



Other
Information



Government Data:

Date of Incorporation	1893
Form of Government	Mayor - Council
Population (U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 Population Estimate)	64,560
Area (square miles)	48.14
Population/square mile	1,341
Counties (Polk, Dallas, Warren & Madison)	4

Lane Miles of Streets:

Paved	761.5
Unpaved	54.34

Linear Miles of Sewers:

Storm	217.21
Sanitary	247.72

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	42
Number of Park Acres	1,289
Number of Picnic Shelters	27
Number of Dog Parks	1
Number of Playgrounds	39
Number of Outdoor Aquatic Centers	2
Number of Splash Pads/Spray Grounds	2
Number of Tennis Courts	15
Number of Softball/Baseball Fields	25
Number of Soccer Fields	21
Number of Horseshoe Courts	18
Number of Sand Volleyball Courts	2
Number of Basketball Courts	17
Number of Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks	1
Number of Archery Shooting Lanes	12
Miles of Paved Trails	58

Libraries:

Number of Physical and Downloadable Volumes	164,131
Annual Circulation	677,561
Annual Visitors	316,389

Cemeteries:

Number of Facilities	2
Number of Acres	9

Income Statistics:

	Median Family Income	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income
State of Iowa	\$69,419	\$54,570	\$28,872
Madison County	70,280	60,326	29,430
Polk County	75,427	61,684	32,232
Warren County	80,457	67,090	31,525
Dallas County	99,151	78,918	40,468
West Des Moines	95,335	70,906	42,632

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



Principal Property Taxpayers:

Taxpayer	Taxable Value	Percentage of Total City Taxable Value
Microsoft Corporation	\$624,812,823	11.52%
Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc.	208,468,683	3.84%
GGP Jordan Creek, LLC	197,920,314	3.65%
Valley West Mall, LLC	54,909,000	1.01%
Aviva Real Property Holdings, LLC	51,126,754	0.94%
Regency West Office Partners, LLC	42,273,900	0.78%
IFBF Property Management	39,265,920	0.72%
MRES West Glen Holdings LP	38,920,049	0.72%
1776 Westlakes Parkway LC	28,723,158	0.53%
Dallas County Partners II	26,961,939	0.50%

Source: 2017 Valuations Polk, Dallas, Warren, & Madison County Assessor's Office

Principal Employers:

Employer	Type of Business	Employees
Wells Fargo & Company	Financial Services	10,612
West Des Moines Community Schools	Education	1,187
Hy-Vee Inc.	Grocery Store Chain	1,121
FBL Financial Group Inc.	Insurance/Financial Services	1,024
Athene USA Corporation	Insurance/Financial Services	911
Sammons Financial Group	Financial Services	510
American Equity Investment Life Holding Company	Insurance/Financial Services	510
The Iowa Clinic	Medical	505
GuideOne Insurance	Insurance	475
ITA Group Inc.	Travel/Event Management	475
Mediacom	Telecommunications	439
Businessolver Inc.	Benefits Administration	416

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
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%
2017	1,796,720,183	4.61%

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

