

COMMUNITY FACTS

WAHOO, NEBRASKA

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POPULATION

(Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009 Est.</u>
Wahoo	3,942	4,167
Saunders County	19,830	20,057
Metropolitan Statistical Area*	767,041	849,517
Labor Market**	952,593	1,061,629

*Includes Omaha-Council Bluffs area

**Includes Saunders County and contiguous counties

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INTRODUCTION

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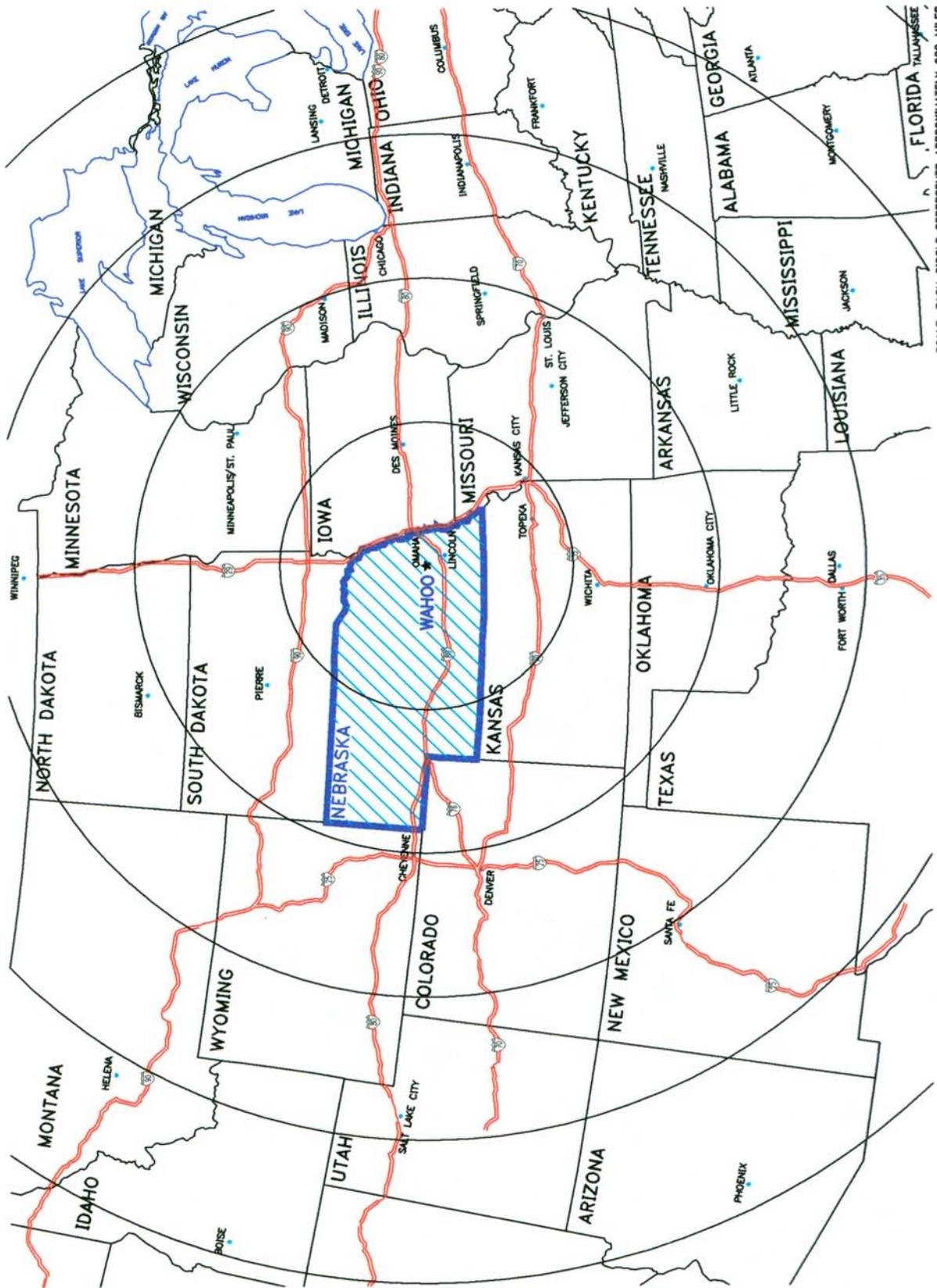
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SCALE: EACH CIRCLE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES



To Colon/
Cedar Bluffs

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Wahoo Industries
Subdivision



92 77

To Omaha/Fremont

Lake Wahoo

Highway 77 Bypass (Under Construction)

Wagon
Train
Subdivision

Rolling Hills

Grand View
Estates

23rd

Wahoo Public Middle & High School
Public Elementary School

18th St.

16th St.

15th

First Presbyterian Church

Cottonwood St.

12th St.

10th Ave.

Hackberry Westside Park and Ball Fields

Hackberry

West Park

Hickory Cir.

Hickory St.

Laurel St.

Locust

Swanmore

Wahut

Maple

1st

County Road J

Hilltop Circle

Fairway Drive

13

County Road J

Pine Log Road

City View Drive

Arbor Lane

Continental Estates

Chestnut

Locust

36

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Cook's Park

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GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Wahoo, the county seat of Saunders County in east-central Nebraska, is located 25 minutes from major shopping areas. Served by U.S. Highway 77, a four-lane expressway, and Nebraska Highway 92, Wahoo is 22 miles from Interstate 80, 25 miles north of Lincoln, and 25 miles west of Omaha.

POPULATION (U.S. Census)

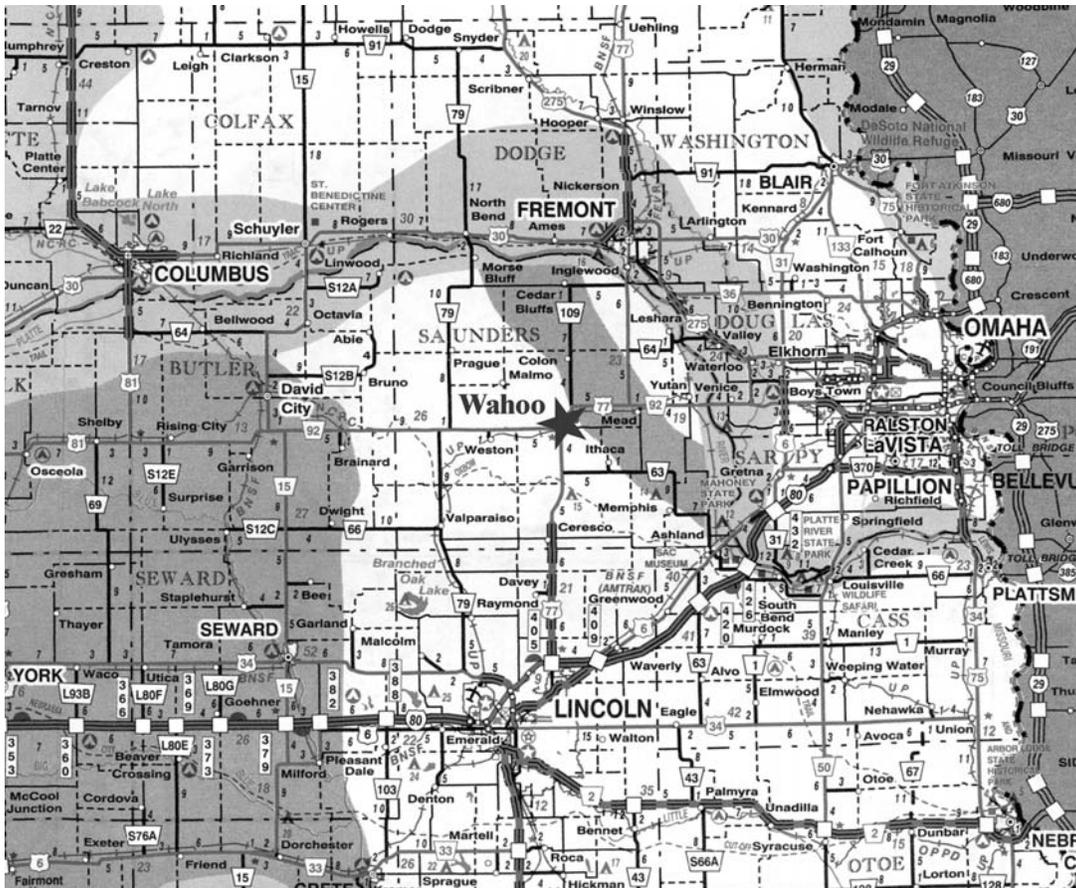
Year	Wahoo	Saunders County
1970	3,835	17,018
1980	3,555	18,716
1990	3,665	18,285
2000	3,942	19,830
2009 (Est.)	4,167	20,057

Saunders County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin 2008 U.S. Census

One Race	
White	98.4%
Black	0.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4%
Asian	0.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	*
Two or More Races	0.7%
Hispanic or Latino Origin**	2.0%
White Not Hispanic	96.5%

*Value greater than zero but less than one-half unit of measure shown.

**Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories.



Saunders County is included in the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) along with Cass, Douglas Sarpy, and Washington Counties in Nebraska and Harrison, Mills, and Pottawatomie Counties in Iowa. The 2009 estimated population of the Omaha-Council Bluffs MSA is 849,517. The Census also estimates the population of Saunders County plus the contiguous counties of Butler, Cass, Colfax, Dodge, Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, and Seward is 1,061,629.

Approximately 100 people in Wahoo are fluent in a second language, Spanish.

LOCAL ECONOMY

The economy in Wahoo, the county seat of Saunders County, depends on a balance of crop farming and light manufacturing. Wahoo offers full services to its residents in a small town atmosphere and has the amenities of two metropolitan areas within 25 minutes.

The Nebraska Game and Parks anticipate opening Lake Wanahoo in spring 2012. The 640-surface-acre lake located on 1,200 acres adjoining Wahoo will provide areas for wildlife habitat, hunting, fishing, camping, hiking trails, swimming, and “no wake” boating.

Firms with retail sales tax permits in Wahoo reported 2009 net taxable retail sales of \$35,682,300, while Saunders County reported retail sales of \$91,472,978.

ELEVATION

Wahoo is 1,223 feet above sea level.

TOPOGRAPHY

The terrain of the land surrounding Wahoo is flat to gently rolling. Soils in the area are silt and clay loams with good drainage.

HISTORY

Before the arrival of settlers, a Pawnee village containing 50 or more lodges covering a four-block area was located in what is now the southeast part of Wahoo.

In 1869 land speculators John, James, and William Lee, H. Dorsey, E. H. Berna, J. J. Hawthorne, and George Miner purchased this spot in the hope of developing a town. Originally, the village was called Leesville for its founders but was soon renamed “Wauhoo,” thought to be named after a bush which grew along nearby creeks and used by the Indians for medicinal purposes. The “u” was dropped, probably by postal authorities when they approved an office on July 15, 1869. It is the only town in the U.S.A. by that name.

Early in the 1870s there was a movement to relocate the county seat, which was in Ashland in the southeast corner of the county. Wahoo, near the center of the county, needed the county seat to assure its survival. Proprietors in Wahoo offered to give the county half the city’s lots if voters approved the move to Wahoo. They also erected a wooden building for use as a courthouse to support their bid. After a raging battle, Wahoo received the most votes in an election on October 14, 1873.

The railroad arrived in Wahoo in 1876. In 1886 the Union Pacific, Chicago & North Western, and the Chicago Burlington & Quincy all had tracts dissecting the county.

Railroads, financed largely by land grants, sent recruiters to Europe in an attempt to persuade people to buy their property and move to the newly opened place called Nebraska. Its generous terms included an initial cost of approximately \$5 per acre and a ten-year payment period. As a result, many Czech, Swede, and German immigrants came to the area.

In 1883 the Swedish Lutherans established Luther College in Wahoo. Many Saunders County teachers received their normal training at the college. In 1962 the school merged with Fremont's Midland College and the campus closed. In 1965 an attempt was made to establish a new college, named for John F. Kennedy. Low enrollment and financial difficulties forced it to close ten years later.

Wahoo has five famous people: Howard Hanson who received a Pulitzer Prize as a composer; Sam Crawford who was placed in the Baseball Hall of Fame; Dr. George Beadle, a Nobel Prize winning geneticist; Clarence Anderson who was a famous artist; and Darryl F. Zanuck, a Hollywood movie producer.

Wahoo was named "Home Office of the Late Show with David Letterman" in 1996. The pursuit of this title began after Letterman repeatedly declared how much fun "Wahoo" was to say. A local citizen requested Letterman be proclaimed an Admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska for his recognition of Wahoo. Soon viewers in Wahoo began sending letters and other items to New York City. A contest between Wahoo and Grand Rapids, Michigan, the previous "home office," erupted. Letterman issued a competition—More Stuff + Better Stuff = Home Office. Two teenage boys, Jeff and Josh Price, were sent by their mother to be on the Letterman show to prove that the "price was right." Two nights later Wahoo was named "Home Office of the Late Show with David Letterman."



Wahoo - Indian name for "Burning Bush"



Main Street



“Late Show with David Letterman” Home Office



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MANUFACTURERS

<u>Company/Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Union</u>
Burkley Envelope, Inc. 1891	Paper products	National	20 1*	16	None
Contech Construction Products, Inc. 1905	Steel pipe/corrugated steel	Regional	8	1	None
Darling International 1963	Grease & tallow, pet food, hides, meal	National	21	1	None
Denver Plastics - NE 1984	Custom injection molds	International	20	10	None
Oden Enterprises, Inc. 1973	Steel fabrication	Regional	12	2	None
Six-B Manufacturing, Inc. 1973	Machine shop	Regional	3	0	None
The Fab Shop 2001	Custom metal fabrication	Regional	12 2*	1	None
Tyler Graphic Services, Inc. 1991	Commercial printing	Regional	1 1*	1	None
Wahoo Concrete Products 1962	Pre-cast concrete products	National	16	3	None
Wahoo Metal Products & Supply, Inc. 1948	Custom metal fabrication	Regional	3	0	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 45 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Union</u>
City of Wahoo	Government	36 36*	6 65*	None
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Engineering, planning & surveying	90 8*	20 2*	None
M. E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc.	Road & bridge construction	112 1*	8	None
Saunders County	County government	51 11*	94 11*	FOP
Saunders Medical Center	Healthcare facility	11 4*	113 44*	None
		(39 limited status employees)		
Wahoo Public Schools	Education	30 6*	129 8*	NEA

*Part-time and/or seasonal

OTHER MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS

Wahoo is located 21 miles south of Fremont, 25 miles north of Lincoln, and 25 miles west of Omaha. These communities have numerous employers with more than 100 employees.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Wahoo Chamber and Economic Development and the Greater Wahoo Development Foundation work with the city of Wahoo in economic development efforts.

The Greater Wahoo Development Foundation, a nonprofit corporation with 35 members, is funded by the city, membership dues, and telecommunications and lodging taxes.

Economic development progress since 2005 includes completion of a business target study, several TIF projects for business expansion, the completion of a blight study of the commercial park, and control of a 61-acre industrial site.

Approximately 240 acres in and adjacent to Wahoo are zoned for industry. The price of industrially zoned land ranges from \$27,800 to \$88,000 per acre.

INDUSTRIAL SITES AVAILABLE

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



Burkley Envelope



Denver Plastics - NE



Six-B Manufacturing, Inc.



Wahoo Concrete Products



JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

LABOR

LABOR SUPPLY

- A. Employment in the Wahoo labor market, which is defined as the whole of Saunders County, a part of the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and the total labor market consisting of Saunders County and the contiguous counties of Butler, Cass, Colfax, Dodge, Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, and Seward (annual average, 2009):

	<u>Saunders Co.</u>	<u>MSA</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)			
Manufacturing	383	31,482	(D)
Natural Resources & Construction	524	23,952	29,067
Wholesale Trade	199	17,782	20,375
Retail Trade	606	49,954	63,198
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	210	27,425	(D)
Information	(D)	11,491	(D)
Financial Activities	308	39,887	(D)
Professional & Business Services	191	62,561	77,745
Education & Health Services	641	68,835	(D)
Leisure & Hospitality	503	44,615	54,713
Other Services	239	16,793	23,235
Government	1,419	64,374	97,389
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	5,245	459,151	598,491
Farm Employment	1,297	6,417	7,635
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	10,347	428,835	546,599
B. Commuting Out of County	6,839	N/A	N/A
C. Unemployment	551	22,140	27,320
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	10,898	450,975	573,920
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	3,200		
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	268		
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	10,858		

(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

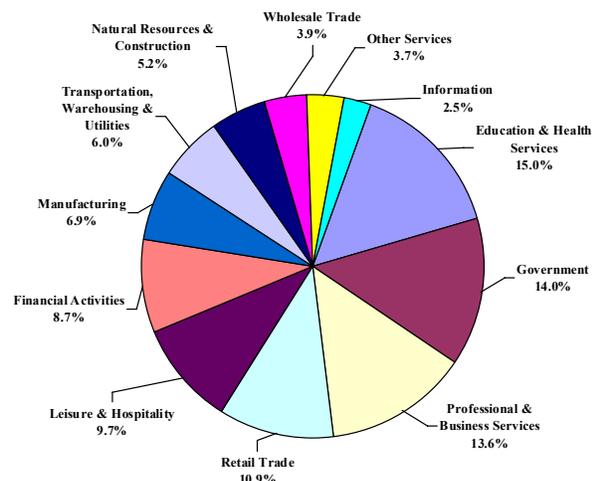
Source: Nebraska Department of Labor, www.dol.nebraska.gov

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2007

U.S. Census

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

**NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
ANNUAL AVERAGE, 2009**



POPULATION DATA

Location	2000			2009		2010
	Density/Sq. Mile	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Age	County Median Family Income
Saunders Co.	26.3	86.8	16.9	15.1	41.5	\$64,800
Nebraska	22.3	86.6	23.7	13.4	35.8	\$62,600
U.S.	79.6	80.4	24.4	12.9	36.8	\$64,400

Saunders County had 14,533 registered voters in 2008; 70.7 percent voted in the national election compared to 70.2 percent in Nebraska.

Source: U.S. Census, www.census.gov
 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2010
 Statewide General Election 2008 Results, www.sos.state.ne.us

LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE WAHOO AREA



**POPULATION DATA
U.S. Census Estimates**

2009 Estimate		
City of Wahoo	—	4,167
Saunders County	—	20,057
30-Mile Radius	—	628,734

Saunders County Population Ages/Gender, 2009		
Ages	Male	Female
18-24	833	788
25-44	2,319	2,034
45-64	3,033	2,955

UNIONIZATION

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

Labor organizations operating in the Wahoo area:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Union</u>
Saunders County	Fraternal Order of Police
Windstream	Communications Workers of America
Wahoo Public Schools	Nebraska Education Association

It is estimated that less than 2 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in Wahoo is unionized. There have been no known strikes.

WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Professional			
Accountants & Auditors	17.94	27.78	48.03
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	23.47	36.51	52.79
Electrical Engineers*	25.87	30.71	40.87
Industrial Engineers	20.03	32.80	50.13
Mechanical Engineers	17.46	28.36	49.62
Computer Programmers	19.34	33.54	49.21
Computer Systems Analysts	21.82	35.00	48.68
Registered Nurses	20.58	26.98	38.21
Retail			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	7.47	9.18	12.02
Retail Salespersons	7.09	9.70	19.41
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	8.03	13.99	23.21
Driver/Sales Workers	6.93	9.03	23.31
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	7.54	9.84	16.30
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	10.04	14.29	22.52
Clerical			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	10.50	15.42	21.84
Customer Service Representatives	9.72	14.11	21.70
Data Entry Keyers	9.49	12.81	17.54
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	9.44	13.80	19.35
Office Clerks, General	7.56	11.92	17.70
Receptionists & Information Clerks*	7.81	10.42	15.60
Telemarketers	7.45	12.26	20.00

*Wage information taken from Balance of State

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Unskilled			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	8.64	12.06	17.40
Packers & Packagers, Hand	7.08	9.34	14.90
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other	8.74	19.99	27.81
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	10.10	12.10	15.55
Semi-Skilled			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	9.99	14.42	23.81
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	13.84	22.06	32.06
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	13.47	18.77	24.68
Machine Operators			
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	8.60	11.02	16.14
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.*	9.50	14.71	18.01
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	10.99	13.81	15.99
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.	10.54	13.56	18.25
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	11.32	16.87	24.54
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	10.56	16.70	23.29
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	8.43	11.51	15.27
Skilled			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	9.62	17.72	30.65
Electricians	12.78	22.77	34.09
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	14.28	20.26	28.63
Machinists	10.51	14.66	22.33
Tool & Die Makers	14.76	19.50	25.08
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	12.40	16.31	19.97
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	13.18	16.55	19.87
Technical			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	19.56	25.17	33.25
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	14.22	23.01	30.77
Computer Operators	9.94	14.22	25.94

*Wage information taken from Balance of State

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, First Quarter 2010 wage estimates, All Industries, Omaha Consortium, <http://neblswages.nwd.ne.gov>.

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

FRINGE BENEFITS

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

TRANSPORTATION

RAILROADS

Wahoo is served by a branch line of the Union Pacific Railroad with one freight train daily. Switching is done by train crews as needed. The nearest switching yard and piggyback services are located 38 miles from Wahoo.

For further information regarding Union Pacific Railroad, contact Cheryl Schow, (308) 289-1911, or visit www.uprr.com/customers/ind-dev.

Amtrak provides Lincoln, 25 miles south of Wahoo, with rail passenger service east to Chicago and west to Denver and San Francisco/Oakland. The Superliner features a lounge car, coach and first-class accommodations, dining car services, and checked baggage service from most cities. Travel time is 11 hours to Chicago and 42 3/4 hours to the West Coast. Amtrak has one train each way daily.

MOTOR

Highways

U.S. Highway 77 (north-south) and Nebraska Highway 92 (east-west) intersect in Wahoo. There are no local load restrictions. Interstate 80 is 20 miles south and Interstate 29 is 40 miles east of Wahoo.

A four-lane bypass on U.S. Highway 77 around Wahoo is slated for completion in 2012.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	25
Omaha	25
Chicago	510
Dallas	665
Denver	512
Detroit	776
Kansas City	221
Los Angeles	1,526
Minneapolis	420
New York	1,285

Destination	Mileage
St. Louis	473
San Francisco	1,642
Sioux City	98

Trucklines

More than 11,500 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.

Bus Line

The nearest bus service is provided by Greyhound Lines in Lincoln, 25 miles south of Wahoo.

Saunders County Transportation, with one van, provides senior transportation for all of Saunders County. Two trips per week are scheduled to Lincoln, Omaha, and Fremont for registered participants. A six-month calendar indicates the pick-up and drop-off locations.

Busy Wheels, owned and operated by the Wahoo Senior Citizens Center, offers in-town transportation.

AIR

The Wahoo Municipal Airport has a 4,100 foot lighted concrete runway and a 3,290 foot lighted turf runway. The airport, operating 24 hours a day, has full instrument landing capabilities, 100 and 66 octane fuel, and an on-duty mechanic. Capital Aviation, located at the airport, provides fuel, full service maintenance, flight training, aircraft rentals, courtesy cars, pilot's lounge, rest rooms, and flying club. There are 40 private planes hangared at the Wahoo Airport. The elevation is 1,223 feet, the latitude is 41-14N, and the longitude is 096-35W. The airport was closed 12 days during the last three years due to inclement weather.

The nearest commercial air service is provided at the Lincoln Airport, 29 miles (30 minutes), and Omaha Eppley Airfield, 44 miles (45 minutes) from Wahoo.

WATER

Barge service is available at four barge terminal facilities on the Missouri River in Nebraska. The Omaha river port is 38 miles east of Wahoo. 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, Iowa, to the mouth of the Missouri River near St. Louis, Missouri. Commodities transported by towing companies are fertilizers, feeds, grain, steel, lumber, salt, steel coils, steel bar, and steel plate.



Wahoo Municipal Airport

UTILITIES

ELECTRICITY

Wahoo Board of Public Works operates the electric system for the community and surrounding area. Wholesale power is purchased from Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) and the Western Area Power Administration. The municipal electric system consists of two 34.5 kV feeders, one underground and one overhead, which feed from the 115 kV NPPD substation to the city's two substations. The substations step down and distribute the power at 12.47 kV. Plans are currently underway to loop the intertie circuits.

The municipal generating station has dual fuel diesel engines with a capacity of 13.5 MW and black-start capability. The majority of the municipal generating station's capacity is leased to NPPD for peaking and emergency operation.

BASE ELECTRIC RATES—CITY OF WAHOO (effective 1/1/10)

Residential Service (all electric):

Customer Charge: \$7.00 per month	
Summer	Winter
\$0.0675	\$0.0630
per kWh for the first 825 kWh used per month	
\$0.0700	\$0.0427
per kWh for all additional use	
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge	

Small Commercial Service:

Customer Charge:	
Single Phase	\$16.50 per month
Three Phase	\$20.60 per month
Summer	Winter
\$0.0675	\$0.0636
per kWh for the first 1,900 kWh used per month	
\$0.0720	\$0.048
per kWh for all additional use	
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge	

Large Commercial Service:

Customer Charge:	
Single Phase	\$42.00 per month
Three Phase	\$46.00 per month
Monthly Demand Charges:	
Summer Season:	
On-Peak	\$10.80 per kW of billing demand
Off-Peak	\$8.20 per kW of billing demand
Winter Season:	
On- & Off-Peak	\$9.15 per kW of billing demand
Plus an energy charge of	
Winter Season:	\$0.26 per kWh
Summer Season:	\$0.28 per kWh
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge	

Sample Cost per kWh for Large Commercial Service Rates:

kW	kWh	Customer Billed ¢/kWh
100	30,000	6.05
100	36,000	5.49
300	90,000	5.95
300	150,000	4.64
500	150,000	5.93
500	180,000	5.39

Industrial:

Customer Charge:	
Single Phase	\$42.00 per month
Three Phase	\$46.00 per month
Monthly Demand Charges:	
Summer Season:	
On-Peak	\$10.70 per kW of billing demand
Off-Peak	\$7.43 per kW of billing demand
Winter Season:	
On- & Off-Peak	\$9.15 per kW of billing demand
Plus an energy charge of	
Winter Season:	\$0.26 per kWh
Summer Season:	\$0.27 per kWh
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge	

Sample Cost per kWh for Industrial Service Rates:

kW	kWh	Annual Average ¢/kWh
1,000	300,000	5.87
2,500	750,000	5.86
2,500	1,250,000	4.57
5,000	1,500,000	5.86
5,000	2,500,000	4.57
10,000	6,400,000	4.14

Prospective customers should contact Jim Gibney, Wahoo Utilities, general manager, (402) 443-3222, Ext. 15, www.wahoo.ne.us, for further information regarding electric rates and service.

NATURAL GAS

Wahoo Utilities provides natural gas service to the community. Northern Natural Gas is the pipeline company. Gas is purchased on the commodity market with assistance from Clayton Energy.

Natural gas, with a Btu of 998, is available for residential and commercial uses.

NATURAL GAS RATES (effective 11/09)

Residential General Service:

Customer Charge: \$12.50 per month	
0–15 ccf	\$0.3150 per ccf
Over 15 ccf	\$0.1300 per ccf
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge	

This rate is subject to application of a Purchase Gas Adjustment.

Non-Residential General Service:

Customer Charge: \$13.90 per month	
0–55 ccf	\$0.6400 per ccf
Over 55 ccf	\$0.1290 per ccf
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge	

This rate is subject to application of a Purchase Gas Adjustment.

Large General Service:

Customer Charge: \$475.00 per month	
0–1,500 ccf	\$0.6300 per ccf
Over 1,500 ccf	\$0.1260 per ccf
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge	

Prospective customers should contact Jim Gibney, Wahoo Utilities, general manager, (402) 443-3222, Ext. 15, www.wahoo.ne.us, for further information regarding gas rates and service.

OTHER FUELS

LP Gas

LP gas is available in Wahoo for residential, commercial, and industrial uses from Otte Oil & Propane, Frontier Co-Op, and Zimmerman Oil.

Oil

Oil is not available in Wahoo.

WATER

The municipal water system in Wahoo is supplied by two wells, which have an average depth of 86 feet. The system, serving the entire population of Wahoo, has a combined pumping capacity of 2,500 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 750,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 600,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 1,900,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 4,350,000 gallons per day. The static pressure varies from 75–85 pounds per square inch.

The quality of the water in Wahoo does not necessitate a water treatment plant.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness is 17.7 grains per gallon for Well 1 and 16.5 grains per gallon for Well 2. The average tap water temperature varies from 54° in the winter to 56° in the summer.

Range of Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Calcium	85.3–89.2
Total Solids	387–450
Magnesium	16.6–19.4
Iron	0.01–0.11
Nitrate	5.0–7.6
Manganese	<0.05
Chloride	8–22
Fluoride	0.2–0.3
Sulfate	38–63
Total Alkalinity	241–260
Sodium	32.6–45.9
Total Hardness	16.5–17.7 gpg
Potassium	N/A

gpg - Grains per gallon

N/A - Not available

WATER RATES (effective 1/10)

A water connection fee is charged, depending on size of service. A 3/4" service line is \$525 and 1" service line is \$575. Larger service is available with connection fees negotiated.

Residential, Commercial & Industrial Service:

Customer Charge:

3/4" meter	\$5.35 per month
1" meter	\$8.90 per month
1 1/2" meter	\$21.95 per month
2" meter	\$29.25 per month
3" meter	\$34.87 per month
4" meter	\$53.10 per month

Plus: \$1.80 per 1,000 gal. per month

Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge

Improvements during the last two years include the addition of a third well with a pumping capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute with outstanding chemical characteristics. This well is expected to be operational in 2010 and is being funded by grants, stimulus program, and rates.

For more information regarding residential, commercial, and industrial water rates and service, contact the utility office at (402) 443-3650 or visit www.wahoo.ne.us.

SEWERAGE

Wahoo has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The activated sludge waste water treatment plant was built in 2003 and has a daily capacity of 750,000 gallons. The average daily flow is 330,000 gallons and the historic peak daily discharge is 486,000 gallons.

SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 4/10)

A sewer connection fee is charged for new service.

Single-family:	\$750
Multi-family units:	\$500 for first unit and \$350 for each additional unit
Mobile Homes:	\$500 per lot
Commercial/Industrial:	Maximum of \$3,500 per acre but not less than \$750 per acre

Residential Service*:

Customer Charge: \$20.00 per month \$3.10 per 1,000 gal. per month
Minimum Bill: \$20.00 per month

*Based on average water used in January, February, and March.

Commercial & Municipal Service:

Customer Charge:	
3/4" & 1" meter	\$20.00 per month
1 1/2" meter	\$25.98 per month
2" meter	\$35.02 per month
3" meter	\$45.36 per month
4" meter	\$65.73 per month
Plus: \$3.10 per 1,000 gal. per month	
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge	

An ultraviolet effluent discharge treatment was completed in 2010 which was financed from reserves.

For more information regarding residential, commercial, and industrial sewer rates and service, contact the utility office at (402) 443-3650 or visit www.wahoo.ne.us.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

The city of Wahoo contracts with two privately owned companies for residential waste removal services. Wastes are hauled to a privately owned disposal site, 25 miles from Wahoo.

SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES

Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

Contracts with private haulers

RECYCLING

Region V Services recycles all paper products and aluminum cans.



City Electrical Plant

COMMUNICATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Telecommunications services are provided in the Wahoo area by Windstream, with more than 1,700 miles of fiber optics. Windstream uses a Northern Telecom DMS 100 platform for the Wahoo switch, monitored on site. Wahoo is interconnected via a redundant fiber optic ring network in southeast Nebraska. A wide variety of products and services are offered including local exchange and access services (outbound and 800 via T-1), telephone equipment sales and service, and data communication services. Other value-added communications products, including Internet access, DSL services, fast packet services such as frame relay, fiber networks and disaster recovery networks, including SONET ring technology are also provided by Windstream.

Equal access to the long distance company of choice is available for both interstate and intrastate calls. All major carriers are available.

MONTHLY TARIFFED RATES

Business Line	\$29.99
Key Line	\$29.99
Key System Trunks	\$27.50
Digital Trunks	\$30.00
PBX Trunks	\$37.50

INTERNET

Local Internet access in Wahoo is provided by:

Company	
Charter www.charter.com	(402) 228-3441
Speednet www.speednet.com	(800) 847-5231
Windstream www.windstream.com	(888) 696-2849

POST OFFICE

The post office in Wahoo provides house-to-house delivery and has one mail receipt and one mail dispatch daily. The nearest general mail facility is 38 miles from Wahoo.

PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	Federal Express	UPS	U.S. Postal Service
Latest Pick-up Time	Varies	2:30 p.m.	5:20 p.m.
Earliest Delivery	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Next Day Delivery Guarantee	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saturday Delivery Guarantee	Yes	Yes	Yes

NEWSPAPER

The Wahoo Newspaper, with 3,856 subscribers, is the local weekly paper. Daily papers delivered locally are the Omaha World-Herald, Fremont Tribune, and Lincoln Journal-Star.

RADIO

Radio stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KHUB-FM	105.5 MHz	Fremont
KLIN-AM	1400 KHz	Lincoln
KFOR-AM	1240 KHz	Lincoln
KZKX-FM	96.9 MHz	Lincoln
KFAB-AM	1110 KHz	Omaha
KKAR-AM	1290 KHz	Omaha
KGOR-FM	99.9 MHz	Omaha

TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KETV	7	Omaha
KMTV	3	Omaha
WOWT	6	Omaha
KPTM	42	Omaha
KOLN/KGIN	10/11	Lincoln/ Grand Island
KLKN	8	Lincoln
KXVO	15	Omaha

Cable television service is provided by Charter. Satellite service is provided by Dish Network and DIRECTV.



Wahoo Newspaper



Wahoo Chamber and Economic Development

TAX STRUCTURE

VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES—CITY OF WAHOO

All real property is subject to tax at market value. Agricultural land is valued at 73 percent of its market 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		
	2007	2008	2009
Real Estate	\$184,398,010	\$198,128,130	\$217,393,590
Personal Property	6,880,083	9,417,349	9,312,924
Special (railroad and utilities)	1,097,670	1,160,172	1,230,013
TOTAL	<u>\$192,375,763</u>	<u>\$208,705,651</u>	<u>\$227,936,527</u>

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

	2007	2008	2009
City	\$0.59788	\$0.59899	\$0.55357
County	.26592	.29822	.29554
School District	1.19920	1.19825	1.18971
Community College	.06890	.07220	.06760
Educational Service Unit	.01500	.01500	.01478
Natural Resource District	.04575	.04568	.04267
Agricultural Society	.00943	.00905	.00921
Airport	.05425	.04982	.04430
TOTAL	<u>\$2.25633</u>	<u>\$2.28721</u>	<u>\$2.21738</u>

The 2009 tax rate at the industrial site outside the city limits is \$1.794830 per \$100 of actual value.

CITY SALES TAX

The city of Wahoo imposes a 1.5 percent city sales tax.

LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

City—Revenue Bonds (as of 1/10)	\$2,620,000
City—NDEQ Loan Bond (as of 1/10)	\$3,566,841
City—General Obligation Bonds (as of 1/10)	\$2,125,000
School District (as of 8/09)	\$5,585,000
County (as of 7/10)	\$34,255,000

CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 1/10	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Revenue					
Gas System Refunding	12/31/09	\$945,000	\$945,000	1.1–3.0	5/17
Swimming Pool/ Water Park	12/1/04	\$2,000,000	1,675,000	2.30–4.55	12/1/19
NDEQ Loan					
Waste Water Treatment Plant	12/12/04	\$4,515,601	\$3,566,841	3.49	6/14/24
General Obligation					
Various Purpose	8/1/03	\$1,440,000	\$555,000	1.2–3.7	7/15/13
Various Purpose	4/15/04	\$1,415,000	\$835,000	1.35–4.20	6/1/15
Public Safety	4/1/04	\$460,000	\$270,000	1.65–3.75	5/1/15
Various Purpose	6/15/07	\$540,000	\$465,000	4.05–4.5	6/15/19

SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 8/09	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Refunding Bond	12/15/02	\$6,475,000	\$4,865,000	2.00–4.75	12/15/20
Limited Tax Obligation Bond	7/28/06	\$1,003,425	\$720,000	4.05–4.07	12/15/12

COUNTY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 7/10	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
General Obligation					
Saunders Medical Center	1/06	\$22,140,000	\$21,265,000	4.5–5.0	11/35
Law Enforcement/ Judicial Center	12/06	\$12,990,000	\$12,990,000	3.34–4.5	12/26

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Saunders County has 24 townships and is governed by a seven-member Board of Supervisors, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The county belongs to the Southeast Nebraska Economic Development District along with eight other counties. The 2009–10 budget for the county is \$47,856,276.

Zoning classifications are:

A-1	Agriculture District
TA-1	Transitional Ag District
R-L	Lakeside Residential
R-1	Residential
R-M	Mobile Home Residential
R-E	Residential Estates
H-1	Historical Sites
HC	Highway Corridor
PD	Planned Development District
C-1	Commercial District
I-1	Light Industrial
I-2	General Industrial
F-1	Flood Plain
LWCOD	Lake Wanahoo Conservation Overlay District

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Wahoo, a second-class city, has a mayor-council form of government. The 2009–10 actual budget is \$15,665,843, including utilities.

Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
Elected	
Mayor	4 Years
Elected by Ward	
Council Members (6)	4 Years

Title	Term of Office
Appointed	
City Clerk	2 Years
City Treasurer	2 Years
Chief of Police	2 Years
Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator	2 Years
Street Superintendent	2 Years

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection in Wahoo is provided by a 45-member volunteer fire department. The department also provides protection for areas three miles east, three miles north, five miles south, and six miles west of the city limits.

There are 172 fire hydrants in Wahoo. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 6; outside it is 7. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the last three years averaged \$163,218.

Equipment in the fire department:

Year/Make	Description
City	
1990 Chevrolet	Cube van
2001 Ford	Rescue unit
2009 Ford	Rescue unit
1974 Chevrolet	Rescue unit
2002 Spartin	1,250 gal. per min.
2006 Ford	250 gal. mini-pumper
Rural	
2000 International	3,500 gal. tanker
1983 Chevrolet	1,200 gal. tanker
1983 Ford	750 gal. per min.
1989 Ford	200 gal. weed truck

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Department

The city of Wahoo employs seven police officers (six full-time and one part-time). The department has two fully equipped cruisers (including video) and other standard equipment. Annual expenditures for the police department averaged \$440,629 during the last three years.

Sheriff's Department

The Saunders County Sheriff's Department, also the emergency 911 center, employs 20 sworn officers and 23 support personnel. The department has fully equipped cruisers with video and high band radio system. The Sheriff's Department provides regular patrol to existing industries outside the city limits.

Crime rates per 1,000 population, 2008:

Location	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Wahoo	1.5	12.0
Saunders County	0.6	6.7
Nebraska	3.0	30.9
U.S.	4.5	32.1

State Patrol

The Patrol Division Headquarter's Office of the Nebraska State Patrol is located in Lincoln, 25 miles south of Wahoo. Fifty-three patrol officers are headquartered in Lincoln; one officer is stationed in Wahoo.

STREETS

There are 36 miles of streets in Wahoo; 33.5 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete or asphalt. There are no local load restrictions. Eighty-five percent of the streets have curbs and 60 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance includes street sweeping, snow removal, tarring, and patching.

Contemplated improvements in the next five years include improving Chestnut Street to Lake Wanhoo at an estimated cost of \$3 million to be financed by bonds.

BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS

The Uniform Building Code, Uniform Plumbing Code, and Uniform Mechanical Code are enforced in Wahoo.

Local zoning classifications are:

- A Agriculture
- R-1 Residential, Single Family
- R-2 Residential, Single & Two Family
- R-3 Residential, Multifamily
- NRC Neighborhood Residential/Commercial
- C-1 Commercial, Central Business
- C-2 Highway Commercial
- I-1 Industrial, Light
- I-2 Industrial, Heavy
- FF Floodway Fringe District
- FW Floodway District

PLANNING

The Planning Commission in Wahoo is comprised of nine members, serving three-year staggered terms.

A comprehensive plan for Wahoo was completed in 2009 by JEO Consulting Group, Inc., Wahoo.



Wahoo Municipal Offices



Wahoo Fire Station



Saunders County Courthouse



Chestnut North Housing Development



Country Club Acres Housing Development



Heritage Heights Housing Development

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Wahoo School System

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary	33	400	1:13	1:4
Middle School	13	210	1:15	1:3
High School	24	300	1:13	1:1

School District 39 in Saunders County covers 133.5 square miles and had a 2009 actual valuation of \$550,000,000 and an actual valuation per student of \$582,418. This Class C-1, Type III district is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and the North Central Association.

The 2009–10 school operating budget was \$9,167,867, with an average cost per pupil of \$7,701.

The elementary school was built in 2002 and has a maximum capacity of 500. The middle school, with a capacity of 250, and the high school, with a capacity of 350, were built in the 1970s, with classroom and library additions in 2005. In 2009 a new weight training and conditioning room was completed, and a new performing arts center will be completed in 2011.

Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
7 th Grade Terra Nova Test	100	66.38%
ACT	60	21.4

It is estimated that 95 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 or military following graduation.

Tech prep programs available in the high school include auto CAD, metal fabrication, auto shop, woods, business, and consumer science.

Occupational clusters include Partners in Education.

Special programs within the public school district include Head Start, alternative school, distance learning classroom, and college credit classes with Southeast Community College. The district has one of the most advanced distance learning programs in the area. The district also has a 5–12 online curriculum (Odyssey Ware) for students who need additional classes.

Parochial Schools

Bishop Neumann, a Catholic school serving grades 7 to 12, provides a Christian setting for education. The 2009–10 enrollment was 322, with a teacher/pupil ratio of 1:14. Tuition for attending Bishop Neumann in 2009–10 was \$1,125 per student for parishioners and \$3,365 for nonparishioners.

St. Wenceslaus is a K–6 Catholic school in Wahoo with 304 students. Fees for attending were \$850 per student for the 2009–10 school year.

Educational Service Unit

Wahoo is served by Educational Service Unit 2, which is headquartered in Fremont and serves Burt, Cuming, Dodge, and Saunders Counties. Services available include special education, early development network, professional development center, counseling, cooperative purchasing, media, web services, technology, and distance learning.

Community College

Southeast Community College (SCC) is a two-year institution of higher education governed by an 11-member board of governors elected from the college's 15-county service area. The college operates on the quarter system and has campuses in Beatrice, Lincoln, and Milford. The 2009–10 enrollment is 11,647 students, the largest in school history. During the 2008–09 academic year, the college also served nearly 34,500 non-credit students enrolled in Continuing Education classes on the campuses and in communities throughout southeast Nebraska.

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

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

SCC's Entrepreneurship Center, located in Lincoln, serves as a resource center for anyone interested in entrepreneurship. The center staff offers assistance to anyone interested in starting a business or looking for direction on their path to business independence. One floor of the

center is dedicated to business incubation. The center also hosts credit and non-credit classes on entrepreneurship and is home to Lincoln Public School's Entrepreneurship Focus Program and the Information Technology Program.

Job placement is what makes SCC such a good choice. Approximately 92 percent of the students who graduated in 2009 found employment or continued their education.

2009 Graduate Placement Statistics

Program	# of Graduates
Ag/Food/Natural Resources Division	
Agricultural Business & Management	66
Food Service/Hospitality	53
Laboratory Science	7
Business Division	
Business Administration	192
Office Professional	31
Parts Marketing & Management	13
Construction & Electronics Division	
Architectural-Engineering Technology	19
Building Construction Technology	38
Computer Aided Design Drafting	11
Electrical & Electromechanical Technology	52
Electronic Systems Technology	27
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology	15
Land Surveying/Civil Engineering Technology	7
Major Appliance Professional Technology	4
Communications & Information Technology Division	
Broadcasting/Mass Media	2
Computer Information Technology	22
Computer Programming	12
Graphic Design	15
Visual Publications	15



Wahoo Elementary School



Wahoo Middle School - High School



St. Wenceslaus Elementary School



Bishop Neumann Jr.-Sr. High School

2009 Graduate Placement Statistics

Program	# of Graduates
Community Services & Resources Division	
Criminal Justice	33
Early Childhood Education	25
Fire Protection Technology	26
Human Services	46
Health Occupations Division	
Associate Degree Nursing	41
Dental Assisting	28
Emergency Medical Services/ Paramedic	5
Medical Assisting	32
Medical Laboratory Technology	12
Pharmacy Technician	10
Practical Nursing	105
Radiologic Technology	41
Respiratory Care	20
Polysomnographic Technology	4
Surgical Technology	44
Transportation/Manufacturing Division	
Auto Collision Repair Technology	26
Automotive Technology	44
Chrysler (CAP) College Automotive Program	0
Deere Construction & Forestry Equipment Tech	3
Diesel Technology Farm	18
Diesel Technology Truck	12
Ford (ASSET) Automotive Student Service Educational Training Program	6
General Motors (ASEP) Automotive Service Educational Program	10
John Deere Ag Tech	13
Machine Tool Technology	35
Manufacturing Engineering Technology	17
Motorcycle, ATV, Power Products	17
Nondestructive Testing Technology	17

2009 Graduate Placement Statistics

Program	# of Graduates
Professional Truck Driver Training	89
Welding Technology	39
Academic Transfer	197
TOTAL	1,616

SCC-Lincoln, 25 miles from Wahoo, enrolls more than 9,000 full- and part-time students in career/technical and Academic Transfer programs. Career/technical program divisions are Agriculture/Food/Natural Resources, Arts & Sciences (Academic Transfer), Business, Communications & Information Technology, Community Services & Resources, Construction & Electronics, Health Sciences, and Transportation & Manufacturing. The Continuing Education Division also offers hundreds of non-credit classes throughout the academic year. A downtown Lincoln location, Energy Square, addresses the demand of Academic Transfer classes and Adult Basic Education opportunities. While no on-campus housing is available, there are plenty of co-curricular activities such as intramurals, clubs and organizations, Student Senate, and more.

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

Other Schools

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

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Fremont	21
Midland College	
Lincoln	25
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	
Nebraska Wesleyan University	
Union College	
Southeast Community College, Lincoln Campus	

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Omaha	24
University of Nebraska at Omaha	
Bellevue University	
College of St. Mary	
Metropolitan Community College	
Milford	50
Southeast Community College, Milford Campus	
Crete	58
Doane College	

CHURCHES

Denomination	Number of Churches
Baptist	1
Cathedral of Praise	1
Catholic	1
Congregational	1
Community Church	1
Jehovah Witness	1
Latter Day Saints	1
Lutheran, ELCA	1
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	1
Methodist	1
New Hope Bible	1
Presbyterian	1

HEALTH CARE

Hospital

Saunders Medical Center (SMC), built in 2007, is a 30-bed critical access hospital/swing bed. Services include 24-hour emergency room, full-services lab and X-ray, mammography, ultrasound, CT scanning, vascular testing, magnetic resonance imaging, surgery, physicians clinic, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, physical and respiratory therapy, speech and occupational therapy, sleep studies, hospice care, bone density testing, fiber optic diagnostic procedures, pharmacy, echocardiography,

Doppler studies, nuclear medicine, and cardiolyte studies.

Clinics

SMC Clinic, located within Saunders Medical Center, is staffed with three physicians and one physician assistant. Numerous specialists, commuting from Omaha and Lincoln, provide specialized services in the clinic weekly.

Wahoo Medical Clinic is served by one physician and four physician assistants providing medical care to community residents.

Rescue Squad

Seventeen Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) respond to calls with three ambulances owned by the Wahoo Fire and Rescue Department. These EMTs also provide transfer service for Saunders Medical Center, who owns one ambulance.

Nursing Homes

South Haven Living Center, completed in 2005, is an 85-bed facility that includes three duplexes for independent residents and 16 assisted living beds. This skilled care facility is certified by Medicare and Medicaid. Therapy services are provided in an Eden environment.

SMC Care Center is a nonprofit, county-owned facility located within Saunders Medical Center. This 62-bed center is certified by Medicaid and provides 24-hour professional nursing care. The Special Care Unit accommodates those diagnosed with dementia, Alzheimer's, or related disorders. Services provided by the hospital are offered to residents in the center.

Assisted Living

Saunders House, built in 1996, contains 40 private assisted living units. Three meals daily, 24-hour nursing staff, laundry, house cleaning, bathing, and planned activities are provided to residents.

South Haven Living Center, built in 2005, has 16 assisted living beds.



Saunders Medical Center



Wahoo Medical Clinic



South Haven Living Center



Wahoo Public Library

LIBRARY

The **Wahoo Public Library** contains more than 34,000 volumes and has an average annual circulation of more than 140,000. Library activities include two story hours per week, after school program for 3rd–5th graders, summer reading program, monthly newsletter, and Library Friends Bookstore. Meeting room space, public art space, Wi-Fi access, copy and fax services, and 15 public computers with Internet access are available for public use. English as a second language classes, GED testing, and proctor service for college exams are also available.

RECREATION

The city of Wahoo maintains six parks which encompass more than 54 acres of green space. Outdoor recreation facilities include five baseball/softball fields, one tennis court, four basketball courts, four picnic shelters, four playgrounds, rest room facilities, grills, and a sledding hill. In addition, Wahoo constructed a new outdoor aquatic center in 2006 which boasts 8,000 square feet of space including a zero-depth entry area, water playground, water walk, slide, and diving boards. Wahoo has recently begun work on developing a trail system with the construction of a hard-surface trail through the Placek Park.

The Parks and Recreation Department operates and manages the Wahoo Civic Center. The Civic Center is a 30,000-square-foot, membership-based community center which provides fitness and recreational opportunities for residents and non-residents alike. Amenities include a 25-meter, 4-lane swimming pool; whirlpool; gymnasium; weight room with free weights and machines; fitness room with cardio equipment and an aerobics/dance studio; racquetball courts; game room/lounge; locker rooms; meeting room; and administrative offices. A variety of membership categories are offered.

Recreation programs offered by the department include youth (K–6) athletics (baseball, softball, volleyball, flag football, soccer), youth

instructional programs (summer camp, swim lessons, archery, gymnastics, preschool, after school), adult athletics (basektball, volleyball, softball), adult instructional programs (group fitness classes), and a variety of special event offerings (Easter egg hunt; punt, pass & kick; teen dances; etc.).

The **Wahoo Senior Center** is a vibrant facility catering to the needs of local seniors. The center offers an in-town transportation program (Busy Wheels), health screenings and clinics, band and chorus, craft and art classes, bingo, card playing, travelogues, tours and trips, birthday parties, and evening socials. The Senior Center also operates the Community Thrift Store which is open to the public.

The Parks and Recreation Department has a current annual operating budget of \$750,000 with a full-time Parks and Recreation Director, four full-time professional staff members, and 20–50 part-time and seasonal employees.

Area facilities:

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| Boating | — Fremont Lakes (20 minutes), Branched Oak (30 minutes), Missouri River (40 minutes) |
| Bowling | — Many bowling lanes within 30 minutes or less |
| Campgrounds | — Camping facilities with 80 hookups at Saunders County Fairgrounds |
| Fishing | — Czechland (15 minutes), Fremont Lakes (20 minutes), Branched Oak (30 minutes), Missouri River (40 minutes) |
| Golf Courses | — A 9-hole grass greens course with clubhouse in Wahoo; many golf courses with clubhouses within 30 miles |

- Hunting — Deer, pheasant, and quail hunting on area farms and state and federal lands
- Miniature Golf — Course in Wahoo
- Racquetball — Court in Civic Center
- Sand Volleyball — Courts within 10 minutes
- Skating — Roller and ice skating within 30 minutes
- Soccer — 2 soccer fields in Wahoo
- Swimming — Olympic-size pools in the park and Civic Center
- Tennis — 2 lighted, hard-surfaced courts
- Theaters — Many theaters within 30 minutes

Annual celebrations include:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Activities</u>
June	Wahoo Country Music Festival	4-days of country music entertainment
July/ Aug.	Saunders County Fair	Wahoo Saddle Club PRCA Rodeo, hometown carnival, crafts, vendors, tractor pulls, demolition derby, figure 8 derby, truck pull & parade
Dec.	Christmas on the Prairie	Pioneer dress, prairie holiday customs
	Holiday Tree Lighting	Tree lighting, holiday shopping

Summer recreation programs include baseball, softball, swimming, tennis, soccer, T-ball, horseshoes, golf, basketball, volleyball, aerobics, weight lifting, racquetball, and indoor hockey.

The Sand Creek Environmental Restoration Project will create Lake Wanahoo, a 640 surface-acre lake, just north of Wahoo along with several smaller upstream dams. The

primary purpose of the \$30-million project is environmental restoration and involves the creation and restoration of wetlands, grasslands, and hardwood forest areas, as well as measures to improve water quality in the Sand Creek watershed. Flood control and public recreation are additional benefits of the project. Sports enthusiasts will enjoy the opportunities of fishing, boating, hunting, camping, hiking, trails, swimming, and wildlife habitat. Completion is planned for 2012. The U.S. Highway 77 Expressway will run along the side of the Lake Wanahoo dam.

Local attractions include the Saunders County Museum, Howard Hanson’s House, and the only submarine memorial in the U.S., which is located at the courthouse.

Attractions within 30 miles include Mahoney State Park, SAC Museum, Henry Doorly Zoo, Memphis State Park, Two Rivers State Recreation Area, Caboose Park, Czechland Lake, Branched Oak State Recreation Area, and Fremont State Lakes.

Cultural activities in Wahoo include Christmas on the Prairie and Wahoo Historical Society. Many other cultural activities are within a 30-minute drive in Lincoln and Omaha.

HOUSING

New Construction

Sixteen new homes were constructed in the past two years and it is estimated that six will be built in 2010. The cost of new home construction average \$100 per square foot.

Building permits issued during the last five years:

Apartment Houses	2
Duplexes	4
Single-unit Houses	60

Wahoo Housing Market (as of 9/09):

Number of Homes on the Market	
Single Family -	22



Swimming Pool



Hilltop Country Club



Smith Park



Sam Crawford Baseball Field



Softball Fields



U.S.S. Wahoo Submarine Memorial

Avg. Selling Prices (New and Existing)

Single Family Homes	
3,500 sq. ft. - 4 bedroom	\$350,000
2,500 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom	\$225,000
1,000 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom	\$90,000
Townhouses	
1,500 sq. ft. - 2 bedroom	\$135,000
Condominiums	
1,200 sq. ft. - 1-2 bedroom	\$108,000

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

Less than \$100,000	4
\$100,001-\$150,000	11
\$150,001-\$200,000	5
\$200,000 +	2

Rentals

Executive Style Home	
3,000 sq. ft.	\$1,300
Apartment - 2 bedrooms	\$525
Apartment Vacancy Rate	15%

Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

Westview Apartments, built in 1980, is a low-cost retirement housing facility with 66 units.

Lincoln Action, built in 2003, has eight duplexes (16 units).

South Haven Living Center, built in 2005, has three duplexes (6 units) for senior retirement.

City View Apartments, built in 2002, has 24 low-cost units.

FINANCIAL

Financial institutions in Wahoo:

- First National Bank
- TierOne Bank
- Union Bank
- Wahoo State Bank



First National Bank



TierOne Bank



Union Bank



Wahoo State Bank



Saunders House, Assisted Living



Westview Apartments, Retirement Living

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL

Architects	4
Attorneys	15
Auctioneers	5
Certified Public Accountants	5
Chiropractors.....	2
Dentists	5
Engineering Firms.....	1
Medical Doctors (residing in Wahoo or on consulting staff)	
—anesthesiologists	1
—cardiologists.....	4
—dermatologists.....	1
—ear, nose & throat.....	1
—emergency medicine	4
—family practice physicians	4
—general surgeons	3
—hematologists & oncologists.....	1
—internal medicine	4
—nephrologists.....	1
—neurologists.....	1
—obstetricians & gynecologists.....	1
—oncologists.....	1
—ophthalmologists.....	2
—orthopedic surgeons.....	1
—pathologists.....	11
—podiatrists.....	1
—psychiatrists	1
—pulmonologists.....	2
—radiologists.....	20
—urologists	1
—vascular surgeons.....	1
Nurse Practitioners.....	8
Nurses, Licensed Practical	28
Nurses, Registered	35
Optometrists	2
Orthodontists.....	2
Pharmacists	8
Physical Therapists	5
Physician Assistants.....	11
Veterinarians	4

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies.....	5
Advertising Agencies	2

Agricultural Implement Dealers	2
Antique Shops.....	1
Apparel Stores—combination.....	3
—men’s	1
Appliance Stores	1
Auto Repair & Services	8
Auto Supply Parts	5
Automobile Dealers	2
Automobile Renting & Leasing.....	1
Aviation Seeding & Spraying	1
Bakeries.....	3
Banquet Facilities, Halls, Auditoriums & Meeting Rooms	11
Beauty Salons & Barber Shops.....	8
Carpet Cleaners.....	1
Caterers	5
Child Care Services.....	4
Computer Services	2
Contractors—building.....	8
—carpentry.....	12
—concrete	3
—electric	1
—excavating.....	1
—flooring	1
—general	1
—gravel.....	1
—heating & air conditioning.....	4
—painting.....	5
—plumbing.....	3
—remodeling.....	12
—roofing	5
—well digging.....	1
Convenience Stores.....	4
Copying & Duplicating Services	1
Craft Stores	1
Dance Studios	1
Discount Stores.....	4
Dry Cleaning & Laundries.....	3
Farm/Ranch Supplies	1
Feed & Seed Dealers.....	1
Fertilizers	2
Floral Shops	2
Funeral Homes.....	2
Garbage Removal Services	2
Gift Shops	4
Grain Dealers	1
Grocery Stores	2
Hardware Stores.....	2
Health Clubs.....	3
Heavy Equipment Repair.....	2

Hotels/Motels	2 (50 rooms)
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	1
Insurance Companies	9
Interior Decorators & Designers	1
Jewelry Stores	1
Landscaping Equipment & Supplies	2
Laundries, Self-Service	2
Lawn Services	3
Lumberyards	1
Machine Shops	1
Meat Lockers	1
Nurseries & Garden Centers	2
Pet Boarding/Grooming Services	1
Pharmacies	2
Photography Studios	3
Preschools	7
Printers	1
Real Estate Firms	3
Restaurants	17
Service Stations	9
Tool & Die Makers	1
Travel Agencies & Bureaus	1
Variety Stores	3
Welding Shops	2



Wahoo Civic Center



Wahoo Senior Citizen Center



Howard Hanson Museum



Scenes from Saunders County Museum Complex

AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

AGRICULTURE

2007 Statistics	Saunders County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	1,131	47,712
Land in Farms (acres)	427,682	45,480,358
Average Size of Farms (acres)	378	953
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$230,830,000	\$15,506,035,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$204,093	\$324,992
Total Acres Irrigated	93,428	8,558,559
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	21.8%	18.8%
Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2005–2009)		
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)	34,952 tons	4,008,400 tons
All Wheat*	204,875 bu.	71,900,000 bu.
Corn for Grain	25,501,720 bu.	1,377,890,000 bu.
Soybeans	8,263,560 bu.	233,518,000 bu.
Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2006–2010)		
All Cattle	66,000	6,450,000

*4-year average

Saunders County ranked first in all Nebraska counties in the production of soybeans during the last five years.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2005–2010
2007 Census of Agriculture

RAW MATERIALS

Sand and gravel, nonmetallic minerals, are available in commercial quantities; however, metallic minerals are not found in the Saunders County area.

CLIMATE

TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature			Precipitation		Humidity*	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	11.9	22.4	33.0	0.73	6.7	78	69
February	16.6	27.8	38.9	0.99	7.1	79	68
March	26.5	38.3	50.1	1.79	6.5	78	65
April	38.4	51.2	64.0	2.94	1.4	78	61
May	49.4	62.0	74.5	4.21	0.1	81	64
June	59.5	71.7	84.0	4.60	0.0	81	63
July	64.5	76.3	88.3	3.48	0.0	81	63
August	61.5	73.5	85.8	4.12	0.0	85	66
September	51.8	64.8	77.8	3.34	0.0	82	64
October	39.9	53.3	66.8	2.14	0.5	80	61
November	27.2	38.3	49.5	1.44	2.9	79	66
December	17.0	27.2	37.3	0.85	6.4	80	70
Annual	38.7	50.6	62.5	30.63	31.6	81	66

*Recorded at Lincoln Weather Station

FROST DATA

Average date of spring freeze probability	April 28
Average date of fall freeze probability.....	October 5
Average length of freeze free season probability.....	159 days
Average number of heating degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit	6,268
Average number of cooling degree days based on 65° Fahrenheit.....	1,038
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average).....	9
Prevailing wind direction (annual average)	North

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1903–2003, www.hprcc.unl.edu