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

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	4.4%
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