

Pender, NE Thurston County

Location

Pender is located in the extreme Northeastern corner of Nebraska at the intersection of Highways 9, 16 and 94. We are 40 minutes from Sioux City, Iowa and 90 minutes north of Omaha.



Business Climate

Pender is a growing community with opportunities in the manufacturing industry, a strong educational system, and numerous retail businesses. Home of the Thurston County Seat. We have a strong healthcare network inclusive of a dentist, chiropractor, medical clinic, hospital, and assisted living facility.

New additions in 2015 were a 10 room motel; 5 new apartments; and several new businesses.

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Demographic Information

Households

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| Total Number of Households: | 2010 |
| Average Household Size: | 444 |
| Median Household Income: | 2.18 |
| Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau | \$50,938.00 |

Educational Attainment: Population - Age 25 Plus

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| | 2010 |
| Associate Degree: | 8 % |
| Bachelor's Degree: | 13 % |
| Graduate or Professional Degree: | 7 % |

Metro Area Distances

| City | Driving Distance (miles) | Flight Time | Days by Truck | Days by Rail |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Chicago | 530 | | 1 | 3 |
| Denver | 552 | | 1 | 2 |

Labor Force Characteristics

No Data Available

Leading Employers

| | Product or Service | Employees |
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| Automatic-Blue Ox Co. | Tow Bars and Base Plates; Load Equalizer Hitch assemblies; Braking Systems; | 120 |
| Frontier Bank | Banking / Financial Institution | 20 |
| Legacy Gardens | Elder Care & Assisted Living Facility | 55 |
| NENCAP | Health & Human Services | 45 |
| Pender Community Hospital | Health & Medical Services | 120 |
| Pender Public Schools | Education | 65 |
| Thurston County | County Seat | 65 |

General Comments

In addition to the 5 manufacturing companies in Pender, Thurston County is also home to Thurston Manufacturing located just 5 minutes from Pender. These local manufacturers have organized a manufacturers group to allow them to work together for the benefit of the community and the companies.

Local Government

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| Type of Government: | Village Board of Trustees |
| Comprehensive City Plan: | Yes |
| Year Plan Completed: | 2010 |
| Strategic City Plan: | Yes |
| Year Plan Completed: | 2015 |
| City Zoning Ordinance in Effect: | Yes |
| County Zoning Ordinance in Effect: | No |
| Percent of Streets Paved: | 98.0 |

Local Government Services

Diann Ballard: Economic Development Coordinator

Utilities

Water

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| Provider Name: | City of Pender |
| Rated Capacity (mgd): | 0 |
| Average Capacity (mgd): | 0.3 |
| Peak Demand (mgd): | 0.62 |
| Storage Capacity (gallons): | 500,000 |

Sewer

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| Provider Name: | City of Pender |
| Rated Capacity (mgd): | 0.165 |
| Average Daily Demand (mgd): | 0.09 |
| Peak Demand (mgd): | 0 |

Electric

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| Provider Name: | City of Pender |
| Peak Demand (kW): | 3,350 |
| Generation Capacity (MW): | 5,330 |
| Customers Served (state): | 0 |
| Customers Served (system): | 0 |

Natural Gas

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| Provider Name: | City of Pender |
| Pipeline Source: | National Public Gas Company |
| Customers Served (state): | 0 |
| Customers Served (system): | 0 |

Telecommunications

We receive our land line telephone service through American Broadband and Century Link. There are several cell phone services available in this area with Viaero completing a tower in our Village recently.

Transportation

Interstates and Highways

Pender, Nebraska is located at the intersections of Highways 9, 16 and 94.

Motor Freight

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| Motor Carriers: | 2 |
| Local Terminals: | 2 |

Railroads

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe RR has a loading point 12 miles from Pender in the community of Walthill, Nebraska. The nearest Intermodal Services are available in Sioux City, Iowa 40 miles Northeast of Pender.

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| Piggyback Ramp Available: | No |
| Distance to Nearest Piggyback: | 40 |
| Intermodal Services Available: | No |

Airport

Pender, Nebraska is served by a local municipal airport. The elevation of the community is 1,320 feet. The airport has a 3,600 foot paved and lighted runway. There is private aircraft storage available.

The distance to the nearest commercial airport is 40 miles away in Sioux City, Iowa.

Waterway

The nearest barge service is available in Sioux City, Iowa.

Public Transportation Network

General Comments

Taxation Structure

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| Actual Valuation (2016): | \$55,016,287.00 |
| Bond Indebtedness (2016) | |
| General Obligation: | \$170,000.00 |
| Revenue: | \$0.62 |
| County: | \$0.32 |
| School: | \$0.78 |

General Comments:
Our total real property tax rate is \$1.719430 (2015 data).

Quality of Life

Commercial Services

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| Number of Hotels and Motels: | 1 |
| Number of Rooms Available: | 10 |
| Number of Conference Centers: | 0 |
| Capacity of Largest Conference Center: | 0 |

Education

Elementary and Secondary Education Overview

Pender Public Schools are consolidated with the Village of Thurston. The elementary school has a total enrollment of 236 with a Teacher/Student ratio of 1:16. The senior high has a total enrollment of 145 with a Teacher/Student ratio of 1:9.

Our enrollment is growing steadily with the past 5 years growth substantiating additional teachers being hired to maintain an adequate student/teacher ratio. We have experienced significant student growth in the past 5 years!

Higher Education Overview

Pender is 25 minutes from the Northeast Community College Campus in West Point, Nebraska. NECC is a community college offering various Associates Degrees and Certificates. Pender is 30 minutes from Wayne State College in Wayne Nebraska.

Health Facilities and Personnel

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| Number of Hospitals: | 1 |
| Total Number of Beds: | 21 |
| Number of Outpatient Clinics: | 16 |
| Number of Medical Doctors: | 6 |
| Number of Dentists: | 1 |
| Number of Registered Nurses: | 20 |
| Number of Practical Nurses: | 0 |