



## OTHER INFORMATION



**Government Data:**

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Date of Incorporation        | 1893            |
| Form of Government           | Mayor - Council |
| Last General Election        | 2002            |
| Registered Voters            | 30,722          |
| Number of Votes Cast         | 13,139          |
| Percent of Registered Voting | 43%             |

**Geographic Data:**

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Area (square miles)    | 37.80 |
| Population/square mile | 1,369 |
| Miles of Streets:      |       |
| Paved                  | 622   |
| Unpaved                | 37    |
| Miles of Sewers:       |       |
| Storm                  | 153   |
| Sanitary               | 211   |

**Service Data:**

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Public Education Facilities: |    |
| Elementary                   | 11 |
| Middle School                | 2  |
| Ninth Grade School           | 1  |
| High School                  | 1  |

**Leisure Services:**

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Parks                              | 33    |
| Number of Park Acres               | 1,222 |
| Number of Picnic Shelters          | 21    |
| Number of Dog Parks                | 1     |
| Number of Playgrounds              | 18    |
| Number of Outdoor Aquatic Centers  | 2     |
| Number of Wading/Spray Pools       | 2     |
| Number of Tennis Courts            | 10    |
| Number of Softball/Baseball Fields | 24    |
| Number of Soccer Fields            | 21    |
| Number of Horseshoe Courts         | 18    |
| Number of Sand Volleyball Courts   | 5     |
| Number of Basketball Courts        | 9     |



Miles of trails 34.8

**Libraries:**

Number of Volumes 154,740

Annual Circulation 620,089

Annual Visitors 336,032

**Cemeteries:**

Number of Facilities 1

Number of Acres 8.66



**Demographic Statistics**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>West Des Moines<br/>Population</b> | <b>%<br/>Change</b> | <b>Polk<br/>County</b> | <b>%<br/>Change</b> | <b>State of<br/>Iowa</b> | <b>%<br/>Change</b> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1960        | 11,949                                | 112.80%             | 225,880                | 0.43%               | 2,737,537                | 4.4%                |
| 1970        | 16,441                                | 37.59               | 286,130                | 26.67               | 2,824,376                | 3.17                |
| 1980        | 21,894                                | 33.17               | 303,170                | 5.95                | 2,914,017                | 3.17                |
| 1985        | 23,456                                | 7.13                |                        |                     |                          |                     |
| 1990        | 31,702                                | 35.15               | 328,140                | 8.24                | 2,776,755                | (4.71)              |
| 1995        | 39,562                                | 24.79               |                        |                     |                          |                     |
| 2000        | 46,403                                | 17.29               | 374,601                | 14.16               | 2,926,324                | 5.39                |
| 2005        | 51,744                                | 11.51               |                        |                     |                          |                     |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1985 Special Census, 1995 Special Census, 2005 Special Census

