

5. Economic Base

5.1 Regional Economy

The Humboldt region enjoys the benefits of a diversified economy. The City of Humboldt with a population over 5500 is the major trading center in the area. Agriculture is a major industry with large scale manufacturing and mining diversifying the local economy. The City of Humboldt has seen steady increases and growth in all major economic statistics including population over the last 20 years.

5.2 Municipal Economic Strengths

The City of Humboldt is the major service center within the surrounding region. All amenities that could be expected in a City are present in Humboldt. The City of Humboldt has seen increases in population, assessment and building permits in the last five years.

The City of Humboldt has quickly become the place to live for those employed in the region's manufacturing and mining sector. Access to all services as well as all facets of health care and education within the City has made Humboldt very attractive as a place to live.

A strong economic base resulting from strong agriculture, manufacturing and retail service has allowed the City of Humboldt to provide a high quality of life for its citizens. The City of Humboldt provides all the amenities that would be expected in a major trading centre.

Many of the region's large manufacturing employers are located within short commuting distance from the City of Humboldt and many current employees have chosen to live in Humboldt.

5.3 Industry Profiles

5.3.1 Agriculture

5.3.1.1 Crops

Humboldt and area has a very stable agricultural economy. Crops grown in Humboldt are mustard, canola, wheat, barley, oats, pulse crops, and flax.

5.3.1.2 Farmers Markets, Greenhouses, Market Gardens etc.

1. Carlton Trail Farmers Market (fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, baking, pickles, jams, eggs, bird seed, painted rocks, fresh frozen meat, sewing crafts, etc.)
2. Misty Gardens Greenhouse, Gift Shop & Florist

5.3.1.3 Livestock (pigs, cattle, poultry, other)

1. Big Sky Farms (Hog Production)
2. Drycast (Hog Production – Flooring)

5.3.2 Manufacturing

5.3.2.1 Local

The following manufacturers are located within the City of Humboldt:

1. Alumi-Tech (Retractable Pickup Truck Covers)
2. CIM Manufacturing (Industrial Servicing)
3. Del-Air Systems (Commercial Playground Fabrication)
4. Doepker Industries (Trailer Fabrication and Repair)

5.3.2.2 Regional

The following manufacturers are located within an 85 km radius of the City of Humboldt:

1. Doepker Industries – Highway Semi & Flatdeck Trailer, Grain Hauler Manufacturers (Annaheim, SK – 40 km north of Humboldt)
2. Michel’s Industries – Truck Tarp Specialists (St. Gregor, SK – 20 km East of Humboldt)
3. Schulte Industries – Rotary Cutters, Rock & Snow Removal Equipment (Englefeld, SK – 35 km East of Humboldt)
4. Bourgault Industries – Agricultural Machinery Manufacturer (St. Brieux, SK – 85 km north of Humboldt)

5.3.3 Mining

5.3.3.1 Local/Regional

The City of Humboldt is located less than 50 km from Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan - Lanigan. Nearly 30% of the total workforce of this potash mine resides in the City of Humboldt.

5.3.4 Tourism

5.3.4.1 Local

In 1991 the City of Humboldt adopted the German Theme which encompasses all aspects of the German culture: events, cottage industry development (crafts like paintings, straw weaving, glassworks, dough sculptures, etc.), architectural development (participating local businesses reconstruct the fronts of their businesses to incorporate German architecture in its design and style).

Some of Humboldt’s local attractions include the Willkommen Centre, Humboldt & District Museum & Gallery, Humboldt Murals, German-style buildings, Humboldt Golf Course (18 hole course), Humboldt Aquatic Centre, Elgar Petersen Arena, Humboldt Curling Rink, Humboldt & Area Vintage & Antique Club.

5.3.4.2 Regional

- * Waldsea Lake Regional Park
- * St. Peter’s Cathedral & Abbey – Muenster
- * Mount Carmel – Carmel
- * Assumption Church – Marysburg
- * Target Shooting
- * Hunting (water fowl and deer)

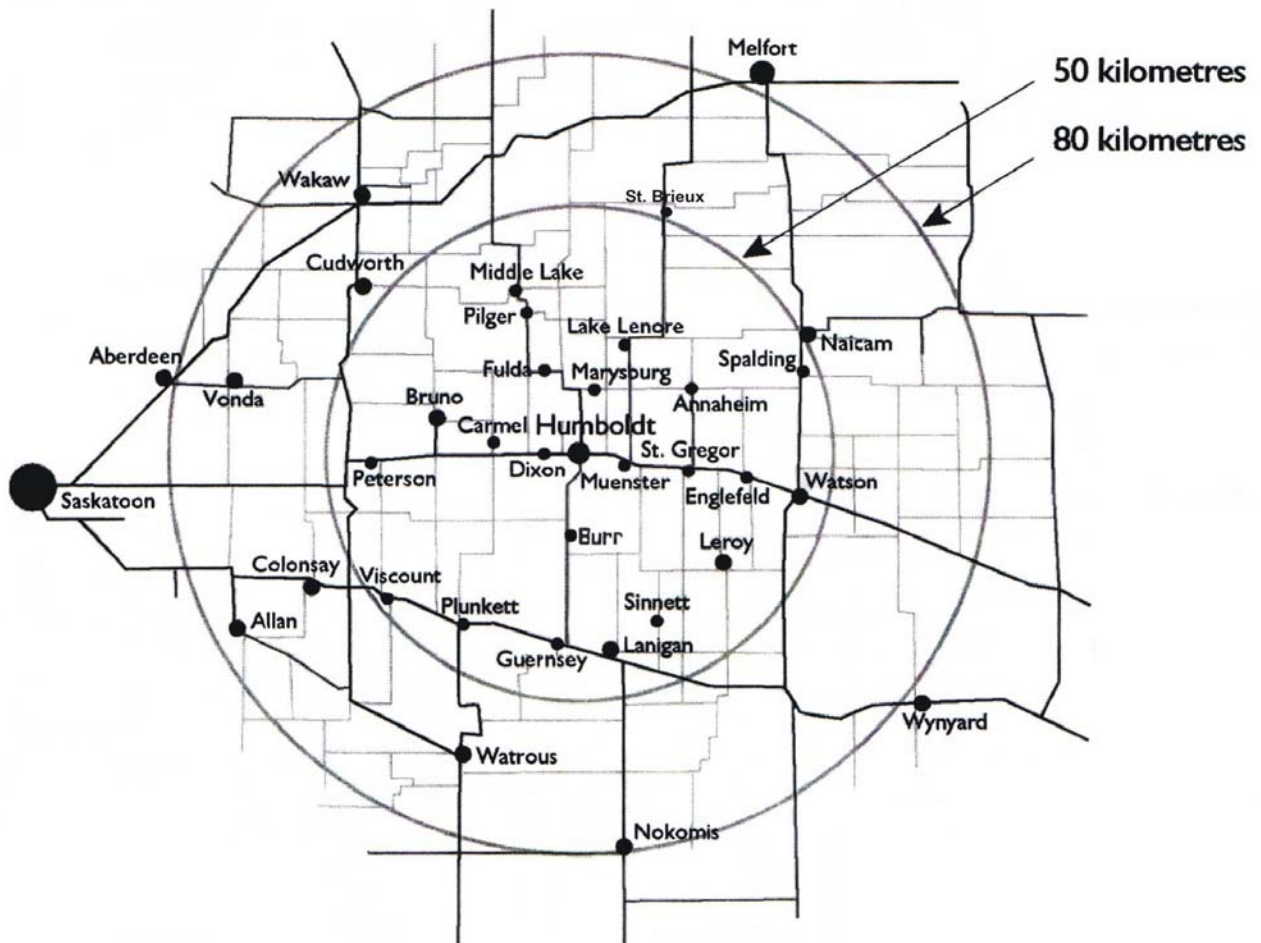
5.4 Regional Trading Area

In 2005, the trading area of Humboldt and District totaled 26,190 people. The total population in Humboldt’s trading area was determined on two counts: 1) calculating by towns, villages, and RM’s and 2) a break-down of 0-50 km radius and 51-80 km radius which is shown in the accompanying table.

**Trading Area External to Humboldt:
2005**

Towns	9,654	0 - 50 km radius	9,108
Villages	6,129	51 - 80 km radius	11,474
Rural Municipalities	4,799		
SUBTOTAL	20,582	SUBTOTAL	20,582
Humboldt	5,608	Humboldt	5,608
TOTAL	26,190	TOTAL	26,190

Source: Covered Population 2005, Saskatchewan Health



5.5 Industrial/Commercial/Agricultural Land Availability

Industrial

The City of Humboldt has various industrial lots for sale within an established industrial park. All lots are able to be further subdivided or consolidated in order to fit particular projects. Industrial lot prices are determined at the time of sale.

Lot	Block	Plan	Acres
	91	72H01097	2.75
8	90	86H08909	0.81
9	90	86H08909	1.01
10	90	86H08909	1.01
12	91	86H08909	1.04
2	90	72H01097	1.867

Commercial

Lot	Block	Plan	Civic Address	Acres
B,15,16	11	G247		0.4

****All inquiries regarding Commercial or Industrial Land within the City of Humboldt may be directed to the City Manager at 306-682-2525.**

5.6 Employment Statistics

Characteristics	Humboldt			Saskatchewan		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Earnings						
All persons with earnings (counts)	2,775	1,450	1,325	534,355	282,255	252,100
Average earnings (all persons with earnings (\$))	26,025	32,733	18,671	25,691	30,608	20,185
Worked full year, full time (counts)	1,425	835	590	276,420	163,810	112,605
Average earnings (worked full year, full time (\$))	35,695	42,223	26,545	35,461	39,626	29,402

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census

5.7 Labour Market

15 employees or more

Major Employers	Services	Private/Public Sector
7-11 Convenience Store	Convenience Store/Service Station	Private
A & W Restaurant	Restaurant	Private
Agricore United	Agriculture	Private
Behiel, Munkler & Will	Lawyers	Private
Bella Vista Inn	Accommodations	Private
Big Sky Farms	Agriculture	Private
Carlton Trail Regional College	Education	Public
Chick Allan's Restaurant	Restaurant	Private
CIBC	Financial Institution	Private
City of Humboldt	Municipal Government	Public
Colony Motor Products	Automobile Dealers	Private
Conexus Credit Union	Financial Institution	Private
Conexus Insurance	Insurance	Private
Del-Air Systems/Romperland	Manufacturing	Private
Discovery Ford Sales	Automobile Dealers	Private

Farm World	Farm Equipment Sales & Service	Private
Feed Rite	Agriculture	Private
Hergott Farm Equipment	Farm Equipment Sales & Service	Private
Humboldt Catholic School Division	Education	Public
Humboldt Clinic	Health Care	Private
Humboldt Co-Op	Grocery/Fertilizers/Fuel	Private
Humboldt Dairy Queen	Restaurant	Private
Humboldt Farm Equipment	Farm Equipment Sales & Service	Private
Humboldt IGA	Grocery Store	Private
Humboldt Lumber Mart	Builders/Contractors/Hardware Stores	Private
Humboldt Public School Division	Education	Public
KMK Sales Ltd.	Farm Equipment Sales & Service	Private
McDonald's	Restaurant	Private
Meyers Norris Penny	Accountants	Private
Peavy Mart	Builders/Contractors/Hardware Stores	Private
Pioneer Hotel & Murdock's Family Restaurant	Accommodation/Restaurant	Private
Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute (PAMI)	Agriculture	Public
Possberg Grain Farms	Agriculture	Private
REACT Waste Management	Recycling	Public
Royal Bank	Financial Institution	Private
SAAN Store	Retail	Private
St. Elizabeth's Hospital	Health Care	Public
Scotia Bank	Financial Institution	Private
Shopper's Drug Mart	Retail - Drug Store	Private
South 20 Dodge Sales	Automobile Dealers	Private
TASKO/Home Hardware Building Centre	Builders/Contractors/Hardware Stores	Private

5.8 Employment Services/Training

Canada-Saskatchewan Career & Employment Services

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