



Emmetsburg, IA

Palo Alto County

Location:

Emmetsburg 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 located at the intersection of Highway 4 and Highway 18. It is small enough to know your neighbors, but large enough to offer almost everything you want.



Business Climate:

Emmetsburg is experiencing exciting times with the addition of the Wild Rose Casino & Resort and other new businesses! It's a great time to look at locating in Emmetsburg. For information on Emmetsburg's Business Park, visit www.emmetsburgbusinesspark.com.

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Demographic Information

Population

	2000	2007	2009
Population:	3,736	3,706	3,578
Labor Market Population:	56,989	45,273	45,273

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

Households

	2003
Total Number of Households:	2,126
Average Household Size:	2.58
Median Household Income:	\$31,520.00

Educational Attainment: Population - Age 25 Plus

	2000
Associate Degree:	23 %
Bachelor's Degree:	14 %
Graduate or Professional Degree:	9 %

Metro Area Distances

City	Driving Distance (miles)	Flight Time	Days by Truck	Days by Rail
Chicago	463	3 hours	1	1
Des Moines	162	45 min	1	1
Fort Dodge	75	25 minutes	1	1
Kansas City, MO.	355	4 hours	1	1
Mason City	75	20-25 min	1	1
Minneapolis/Des Moines	205	1	1	1
Ohama, Neb	205	1 hr	1	1
Souix Falls, SD	135	1 hour	1	1

Labor Force Characteristics

Emmetsburg has a labor force (population 16 and over) of 2,018
62.1% employment rate

For more information on the Palo Alto County Laborshed Analysis, visit:
www.paloaltoiowa.com/documents/Laborshed%202007.pdf

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

Leading Employers

	Product or Service	Employees
1. Kerber Milling Company and Subsidiaries	livestock feed	291
2. Wild Rose Casino & Resort	Casino & Resort	217
3. Palo Alto County Health System	hospital care	149
4. Iowa Lakes Community College	education services	116
5. Emmetsburg Community Schools	Education	100
6. Horizons Unlimited of Palo Alto Co.	Work Activity Center	56
7. Ag Processing, Inc	grain processing	47
8. POET Biorefining	ethanol manufacturing	42
9. KW Electric/KWS Inc.	Building and Construction	35
Agriservices of Northern Iowa (ASI)	Agricultural Products	18

General Comments

Employers will find educated and productive employees in Palo Alto County. Also Iowa Lakes Community College provides business and industry tailored training for their needs.

Palo Alto County is an Enterprise County which makes it a competitive place to locate your business. There is tax incentives for those who make an investment in the area.

2,600 individuals, out of 25,552 in the labor force, have indicated an interest in changing employment.

Local Government

Type of Government:	Council, Mayor
Comprehensive City Plan:	Yes
Year Plan Completed:	1990
Strategic City Plan:	Yes
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City Zoning Ordinance in Effect:	Yes
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Percent of Streets Paved:	90.0

Local Government Services

Emmetsburg Police Department	Police protection
Emmetsburg Public Library	Public Library
Public Properties	Street Department
Solid Waste Department	Solid Waste
Parks Department	Parks
Economic Development Director	Economic Development
Recreation Department	Parks & Recreation
Emmetsburg Fire Department	Fire Department
Dredge Department	Lake Dredging
Building Inspector	Set-backs

Utilities

Water

Provider Name:	Emmetsburg Municipal Utilities
Rated Capacity (mgd):	1.008
Average Capacity (mgd):	0.638
Peak Demand (mgd):	1.069
Storage Capacity (gallons):	750,000

Sewer

Provider Name:	Emmetsburg Municipal Utilities
Rated Capacity (mgd):	1.5
Average Daily Demand (mgd):	0.5
Peak Demand (mgd):	0.8

Electric

Provider Name:	MidAmerican Energy
Peak Demand (kW):	4,250
Generation Capacity (MW):	5,150
Customers Served (state):	630,938
Customers Served (system):	719,635

Natural Gas

Provider Name:	Emmetsburg Municipal Utilities
Pipeline Source:	Municipal
Customers Served (state):	1,650
Customers Served (system):	1,650

Telecommunications

Provider Name:	Iowa Telecom Service
Service Type:	local, long distance, and internet service
DSL:	Yes
Fiber Optics:	Yes
Switch Services:	digital
Customers Served (state):	253,600
Customers Served (system):	253,600

Transportation

Interstates and Highways

Highway 18 & Highway 4 intersect in Emmetsburg

Motor Freight

Motor Carriers:	9
Local Terminals:	2

Railroads

Union Pacific and UC & P intersect in Emmetsburg	
Piggyback Ramp Available:	No
Distance to Nearest Piggyback:	180
Intermodal Services Available:	No

Airport

Emmetsburg Municipal Airport located on the West side of Emmetsburg. The nearest commercial airport is Fort Dodge Regional Airport approximately 65 miles away. International in Des Moines, Minneapolis, or Omaha. Commute time is 3 hours.

Waterway

Five Island Lake and the Des Moines River are both in the Emmetsburg area

Public Transportation Network

Rides is a bus service that is available to residents of Emmetsburg

General Comments

Emmetsburg has rail, major highway, and airport availability. this has proven to be invaluable to our growth in industry and business

Taxation Structure

Actual Valuation (2008):	\$101,457,618.00
Bond Indebtedness (2008)	
General Obligation:	\$ 1,820,000.00
Revenue:	
County:	
School:	

General Comments:

Despite the fact that the City of Emmetsburg's total G.O. debt service payment for fiscal year 2006-2007 will be \$391,760, just \$224,300 will be financed via a property tax levy. The remaining \$167,460 will be funded with one cent local option sales tax and other non-property tax revenue. The City currently has 32.5% of its bonding capacity obligated.

Quality of Life

Commercial Services

Number of Hotels and Motels:	4
Number of Rooms Available:	180
Number of Conference Centers:	1
Capacity of Largest Conference Center:	400

Religious Institutions

The following is a list of the churches in Emmetsburg: Bethany Lutheran - 712-852-4450, Grace Baptist Church - 712-852-3933, Hope Community Chapel - 712-852-2422, First United Methodist Church - 712-852-21254, Our Saviors Lutheran - 712-852-3856, St. Paul Lutheran - 712-852-2367, and Trinity Episcopal Church -712-852-3100.

Housing Market

Avg. Monthly Rent for 3-Bedroom House:	\$450.00
Avg. Monthly Rent for 2-Bedroom Apartment:	\$350.00
Avg. Cost of Houses Sold in Last 2 Years:	\$61,700.00

Education

Elementary and Secondary Education Overview

The Emmetsburg Community School District 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 optional college opportunities. 85% of the graduating class of 2005 graduated with some college credits. Emmetsburg also offers a Catholic K-8th grade education.

Higher Education Overview

Iowa Lakes is a two-year Community College founded in 1967. It is designed to provide affordable education to the residents of Northwest Iowa and Southwest Minnesota, and it is dedicated to serving the changing needs of its' students and the communities it serves. Iowa Lakes offers a variety of classes and programs, such as liberal arts, career options, and vocational-technical training programs.

Health Facilities and Personnel

Number of Hospitals:	1
Total Number of Beds:	25
Number of Outpatient Clinics:	12
Number of Medical Doctors:	6
Number of Dentists:	3
Number of Registered Nurses:	66
Number of Practical Nurses:	10