

# Western Electric Employees Stretch Out Over 450 Miles

## Report: Wages Going to 83 Communities

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From Blaine County, Nebraska to Linn County, Iowa.

That's how far the pay roll of Western Electric Company's Omaha works reached in 1962.

The distance covered measures about 450 miles on an east-west line as the crow flies. It also fanned out more than one hundred miles to the north and south.

State Senator Michael Rusillo obtained a report from Plant Manager H. P. Heath Tuesday showing the number of employes, their communities of residence and the wages paid persons from each community.

"This tells a story that should open some eyes," the Omaha legislator commented.

### 'Benefits Full State'

"It's a prime example of how industry, no matter where it's located in Nebraska, is beneficial to the entire state, not only in taxes the state gets but also in economic benefits," he said.

"Building a big plant in a metropolitan area does not mean that only the immediate locality gains."

The report shows that 5,105 employes from 83 communities in 14 Nebraska and nine Iowa counties were paid \$25,748,129.91 in wages for work at the plant during the year.

Three thousand employes—less than three-fifths of the total—resided in Omaha. They received \$15,557,625.54.

### 269 From Millard

Millard supplied 269 employes who earned \$1,476,313.70; Council Bluffs 281 who received \$1,268,109.02; Lincoln 214 who collected \$1,218,559.30 and Fremont 216 who received \$926,308.06.

Ninety-two employes are from Ashland, 43 from Blair, 10 from Cedar Bluffs, 28 from Elkhorn, 14 from Greenwood, 10 from Kennard, 42 from Louisville, 17 from Mead, 134 from Papillion, 99 from Plattsmouth, 24 from Springfield,

Butler, Merrick, Burt, Blaine, Adams, Lancaster and Otoe.

The nine Iowa counties are Pottawattamie, Fremont, Mills, Woodbury, Montgomery, Monona, Harrison, Linn and Crawford.

"That's just one plant," State Senator George Syas of Omaha commented in viewing the report. "What would it be if you took a survey of all companies?"

### One Employee

Towns with one employe received a total of \$113,791.49. The towns are Alvo, Auburn, Avoca, Boys Town, Ceresco, Clarks, Colon, Decatur, Dunning, Eagle, Elk City, Hastings, Herman, Hornick, Ia.; Lyons, Malcolm, Malmo, Mapleton, Ia.; Marion, Ia.; Minden, Ia., Nebraska City, Nickerson, Oakland, Ia., Offutt Air Force Base, Ricketts, Ia.; Stanton, Ia., Tabor, Ia.; Tekamah, Unadilla, West Lincoln and Weston.

Towns with two employes received a total of \$66,033.88. The towns are Brainard, Bruno, Cedar Creek, Elmwood, Hancock, Ia.; Memphis, Nehawka, Red Oak, Ia., and Scribner.

Following is the list of towns with three or more employes:

Residence	Population	No. of Employes	Tot. Wages
Ames	40	3	\$ 13,782.94
Arlington	740	6	32,483.88
Ashland	1,989	92	388,058.85
Bellevue	8,831	33	118,500.83
Bennington	341	14	66,334.26
Blair	4,931	43	161,529.27
C'rter L. Ia.	2,287	12	58,652.85
Ced. Bluffs	585	10	50,113.86
Cou. Bluffs	55,641	281	1,268,109.02
Elkhorn	749	28	141,034.52
Emerson, Ia.	521	3	10,876.05
Fort Calhoun	458	3	11,841.41
Fort Crook	100	6	25,363.56
Fremont	19,698	216	926,308.06
Glenw'd, Ia.	4,664	31	129,935.60
Greenwood	403	14	67,048.42
Gretna	745	118	604,472.36
Kennard	331	10	38,010.21
L. Man., Ia.	1,000	3	8,685.53
Lincoln	128,521	214	1,218,559.30
Louisville	1,194	42	183,385.72
Mead	428	17	91,158.58
Millard	1,014	269	1,476,313.70
Mo. V'ly, Ia.	3,567	8	35,610.91
Murdock	247	6	23,973.43
Murray	279	3	13,110.62
Omaha	301,598	3,000	15,557,625.54
Pa. Jnct., Ia.	560	7	34,861.79
Papillion	2,235	134	791,635.70
Plattsmouth	6,244	99	398,310.07
Prague	372	6	27,770.71
Ralston	2,977	100	588,732.42
Sh'doah, Ia.	6,567	3	7,980.20
Springfield	506	24	113,577.46
Treynor, Ia.		3	17,645.54
Valley	1,452	57	271,907.77
Wahoo	3,610	37	158,352.43
Waterloo	516	29	112,771.02
Waverly	511	3	18,665.80
Weep. Water	1,048	29	110,505.36
Yutan	335	34	169,648.70

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The others are from as far west as Dunning, as far south as Auburn, as far north as Hornick, Ia., and as far east as Marion, Ia.

### **'Just One Plant'**

The 14 Nebraska counties where the plant's 1962 employes lived are Douglas, Cass, Dodge, Washington, Saunders, Nemaha, Sarpy,