



Other
Information



Government Data:

Date of Incorporation	1893
Form of Government	Mayor - Council
Population (U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 Special Census)	63,541
Area (square miles)	47.6
Population/square mile	1,335
Counties (Polk, Dallas, Warren & Madison)	4

Lane Miles of Streets:

Paved	733
Unpaved	54

Miles of Sewers:

Storm	216.8
Sanitary	248.5

General Election 2016:

	Age 18-24	Age 25-34	Age 35-49	Age 50-64	Age 65 & Over	Total
Registered Voters	4,912	11,244	11,858	11,075	8,166	47,255
Number of Votes Cast	2,973	7,079	8,820	9,223	7,091	35,186
Percent of Registered Voting	60.53%	62.96%	74.38%	83.28%	86.84%	74.46%

Source: Iowa Secretary of State - Statistical Reports by Precinct

Public Education Facilities:

Elementary	10
Middle School	2
Ninth Grade School	1
High School	1

Higher Education Facilities:

Community College	1
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Medical Facilities:

Hospitals	2
Number of Beds	241



Leisure Services:

Parks and Greenways	38
Number of Park Acres	1,269
Number of Picnic Shelters	24
Number of Dog Parks	1
Number of Playgrounds	37
Number of Outdoor Aquatic Centers	2
Number of Splash Pads/Spray Grounds	2
Number of Tennis Courts	12
Number of Softball/Baseball Fields	25
Number of Soccer Fields	21
Number of Horseshoe Courts	18
Number of Sand Volleyball Courts	3
Number of Basketball Courts	15
Number of Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks	1
Number of Archery Shooting Lanes	12
Miles of Paved Trails	51

Libraries:

Number of Physical and Downloadable Volumes	196,000
Annual Circulation	685,300
Annual Visitors	311,470

Cemeteries:

Number of Facilities	2
Number of Acres	9

Income Statistics:

	Median Family Income	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income
State of Iowa	\$67,466	\$53,183	\$27,950
Madison County	71,899	60,060	28,922
Polk County	74,335	60,061	31,291
Warren County	76,605	64,447	30,086
Dallas County	92,428	76,320	37,669
West Des Moines	90,035	71,200	40,676

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



Principal Property Taxpayers:

Taxpayer	Taxable Value	Percentage of Total City Taxable Value
Microsoft Corporation	\$385,693,002	7.75%
Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc.	212,048,091	4.26%
GGP Jordan Creek, LLC	193,779,930	3.90%
Valley West Mall, LLC	60,885,000	1.22%
AVIVA	49,481,481	0.99%
Regency West Office Partners, LLC	38,788,200	0.78%
IFBF Property Management	36,999,630	0.74%
MRES West Glen Holdings LP	36,334,432	0.73%
CCOP I, LLC	33,065,217	0.66%
Dallas County Partners II	28,342,962	0.57%

Source: 2016 Valuations Polk, Dallas, Warren, & Madison County Assessor’s Office

Principal Employers:

Employer	Type of Business	Employees
Wells Fargo & Company	Financial Services	10,830
West Des Moines Community Schools	Education	1,214
Athene USA Corporation	Insurance/Financial Services	1,161
Hy-Vee Inc.	Grocery Store Chain	986
FBL Financial Group Inc.	Insurance/Financial Services	977
Sammons Financial Group	Financial Services	515
The Iowa Clinic	Medical	495
MetLife	Insurance	490
GuideOne Insurance	Insurance	445
Businessolver	Benefits Administration	440
Mediacom	Telecommunications	428
American Equity Investment Life Holding Company	Insurance/Financial Services	425

Source: West Des Moines Community & Economic Development Department



Demographic Statistics:

Year	West Des Moines Population	% Change	Polk County	% Change	State of Iowa	% Change
1960	11,949	112.80%	225,880	0.43%	2,737,537	4.40%
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%				
2010	56,609	9.40%	430,640	14.96%	3,046,355	4.10%
2015	63,541	12.25%				

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Special Census 1985, 1995 , 2005 , & 2015

Retail Taxable Sales:

Fiscal Year	Retail Taxable Sales	Percentage of Total State Sales Tax Generated
2007	\$1,354,692,059	4.28%
2008	1,397,818,852	4.22%
2009	1,596,897,731	4.77%
2010	1,483,724,771	4.64%
2011	1,541,230,798	4.67%
2012	1,700,406,372	4.91%
2013	1,636,714,660	4.69%
2014	1,647,831,070	4.59%
2015	1,723,946,833	4.59%
2016	1,768,926,175	4.60%

Source: Iowa Department of Revenue - Iowa Retail Sales & Use Tax Report

