber



Louis Dreyfus Commodities

# LABOR

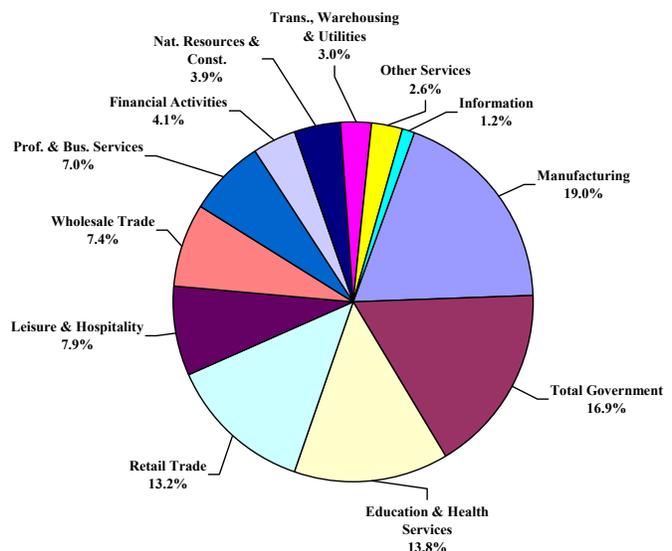
## LABOR SUPPLY

A. Employment in the Norfolk labor market, which is defined as the whole of Madison County, and the total labor market consisting of Madison County and the contiguous counties of Antelope, Boone, Pierce, Platte, Stanton, and Wayne. Twelve-month average (July 2006 through June 2007):

<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)	<u>Madison Co.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Goods-Producing	5,146	13,815
Manufacturing	4,262	(D)
Natural Resources & Construction	884	2,234
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	5,295	11,037
Wholesale Trade	1,657	3,161
Retail Trade	2,960	(D)
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	679	(D)
Information	268	(D)
Financial Activities	920	2,109
Professional & Business Services	1,561	(D)
Education & Health Services	3,095	(D)
Leisure & Hospitality	1,782	3,953
Other Services	585	1,397
Government	3,798	9,474
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	22,449	51,740
Farm Employment	872	6,048
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	19,202	55,997
B. Commuting Out of County	1,745	
C. Unemployment	670	1,677
TOTAL LABOR POTENTIAL	19,872	57,674
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.	9,978	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	609	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	13,002	

(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

**NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT  
MADISON COUNTY  
12-MONTH AVERAGE  
JULY 2006 THROUGH JUNE 2007**



Source: Nebraska Workforce Development  
U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau  
of Economic Analysis (BEA), 2003 data  
U.S. Census

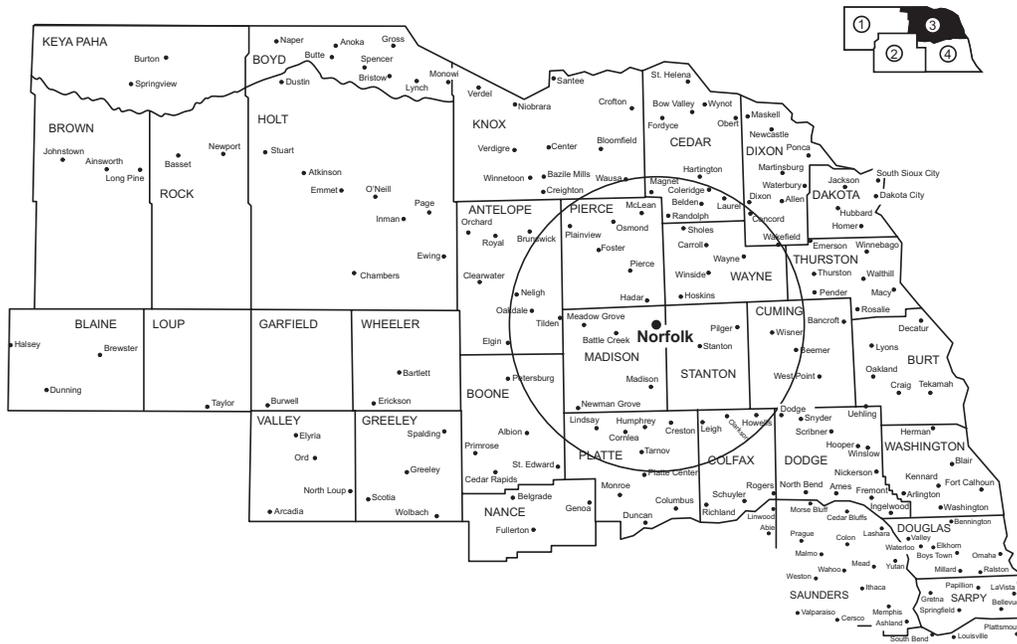
Norfolk is willing to conduct a labor survey for a prospective industry. Results of a 2005 labor survey are available at [www.elkhornedc.com](http://www.elkhornedc.com).

	2000			2005		
	Density/ Sq. Mile	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	Median Age	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Household Effective Buying Income
Madison Co.	61.5	82.6	17.0	36.5	14.2	\$36,301
Nebraska	22.3	86.6	23.7	36.2	13.3	\$36,910
U.S.	79.6	84.0	26.0	36.4	12.1	\$39,324

Madison County had 22,246 eligible voters in 2004; 64.2 percent voted in the national election compared to 68.3 percent in Nebraska.

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

### LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE NORFOLK AREA



### POPULATION DATA U.S. Census Estimates

2006 Estimate		
City of Norfolk	—	23,896
Madison County	—	35,279
30-Mile Radius (2005)	—	73,557

Madison County Population by Age/Gender, 2005		
<u>Ages</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
18–24	2,029	1,741
25–44	4,735	4,373
45–64	4,240	4,340

## 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.

Labor organizations operating in Norfolk:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Union</u>
Affiliated Foods Cooperative, Inc. (partial workforce)	Teamsters
Aquila	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
City of Norfolk Fire Fighters	International Association of Fire Fighters
Nebraska Central Railroad	Standard Railroad Unions
Norfolk Public Schools & Northeast Community College	Nebraska State Education Association
Norfolk Regional Center	American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees National Association of Professional Employees
Norfolk Veterans Home	American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees
Qwest	Communications Workers of America
U.S. Postal Service - Letter Carriers Postal Workers	National Association of Letter Carriers American Postal Workers Union
Various Contractors	Bricklayers

It is estimated that 3 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in Norfolk is unionized. There have been no known strikes during the last five years.

## WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Professional</b>			
Accountants & Auditors	16.38	22.51	36.04
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	19.84	29.67	37.37
Electrical Engineers			
Industrial Engineers	20.08	28.40	39.79
Mechanical Engineers	19.96	27.25	38.56
Computer Programmers	15.14	27.79	37.28
Computer Systems Analysts	18.90	30.09	44.12
Registered Nurses	16.45	23.07	29.87

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

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Retail</b>			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	6.02	7.69	11.17
Retail Salespersons	6.06	8.52	21.84
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	7.62	12.05	18.82
Driver/Sales Workers	6.66	11.37	27.92
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	6.53	9.71	14.28
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	8.27	13.86	17.86
<b>Clerical</b>			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	7.91	11.84	17.13
Customer Service Representatives	7.07	10.07	15.84
Data Entry Keyers	8.31	10.93	13.81
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	7.83	11.16	15.48
Office Clerks, General	6.60	9.82	14.15
Receptionists & Information Clerks	7.16	10.08	12.48
Telemarketers	7.28	8.18	9.11
<b>Unskilled</b>			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	7.43	10.90	13.95
Packers & Packagers, Hand	6.17	10.45	13.80
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other	8.68	12.00	14.41
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	7.41	9.90	12.55
<b>Semi-Skilled</b>			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	9.46	12.33	16.55
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	9.38	14.85	22.74
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	10.95	15.17	21.52
Machine Operators			
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	6.43	11.60	17.11
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.	12.13	13.45	14.79
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	10.96	13.11	15.22
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.*	8.21	11.23	14.30
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	8.54	12.46	17.14
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	11.59	15.67	18.17
<b>Skilled</b>			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	8.87	13.21	22.33
Electricians	11.50	17.85	22.79
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	12.06	16.18	21.37
Machinists	10.62	14.58	18.48
Tool & Die Makers	13.08	19.56	22.99

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

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	10.04	13.46	17.37
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	10.82	13.66	15.79
<b>Technical</b>			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	15.14	26.05	34.33
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	17.69	23.45	30.09
Computer Operators	9.74	13.29	19.94

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

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Second Quarter 2007 wage estimates, All Industries, Northeast Region, [www.dol.state.ne.us/Lmiwages/toc000.htm](http://www.dol.state.ne.us/Lmiwages/toc000.htm) .

## FRINGE BENEFITS

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range from 25 to 40 percent of wages.



Sunset Plaza Shopping Mall



New Construction in Norfolk

# TRANSPORTATION

## **RAILROADS**

Norfolk is served by the Nebraska Central Railroad, a short-line railroad, with several freight trains daily. Additional service is available as needed. Norfolk has a local switchyard and switching is handled by local crews. A coast-to-coast Class 1 connection with the Union Pacific Railroad is available 48 miles south of Norfolk. Nebraska Central Railroad, a subsidiary of the Rio Grande Pacific Corporation, is committed to providing consistent dependable service to all rail customers.

For further information, call (402) 371-9015 or visit [www.rgpc.com](http://www.rgpc.com).

## **MOTOR**

### **Highways**

U.S. Highways 81 (north-south) and 275 (east-west) and Nebraska Highway 24 (northwest-southeast) and Nebraska Highway 35 (northeast-southwest) serve Norfolk. There are no local load restrictions imposed on these highways. Interstate 29 is approximately 70 miles east, Interstate 80 is 90 miles south, and Interstate 90 is 117 miles north of Norfolk.

Highway mileage to major cities: (average speed of 60 mph):

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Mileage</b>	<b>Time</b>
Lincoln	129	2 hr. 10 min.
Omaha	119	2 hr. 0 min.
Chicago	559	8 hr. 50 min.
Dallas	688	11 hr. 41 min.
Denver	516	8 hr. 16 min.
Detroit	823	13 hr. 10 min.
Kansas City	301	5 hr. 15 min.
Los Angeles	1,528	27 hr. 0 min.
Minneapolis	410	5 hr. 45 min.
New York	1,334	22 hr. 15 min.
St. Louis	551	9 hr. 25 min.
San Francisco	1,644	28 hr. 0 min.
Sioux City	84	1 hr. 20 min.

U.S. Highway 81 has been four-laned from Norfolk to Columbus and is part of the expressway system to be four-laned south to Mexico. Fifty percent of U.S. Highway 275 from Norfolk to Omaha has been four-laned.

### **Trucklines**

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

Trucklines with terminals in Norfolk:

- Abler Transfer
- Affiliated Carriers
- Andrews Van Lines, Inc.\*
- Brown Transfer Company
- Central Transport Co.
- Deitloff Transfer
- Gray Carriers
- Moore Brothers Inc.
- Norfolk Contract Carriers
- SAIA Motor Freight
- SIG Enterprises, Inc.
- TMC/The Mickow Corp.
- Vulcraft

\*Andrews Van Lines, Inc., has served the Norfolk area since 1920. The firm specializes in moving household goods and other freight throughout the 50 states and many foreign countries. Agents are located in principal cities throughout the country.

### **Bus Line**

Arrow Stage Lines, one of the nation's largest family-owned motor coach charter carriers, was founded in and has served Norfolk since 1928. Offering local and nationwide motor coach charter service, Arrow Stage Lines offers one scheduled bus to Omaha, Monday through Friday, via Columbus, Schuyler, and Fremont. Besides this regular scheduled route to Omaha and the Omaha Eppley Airfield, nationwide bus connections are available through Greyhound to all mainland states and Canada.

Navigator Motor Coaches, Inc., privately owned, provides charter bus service locally, nationwide, and to Canada and Mexico.

The Norfolk Senior Citizens Center has two handibuses available for the elderly and handicapped, as well as for the general public for a small fee. This service covers the Norfolk area.

### **Taxi**

Checker Cab has four radio-equipped cabs.

### **AIR**

Karl Stefan Memorial Airport, located three miles south of Norfolk (five minutes), provides air freight and air express services. Supplementary all-cargo service (air/truck) is available with departures daily. Taxi service and car rental provide public ground transportation.

The airport has two 5,800-foot paved and lighted runways with a full instrument landing system. The FBO (fixed base operator) is operated by the City of Norfolk. Maintenance and repair, air taxi, charter, plane rental, aerial photography, and flight training services are available.

Competitive fuel prices, a comfortable pilots' lounge, and a courtesy car for limited local use make the Karl Stefan Memorial Airport a must stop for private air travelers. Information on local tourists attractions and economic development opportunities is available in the pilots' lounge.



**Aircraft Hangar at Karl Stefan Memorial Airport**

Karl Stephen Memorial is a busy airport with nearly 1,500 fuel stops per year and 4,000 general aviation flights annually. Fifty planes are hangared at the airport with three available for charter. The elevation at the airport is 1,572 feet, the latitude is 41°59'13"N, and the longitude is 97°26'11"W.

Scheduled air service is available at the Eppley Airfield near Omaha, 119 miles (120 minutes) southeast, and Sioux Gateway Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, 83 miles (80 minutes) northeast of Norfolk.

### **WATER**

Barge service is available at 10 barge terminal facilities on the Missouri River in Nebraska. The Omaha river port is 119 miles southeast of Norfolk. These river ports are navigable approximately eight months per year. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintains a 9-foot deep, 300-foot wide channel for 735 navigable miles from Sioux City to the mouth of the Missouri River. Commodities transported by towing companies are grain and grain products, fertilizer, feed ingredients, cement, rock-aggregate, and salt.

### **PIPELINE**

Valero Pipeline, a worldwide company, has a loading terminal in Norfolk. This firm ships petroleum products, including propane. Valero, headquartered in Wichita, Kansas, serves Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming.



**Nebraska Central Railroad**

## UTILITIES

### ELECTRICITY

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) provides the citizens of Norfolk retail electric service from five major transmission lines of 115,000 volts, two 230,000 volt lines, and one 345,000 volt line. These lines serve two transmission substations in Norfolk, totaling 168,000 kVA capacity. Fourteen distribution substations, strategically located in the city, have primary feeders of 12,470 volts wye connected with a total capacity of 164,500 kVA. The Norfolk system is tied into the statewide grid system of 115,000, 230,000, and 345,000 volt transmission lines and can be fed from five directions.

NPPD's Centralized Customer Service Center, located in Norfolk, serves customers across the state, including the customers for 18 other public power entities. The northern headquarters for NPPD's transmission and operations substation crews is also located in Norfolk.

#### BASE ELECTRIC RATES

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

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

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

This rate is subject to application of 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)

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

This rate is subject to application of 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)

<b>Customer Charge:</b>		
Single Phase		\$32.50 per month
Three Phase		\$37.50 per month
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
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
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of 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)

<b>Customer Charge:</b>		
Single Phase		\$65.00 per month
Three Phase		\$75.00 per month
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
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
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge, subject to applicable Base Rate adjustments		

This rate is subject to application of 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 <sup>1</sup>
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

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

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

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$250.00 per month		
<b>Monthly Demand Charges</b> (Base Rate charge per kW):		
Summer:	\$9.45 per kW of billing demand	
Winter:	\$6.00 per kW of billing demand	
<b>Monthly Energy Charges</b> (Base Rate charge per kWh):		
<u>Seasons</u>	<u>On-Peak</u>	<u>Off-Peak</u>
Summer	3.68¢	2.18¢
Winter	2.77¢	1.65¢

**Energy Time Periods** - For the monthly billing periods, the 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 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.

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

### Sample Cost per kWh:

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh <sup>1</sup>
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

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

The ¢/kWh cost is estimated using the following assumption concerning the distribution of electricity use during on-peak and off-peak periods.

<u>Seasons</u>	<u>On-Peak %</u>	<u>Off-Peak %</u>
Summer	46.0	54.0
Winter	54.0	45.0

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

The Stanton County Public Power District serves the rural area to the east and the Elkhorn Rural Public Power District serves areas west, north, and south of Norfolk. Both companies are wholesale power customers of Nebraska Public Power District. For more information regarding electric rates and services in these areas, contact William Johnson, manager, Stanton County Public Power District, Stanton, Nebraska, (402) 439-2228, or Terry Carson, manager, Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, Battle Creek, Nebraska, (402) 675-2185, or visit [www.erppd.com](http://www.erppd.com).

## NATURAL GAS

Aquila is the retail supplier of natural gas in Norfolk. Kinder Morgan is the transmission pipeline company. Aquila is a full-service natural gas distribution company with Nebraska headquarters in Lincoln.

Natural gas with an average value of 1,000 BTU per cubic foot is available for residential, commercial, and industrial customers for base and peak use on a firm basis. Interruptible service is available for customers with alternate fuel capability. Annual curtailment of interruptible customers varies with the type of service selected by the customer.

Rates will vary from month to month and are set each month to reflect the cost of the natural gas. Aquila uses a mixed buying portfolio to keep the cost of natural gas supplied to customers at a competitive rate. Commercial/industrial customers with daily usage greater than 20 Mcf can negotiate their rates with their energy supplier.

Contact the Economic Development Department of Aquila at (402) 437-1850 or (800) 232-2850 for further information regarding gas rates and services available.

## OTHER FUELS

### LP Gas

LP gas is available in Norfolk for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at Zoubek Oil Company, Ferrellgas, Meisinger Oil, and Progas.

### Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at Standard Oil, Sinclair Oil, Sun Oil (DX Division), Texaco Oil, Conoco Oil, Mobil Oil, Meisinger Oil, and Zoubek Oil.

## WATER

The Norfolk water system, serving 98 percent of the population, consists of two water treatment plants supplied by two well fields. The two fields have a total of 13 wells, averaging 81 feet in depth. The combined pumping capacity is 8,900 gallons per minute, and the storage capacity is 4,800,000 gallons. The average daily demand on the system is 5,000,000 gallons, with historic peak for daily demand at 10,700,000 gallons. Each well produces approximately 900 gallons per minute, with the exception of a collector well installed in 2003. The collector well produces

3,000 gallons per minute. Both water treatment plants use aeration and filtration to remove iron and manganese. Polymer is also part of the treatment used at the east water treatment plant. Both treatment plants provide disinfection prior to distribution in the community. The combined capacity of these plants is 14,400,000 gallons per day. The static pressure of the water at the treatment plants varies from 70 to 90 psi and residual pressure varies from 40 to 90 psi. There are two pressure zones in the city's distribution system. Zone 1 generally serves all land below the elevation of 1,600 feet. Zone 2 serves all land above the elevation of 1,600 feet.

The water table fluctuates seasonally; however, no significant changes have occurred during the last five years.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in parts per million, averages 280. The average tap water temperature is 52°.

**Chemical Analysis** (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.86
Calcium	98.1
Total Solids	408
Magnesium	16.5
Nitrate	.22
Manganese	.1
Chloride	7
Fluoride	0.3
Sulfate	100
Sodium	15.5
Total Hardness	280
Nickel	3.23

**WATER RATES** (effective 10/1/07):

A connection fee of \$30 is charged for new water and sewer service.

**Residential, Commercial & Industrial:**

<b>Bimonthly Usage</b>	<b>Inside City Limits</b>	<b>Outside City Limits</b>
First 660 cf	Minimum bill	Minimum bill
Next 6,000 cf	\$1.12 per Ccf	\$2.24 per Ccf
Next 27,000 cf	\$0.91 per Ccf	\$1.82 per Ccf
Over 33,660 cf	\$0.75 per Ccf	\$1.25 per Ccf
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The minimum charge shall be based on the size of the meter. The charges inside city limits range from a 5/8-inch meter for \$10.15 to a 6-inch meter for \$230.00. The charges outside city limits range from a 5/8-inch meter for \$20.30 to a 6-inch meter for \$460.00.		

Improvements during the next five years include the installation of wells and collection lines and transmission main improvements. Financing will be obtained through cash on hand, water revenues, and sale of bonds.

For more information on the Norfolk Water Division, visit [www.ci.norfolk.ne.us](http://www.ci.norfolk.ne.us) or call (402) 844-2210.

**SEWERAGE**

Norfolk has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. In 1996 a sequential batch reactor (SBR) train was added to the system, providing capacity through the year 2015. The SBR removes 95–99 percent of the pollutants, including ammonia. The plant's hydraulic daily capacity increased to 7,100,000 gallons and the peak capacity to 15,000,000 gallons with this project. An ultraviolet (UV) disinfection process on the effluent was added in 2003.

The plant has an average daily flow of 2,900,000 gallons and a historic peak daily discharge of 8,900,000 gallons.

The plant treats wastes from nine industries that range from food processing to manufacturing plants. The industries and residential community combined create a waste load equivalent to a population of 87,000.

**SEWER-USE CHARGES** (effective 2006–07)

A tap fee of \$30 is charged for new water and sewer service.

**Domestic** (bimonthly - based on winter water usage):

For wastewater having less than 300 milligrams per liter concentration of BOD, suspended solids, and less than 40 milligrams per liter concentration of Total Kjeldhal Nitrogen.

\$15.94 for the first 400 cu. ft.  
 \$1.03 per 100 cu. ft. for all additional use  
**Minimum Bill:** \$15.94 bimonthly

**Industrial:**

For wastewater with concentrations higher than domestic waste values (300 milligram per liter of BOD, suspended solids, and 40 milligrams per liter concentration of Total Kjeldhal Nitrogen).

BOD	\$0.1119/lb.
SS	\$0.1502/lb.
TKN	\$0.1925/lb.

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

Solid waste collection is handled by private haulers for both residential and commercial establishments. The waste is delivered to the city-owned transfer station where it is inspected and reloaded into semi transports. It is then hauled 32 miles to the landfill, which is owned by the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition, a coalition of governments in northeast Nebraska.

**SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES** (effective 6/07)

**Residential:**

\$17.00 per month average for once a week pickup

**Commercial & Industrial:**

Varies according to frequency, containers, and yardage

**RECYCLING**

Norfolk has several recycling locations throughout the city accepting a variety of items.



Nebraska Public Power District



Housing Scenes

## COMMUNICATIONS

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Qwest Communications of Denver, Colorado, provides telecommunication services to the Norfolk area with a digital central office served by fiber. The central office is monitored both on site and remotely with diverse routing available. ISDN and DSL are available from this switch. Dual feed from two separate switching offices is available. Norfolk has a hardwire "Point of Presence." There are more than 300 long distance providers.

#### TARIFFED RATES (effective 8/02)

Residence Line	\$18.65
Business Line	\$28.80

### INTERNET

Local Internet service is provided by five companies located in Norfolk:

Alltel	(402) 371-9700 <a href="http://www.alltel.com">www.alltel.com</a>
CableOne	(402) 379-2330 <a href="http://www.cableone.net">www.cableone.net</a>
Internet Nebraska	(402) 371-6897 <a href="http://www.inebraska.com">www.inebraska.com</a>
Telebeep, Inc.	(402) 371-2337 <a href="http://www.telebeep.com">www.telebeep.com</a>
Connecting Point	(402) 371-4530 <a href="http://www.conpoint.com">www.conpoint.com</a>

### POST OFFICE

The Norfolk Post Office is an automated mail processing center serving 107 post offices. Norfolk has 6 contract substations, 3 mail receipts, and 3 mail dispatches daily.

### PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	Federal Express	UPS	U.S. Postal Service
<b>Latest Pick-up Time</b>	5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
<b>Earliest Delivery</b>	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
<b>Next Day Delivery Guarantee</b>	None	10:30 a.m.	Noon & 3:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday Delivery Guarantee</b>	N/A	12:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.

### NEWSPAPER

The Norfolk Daily News, with 17,500 subscribers, is the local daily paper covering Norfolk and 17 area counties. The newspaper's website, [www.norfolkdailynews.com](http://www.norfolkdailynews.com), contains news, sports, and other information concerning the coverage area. The Daily News Plus is a free retail publication delivered weekly to 32,000 households in Norfolk and northeast Nebraska. The Norfolk Area Shopper is a local weekly paper with a circulation of 34,000. The Omaha World-Herald is delivered locally and the Sioux City Journal and Lincoln Journal Star are available at newsstands.

### RADIO

Norfolk radio stations:

Call Letters	Frequency	Type
KXNE-FM	89.3 MHz	Public
WJAG-AM	780 KHz	Country
KEXL-FM	106.7 MHz	Adult contemp.
KPNO-FM	90.9 MHz	Christian
KNEN-FM	94.7 MHz	Adult contemp.
KUSO (US 92)-FM	92.7 MHz	Country

## TELEVISION

PBS-TV, an educational television station in Norfolk, is viewed on Channel 11.

Regional television stations carrying local news include:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KOLN/KGIN	10/11	Lincoln/ Grand Island, NE
KMTV	3	Omaha, NE
WOWT	6	Omaha, NE
KETV	5	Omaha, NE
KXVO	12	Omaha, NE
KTIV	4	Sioux City, IA
KCAU	9	Sioux City, IA
KMEG	7	Sioux City, IA

Norfolk and several surrounding communities are serviced by a state-of-the-art cable plant operated by CableOne. Subscribers in Norfolk have access to 180 channels including 38 premium channels and 32 pay-for-view channels.

Satellite TV is also available in the area.



Big Bang Boom Celebration at Skyview Lake on 4th of July

## TAX STRUCTURE

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

All real property is subject to tax at market value. Agricultural land is valued at 75 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	\$839,734,268	\$887,188,956	\$1,023,572,159
Personal Property*	<u>46,447,770</u>	<u>38,193,403</u>	<u>52,318,939</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$886,182,038</b>	<b>\$925,382,359</b>	<b>\$1,075,891,098</b>

\* Includes Special (railroad and utilities)

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

	2004	2005	2006
City	\$0.0456740	\$0.0976420	\$0.1129140
Norfolk Fire District	.0400000	.0400000	.0400000
County	.4085000	.4083140	.4048540
School District	1.1567630	1.1275590	1.212360
Community College	.0827110	.0896220	.0904210
Educational Service Unit	.0149900	.0149100	.0149000
Natural Resource District	.0333536	.0368988	.0354323
Agricultural Society	.0176190	.0167610	.0157810
Airport	.0487310	.0446950	.0235720
Railroad Safety Transportation Dist.	—	<u>.0046420</u>	<u>.0045940</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2.2083416</b>	<b>\$2.3310438</b>	<b>\$1.8644073</b>

The 2006 tax rate at the industrial sites varies from \$1.706225 to \$1.937804 per \$100 of actual value.

### CITY SALES TAX

The city of Norfolk imposes a 1.5 percent city sales tax in addition to the Nebraska sales tax.

### LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of January 1, 2007:

City—Revenue Bonds	\$9,428,035
City—General Obligation Bonds	\$5,610,000
School District (as of 9/1/06)	\$26,100,000
County	None

## CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 6/30/07	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
<b>Revenue</b>					
NDEQ Note	6/15/01	\$1,781,318	\$1,158,035	3.00	12/15/16
Combined Utility	7/18/02	\$1,230,000	\$865,000	2.05–4.80	5/15/15
Combined Utility	12/19/02	\$7,425,000	\$5,595,000	1.75–4.35	12/15/16
Combined Utility	9/20/03	\$2,030,000	\$1,810,000	1.25–5.20	10/1/23
<b>General Obligation</b>					
Public Safety TAB	9/15/98	\$80,000	\$20,000	4.05–4.75	9/15/08
Various Purpose	12/15/98	\$885,000	\$50,000	4.05–4.4	12/15/08
Various Purpose	9/1/99	\$450,000	\$150,000	4.5–5.5	9/1/09
Public Safety TAB	6/1/00	\$250,000	\$100,000	5.05–5.35	12/1/10
Various Purpose	9/1/01	\$2,065,000	\$630,000	3.65–4.6	9/1/11
Flood Control Refunding	4/23/02	\$520,000	\$375,000	2.35–5.10	10/1/15
Public Safety Tax	4/23/02	\$325,000	\$135,000	2.85–4.55	6/15/10
Public Safety TAB	10/3/03	\$375,000	\$270,000	1.3–4.3	10/1/13
Sales Tax Revenue Anticipation Bonds	10/3/03	\$700,000	\$530,000	1.3–4.3	10/1/13
Flood Control Ref.	8/15/03	\$3,375,000	\$2,775,000	1.1–4.35	9/15/19
Various Purpose	9/1/05	\$630,000	\$575,000	2.8–3.9	9/1/15

## SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued/ Refinanced	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 9/1/06	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Construction Projects	1993	\$6,500,000	\$390,000	Variable	12/15/08
Construction Projects	2003	Refinanced	\$1,645,000	Variable	6/1/09
Construction Projects	2003	Refinanced	\$3,825,000	Variable	12/15/12
Construction Projects	12/15/05	\$20,240,000	\$20,240,000	Variable	12/15/25

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Madison 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. Madison County belongs to the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District along with 13 other counties and the Elkhorn Valley Economic Development Council along with 3 other counties. The actual county budget for 2006–07 is \$24,565,184.

County zoning classifications are:

AG-1	Intensive Agriculture
AG-2	General Agriculture
AT	Agricultural Transition
RR	Rural Residential
MH	Mobile Home
C-3	Highway Services District
I	Industrial District
EC	Environmental Corridor

### MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Norfolk, a first-class city, has a mayor-council form of government with a city administrator. The next election will be held in 2008. The actual budget for 2006–07 is \$46,654,577. Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
<b>Elected</b>	
Mayor	4 Years
<b>Elected by District</b>	
Council Members (8)	4 Years
<b>Appointed</b>	
City Administrator	4 Years
City Clerk	4 Years
City Attorney	4 Years
Prevention Manager	4 Years
Housing Authority Director	4 Years
Police Chief	4 Years
Fire Chief	4 Years

Title	Term of Office
Public Works Director	4 Years
Water & Sewer Director	4 Years
Wastewater Superintendent	4 Years
Park Superintendent	4 Years
Street Director	4 Years
Health Director	4 Years
Building Official	4 Years
Library Director	4 Years
Finance Officer	4 Years

### FIRE PROTECTION

The Norfolk Fire Division has a chief, 30 paid full-time fire fighters, and 30 reserves. Fire protection is provided outside the city limits by a reciprocal agreement between the city and the Rural Fire Protection District and by contract between the department and interested parties. The Prevention Bureau is included in the Fire Division.

The fire division also provides advance life support ambulance service to the community with an active paramedic intercept program for the region. The fire medics operate from a state-of-the-art set of medical protocols to provide the best possible care.

There are 1,120 fire hydrants in Norfolk and 2 fire stations. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 2; outside it is 9. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$2,853,269.

The Public Safety Training Facility was dedicated in 1985. The training facility was designed for hands-on training in simulated fire and rescue situations by area public safety personnel. Funding for the project came from the issuance of fire station improvement bonds and additional funds were raised by the fire fighters through a railroad salvage project.

Services provided by the Norfolk Fire Division include fire prevention, prevention and codes,

planning and zoning, regional emergency management, fire suppression, emergency medical service, technical hazardous material response training, and public education.

The Norfolk Fire Division has a regional HAZMAT technical-level response team.

Equipment in the fire division:

<b>Year/Make</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>City</b>	
1992 Ford	Pumper
1989 Ford	Mini-pumper/grass rig
1989 Ford	Pumper
2003 International	Wildland interface pumper
2003 Spartan	Pumper
1999 Ford	Rescue unit
1994 Ford	Rescue unit
1990 Ford	Rescue unit
2006 Ford	Rescue unit
1974 IHC	Snorkel
2003 Spartan	75' aerial
2001 IHC	Equipment truck
2008 Kenworth	3,000 gal. tanker
1995 IHC	1,500 gal. tanker

Fire losses for the past five years:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2006	\$1,338,210
2005	\$8,424,861
2004	\$827,705
2003	\$1,505,008
2002	\$748,722

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

### **Police Division**

The Norfolk Police Division is staffed by 40 sworn police officers and 21 support personnel. Housed in the Public Safety Facility, the Police Division provides a variety of programs in the areas of uniform patrol, criminal investigation, and crime prevention. These programs include the School

Resource Officer Program and the Motor Vehicle Accident Reduction Program. The division is also a member of the Specialized Narcotics Abuse Reduction Effort (SNARE) federally funded drug enforcement task force. The Communications Center operates the E911 telephone emergency system, utilizes a computer aided dispatching system, and has access to the National Crime Information Center and the Nebraska Law Enforcement Teletype System.

The Police Division's vehicle fleet includes 11 marked patrol units with onboard cameras, 3 marked four-wheel drive vehicles, 4 unmarked vehicles, 1 tactical vehicle, and a community service vehicle. Annual expenditures for police protection averaged \$4,110,670 during the last three years.

The crime rate per 1,000 population in 2006:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>Property Crime</b>
Norfolk	1.0	38.4
Madison Co.	1.3	29.5
Nebraska	2.9	34.2
U.S.	4.7	34.3

### **Sheriff's Department**

The Madison County Sheriff's Department, located in Madison, seven miles south of Norfolk, is staffed with 26 sworn officers and 39 support personnel. Equipment in the department includes patrol cars with radar, in-car video, and laptop computers. The jail has a capacity for 111 inmates. Regular patrol is maintained throughout the county.

### **State Patrol**

Troop B of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Norfolk and serves 23 counties. Sixteen troopers are stationed in Norfolk.

A variety of services are provided by the State Patrol including traffic enforcement; motor vehicle accident; safety education programs; Gang Reduction Education and Training (GREAT) instruction; and liquor, criminal, and drug investigations with the assistance of two canines.

## **STREETS**

Norfolk has 142 miles of streets, 113 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete, 24 miles with asphalt, and 5 miles of gravel streets. There are no load restrictions. Ninety-six percent of the streets have curbs and 72 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance includes street sweeping and snow removal on all streets and street flushing in commercial areas. Street maintenance equipment includes two street sweepers, one street flusher, one-lane striper, eight truck snowplows, three pick-up plows, one sewer vacuum, two motor graders, four front-end loaders, and other standard equipment. Other work includes sign maintenance, patching, all concrete and asphalt repairs, storm sewer maintenance, alley maintenance, equipment service repairs, and repairs on all city vehicles.

During the next five years the city is planning permanent pavement markings to replace painted lines (approximately \$20,000), new street signs (\$20,000), and additional fluorescent warning signs for school zones and children's play areas (\$5,000). These improvements will be funded by general tax revenue and grants.

## **BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS**

The 2000 International Building and Fire Codes, 2000 International Residential Codes, NFPA 70 National Electric Code, International 2000 Plumbing, and 2000 Mechanical Codes are enforced in Norfolk. The 2006 International Building Code is adopted by the city of Norfolk for building and zoning requirements.

Local zoning classifications are:

A	Agricultural
R-R	Rural Residential
R-1	Single-Family Residential
R-2	One- and Two-Family Residential
R-3	Multiple-Family Residential
R-M	Manufactured Housing
R-O	Limited Residential Office
O-D	Office
S-R	Suburban Residential
C-1	Local Business
C-2	Central Business
C-2A	Special Business
C-3	Service Commercial
B-P	Business Park
I-1	Light Industrial
I-2	Heavy Industrial
I-3	Limited Industrial Tract
PD-1	Planned Development Overlay

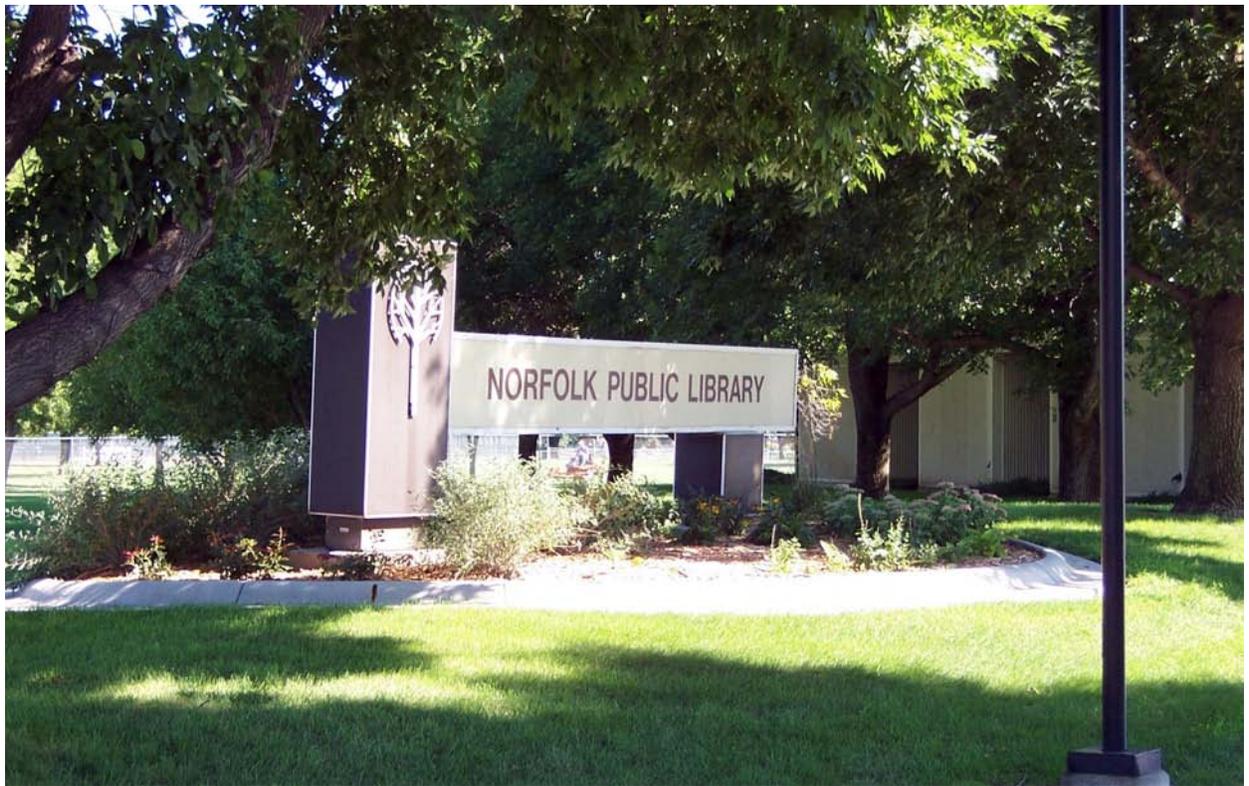
## **PLANNING**

Norfolk has a nine-member planning commission; three members are appointed annually for three-year terms.

The Norfolk Board of Adjustment is comprised of five members plus one alternate member appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Members serve three-year terms and are all appointed in the same year.



Norfolk Fire Station



Norfolk Public Library

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

#### Norfolk City Schools

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary (K–6) (9 schools)	97	1,953	1:21	1:3
Middle School (7)	25	274	1:15	1:3
Junior High (8–9)	45	632	1:16	1:3
Senior High (10–12)	62	1,016	1:16	1:3
Alternatives for Success (10–12)	1	30	2:30	1:2

School District No. 59–0002 in Madison, Pierce, Stanton, and Wayne Counties covers approximately 109 square miles and has a 2005–06 actual valuation of \$1,280,167,783 and an actual valuation per student of \$7,477. This Class 3 District is accredited by the state of Nebraska and North Central Association.

The 2005–06 school operating expenses totaled \$33,234,231, with an average cost per pupil of \$8,517.

The elementary schools have a maximum capacity of 2,425. The middle school was built in 1993 and has a maximum capacity of 700. The junior high school, built in 1922 with two additions, has a maximum capacity of 1,200. The senior high school was built in 1967 with four additions and has a maximum capacity of 1,200.

#### Test Results

Name	# Students Taking Test	% of Students Proficient or Above
8th Grade -		
Math	261	83
Reading	257	86
Writing	269	83

Name	% of Students Taking Test	Composite
ACT	51%	21.0

It is estimated that 80 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 78 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and 22 percent of the seniors enter the job market or military immediately after graduation.

Vocational/tech prep programs are offered in computer assisted drafting (CAD), vocational agriculture, family consumer science, auto tech (power and energy), wood tech (carpentry), welding, and electronics.

The city school system offers resources for the behaviorally disordered and other health-impaired students, as well as early childhood programs, life program, K–12, and resource program level I and II.

A program, Bridges, was developed in the Norfolk Junior High School to assist students experiencing difficulty succeeding in the traditional classroom. These students will experience alternative learning environments to develop skills for success in school and in society.

Alternatives for Success in the high school provides alternatives to regular classes that enable students to work toward completion of their high school education and life goals.

## Parochial Schools

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Catholic Elementary (K–6)	30	390	1:19	1:7
Catholic High School (7–12)	30	355	1:17	1:4
Lutheran Elementary (Pre–8) 2 schools	28	374	1:20	1:7
Lutheran High School (9–12)	10	150	1:10	1:4
Keystone Christian Academy (Pre–9)	8	35	1:6	1:6

Tuition in the Catholic elementary schools ranges from \$1,330–\$1,575 and \$1,825–\$2,315 for the junior-senior high students.

Tuition in the Lutheran elementary schools varies from \$1,270 for students in an affiliated congregation to \$3,628 for students in non-affiliated congregations. Tuition ranges from \$3,500–\$5,000 in the Lutheran High School.

### Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 8 provides a variety of services to schools located in a seven-county area. Services include special education (speech therapy, psychology, hearing impaired, behaviorally impaired, early childhood handicapped programs, and mentally handicapped programs), computer technology department, nursing, staff development, cooperative purchasing of school supplies, art consultant, gifted consultant, facility compliance consultant, media department, audio visual repair service, and training for bus drivers.

The programs for the mentally handicapped serve persons ages 5 through 21, while the early childhood handicapped programs serve children from birth to 5 years of age.

### Adult Development Center

The Region IV Office of Developmental Disabilities provides the following services and facilities: vocational training and evaluation, job placement, eight group homes (one for multi-handicapped youth and young adults), staffed apartment houses, recreational and leisure-time activities, and training for independent living.

## Community College

Norfolk 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 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 confirm 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 of 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.

**Northeast Community College  
Representative Sample of the Class of 2005**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Degree/Certificate</b>	<b>Conferred</b>
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 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. Northeast 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 9 new classrooms/labs, 6 offices, and 2 mechanic's bays. The building will be ready for classes in fall 2007.

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 web site at [www.northeastcollege.com](http://www.northeastcollege.com).

### Lifelong Learning Center

The **Lifelong Learning Center** at Northeast Community College in Norfolk serves the business and professional community through a variety of uses. The 20,000-square-foot educational wing includes two classrooms which can be opened into one large room, 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 MBA programs.

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

### Wayne State College

**Wayne State College (WSC)** located in Wayne, 35 miles from Norfolk, 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.

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

<b>Wayne State College</b>			
<b>Programs</b>	<b>Undergraduate Majors*</b>	<b>Graduate Majors*</b>	<b>Total</b>
Applied Human & Sport Physiology	22	—	22
Art	46	—	46
Business	532	55	587
Chemistry	48	—	48
Computer Information Systems	62	—	62
Computer Science	31	—	31
Counselor Education	—	63	63
Criminal Justice	160	—	160
Curriculum & Instruction	—	323	323

\*Includes first and second majors as of fall 2006

<b>Wayne State College</b>			
<b>Programs</b>	<b>Undergraduate Majors*</b>	<b>Graduate Majors*</b>	<b>Total</b>
Early Childhood	93	—	93
Elementary Education	344	—	344
English	72	—	72
Exercise Science	59	6	65
Family & Consumer Sciences	62	—	62
French Education	2	—	2
Geography	27	—	27
Graphic Design	44	—	44
Health & PE	61	—	61
History	65	—	65
Human Service Counseling	84	—	84
Industrial Technology	94	—	94
Interdisciplinary Studies	3	—	3
Life Sciences	117	—	117
Mass Communications	47	—	47
Mathematics	32	—	32
Middle Level Education	20	—	20
Modern Language & Culture	1	—	1
Music	63	—	63
Natural Sciences	5	—	5
Organizational Management-Sport/Rec. Man.	—	7	7
Physical Science	3	—	3
Political Science	33	—	33
Pre-Professional	209	—	209
Psychology	86	—	86
School Administration	—	74	74
Social Sciences	49	1	50
Sociology	21	—	21
Spanish	31	—	31
Special Education	51	2	53
Speech Communications	48	2	50
Sport Management/Leisure Services	100	8	108
Technology	12	—	12
Theatre	22	—	22
Undeclared	308	—	308
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>3,169</u></b>	<b><u>541</u></b>	<b><u>3,710</u></b>

\*Includes first and second majors as of fall 2006

### Other Schools

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

<b>Community/ College or University</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>Wayne, NE</b> Wayne State College	35

<b>Community/ College or University</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>Columbus, NE</b> Central Community College, Columbus Campus	45
<b>Yankton, SD</b> Mount Marty College	60
<b>Fremont, NE</b> Midland College	77

<b>Community/ College or University</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>Vermillion, SD</b>	83
University of South Dakota	
<b>Sioux City, IA</b>	84
Briar Cliff College	
Morningside College	
Western Iowa Community College	
<b>Blair, NE</b>	89
Dana College	
<b>Omaha, NE</b>	119
University of Nebraska at Omaha	
Creighton University	
<b>Crete, NE</b>	125
Doane College	
<b>Lincoln, NE</b>	129
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	
<b>Kearney, NE</b>	159
University of Nebraska at Kearney	

## CHURCHES

<b>Denomination</b>	<b>Number of Churches</b>
Assembly of God	1
Baptist	6
Catholic	2
Church of Christ	2
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	1
Community Bible	1
Episcopal	1
Evangelical Free	1
First Christian	1
First Congregational	1
Jehovah's Witnesses	1
Lutheran, ELCA	2
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	4
Lutheran, Independent Orthodox	1
Lutheran, Wisconsin Synod	2
Nondenominational	2
Presbyterian	2
Salvation Army	1

<b>Denomination</b>	<b>Number of Churches</b>
Seventh Day Adventist	1
United Church of Christ	2
United Methodist	1

## SPECIALIZED SERVICES

**Mosaic** was formed by the merger of Bethphage programs in Norfolk, Fremont, and Columbus. The three programs serve approximately 86 individuals with disabilities with the mission of serving and supporting them so they may reach their potential. Programs offered by Mosaic include vocational training and employment support, independent living skills, physical therapy, respite care, special education, and community involvement. Support is provided through day service programs and residential support in semi-independent living situations.

**Central Nebraska Community Services (CNCS)** is a nonprofit community action agency providing health, human, and community development services in 21 counties in north-central Nebraska. Approximately 10,000 individuals are served annually by CNCS through these major service departments: (1) Health and Nutrition Services, (2) Early Childhood Programs, (3) Community Economic Development, and (4) Family Outreach.

## HEALTH CARE

There are 74 active physicians in Norfolk and approximately 57 physicians within a 50-mile radius. Outpatient clinics include Pediatric Endocrinology, Infectious Disease, Neurosurgery, Pain Management, Perinatology, Plastic Surgery, Pulmonology, Retinal, and Rheumatology.

## Hospital

**Faith Regional Health Services** in Norfolk is a 166-bed acute care facility built in 1923. Accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the hospital offers Centers of Excellence in cardiovascular care, cancer care, emergency care, physical rehabilitation, and women's and children's care. More than 75,000 patients are



Norfolk Middle School



Bel Air Elementary School



Cox Activity Center at Northeast Community College



Lifelong Learning Center

served annually on an inpatient- or outpatient basis and approximately 1,000 babies are delivered each year. Medical services are delivered at five locations.

**Faith Regional West Campus** services include emergency, acute care, women's and children's, imaging, cardiovascular, cardiopulmonary, surgery, and nutrition and diabetic education.

**Faith Regional East Campus** provides services in acute rehabilitation, transitional care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language pathology, sports medicine, Child Advocacy Center, behavioral health, and psychiatry.

**Medical Offices West** houses Faith Regional Carson Cancer Center, Faith Regional CardioVascular Institute, Faith Regional Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Faith Regional Internal Medicine, Faith Regional Nephrology Services, Faith Regional Pulmonology Services, LifeNet Medical Transportation Service, and Faith Regional Health Resource Center.

**Medical Offices North** houses Faith Regional Surgery Center, Faith Regional Orthopedic Center, Faith Regional Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Faith Regional Outpatient Clinics. Office space is also leased by Norfolk Medical Group.

Construction will begin in 2007 on a four-story addition. Existing semi-private rooms will be replaced with private rooms plus another 40 private rooms will be added. This expansion is anticipated to be complete in 2010.

**LifeNet**, an air transportation service, uses state-of-the-art helicopters to transfer critical patients to specialized medical centers as well as transports area patients to Faith Regional Health Services.

**The Norfolk Regional Center (NRC)**, a psychiatric hospital for adults operated by the state of Nebraska, provides care and treatment for adults from 27 counties in northeast Nebraska, including 5 in the greater Omaha area. Established by the State Legislature in March 1885. The hospital, with 120 beds, is accredited and approved by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organization and the Department of Healthcare Finance Administration. NRC

provides a Neurogeriatrics Outreach Program to area nursing homes and partial hospitalization for nontraditional outpatient programs.

**Behavioral Health Specialists, Inc.**, provides outpatient mental health and substance abuse services to individuals in northeast Nebraska. The agency also provides specialized services to those who suffer severe and persistent mental illness. It is staffed by psychologists, counselors, clinical social workers, and certified alcohol counselors. Psychological testing, consultation, education, and referral services are also available. Home-based services include intensive family preservation, therapeutic foster care, respite care, emergency shelter care, in-home therapy, and family support services. Residential programs include Seekers of Serenity Place (for adults who are chemically dependent) and Sunrise Place (for adolescent males who are chemically dependent).

#### **Clinics**

**Faith Regional CardioVascular Institute** provides services in prevention, diagnosis, intervention, and rehabilitation of heart disease.

**Faith Regional Internal Medicine Services** provides prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of adult diseases, especially the areas of hypertension, diabetes, geriatrics, chronic illness, and obesity.

**Faith Regional Orthopedic Center** provides general orthopedic surgery and sports medicine, including repair and reconstruction of complex injuries.

**Faith Regional Nephrology Services** provides diagnosis and treatment of kidney disorders.

**Faith Regional Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services** provides rehabilitative care of orthopedic, musculoskeletal disorders or injuries, and neurological disorders or injuries in adults and children.

**Faith Regional Psychiatric Services** provides treatment of behavioral illnesses in adults and adolescents, such as depression, bipolar disorders, anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorders, and addictions.

**Faith Regional Nephrology Services** provides diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary disease, critical care, and sleep disorders.

**Other clinics** serving Norfolk residents include: Alegent Health, Midwest Health Partners, Norfolk Family Medicine, Norfolk Medical Group, and Santa Marianta Clinic.

### **Rescue Squad**

There are 31 Emergency Medical Technicians on the Norfolk Rescue and Transfer Squad who operate the fire department's four ambulances.

The fire division also provides advance life support ambulance service to the community with an active paramedic intercept program for the region. The fire medics operate from a state-of-the-art set of medical protocols to provide the best possible care.

## **NURSING HOMES**

**Heritage of Bel Air Nursing Home** is licensed by the state of Nebraska as a skilled Medicare facility. The home was constructed in 1973 with additions completed in 1992 and 1996. The facility is licensed for 108 beds, with 33 private rooms. Heritage of Bel Air offers a variety of nursing services with 24-hour professional coverage and hospice services. The staff at Heritage of Bel Air includes a medical director, social services director, chaplain, pharmacy consultant, dietician consultant, and restorative therapist. Physical, speech, and occupational therapies are also provided. Laundry and housekeeping services are available seven days a week. Activities are held daily with scheduled outings offered. Other amenities include a chapel, conference room for resident and family use, a security system, and an in-house beautician.

**Saint Joseph's Rehabilitation and Care Center**, licensed by the state of Nebraska and certified by Medicare and Medicaid, was established in 1968 and has 83 beds in private and semiprivate accommodations. Professionally trained nurses provide 24-hour care. Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech and language pathology are offered. The facility

provides buffet-style dining to ensure that residents maintain proper nutritional balance. The on-site chapel holds daily mass and weekly nondenominational services. Saint Joseph's Rehabilitation and Care Center is an affiliate of Faith Regional Health Services.

The **Norfolk Veterans Home**, established in 1963, has a capacity of 159 beds. This facility is licensed and accredited by the Nebraska Department of Health. The home has registered and licensed practical nurses with continuous nursing supervision, medical director, pharmacy, dietician consultant, and recreational and occupational therapy programs.

A social service department is available to preserve and improve self-image and dignity, and a work therapy program provides rehabilitation. Entertainment programs and church services are available. A 32-passenger bus and a 9-passenger van, equipped with wheelchair lifts, provide transportation for residents.

The 85-bed **Beverly Healthcare Norfolk Center**, built in 1966, is licensed by the state of Nebraska as a skilled nursing facility and certified by Medicare, Medicaid, and the Veterans Administration. Licensed professionals provide 24-hour nursing service. Physical, speech, and occupational therapies; social services; restorative nursing services; and dietary services are available. A wide variety of activities are provided, including church services, educational and music programs, and outings in the community.

## **LIBRARY**

The **Norfolk Public Library** contains approximately 110,000 items and has an average annual circulation of 330,000. The library is an automated resource for all citizens of northeast Nebraska, providing reference, interlibrary loan, story hours, summer reading program, public meeting room, microcomputers, free Internet access, outreach service to shut-ins, computer database and CD ROM searching, business and financial information, and library use instructions. Audiovisual equipment, including two TVs and a VCR, are available for meeting



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Scenes from Skyview Lake

room use. Available library materials include books, magazines, newspapers, recordings, CDs and cassettes, DVDs, video cassettes, large-print books, microforms, pamphlets, maps, puzzles, and art. The library is noted for its strong genealogy and poetry collection. Library cards are available at no charge to patrons. Visit the library's website at [www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/library](http://www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/library).

The library at **Northeast Community College**, with its 27,000 books and 170 magazines and journals, is open to the residents of Northeast's 20-county service area. The library offers 55 different newspapers, including those published in the 20 counties in northeast Nebraska. The library is part of the ONELibrary Consortium, which includes the public libraries of Columbus, Norfolk, South Sioux City, and Wayne as well as the libraries of Central Community College and Northeast Community College.

## RECREATION

Norfolk has 11 parks and recreational areas covering 387 acres. Facilities include picnic grounds, picnic shelters, fire grates, rest rooms, playground equipment, playfields, softball fields, baseball fields, football fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, horseshoe pits, sand volleyball, swimming pools, wading pools, camping, nonmotorized boating, and fishing.

Norfolk has 11 unsupervised playgrounds, which have standard playground equipment, wading pool, and rest rooms. The Norfolk Park and Recreation Division has 1 full-time superintendent with 66 part-time/seasonal employees. Annual expenditures during the past three years averaged \$332,780.

Skyview Park is Norfolk's largest park consisting of 175 acres of beautiful rolling hills. Skyview Park has picnic tables, grills, two exercise fitness stations, covered picnic shelters, fishing pier, two boat launching ramps, two rest rooms, playground, arboretum, and bicycle trail/foot path that encircles the entire lake. Skyview Lake allows nonmotorized boating and fishing for bass, catfish, northern pike, crappie, and bluegill.

Programs offered under the direction of the Norfolk Recreation Division during the spring

and summer include Little League baseball, girls' softball program, morning tot lot, dance, swimming lessons, and art classes. Fall and winter activities include ladies' volleyball, men's basketball, co-ed volleyball, and men's flag football.

### Area facilities:

- Boating — Nonmotorized boating at Skyview Lake; all types of boating at Willow Creek Recreation Area, 14 miles northwest; Lake North, 47 miles south; and Lewis & Clark Lake, 60 miles north
- Bowling — 1 bowling alley with 32 lanes
- Campgrounds — TaHaZouka Park
- Fishing — Bass, catfish, northern pike, crappie, and bluegill at Skyview Lake, Ta-Ha-Zouka Park, Elkhorn River, and Willow Creek
- Go-Kart — 1-mile track
- Golf Courses — 1 private 18-hole and two public 18-hole, grass greens courses with clubhouses, plus 12 nearby communities have public 9-hole courses
- Hiking/Walking Trails — 75-mile trail, Cowboy Trail spanning 321 miles
- Hunting — Deer, pheasant, quail, dove, duck, and goose
- Miniature Golf — 18-hole miniature golf course
- Racing — 1/4-mile stock car track
- Racquetball — 2 courts at YMCA
- Sand Volleyball — Sand court at TaHaZoucha Park and Divot's

- Skating — 1 roller rink, 4 public ice skating areas, and 1 skateboard park
- Soccer — 7 fields for AYSO, 5 for non-AYSO; new 8 field soccer complex
- Swimming — 2 municipal pools, country club pool, indoor pool at the YMCA, and 3 wading pools
- Tennis — 10 lighted public courts and two indoor courts at the YMCA tennis center
- Theaters — Norfolk has 7 indoor theaters
- Other — Archery range and golf driving range

Annual celebrations include Big Bang Boom Fireworks in July drawing approximately 20,000 attendees; Classic Car Show in July, “LaVistsef” in September, and Parade of Lights in November.

Summer recreation programs include baseball, softball, soccer, swimming, boxing, dance, bowling, roller skating, skateboarding, golf, arts and crafts, go-kart racing, bumper boats, miniature golf, tennis, football, and bicycling.

The **Norfolk Family YMCA** is a 75,000 square foot facility featuring a double gymnasium; gymnasium/multipurpose room equipped with spring gymnastics floor; six-lane pool with moveable bulkhead; spectator seating; outdoor sun deck; four courts for handball and racquetball; preschool area; two all-purpose rooms; four locker rooms (two are fitness centers); exercise center featuring 14 treadmills, 11 cross trainers, 9 bikes, 5 stair steppers, cable crossover machine, universal machine, and large free weight area; and 20 acres of land with ball diamonds, soccer fields, and outdoor running track. A variety of organized programs for all ages are arranged throughout the year. The YMCA has more than 6,000 members from northeast Nebraska and nonmembers are welcome.

**Norfolk’s Senior Citizens Center** was dedicated in 1982. Congregate meals are provided Monday through Friday. Activities include cards, bingo, pool, dances, exercise, crafts, pottery, and ceramics. Entertainment and informational programs and meals on wheels are also available.

The oldest residence in Norfolk is **Dederman Cabin**. Built in 1868 out of sing willow logs, this simple, two-room cabin with wooden floors and a loft provided shelter for the Fredrick John Dederman family. The logs used to build the cabin were gathered by Dederman along the Elkhorn River.

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 between Stuart and Bassett was completed in 2006. This trail follows the gentle slopes of the old Chicago and North Western rail line.

The **Nebraska Game and Parks Commission’s District III** headquarters represents the divisions of fisheries, game law enforcement, and wildlife services. Information on management of fish and wildlife resources; hunting, big game, and fishing permits; and park entry stickers are available.

The **Willow Creek Dam**, a 700-acre lake located near Pierce, 14 miles northwest of Norfolk, is a multipurpose project of recreation and flood control. The earth-filled dam is approximately 3,000 feet long with a maximum height of 55 feet. Willow Creek recreational facility offers swimming, boating, water skiing, picnicking, camping, fishing, and hiking/horseback riding trail. The area also features a game and waterfowl habitat. The camping area includes electric hookups and a modern shower building with laundry facilities. The project was constructed by the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District

and is managed as a state recreation area by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

**Maskenthine Lake and Recreation Area** located ten miles east of Norfolk in the rolling hills of north-central Stanton County, was constructed in 1976 by the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. The 560-acre area, which includes a 100-acre lake, offers many recreational activities to the public. The lake, stocked by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, is a popular fishing district. Other recreational activities include hunting, boating, picnicking, hiking, camping, and swimming. An arboretum has been established on the east side of the lake featuring approximately 70 different species of trees and shrubs.

Local cultural groups include the Community Concert Association, Community Theatre Group, Norfolk Arts Council, and Elkhorn Valley Historical Society.

## HOUSING

### New Construction

There were 161 new homes constructed in the past two years and it is estimated 60 will be built in 2007. The cost of new home construction average \$127 per square foot. Building permits issued in 2006:

Apartment houses	9 (50 units)
Duplexes	6
Fourplexes	9
Single-unit houses	53
Triplexes	9

### Housing Market (as of 2007):

#### Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family - 161

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

Single Family Home	
2,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom	\$195,000
1,600 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom	\$145,000
1,000 sq. ft.	\$95,000
Townhouses 1,500 sq. ft. 2 Bedroom	\$140,000

Condominiums \$140,000  
1,200 sq. ft - 2 Bedroom

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

Less than \$100,000 81  
\$100,000-\$150,000 80

#### Rentals

Executive Style 3,000 sq. ft. 3 Bedroom 5  
New 2 Bedroom Apartment 25  
Apartment Vacancy Rate 20%

### Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

**Meadow Ridge**, a 130-acre housing development in northeast Norfolk, was started in 1996 for low- to moderate-income persons. The first and second phase of construction are completed, which includes 84 apartments, 38 duplexes, and 51 single-family dwellings. The third phase infrastructure is completed with only four single-family lots remaining. The fourth phase is currently under construction and is comprised of mostly single-family homes.

**Westport**, a 42-unit apartment building for low-income elderly and handicapped, was completed in 1996.

The **Odd Fellow Rebekah Manor** with 100 high-rise units, the **I.O.O.F. Manor** with 91 high-rise units, and the **Boulevard Village** with 81 apartments in 13 detached units are available for disabled people and those 62 years of age and older.

**Cimarron Apartments** with 30 units, **Woodwinds Apartments** with 50 units, **Greenland Village** with 16 units, **Lakewood Apartments** with 72 units, and **North Park Apartments** with 40 units are available for low-income families.

The **Improved Living, Inc, Evergreen Apartments** is a USDA Rural Development project with 20 units built in 1986. The facility is handicapped accessible.

The **Norfolk Housing Authority** has a Housing Choice Voucher program for 254 elderly, disabled, and low-income families. This rental assistance provides housing in scattered sites throughout the

city of Norfolk. Additionally, the agency provides a family self-sufficiency program to 70 families, homeowner rehabilitation for houses in need of improvements, and a joint venture in which the Housing Agency has built more than 30 homes for ownership in the Meadow Ridge Subdivision. The Housing Agency **is in the process of building** a 24-unit tax credit apartment complex and owns the Kensington, which has 56 apartments (single room, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units) and 4 businesses.

### **Assisted Living**

**The Chateau**, completed in 1985, is licensed for 19 assisted living beds. This is a retirement housing, nonsubscribed rental facility.

**The Homestead**, an assisted living facility, was completed in 1999. The Homestead's motto is "Life as you want it...Care as you need it." A full line of amenities including daily activities, transportation, personal care, and an emergency care pendant is available to the residents of the 35 apartment/suites. The apartment/suites are available in three different sizes as well as four different care levels. The Homestead offers quality care in a warm, home-like setting.

**The Madison House** is an assisted living facility with a total of 39 apartments offering five different levels of care as well as three different sizes of apartments. Madison House provides many amenities and services to the residents, including three home-cooked meals daily; available staff 24 hours a day; and daily activities such as crafts, cards, and exercise. Each apartment has an emergency call system, and residents have the option for a pendant to be worn around their neck, escorts to/from medical appointments, and much more. The residents are provided quality care and services in a warm, friendly, and engaging home-like setting.

**The Meadows** provides the Norfolk community with a new concept in retirement living and offers senior citizens another choice for spending their golden years securely and with self-respect. The Meadows offers 76 one- and two-bedroom apartments, primarily for independent persons ready to actively enjoy their senior years without the responsibility of a yard and house. The Meadows also offers 42 residential care/assisted living suites designed for persons wanting or needing personal care services. Various activities are planned for the residents, and transportation is available.

**Skyview Villa**, built in 1988 with a capacity for 20 assisted living beds, offers personalized care available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in a home-like setting. The Skyview Villa apartments are equipped with individually controlled heating and air conditioning, as well as TV hookups. Skyview Villa is an affiliate of Faith Regional Health Services.

## **FINANCIAL**

Financial institutions in Norfolk:

- Bank of Madison
- Bank of the West
- Bank First
- Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust
- First National Bank of Norfolk
- Madison County Bank
- Midwest Bank
- Mortgage Express
- Stanton National Bank
- TierOne Bank
- US Bank
- Wells Fargo

Other financial institutions in the community include two industrial loan and investment companies, two agricultural credit institutions, five personal credit institutions, and three securities and commodity brokers.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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### PROFESSIONAL

Architectural Firms .....	5
Attorneys (individual).....	62
Auctioneering Firms .....	4
Certified Public Accountants .....	43
Chiropractors.....	38
Dental Laboratories.....	8
Dentists .....	81
Engineering Firms.....	8
Medical Doctors at Faith Regional Health Services (residing in Norfolk)	
—Anesthesiology .....	3
—Cardio/Thoracic Surgery .....	1
—Cardiology .....	5
—Critical Care .....	1
—Ear, Nose, Throat.....	1
—Emergency Medicine.....	6
—Family Practice.....	14
—Gastroenterology .....	1
—General Surgery.....	6
— Internal Medicine .....	2
—Nephrology.....	1
—Neurology.....	1
—Obstetrics & Gynecology .....	5
—Ophthalmology.....	1
—Oral Maxillofacial Surgery.....	1
—Orthopedics .....	4
—Pathology.....	2
—Pediatrics .....	3
—Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation .....	2
—Psychiatry .....	4
—Pulmonology .....	1
—Radiation Oncology.....	1
—Radiology .....	3
—Urology.....	1
—Vascular Surgery.....	2
Medical Doctors at Faith Regional Health Services (on hospital consulting staff other than those residing in Norfolk)	
—Cardiology.....	2
—Dermatology .....	3
—Ear, Nose & Throat .....	2
—Emergency Medicine .....	2
—Family Practice .....	5
—Gastroenterology.....	2
—General Surgery .....	1
—Hematology.....	1
—Hematology & Oncology.....	7
—Infectious Disease .....	8

—Neurology .....	1
—Obstetrics & Gynecology.....	1
—Ophthalmology .....	3
—Pain Management.....	1
—Pathology .....	9
—Pediatric Neurology .....	2
—Pediatrics.....	1
—Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation .....	1
—Plastic Surgery .....	4
—Pulmonology.....	2
—Radiology.....	9
—Reconstructive Surgery .....	1
—Urology .....	1
Nurse Practitioners.....	13
Nurses, Registered .....	243
Optometrists.....	19
Pharmacists .....	24
Podiatrists.....	4
Veterinarians .....	31

## **BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL**

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies.....	19
Advertising Agencies .....	2
Agricultural Implement Dealers .....	23
Antique Shops.....	16
Apparel Stores—combination.....	14
—men’s .....	3
—women’s .....	8
Appliance Stores .....	19
Auto Repair & Service.....	63
Auto Supply Parts .....	11
Automobile Dealers .....	62
Automobile Renting & Leasing.....	4
Aviation Seeding & Spraying .....	6
Bakeries.....	15
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums .....	23
Beauty Salons & Barber Shops.....	37
Carpet & Rug Dealers.....	17
Caterers .....	5
Child Care Services—child care centers.....	6
—child care center/preschool .....	1
—licensed child care/house II.....	4
—licensed child care/house preschool.....	1
—licensed child care providers.....	36
—school age only child care.....	6
Contractors—building.....	18
—carpentry.....	5
—concrete .....	10
—electric .....	13

—excavating.....	13	
—general.....	50	
—gravel.....	5	
—heating & air conditioning.....	21	
—insulation.....	9	
—painting.....	8	
—plumbing.....	16	
—remodeling & repairing.....	18	
—roofing.....	14	
—well digging.....	1	
Convenience Stores.....	17	
Copying & Duplicating Services.....	5	
Craft Stores.....	6	
Dance Studios.....	3	
Department Stores.....	8	
Discount Stores.....	7	
Drug Stores.....	11	
Dry Cleaning & Laundry.....	2	
Employment Services, Temporary.....	3	
Floral Shops.....	8	
Garbage Collection.....	5	
Gift Shops.....	12	
Grain Dealers.....	2	
Grocery Stores.....	8	
Grocery Stores (wholesale).....	1	
Hardware Stores.....	3	
Hardware Stores (wholesale).....	1	
Hatcheries.....	1	
Health Clubs.....	5	
Heavy Equipment Repair.....	1	
Industrial Distributor of Fertilizers & Chemicals.....	1	
Industrial Equipment & Supplies.....	1	
Industrial Gas Suppliers (oxygen).....	1	
Insurance Companies.....	58	
Interior Decorators & Designers.....	5	
Jewelry Stores.....	4	
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies.....	5	
Laundries, Self-Service (laundromats).....	4	
Lawn Services.....	9	
Lumberyards.....	5	
Lumberyards (wholesale).....	1	
Machine Shops.....	6	
Meat Packers.....	1	
Motels.....	10	(420 rooms)
Nurseries & Garden Centers.....	5	
Office Machine Repairs.....	2	
Office Equipment Services & Supplies.....	3	
Photography Studios.....	10	
Preschools.....	7	
Printers.....	6	

Real Estate Firms .....	10
Restaurants .....	58
Service Stations.....	9
Shoe, Boot & Leather Repair.....	1
Shoe Stores.....	5
Television & Radio Repair.....	3
Theaters.....	7
Tool & Die Makers .....	3
Travel Agencies & Bureaus .....	2
Upholstery Shops.....	2
Variety Stores .....	3
Welding Shops .....	3



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## AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

### AGRICULTURE

2002 Statistics	Madison County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	766	49,355
Land in Farms (acres)	342,167	45,903,116
Average Size of Farms (acres)	447	930
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$140,085,000	\$9,703,657,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$182,878	\$196,609
Total Acres Irrigated	97,844	7,625,170
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	28.5	16.6%
<b>Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2002–2006)</b>		
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)	65,618 tons	4,516,600 tons
Corn for Grain	17,466,300 bu.	1,166,640,000 bu.
Oats	35,460 bu.	3,794,000 bu.
Soybeans	4,894,720 bu.	212,582,000 bu.
<b>Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2003–2007)</b>		
All Cattle	72,200	6,400,000

In the past five years, Madison County ranked tenth in Nebraska counties in the production of soybeans for two of the last five years.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002–2007  
2002 Census of Agriculture

### RAW MATERIALS

Unlimited amounts of sand and gravel, nonmetallic minerals, are available in the Norfolk area; however, metallic minerals are not found in the area.

Cottonwood timber, suitable for crating, dunnage, veneers, etc., is available in the area.

Agricultural products available in quantity are melons, apples, assorted vegetables, corn, wheat, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and oats. Items which are partly processed locally and available in quantity are beef and hog carcasses, hides, poultry, dried milk, and dried eggs.

# CLIMATE

## TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature			Precipitation		Humidity	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	9.3	19.8	30.3	0.58	5.8	76	65
February	14.9	25.3	35.8	0.76	5.7	79	65
March	24.5	35.2	45.9	1.68	6.4	80	62
April	37.2	49.2	61.2	2.40	2.0	79	52
May	48.9	60.6	72.3	3.83	0.0	80	53
June	58.9	70.6	82.2	4.23	0.0	82	55
July	64.0	75.5	87.0	3.46	0.0	84	56
August	61.8	73.2	84.7	2.89	0.0	86	58
September	51.2	63.6	76.1	2.34	0.0	83	54
October	38.8	51.7	64.5	1.53	0.5	79	52
November	25.2	36.1	47.0	1.08	3.6	80	60
December	14.3	24.4	34.5	0.60	5.6	79	66
<b>Annual</b>	37.4	48.8	60.1	25.38	29.7	81	58

## FROST DATA

Average date of last frost in spring .....	May 9
Average date of first frost in fall .....	October 4
Average length of freeze free season probabilities .....	157 days
Average number of “heating degree days” based on 65° Fahrenheit.....	6,838
Average number of “cooling degree days” based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	951
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average).....	12
Prevailing wind direction (annual average) .....	South

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1948–2006, [www.hprcc.unl.edu](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu)