

**OFFICIAL COMMUNITY GUIDE**

# Dodge

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2023 U.S. Census Population	
DODGE	575
DODGE COUNTY	37,187

The following pages contain basic information about Dodge, Nebraska.  
 This information was compiled by the Village of Dodge and  
 Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community development and quality of life.

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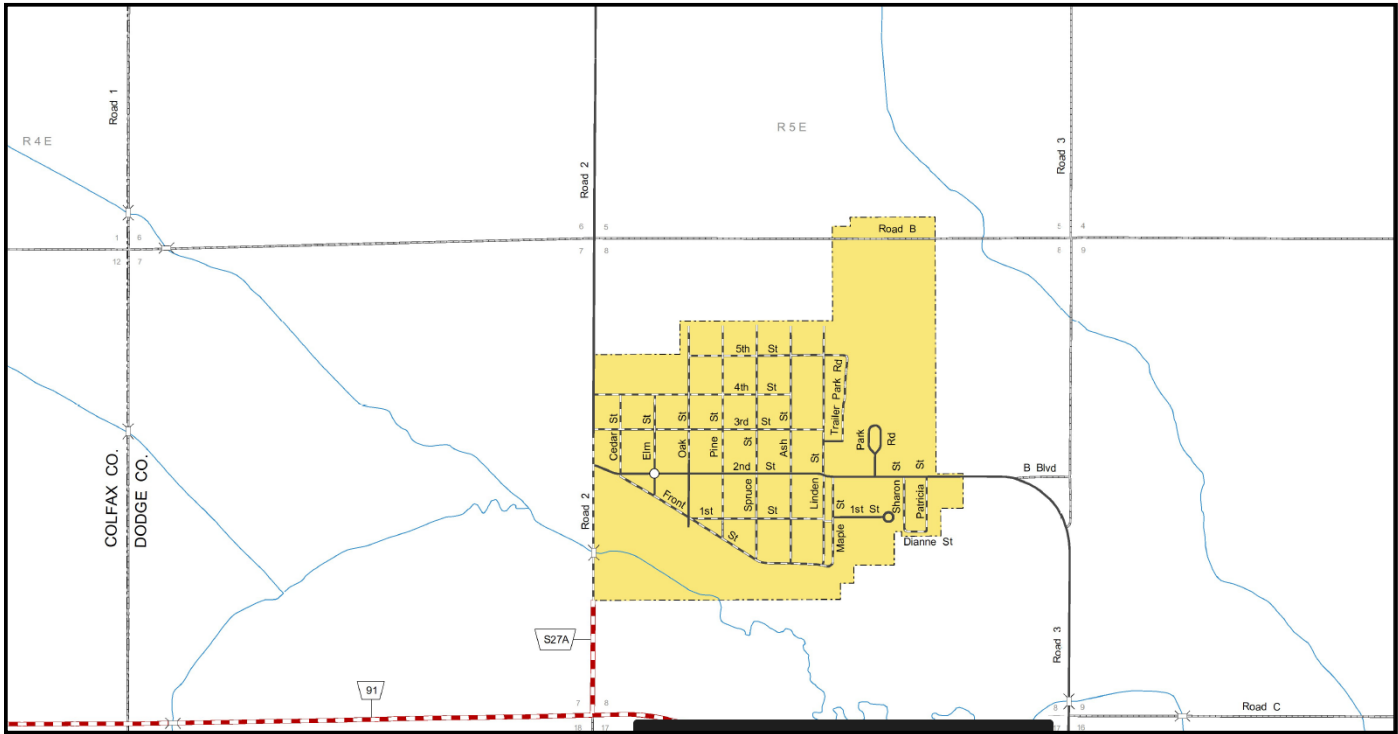
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# Geography



Robin's Nest - Garden of Hope

## Location

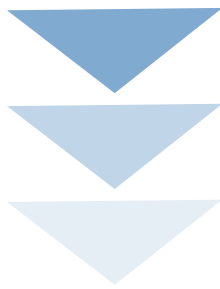
The Village of Dodge, part of the Fremont Micropolitan Statistical area, is located in Dodge County in northeast Nebraska. Served by Nebraska Highway 91, Dodge is 35 miles northwest of Fremont, 50 miles southeast of Norfolk, 71 miles northwest of Omaha, 75 miles northwest of Lincoln, and 80 miles southwest of Sioux City, Iowa.

## Elevation

Dodge is 1,350 feet above sea level.



# Economic Development



The Dodge Community Club works with the Village of Dodge and the Greater Fremont Economic Development Council for economic development in the community.

The Greater Fremont Development Council (GFDC), a nonprofit corporation, is comprised of 122 members. Funds are received from annual dues, city and county governments, and dedicated fundraisers.

The Greater Fremont Development Council works in collaboration with the business community, City of Fremont, Dodge County, the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, and other organizations to provide opportunities for business retention, attraction and growth throughout Dodge County. This successful partnership provides an effective and efficient means of the common goal of creating jobs and investment opportunities, which ultimately result in a higher quality of life for the citizens of Dodge County.

Approximately five acres of land in and adjacent to the community are zoned for industry. The price of industrially zoned land ranges from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per acre.

Firms with retail sales tax permits in Dodge reported 2023 net taxable retail sales of \$3,468,439, while Dodge County reported retail sales of \$705,796,962.

For more information on available sites and buildings go to [sites.nppd.com](https://sites.nppd.com).

## DODGE'S TOP 10 LEADING EMPLOYERS

EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	EMPLOYEES
Howells-Dodge School	Education	37
Pulstar Manufacturing, Inc.	Manufacturing	20
Cooperative Supply	Agribusiness	15
Village of Dodge	Government	12
Nebraska Bank	Financial	10
Bayer Appliance & Hardware	Variety Store	8
Dodge Manufacturing, Inc.	Manufacturing	8
St. Wencelaus Catholic School	Education	8
Oelkers & Associates	Accountant	8



Nebraska Bank

Dodge is located in the northeastern part of Nebraska and the northwest corner of the Dodge County.

Dodge offers many types of businesses in town along with maintained parks and a must see “Robin’s Nest Garden of Hope” memorial cancer site with walking trails. Dodge also has the beautiful Veteran’s Memorial Park (featured on the front cover).

Dodge is a small thriving community with vital downtown businesses. It is a place where children can safely ride their bikes or walk anywhere in town.

Dodge is a great place to live, work, and raise a family.



Hilltop Lanes



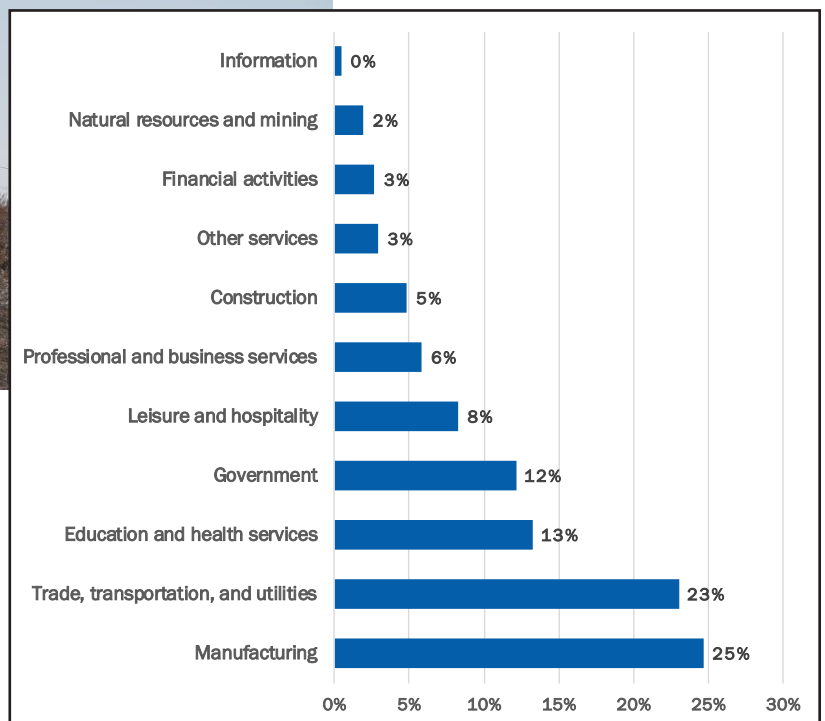
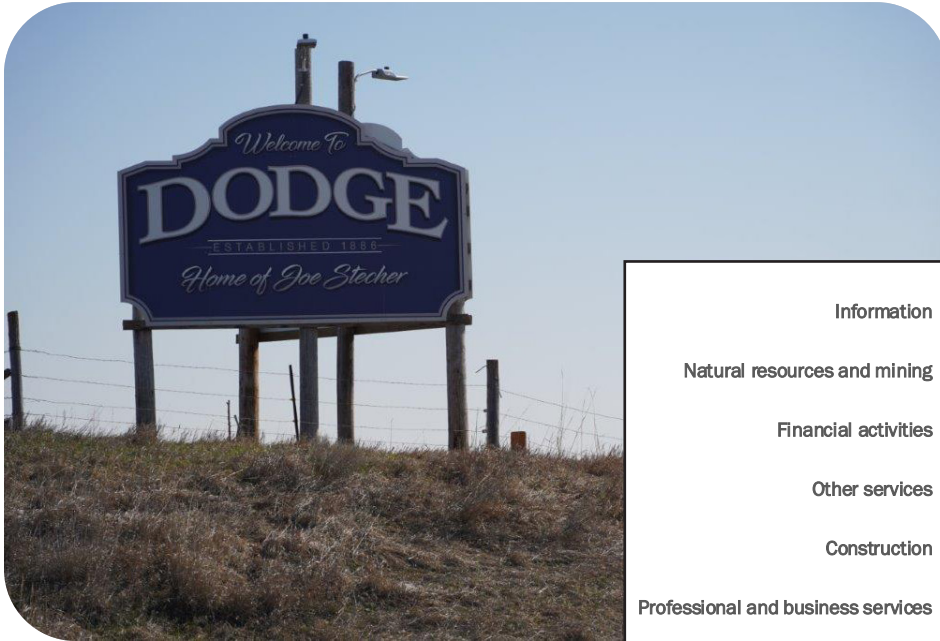
Ancient Armour Distillery



Brute Cattle Equipment

# Labor

## Dodge County Labor Force 2023



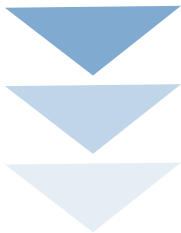
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023



Midwest Wire

## Workforce

The Nebraska Department of Labor serves employers and job seekers across Nebraska through its “One Stop Career Centers” located across the state. Services for employers include employee recruitment and screening, posting job openings, tax credit information, and labor market and labor law information. Job seekers can find a full array of employment and training related services including on site services provided by a network of mandatory Workforce Investment Act partners. To learn more about these and other services, visit [networks.nebraska.gov](http://networks.nebraska.gov).



## WAGE SAMPLING

*Hourly wages rates for various occupations,  
Northeast Region, Nebraska*

JOB TITLE	ENTRY LEVEL	MEDIAN	EXPERIENCED
ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS	\$23.09	\$32.18	\$42.05
COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS	\$25.20	\$39.58	\$50.05
REGISTERED NURSES	\$29.45	\$36.33	\$40.16
RETAIL SALESPERSON	\$12.09	\$14.45	\$18.92
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS except legal, medical	\$15.52	\$19.23	\$22.51
CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES	\$14.19	\$17.72	\$21.53
OFFICES CLERKS, GENERAL	\$14.75	\$19.05	\$23.35
ASSEMBLERS AND FABRICATORS, ALL OTHER	\$18.03	\$22.06	\$24.05
LABORERS AND FREIGHT STOCK, MATERIAL MOVES, HAND	\$15.89	\$20.08	\$21.21
MACHINISTS	\$17.23	\$20.40	\$23.77
WELDERS, CUTTERS, SOLDERERS AND BRAZERS	\$18.88	\$22.29	\$25.40
WELDING, SOLDERING, AND BRAZING MACHINE SETTERS	\$18.55	\$21.53	\$23.73
HEAVY AND TRACTOR-TRAILOR TRUCK DRIVERS	\$18.27	\$23.54	\$29.98
CUTTING, PUNCHING, AND PRESS MACHINE SETTERS/OPERATORS	\$17.60	\$19.68	\$21.90
ELECTRICIANS	\$19.51	\$25.51	\$30.51
TOOLS AND DIE MAKERS	\$25.52	\$30.77	\$32.05

*Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment, Program, First Quarter 2024*



Dodge Insurance



2nd Street Market

## Unionization

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution.

## Local Labor Unions

Howells/Dodge Public School -  
Nebraska Education Association

## Fringe Benefits

Local industries estimate fringe benefits range up to 15 percent of wages.



John Rogers Memorial Library



Dodge Dental Office

## ANNUAL AVERAGE 2023 LABOR SUPPLY

*\*Contiguous Nebraska counties include Burt, Butler, Colfax, Cuming, Douglas, Saunders, Washington*

	DODGE COUNTY & CONTIGUOUS*	DODGE COUNTY
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY WORKERS	387,220	18,648
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	359,709	20,316
LABOR FORCE POPULATION	368,842	20,771
<b>ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY</b>		
COMMUTING OUT OF COUNTY (2021)		8,608
UNEMPLOYED		455
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9,063</b>

NOTE: Does not include 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.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

	PERCENT
DODGE COUNTY	2.2%
NEBRASKA	2.3%
UNITED STATES	3.6%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



# Market Access

## Highways

Dodge is located one mile north of two-lane, east-west Nebraska Highway 91 and five miles west of two-lane, south bound Nebraska Highway 79. There are no local load restrictions. U.S. Highway 275 is four-laned from Scribner (12 miles east of Dodge) to Omaha. Interstate 29 is 55 miles east and Interstate 80 is 70 miles southeast of Dodge.

## Trucklines

More than 13,500 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.

The following trucking map is based on Columbus, Nebraska, 44 miles southwest of Dodge.

## Bus Lines

Greyhound Bus Lines in Fremont is 35 miles southeast of Dodge.

## Rail

Amtrak provides Omaha, 71 miles southeast of Dodge, with rail passenger service throughout the United States. Additional Nebraska Amtrak stations are located in Hastings, Holdrege, Lincoln, and McCook. For more information, visit [amtrak.com](http://amtrak.com).

## Air

The Fremont Municipal Airport is located 35 miles southeast of Dodge. It has two lighted and hard-surfaced runways (6,353 foot and 2,315 foot). The airport has aviation fuel, aircraft parking (ramp and tiedown), hangars, passenger terminal and lounge, flight training, aircraft rental, aerial tours/aerial sightseeing, aircraft maintenance, aircraft cleaning/washing/detailing, and aircraft parts. The elevation at the airport is 1,204 feet, the latitude is 41-26N, and the longitude is 096-W.

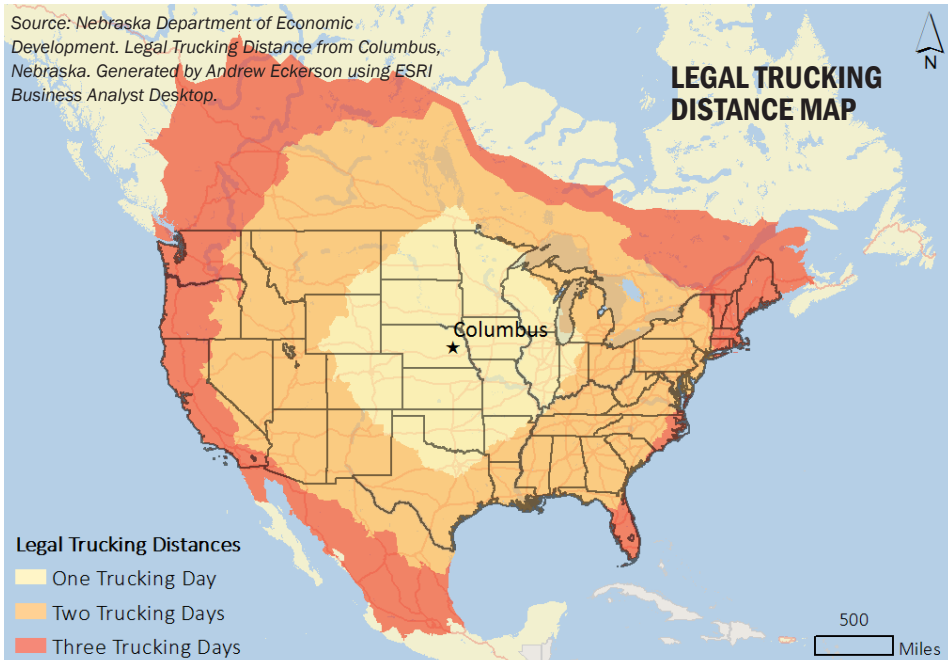


## Nearest Commercial Air Service:

- Eppley Airfield, Omaha, Nebraska  
71 miles, 77 minutes
- Lincoln Regional Airport, Lincoln, Nebraska  
76 miles, 80 minutes
- Sioux Gateway, Sioux City, Iowa  
80 miles, 86 minutes

## Water

Barge service is not available near Dodge.





The Dodge Criterion

# Communications

## Telecommunications & Internet Providers

Telecommunications services in the Dodge area are provided by Great Plains Communications with a digital central office and fiber optic lines. Installation and maintenance personnel are located in Dodge, an equal access community. For more information, visit [gpc.com](http://gpc.com) or call 866-658-3171.

Skywave Communications, Inc. provides telecommunications and internet services in Dodge. For more information, visit [skywaveconnect.com](http://skywaveconnect.com) or call 402-372-1975.

## Post Office & Package Delivery Service

The U.S. Postal Service in Dodge provides house-to-house delivery service and has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily.

Federal Express, United Parcel Service, U.S. Postal Service, and Speedy Delivery Service provide package delivery services in the Dodge area.

## Newspapers

*The Dodge Criterion*, the local weekly newspaper, has 705 subscribers. Daily papers delivered locally are the *Fremont Tribune*, *Norfolk Daily News*, and *Omaha World-Herald*.

## Radio Stations

- KTIC-AM, 840 KHz  
West Point
- KWPN-FM, 107.9 KHz  
West Point
- WJAG-AM, 780 KHz  
Norfolk

## Television

- KMTV Channel 3  
Omaha, NE
- WOWT Channel 6  
Omaha, NE
- KETV Channel 7  
Omaha, NE
- KXVO Channel 15  
Omaha, NE
- FOX Channel 42  
Omaha, NE
- KOLN/KGIN Channel 10/11  
Lincoln/Grand Island, NE
- KCAU Channel 9  
Sioux City, IA

## Nebraska Highlights

Energy costs are often a considerable part of any business' operational budget. These costs can vary greatly between states, but in Nebraska (the only state in the nation where all electric utilities are publicly owned) electric costs are passed to consumers at low, cost-of-service rates. As a result, the state offers industrial rates well below the national average. Nebraska electric utilities achieve low rates, in part, because they draw from a balanced and efficient "mix" of generation resources.

# Utilities

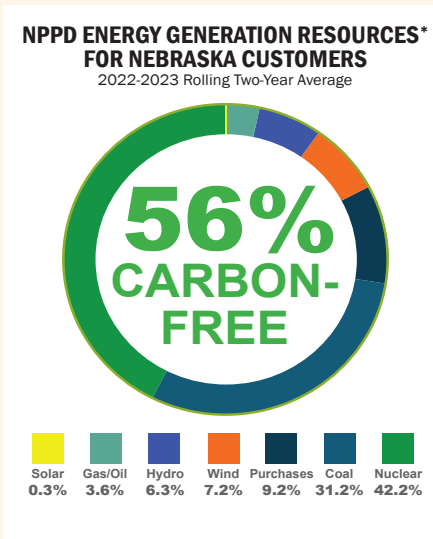
## Electricity

Cuming County Public Power District (CCPPD), a wholesale customer of Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), provides retail electric service to the village of Dodge and the surrounding areas. For more information regarding electrical services in the Cuming County Public Power District service area, contact Chet McWhorter, manager, West Point, Nebraska, 402-372-2463 or visit [ccppd.com](http://ccppd.com).

Dodge is served from CCPPD 34.5/4.16kV, 5,000 kVA substation with 34,500 volt three-way feed from the Nebraska statewide high voltage grid system. The distribution system is 4,160 volts with two lines feeding the city.

For more information regarding electric rates and services prospective customers should contact Cuming County Public Power District at 402-372-2463 or visit [ccppd.com](http://ccppd.com), for further information regarding electric rates and services.

# Infrastructure



D A R C Recycling

## Natural Gas

Natural gas is not available in Dodge.

LP gas is available in Dodge for residential, commercial, and industrial uses from Cooperative Supply, Inc.

Oil is available in Dodge for residential, commercial, and industrial uses from Cooperative Supply, Inc.

## Water & Sewerage

The municipal water system in Dodge is supplied by two wells, which have an average depth of 86 feet. The system, serving the entire city, has a combined pumping capacity of 590 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 50,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 60,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 130,000 gallons.

The system has a maximum capacity of 899,600 gallons per day. The static pressure is 55 pounds per square inch and the residual pressure is 50 pounds per square inch.

The city's wells produce up to 600 gallons of water per minute. The water table has not changed significantly in the past five years. The quality of water in Dodge does not necessitate a water treatment plant.

Water Rates - A deposit of \$250.00 is charged for residential and commercial customers. A connection fee of \$50.00, a tapping fee of \$140.00 for 3/4-inch pipe, or a tapping fee of \$215.00 for 1-inch pipe.

## Recycling

Recyclables are collected by Firststar Fiber. These items are accepted: newsprint, chipboard, magazines and corrugated cardboard, on the first and third Saturday of every month from 9AM - 11:00AM.

**Nebraska's  
energy costs  
are among  
the lowest in  
the nation**



Images Unlimited Family Hair Care



Dodge Community Housing



Dodge Municipal Building



Bayer Appliance & Hardware



Minnick Funeral Chapel



Merry Martini Lounge



Oelkers & Associates



Dodge VFW



Tiny Treasures Daycare



Cappellano Customs & Repair



MGM Fitness

## EVENTS

### **St. Wenceslaus Church Fun Fest • February**

Annual roast beef with dumpling dinner with cake walk, auction, kid's games and inflatables.

### **Dodge Days • July**

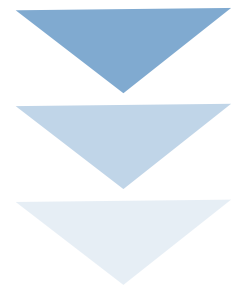
Garage sales, barbecue competition and meal, street dance, softball leagues and volleyball tournament, swim meet and a car show.

### **Demolition Derby • September**

Demolition Derby

### **Winter Festival • December**

Tree lighting with visit & pictures with Santa, children's crafts, along with hot cocoa and kettle corn served, and a soup & sandwich supper.



# Tax Structure

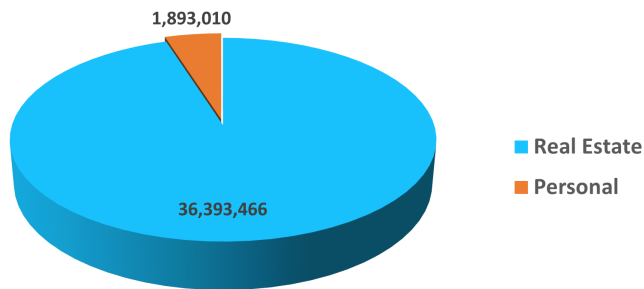
## Nebraska Tax Incentives

Nebraska's performance-based tax incentive programs demonstrate the state's commitment to creating a favorable business environment for your business expansion or location. Known collectively as the "ImagiNE Nebraska," this multi tiered program provides

investment credits, wage credits, sales tax refunds based on investment and job creation in Nebraska. Qualified companies, large and small, can take advantage of these benefits.

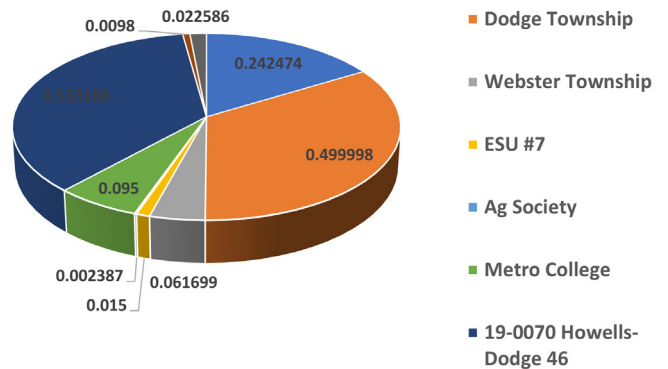
Contact the Nebraska Department of Economic Development at 800-426 6505, or for more information on the qualifications and potential benefits available to your company, visit [opportunity.nebraska.gov](http://opportunity.nebraska.gov).

### 2023 ACTUAL VALUATION DODGE



**TOTAL**  
\$38,286,476

### 2023 TAX RATES DODGE



**TOTAL**  
\$1.482132  
*dollars and cents  
per \$100 of actual value*





United States Post Office - Dodge

# Local Government

The Village of Dodge is governed by a Board of Trustees. Board of Trustees are elected at large for four-year terms and village clerk/treasurer is appointed by the chairman of the board for a one-year term.

Dodge County has 14 townships and is governed by a seven-member Board of Supervisors, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. Dodge County belongs to the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District with 16 other counties.

## Fire & Rescue

Fire protection is provided to the village by a 20-member volunteer fire department.

The department responds to 911 medical emergencies with a full-equipped rescue squad. A second unit is available for non-emergency transports.

The Rural Fire District provides protection to areas outside the community and responds to mutual aid calls with area communities.

Dodge has one fire station and 49 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 7; outside it is 7X. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the

past three years averaged \$50,000.

## Law Enforcement

The Dodge/Snyder Police Department employs two part-time officers. The patrol division equipment consists of one patrol car. Annual expenditures for police protection for the last three years average \$80,000.

## Sheriff

The Dodge County Sheriff's Department has 18 sworn officers, six dispatchers; and four support personnel.

## State Patrol

Troop A of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Omaha, 71 miles southeast of Dodge.

For more information on Dodge's local government, visit [dodgenebraska.us](http://dodgenebraska.us).

## Streets

Dodge has 18.6 miles of streets hard-surfaced with concrete. There are no local load restrictions in Dodge. Ninety-seven percent of the streets have curbs and 80 percent have sidewalks.

## Building Regulations

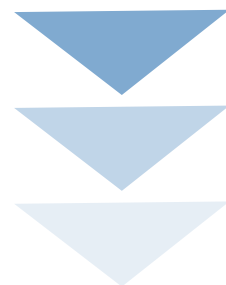
The International Building Code, Residential Code, and Maintenance Code are enforced within the village of Dodge.

## Planning

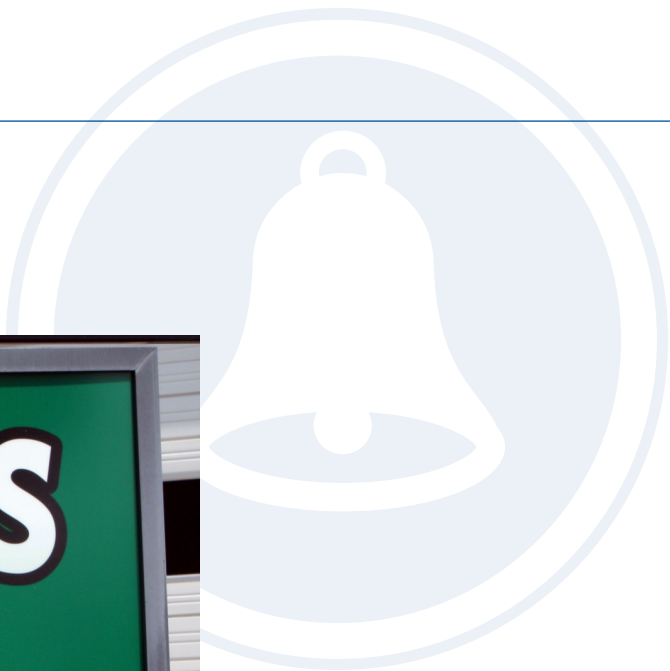
The Planning Commission consists of five members and one alternate member.

2023 CRIME RATES		
Per 1,000 Population	VIOLENT CRIMES	PROPERTY CRIMES
NEBRASKA	0.57	4.75
DODGE COUNTY	0.10	0.71

Source: [ucr.fbi.gov](http://ucr.fbi.gov)



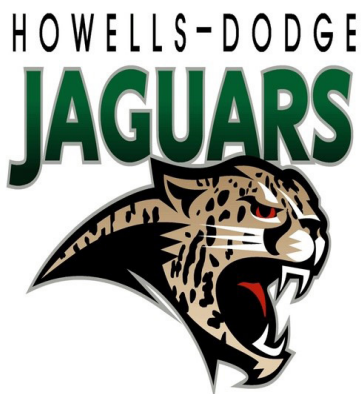
# Education



## 2022-23 ACT SCORES

	COMPOSITE
HOWELLS-DODGE CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL	19.3
NEBRASKA	18.7
NATIONAL	19.5

Source: Nebraska Department of Education



### Howells-Dodge Consolidated Schools

School District No. 70 in Dodge, Colfax, Cuming and Stanton Counties covers 100 square miles and has a 2023-2024 actual valuation of \$862,925,549 with an actual valuation per student of \$3,437,950. This Class 3 school is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education.

The 2022-2023 school operation expenses totaled \$4,980,000, with an average cost per pupil of \$22,341

Bus services are provided between the communities. For more information, visit [howellsdodgeschools.org](http://howellsdodgeschools.org).

### Parochial School

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School is a preschool through sixth grade elementary school fully approved by the State of Nebraska utilizing a strong Archdiocesan Curriculum.

The mission of St. Wenceslaus Catholic School is to facilitate the teaching/ learning process so that students become responsible, life-long learners, faithful to the Gospel values, active members of the Catholic Church, and globally minded citizens in American Society. For more information, visit [stwenc.org](http://stwenc.org).



St. Wenceslaus Catholic School



## Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 7 (ESU), headquartered in Fremont, serves four counties including Dodge County. ESU 7 provides special education at the request of member school districts. Additional services include professional development training for educators, media and technology support, financial and administrative services. For more information regarding services, visit [esu7.org](http://esu7.org).

## Higher Education

An abundance of public colleges and universities are available in Nebraska. There are also a number of community colleges as well as private colleges and trade schools. A large number of degree programs are available and some institutions offer courses and workshops specially tailored to meet specific training needs of industry, education, and business.

Several of Nebraska's universities are ranked as national leaders at making quality education affordable.

### Colleges and Universities frequently attended by

- Northeast Community College  
Norfolk, NE, 47 miles away
- Midland University  
Fremont, NE, 35 miles away
- Central Community College  
Columbus, NE, 43 miles away
- Wayne State College  
Wayne, NE, 48 miles away
- Concordia University  
Seward, NE, 70 miles away
- Nebraska Wesleyan University/  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln/  
Southeast Community College  
Lincoln, NE, 75 miles away



Howells-Dodge Public Schools



Howells-Dodge Elementary School

## SCHOOL NAME SCHOOLS

	STUDENTS	TEACHER/PUPIL RATIO	COMPUTER/PUPIL RATIO
PRESCHOOL (2 SESSIONS - AM & PM) HOWELLS, NE	24	1:12	1:1
ELEMENTARY (PRE-K-6), DODGE, NE	128	1:14	1:1
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL (7-8), HOWELLS, NE	49	1:12	1:1
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (9-12), HOWELLS, NE	89	1:17	1:1



# Quality of Life

## Hospital

The **Methodist Fremont Health Center (MFHC)** was built in 2002 in Fremont. The facility, located 35 miles southeast of Dodge, is a 262-bed health care facility, includes 100 hospital bed private rooms. There are more than 60 physicians on the Courtesy/ Consulting staff. MFHC employs over 800 individuals in various professional and support staff positions. For more information, visit [bestcare.org/locations/methodist-fremont-health](http://bestcare.org/locations/methodist-fremont-health).

This nonprofit hospital offers a full range of primary care service, including cardiovascular care, care for women, center for wound healing, family,

infectious disease, travel medicine, internal medicine, orthopedics and sports medicine, surgery center, and surgical group.

Specialty clinics at the hospital include cancer care, heart and vascular imaging, radiology, orthopedic surgery, rehabilitation and physical therapy, wellness, women's health, A.J. Merrick Manor, behavioral medicine, back and spine, diabetes, diet/nutrition services, emergency, home health care, hospice, laboratory services, mental health services, nephrology outpatient services, prostate center, senior care, sleep disorders, speakers bureau, sports medicine, stroke, surgery services, and urology.

**Franciscan Healthcare** is a private hospital located in West Point, 20 miles northeast of Dodge. The hospital provides acute care and in-and-out patient services.

Special clinics at the hospital include pain management, cardiology, psychiatry, OB/GYN, ENT, neurosurgery, orthopedic, nephrology, neurology, vascular surgery, radiation, oncology, general surgery, podiatry, ophthalmology, urology, and pulmonology.

Business health and wellness, emergency services, laboratory, occupational therapy, patient care, radiology, speech therapy, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, home health/hospice/personal care, obstetrical and newborn care, oncology, physical therapy, respiratory, surgery and anesthesia are provided at Franciscan Healthcare in West Point. For more information, visit [franhealth.org](http://franhealth.org).

**CHI Health** in Schuyler, is 28 miles southwest of Dodge. For more information, visit [chihealth.com/locations/chi-health-schuyler](http://chihealth.com/locations/chi-health-schuyler)

## Clinics

**Dodge Dental Office**, uses state-of-the-art equipment to serve their customers.

## Nursing Homes

- Colonial Haven - Beemer
- Hillside Villa - West Point
- St. Joseph's - West Point

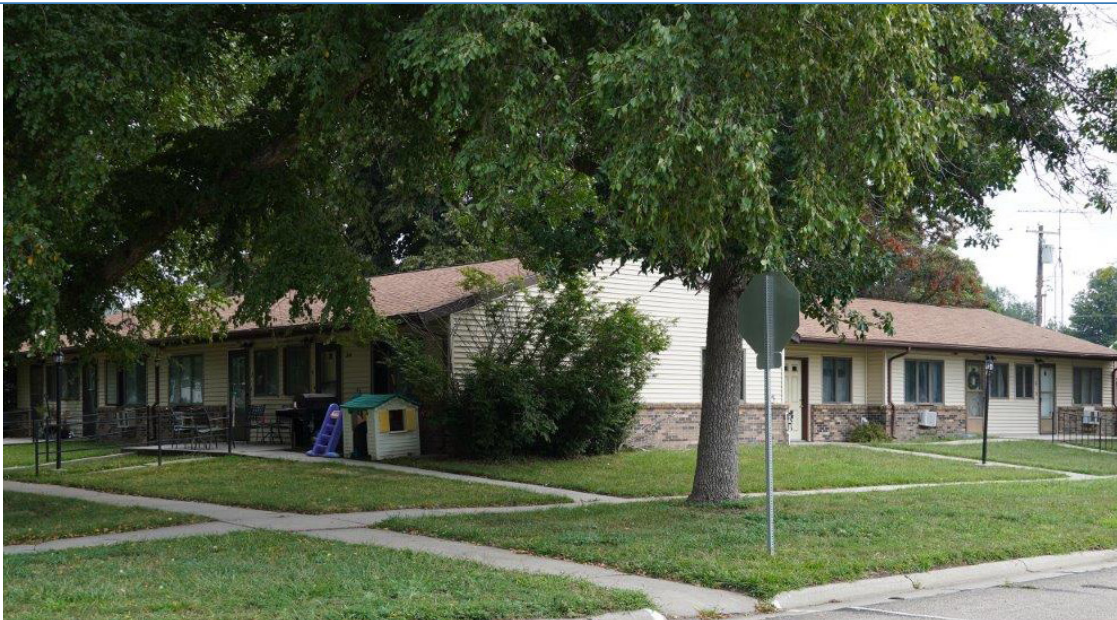
## Low Cost/Retirement Housing

**Dodge Community Housing** is a 16-unit facility.

**Schnoor Rentals** is a privately owned six-unit, housing facility.

## Churches Denomination

- Catholic - St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church



Schnoor Rentals

### Financial Institutions

Nebraska Bank is located in Dodge. Chartered in 1889 in Dodge, Nebraska, formerly Farmers State Bank is a full service bank servicing Nebraska through nine locations. In addition to Dodge, we have locations in Bridgeport, Alliance, Hemingford, Chadron, Spencer, Atkinson, Carroll and Hickman. We are proud to offer banking services including home loans to Dodge and surrounding communities. Nebraska Bank employees volunteer locally and the bank provides financial support throughout the area.

### Library

Proudly serving Dodge and the surrounding area, the John Rogers Memorial Library has over 13 thousand materials, including books, DVD's, games, magazines, graphic novels, comics and more. The library has 6 computers for public use, free Wi-Fi, printers, copiers, laminators, fax machine, microfilm readers, Cricut machine, and many more free devices and programs for public use. The library holds many programs and classes for all ages, such as, summer reading program, Thursday after school programs, winter reading program and a variety of classes on everything from sourdough to plants to how to change a tire. The library hosts books clubs for youth and adults, both meeting monthly. Stop by the Library and “check us out”, you might be surprised at what you find!

### Recreation

There are three parks in Dodge covering 37 acres. The **Dodge City Park** has a swimming pool, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, picnic area, camping area, and playground equipment. Playground equipment is also located at the schools. Summer recreation programs in Dodge include girls softball (to age 18), boys baseball (through high school) and town team; co-ed sand volleyball; co-ed softball; Dodge Days sand volleyball; softball tournament; and swim meet. Other recreation programs include women’s volleyball and men’s winter basketball.



Dodge Fire & Rescue

# Nebraska's Rank Among States

- 1ST** Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2023  
Great Northern Bean Production, 2023  
Beef and Veal exports, 2023  
Harvested cropland acres, irrigated, 2022  
Cash receipts per capita, 2022
- 2ND** All cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2024  
All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2024  
Ethanol production, 2023  
Commercial red meat production, 2023  
Pinto bean production, 2023  
Proso millet production, 2023  
No-till cropland acres, 2022  
Bison, 2022  
Popcorn Production, 2022  
Commercial red meat production, 2021
- 3RD** Corn for grain production, 2023  
Cash Receipts from All Farm Commodities, 2022  
Corn Exports, 2022
- 4TH** Beef Cows, Jan. 1, 2024  
Dry edible pea production, 2023  
Light red kidney bean production, 2023  
All hay production, 2023  
Land in Farms and Ranches, 2023  
Cash receipts from all crops, 2022  
Total animal products exports, 2022  
Cover crop acres, 2022  
Cash receipts from all livestock and products, 2022  
All dry edible bean production, 2022
- 5TH** Sugarbeet production, 2023  
Grain sorghum production, 2023  
Sunflower production, 2023  
Alfalfa hay production, 2023  
Soybean Exports, 2022  
Agricultural exports, 2022  
Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, 2021
- 6TH** Commercial hog slaughter, 2023  
All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2023  
Soybean production, 2023  
Harvest cropland acres, 2022  
Sugar beet production, 2022

Source: Nebraska Department of Agriculture - USDA, NASS, NFO, and NBA



# Agriculture

In 2023, Nebraska ranked first among the states in beef and beef product exports; third in corn exports and grain production. Nebraska's farms and ranches utilized 44 million acres or 89 percent of the state's total land area. Cash receipts from farm markets in 2022 contributed more than \$31.6 billion to the state's economy. Of that 52 percent originated from livestock and 48 percent from crops.

Nebraska's farms and ranches utilize 44 million acres, 89.4 percent of the state's total land area.

Sources: Nebraska Agriculture Rankings - USDA ERS, USDA, NASS; Food Processing Status - Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

## Groundwater

One of Nebraska's most vital natural resources is its massive supply of groundwater. The High Plains Aquifer, also commonly referred to as the **Ogallala Aquifer**, stretches through parts of eight states, but its most abundant water resource is located in nearly two-thirds of Nebraska. This groundwater availability has been essential to the success of agriculture in the state.

Center pivot irrigation is the most common method of providing water to row crops in the state, and as a result, four of the largest manufacturers of center pivot systems in the world are located in Nebraska. Nebraska has more than 100,000 registered irrigation wells.





## Surface Water

Nebraska's surface water resources are surprisingly extensive, including approximately 18,000 miles of continuously flowing rivers and streams and about 430 square miles of lakes.

Surface water is predominantly used by grazing livestock as its source drinking water.

An accessible water supply also is vital to Nebraska's livestock and dairy production.

The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources maintains responsibility for administration of surface water rights. In locations where groundwater and surface water are connected, the responsibility is shared among the NRDs and the state for achieving a sustainable balance between water supplies and water use.

## 2022 STATISTICS

	DOGUDGE COUNTY	NEBRASKA
NUMBER OF FARMS	694	44,479
LAND IN FARMS acres	337,094	43,975,693
AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS acres	486	989
MARKET VALUE per year	\$3,648,890	\$3,397,806
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD	\$459,623	\$29,413,806
TOTAL ACRES IRRIGATED	11,233	7,965,938
PERCENT OF FARMLAND IRRIGATED	.03%	18.1%

Source: 2022 Census of Agriculture

## PRODUCTION OF LEADING CROPS

5 year average - 2019-2023

	DODGE COUNTY	NEBRASKA
CORN FOR GRAIN bushels	26,806,400	1,707,112,000
SOYBEANS bushels	6,542,200	295,376,000

Source: 2017 Census of Agriculture

## AVERAGE LIVESTOCK POPULATION

5 year average - 2020-2024

	DODGE COUNTY	NEBRASKA
ALL CATTLE	42,500	1,846,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service



Cooperative Supply



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# Climate

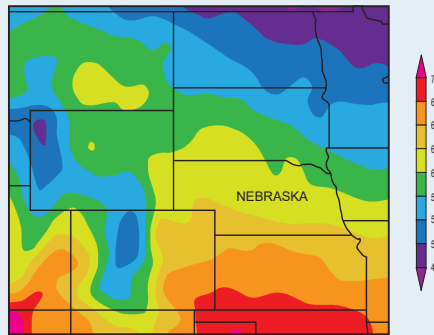
## Four Distinct Seasons

Nebraska has a continental climate, with hot summers and cold winters. Temperatures are highly variable from season to season and year to year. The majority of the state has an average annual maximum temperature of 60°F to 65°F with average annual minimum temperatures in the 30°F to 40°F range. State temperature records are -47°F and 118°F. The average number of days in excess of 100°F range from 5 (northeast) to 11 (southwest) with most of the state between 6 and 9 days. Minimum temperatures below zero occur on average 7 days per year in southeast Nebraska to 20 days in north-central Nebraska.

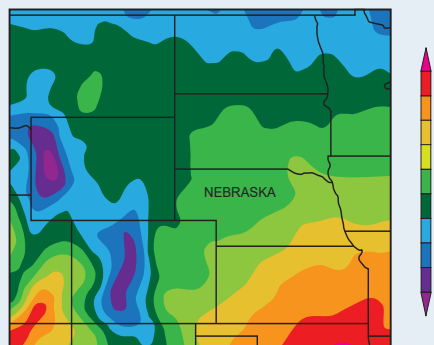
## Precipitation

Precipitation is also variable and ranges from an annual average of 15 to 20 inches in the west to 30 to 35 inches in southeast Nebraska. Approximately 75 percent of the precipitation falls as rain from April to September. Annual average snowfall ranges from 20 inches in the southeast to 50 inches in the northwest. Snowfall usually increases during late winter and reaches a maximum in March

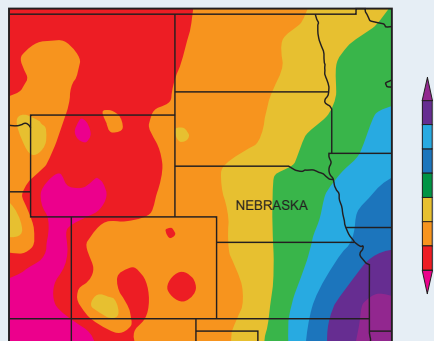
Annual Maximum Temperature (F)



Annual Minimum Temperature (F)

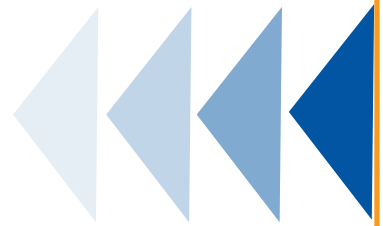


Annual Precipitation (inches)



Based on 30-year, climate normals 1981–2010 data from the High Plains Climate Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Source: [www.hprcc.unl.edu](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu)



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