

## Setting and Location

Minnehaha County is located in southeastern South Dakota, bounded on the east by Minnesota and the southeast by Iowa. The county is at the crossroads of Interstate Highways 29 and 90. Major cities in the region include Fargo, Minneapolis, Des Moines and Omaha.

The county is comprised of 11 cities and 23 townships. The estimated 1997 population exceeded 143,000. Minnehaha County is bordered on the south by Lincoln County. Together the two counties comprise the Sioux Falls standard metropolitan area (SMA) with a labor force approaching 100,000. The central city of Sioux Falls straddles the Lincoln/Minnehaha county line.

