

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

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

	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
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

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

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

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

Electric

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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