



Ayrshire, IA

Palo Alto County

Location:

Ayrshire is an active community located in the northwest corner of Iowa. It is a wonderful place to live and a great place to visit! It is small enough to know your neighbors, but large enough to offer most everything you may need. It also offers Silver Lake as a recreation area for fishing and boating activities.



Business Climate:

Ayrshire is a small, friendly community located in Northwest Iowa, and offers its residents the best in rural living. Come visit our community and see what we have to offer.

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Demographic Information

Population

	2000	2009
Population:	202	176
Labor Market Population:	25,552	45,273

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Iowa Workforce Development Laborshed Analysis, 2004 & 2007.

Households

	2000
Total Number of Households:	89
Average Household Size:	2.27
Median Household Income:	\$27,500.00

Educational Attainment: Population - Age 25 Plus

	2000
Associate Degree:	12 %
Bachelor's Degree:	1 %
Graduate or Professional Degree:	1 %

Metro Area Distances

City	Driving Distance (miles)	Flight Time	Days by Truck	Days by Rail
Chicago	475	3 hours	1	2
Des Moines	165	45 minutes	1	1
Emmetsburg	13	10 minutes	1	1
Fort Dodge	70	20 minutes	1	1
Kansas City, MO	355	4 hours	1	2
Minneapolis/St. Paul	210	1 hour	1	1
Omaha, NE	205	1 hour	1	1
Pocahontas	30	20 minutes	1	1
Sioux Falls, SD	135	1 hour	1	1
Spencer	25	20 minutes	1	1

Labor Force Characteristics

For information, please see the Palo Alto County Laborshed Analysis at:
<http://www.paloaltoiowa.com/documents/Laborshed%202007.pdf>

The Labor Force report at www.factfinder.census.gov from the U.S.Census Bureau will reflect populaton 16 and over.

Mid Iowa Growth Partnership Labor Report can be viewed at:
http://www.midiowagrowth.com/business/labor_reports.htm

Leading Employers

	Product or Service	Employees
Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone Company	Telecommunications	2
Ayrshire Post Office	Post office	3
Ayrshire Quick Stop	Convenience store	1
Harvey Auctioneering	Auctioneering business	1
MaxYield Cooperative	Agricultural/Grain storage	87
Rouse Production	Hog confinement records	3
The Salon	Beauty salon	1

General Comments

There are no manufacturing plants located in Ayshire. The town's largest employers are Ayrshire Quick Stop and MaxYield Cooperative.

Local Government

Type of Government:	Mayor and city council
Comprehensive City Plan:	No
Year Plan Completed:	
Strategic City Plan:	No
Year Plan Completed:	
City Zoning Ordinance in Effect:	Yes
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Percent of Streets Paved:	35.0

Utilities

Water

Provider Name: City of Ayrshire
Rated Capacity (mgd): 0.065
Average Capacity (mgd): 0.025
Peak Demand (mgd): 0.04
Storage Capacity (gallons): 57,000

Sewer

Provider Name: Iowa Lakes Regional Water
Rated Capacity (mgd): 0
Average Daily Demand (mgd): 0
Peak Demand (mgd): 0

Electric

Provider Name: MidAmerican Energy
Peak Demand (kW): 5,500
Generation Capacity (MW): 4,040
Customers Served (state): 618,257
Customers Served (system): 706,440

Natural Gas

Provider Name: Private LP
Pipeline Source:
Customers Served (state): 0
Customers Served (system): 0

Telecommunications

Provider Name: Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.
Service Type: Telephone, Cable, Internet
DSL: Yes
Fiber Optics: Yes
Switch Services: yes
Customers Served (state): 304
Customers Served (system): 304

Transportation

Interstates and Highways

Two county black tops N314 and B43 intersect in Ayshire. Ayshire is within 13 miles of state Hwy. 18 and Hwy. 4

Motor Freight

Motor Carriers: 0
Local Terminals: 0

Railroads

No rail service goes through Ayshire
Piggyback Ramp Available: No
Distance to Nearest Piggyback: 180
Intermodal Services Available: No

Airport

Nearest General Aviation Airport is located in Emmetsburg, which is about 11 miles away. Pocahontas Municipal airport is about 26 miles and Estherville Municipal airport is about 26 miles from Ayshire. The nearest commercial airport is Fort Dodge Regional Airport, which is approximately 65 miles away.

Waterway

Ayshire has beautiful Silver Lake. A great lake for fishing and boating.

Public Transportation Network

There is no public transportation network in Emmetsburg.

General Comments

Ayshire is a small, rural community in the southwest area of Palo Alto County. The community is within close proximity of Highways 18 and 4, and within 1 hour's drive of Fort Dodge and Spencer.

Taxation Structure

Actual Valuation (2009):	\$1,793,715.00
Bond Indebtedness (2009)	
General Obligation:	\$ 0.00
Revenue:	\$ 0.00
County:	\$ 0.00
School:	\$ 0.00

General Comments:

Ayrshire has no bond indebtedness.

Actual valuation is \$1,696,815 without gas and electric.

Quality of Life

Religious Institutions

Churches in Ayrshire include: Sacred Heart Church, Zion Lutheran Church, and United Methodist

Housing Market

Avg. Monthly Rent for 3-Bedroom House:	\$300.00
Avg. Monthly Rent for 2-Bedroom Apartment:	\$200.00
Avg. Cost of Houses Sold in Last 2 Years:	\$24,300.00

Education

Elementary and Secondary Education Overview

Ayrshire has consolidated with the Ruthven School systems, and formed the Ruthven/Ayrshire School system which is PreK-12; Students also attend the Emmetsburg Community School District, which is composed of three buildings. There is a Pre-K-4 building, a 5-8 building and a 9-12 building. Total enrollment for the 2005-2006 school year is 702 students. The High School works very closely with Iowa Lake Community College, to provide our students with additional college opportunities.

Higher Education Overview

Iowa Lakes Community College is located 13 miles away in Emmetsburg, with campuses in Spencer and Estherville. Iowa Lakes offers a variety of classes and programs, such as liberal arts, career options, and vocational-technical training programs. A central campus is located at 3200 College Drive in Emmetsburg, Iowa.

Buena Vista University, a four year university, offers courses through their Lakes & Prairies Center in Spencer as well.

Health Facilities and Personnel

Number of Hospitals:	1
Total Number of Beds:	25
Number of Outpatient Clinics:	1
Number of Medical Doctors:	3
Number of Dentists:	4
Number of Registered Nurses:	66
Number of Practical Nurses:	10