

# COMMUNITY FACTS

## STANTON COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

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### POPULATION

(Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003 Est.</u>
Stanton County	6,455	6,582
Stanton	1,627	1,645
Pilger	378	375
Labor Market	111,695	111,103

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## INTRODUCTION

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The following pages contain basic information about Stanton County Public Power District, which includes the communities of Stanton and Pilger, Nebraska. This material was compiled by the Stanton Economic Development Corporation, Stanton County, city of Stanton, village of Pilger, Stanton County Public Power District, and Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community development.

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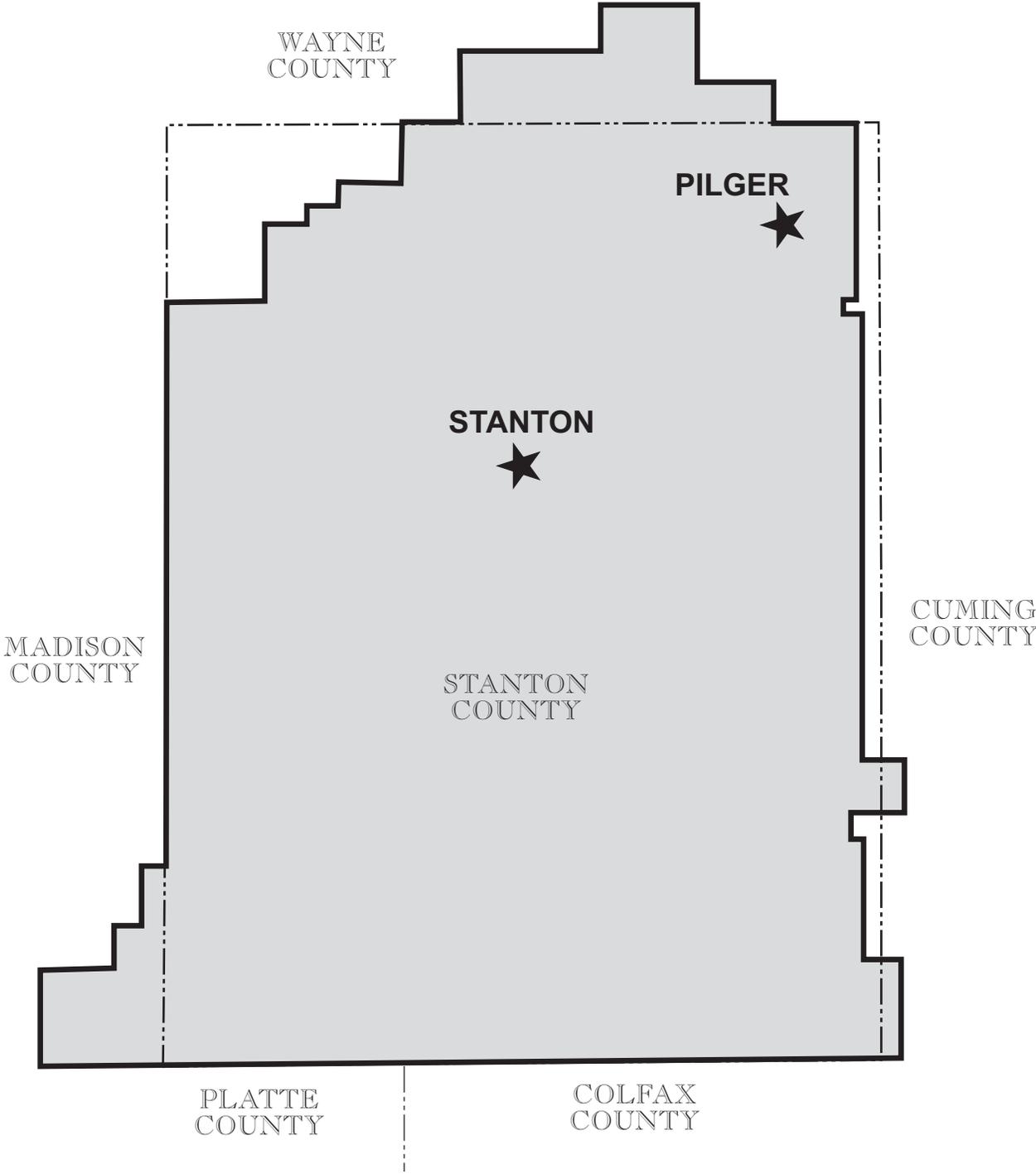
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# STANTON COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### LOCATION

Stanton County, located in northeast Nebraska, is comprised of 432 square miles. Stanton, the county seat of Stanton County, and Pilger, eight miles northeast of Stanton, are the communities in the county. U.S. Highway 275 and State Highways 24, 35, and 57 serve the communities with State Highways 15 and 32 serving the county.

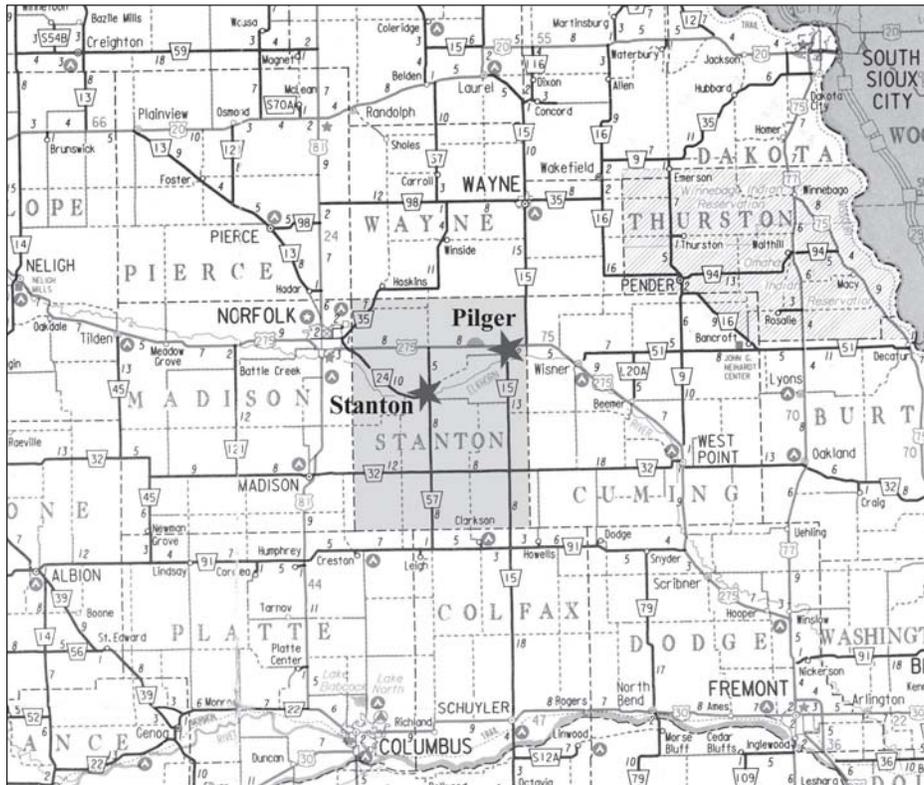
Stanton/Pilger are both 16 miles southeast of Norfolk; 81 miles southwest of Sioux City, Iowa; 107 miles northwest of Omaha; and 122 miles north of Lincoln.

### POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Pilger	Stanton	Stanton County
1970	470	1,363	5,728
1980	400	1,603	6,549
1990	361	1,549	6,244
2000	378	1,627	6,455
2003 (Est.)	375	1,645	6,582

County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2000 U.S. Census	
One race	6,398
White	6,243
Black or African American	27
American Indian and Alaska Native	31
Asian	8
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	—
Some other race	89
Two or more races	57
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	149

The 2003 U.S. Census estimates 111,103 people live within Stanton County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Colfax, Cumming, Madison, Pierce, Platte, and Wayne.



## LOCAL ECONOMY

Basic economic activities of Stanton County include farming, cattle feeding, and manufacturing. Retail sales for 2003 were reported as \$1,513,418 in Pilger, \$8,633,442 in Stanton, and a total of \$11,395,167 for the county as a whole.

## ELEVATION

The elevation in Stanton County ranges from 1,430 to 1,726 feet above sea level.

## TOPOGRAPHY

Stanton County consists of areas of bottomlands and stream terraces, loessial uplands, mixed sandy and loamy uplands, and a small area of sandhills. The city of Stanton lies along the north side of the Elkhorn River, which is level to rolling. The loessial uplands, comprising the major soil type in the county, are suited for agricultural production. Approximately 76 percent of the soil is well drained.

## HISTORY

Between 1856 and 1862 the area comprising Stanton County was included in IZARD County. The county name was changed to Stanton in 1862. Three years later, Stanton County was organized, at which time four of sixteen townships were added to neighboring Cuming County.

In the 1800s the Burlington and Missouri Railroad owned 3,510 acres in Stanton County as part of their government grant. By 1880 the railroad was

completed across the county and by 1890 all the desirable land had been settled under the homestead and preemption laws.

The first permanent community in Stanton County was established in 1865 on Humbug Creek, a tributary of the Elkhorn River. Before Stanton or Pilger were platted, this little settlement boasted a store and log schoolhouse.

The city of Stanton was founded in 1865 by Ludwig C. Lehman, S. L. Holman, and George Graves. Mr. S. L. Holman named the town in honor of his wife, whose maiden name was Stanton. The city of Stanton was designated the county seat by election in 1869. As a result, the town began to grow and was officially platted in 1871. Stanton was incorporated on September 3, 1881, and became a second class city in April 1893.

The town grew very slowly until the Fremont, Elkhorn, and Missouri Valley Railroad came through from Wisner in 1879. The Graves Lumber Yard, opened in 1879, was one of the busiest business places in the county during the years of rapid settlement. In the early 1880s, there were 29 firms doing business in the community. The Stanton County Bank opened its doors in 1880 and for a number of years was the only bank in the county.

The village of Pilger, platted in 1880, was named after Peter Pilger, owner of the original townsite. The Sioux City and Pacific Railroad came through the town, thus making it a desirable place to settle. The first business was a general store. In the early 1880s the town of Pilger boasted a depot, general store, hardware store, lumberyard, and coal depot.



## 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>	
NUCOR Steel Division of NUCOR Corp. 1973	Steel angles, rounds, flats & channels	International	379	21	None
Stanton Printing Co. 1879	Newspaper, printing	Regional	0	2	None
U.S. Green Fiber, LLC 2000	Cellulose insulation	International	40	15	None

### MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 5 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
<b>Stanton</b>				
Braun Research of Nebraska	Survey research	30	45	None
City of Stanton	Government	5 4*	1 14*	None
Stanton Community School	Education	19 5*	35 6*	NSEA
Stanton County	Government	30 8*	15 2*	None
Stanton County Public Power District	Electric utility	11	3	None
Stanton Health Center	Nursing home/assisted living	7 4*	69 27*	None
<b>Pilger</b>				
Farmers Cooperative	Agricultural products	10	22	None
Pilger Sand & Gravel	Mining & gravel products	15	2	None
Village of Pilger	Government	2 5*	2 7*	None
Wisner-Pilger Middle School	Education	3	10	NSEA

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

**OTHER MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS** (within 40 miles employing 100 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
<b>Norfolk, 16 miles from Stanton</b>				
Affiliated Foods Cooperative, Inc.	Food distribution	421 55*	109 16*	Teamsters
City of Norfolk	Government	136 1*	55 9*	Firefighters
Faith Regional Health Services	Medical	95 30*	542 239*	None
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	High pressure/hydraulic hose	284 25*	72 26*	None
Kendall/Tyco Health Care	Disposable syringes, blood tubes & thermometer probe covers	178	260	None
Nebraska Public Power District	Electric utility	66 2*	47 1*	None
Norfolk Iron & Metal Co.	Steel products, distribution & steel service center	163	23	None
Norfolk Public Schools	Education	178	582	NSEA/ NCEA
Norfolk Regional Center	State psychiatric hospital	50	250	NAPE/ AFSCME
Norfolk Veteran's Home	Medical	30	171 19*	AFSCME
Northeast Community College	Education	101	118 Varies *	NSEDA
St. Joseph Rehabilitation & Care Center	Medical	4 1*	63 48*	None
State of Nebraska	Government	88 8*	109 6*	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>	
Tyson Fresh Meats	Boxed beef	1,012 18*	410 4*	UFCW
Vishay Dale Electronics, Inc.	Electronic components & resistors	63 Total		None
Vulcraft Division of Nucor Corporation	Steel joists, metal deck & cold drawn bar	363 3*	46 1*	None
Wal-Mart	Retail	104 36*	215 61*	None
Wis-Pak of Norfolk	Soft drinks	84 11*	18 1*	None
<b>Madison, 21 miles from Stanton</b>				
Madison County	Government	84	81	None
Tyson Fresh Meats (formerly IBP, Inc.)	Hog slaughter	700	500	None
<b>Wayne, 30 miles from Stanton</b>				
First Bankcard Center	Credit card collections	2 2*	94 22*	None
Providence Medical Center	Medical	5 6*	60 84*	None
Wayne Public School System	Education	29 3*	87 8*	WEA
Wayne State College	Education	161 38*	181 48*	NSEA, NSCPA & NAPE
<b>West Point, 37 miles from Stanton</b>				
Franciscan Care Services	Health care	23	202	None
Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc.	Beef products	254	97	None
Wimmer Meat Products, Inc.	Processed meat products	64	51	None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>
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**Pender, 39 miles from Stanton**

Automatic Equipment Mfg. Co. (Blue Ox)	Agricultural & recreational equipment, trailers for towing	110 Total	None
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\*Part-time and/or seasonal

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION**

The Elkhorn Valley Economic Development Council ([www.elkhornedc.com](http://www.elkhornedc.com)) with a full-time director, administrative assistant, and entrepreneurial director, was formed in 2001 as a non-profit corporation. The council, serving Antelope, Madison, Pierce, and Stanton counties, is governed by a 21-member Board of Directors. Funding is derived from cities and counties and a capital campaign at five-year intervals, the most recent of which raised \$1,200,000.

The Stanton Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) works with the city planning committee to stimulate growth within the community.

SEDC, a nonprofit organization, is comprised of 52 members. The corporation's funds are derived from an initial fund drive and membership dues.

The price of land in and adjacent to the county that could be developed for industry ranges from \$640 to \$1,990 per acre.



Farmers Cooperative



Pilger Sand & Gravel

# LABOR

## LABOR SUPPLY

- A. Employment in the Stanton County labor market which is defined as the whole of Stanton County and the total labor market consisting of Stanton County and the contiguous counties of Colfax, Cuming, Madison, Pierce, Platte, and Wayne (annual average, 2004):

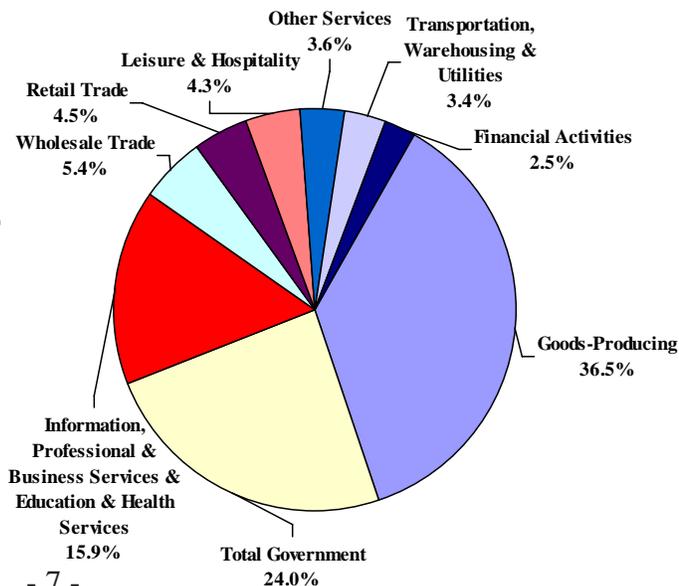
	<u>Stanton County</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>Nonfarm Employment (wage and salary workers)</u></b>		
Goods-Producing (Manufacturing, Natural Resources, Mining & Construction)	520	17,746
Wholesale Trade	77	3,361
Retail Trade	65	6,621
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	47	2,292
Information	(D)	620
Financial Activities	36	2,122
Professional & Business Services	(D)	3,155
Education & Health Services	(D)	5,338
Leisure & Hospitality	61	4,455
Other Services	52	1,941
Government	343	10,102
<b>TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>58,626</b>
Farm Employment*	689	6,599
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>3,739</b>	<b>64,777</b>
B. Commuting Out of County	2,350	
C. Unemployment	116	2,295
<b>TOTAL LABOR FORCE</b>	<b>3,855</b>	<b>67,072</b>
D. Estimated number of homemakers, seasonal and part-time workers, and workers who would shift from low-paying jobs who could be expected to work for industry	350	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	40	
<b>TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D &amp; E)</b>	<b>2,856</b>	

(D) Data withheld because of disclosure suppression.

\*Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2000

An area labor study was completed in 2005; results are available at [www.elkhornedc.com](http://www.elkhornedc.com).

**NONFARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT  
STANTON COUNTY  
ANNUAL AVERAGE, 2004**

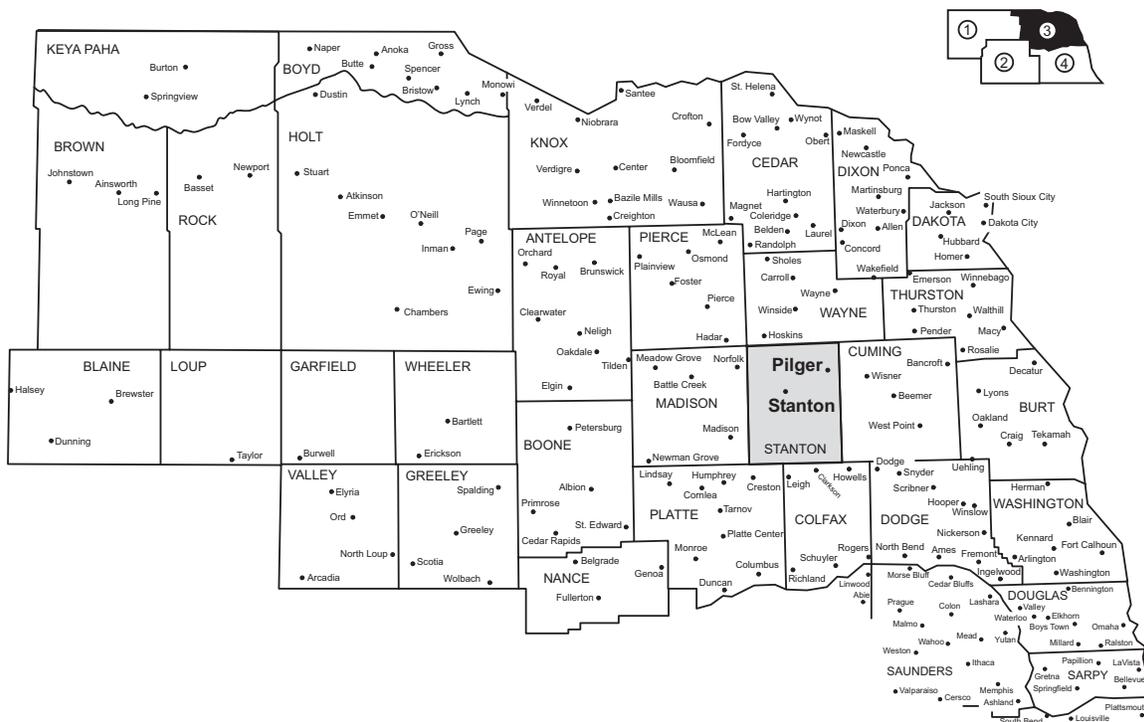


Location	2000 POPULATION DATA					Median Household Effective Buying Income (2003)
	Density/Sq. Mile	% 65 Yrs & Over	Median Age	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	
Stanton Co.	15.0	13.5	35.9	86.2	13.7	\$34,010
Nebraska	22.3	13.6	35.3	86.6	23.7	\$35,948
U.S.	79.6	12.4	35.9	84.0	26.0	\$38,201

Stanton County had 3,925 eligible voters in 2004; 25.2 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, 2004  
 Statewide General Election 2004 Results, [www.nol.org/home/SOS/Canvass2004/gen2004menu.htm](http://www.nol.org/home/SOS/Canvass2004/gen2004menu.htm)

### LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE STANTON AREA



### POPULATION DATA U.S. Census Estimates

2003 Estimate		
Village of Pilger	—	375
City of Stanton	—	1,645
Stanton County	—	6,582
30-Mile Radius	—	81,778

Stanton County Population by Age/Gender, 2003		
Ages	Male	Female
18–24	376	305
25–44	824	854
45–64	799	779

## UNIONIZATION

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

Labor organizations operating in the community:

Company	Union
Stanton Community School	Nebraska State Education Association
Wisner-Pilger Middle School	Nebraska State Education Association

Less than 1 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force is unionized and there have been no known labor strikes.

## WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Professional</b>			
Accountants & Auditors	15.83	21.79	33.17
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	17.61	27.10	35.51
Electrical Engineers	23.94	30.58	37.34
Industrial Engineers	19.34	25.84	35.85
Mechanical Engineers	17.91	24.46	34.45
Computer Programmers	15.00	22.35	34.11
Computer Systems Analysts	19.04	33.70	54.39
Registered Nurses	15.22	20.83	27.26
<b>Retail</b>			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	7.42	8.32	9.71
Retail Salespersons	5.95	7.89	14.83
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	6.56	10.76	14.40
Driver/Sales Workers	6.76	11.50	22.63
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	6.37	9.70	15.19
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	6.71	11.00	17.80
<b>Clerical</b>			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	7.76	10.60	15.38
Customer Service Representatives	6.46	10.28	17.86
Data Entry Keyers	7.65	10.82	14.31
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	6.67	9.56	13.36
Office Clerks, General	6.50	9.35	13.04
Receptionists & Information Clerks	6.89	8.89	11.72
Telemarketers*	6.02	8.05	10.77

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

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Unskilled</b>			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	7.08	9.52	13.27
Packers & Packagers, Hand	6.10	8.37	12.00
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Others	7.87	10.94	13.50
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	7.46	9.35	11.62
<b>Semi-Skilled</b>			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	9.24	11.64	16.37
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	9.38	13.65	21.14
Maintenance Workers, Machinery Machine Operators	11.69	14.81	21.45
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	10.18	12.82	17.17
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	9.77	13.86	17.81
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	10.53	12.71	16.08
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	9.74	12.30	14.60
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.	7.67	9.06	13.80
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	8.84	12.33	16.40
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	9.76	14.48	16.93
<b>Skilled</b>			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	6.65	12.75	21.97
Electricians	10.58	17.25	22.99
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	12.25	16.01	21.12
Machinists	9.30	12.89	17.30
Tool & Die Makers	13.89	18.61	24.21
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	9.27	12.61	17.09
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	9.74	12.12	14.22
<b>Technical</b>			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	10.45	20.09	29.24
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	13.37	19.52	26.50
Computer Operators	9.42	12.28	20.10

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

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Fourth Quarter 2004 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

Fringe benefits range from 10 to 20 percent of wages.

# TRANSPORTATION

## RAILROADS

Nebraska Central Railroad Company currently leases and operates a Union Pacific-owned track through Norfolk, 16 miles northwest of Stanton.

Railroad mileage from Norfolk to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Omaha	130
Chicago	594
Dallas	833
Denver	524
Detroit	879
Kansas City	327
Los Angeles	1,759
Minneapolis	474
New York	1,515
St. Louis	606
San Francisco	1,816

## MOTOR

### Highways

Stanton County is served by north-south Nebraska State Highways 35, 57, and 15 and east-west Nebraska Highways 32 and 24 and U.S. Highway 275. Highway 57 connects with Nebraska Highway 91, 16 miles south of Stanton.

Interstate 29 is 58 miles east and Interstate 80 is 90 miles south of Stanton.

U.S. Highway 275 has been designated as a four-lane expressway from Norfolk, 12 miles northwest of Stanton, to Fremont, 65 miles southeast of Stanton. U.S. Highway 81, 12 miles west of Stanton, has also been designated a four-lane expressway from Norfolk to the Kansas border. Segments from Norfolk to Columbus and York to the Kansas border have been completed.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	122
Omaha	107
Chicago	551
Dallas	695
Denver	521
Detroit	819
Kansas City	294
Los Angeles	1,534
Minneapolis	426
New York	1,325
St. Louis	546
San Francisco	1,660
Sioux City	81

### Trucklines

Inter/intrastate trucklines serving Stanton County:

Nearest Terminal/ Company	Trucks Daily
<b>Pilger, NE</b>	
L & L Trucking	4
<b>Norfolk, NE</b>	
Abler Transfer	12
Affiliated Carriers	47
Andrews Van Lines, Inc.*	As needed
Central Transport Co.	57
Clark Brothers Transfer	57
Deitloff Transfer	30
Gray Carriers	18
Hinken Inc.	6
Hyman Freightways	2
Norfolk Contract Carriers	6
TMC	40
Vulcraft	22

\*Andrews Van Lines, Inc., is a worldwide moving company with agents in all principal cities in the United States and principal cities in 21 foreign countries. A total of 375 trucks are dispatched from the home office in Norfolk, with as many as 20 trucks leaving daily.

## Bus Lines

Arrow Stage Lines in Norfolk, 16 miles northwest of Stanton, is one of the nation's largest family-owned motorcoach charter carriers, was founded in and has served Norfolk since 1928. Offering local and nationwide motorcoach 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 Epply 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.

## 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 Stephen Memorial Airport a must stop for private air travelers. Information on local tourist attractions and economic development opportunities is available in the pilots' lounge.

Karl Stephen Memorial Airport has approximately 1,500 fuel stops 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.

Commercial air service is provided in Sioux City, Iowa (90 minutes); Omaha, Nebraska (115 minutes); or Lincoln, Nebraska (120 minutes) from Stanton.

## WATER

Barge service is available at 10 barge terminal facilities on the Missouri River in Nebraska. The Omaha river port is 105 miles southeast of Stanton County. 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.



L & L Trucking

# UTILITIES

## ELECTRICITY

The city of Stanton, the village of Pilger, and most of rural Stanton County are provided retail electric service by the Stanton County Public Power District (SCPPD). SCPPD a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, is a member of the Nebraska Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative. The city of Stanton's distribution voltage is 2,400/4,160 wye and the substation capacity is 3,750 kVA. Pilger and rural Stanton County have distribution voltages of 7,200/12,460 wye.

### BASE ELECTRIC RATES —STANTON COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT (effective 01/01/04)

Summer bills run from June - September.

#### Residential Service (all electric):

<b>Customer Charge:</b>		
Single Phase:		\$10.00 per month
Three Phase:		\$15.00 per month
<b>Summer    Winter</b>		
10.33¢	10.33¢	per kWh for the first 250 kWh used per month
7.25¢	7.25¢	per kWh for the next 500 kWh used per month
7.25¢	4.3¢	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment, if applicable. City of Stanton incorporates load management.

#### Commercial Service (399 amps or less):

<b>Customer Charge:</b>		
Single Phase:		\$17.00 per month
Three Phase:		\$20.50 per month
<b>Summer    Winter</b>		
11.3¢	11.3¢	per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh used per month
9.4¢	8.0¢	per kWh for the next 2,000 kWh used per month
7.0¢	6.0¢	per kWh for all additional use over 3,000 kWh
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment, if applicable. City of Stanton incorporates load management.

#### Commercial (all electric):

<b>Customer Charge:</b>		
Single Phase:		\$17.50 per month
Three Phase:		\$24.00 per month
<b>Summer*    Winter</b>		
11.8¢	10.9¢	per kWh for the first 50 kWh per kW of billing demand
6.6¢	4.8¢	per kWh for the next 100 kWh per kW of billing demand
5.8¢	4.5¢	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge		

\*Less \$5 discount per load management unit, if applicable.

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment, if applicable. City of Stanton incorporates load management.

#### Commercial Large Power Service:

<b>Summer    Winter</b>		
<b>Demand Charge:</b>		
\$13.00	\$9.50	per month per kW of billing demand
<b>Energy Charge:</b>		
6.25¢	4.95¢	per kWh for all use
The minimum monthly charge shall be the minimum contracted amount or		
(1) 25 kW for services 400–599 amps		
(2) 37.5 kW for services 600–799 amps		
(3) 50 kW for services more than 800 amps		
or 60% of the highest measured demand during the preceding June, July, August, or September, whichever is greater.		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment, if applicable.

**Rural Residential Service** (all electric):

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$14.50 per month		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
9.0¢	6.7¢	per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh used per month
7.2¢	4.6¢	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment, if applicable

**Rural Commercial Service** (three phase):

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$30.00 per month		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
7.7¢	6.8¢	per kW for the first 1,500 kWh used per month
7.3¢	4.2¢	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> The Customer Charge		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment, if applicable

**Rural Large Power Service:**

<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
<b>Demand Charge:</b>		
\$9.75	\$8.40	per kW of billing demand
<b>Energy Charge:</b>		
4.0¢	4.0¢	per kWh for all additional use
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> 75 kW or 60 percent of highest measured demand during the preceding June, July, August, or September, whichever is greater.		

This rate is subject to application of the Retail Production Cost Adjustment, if applicable

Prospective customers should contact William Johnson, general manager, Stanton County Public Power District, Stanton, Nebraska, (402) 439-2228, or visit [www.scppd.com](http://www.scppd.com) for further information regarding electric rates and service in the communities and rural areas within Stanton County.

## NATURAL GAS

Aquila is the retail supplier of natural gas in Stanton and Pilger. Kinder Morgan is the pipeline company for both communities.

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

Stanton is served by a 4-inch line and 12 pounds of pressure. Pilger is served with a 4-inch line and 10 pounds of pressure.

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

### NATURAL GAS RATES (for the month of March 2005)

Rates vary slightly due to seasonal and commodity price fluctuation.

#### Residential:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$11.00 per month	
All therms	\$ 0.88142 per therm

#### Commercial/Industrial:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$15.00 per month	
All therms	\$ 0.91231 per therm

#### Small Volume Interruptible\*:

<b>Customer Charge:</b> \$50.00 per month	
All therms	\$ 0.91231 per therm

\*This schedule applies to commercial and industrial customers with daily requirements less than 20 Mcf.

#### Commercial/Industrial - Large Volume:

Rates are negotiable and determined by individual customer contract with energy supplier.	
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Contact the Aquila Economic Development Department 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 for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at Farmers Cooperative of Pilger, Northeast Cooperative of Wisner, Nielsen Oil & Propane of West Point, and Zoubek Oil in Norfolk.

### Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at Luedeke Oil Company of Stanton, Northeast Cooperative of Wisner, and Zoubek Oil and Meisinger Oil in Norfolk.

	<u>East</u>	<u>Golf No. 1</u>	<u>Golf No. 2*</u>
Iron	0.73	<RL	<RL
Nitrate	<RL	1.5	2.1
Manganese	2.3	14.7	6.08
Chloride	N/A	2.2	3.7
Fluoride	0.26	<RL	<RL
Sulfate	189	13.4	18.8
Total Alkalinity	N/A	108	120
Sodium	25	<RL	<RL
Total Hardness	539.9	190	130
Potassium	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A - Not available

<RL - Less than required limits

\*Golf Well No. 2 will be operational in spring 2005

## WATER

### CITY OF STANTON

The municipal water system in Stanton is supplied by two wells which have an average depth of 63 feet; a third well will be operational in spring 2005. The system, serving 100 percent of the city's population, has a combined pumping capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 100,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 500,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 1,000,000 gallons. The system has a maximum storage capacity of 1,540,000 gallons per day.

The quality of water in Stanton does not necessitate a water treatment plant. The water table has not changed significantly during the last five years.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in milligrams per liter, is 539.9 in the east well, 190 in Golf Well No. 1, and 130 in Golf Well No. 2. The average tap water temperature varies from 54° in the winter to 62° in the summer.

### Chemical Analysis (milligrams per liter)

	<u>East</u>	<u>Golf No. 1</u>	<u>Golf No. 2*</u>
Hydrogen Ion Concentration	N/A	N/A	N/A
Calcium	160	36.8	43.8
Total Solids	691	170	203
Magnesium	N/A	N/A	N/A

### WATER RATES (effective 4/21/99)

A connection fee of \$100 is charged for new water service.

### Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

\$13.00 for the first 1,000 gallons  
 \$1.15 per 1,000 gallons for all additional use  
**Minimum Bill:** \$13.00 per month

Improvements in the municipal water system in Stanton since 1999 include an 8-inch loop around Stanton, a new well near the golf course, and the 2005 installation of another well. The \$750,000 project was funded through the Department of Environmental Quality.

### VILLAGE OF PILGER

The municipal water system in Pilger is supplied by two wells, which have an average depth of 52 feet. The system, serving 100 percent of the population in Pilger, has a combined pumping capacity of 900 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 100,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 60,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 1,150,000 gallons. The system has a maximum storage capacity of 1,396,000 gallons per day. The static pressure is 50–60 pounds and residual pressure is 50 pounds per square inch.

Groundwater is available in Pilger for industrial uses. A 52-foot well will produce 500 gallons of water per minute. Pilger has a water treatment

plant to remove iron and manganese at a rate of 500 gallons per minute. The water table has not changed significantly in the last five years, with the average level of 9–11 feet. The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in grains per gallon, is 34.23. The average tap water temperature varies from 50° in the winter to 65° in the summer.

**Chemical Analysis** (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.5
Calcium	160
Total Solids	637
Magnesium	45
Iron	0.27
Nitrate	<0.20
Manganese	1.52
Chloride	38
Fluoride	0.3
Sulfate	242
Total Alkalinity	N/A
Sodium	45
Total Hardness	34.23 gr/gal
Potassium	N/A

N/A - Not available

**WATER RATES** (effective 02/01/05)

A connection fee of \$250 is charged for new water service.

**Residential, Commercial & Industrial:**

<p>\$20.00 for the first 1,000 gallons          \$ 2.00 per 1,000 gallons for all additional use  <b>Minimum Bill:</b> \$20.00 per month</p>
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A new well was installed in January 2004 for \$201,752 and was financed by DEQ and EPA Superfunds.

**SEWERAGE**

**CITY OF STANTON**

Stanton has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. A sequencing batch reactor (SBR) treatment facility, was built in 2000. The mechanical treatment plant consists of a flow meter, fine mechanical screen, lift station, two jet aeration reactor basins, ultraviolet disinfection, and

a sludge holding tank. The SBR system completes treatment and clarification in a single tank. The SBR can treat a wide range of flows including diurnal changes and storm water flows. The system can also handle various organic loads, while providing quality effluent. The system is automated, requiring minimal operator attention. The average daily flow is 180,000 gallons with a design daily flow of 250,000 gallons.

**SEWER-USE CHARGES** (effective 10/01/99)

A connection fee of \$100 is charged for new service.

**Residential, Commercial & Industrial:**

<p>\$14.00 for first 1,000 gallons          \$1.10 per 1,000 gallons for all additional use  <b>Minimum Bill:</b> \$14.00 per month</p>
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**VILLAGE OF PILGER**

Pilger has a municipal sanitary sewerage system. The activated sludge plant, built in 1970, has a daily capacity of 90,000 gallons. The average daily flow is 40,000 gallons and the historic peak daily discharge is in excess of 100,000 gallons.

**SEWER-USE CHARGES** (effective 01/13/03)

A connection fee of \$100 is charged for new service.

**Residential, Commercial & Industrial:**

<p><b>Base Rate</b> - \$20.00 per month          \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons for all additional use          (based on winter usage)  <b>Minimum Bill:</b> \$20.00 per month</p>
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A \$1.5 million sewer treatment plant renovation project, was completed in 2004. The project included construction of a 15-acre lagoon, replacement of the south side sewer line, and a sewer extension in the west part of Pilger.

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

Stanton has a privately owned waste removal system and Pilger has a municipally owned system.

Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Landfill, located approximately 20 miles south of Stanton, is the solid waste disposal site for both communities.

**SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES**

**CITY OF STANTON** (effective 01/01/03)

**Residential:**

\$12.00 per month
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**Commercial:**

Charges vary depending on frequency of pickups and type of business.
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**Village of Pilger** (effective 02/01/05)

One person	\$14.00
Two people	\$17.00
Three or more people	\$20.00

**RECYCLING**

**CITY OF STANTON**

The recycling trailer is open every Saturday morning. Collections include Nos. 1 and 2 plastics, tin cans, aluminum cans, newspapers, cardboard, and clear glass. Items are taken to the Pilger Recycling Center for distribution.

**VILLAGE OF PILGER**

The transfer station/recycling center is open three days a week. The Pilger 4-H Club provides monthly curbside recycling pick-up. Recyclables are processed at the transfer station and distributed to outlets. Materials recycled include paper, magazines, cardboard, scrap metals, steel, aluminum cans, glass, and No. 1 and 2 plastics. Aluminum cans are weighed and purchased onsite.



Pilger Solid Waste & Recycling Center



Stanton County Fairgrounds

# COMMUNICATIONS

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

### CITY OF STANTON

Stanton Telecom, Inc. serves the Stanton area with state-of-the-art digital switching equipment. The company uses fiber optic cable to provide leading services throughout its entire exchange serving area. Installation and service personnel are located in Stanton, an equal access community.

Telecommunications services include voice mail, caller ID, teleconferencing, CLASS features, and centrex. High-speed data circuits including T-1 and DS3 circuits are available. Home and business telephone systems are also available as well as residential phone accessories.

#### RATES (effective 03/01/05)

Residential Line - one party	\$17.50
Business Line	\$27.50

### VILLAGE OF PILGER

Qwest provides telecommunication services to the Pilger area through a digital central office. Installation and maintenance personnel are located in Norfolk.

Qwest provides integrated communications solutions to more than 25 million customers nationally and in 14 western and midwestern states. The company's primary products and services include local telephone services such as Caller ID, voice messaging, and call waiting; long distance services within specified calling areas; high-speed data networking; print and electronic directors; equal access interconnections for long-distance companies; and operator services.

T-1 service is available in all locations served by Qwest. All digital services, including T-1, are monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## INTERNET

Stanton's Internet service is provided by Stanton Telecom, Inc. (402) 439-2264, or [info@stanton.net](mailto:info@stanton.net). Dial-up and high speed DSL service is available throughout the entire telephone exchange area with the use of a buried fiber optic cables. Wi-Fi, business, and personal website management are also available.

Internet service is provided in Pilger by NCF Communications, Inc. (402) 371-6897, and by CableOne of Norfolk, (402) 379-2330.

## POST OFFICE

Post offices in Stanton and Pilger have one mail receipt and one mail dispatch daily.

## PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

### STANTON

	Federal Express	UPS	U.S. Postal Service
<b>Latest Pick-up Time</b>	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
<b>Earliest Delivery</b>	4:30 p.m.	N/A	9:30 a.m.
<b>Next Day Delivery Guarantee</b>	Yes	Yes	Limited
<b>Saturday Delivery Guarantee</b>	No	No	Yes

### PILGER

	Federal Express	UPS	U.S. Postal Service
<b>Latest Pick-up Time</b>	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	3:55 p.m.
<b>Earliest Delivery</b>	4:30 p.m.	N/A	9:30 a.m.
<b>Next Day Delivery Guarantee</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Saturday Delivery Guarantee</b>	No	Yes	Yes

## NEWSPAPER

The Stanton Register, the local weekly paper, has 1,250 subscribers. Daily papers delivered locally include the Norfolk Daily News and the Omaha World-Herald. The Wisner News Chronicle publishes the Pilger Enterprise, a weekly edition. The Norfolk Shopper is delivered weekly.

## RADIO

Radio stations which carry local news include:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
WJAG	780 KHz	Norfolk
KEXL	106.7 MHz	Norfolk
KNEN	94.7 MHz	Norfolk
KXNE	89.3 MHz	Norfolk
KPNO	90.0 MHz	Norfolk
KUSO	92.7 MHz	Norfolk
KTCH	104.9 MHz	Wayne
KTCH	1590 KHz	Wayne
KWPN	840 KHz	West Point
KWPN	107.9 MHz	West Point

## TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news include:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KMTV	3	Omaha, NE
WOWT	6	Omaha, NE
KETV	7	Omaha, NE
KOLN	10	Lincoln, NE
KXNE	19	Norfolk, NE
KTIV	4	Sioux City, IA
KCAU	9	Sioux City, IA
KMEG	14	Sioux City, IA

## CITY OF STANTON

Cable TV service is provided by Cable TV of Stanton, (402) 439-5000. Thirty-five channels of quality entertainment including HBO, The Movie Channel, HGTV, ESPN, and Fox News along with several other local and satellite channels provide 24-hour quality programming. The cable system is buried for improved service and service personnel are located in Stanton for immediate service.

## VILLAGE OF PILGER

Pilger has 58 basic, 38 premium, 17 channels of Digital Value Pak, 45 channels of DMX Digital Music, and 32 channels of pay-per-view access.

## STANTON COUNTY RURAL AREA

Stanton County Public Power District offers a variety of DirecTV packages for residents of rural Stanton County.

## TAX STRUCTURE

### VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES – CITIES OF STANTON COUNTY

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

CITY OF STANTON	Actual Valuation		
	2002	2003	2004
Real Estate	\$33,826,105	\$37,175,855	\$37,437,600
Personal Property	489,912	388,296	327,738
Special (railroad and utilities)	805,947	1,475,348	1,346,808
Total	\$35,121,964	\$39,039,499	\$39,112,146

VILLAGE OF PILGER	Actual Valuation		
	2002	2003	2004
Real Estate	\$7,519,985	\$7,541,570	\$7,691,285
Personal Property	527,633	480,463	418,540
Special (railroad and utilities)	356,935	357,504	314,414
Total	\$8,404,553	\$8,379,537	\$8,424,239

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

CITY OF STANTON	2002	2003	2004
City	\$0.4800000	\$0.4800000	\$0.480000
County	0.4177600	0.3962000	0.398200
School District	1.2981800	1.2589290	1.192334
Community College	0.0700000	0.0811230	0.082711
Educational Service Unit 8	0.0149900	0.0149930	0.014990
Natural Resource District	0.0369933	0.0348255	0.033354
Agricultural Society	0.0090300	0.0091100	0.008840
Total	\$2.3269533	\$2.2751805	\$2.210429

VILLAGE OF PILGER	2002	2003	2004
Village	\$0.492170	\$0.497650	\$0.729750
County	0.417760	0.396200	0.398200
School District	0.999997	1.049952	1.077602
Community College	0.070000	0.081123	0.082711
Educational Service Unit 8	0.014990	0.014993	0.014990
Natural Resource District	0.036993	0.034826	0.033354
Agricultural Society	0.009030	0.009110	0.008840
Total	\$2.040940	\$2.083854	\$2.345447

## LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of October 1, 2004:

School District		\$2,425,000
County (as of July 1, 04)		\$ 127,301
	<b>Stanton</b>	<b>Pilger</b>
City—Revenue Bonds	\$ 680,000	\$ 729,100
City—General Obligation Bonds	None	\$ 227,554

## CITY BOND ISSUES

### CITY OF STANTON

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 10/01/04	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
<b>Revenue</b>					
Nursing Home	2002	\$735,000	\$ 610,000	Variable	2015
Golf Course	1995	\$115,000	\$ 70,000	Variable	2010

### VILLAGE OF PILGER

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 10/01/04	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
<b>General Obligation</b>					
Water (USDA)	1994	\$ 227,000	\$ 202,554	5.125	2033
Water	2003	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,000	3.15	2009
<b>Revenue</b>					
Sewer (USDA)	2004	\$ 729,100	\$ 729,100	4.5	2043

## SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 09/01/05	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Building	11/15/93	\$3,800,000	\$2,425,000	3.14	2013

## COUNTY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 07/01/04	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Building	06/09/97	\$ 225,000	\$ 127,301	5.0536	2007

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Stanton County has 12 precincts and is governed by three county commissioners, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next election will be held in 2006. The 2004–05 budget is estimated to be \$4,330,353.

County zoning classifications are:

- A-1 Agricultural
- A-2 Agricultural - Transitional
- A-3 Agricultural - Overlay
- R-1 Residential - Suburban
- R-M Mobile Home - Residential
- C-1 Commercial
- I-1 Light Industrial
- I-2 Heavy Industrial
- FF Flood Fringe Overlay
- FW Floodway Overlay

### MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Stanton, a city of the second class, has a mayor-council form of government. The budget for 2004–05 is \$4,662,333. The next election will be held in 2006. Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
<b>Elected at Large</b>	
Mayor	4 years
<b>Elected by Ward</b>	
Council Members (4)	4 years
<b>Appointed</b>	
City Clerk	1 year
City Attorney	1 year
City Treasurer	1 year
City Engineer	1 year

The village of Pilger has a Board of Trustees form of government. The 2004–05 actual budget is \$1,222,518. Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
<b>Elected by Board</b>	
Chairman	4 years
<b>Elected at Large</b>	
Trustees (5)	4 years
<b>Appointed</b>	
Village Clerk/Treasurer	1 year
Village Attorney	1 year
Village Superintendent	1 year

### FIRE PROTECTION

#### CITY OF STANTON

Fire protection is provided in the community by a 25-member volunteer fire department. The department provides protection for 164 square miles around Stanton. The 25-member rescue team is EMT-certified.

There are 52 fire hydrants in Stanton. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 7; outside it is 8. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$6,000 for equipment and maintenance.

Equipment in the fire department:

Year/Make	Description
<b>City</b>	
1982 GMC	350 gal./min.
<b>Rural</b>	
1979 Ford	1,500 gal. tanker
1961 International	1,250 gal. tanker
1971 International	1,250 gal. tanker
1992 GMC	300 gal. first responder
1984 Ford	Ambulance
1973 Chevrolet	Grass rig
1995 Ford	Ambulance

## VILLAGE OF PILGER

Fire protection is provided in Pilger by a 25-member volunteer fire department, 7 of whom are EMT certified. The department provides protection for 108 miles outside of Pilger. Pilger has one fire station and maintains 46 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification is 7 within 5 miles of Pilger and 9 or 10 outside. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the last three years averaged \$10,000.

Equipment in the fire department:

<b>Year/Make</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>City</b>	
1948 Chevy	500 gal. pumper
1988 Ford	Ambulance
1970 Ford	Ambulance
<b>Rural</b>	
1978 Ford	1,500 gal. tanker
1968 Chevy	1,000 gal. tanker
1992 Chevy	300 gal. first responder w/ 400 gpm
2004 International	1,500 gal. pumper/tanker

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Police Department

The city of Stanton and the village of Pilger contract with the Stanton County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services.

### Sheriff's Department

The Stanton County Sheriff's Department is staffed by seven full-time officers, three fully sworn reserve officers, and one support personnel. The department has eight patrol cars and radio communications. The sheriff's department provides regular security checks and responds to commercial alarms as needed.

The crime rate per 1,000 population in Stanton County in 2003 was 9.9 compared to a state crime rate of 40 and a national rate of 40.6.

### State Patrol

Troop B of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Norfolk and serves 23 counties. Fourteen troopers are stationed in Norfolk; one lives in Stanton.

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

## STREETS

### CITY OF STANTON

Stanton has 18 lane miles of streets of which 16.5 lane miles are hard-surfaced. There are no local load restrictions. Forty percent of the streets have curbs and 80 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance equipment includes a street sweeper, gravel spreader, maintainer, mowing equipment, and trucks.

### VILLAGE OF PILGER

Pilger has 5.15 lane-miles of streets; 0.98 lane-miles are hard-surfaced. There are no load restrictions in Pilger. Ten percent of the streets have curbs and 90 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance equipment includes a gravel spreader, snowplow, mowing equipment, and trucks.

## BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS

### CITY OF STANTON

The local zoning classifications are:

TA	Transitional Agriculture
RS	Residential Suburban
R1	Single Family Residential
R2	Two Family Residential
R3	Multiple Family Residential
B1	Highway Business
B2	Central Business
I1	Light Industrial
I2	Heavy Industrial
FP	Flood Plain Overlay

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B2	Central Business
I1	Light Industrial
I2	Heavy Industrial
HO	Highway Overlay
FP	Flood Plain Overlay

## PLANNING

The Stanton Planning Commission is composed of five members who serve four-year terms. Pilger has a five-member planning commission; members serve three-year terms.

A Comprehensive Plan for the city of Stanton, village of Pilger, and Stanton County was prepared in 1998 by JEO of Wahoo.



Village Clerk's Office in Pilger



Pilger Volunteer Fire Department



Stanton City Hall and Fire Department



Stanton County Courthouse

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

#### School System

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
<b>CITY OF STANTON</b>				
Elementary	12	225	1 to 13	1 to 5
High School	21	239	1 to 14	1 to 6
<b>WISNER-PILGER</b>				
Elementary (K-4)	12	167	1 to 19	1 to 8
Middle School (5-6)	4	78	1 to 19	1 to 8
Jr.-Sr. High School (7-12)	18	269	1 to 14	1 to 5

#### Stanton Public Schools

School District No. 3 in Stanton County covers 78.5 square miles and has a 2003-04 actual valuation of \$138,649,623. This Class 3, Type C district is accredited by the state of Nebraska and the North Central Association.

The 2003-04 total school operating expenses were \$4,264,595, with the average cost per pupil of \$9,191. The actual valuation per pupil was \$298,184.

The elementary school has a maximum capacity of 200. The middle school was built in 1952 and has a maximum capacity of 200. The high school was built in 1995 and has a maximum capacity of 250 students.

#### Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
7th Grade Achievement	100	54
ACT	80	20.5

It is estimated that 98 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 95 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and 5 percent of the seniors enter the job market immediately after graduation.

Vocational courses offered in the high school include agriculture, home economics, business, and welding. Internet service and distance learning programs are available in the classrooms. Adult educational programs are available in the high school in cooperation with the Northeast Community College.

#### Wisner-Pilger Public Schools

School District No. 30 covers 75.5 square miles in Cuming, Stanton, and Wayne counties and has a 2003-04 actual valuation of \$59,940,615. This Class 3 district is accredited by the state of Nebraska and the North Central Association.

The 2003-04 total school operating expenses were \$3,487,590. The average cost per pupil was \$7,422, and the actual valuation per pupil was \$448,838.

The elementary (K-4) school, located in Wisner, has a maximum capacity of 240. The middle school (5-6) in Pilger has a maximum capacity of 150. The junior-senior high school (7-12) in Wisner was built in 1968 and has a maximum capacity of 300.

#### Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
7th Grade Tera Nova	100	63
ACT	68	21.8

It is estimated that 98 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 86 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and 14 percent of the seniors enter the job market immediately after graduation.

All students have access to the distance learning center and computers equipped with Internet and local network.

Vocational courses offered in the high school include language arts, social science, mathematics, science, foreign languages, vocational education, health and physical fitness, visual and performing arts, and computer education. Adult educational programs are available in the high school in cooperation with the Northeast Community College.

**Educational Service Unit**

Stanton and Pilger participate in Educational Service Unit 8, which is headquartered in Neligh and serves seven counties. Services available include special education, psychology, speech therapy, staff development, media, and technology.

**Community College**

Stanton County 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 throughout the district.

Enrollment at Northeast Community College for 2003–04 included 7,379 students taking credit courses and 18,671 students taking non-credit, continuing education classes.

NECC offers more than 70 technical, vocational, business, and liberal arts programs preparing the student for immediate employment or transfer to a four-year college or university. In May 2004 the college awarded 673 diplomas and degrees. Of the graduates looking for employment, an average of 99 percent find jobs soon after graduation.

Between 23–30 percent of NECC graduates choose to continue their education, with most transferring to a four-year school. Statistics show that college transfer students from NECC do as well as, and usually better than, students who actually started at a four-year college.

The Business and Industry Division at NECC works with area industries, retail and service establishments, agriculture, and other agencies in planning employee development and training. The programs can be delivered on site at the company or at the state-of-the-art facilities at NECC. Training is arranged at any time of the day or evening to meet the organization’s special needs.

The Business and Industry Division served 132 employers and trained more than 7,000 employees through customized training,

<b>Northeast Community College Representative Sample of the Class of 2004</b>		
<b>Program</b>	<b>Degree/Certificate</b>	<b>Conferred</b>
Administrative Assistant	AAS	22
Administrative Assistant	1-year diploma	16
Agriculture	AAS	56
Audio Recording Technology	AAS	8
Audio Recording Technology	Diploma	2
Auto/Auto Body Technology	AAS	41
Computer Science/MIS	AAS	7
Electromechanical	AAS	19
General Studies (academic transfers)	AAS	53
Nursing-LPN	1-year diploma	32
Nursing-ADN	AAS	27
Utility Line	AAS	39



Wisner-Pilger Middle School in Pilger



Stanton Public Elementary School



Stanton Middle School & High School



Available Churches in Stanton



St. John's Lutheran Church in Pilger



St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Pilger



United Methodist Church in Pilger

workshops, and seminars in fiscal year 2003–04. The division also worked with 36 communities on strategic planning and economic development initiatives. More than 60 individuals seeking to start or expand their businesses received assistance through this division. An additional 11 minority-owned businesses were provided start-up assistance and consulting services.

The 205-acre main campus includes 19 buildings including 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.

The 147-bed residence hall addition was completed in the fall of 2004 and dedicated as Burkhardt Hall. The new \$2.4 million Agriculture and Technology Education Complex was dedicated in April 2004. The facility includes a 550-seat arena and four classrooms. NECC also owns a 566-acre college farm with all facilities necessary for teaching farm operations. The college is one of the best computer-equipped educational institutions in the state.

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

### **Lifelong Learning Center**

The Lifelong Learning Center at Northeast Community College serves the business and professional community through a variety of uses. The 20,000-square foot educational wing includes two 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 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 education 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, approximately 20 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.

### **Colleges**

**Wayne State College (WSC)** located in Wayne, 30 miles northeast of Stanton, serves approximately 3,400 students from throughout Nebraska and Iowa as well as more than 22 other states and 28 foreign countries. At the undergraduate level, WSC offers more than 70 non-teaching majors and minors plus 38 various teaching endorsements in four academic schools including Arts and Humanities, Business and Technology, Education and Counseling, and Natural and Social Sciences. Masters degrees are also available in business and education.

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

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

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

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

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

\* Includes first and second majors as of fall 2004

\*\*Degrees awarded December 2003 through August 2004

## Other Schools

Colleges, universities, and community colleges frequently attended by area high school graduates include:

<b>Community/College or University</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>Norfolk</b> Northeast Community College	16
<b>Wayne</b> Wayne State College	30
<b>Sioux City, IA</b> Briar Cliff College	81
<b>Blair</b> Dana College	84
<b>Omaha</b> University of Nebraska at Omaha Creighton University Metropolitan Community College	107
<b>Milford</b> Southeast Community College, Milford Campus	116
<b>Lincoln</b> University of Nebraska-Lincoln Nebraska Wesleyan	122

## CHURCHES

<b>Denomination</b>	<b>Number of Churches</b>
<b>Stanton</b>	
Catholic	1
Congregational	1
Evangelical Free Church	1
Lutheran, American	1
Lutheran, ELCA	1
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	1
Lutheran, Wisconsin Synod	1
United Methodist	1
<b>Pilger</b>	
Lutheran-ELCA	1
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	1
United Methodist	1

## HEALTH CARE

### Clinics

The Stanton Medical Clinic is privately owned. Open five days a week, it is staffed by a physician, physician assistant, nurse, and receptionist.

### Rescue Squad

The city of Stanton has 25 certified Emergency Medical Technicians who have completed 30 hours of continuing education to maintain certification. Two modern, fully equipped rescue units are certified as A/D (automatic defibrillator) and intubation units. The unit has an average response time of less than five minutes within city limits.

Pilger has seven certified Emergency Medical Technicians who complete 30 hours of the continuous education every three years to maintain certification. Two rescue units have an average response time of less than four minutes within village limits.

### Hospitals

**Faith Regional Health Services** in Norfolk, 16 miles northwest of Stanton, has been providing health care to the residents of northeast and north-central Nebraska since 1923. Faith Regional is a 166-bed acute care regional referral center with Centers of Excellence in cancer, cardiac, physical rehabilitation, and obstetrics. Centers include the Carson Cancer Center, Faith Regional CardioVascular Institute, the Dialysis Center, and RehabCentral.

Medical services are delivered from four locations. West campus provides emergency services, acute care, cancer and heart services, women's and children's services, laboratory and imaging services, surgery, and cardiopulmonary. East campus provides outpatient clinics, physical rehabilitation, transitional care, home health/hospice, dialysis, and behavioral health. Medical Offices West houses the Carson Cancer Center and the CardioVascular Institute, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, the Health Resource Center, and LifeNet Medical Transportation. Medical Offices North leases

office space to physician groups and the Faith Regional Surgery Center.

**Faith Regional CardioVascular Institute**, opened in 2001, offers a complete cardiovascular care center including preventive, diagnostic, interventional, and rehabilitative care for coronary artery disease, heart failure, and peripheral vascular disease in an inpatient setting. The **Carson Cancer Center**, named in memory of Johnny Carson's parents, offers radiation oncology and medical oncology and serves patients from a 30-county area. **RehabCentral** offers the most comprehensive multidisciplinary approach to physical rehabilitation through physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language pathology, sports medicine, and occupational medicine.

Faith Regional Health Services is accredited through the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations. The primary service area includes a 7-county area surrounding Norfolk; secondary service area includes a 30-county area. More than 80,000 patients are served annually on an inpatient and outpatient basis. More than 900 babies are delivered each year, making Faith Regional the busiest birthing facility in northeast Nebraska.

Faith Regional Health Services is equally sponsored by two organizations: the Missionary Benedictine Sisters and the Lutheran Community Hospital Association.

## NURSING HOMES

The Stanton Health Center in Stanton is a Medicare and Medicaid skilled care facility with 96 beds. Built in 1968, it is the only nursing home in Stanton County. A 26-bed Alzheimer Special Care Unit was completed in 1988. Services include in- and out-patient rehabilitation, including physical, occupational, and speech therapy; hospice; and meals on wheels. One wing contains 20 assisted living units.

## LIBRARY

The **Stanton Public Library** contains 12,400 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 14,000. Internet is available to the

public. The library has a basement meeting room that meets ADA Standards.

The **Pilger Public Library** contains 11,979 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 11,542. Approximately 525 new volumes are added each year. The library also offers a summer reading program.

## RECREATION

Eighty-one acres of land in Stanton County are devoted to parks and recreational activities.

The four parks in Stanton cover 70 acres and contain standard playground equipment, picnic shelters, softball and baseball fields, tennis and basketball courts, swimming pool, sand volleyball court, and soccer field. A softball field and baseball field are located at the fairgrounds.

Pilger has one park containing two picnic shelters with grills and a large variety of playground equipment with flower beds and trees. During the last two years, park plans included an expansion along with an extension of the tree belt bordering Highway 15. Area residents continue raising funds for the installation of a new municipal pool.

Stanton, with an average annual budget of \$28,000, employs three part-time seasonal personnel to maintain the city parks. Expenditures for parks and recreation in Pilger averages \$20,000 annually.

Stanton and Pilger have facilities for:

- |                   |   |                                                                                                              |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Baseball/Softball | — | One lighted ball field and one lighted practice field with concession stand                                  |
| Boating           | — | Canoeing on the Elkhorn River, all types of boating at Lake North (40 miles) and Gavins Point Dam (65 miles) |
| Fishing           | — | Excellent fishing at the Elkhorn River and Maskenthine Dam                                                   |
| Golf Courses      | — | One public 9-hole grass greens course with clubhouse                                                         |

- Sand Volleyball — Two lighted courts
- Skating — Roller rink and an ice skating area in winter
- Swimming — Municipal pool in the park
- Tennis — Two lighted and hard-surfaced courts with rest rooms

Annual celebrations include the 4th of July celebration, Pilger Days during the last full weekend in July, and the Stanton County Fair in August.

The **Stanton Museum** opened in Stanton in 2000. Artifacts from the county are housed in the museum.

The **Senior Citizens Center** in Pilger provides activities and delivers meals on wheels weekdays.

**Lake Maskenthine**, built in 1976 by the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District, is one of the largest lakes in northeast Nebraska. Located 1.5 miles northwest of Stanton, the lake permits 5 mph power boating, camping and RV pads, picnicking, hiking, swimming, fishing, and canoeing. The Pilger Recreation Area, located 1.75 miles northeast of Pilger, is managed by the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Recreational opportunities include boating, canoeing, fishing, picnicking, and hiking.

**Red Fox Wildlife Management Area**, one mile south of Pilger, consists of 363 acres, with five-eighths mile of river frontage. Grasslands and scattered wooded areas and a 25-acre sandpit lake are part of the area. Red Fox is open to hunting, fishing, canoeing, and primitive camping. Wildlife includes white-tailed deer, squirrel, rabbit, pheasant, quail, and waterfowl. Fishing for channel catfish and carp is enjoyed by many.

**Wood Duck Wildlife Management Area**, southwest of Stanton, contains 670 acres bordering the Elkhorn River. Several oxbow lakes and a small stream contribute to wildlife habitat and recreational needs. The area is open to the public for hunting and fishing.

**Kartwheels Speedway** host racing every Saturday April through September. Participation

is encouraged for ages eight through adult on local, state, and national levels.

The **Stanton County Fairgrounds** offers many areas of recreational opportunities ranging from livestock shows to community dances. The Stanton County Fair, held in August, provides livestock shows and events including musical concerts, demolition derby, and bull-o-rama.

Other recreational areas include access points to the Elkhorn River. The Cowboy Trail in neighboring Madison County offers outdoor enthusiasts a state-managed linear trail for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, and wildlife viewing.

## HOUSING

### New Construction

In 2002–03 ten new homes were constructed in Stanton and two in Pilger and three were built in 2004.

Building permits were issued for four single-units, one duplex, and two (11 units) apartment houses during the last five years.

### As of December 31, 2004:

#### Number of Homes Sold

Single Family - 177

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

Single Family Home

3,500 sq. ft. - 4 bedrooms \$ 85,000

2,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedrooms \$ 60,000

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

#### Number of Single Family Homes

#### for Sale by Price (New and Existing)

Less than \$100,000 150

\$100,001–\$200,000 26

\$200,001 and up 1

### Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

**Ivy Manor**, located in Stanton, is a 30-unit, low-cost housing facility completed in 1966 at a cost of \$419,798. A community room and laundry facilities are available.



Pilger Park



Pilger Pool



Pilger Recreation Area



Stanton Swimming Pool & City Park



Pilger Ball Field



Kartwheels Speedway in Stanton

**Pilger Maplewood Apartments** is a four-unit income-based senior housing facility constructed in 1993. A laundry facility is available.

**Assisted Living**

The assisted living wing of the **Stanton Health Center**, completed in 2000, is comprised of 10 one-bedroom apartments and 10 efficiency apartments.

**FINANCIAL**

**STANTON**

As of 6/30/2004:

Name	Capital		
	Accounts	Deposits	Loans
	----- <i>thousand dollars</i> -----		
First Nebraska Bank	\$ 11,656	\$ 124,676	\$ 104,632
Stanton National Bank	\$ 2,669	\$ 24,387	\$ 19,272

**PILGER**

As of 9/2/2004:

Name	Capital		
	Accounts	Deposits	Loans
	----- <i>thousand dollars</i> -----		
Farmers National Bank a Midwest Bank NA*	\$30,873	\$201,268	\$164,476

\*Branch bank; figures represent headquarters.



Scenes from Elkhorn Acres Golf Course

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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### PROFESSIONAL

Attorneys .....	2
Certified Public Accountants .....	1
Chiropractors .....	1
Dentists .....	2
Nurse Practitioners .....	1
Veterinarians .....	1

### BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies .....	2
Agricultural Implement/Farm Equipment Dealers .....	2
Automobile Dealers—used .....	1
Auto Repair Garages .....	3
Auto Supply Parts .....	1
Barber Shops .....	1
Beauty Shops .....	6
Contractors—electric .....	2
—general .....	3
—sand & gravel .....	2
—remodeling & repairing .....	1
Convenience Stores .....	2
Day Care, Licensed .....	1
Feed & Seed .....	2
Funeral Homes .....	2
Grocery Stores & Meat Markets .....	2
Hardware Stores .....	2
Insurance .....	6
Lumberyards .....	1
Restaurants .....	3
Welding Equipment .....	1



Pilger Maplewood Apartments



Westside Regency Assisted Living in Stanton



Stanton Public Library



Pilger Public Library

## AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

### AGRICULTURE

2002 Statistics	Stanton County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	655	49,355
Land in Farms (acres)	243,223	45,903,116
Average Size of Farms (acres)	371	930
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$82,444,000	\$9,703,657,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$125,686	\$196,609
Total Acres Irrigated	21,309	7,625,170
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	11.4%	16.6%
<b>Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (1999-2003)</b>		
All Alfalfa Hay	73,008 tons	4,721,000 tons
Corn for Grain	8,874,880 bu.	1,074,450,000 bu.
Oats	71,560 bu.	3,827,000 bu.
Soybeans	2,171,680 bu.	187,201,000 bu.
<b>Five-Year Average Livestock Population (1999-2003)</b>		
All Cattle	62,000	6,462,200

SOURCE: National Agriculture Statistics Service, [www.nass.usda.gov:81/ipedb](http://www.nass.usda.gov:81/ipedb)  
 2002 Census of Agriculture, [www.nass.usda.gov/census](http://www.nass.usda.gov/census)

### RAW MATERIALS

There are no metallic minerals found in the Stanton area; however, unlimited amounts of sand and gravel, nonmetallic minerals, are available.

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



Stanton County Museum in Pilger

## CLIMATE

### TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature			Precipitation		Humidity*	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	9.6	20.4	31.3	0.62	6.1	76	65
February	15.2	26.3	37.4	0.82	5.8	79	65
March	24.7	36.2	47.8	1.85	5.8	80	62
April	36.9	50.0	63.2	2.62	1.4	79	52
May	48.5	61.1	73.8	4.29	0.0	80	53
June	58.3	70.6	83.0	4.37	0.0	82	55
July	63.1	75.2	87.3	3.61	0.0	84	56
August	61.2	73.2	85.2	3.09	0.0	86	58
September	51.2	64.0	76.9	2.34	0.0	83	54
October	39.4	52.5	65.6	1.73	0.5	79	52
November	25.6	36.8	48.0	1.18	3.0	80	60
December	14.7	25.0	35.3	0.73	6.3	79	66
<b>Annual</b>	37.4	49.3	61.2	27.24	29.0	81	58

\*Recorded at Norfolk Weather Station

### FROST DATA

Average date of last frost in spring .....	May 4
Average date of first frost in fall .....	October 1
Average length of growing season .....	150 days
Average number of "heating degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	6,645
Average number of "cooling degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	948
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average) .....	12
Prevailing wind direction (annual average) .....	South

SOURCE: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1948-2003,  
[www.hpccsun.unl.edu](http://www.hpccsun.unl.edu)