

Hardworking & Entrepreneurial

Wahpeton, North Dakota ●

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC PROFILE

Economic Development Office

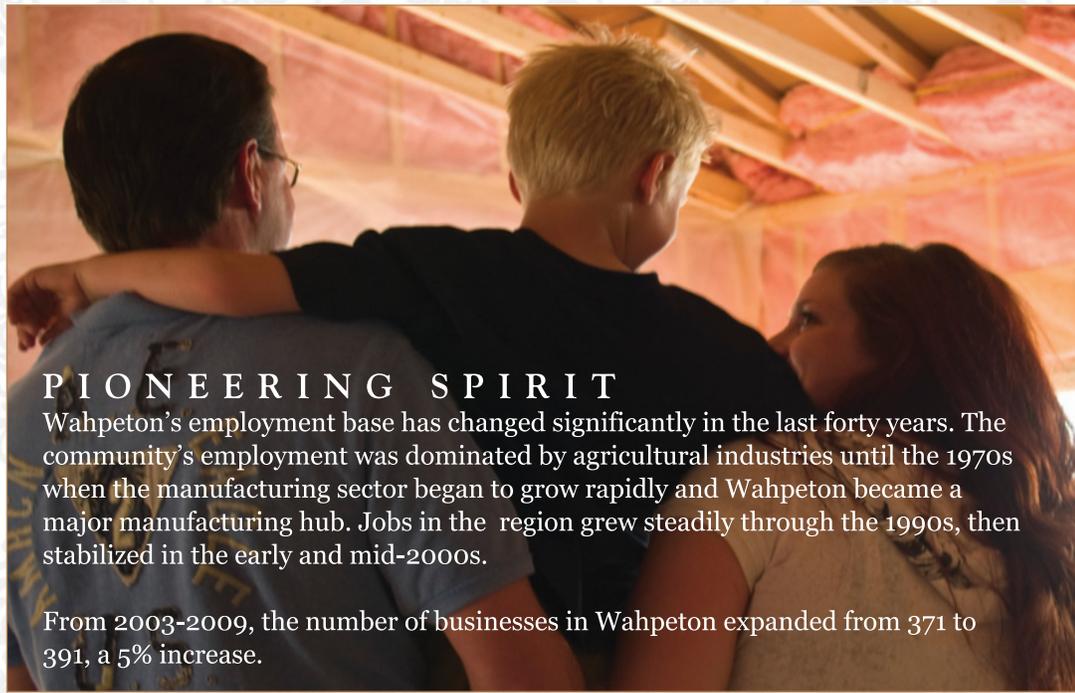
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*Wahpeton is a forward thinking
community with the prosperity,
amenities and diversity to
rival any city in the state
of North Dakota.*

WAHPETON
Welcome!

A PROMISING FUTURE



PIONEERING SPIRIT

Wahpeton's employment base has changed significantly in the last forty years. The community's employment was dominated by agricultural industries until the 1970s when the manufacturing sector began to grow rapidly and Wahpeton became a major manufacturing hub. Jobs in the region grew steadily through the 1990s, then stabilized in the early and mid-2000s.

From 2003-2009, the number of businesses in Wahpeton expanded from 371 to 391, a 5% increase.



Red Door Gallery



PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

Population	7,766
Median Age	31.7
Total Housing Units	3,588
Median Home Value.....	\$101,700
Median Rent	\$452
Average Household Size	2.22
Population that Both Lives and Works in Wahpeton	64.7%
Median Household Income	\$39,379
Avg. Price of Single Family Home Built in 2012	\$292,500

BUILDING BLOCKS

Year	Building Permits Issued	Number of Total Value
2007	168	\$ 3,176,555
2008	219	\$ 7,049,648
2009	212	\$ 7,799,735
2010	245	\$ 5,930,557
2011	249	\$ 9,298,175
2012	250	\$ 13,590,314

LAY OF THE LAND

Land area in square miles 2010	5.29
Persons per square mile, 2012	1,467.5
Counties	Richland County

HEALTHY LIVING

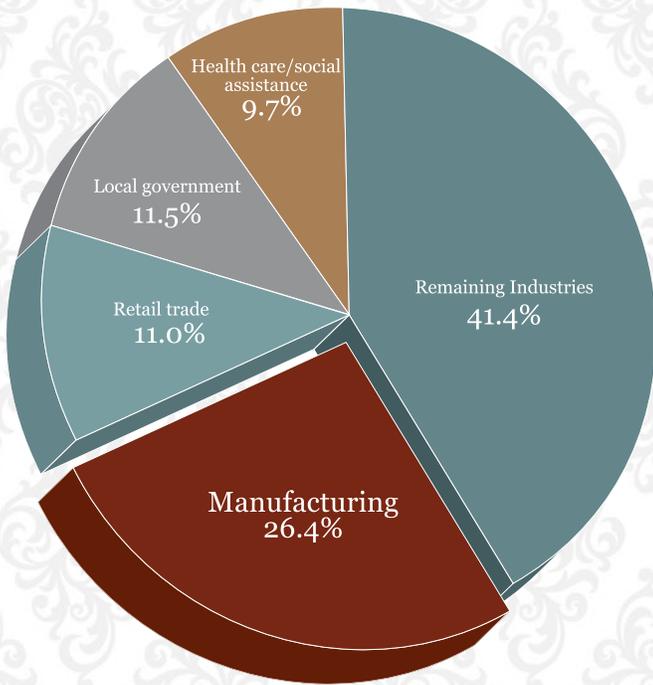
There are two clinics (*Sanford Health and Essentia Health*) located in Wahpeton and a state-of-the-art hospital, St. Francis Healthcare Campus, located just across the river in Breckenridge, MN.

WATER AVAILABILITY

Major Source	Deep Water Wells
Water Treatment Rated Capacity (<i>mgd</i>)	3.0
Average Daily Demand (<i>mgd</i>).....	1.2
Peak Demand (<i>mgd</i>)	1.9
Cost per 1000 Gallons	\$3.70
Water/Sewer Connection Fee	None
Sewer Treatment Type of Service.....	Lagoon
Rated Capacity (<i>mgd</i>).....	1.5
Average Daily Flow (<i>mgd</i>).....	1.2
Cost per 1000 Gallons	\$1.90

UTILITIES

Electricity	Otter Tail Power	701-642-6684
Natural Gas	Great Plains Natural Gas	877-267-4764
Wastewater	City of Wahpeton	701-642-8448
Water/Garbage	City of Wahpeton	701-642-8448
Phone/ISP	Centurylink	866-379-4984
	Midcontinent.....	800-888-1300
	Red River Telephone.....	701-553-8309
	702 Communications.....	701-672-5702
Cable	Centurylink	866-379-4987
	Midcontinent.....	800-888-1300



TRADITION OF TRADE OUR TOP EMPLOYERS

1. N.D. State College of Science - *Technical and Trade Schools*
2. Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative - *Beet Sugar Processing*
3. Wahpeton Public Schools - *Elementary and Secondary Schools*
4. Primewood, Inc - *Millwork and Laminate Component Industry*
5. Walmart - *Warehouse Clubs and Supercenters*
6. ComDel Innovation - *Metal Stamping, Injection Molding and Precision Tooling*
7. Red River Human Services Foundation - *Residential Facilities for Developmentally Disabled*
8. St. Catherine's Living Center - *Nursing Care Facilities*
9. WCCO Belting - *Rubber Belting Manufacturing*
10. Cargill, Inc. - *Corn Milling*
11. Richland County - *Executive and Legislative Offices, Combined*
12. Circle of Nations School - *Elementary and Secondary Schools*
13. Wil-Rich - *Farm Machinery and Equipment Manufacturing*
14. Econofoods - *Supermarkets and Grocery Stores*
15. Bobcat/Clark Equipment Company - *Hydraulics and Cylinders Manufacturing*

LABOR READY

- Manufacturing continued to be the top employing industry, accounting for 26.4% of total jobs, or 1,467 employees in the area. In addition, it posted the largest over-the-year employment growth by adding 35 new positions and was the area leader with 34.1% of total wages.
- Retail Trade accounted for 12.6% of total worksites in Wahpeton.
- The Information industry was the fastest growing industry, increasing employment by 15.2%.
- The Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industry was the highest-paying industry with an average annual wage of \$54,215. It also led all industries with the largest average annual wage growth of \$4,494.
- The Arts, Entertainment and Recreation industry reported the fastest growing average annual wages

**2011 Information from ND Job Service*

WORK CULTURE (average wages)

1. Williston	\$ 57,314
2. Beulah/Hazen.....	\$ 52,795
3. Dickinson.....	\$ 41,248
4. Fargo/West Fargo	\$ 39,716
5. Bismarck/Mandan.....	\$ 38,146
6. Grand Forks/GFAFB.....	\$ 35,720
7. Wahpeton	\$ 34,860
8. Minot/Minot AFB.....	\$ 34,319
9. Jamestown.....	\$ 32,636
10. Devils Lake	\$ 31,152
11. Valley City.....	\$ 30,192
12. Grafton.....	\$ 29,085
13. Rolla.....	\$ 25,554
Statewide Average.....	\$ 38,127

CHILDCARE FACILITIES

- **Giggles-N-Grins Drop-In Care**
116 1/2 6th Street North | 701-642-1650
- **Kidz Learning Zone**
409 6th Street South | 701-591-0312
- **St. John's Child Care Center**
115 2nd Street North | 701-642-4922
- **Tiny Tykes**
923 4th Avenue South | 701-642-8612
- **Wildcat Cubs**
117 NW College Complex, 16th Avenue North
701-671-3210

BANKING

American Federal Bank.....	701-642-8434
Bank of the West	701-642-5567
Bremer Bank.....	701-642-6403
Farm Credit Services	701-642-8557
First Community Credit Union	701-642-1734
Gate City Bank	701-671-4700
People's State Bank	701-642-2900
Bell State Bank and Trust.....	701-672-2265
US Bank	701-642-9577
Wells Fargo Bank.....	701-642-2611

For more information contact: Richland County Social Services Board at 701-642-7751 or ND Child Care Resource and Referral at 800-941-7003



Construction at St. Catherine's Living Center

The City of Wahpeton and the Wahpeton Economic Development Office strive to provide innovative resources, assist community development efforts and continually leverage the sales tax dollars collected by reinvesting those dollars back into the local economy through grants and other programs.

Wahpeton began collecting sales tax in September 1991. As of December 31, 2012, Wahpeton sales tax had generated \$21,796,932 in revenue used for flood protection, recreation, economic development and infrastructure projects.

- **Dakota Avenue Appearance Grant:** Funds are available for improving the appearance of building facades. Available to property owners within the Historic District of Dakota Avenue. This program is intended to encourage investment in Wahpeton's downtown corridor.
- **FLEX Loan Program:** Assists established and start-up businesses with interior improvements. Businesses must hold a sales tax permit and have retail sales exceeding 50% of total sales. Very low fixed interest rate.
- **H.E.L.P. (Housing Entry-Level Program):** Innovative project to assist Wahpeton residents with obtaining affordable housing. Financial incentives for R1-c zoned areas and most City-owned lots.
- **Job Development Fund:** A 4-mill levy pledged to local job creation/retention projects.
- **Mini-Match Grants:** Dollar for dollar match (up to \$5,000) for signage for Wahpeton businesses.
- **Renaissance Zone Program:** A 26-block district offering local property and state income tax incentives to qualifying taxpayers.
- **Revolving Loan Fund:** Assists Wahpeton businesses with construction costs, equipment financing and for purchasing an existing business. Low fixed interest rate. Up to a 10-year term.
- **Zero Interest Loans for Non-Profits:** Dollar for dollar matching loan for public recreation projects only. Proof of match and repayment source.

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) and Community Development Corporation (CDC) have been active in developing residential subdivisions, building speculative houses and assisting with commercial and industrial developments. In addition, the Wahpeton EDC provides financial resources for plans and studies that help prepare the city for future growth. For land availability and city-owned property info, contact the Wahpeton Economic Development Office.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT WAHPETON AND THE REGION
visit these websites:

City of Wahpeton: www.wahpeton.com & www.wahpetonwelcome.com
Wahpeton/Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce: www.wbchamber.net
Wahpeton Convention & Visitors Bureau: www.visitwahpeton.com