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COMMUNITY GUIDE
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Hartington
Recipient of the 2014 Governor’s
Showcase Community Award

A few of Hartington’s accomplishments 2009-2014

Westfield Acres
New Housing Development—2010
(12 of 19 Lots Currently Sold)

New Firhall
Currently Under Construction

Cobblestone Inn & Suites (2013)
Project by local investors
Includes 29 rooms, meeting room, weight room, lounge area,

Downtown Street Improvement Project
Completed 2013

Hartko — 2009-2014
Includes New Office Building & Fiber Optic Cable To Every Home, Business, And Farm Throughout Their Service Area

TrailManor
Manufacturing — 2011

Cedar County Courthouse
Addition 2009

Town Hall Meetings
An Integral Part of Community Development

“This IS community development at its finest.”
Judge’s Comments
The following pages contain basic information about Hartington, Nebraska. This information was compiled by the City of Hartington, Hartington Community Development Corporation, Hartington Chamber of Commerce, and Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community development and quality of life.

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**ABOUT Hartington, Nebraska**

“A Great Place to Call Home!”

Hartington is located in the rolling hills of northeast Nebraska. Hartington is the county seat of Cedar County and is a county wide hub for retail, industrial, and professional businesses and services. The area’s basic economic activities include agriculture, manufacturing, and retail businesses. The community is very progressive in keeping up with the latest infrastructure and telecommunications advancements offering fiber to every home and business in Hartington with 100 mbps available.

Hartington is known for its continued aggressiveness in developing local entrepreneurial business and industry, which in turn has provided stability to the community.

In 2014 Hartington was the recipient of the Governor’s Showcase Community Award! This was a huge accomplishment for the community as it was given on behalf of the community and economic development accomplishments. As one of the judge’s commented, “This is community development at its finest.”

In November 2015, the Hartington community was again recognized as an Economic Development Certified Community by the Nebraska Diplomats and the State of Nebraska.

*A Community with Pride & Purpose –  
Dedicated to a high quality of life, prosperity, and growth.*

**2014 U.S. Census Population**

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Location

Hartington, the county seat of Cedar County, is located near Nebraska’s “North Shore” in the northeast corner of Nebraska. The northern border of the county is created by the Missouri River, which separates Nebraska from South Dakota.

State Highways 57 and 84 intersect in the community. U.S. Highway 81, located nine miles west of Hartington, is a vital transportation link for the community. Hartington is located 25 miles from Yankton and Vermillion, South Dakota; 57 miles west of Sioux City, Iowa; 98 miles southwest of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and 148 miles northwest of Omaha, Nebraska.

Elevation

Hartington is 1,340 feet above sea level.
Firms with retail sales tax permits in Hartington reported 2014 net taxable retail sales of $47,065,358, while Cedar County reported retail sales of $73,062,052.

The community of Hartington’s leaders, volunteers, and businesses are always looking to partner with other organizations in utilizing resources to improve and grow our community, county, and region. Here are a few of the many projects and expansions the community has undergone in the last few years.

A Downtown Revitalization CDBG Grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development was received for Phase II to assist in new infrastructure, streets, sidewalks, and historic lighting.

A Nebraska Department of Economic Development CDBG grant for the new Westfield Acres Housing Development project was received to help develop the land and associated costs. The land is owned by the Hartington Community Development Corporation. Infrastructure was in place in 2011 and the first home was constructed in 2012. In the last three years, 13 lots have been purchased and Phase II is in progress.

A JOBS Grant from the Federal Home Land Bank in Topeka, Kansas, was received to assist businesses doing facade improvements to their buildings in an effort to draw more people to our community to visit and shop. To date, nine businesses have received financial assistance from this fund.

Listed below are several projects/programs that the community has accomplished in the last few years:

- New fire hall was built in 2014 for the fire trucks and ambulances. The building is 80 feet x 200 feet and has seven overhead doors. There is also a meeting room, conference room, and offices.

- Cobblestone Inn and Suites Hotel is a new 28-room hotel with a meeting room that will accommodate 50 people.

- Hartington Water Quality and Flood Protection Project - Total project cost is $1 million plus for flood protection and to prevent serious damage of infrastructure to existing structures.

- The Hartington Community Development Corporation purchased 15.2 acres in 2015 for an expanded Industrial Park. The Economic Development Board is developing future plans for attracting new and expanding businesses.

- Hartelco deployed 30 miles of fiber optic cable to serve every home, business, and farm in the Hartington area and throughout their service area with high-speed broadband. This will help to maintain businesses and encourage new businesses and families to move to our community.

- In November 2015 Hartington was again recognized as an Economic Development Certified Community by the Nebraska Diplomats and the State of Nebraska. This certification process ensures that communities are “prospect ready” and are able to respond to economic development projects in a prompt and efficient manner to expand our community, region, and State of Nebraska.

**Economic Development Organizations**

The Hartington City Council, Hartington Chamber of Commerce, and Hartington Community Development Corp. combine their efforts for economic development in the community.

Hartington Community Development, Inc., a non-profit corporation, is comprised of 133 members. The corporation funds are derived from membership dues, real estate sales, agricultural land rental, and city sales tax (LB 840).

A one percent city sales tax was passed in May 2007, which allows assistance for existing and future economic development.

Approximately 65 acres of land in and adjacent to the community are zoned for industry. The price of industrially zoned land ranges from $1,500 to $15,000 per acre.
### Hartington's Top Ten Manufacturing Employers

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### Hartington's Top Ten Nonmanufacturing Employers

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**Hydraulic Components, Inc.**

**Gerhold Concrete**
Available Industrial Site
Hartington, Nebraska
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30 +/- Acres
(in 140-Acre Park, +15.2 Acres of Expanded Industrial Park)

Population

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*Cedar County and contiguous counties

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This information was received from sources whom we deem reliable; however, we do not guarantee accuracy. Prospective buyers should carefully verify all information.
### Hartington, Nebraska

#### Site Description

**Location**
Immediately southwest of city limits at the junction of Nebraska Highways 57 and 84

**Size**
30+/- acres available in 140-acre park; 15.2 acres (North of Highway 84) newly acquired Industrial Park, under development

**Characteristics**
Rolling to the north and east, hills on the south and west; sandy clay to lean clay soil; 1,340' above sea level, water table is 80' to 100'; outside the 100-year floodplain

**Zoning**
Industrial

**Present Use**
Agriculture, commercial, and industrial

**Protective Services**
Fire insurance classification is 8, 2 miles to 30-member volunteer fire department; 24-hour police patrol is provided, police station is 2 miles from building

#### Utilities

**Electricity**
Nebraska Public Power District; 12,470 volts on site, dual feed is available from one substation

**Natural Gas**
SourceGas, Inc.; 2" and 4" mains, 60 lbs. pressure; on site

**Water**
City of Hartington; 10" main, 60 lbs. pressure on site; 375+ gal. flow per minute; 500,000 gal. elevated storage on site

**Sanitary Sewer**
City of Hartington; 8" main on site; activated sludge treatment plant with rated capacity of 0.195 mgd and a peak demand of 0.125 mgd

**Telecommunications**
Hartelco; digital central office, one mile from site, high speed, broadband served via fiber optics, 100 mbps available

#### Transportation

**Highways**
Nebraska Highways 57 and 84 abut site; Interstate 29 is 60 miles east, bus service is 50 miles from Hartington

**Railroads**
None

**Air Service**
Hartington Municipal Airport, Bud Becker Field; 4,000’ hard-surfaced and lighted runway, hard-surfaced taxi-way

**Nearest Commercial Air Service**
Sioux Gateway Airport; Sioux City, IA, 57 miles (83 minutes)

**Air Service**
Eppley Airfield; Omaha, NE, 148 miles (167 minutes)

#### Other

**Owner**
Hartington Community Development, Inc.

**Sale Price**
$4,000 to $30,000 per acre

**2015 Tax Rate**
$0.737191 per $100 of actual value; County $0.181111, School $0.420174, Other $0.135906

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Unionization

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution. In 2012, 6.0 percent of Nebraska’s wage and salary workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 11.3 percent.

Local Labor Unions

Hartington-Newcastle Public Schools - Hartington Education Association

Fringe Benefits

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range from 25 to 33 percent of wages.
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. The nearest One-Stop Career Center is located in Norfolk, 50 miles southwest of Hartington.

To learn more about these and other services, visit neworks.nebraska.gov.
Market Access

Highways

Nebraska Highways 84 (east-west) and 57 (north-south) intersect in Hartington. There are no local load restrictions on these highways. U.S. Highway 81 is 9 miles west, Interstate 29 is 85 miles north, and Interstate 80 is 150 miles south of Hartington.

Trucklines

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

Local trucking companies include Kathol Trucking, Kleinschmidt Trucking, and Fischer Bros. Trucking.

The following trucking map is based on Columbus, Nebraska, 94 miles southwest of Hartington.

Air

The Hartington Municipal Airport, located one mile from Hartington, has a 3,950-foot lighted concrete runway and a 2,150-foot grass runway. Facilities available include an administration building, hangars, tie-downs, aviation fuel, rental cars, maintenance, and telephone service. Charter service is available upon request. Twenty private planes are based at this airport. The elevation is 1,388 feet, the latitude is 42-36N and the longitude is 097-15W.

Bus Lines

Cedar County Handibus provides weekly transportation for the elderly and handicapped to Norfolk, Nebraska; Sioux City, Iowa; and Yankton, South Dakota.

Arrow Stage Lines serves Norfolk, 50 miles south of Hartington.

Rail

The nearest rail service is provided by the Northeast Railroad at Beldon, 16 miles southeast of Hartington.

Nearest Commercial Air Service

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Water

Barge service is not available near Hartington.

Pipeline

TransCanada Keystone Pipeline transports crude oil from Canada to Illinois and Oklahoma. The Nebraska line is located four miles west of Hartington.
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 claims industrial rates well below the national average. Nebraska electric utilities are able to offer low rates, in part, because they draw from a balanced and efficient “mix” of generation resources. This mix includes coal, natural gas, oil, diesel, and methane along with carbon-free generation, like nuclear power, wind power, and hydropower.

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) is the state’s largest electric generating utility in terms of chartered territory, which includes all or parts of 86 of Nebraska’s 93 counties. NPPD relies upon nine major generating facilities, more than 5,000 miles of high-voltage power lines, approximately 260 substations, and thousands more miles of distribution lines. Because the system is interconnected to electrical grids in other states, NPPD works with regional utilities and industry entities to ensure power is delivered safely and dependably to Nebraskans.

NPPD has a new wholesale Economic Development Rate (EDR) for qualifying projects. To be eligible for the new, low EDR, a project must be a customer of NPPD’s Retail Division or an NPPD wholesale customer, generate a new or additional electric load of at least one megawatt, have a minimum monthly load demand factor of 60 percent, and end-use customer enters into a written agreement with the State or any political subdivision to provide an economic development project pursuant to state or local law.

NPPD is the state’s leader in generating electricity with renewable resources. NPPD owns and operates three hydropower facilities and a 36-turbine, 60-megawatt wind energy facility. NPPD has invested millions in the state’s development of wind power during the past 13 years. Knowing that it would be more economical for ratepayers, NPPD recently signed 20-year, multi-million-dollar agreements with private wind developers to purchase power generated from community-based, wind-powered generation facilities. In addition, NPPD continues to explore other opportunities to add more wind power to its generation portfolio in the next ten years.

With a proven not-for-profit power system, strong infrastructure, a commitment to renewable energy, and a plan for meeting customers’ needs well into the future, Nebraska’s public power utilities help make Nebraska an excellent location for industries.

Natural gas in Nebraska is also attractive to industry for service, supply, and price. A gas-producing state, Nebraska is close and well-connected by pipeline to the major gas fields of the central and southern plains. The state’s average cost of industrial gas is less than both the regional and national averages.

The pipelines of two major companies, Northern Natural Gas and Kinder Morgan, provide an ample supply of natural gas to most areas of Nebraska. Depending on usage requirements, natural gas is offered both on a “firm” and “interruptible” basis.

NPPD’s Sources of Energy - 2014

(Native Load + Nonfirm Sales)

- Hydro 5.5%
- Gas & Oil 1.1%
- Coal 51.7%
- Wind 6.5%
- Nuclear 29.9%
- Purchases 5.5%
- * Hydro includes WAPA

Carbon Free Resources 58.3%
Nebraska’s Energy Costs Are Among The Lowest In The Nation

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Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2013 Annual

Hartington Utilities

Electricity

Hartington is provided retail electric service by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). Service is supplied by a 69 kV substation with two incoming feeds at 69 kV and two outgoing feeds at a voltage of 7.2 kV. A 6.25 MW transformer supplies the community. These substations are tied into the statewide grid system.

The 27-turbine Elkhorn Ridge Wind Farm, located northwest of Bloomfield, began commercial operation in March 2009. NPPD has a power purchase agreement in place with the facility owner and operator, Edison Mission Group. Each turbine has a maximum capacity of three megawatts for a total of 81 megawatts. NPPD purchases 41 megawatts of electricity and sells the remainder to other Nebraska utilities.

The 22-turbine Crofton Bluffs Wind Farm, located southwest of Crofton, 23 miles northwest of Hartington. Commercial operation began in November 2012. Total capacity for the farm is 42 megawatts, generating energy through two, 3-megawatt turbines and 20, 1.8-megawatt turbines. NPPD has a power purchase agreement with Edison Mission Group, which owns and operates the farm. NPPD uses approximately half of the output, with three other Nebraska utilities purchasing the remainder.

Base Electric Rates (effective 1/1/13)

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

Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.

All rates are subject to application of a Production Cost Adjustment (PCA) and Base Rate adjustments. All minimum billings include the customer charge.
High Tension Service and General Service Demand rates are subject to various adders and discounts depending upon the customer’s requirements, metering, etc.

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

Prospective customers should contact Nebraska Public Power District, (877) 275-6773, www.nppd.com, for further information regarding electric rates and service.

The Cedar-Knox Public Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves the rural area surrounding Hartington. For information regarding electrical services in the Cedar-Knox Rural Public Power District service area, contact Daniel Leise, manager, Hartington, Nebraska, (402) 254-6290, dleise@hartel.net, www.cedarknoxppd.com.

Natural gas is supplied to Hartington by SourceGas Distribution, LLC, through a four-inch transmission pipeline with an operating pressure of approximately 800 pounds per square inch.

SourceGas is the retail distributor of natural gas within the community, serving approximately 735 residential and commercial customers.

Natural gas is available for residential and commercial uses. Availability of natural gas for industrial uses is subject to individual situations. As specific requirements of an industrial prospect become available, information on gas service availability and applicable rates can be obtained from SourceGas’s Service Center at (800) 563-0012.
Other Fuels

LP Gas
LP gas is available in Hartington for residential, commercial, and industrial uses from Ferrell Gas Company and Precision Agronomy.

Oil
Oil is available in Hartington for residential, commercial, and industrial uses from Farmers Union Co-Op Gas and Oil Company and Jerry’s Service.

Water
The municipal water system in Hartington is supplied by four wells, which have an average depth of 75 feet. The system, serving the entire city, has a combined pumping capacity of 1,450 gallons per minute. The overhead storage capacity is 500,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 550,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 1,300,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 2,588,000 gallons per day. The static pressure is 75 pounds per square inch and the residual pressure is 70 pounds per square inch.

The city’s wells produce up to 650 gallons of water per minute. The water table has not changed significantly in the past five years. The quality of water in Hartington does not necessitate a water treatment plant.

Water Rates (effective 09/2010)
A $250 hook-up fee is charged for water connection along with a $100 deposit for all utilities for new resident.

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<td>First 7,500 gal.</td>
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<td>Next 8,250 gal.</td>
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<td>Minimum Bill Per Quarter:</td>
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Sewerage
Hartington has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The aerobic digester treatment plant was updated in 1995 and has a daily flow of 195,000 gallons and the average daily flow is 125,000 gallons. The historic daily peak is 278,000 gallons.

Sewer-Use Charges (effective 09/2010)
A $250 connection fee is charged for new residential, commercial, and industrial service.

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<th>Residential, Commercial &amp; Industrial</th>
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Solid Waste Disposal
Municipally owned and operated waste removal services are available in Hartington. The city has a transfer station. Wastes are hauled to a licensed landfill at Jackson, Nebraska, 46 miles southeast.

Solid Waste Removal Rates (effective 12/2007)

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<td>$30.00 per quarter for weekly pickup</td>
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<td>$120.00 per quarter for a 2 yard dumpster, one pickup per week</td>
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Recycling
A volunteer recycling program is located at the transfer station site. The city contracts with Siouxland Recovery, who provides a trailer and transportation of the recyclables to Sioux City, Iowa. The city received a grant and purchased a baler that bales cardboard, plastic, and tin.
Nebraska is the first state to be served totally by digital switching, and continues to be served by one of the nation’s most advanced telecommunications networks.

Telecommunications

Hartington is served with telecom services by Hartelco (also known as Hartington Telecommunications), with a digital central office serving all customers with fiber optic cable to their homes and businesses, and has provided telecommunication services to the Hartington area since 1905. Hartington is also the location of its home office, including installation and maintenance personnel. A digital soft-switch is equipped with the latest technology available, with online-adjustable calling features and conference bridging up to 24 people. Both phone service and broadband (high-speed Internet) service are provided by fiber optic cabling throughout the service area.

Other services offered by Hartelco include computer sales, service, network support, and professional web design.

Internet

Hartelco has provided local Internet service in Hartington since 1995. Hartelco invested $12.7 million in infrastructure, including a new building, providing fiber optics to every home and business in their exchange (this includes Hartington, Bow Valley, and the rural area) providing ultra-fast Internet (one-hundred Mbps download speeds are available).

Post Office

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

Package Delivery Service

FedEx, United Parcel Service, and the U.S. Postal Service provide package delivery services in the Hartington area.

Newspaper

The Cedar County News, the local weekly newspaper, has 2,600 subscribers. The Hartington Shopper, a local weekly shopping newspaper, has approximately 7,000 readers in northeast Nebraska. Daily papers delivered locally are the Norfolk Daily News, Omaha World-Herald, Sioux City Journal, and Yankton Press and Dakotan.
## Radio

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<td>KVSS-FM</td>
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## Television

Hartelco TV provides 150 plus channels over fiber optic cable throughout the entire Hartington area. It also has three channels dedicated to community information, high school, and community re-broadcasts, as well as Northeast Nebraska news. Current weather conditions, as well as forecasts and current radar are available 24 hours a day.

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Tax Structure

Nebraska Highlights

- Nebraska assesses income tax based upon the amount of federal taxable income
- No state property tax
- No inventory tax
- No personal property tax on intangibles
- No sales tax on:
  - raw materials when used as ingredients or component parts in manufacturing operations
  - sales of energy for processing or manufacturing purposes
  - water used exclusively in manufacturing and processing
  - qualified agricultural machinery and equipment
  - manufacturing machinery, equipment, and related services
- Sales and use tax refunds are available on qualifying air and water pollution control equipment
- Sales and use tax refunds are available on property qualifying for certain investment incentives

The Nebraska State Government is financed by an individual income tax, corporate income tax, 5.5 percent sales and use tax, corporate occupation tax, and selective excise taxes (liquor, tobacco, motor fuels, etc.). Local governments are financed primarily by property taxes, although some cities and counties collect a local option sales tax of between 0.5 and 2.0 percent.

Property taxes are levied against real and personal property by local political subdivisions such as counties, cities, school districts, fire districts, etc., to provide for local services. All real property except agricultural land is assessed at actual or market value. Agricultural land is assessed at 75 percent of actual value. Personal property is assessed at net book value. Tax rates are expressed in dollars and cents for each $100 of actual value.

Market value is determined by each county assessor through professionally accepted mass appraisal methods, which include, but are not limited to:

- Comparison with sales of real property of known or recognized value, taking into account location, zoning, current functional use, and other statutory guidelines (sales comparison approach)
- Earning capacity of the real property (income approach)
- Cost less depreciation (cost approach)

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 “Nebraska Advantage Package,” 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. For more information on the qualifications and potential benefits available to your company, contact the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, (800) 426-6505 or visit www.neded.org.
Local Bonded Indebtedness

As of 7/1/2015:
- City Revenue Bonds: $3,114,675
- City General Obligation Bonds: $1,739,530
- School District: None
- County Bonds: $707,625
Local Government

Hartington, a second-class city, has a mayor-council form of government, elected for four-year terms. The 2015–16 actual budget is $2,700,919.

Cedar County has 21 precincts and is governed by three county commissioners, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The actual county budget for 2014–15 was $18,051,138. The county belongs to the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District along with 16 other counties.

Rescue Squad

Hartington has 19 Emergency Medical Technicians including one paramedic. This volunteer group is funded by the rural fire district and city boards. The two licensed ambulances, owned by the Hartington Rural Fire District and the city of Hartington, are fully equipped with oxygen, backboards, suction, jump kits, blood pressure monitors, and defibrillators.

Law Enforcement

The city of Hartington contracts with Cedar County Sheriff’s Department for services.

Sheriff

The Cedar County Sheriff’s Department has four sworn officers and six support personnel. Equipment in the department includes enhanced 911 equipment, five patrol vehicles, and other standard equipment. Regular patrol by the sheriff’s department provides protection to all areas including industries within Cedar County.

State Patrol

Troop B of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Norfolk, 50 miles southwest of Hartington. One patrol officer is stationed in Hartington.

Fire Protection

Fire protection is provided to Hartington by two full-time fire fighters and 30 volunteer fire members; 19 members are certified emergency medical technicians and 1 is a paramedic. The Rural Fire District provides protection to areas outside the community and responds to mutual aid calls within area communities.

Hartington has one fire station and 109 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 6; outside it is 9. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged $236,676.

2013 Crime Rates (per 1,000 population)

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Source: [www.ncc.nebraska.gov](http://www.ncc.nebraska.gov)  [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)
Streets
Hartington has 16 miles of streets; 13.5 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete or asphalt. There are no local load restrictions. Eighty-five percent of the streets have curbs and eighty percent have sidewalks.

Building Regulations
The National Building, Electrical, and Plumbing Codes are recommended in Hartington.

Planning
Hartington has a nine-member planning commission. Members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council to serve three-year terms.

The Comprehensive Plan for Hartington was prepared in 2010 by JEO Consulting of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Downtown Hartington

Cedar County Courthouse
Hartington-Newcastle School District

### Type of School | Students | Teacher/Pupil Ratio | Computer/Pupil Ratio
--- | --- | --- | ---
Elementary (Pre-K–6) | 148 | 1:7 | 1:2
Jr.–Sr. High School (7–12) | 152 | 1:7 | 1:2

School District No. 14-0008 in Cedar County covers 180 square miles and has a 2015 actual valuation of $1,216,923,369, with an actual valuation per student of $3,791,038. This Class III type K–12 school is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and North Central Association.

The 2014–15 school operating expenses totaled $5,969,200, with an average cost per pupil of $17,330.

The Hartington-Newcastle Public School, built in 1973, currently houses a total enrollment (Pre-K–12) in one facility. The maximum capacity of the school is 650 students. Hartington-Newcastle Public School has 250 hook-ups for Internet accessibility.

It is estimated that 100 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 94 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and 6 percent of the seniors enter the job market or military following graduation.

Vocation/tech prep programs offered include agriculture, family and consumer science, and business. The high school established an Experience Based Career Education Program where students are involved with cooperating businesses.

Mild-moderate handicapped students are “main streamed,” i.e., integrated with their peers. Special facilities exist outside the school district for profoundly handicapped students. Facility and program costs are shared.


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Source: Nebraska Department of Education
Two schools make up the Catholic school system in Hartington, Holy Trinity Elementary and Preschool and Cedar Catholic Junior–Senior High School.

**Holy Trinity Elementary and Preschool** is accredited by the state of Nebraska and is part of the Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha. Holy Trinity Elementary and Preschool is for children four years to sixth grade. The Preschool program is intended for children four years old and the Junior Kindergarten program is intended for students who will be entering Kindergarten the following year. The 2014–15 annual tuition to attend Holy Trinity Elementary was $1,800. Scholarships and tuition assistance are available at Holy Trinity Elementary.

**Cedar Catholic Junior–Senior High School** is AdvancEd accredited and is part of the Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha. The annual tuition to attend Cedar Catholic Junior–Senior High School for grades 7–8 is $1,989 and for grades 9–12 is $2,765. Scholarships and tuition assistance are available.

Cedar Catholic High School offers a variety of both core and elective classes as well as college credit classes in the core and elective areas. College credit classes are offered through Northeast Community College, in Norfolk, 50 miles southwest and Central Community College in Columbus, 94 miles southwest of Hartington. Cedar Catholic High School students perform, on average, 3,700 hour of charitable service outside the regular school day.

Of the students that enter Cedar Catholic as seventh graders, 100 percent have graduated as seniors. One hundred percent of the graduates of Cedar Catholic pursued a college degree. On average 60 percent of the students attend a four-year college and 40 percent attend a two-year college. The class of 2015 received awards and scholarships totaling $2,350,600 to attend these colleges.

Cedar Catholic Junior–Senior High School is currently working on a $1.4 million renovation project. This project includes a new heating and cooling system, new lighting and electrical work, and technology updates.

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Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 1 (ESU), headquartered in Wakefield, serves six counties including Cedar County. Services provided to the Hartington-Newcastle Public Schools include speech therapy, audio visual, repair service, cooperative purchasing, resources (special education), and nursing.

Northeast Community College

Adult education programs are offered in the high school by Northeast Community College in Norfolk, 50 miles southwest of Hartington. The city of Hartington provides an office for the Northeast Community College Regional Coordinator who promotes programs for Cedar and Knox Counties.

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.

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<th>Colleges &amp; Universities Frequently Attended by Hartington High School Graduates</th>
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<td>Norfolk, NE Northeast Community College</td>
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<td>Vermillion, SD University of South Dakota</td>
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<td>208</td>
<td>Kearney, NE University of Nebraska at Kearney</td>
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Quality of Life

Health Care

Clinics

The Avera Medical Group Hartington Clinic is owned by the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota. The center is staffed by two physicians and three nurses.

Other medical facilities available in Hartington include an eye clinic, dental clinic, chiropractic clinic, pharmacy, and therapeutic massage.

Hospital

Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (ASHH) in Yankton, South Dakota, 25 miles northwest of Hartington, is a regional hospital and service network committed to providing quality care and improving the health of individuals and communities in 17 counties in southeastern South Dakota and northeastern Nebraska.

ASHH serves as a 257-bed regional medical center that includes 144 beds in acute care and 113 beds in comprehensive long-term care. The hospital, started by the Benedictine Sisters, is a widely recognized and respected teaching hospital. Services include: adult day services, cancer center, cardiac catherization laboratory, CT scanning/MRI, Dakota Diabetes Center, emergency center, home care, hospice, intensive/coronary care units, medical clinics, medical rehabilitation center, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy, radiology, renal dialysis unit, same day surgery, senior services, sleep disorders laboratory, speech therapy, sports medicine, rehab and wellness institute, and Women's and Children's Center.

Major medical centers are also located in Norfolk, 50 miles southwest; Sioux City, Iowa, 57 miles southeast; Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 98 miles northeast; and Omaha, Nebraska, 148 miles southeast.

Crisis Intervention Center

Haven House of Wayne operates a satellite office in Hartington providing crisis intervention and support services for domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

Rescue Squad

The Hartington Ambulance Service, with two ambulances, employs 20 part-time emergency medical technicians and 1 part-time paramedic.

The Hartington Rural Fire Department has 30 volunteer members to assist in emergencies in the 133-square miles served.

Nursing Homes

Golden Living Center
47 beds - skilled care facility

Independent /Assisted Living

Golden Living Community
18 apartments - assisted living
Library

The Hartington Public Library contains approximately 20,000 volumes of books, magazines, DVDs, and audio books and has an average annual circulation of approximately 46,000 books. The library’s computer lab is equipped with Internet access and the latest software. Laptops are available for use when the lab is busy. WiFi services are available for patron use, both on the main floor and the public meeting room.

Other library services include seasonal computer classes, regular story hour programming, movie afternoons, after school game nights, and summer reading program. Friends of the Library hosts an annual humanities program and book sale. The library has an online card catalog and offers audio and eBook subscription services. The library has a history section with microfilm newspapers for genealogy purposes. The Arlo and Anne Wirth Art Gallery is located in the upper level of the library. Displays include local and regional art exhibits on a bimonthly rotation featuring a variety of media. All school and group tours are available at no cost.

For more information about the library, visit their website at libraries.ne.gov/hartington/.
Churches

Denomination

- Catholic
- First Congregational
- Lutheran

Recreation

There are two parks in Hartington covering nine acres. The parks include many of the following amenities: swimming pool, lighted baseball field, tennis courts, sand volleyball court, shelter house, barbecue grills, picnic tables, benches, rest rooms, and a variety of playground equipment.

Additions to Felber Park include a new welcome sign, fountain with a brick courtyard, flag pole, and new arches above both park entrances.

The Felber Park baseball field received many improvements in recent years allowing Hartington to host Legion Baseball District tournaments.

Recreation programs offered are baseball, softball, soccer, swimming, volleyball, basketball, and football.
The Hartington Community Complex spanning more than 27 acres, boasts a football stadium, concession area, running track, shot and discus area, four soccer fields, a practice football field, and two baseball fields. This facility has hosted several semi-pro football games, Relay for Life, and numerous high school track meets.

The Hartington Golf Course, opened in 1949, is one of the premier golf courses in northeast Nebraska. A nine-hole grass greens course with clubhouse features a mixture of tree-lined holes over varying terrain.

### Annual Celebrations

**MARCH/ APRIL**  
Easter Egg Hunt

**JULY**  
Cedar County Fair  
*Rodeo, demolition derby, concerts, talent show, FFA and 4-H exhibits*

**NOVEMBER**  
Hartington Candlelight Christmas & Lighted Vehicle Parade  
*Business open houses, events vary each year*

Many annual fund raisers for various organizations are also held each year.
The **Senior Center** in Hartington, was established in 1969. Activities include cards, bingo, handicrafts, and occasional tours. The Senior Center provides meals-on-wheels. The center is open Monday–Friday where meals are served on-site.

The **Cedar County Historical Society**, formed in 1964, acquired a large older home for a museum and furnished it with Civil War mementoes and items from the present. A military room is complete with uniforms, guns, and supplies; and another room contains home furnishings of the era, including spinning wheels, cradles, and other items. A second building was constructed and dedicated in 1996 to house additional items, along with a log cabin moved to the site.

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Financial Institutions

- Bank of Hartington
- Cedar Security Bank
- Farmers & Merchants State Bank
- First National Bank Northeast
- Security Bank
Housing

Nine new homes were constructed in Hartington in the past three years and it is estimated four will be built in the next three years. The cost of new home construction averages $100 per square foot, or $180–$200 per square foot including the land.
With a business climate full of opportunity, Hartington continues to expand its retail choices and offers many services to its residents. The residents of Hartington have combined talent and a strong work ethic to create an ideal setting in which to work and live.

**Professional**

Attorneys ............................................................. 2  
Auctioneers.......................................................... 3  
Certified Public Accountants.............................. 1  
Medical  
  Anesthesiologists.................................................. 1  
  Chiropractors ........................................................ 1  
  Dentists.............................................................. 1  
  Family Practice Physicians .................................. 1  
  Optometrists ..................................................... 1  
  Pharmacists ..................................................... 2  
  Physical Therapists ........................................... 2  
  Physician Assistants ......................................... 2  
  Massage Therapists ............................................ 2  
  Veterinarians .................................................. 2  

**Business and Commercial**

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies ................... 1  
Advertising Agencies ......................................... 2  
Agricultural Implement Dealers ....................... 1  
Antique Shops .................................................. 1  
Apparel Stores .................................................. 1  
  Children’s ...................................................... 2  
  Combination .................................................... 2  
  Men’s ............................................................ 2  
  Women’s ........................................................ 2  
Appliance Stores ................................................ 3  
Auto Body Repair & Services ........................... 6  
Auto Supply Parts ............................................. 3  
Automobile Dealers ............................................. 2  
Aviation Seeding & Spraying ............................ 1  
Bakeries............................................................ 2  
Banquet Facilities, Halls  
  Auditoriums & Meeting Rooms ......................... 7  
  Beauty Salons/Barber Shops .............................. 10  
  Caterers.......................................................... 2  
  Child Care Services ........................................ 7  
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    Plumbing ..................................................... 5  
    Remodeling ................................................ 7  
    Roofing ....................................................... 8  
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  Convenience Stores ......................................... 3  
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  Fuel Transport ............................................... 1  
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In 2013 Nebraska ranked fourth among the states in corn exports, third in total cash receipts from farm and ranch marketing, and fifth in agricultural exports. Nebraska’s farms and ranches utilized 45.3 million acres or 92 percent of the state’s total land area. Cash receipts from farm markets in 2013 contributed more than $23 billion to the state’s economy and 5.9 percent of the U.S. total. Food processing is the state’s largest manufacturing sector and foreign markets are important for many of the state’s manufacturers.

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

The Ogallala Aquifer underlies 174,000 square miles in parts of eight states. The Ogallala Aquifer within Nebraska contains approximately 65 percent of the water in storage in the entire aquifer. With the implementation of more efficient irrigation systems and other water management measures, the Ogallala Aquifer will remain a valuable resource in Nebraska.

Nebraska’s Natural Resource Districts (NRDs) have responsibility for managing groundwater resources. 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.

Nebraska’s Rank Among States

1st...
- Beans, Dry Edible, Great Northern, 2014
- Cattle on Feed, Jan. 2015
- Cropland, Irrigated Acres, 2012
- Popcorn, 2012
- Red Meat Production, Commercial, 2014

2nd...
- Beans, Dry Edible, Light Red Kidney, 2014
- Beans, Dry Edible, Pinto, 2014
- Bison, 2012
- Cattle and Calves, All, Jan. 2015
- Milet, Proso, 2014

3rd...
- Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings, 2013
- Corn for Grain, 2014
- Dry Edible Beans, All, 2014

4th...
- Beef Cows, All, Jan. 2015
- Land in Farms, 2014
- On Farm Grain Storage Capacity, Dec. 2014
- Off Farm Grain Storage Capacity, Dec. 2014

5th...
- Beans, Dry Edible, Black, 2014
- Sorghum for Grain, 2014
- Sorghum for Silage, 2014
- Soybeans, 2014
- Winter Wheat, 2014

6th...
- Sugarbeets, 2014
- Cropland, 2012
- Hay, All, 2014
- Hogs and Pigs, All, Dec. 2014
- Principal Crops, Harvested, 2014

7th...
- Hay, Alfalfa, 2014
- Hay, Other, 2014
- Principal Crops, Planted, 2014

8th...
- Wheat, All, 2014
- Sunflower, All, 2014

10th...
- Corn for Silage, 2014
- Potatoes, Fall, 2014

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

Cedar County ranked in the top nine counties in the state in the production of corn during the past year, in the top nine counties in the state in the production of hay, five out of the last five years; in the top four counties in the state in the production of oats, five out of the last five years; and in soybeans the top nine counties, two out of the last five years.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Raw Materials

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

Commercial forest land in Cedar County consists of 4,000 acres of elm, ash, cottonwood, oak, and hickory. This land is located along the south shore of the Missouri River.
Nebraskans enjoy four distinct seasons... spring, summer, fall, and winter

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.

Growing Season

The growing season fluctuates in length, but on average it ranges from 120 days in the extreme northwest to 170 days in the southeast. The average date of the last freeze in spring varies from April 25 in extreme southeast Nebraska to May 21 in extreme northwest. The first fall freeze typically occurs from September 20 in the extreme northwest to October 6 in the southeast part of the state.

Source: www.hprcc.unl.edu
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