

Northwest Nebraska

... a breath of fresh air



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Welcome to Northwest Nebraska, a breath of fresh air





Northwest Nebraska, a refreshing alternative to hectic urban life

Tired of the rat race? Looking for something or someplace where you can stretch out, shake off the pressures and truly relax? Northwest Nebraska is that alternative you've been looking for.



Location/Labor: Put us to work for you

Chadron is located equidistance between The Black Hills of South Dakota and the Wild Cat Hills of Western Nebraska. Our well educated, motivated work force defines the often touted midwestern work ethic. The area population is 47,905. 87 percent of our adults have a high school education, 28 per cent have a bachelor's degree or higher. These factors contribute to a high level of productivity. Located at the intersection of 2 major US highways, US 20 and US 385, Chadron is at the crossroads of access east & west as well as north & south.

Industry: Cattle ranching is king

In western Nebraska, the main crop we raise is beef. There are more cattle than people, and that proves Nebraska deserves the title of beef capital of the upper Midwest (second only to Texas in number of cattle on feed at any given time). The largest planted crop is winter wheat with 1.373 million bushels harvested a year. Hay is another important product, grown mainly by cattlemen for their own feed. Nearly 65,000 tons was put up in 2011. There are nearly 100,000 acres of grassland and forest lands managed by the US Forest Service. These are used not only for grazing, but woody biomass is taken to fuel local wood fired heating systems. Transportation is another main industry with the

Nebraska and NorthWestern short line railroad. The rail yard is the location for car repair, machinery rehabilitation and car storage.

Communications: staying connected

Chadron is served by numerous internet and communications companies. Great Plains Communications, CenturyLink and Mobius Communications are local exchange carriers. Verizon, Viaero, Mobius all provide cellular service. Internet services are provided by CenturyLink, Allo, Mobius, Action Communications, Sandhills Wireless and Great Plains Communications. DSL broadband is provided through fiber networks, cable modem systems and satellite.

Four radio stations and a weekly newspaper keep Chadron informed of important news and activities.



Health Care: the doctor will see you

Chadron Community Hospital and Health Services serves more than 15,000 residents. The 25 bed hospital was built in 2009 and features private rooms, doctor's clinic, emergency, obstetrics, chemo, laboratory, surgery physical therapy and all ancillary health care services. The clinic is staffed by 7 full time general practitioners. 15 specialists visit the clinic on a regular basis. The hospital is served by licensed ground transport, 2 helicopter services and a fixed wing airplane. There are both acute care and assisted living facilities in the community.



Education: knowledge is power

College life brings a special vibe to Chadron as over 3000 students attend Chadron State College. The 4 year public college is not only the largest employer in Chadron, it offers great educational advancement for employees, their spouses and family members. Chadron Public schools educate almost 1000 students. Low teacher to pupil ratios and high achievement create a great learning environment.





History: telling our story

Ancient and modern history abounds in the museums and interpretive sites in and around Chadron. The history of the North American Fur Trade is preserved in the internationally known Museum of the Fur Trade, complete with a reconstructed trading post operated by James Bordeaux. The history of the American Indian wars is interpreted at Fort Robinson State Historic Park with the Fort's Museum. Ancient remains of woolly mammoths, early bison and other prehistoric creatures are featured at the Trailside Museum at Ft. Robinson. Local history is uncovered at the Dawes County Historical society Museum. This collection includes a massive toy collection donated to the society in 2010. The entire commercial district has been placed on the National Register and a detailed walking tour is designed to point out the architecture and early businesses of Chadron.





Recreation: relax or whoop it up

When you are done working there's plenty of room to play. Whether it's hiking the Nebraska National forest, hunting big game, mountain biking or just exploring miles of horseback or hiking trails, outdoor recreational opportunities are endless in the region. With over 100,000 acres of public forest, grasslands and state park land, there is an activity that will appeal to anyone looking to relax or find the excitement of the great outdoors. Chadron State Park, located just 8 miles south of Chadron offers activities Memorial Day through Labor Day. Hunt, fish or just picnic with the family. It's all within an easy drive (or walk) from your back yard. The community maintains 5 public parks within the city. An extensive walking trail system winds through Chadron and Chadron State College campus. Chadron has been named a 'greener community' which means we take our trees and landscaping seriously, and the state of Nebraska recognizes that. College sports are always exciting at Chadron State College campus. Indoor options include fitness centers, bowling, 4 movie theatres, cultural and sporting activities.



Quality of life: You are welcome

If you are looking for the kind of community you remember as a child, where kids play safely on the block, Chadron is your kind of place. Plenty of daycare options, neighbors who know you (and your kids), caring friendly folks who help make you feel immediately 'at home' are all waiting to welcome you to Chadron.



Spiritual: blessings abound

Your faith family welcomes you to one of 19 different churches in Chadron. Several youth religious activities are available, local bible studies and active organizations provide the connection you look for in a fulfilling way.



Housing: feeling instantly at home

Housing options vary from single family homes to assisted living to apartments for elderly and student populations. Our local realtors can put you in a home that fits your needs. Prairie Pines, provides 20 assisted and 4 independent living apartments, activities and resident health care.