

# COMMUNITY FACTS WAKEFIELD, NEBRASKA

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## POPULATION (Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003 Est.</u>
Wakefield	1,411	1,336
Dixon County	6,339	6,121
Wayne County	9,851	9,494
Labor Market	12,507	125,597

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## INTRODUCTION

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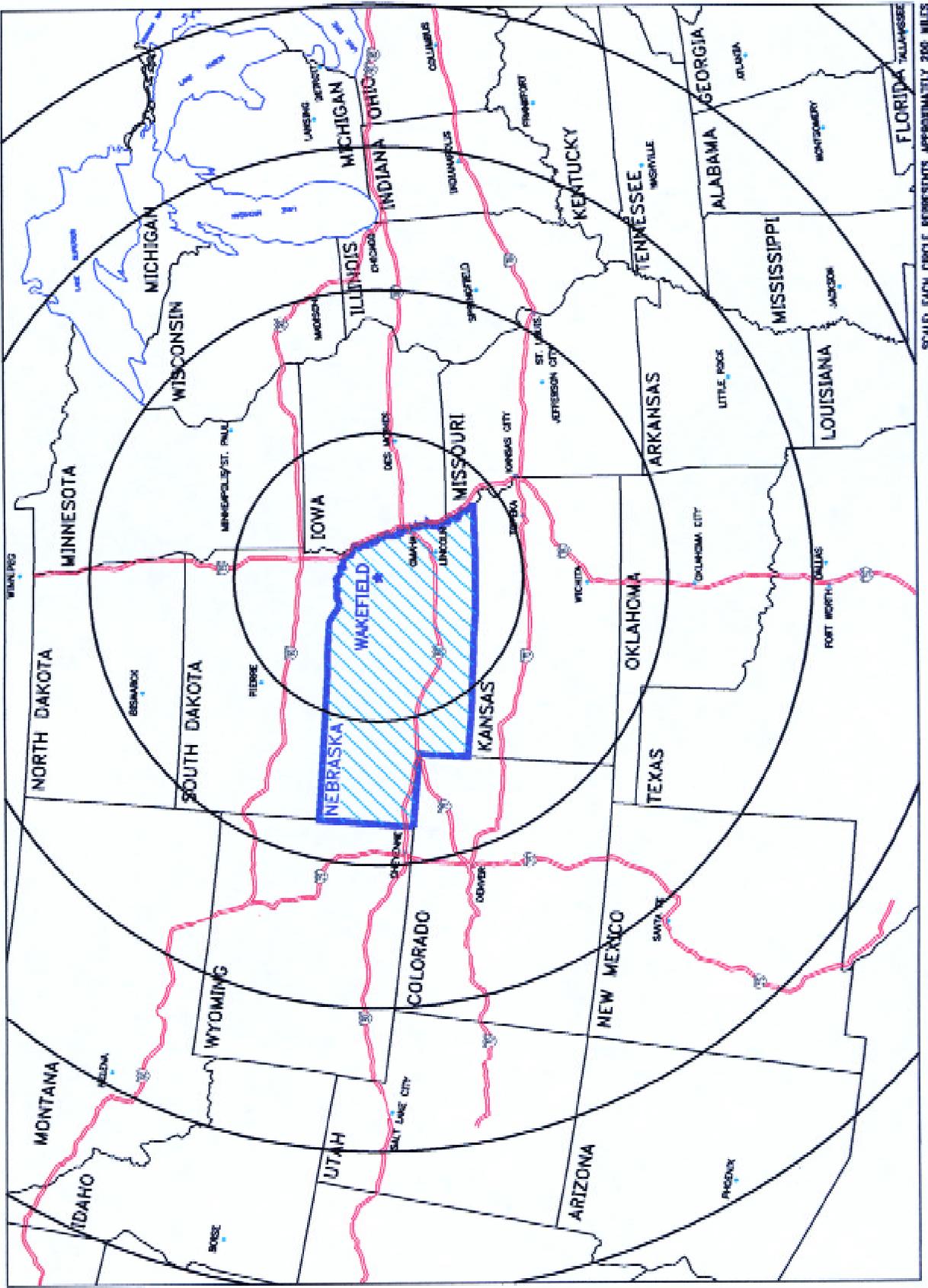
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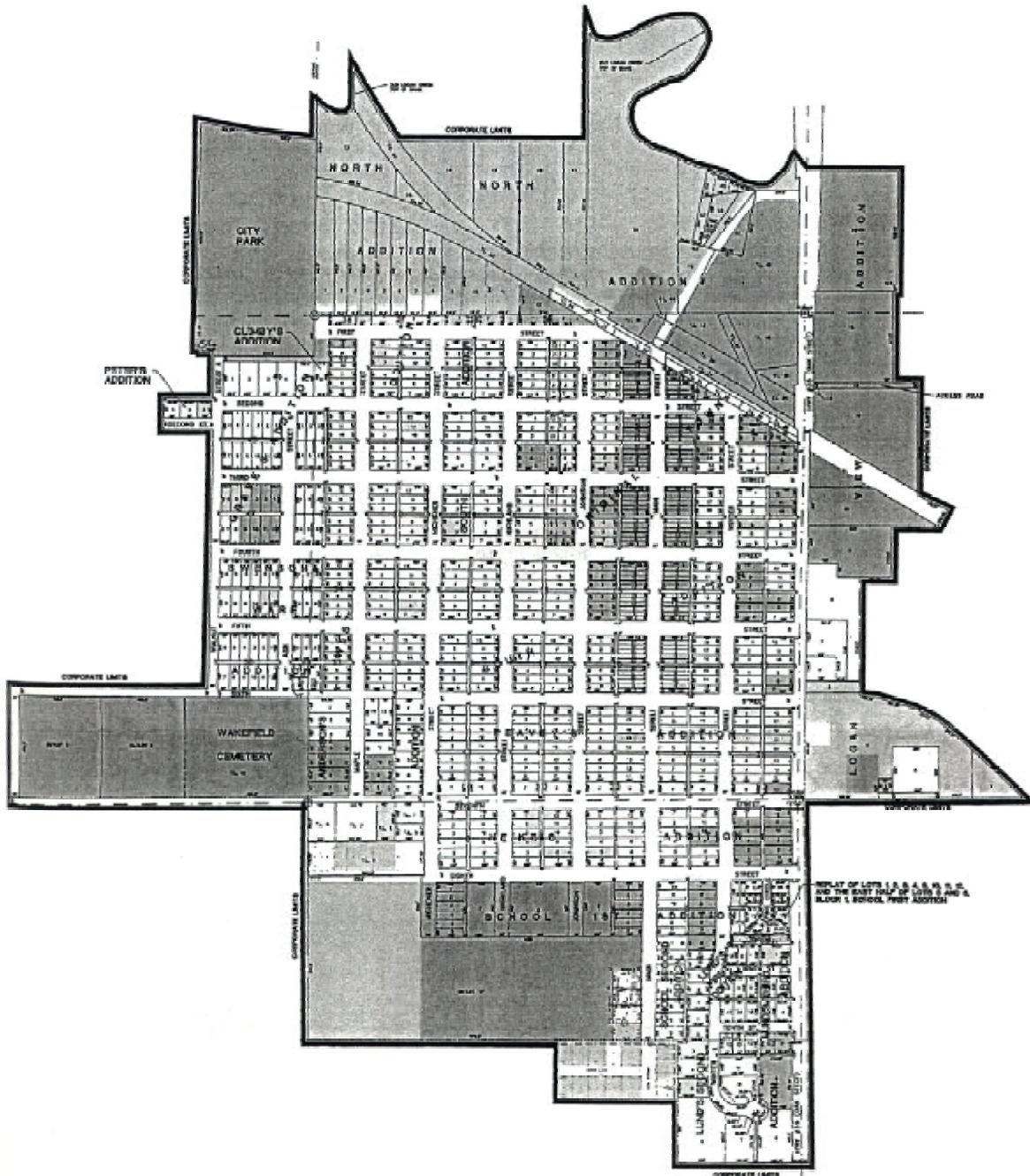
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SCALE: EACH CIRCLE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES

# Corporate Limits Wakefield, Nebraska



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### LOCATION

Wakefield is located in northeast Nebraska on the border of Dixon and Wayne counties. Wakefield, served by Nebraska Highways 16 and 35, is 35 miles southwest of Sioux City, Iowa; 40 miles northeast of Norfolk, Nebraska; and 112 miles northwest of Omaha, Nebraska.

### POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Wakefield	Dixon County	Wayne County
1970	1,160	7,453	10,400
1980	1,125	7,137	9,858
1990	1,142	6,143	9,364
2000	1,411	6,339	9,851
2003 (Est.)	1,336	6,121	9,474

	Population by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2000 U.S. Census	
	Wayne County	Dixon County
One race	9,780	6,289
White	9,534	5,999
Black or African American	93	2
American Indian and Alaska Native	34	31
Asian	34	17
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1	—
Some other race	84	240
Two or more races	71	50
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	146	348

The 2003 U.S. Census estimates 125,597 people live within Dixon and Wayne counties and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Cedar, Cuming, Dakota, Madison, Pierce, Stanton, and Thurston as well as Clay County, South Dakota.

Approximately 30 percent of Wakefield population is of Hispanic/Latino decent who speak fluently in another language.



## LOCAL ECONOMY

Basic economic activities of Wakefield include dairy farming, farming, and egg production.

Retail firms in Wakefield reported 2003 net taxable retail sales of \$4,977,516 while Dixon County reported retail sales of \$10,140,205 and Wayne County reported \$52,243,488. Three wholesale firms in the community distribute organic vegetable farming, food production, and egg production.

Wakefield has grown significantly in the last 10 years, largely due to continued growth of Michael Foods and its egg production industry.

## ELEVATION

Wakefield is 1,380 feet above sea level.

## TOPOGRAPHY

The terrain in the area is flat to gently rolling. The silty clay loam soils are well drained.

## HISTORY

The Wakefield area was settled primarily by Swedish and German families. Wakefield, incorporated in 1881, was named after L. W. Wakefield, a railroad surveyor who platted the original townsite. Because of the area's abundant water supply and rolling fertile hills, crop and livestock production quickly prospered.

Along with the increase in farming came the need for irrigation and well digging which led to the Salmon Well Company that has operated in

Wakefield for more than 75 years. In 1882 the local newspaper and other businesses were established. The Wakefield Brickyard produced many of the bricks used for the buildings. The J.O. Milligan Roller Mills was built on nearby Logan Creek and became a regional business, drawing various other trades to Wakefield. Two branch lines of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railroads converged at Wakefield. The large amount of stock and grain shipped and passenger traffic made it one of the busiest rail districts in northeast Nebraska.

Milton G. Waldbaum bought a local creamery in 1950. He and his partner, Dan Gardner, built the Waldbaum Company into a \$200 million international egg producer and frozen food business in Wakefield. Known for its product innovation, Waldbaum developed the first extended shelf life egg. This patented process and product gives their ESL product an advantage in quality and consistency. In 1990 Waldbaum's and Gardener sold the company to Michael Foods, Inc., who continues producing dried, liquid, frozen, and hard boiled egg products. The company, Wakefield's biggest employer, raises approximately six million hens in the Wakefield area.

The need for schools, churches, and activities increased with the number of new businesses and growing population. Baseball, churches, and an excellent school system became Wakefield's priorities.

In 1988 Governor Ben Nelson named Wakefield the "Baseball Capital of Nebraska." More than 100 baseball games are played in Wakefield each summer.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### **MANUFACTURERS**

<b><u>Company/ Year Established</u></b>	<b><u>Product</u></b>	<b><u>Market</u></b>	<b>Employees</b>		<b><u>Union</u></b>
			<b><u>Male</u></b>	<b><u>Female</u></b>	
Michael Foods, Inc. (formerly M.G. Waldbaum Company 1950) 1990	Egg products	National & Export	432	262	None
Schroeder Agribusiness 1977	Agriculture grinding	Regional	2	1	None
Wakefield Republican 1882	Newspaper & commercial printing	Regional	1	2	None

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

<b><u>Employer</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Activity</u></b>	<b>Employees</b>		<b><u>Union</u></b>
		<b><u>Male</u></b>	<b><u>Female</u></b>	
City of Wakefield	Government	4	2	None
Eaton Floral & Greenhouse	Floral	3	2	None
Educational Service Unit	Education	13	75	None
Logan Valley Carriers	Freight hauling	11	1	None
MPM Farms	Dairy	12	3	None
Northeast Cooperative	Farm supplies	7	3	None
Roses Transport	Freight hauling	15	2	None
Salmon Well Company	Water well drilling	9	2	None
Wakefield Health Care Center	Nursing home	5	60	None
Wakefield Public Schools	Education	25	30	NEA

**OTHER MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS** (within 50 miles employing over 100)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
<b>Wayne, 11 miles</b>				
First Bankcard Center	Credit card collections	2 2*	94 22*	None
Great Dane Trailers	Refrigerated semi-trailers	420 2*	141 2*	None
Heritage Homes of Nebraska, Inc.	Modular homes & light commercial buildings	105	18	None
Providence Medical Center	Medical	5 6*	60 84*	None
Pacific Coast Feather Company	Mattress pads	95 4*	142 2*	None
Wayne Public School System	Education	29 3*	87 8*	WEA
Wayne State College	Education	161 38*	181 48*	NSEA, NSCPA & NAPE
<b>Pender, 19 miles</b>				
Automatic Equipment Mfg. Co (Blue Ox)	Agricultural & recreational equipment, trailers for towing	110 Total		None
<b>West Point, 38 miles</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
<b>South Sioux City/Dakota City, 40 miles</b>				
BPI, Inc.	Beef processing	156	43	UFCW
Gerkin Windows & Doors	Windows & doors	120	15	None
Sara Lee Bakery Group	Bakery products	99	36	BCW

\*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>	
Sioux City Foundry, Inc.	Ductile gray iron foundry	100 6*	8	None
Tyson Fresh Meats	Beef slaughter & processing	3,481	1,775	UFCW
City of South Sioux City	Government	69 60*	18	AFSCME
South Sioux City Schools	Education	74	400	NSEA
Great West Casualty Co./ Joe Morten & Son, Inc.	Insurance	170	223	None
Marina Inn	Motel/restaurant	150 Total		None
Phillips Kiln	Industrial rotary equipment repair	106 40*	7	None

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Total Employment</u>	<u>Union</u>
<b>Sioux City, Iowa, 41 miles</b>			
American Popcorn Co.	Popcorn processing	150	None
Belle of Sioux City Riverboat	Gambling/recreation	400	Yes
Bomgaars	Retail	124	None
Boys & Girls Home Family Services	Social services	707	None
Briar Cliff University	Education	150	None
Chesterman Company	Carbonated beverages	180	None
City of Sioux City	Government	780	7 unions
Countryside Retirement Home	Nursing home	109	None
First Federal Savings Bank	Banking	250	None
Gateway 2000	Computers	2,400	None
Hardees	Fast foods	118	None
Hy-Vee (3 stores)	Grocery	867	None
Indian Hills Nursing Rehabilitation	Care home	120	None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Total Employment</u>	<u>Union</u>
Interbake Foods	Food processing	450	Yes
Jensen Irving Co.	Construction	150	None
Kind & Knox Gelatin, Inc.	Gelatin	260	Yes
W. A. Klinger, Inc.	Commercial construction	150	Yes
Knoepfler Chevrolet	Car sales	100	None
McCracken Concrete Pipe Mach. Co.	Concrete products	120	None
McDonald's of Siouxland	Fast foods	375	None
MCI Services Marketing	Telemarketing	1,300	None
Mercy Medical Center	Medical	2,060	Yes
Metz Baking Company	Baked goods	290	Yes
Mid-Step Services	Business forms printing	380	Yes
Morningside College	Education	260	None
John Morrell & Co.	Pork processing & packing	1,400	Yes
J.C. Penney Co., Inc.	Retail store	130	None
Prince Manufacturing	Hydraulic pumps, motors, valves, breathers & cylinders	425	Yes
Sears	Retail store	2,251	None
Security National Bank	Banking	175	None
Sioux City Brick & Tile	Brick	240	Yes
Sioux City Community School	Education	1,800	Teachers
Sioux City Convention Center	Conventions	223	Yes
Sioux City Journal	Newspaper & typesetting	165	Yes
Sioux City Foundry Co.	Iron castings & structural steel fabrication	108	Yes
St. Lukes Regional Medical Center	Medical	1,800	None

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Total Employment</u>	<u>Union</u>
Stone Container Corp.	Corrugated containers	280	Yes
Sunrise Retirement Community	Nursing home	160	None
Terra Industries Inc.	Chemicals	170	None
U.S. Postal Service	Postal services	300	Yes
Wal-Mart Stores	Retail discount store	396	None
Wells' Blue Bunny	Food processing	1,500	None
Western Hills AEA	Education	222	Yes
Western Iowa Tech Community College	Education	330	Yes
Wilson Trailer	Semitrailers	750	Yes
Woodbury County	Government	412	Yes

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
<b>Norfolk, 47 miles</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 HealthCare	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

\*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>	
Norfolk Public Schools	Education	178	582	NSEA/ NCEA
Norfolk Regional Center	State psychiatric hospital	50	250	NAPE/ AFSCME
Norfolk Veteran's Home	Medical	30 19*	171	FSCME
Northeast Community College	Education	101 * varies	118	NSEDA
Nucor Steel Division of Nucor Corporation	Steel angles, rounds, flats & channels	409	21	None
St. Joseph Rehabilitation & Care Center	Medical	4 1*	63 48*	None
State of Nebraska	Government	88 8*	109 6*	None
Tyson Fresh Meats	Boxed beef	1,012 18*	410 4*	UFCW
Vishay Dale Electronics, Inc.	Electronic components & resistors	150 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

\*Part-time and/or seasonal

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION**

Wakefield Development Group, Wakefield Community Club, and the city of Wakefield work together for industrial development in the community.

The Wakefield Development Group is a not-for-profit organization with a five-member

Board of Directors. The Wakefield Development Group owns approximately 40 acres of land in and adjacent to the community. The 40 acres is zoned commercial and light industry and frontage is directly along Highway 35. The Wakefield Development Group continues to pursue funding sources to assist with land preparation.

## **INDUSTRIAL SITE AVAILABLE**

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



Michael Foods, Inc.



Dried Egg Products Facility



Husker Pride Egg Processing Facility



Schroeder Agribusiness



Wakefield Republican



The Hatchery Business Incubator

# LABOR

## LABOR SUPPLY

- A. Employment in the Wakefield labor market which is defined as the whole of Dixon and Wayne Counties and the total labor market consisting of Dixon and Wayne Counties and the contiguous counties of Cedar, Cuming, Dakota, Madison, Pierce, Stanton, and Thurston (annual average, October 2003 through September 2004). Data for Clay County, South Dakota, are unavailable.

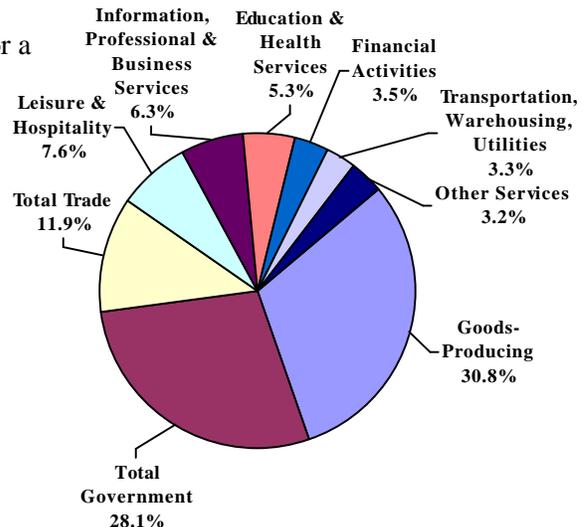
	<b>Dixon &amp; Wayne Counties</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><u>Nonfarm Employment (wage and salary workers)</u></b>		
Goods-Producing (Manufacturing, Natural Resources, Mining & Construction)	1,993	18,189
Total Trade	769	(D)
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	211	(D)
Information	(D)	(D)
Financial Activities	224	1,759
Professional & Business Services	(D)	(D)
Education & Health Services	345	(D)
Leisure & Hospitality	493	(D)
Other Services	209	(D)
Government	1,815	12,404
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	6,463	61,127
Farm Employment*	689	7,184
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	9,131	71,164
B. Commuting Out of County	2,830	N/A
C. Unemployment	307	2,665
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	9,437	73,829
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	104	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	150	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	12,521	

(D) Data withheld because of disclosure suppression.

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

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

**NONFARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT  
DIXON & WAYNE COUNTIES  
ANNUAL AVERAGE  
OCTOBER 2003 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2004**

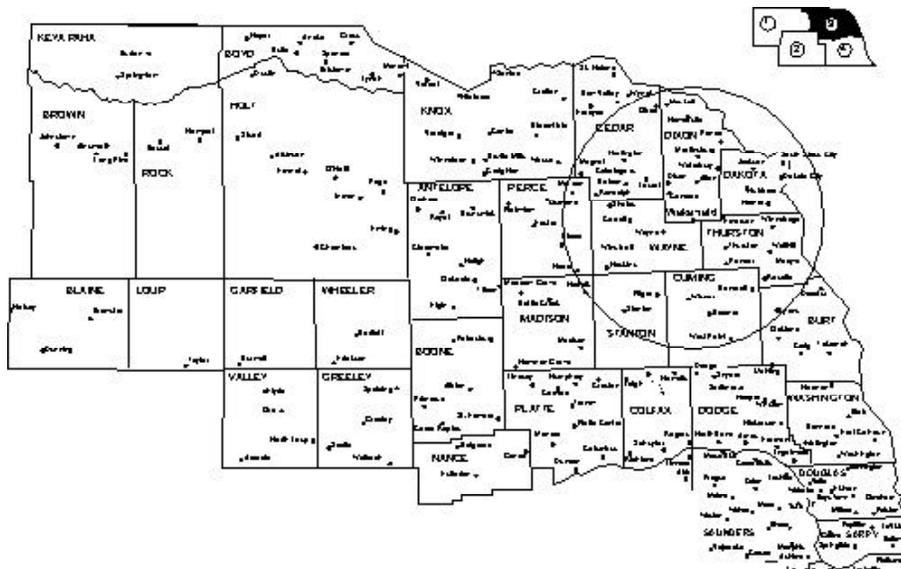


Location	2000 POPULATION DATA					Median Household Effective Buying Income (2003)
	Density/ Sq. Mile	% 65 Yrs & Over	Median Age	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	
Dixon Co.	13.3	18.2	38.7	82.1	14.1	\$32,000
Wayne Co.	22.2	13.7	27.9	87.0	28.0	\$30,084
Nebraska	22.3	13.6	35.3	86.6	23.7	\$35,948
U.S.	79.6	12.4	35.9	84.0	26.0	\$38,201

Dixon County had 4,119 eligible voters and Wayne County had 6,613 eligible voters; 74.1 percent of the eligible voters in Dixon County and 62.2 percent of the eligible voters in Wayne County voted in the 2004 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.sos.state.ne.us/elec/canvass/general2004/General2004](http://www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/canvass/general2004/General2004)

### LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE WAKEFIELD AREA



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

2003 Estimate	
City of Wakefield	1,336
Dixon County	6,121
Wayne County	9,474
30-Mile Radius	154,051

County Population by Age/Gender, 2003		
<b>Dixon County</b>		
<u>Ages</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
18-24	277	265
25-44	707	680
45-64	796	767
<b>Wayne County</b>		
<u>Ages</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
18-24	1,029	1,300
25-44	1,082	1,004
45-64	973	893

## 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 Wakefield:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Union</u>
Wakefield Public Schools	Nebraska Education Association

It is estimated that less than 1 percent of the nonagricultural labor force is unionized. There have been no known strikes during the last 10 years.

## WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
<b>Professional</b>			
Accountants & Auditors	15.76	21.69	33.02
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	17.57	27.03	35.42
Electrical Engineers	23.89	30.51	37.25
Industrial Engineers	19.29	25.78	35.76
Mechanical Engineers	17.87	24.40	34.36
Computer Programmers	14.96	22.29	34.02
Computer Systems Analysts	18.99	33.62	54.26
Registered Nurses	15.19	20.78	27.20
<b>Retail</b>			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	7.37	8.26	9.65
Retail Salespersons	6.01	7.98	15.00
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	6.54	10.73	14.36
Driver/Sales Workers	6.75	11.47	22.57
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	6.33	9.64	15.10
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	6.67	10.93	17.69
<b>Clerical</b>			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	7.71	10.53	15.28
Customer Service Representatives	6.42	10.21	17.75
Data Entry Keyers	7.60	10.75	14.22
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	6.63	9.49	13.27
Office Clerks, General	6.46	9.29	12.96
Receptionists & Information Clerks	6.84	8.83	11.64
Telemarketers*	6.09	8.15	10.90

\* 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	7.04	9.46	13.20
Packers & Packagers, Hand	6.07	8.32	11.94
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Others	7.87	10.94	13.50
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	7.42	9.31	11.56
<b>Semi-Skilled</b>			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	9.22	11.61	16.33
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	9.36	13.62	21.09
Maintenance Workers, Machinery Machine Operators	11.66	14.78	21.40
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	6.63	12.72	21.92
Electricians	10.56	17.20	22.94
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	12.22	15.97	21.07
Machinists	9.28	12.86	17.26
Tool & Die Makers	13.86	18.56	24.15
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	10.43	20.04	29.17
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	13.34	19.47	26.44
Computer Operators	9.36	12.20	19.97

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

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Third 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)

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

## FRINGE BENEFITS

Fringe benefits range up to 28 percent of wages.

# TRANSPORTATION

## RAILROADS

The nearest rail service is provided by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe at Allen, approximately 11 miles northwest of Wakefield.

## MOTOR

### Highways

Nebraska Highways 16 (north/south) and 35 (east/west) pass through Wakefield. There are no local load limits imposed on these highways. Interstate 29 is approximately 30 miles east and Interstate 80 is approximately 100 miles south of Wakefield.

Highway mileage to major cities:

Destination	Mileage
Lincoln	123
Omaha	132
Chicago	567
Dallas	795
Denver	560
Detroit	835
Kansas City	314
Los Angeles	1,573
Minneapolis	346
New York	1,341
St. Louis	566
San Francisco	1,699

The 20-year plan for the Nebraska Department of Roads includes expanding State Highway 35, through Wakefield, to a four-lane expressway from Minnesota to Norfolk, Nebraska.

### Trucklines

Intrastate trucklines serving Wakefield:

Company	Nearest Terminal	Trucks Daily
Roses Transport	Wakefield	12
Logan Valley Carriers	Wakefield	N/A
Abler Transfer	Norfolk	1
Saia	Norfolk	1

## Bus Service

The nearest bus services are located in Sioux City, Iowa, 35 miles northeast, and in Norfolk, Nebraska, 40 miles southwest of Wakefield.

## Van Service

The Wakefield Senior Center provides van transportation for senior citizens in Wakefield and surrounding communities.

## AIR

The Wayne Municipal Airport, is located nine miles west of Wakefield. The airport has two paved and lighted runways (4,200 feet and 3,407 feet) and a 2,071-foot turf runway. Other facilities include ground-to-air radio communication, hangars, tie-downs, air taxi service, nondirectional radio beacon, flight training, and maintenance. The elevation at the airport is 1,431 feet, the latitude is 42°14.51'N, and the longitude is 96°58.89'W.

Commercial air service is available at Sioux Gateway Airport, 41 miles (45 minutes) northeast, and Omaha's Eppley Airfield, 132 miles (147 minutes) south of Wakefield.

## WATER

Barge service is available at 10 barge terminal facilities on the Missouri River in Nebraska. The Sioux City river port is 35 miles northeast of Wakefield. 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.



Wakefield Community Rec Center

# UTILITIES

## ELECTRICITY

The city of Wakefield owns and operates their electrical system. The city's generating equipment has a total generating capacity of 4,300 kW. The city purchases their total power requirements from Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) at wholesale and has leased their plant capacity to NPPD. NPPD utilizes the plant for reserve and emergency operations. The city of Wakefield is currently contracting with NPPD to complete an electrical distribution upgrade throughout the town. Estimated cost of the project is \$2.5 million and is estimated to be complete in 2008.

Power is delivered to the city by means of a 69 kV line connecting to substations at Wayne and Emerson. The distribution substation capacity is 5/6.25 MVA and the distribution voltage is 12,500 volts.

### BASE ELECTRIC RATES—CITY OF WAKEFIELD (effective 09/08/03)

#### Residential:

\$0.065 per kWh for the first 500 kWh used
\$0.050 per kWh for the next 500 kWh used
\$0.045 per kWh for over 1,000 kWh used
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> \$5.00 per month

This rate is subject to application of Production Cost Adjustment.

#### Commercial:

\$0.085 per kWh for the first 500 kWh used
\$0.0725 per kWh for the next 2,500 kWh used
\$0.050 per kWh for over 3,000 kWh used
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> \$5.50 per month

This rate is subject to application of Production Cost Adjustment.

#### Large Light & Power Service:

Demand Charge:	\$ 5.00 per kW
Plus an Energy Charge:	\$ 0.032 per kWh
<b>Minimum Bill:</b>	\$50.00 per month

This rate is subject to application of Production Cost Adjustment.

Prospective customers should contact the city administrator, Wakefield, (402) 287-2080, for further information regarding electric rates and service.

The Northeast Nebraska Public Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves the rural areas surrounding Wakefield. For information regarding electrical services in the Northeast Nebraska Public Power District service area, contact Mark Shults, general manager, Wayne, Nebraska, (402) 375-1360.

## NATURAL GAS

Aquila is the retail supplier of natural gas in Wakefield, Nebraska. The community is served by a four-inch line at 40 pounds of pressure. Northern Natural Gas is the pipeline company.

Aquila is a full-service natural gas distribution company with Nebraska headquarters in Lincoln. Aquila's corporate headquarters are in Kansas City, Missouri.

Natural gas with an average value of 1,000 BTU 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 customer varies with the type of service selected by the customer.

## NATURAL GAS RATES (month of October 2004)

Rates vary slightly due to seasonal fluctuation.

### Residential:

<b>Customer Charge:</b>	\$11.00 per month
All therms	\$ 0.75469 per therm

### Commercial/Industrial:

<b>Customer Charge:</b>	\$15.00 per month
All therms	\$ 0.78558 per therm

### Small Volume Interruptible\*:

<b>Customer Charge:</b>	\$50.00 per month
All therms	\$ 0.63470 per therm

\*This schedule applies to commercial and industrial customers with daily requirements less than 200 Mcf and is contingent on adequate gas supply and distribution system capacity.

### Commercial/Industrial - Large Volume:

Rates are negotiable and determined by individual customer contract.
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Prospective customers should contact the Economic Development Department at Aquila, (800) 232-1850, for further information regarding gas rates and services.

## OTHER FUELS

### LP Gas

LP gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at Zach Propane Service and Farmer's Co-Op Elevator in Allen.

### Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at The C Store and Farmer's Union Co-Op in Wakefield.

## WATER

The municipal water system in Wakefield is supplied by three wells, which have an average depth of 100 feet. The system, serving 99 percent of the population in Wakefield, has a combined pumping capacity of 900 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 200,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 300,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 650,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 1,496,000 gallons per day. The static pressure is 65 pounds per square inch and the residual pressure is 60 pounds.

The water treatment plant (oxidation/sand pressure filter) has a capacity of 900 gallons per minute and adds chlorinates to the water. Groundwater is available for industrial uses. A 120-foot well will produce approximately 1,000 gallons of water per minute. The water table has not changed significantly in the past 10 years.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in grains per gallon, is 19.5. The tap water temperature varies from 52° in winter to 54° in summer.

### Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.3
Calcium	98.1
Total Solids	460
Magnesium	21.4
Iron	.07
Nitrate	N/D
Manganese	.03
Chloride	11
Fluoride	.4
Sulfate	47
Total Alkalinity	N/A
Sodium	20.4
Total Hardness	19.5 gr./gal.
Potassium	5.0

N/A - not available

N/D - not detected

gr./gal. - grains per gallon

### WATER RATES (effective 09/08/03)

A \$50.00 tapping fee is charged for new water connections.

**Residential, Commercial & Industrial:**

Monthly User Fee	\$ 5.50
All usage@	\$ 0.80 per 1,000 gallons
<b>Minimum Bill:</b>	\$ 6.30 per month

Improvements to the water system include eight-inch water main extensions to the new housing developments, including four new hydrants and valves. The city completed a water distribution study in August 2004 to help prioritize future improvements to the water distribution system and plant.

**SEWERAGE**

Wakefield has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The lagoon-type treatment plant was built in 1987 with an expansion in 1999. Domestic and industrial average daily flow is 563,000 gallons and the historic peak daily discharge is 1,200,000 gallons.

**SEWER-USE RATES** (effective 09/08/03)

A \$50.00 tapping fee is charged for new sewer connections.

**Residential & Commercial:**

\$1.52 plus \$0.58 per thousand gallons of water used per month during winter months of December 18 to March 18
<b>Minimum Bill:</b> \$4.00 per month

**Industrial:**

Negotiable
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Wakefield is currently working with city engineers to complete sanitary sewer study to determine needed expansions or improvements. The study is anticipated to be complete in 2005.

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

Privately owned waste removal services are available in Wakefield. Waste is transported and disposed of at Gill Landfill in Jackson, 30 miles northeast of Wakefield.

**GARBAGE REMOVAL RATES** (effective 6/05/02)

**Residential:**

\$10.50 per month
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**Commercial & Industrial:**

Negotiated with the hauler
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City of Wakefield Light Plant



Logan Valley Golf Course, Signature Hole #3



Logan Valley Clubhouse

# COMMUNICATIONS

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Qwest provides telecommunications services to the Wakefield area with a digital central office served by fiber. Installation and maintenance personnel are located in Wayne, 11 miles. Qwest can provide the following services:

Facilities: DSO, DS1, DS3, and OC3 facilities with option for protected path Sharp services to central office.

Voice: DMS 1/20 Switch. Digital T1 local and long distance voice service, advanced DSS, standard business lines, voicemail, calling cards, audio conferencing, toll free and advanced call routing services. Nortel, CISCO, and NEC Key, PBX voice equipment design, sales, installation, and maintenance.

Data: Private line DS1 and DS3, frame relay, dedicated Internet access, VPN, and IQ Networking (MLPS) services. CISCO, Adtran, Tasman, and Nokia data equipment design, sales, installation, and maintenance.

Internet: Qwest can provide DS1, NxT1, DS3 (45 Mbps) and OC# (155 mBPS), dedicated Internet solutions riding the Qwest OC-192 nationwide backbone.

A 150 foot steel cell tower was constructed on the southeast edge of Wakefield in May 2004. Alltel is currently the only company leasing space on the tower, which is capable of serving three providers.

## INTERNET

HunTel Cablevision of Wayne, (877) 352-2253, provides high speed Internet access in Wakefield.

## POST OFFICE

The post office in Wakefield has one mail receipt and one mail dispatch daily. Special services include delivery and signature confirmation, certified and registered mail, return receipts, and insurance.

## PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	Federal Express	UPS	U.S. Postal Service
<b>Latest Pick-up Time</b>	11:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
<b>Earliest Delivery</b>	N/A	N/A	10:00 a.m.
<b>Next Day Delivery Guarantee</b>	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Saturday Delivery Guarantee</b>	N/A	N/A	Yes

## NEWSPAPER

The Wakefield Republican, the local weekly paper, has 1,125 subscribers. Daily papers delivered locally include the Norfolk Daily News, Omaha World-Herald, and Sioux City Journal.

## RADIO

Radio stations which carry local news include:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KTCH	1590 KHz	Wayne
KTCH	104.9 MHz	Wayne
KNEN	94.7 MHz	Norfolk
KEXL	106.7 MHz	Norfolk

## TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news include:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KTIV	4	Sioux City, IA
KCAU	9	Sioux City, IA

Cable television is available on 67 channels, including 50 basic, 4 premium, and 13 pay-per-view channels.



Swimming Pool



Eaton Ball Field

## TAX STRUCTURE

### VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES – CITY OF WAKEFIELD

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.

	Actual Valuation		
	2002	2003	2004
<b>Dixon County</b>			
Real Estate	\$29,013,575	\$31,479,055	\$31,563,990
Personal Property	9,829,890	11,371,016	11,362,601
Special (railroad and utilities)	203,223	375,202	505,690
TOTAL	\$39,046,688	\$43,225,273	\$43,432,281
<b>Wayne County</b>			
Real Estate	\$6,593,065	\$6,606,775	\$7,005,145
Personal Property	47,742	22,799	26,335
Special (railroad and utilities)	94,857	44,817	34,515
TOTAL	\$6,735,664	\$6,674,391	\$7,065,995

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

	2002	2003	2004
<b>Dixon County</b>			
Township	\$0.09349000	\$0.08707000	\$0.09050000
City	.43900000	.55114000	.57923000
County	.36760000	.33723000	.33775000
School District	1.09805872	1.13514889	1.12950393
Community College	.07000000	.08112300	.08271100
Educational Service Unit	.01820000	.01800000	.01782200
Natural Resource District	.03778600	.03475000	.03335360
Agricultural Society	.00734000	.00660000	.00669000
TOTAL	\$2.13147472	\$2.25106189	\$2.27756053
<b>Wayne County</b>			
City	\$0.43900000	\$0.55114000	\$0.57923000
County	.39625600	.41653500	.41580900
School District	1.09805872	1.13514889	1.12950393
Community College	.07000000	.08112300	.08271100
Educational Service Unit	.01820000	.01200000	.01782200
Natural Resource District	.03699330	.03482550	.03335360
Agricultural Society	.00688600	.00643300	.00624100
TOTAL	\$2.06539402	\$2.24320537	\$2.26467053

The tax rate at the industrial site outside the city limits is \$1.714947 per \$100 of actual value.

# LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of 07/01/04:

City—Revenue Bonds	\$ 1,565,000
City—General Obligation Bonds	\$ 45,000
School District (as of 10/30/04)	\$ 1,320,000
Dixon County	None
Wayne County	None

## CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 07/31/04	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
<b>Revenue</b>					
Sewer	1999	\$ 585,000	\$490,000	4.55–5.7	2014
Water & Sewer	1999	\$ 175,000	\$155,000	4.25–5.25	2006
Electric	2000	\$ 1,020,000	\$920,000	3.02–4.44	2010
<b>General Obligation</b>					
Highway Allocation	1994	\$ 135,000	\$ 45,000	5.3–6.9	2006

## SCHOOL BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 10/30/04	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Environmental Hazard/ Accessibility Barrier	3/15/04	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	1.5–3.65	6/01/14
School Bond	07/15/03	\$ 825,000	\$ 770,000	0.8–3.75	6/15/16



Wakefield City Offices

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**Dixon County** has 13 townships and is governed by a six-member board of supervisors elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next election will be held in 2006. The county belongs to the Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Council (SIMPCO) along with seven other counties. The county budget for 2004–05 is \$5,257,586. The county is not zoned.

**Wayne County** has 13 precincts and is governed by three county commissioners, elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next election will be held in 2006. The county belongs to the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District with 15 other counties. The 2004-05 budget for Wayne County is \$9,177,000. The county is not zoned.

Wakefield has 130 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 5, outside the corporate limits it is 9. Approximately \$50,000 was spent annually for fire protection during the last three years.

Equipment in the fire department:

<u>Year/Make</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>Rural/City</b>	
1971 Chevrolet	Command unit
1984 Ford	Rescue unit
1991 Ford	Rescue unit
1976 Chevrolet	Equipment truck
1995 Chevrolet	1,250 gal. per min.
1978 Chevrolet	750 gal. per min.
2004 GMC	Rescue pumper
<b>Rural</b>	
1978 IHC	3,500 gal. tanker

### MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Wakefield, a city of the second class, has a mayor-council form of government with a city administrator. The next election will be held in 2006. The city budget for 2004–05 is \$6,180,848. Municipal officials are:

Fire losses for the past two years have been:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2004	\$ 500
2003	\$ 52,500

<u>Title</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
<b>Elected</b>	
Mayor	4 years
<b>Elected by District</b>	
Council Members (4)	4 years
<b>Appointed</b>	
City Administrator	Indefinite
City Clerk/Treasurer	Indefinite
City Attorney	Indefinite

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

#### Police Department

The city of Wakefield contracts with the Dixon County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement in the city.

#### Sheriff's Department

The Dixon County Sheriff's Department, located in Ponca, is staffed by seven full-time officers and four full-time and three part-time support personnel. Equipment includes teletype, radio, paging system, intoxilizer, and other standard equipment. The department has an Enhanced 911 system. Patrol is provided to existing industries.

### FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided in Wakefield by a 26-member volunteer fire department. The department provides protection for areas outside the community limits by operating the rural fire district's equipment. Mutual aid is also provided to other fire districts.

Wayne County Sheriff's Department, consists of five sworn officers and one full-time and one part-time support staff. Equipment includes

complete radio communications system, radar, four patrol cars, and other standard equipment. Protection is provided to industries by regular patrol of the police and sheriff's departments.

The crime rate per 1,000 population in 2002 was 16.1 in Dixon County and 15.1 in Wayne County compared to a state crime rate of 42.6 and a national rate of 41.2.

### **State Patrol**

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

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

### **STREETS**

Wakefield has 11.5 miles of streets, all of which are hard-surfaced with asphalt, concrete, or brick. Local load restrictions do not exist. All of the paved streets have curbs and 60 percent have sidewalks.

Street maintenance includes street sweeping, snow removal, and street repair.

## **BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS**

The National Electric Code, Uniform Plumbing Code, Uniform Building Code, and Uniform Mechanical Code are enforced within the community.

Local zoning classifications are:

- A-1 Agricultural
- R-1 Low Density Residential
- R-2 Medium Density Residential
- R-3 High Density Residential
- C-1 Central Commercial
- C-2 General Commercial
- C-3 Highway Commercial
- I-1 Light Industrial
- I-2 Heavy Industrial

### **PLANNING**

Wakefield has a five-member Planning Commission. Members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council and serve three-year terms.

The Wakefield Planning and Zoning Board is currently updating the comprehensive plan with Hanna Keelan of Lincoln, Nebraska. Completion is anticipated early in 2005.



Wakefield Fire Department

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

#### Wakefield School System

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary	19	225	1 to 11	1 to 5
Jr.-Sr. High School	24	245	1 to 13	1 to 5

School District No. 90-0560 in Wayne, Dixon, and Thurston Counties covers 92.50 square miles and has a 2003 actual valuation of \$163,579,188, with an average valuation of \$348,041 per student. The Class 3, Type K-6, 6 district is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and the North Central Association.

The 2003 school operating expenses totaled \$3,482,286, with an average cost per student of \$6,643.

The maximum capacity of the public elementary school is 350. The elementary school was built in 1966, remodeled in 1999, and an addition in 2001. The junior/senior high school with a capacity of 350 was built in 1976, remodeled in 1999, and an addition in 2001.

Vocational courses offered in the high school include business, family consumer science, and industrial technology. Adult education programs are available in the high school in cooperation with the Northeast Community College.

#### Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
7th Grade Terra Nova	100	55
ACT	69	20

It is estimated that 98 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 78 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and 8 percent of the graduates enter the job market.

#### Special Schools

North Star Services is an agency providing support services to children and adults living in the 24 counties of northeast Nebraska. The agency has service sites in 10 communities, including Wayne, 11 miles. The Wayne office operates an Adult Development Center and eight residential settings.

#### Educational Service Unit

Wakefield is the headquarters for Educational Service Unit 1, that serves school districts in Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, Knox, Thurston, and Wayne counties. Services available in special education include program supervision, physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychological education evaluations, speech therapy, audiological testing, transition consultant, vision consultant, behaviorally disordered student program, mentally handicapped student program, and early childhood special education services. Other services include staff development, teacher in-service, Internet, technology training, media and teacher resource library, media delivery, computer and equipment repair, and cooperative purchase program.

#### Family Resource Center

The Family Resource Center offers 17 different programs to the community of Wakefield and its neighbors. It is designed to be a one-stop shop for family resources. Adult clients may enroll in General Education classes which can lead to a high school equivalent diploma (GED), English Language Learners class, computer classes, job shadowing, citizenship classes, and parenting classes.

Children may enroll in special needs, migrant, Even Start, and traditional preschool classes; wrap-around child care and before and after school care is also provided at the Resource Center. Through the Even Start program, parents are offered Parent and Child Together time at the center.

The community Food Pantry, sponsored by the Wakefield Ministerium, is housed at the Resource Center.

Family Resource Center provides translating services to families and also provides referrals to other agencies to assist families.

Siouxland Community Health Center offers services at its mobile clinic outside the Resource Center each Friday. Services include, but are not limited to, immunizations, exams, physicals, pap tests, and other noninvasive procedures.

### Community College

Wakefield 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 Northeast. 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, 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

Northeast Community College Representative Sample of the Class of 2004		
Program	Degree/Certificate	Conferred
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



Wakefield High School



Wakefield Elementary School



Educational Service Unit No. 1



Gardner Hall, Business Development Center (Wayne State College)



Fine Arts Center (Wayne State College)



Recreation Center (Wayne State College)



Willow Bowl (Wayne State College)

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. Northeast 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 Northeast Community College, 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 and Universities**

**Wayne State College (WSC)** located in Wayne, 11 miles west of Wakefield, 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 nonteaching 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 the website at [www.wsc.edu](http://www.wsc.edu).

Program	Wayne State College			
	Undergraduate		Graduate	
	Majors*	Degrees**	Majors*	Degrees**
Applied Human & Sport Physiology	18	4	—	—
Art	36	6	—	—
Business	549	157	58	20
Chemistry	94	13	—	—
Computer Information Systems	91	14	—	—
Computer Science	34	9	—	—
Counselor Education	—	—	77	27
Criminal Justice	153	34	—	—
Curriculum & Instruction	—	—	180	27
Early Childhood	82	11	—	—
Elementary Education	397	73	6	—
English	76	10	6	—
Exercise Science	68	20	6	5
Family & Consumer Sciences	55	14	—	—
Geography	29	7	—	—
Graphic Design	54	16	—	—
Health & PE	61	7	—	—
History	56	6	1	—
Human Service Counseling	91	30	—	—
Industrial Technology	86	14	1	—
Interdisciplinary Studies	4	1	—	3
Life Sciences	91	15	—	—
Mass Communications	67	11	—	—
Mathematics	51	11	1	2
Middle Level Education	4	—	—	—
Modern Language and Culture	4			
— French		1	—	—
— Spanish		1	—	—
Music	32	2	—	—
Natural Sciences	11	4	—	—
Physical Science	2	—	—	—
Political Science	33	5	—	—
Pre-Professional	140	1	—	—
Psychology	91	23	—	—
School Administration	—	—	64	22
Social Sciences	45	7	10	1
Sociology	25	13	—	—
Spanish	19	2	—	—
Special Education	57	6	9	3
Speech Communications	55	18	5	—
Sport Management/Leisure Services	73	12	16	8
Technology	12	4	—	—
Theatre	24	2	—	—
Undeclared	395	—	—	—

\*Includes first and second majors as of fall 2003

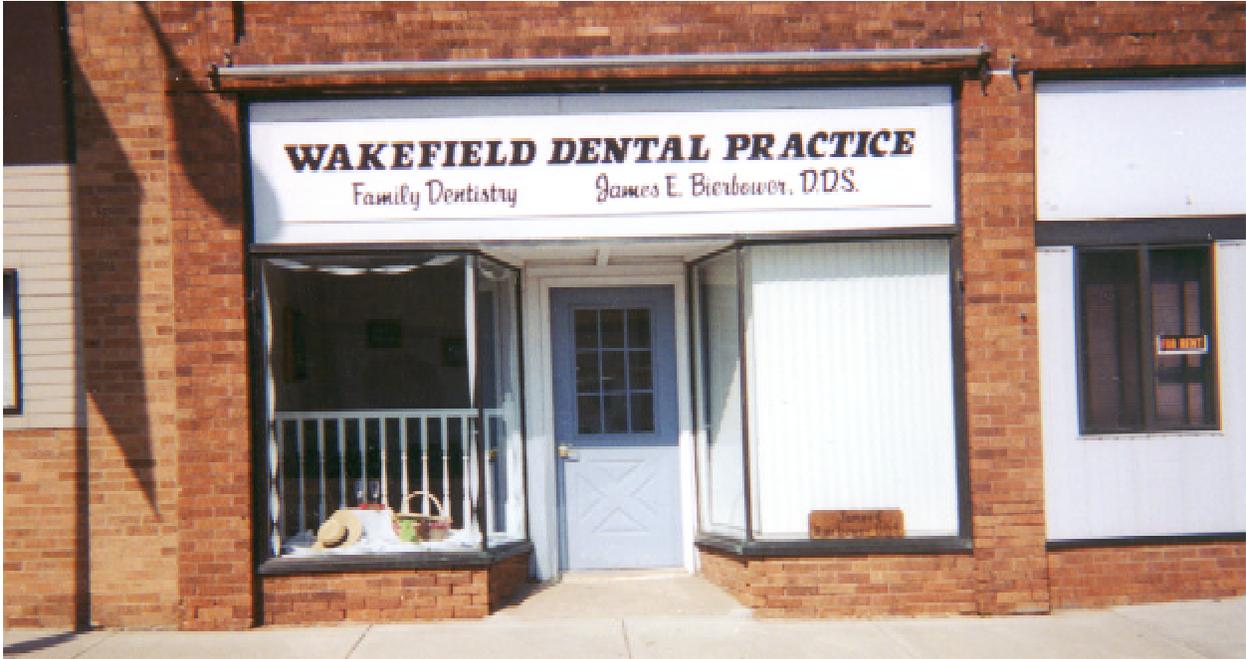
\*\*Degrees awarded December 2003 through August 2004



Providence Medical Center in Wayne, 11 Miles



Wakefield Health Care Center



Wakefield Dental Practice



Gardner Public Library

## Other Schools

Colleges, universities, and community colleges frequently attended by Wakefield graduates include:

<b>Community/College or University</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>Wayne, NE</b> Wayne State College	11
<b>Sioux City, IA</b> Morningside College Western Iowa Community College	41
<b>Norfolk, NE</b> Northeast Community College	47
<b>Vermillion, SD</b> University of South Dakota	53
<b>Fremont, NE</b> Midland College	72
<b>Lincoln, NE</b> University of Nebraska-Lincoln	123
<b>Omaha, NE</b> Creighton University College of St. Mary's University of Nebraska at Omaha	132

## CHURCHES

<b>Denomination</b>	<b>Number of Churches</b>
Evangelical Christian	1
Evangelical Covenant	1
Lutheran, ELCA	1
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	2
Presbyterian	1

## MEDICAL

### Clinic

**Wakefield Mercy Clinic** is an outpatient clinic staffed by two physicians, one physician assistant, two LPN's, and one part-time registered nurse.

### Rescue Squad

The Rescue Squad in Wakefield is comprised of 23 volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians who respond to calls with two fully equipped ambulances, one with a defibrillator. The

ambulances are owned by the Wakefield Volunteer Fire Department.

## Hospitals

**Providence Medical Center (PMC)** in Wayne, 11 miles west of Wakefield, first opened its doors to residents in northeast Nebraska in 1975 under the operation of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters. The 25-bed, acute care, critical access hospital provides quality healthcare to more than 15,000 people. PMC provides Medicare certified home health, hospice, and private pay personal care. Twelve specialty clinics and visiting specialists are available on a regular basis. Five local physicians and one physician assistant are available at the Wayne Mercy Medical Clinic.

The Radiology Department has state-of-the-art radiology equipment, and a high-speed quad-slice CT scanner. The radiologic technologists are registered in radiography, mammography, CT, ultrasound, and vascular imaging. A mobile MRI and nuclear medicine are regularly accessible.

The hospital has a new hospice family room, coronary care units for intensive care patients, and an ancillary services wing that includes laboratory, and emergency/outpatient services as well as radiology. A Lifeline Emergency Response System is provided for people who qualify and reside within a 25-mile radius of Wayne. The therapy department includes physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy.

Medical nurses are specifically trained in advanced skills related to labor and delivery process. Other services offered include mental health assessments and evaluations, individual and marriage therapy, home counseling and support services, drug and alcohol evaluations and treatments, crisis intervention, grief counseling, oncology management sessions, and bereavement support groups, all of which are provided by an on-staff certified mental health practitioner.

Providence Wellness Center, staffed with a professional trainer and director, offers the latest in exercise technology to its members. Membership is open to the public.

## NURSING HOMES

Wakefield Health Care Center is a city-owned facility. The 49-bed nursing home is state and federally approved for Medicaid and Medicare. The care center, with social and recreational programs, enjoys active local support and involvement from the community.

Adjoining the nursing home is a 16-bed assisted living unit and 6 one-bedroom independent living apartments.

## LIBRARY

The Gardner Public Library was built in 2004. The library contains a collection of 14,085 children's, young adult, and adult books; audio tapes; periodicals; and videos. The library has an average annual circulation of 14,500. Library activities include children's holiday reading programs, a summer reading program, and story time for preschool children. The 7,000 square foot library features a meeting room seating up to 50 people, computer work stations, and separate children and adult reading areas.

## RECREATION

The city park in Wakefield covers 12 acres and has picnic shelters, two sand volleyball courts, swimming pool, overnight camping, horseshoe pits, baseball and softball fields (lighted and irrigated), T-ball field, batting cage, and basketball court. The Logan Creek Trail, a 1.5-mile asphalt trail open to walkers and bikers, was constructed in the park in 2003 with grant funds.

Two unsupervised playgrounds in Wakefield have playground equipment. The Parks and Recreation Department, with three full-time and seven part-time employees, has an average annual budget of \$108,000. Programs include T-ball, Little League Baseball, softball, football, basketball, and Legion Baseball.

## Area Facilities

- Boating — Boating on the Missouri River, 35 miles
- Bowling — One bowling alley with 8-lanes
- Fishing — Excellent fishing at Logan Creek, 1/2 mile; the Missouri River, 35 miles; and Lewis & Clark Lake and Gavens Point Dam, 65 miles
- Golf Courses — One public, 9-hole grass greens course with clubhouse
- Hunting — Excellent hunting for pheasant, quail, deer, turkey, and small game
- Skating — Roller skating rink in Wakefield
- Swimming — Municipal pool in park
- Theaters — Indoor theater seating 140
- Volleyball — Two sand volleyball courts
- Walking Trail — 1.5 miles

The Wakefield Community Rec Center contains a weight room, walking track, and full-size gym.

The Wakefield Senior Center provides entertainment, meals, social and educational activities, health care clinics, and daily telephone checks for seniors in the community. The senior center also has a minibus.

Local attractions include the historic Haskell House and a museum. Cultural activities are provided by the Community Chorus and the Little Red Hen Community Theater.

A new building is under construction for the Little Red Hen Theater (LRHT). Anticipated to be complete in 2005, it is a black box theatre with flexible, tiered seating for up to 135. Four major productions are offered annually, with a variety of guest performers and other fine arts activities presented between productions. LRHT's youth wing, *YAA!! Act - 1 Tour* prepares a one-act by and for young people and tours surrounding communities in early summer in support of summer reading programs presented by local libraries.

## HOUSING

### New Construction

Four new homes have been built in 2003 and it is estimated that two will be built in 2004. New home construction averages \$120 per square foot. Two new housing developments were established in 2003—Gustafson Estates First Addition with 14 lots and Muller Addition with five lots. Building permits were issued during the last five years for eight single-unit houses.

### As of August 2004:

#### Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family - 17

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

##### Single Family Home

3,500 sq. ft.- 4 bedrooms \$100,000  
 2,500 sq. ft.- 3 bedrooms \$ 85,000  
 1,000 sq. ft.- 3 bedrooms \$ 74,600

#### Rentals

New 2 bedroom home \$350 to \$600

#### Number of Single Family Homes

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

Less than \$100,000 14  
 \$100,001 – \$150,000 3

### Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

Name	Units	Year Built
Ekberg Apartments	11	1967*
Wakefield Villa	13	1976
Sunnyside Apartments	10	1990
Wakefield Village Apts.	12	1994
Winter Street Complex	4	1995

\*Expanded in 1975

## Assisted Living

**Ash Street Apartments** is a 16-bed studio apartment assisted living unit with six one-bedroom independent living apartments. The facility adjoins the nursing home.

The old hospital was renovated for 6 assisted-living apartments in 1995. An additional 17 units were completed in 2000.

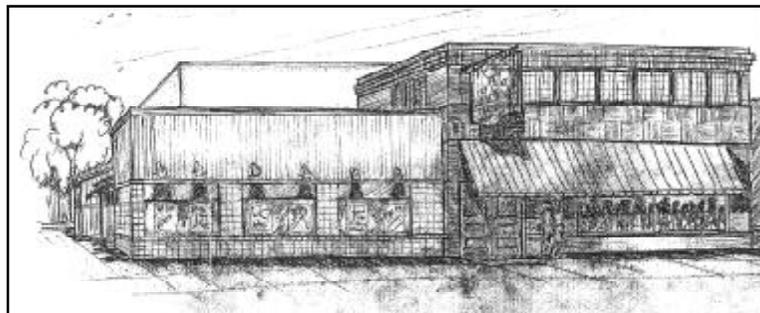
## FINANCIAL

As of October 2004:

Name	Capital		
	Accounts	Deposits	Loans
-----thousand dollars-----			
Iowa—Nebraska State Bank	\$15,727	\$21,517	\$11,370



New Home Construction



Little Red Hen Theater



Gardner Senior Center



Ash Street Assisted Living Apartments & Wakefield Medical Clinic

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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### PROFESSIONAL

Attorneys .....	2
Auctioneers .....	1
Certified Public Accountants .....	1
Dentists .....	1
Medical Doctors (practicing in Wakefield)	
—family practitioners .....	2 (commute)
(residing in Wakefield practice elsewhere)	
—pediatricians .....	1
Nurses, Registered .....	6
Physician Assistants .....	1

### BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies .....	1
Advertising Agencies .....	1
Antique Shops .....	2
Apparel Stores—combination .....	1
Auto Repair & Service .....	5
Auto Supply Parts .....	1
Automobile Dealers .....	1
Bakeries .....	1
Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums .....	3
Beauty Saloons & Barber Shops .....	5
Caterers .....	3
Child Care Services .....	5
Contractors—carpentry .....	4
—concrete .....	1
—electric .....	5
—general .....	2
—gravel .....	1
—heating & air conditioning .....	3
—painting .....	3
—plumbing .....	3
—remodeling & repairing .....	4
—roofing .....	4
—well digging .....	1
Convenience Stores .....	2
Copying & Duplicating Services .....	1
Craft Stores .....	1
Dry Cleaning & Laundry (drop off site) .....	1
Floral Shops .....	1

Garbage Collection.....	1
Gift Shops .....	2
Grocery Stores .....	1
Hardware Stores .....	1
Insurance Companies .....	3
Lawn Services .....	1
Lumberyards .....	1
Nurseries & Garden Centers .....	1
Photography Studios .....	1
Preschools .....	1
Printers .....	1
Real Estate Firms .....	1
Restaurants .....	3
Service Stations (gas & oil) .....	2
Theaters (indoor & outdoor) .....	1
Welding Shops .....	1



Main Street

## AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

### AGRICULTURE

Statistics	Dixon County	Wayne County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms (2002)	660	620	49,400
Land in Farms (acres)	276,722	281,408	45,903,116
Average Size of Farms (acres)	419	452	930
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, 2002	\$101,788,000	\$116,515,000	\$9,703,657,000
Market Value Per Farm, 2002	\$154,224	\$187,022	\$196,609
Wells Registered, 2001	160	227	84,061
Total Acres Irrigated, 2002	17,280	30,482	7,625,170
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	6.2%	10.8%	16.6%
<b>Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (1999-2003)</b>			
All Alfalfa Hay	43,762 tons	85,856 tons	4,721,000 tons
Corn for Grain	9,311,780 bu.	12,397,140 bu.	1,074,450,000 bu.
Oats	168,840 bu.	101,320 bu.	3,827,000 bu.
Sorghum Grains	10,063 bu.	N/A	31,894,000 bu.
Soybeans	2,707,460 bu.	3,612,300 bu.	187,201,000 bu.
<b>Five-Year Average Livestock Population (1999-2003)</b>			
All Cattle	13,020	10,300	1,952,600

Dixon and Wayne counties ranked in the top ten counties in Nebraska in the production of oats from 1993 to 2001.

SOURCE: Nebraska Agriculture Statistics, 1999-2003  
2002 Census of Agriculture, [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov)

### RAW MATERIALS

Metallic minerals are not available in the area; however, nonmetallic minerals of sand, crushed rock, limestone, and clay are available. Some cottonwood timber is available in the area.

## CLIMATE

### TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						Humidity*	
	Temperature			Precipitation		Morning	Afternoon	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)			
January	7.9	19.0	30.1	.66	6.9	76	65	
February	13.9	25.0	36.4	.87	6.1	79	65	
March	23.7	35.3	46.9	1.96	7.2	80	62	
April	36.2	49.5	62.9	2.75	1.9	79	52	
May	48.2	61.0	73.9	4.05	0.0	80	53	
June	58.2	70.8	83.3	4.25	0.0	82	55	
July	62.7	75.0	87.3	3.39	0.0	84	56	
August	60.4	72.8	85.2	3.03	0.0	86	58	
September	50.2	63.8	77.3	2.60	0.0	83	54	
October	38.4	52.1	65.8	1.92	0.7	79	52	
November	24.6	35.9	47.3	1.34	4.1	80	60	
December	13.4	23.9	34.4	0.75	6.9	79	66	
<b>Annual</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>27.57</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>58</b>	

\*Recorded at Norfolk Weather Station

### FROST DATA

Average date of last frost in spring .....	May 4
Average date of first frost in fall .....	September 28
Average length of growing season .....	147 days
Average number of "heating degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	6,846
Average number of "cooling degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit .....	923
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average) .....	12
Prevailing wind direction (annual average) .....	South

SOURCE: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1931-2001, [www.hpccsun.unl.edu](http://www.hpccsun.unl.edu)