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THE RECENT POPULATION estimates for Nebraska towns and cities for 1986 is off the mark for Hordville, according to Dick Anderson of Hordville's First State Bank. The northern Hamilton County town actually

gained some in number of people since the official census of 1980. This view of the town's main street is from the south. News-Register Photo by Hap Fruits.

Hordville 'a gainer,' not population loser

The recent census estimate prepared for the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission showing population declines in almost all Hamilton County towns is being disputed in at least one part of the county this week.

Dick Anderson, president of Hordville's First State Bank, said he is sure the figure for Hordville is off the mark. The town has about 20 more people than was reflected in the Census Bureau's total, he said.

It makes a difference, he said, because the figures announced earlier show that Hordville--percentagewise--was one of Hamilton County's biggest population losers. Anderson said his figures would indicate, when compared to the others, that Hordville actually had an impressive gain.

The Census Bureau estimate showed that Hordville had 140 people in 1986, a loss of 15 from the official census of 1980. The figures show that the town had 161 people in 1982 when almost all towns and counties across Nebraska showed gains, and had 154 people in 1984. That indicates Hordville lost 14 people just in the last four years.

Anderson doesn't agree. His own census indicates otherwise. And his figures came from his own personal count, writing down the names of everybody in town and adding them up. The correct figure for Hordville is 160.

He acknowledges that his kind of census is something that wouldn't be possible in larger towns and cities.

The early estimates indicate Hordville's loss from 1980 at 9.7 percent. Anderson's count has turned the around. "We led the county in reverse from the estimate," he said. "Instead we have a little positive gain."



DICK ANDERSON OF Hordville disputes the estimated population figures recently announced for Hordville. Instead of losing people since 1980, he said, his count shows a gain. News-Register Photo by Hap Fruits.