



# Other Information

**Government Data:**

Date of Incorporation	1893
Form of Government	Mayor - Council
Population (U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 Population Estimate)	67,899
Area (square miles)	48.2
Population/square mile	1,383
Counties (Polk, Dallas, Warren & Madison)	4

**Lane Miles of Streets:**

Paved	796
Unpaved	48

**Linear Miles of Sewers:**

Storm	237
Sanitary	260

**General Election 2020:**

	<b>Age 18-24</b>	<b>Age 25-34</b>	<b>Age 35-49</b>	<b>Age 50-64</b>	<b>Age 65 &amp; Over</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Registered Voters</b>	5,571	11,579	12,512	11,457	9,849	50,968
<b>Number of Votes Cast</b>	3,959	7,731	9,971	9,893	8,752	40,306
<b>Percent of Registered Voting</b>	71.06%	66.77%	79.69%	86.35%	88.86%	79.08%

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	1,323
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	16
Number of Softball/Baseball Fields	25
Number of Soccer Fields	21
Number of Horseshoe Courts	16
Number of Sand Volleyball Courts	3
Number of Basketball Courts	18
Number of Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks	1
Number of Archery Shooting Lanes	12
Miles of Trails	65

**Library:**

Annual Circulation	577,000
Annual Visitors	22,000

**Cemeteries:**

Number of Facilities	2
Number of Acres	9

**Income Statistics:**

	<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>Persons in Poverty</b>
State of Iowa	\$60,523	\$32,176	11.2%
Madison County	66,316	35,470	6.9%
Polk County	67,637	35,433	10.1%
Warren County	77,048	36,496	7.3%
Dallas County	88,479	45,090	4.3%
<b>West Des Moines</b>	<b>76,368</b>	<b>46,233</b>	<b>5.9%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



**Principal Property Taxpayers:**

<b>Taxpayer</b>	<b>Taxable Value</b>	<b>Percentage of Total City Taxable Value</b>
Microsoft Corporation	\$791,125,264	12.33%
Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc.	206,668,674	3.22%
GGP Jordan Creek, LLC	200,346,831	3.12%
Aviva Real Property Holdings, LLC	49,546,564	0.77%
IFBF Property Management	46,845,180	0.73%
Hy-Vee, Inc.	46,507,317	0.72%
Regency West Office Partners, LLC	43,470,000	0.68%
Valley West Mall, LLC	39,276,000	0.61%
MRES West Glen Holdings LP	34,467,003	0.54%
Dallas County Partners II	27,607,500	0.43%

Source: 2020 Valuations Polk, Dallas, Warren, & Madison County Assessor's Office

**Principal Employers:**

<b>Employer</b>	<b>Type of Business</b>	<b>Employees</b>
Wells Fargo Home Mortgage & Credit Services	Financial Services	8,932
Hy-Vee Inc.	Grocery/Retail	1,672
West Des Moines Community Schools	Education	1,294
Athene USA Corporation	Insurance /Financial Services	1,100
The Iowa Clinic	Health Care	1,100
Iowa Realty Co. Inc.	Real Estate	1,100
FBL Financial Group Inc.	Insurance/Financial Services	1,050
City of West Des Moines	Municipal Government	634
Sammons Financial Group	Insurance/Financial Services	605
ITA Group	Customer Loyalty Solutions	494
Equifax Workforce Solutions	HR & Payroll Management	450
Businessolver Inc.	Benefits Administration	416
Windsor Windows & Doors	Manufacturing	400

Source: West Des Moines Community Economic Development Department & PFM



**Historical Population:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>West Des Moines Population</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Polk County</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>State of Iowa</b>	<b>% Change</b>
1900	1,700	-	82,624	-	2,231,853	-
1910	2,573	51.35%	110,438	33.66%	2,224,771	-0.32%
1920	3,631	41.12%	154,029	39.47%	2,404,021	8.06%
1930	4,280	17.87%	172,837	12.21%	2,470,939	2.78%
1940	4,252	-0.65%	195,835	13.31%	2,538,268	2.72%
1950	5,615	32.06%	226,010	15.41%	2,621,073	3.26%
1960	11,949	112.80%	266,315	17.83%	2,737,537	4.44%
1970	16,441	37.59%	286,101	7.42%	2,824,376	3.17%
1980	21,894	33.17%	303,170	5.97%	2,913,808	3.17%
1985	23,456	7.13%				
1990	31,702	35.15%	327,140	7.91%	2,776,755	(4.71%)
1995	39,562	24.79%				
2000	46,403	17.29%	374,601	14.51%	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

**Population by Age Group:**

Under 5 Years	3,127	4.62%
5 to 14 Years	7,995	11.81%
15 to 24 Years	6,917	10.22%
25 to 34 Years	10,875	16.06%
35 to 44 Years	10,016	14.80%
45 to 54 Years	8,670	12.81%
55 to 64 Years	9,339	13.79%
65 to 74 Years	6,025	8.90%
75 to 84 Years	2,631	3.89%
85 Years and Older	2,101	3.10%

Source: US Census Bureau 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates



**Racial Diversity**

White	79.89%
Hispanic or Latino	5.15%
Black or African American	1.55%
Asian Indian	4.44%
Chinese	1.55%
Filipino	0.52%
Korean	0.81%
Vietnamese	0.72%
Other Asian	2.55%
Some Other Race	1.21%
Two or More Races	1.60%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

**Retail Taxable Sales:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Retail Taxable Sales</b>	<b>Percentage of Total State Taxable Sales Generated</b>
2011	1,541,230,798	4.68%
2012	1,700,406,372	4.92%
2013	1,636,714,660	4.70%
2014	1,647,831,070	4.60%
2015	1,723,946,833	4.59%
2016	1,768,926,175	4.60%
2017	1,796,720,183	4.61%
2018	1,750,840,994	4.45%
2019	1,807,157,089	4.50%
2020	1,674,747,675	4.50%

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



