

Location

County Mahaska
Region Central

Oskaloosa, Iowa, located in the heart of the state, is one of the most progressive and vital communities in the Midwest today!

Location

Less than one hour from Des Moines, Oskaloosa is situated at the apex of a major highway interchange: US Highway 63 and State highways 163 (4-lane), 23 and 92.

Community Description

A unique community which prides itself on maintaining the integrity of its tradition and yet building a better future through progress; quality of life is a high priority; completely restored bandstand and town square; lots of growth; new auditorium, library and law enforcement center and Oskaloosa Community School District boasts a new Elementary School facility, which is the largest in the state, and a newly remodeled Senior High School.

Business Climate

The Oskaloosa area provides various job opportunities, multiple levels of educational opportunities, affordable housing, modern health care facilities, and plenty of entertainment and recreation. We are proud to house Mahaska Communication Group who has been developing its communication services since 1999. Offering telephone service, high-speed internet and cable television but is also very flexible and responsive to its customer base. They are willing to work with any business to get them the communication services they need.

Population

	1980	1990	2000	2007
Community	10,989	10,600	10,938	11,037
County	22,867	21,513	22,335	22,037
State	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324	2,982,085

Major Local Employers

	Product	Employment	Union Affiliation
CLOW Corporation	Valves and hydrants	500	IA of MASW
Cargill	Corn fructose	450	None
Cunningham, Inc.	Metal, ventilating	100	None
Interpower Corporation	Power cords and connectors	91	None
Mahaska Bottling, Co.	Soft drinks	97	None
Mahaska Health Partnership	Health services	436	None
Musco Lighting	Temporary lighting	229	None
Oskaloosa Food Products	Frozen, dried eggs	90	UFCW
Pella Corporation	Windows	3500	None
Vermeer Manufacturing	Ag equipment	1800	None
Ajinomoto-Heartland	Crystalline Lysine	95	None
City of Oskaloosa	Governmental Services	80	Firefighters
Co-Line	Metal stamping, tool and dye	125	None
Hy-Vee	Grocery	200	None
ITW Paslode	Pneumatic power tools	52	None
Midland Metals	Metal siding and roofing panels	62	None
Oskaloosa Community Schools	Education	316	Various
Wal-Mart	Retail	350	None
William Penn University	University	200	None

Wage Rates

Month: 3 Year: 2006

	Entry Wage	Average Wage
Clerk, Gen. Office	7.53	10.33
Cooks, Restaurant	6.63	7.08
Assembler, Prod.	9.72	12.85
Production Super.	14.97	23.19
Shipping/Receiving	9.74	12.12
Salesperson	6.25	13.41
Secretary	9.78	13.77
Metal & Plastic	12.70	15.79
Helpers-Production Works	8.16	15.12
Truck Driver, Heavy	9.89	16.61
Bookkeeper	7.16	11.26
Accounting Clerk	7.16	11.26
Janitor	6.33	7.92
Manager, Office	12.02	30.43

IWD Labor Survey - 2005

Available Labor Force

Male:	300
Female:	240
Total:	540

<u>IWD Labor Force Summary</u>			
Summary for:	MAHASKA COUNTY		
Annual average for:	2007		
<i>Place of Residence</i>			
Total labor force:	11,820		
Total employment:	11,390		
Unemployed:	430	Rate:	3.7
<i>Place of Work</i>			
Agriculture:			1,369
Manufacturing:	5,132	Professional Services:	3,548
Construction:			1,176
Trans., communications & public utilities:			1,176
Wholesale & retail trade:			7,665
Health Care & Social Services	1,039	Education:	847
Finance, insurance & real estate:			5,478
Personal Services:	1,369	Public Administration & Government	985
Entertainment & Recreation			137

Utilities

Water

Name: Oskaloosa Municipal Water Department
Location: Oskaloosa , Iowa (Mahaska)
Well Avg Depth (ft): 55 Peak Demand (mgd): 1.9000
Treated: Yes Cost/1000 Gal: \$19.52
Rated Capacity (mgd): 3.0000 Storage Capacity (gal): 2,000,000
Temp Range (F): 50 Major Source: Wells
Avg Capacity (mgd): 1.2000 Hardness (ppm): 118.0
Connection Fee: Unknown
Phone: 6416738476 Web Address: www.oskaloosawater.org

Data Source: Oskaloosa Municipal Water Department (2005)

Comments:

The connection fee for water service varies depending on the type of business and usage. The cost broken down is \$2.44/750 gallons with a quarterly minimum of \$14.64.

Sewer

Name: City of Oskaloosa
Location: Oskaloosa , Iowa (Mahaska)
Ownership Type: Municipal Average Daily Demand (mgd): 1.642
Rated Capacity (mgd): 2.2500 Peak Demand (mgd): 2.2500
Cost/1000 Gal: \$3.87 Connection Fee: Yes
Phone: 641 673 7472 Web Address:

Data Source: City of Oskaloosa Public Works Department (2005)

Comments:

The City of Oskaloosa charges a flat rate of \$18.18 per quarter. There are additional charges for commercial properties as follows: \$9.09 more for restaurants, bakeries, and related foodservice; car washes are \$6.06 more; and commercial laundries pay \$1.82 more.

Electric

Name: MidAmerican Energy
Location: Oskaloosa , IA (Mahaska)
Ownership Type: Private Regulated: Yes
Peak Demand (kW): 4,136 Generation Capacity (MW): 5,032
Customers Served (Local): 5,636 Customers Served (State): 625,527
Customers Served (System): 713,940
Phone: 800-358-6265 Web Address: www.midamericanenergy.com

Distributor Comments:

Data Source: MidAmerican Energy Company (2007)

Comments:

Natural Gas

Name: MidAmerican Energy
Location: Oskaloosa , IA (Mahaska)
Customers Served (Local): 4,613 Customers Served (State): 543,880
Customers Served (System): 694,493
Pipeline Source: Gas Transportation Available: Yes
Ownership Type: Private
Phone: 800-358-6265 Web Address: www.midamericanenergy.com

Data Source: MidAmerican Energy Company (2007)

Comments:

Telecommunications

Name: Mahaska Communications Group
Location: Oskaloosa , IA (Mahaska) POP Location: Oskaloosa

Service Type: Phone, internet, IP-based video, VoIP DSL: No
Customers Served (State): 3,600 Customers Served (System): 3,500
Fiber Optics: Yes Switch Services: Yes, TDM, POTS and VoIP
Phone: 641-673-1000 Web Address: www.mahaska.org

Name: KDSI
Location: Oskaloosa , IA (Mahaska) POP Location: Oskaloosa
Service Type: Dial-up internet DSL: No
Customers Served (State): 0 Customers Served (System): 0
Fiber Optics: No Switch Services:
Phone: 641-672-2505 Web Address:

Name: IowaTelecom
Location: Newton , IA (Jasper) POP Location: Newton
Service Type: Phone and internet DSL: Yes
Customers Served (State): 0 Customers Served (System): 0
Fiber Optics: No Switch Services:
Phone: 641-787-2009 Web Address:

Name: Qwest
Location: POP Location:
Service Type: Phone and internet DSL: Yes
Customers Served (State): 0 Customers Served (System): 0
Fiber Optics: No Switch Services:
Phone: 1-800-603-6000 Web Address:

Name: Mediacom
Location: POP Location:
Service Type: Cable and internet DSL: Yes
Customers Served 0 Customers Served 0

(State):
Fiber Optics: No
Phone:

(System):
Switch Services:
Web Address:

Data Source: Mahaska Communications Group

Comments:

MCG provides broadband internet, IP-based video, POTS and VoIP phone service over a triple-play fiber to the home (FTTH) network with 100 Mbps and 1,000 Mbps of broadband capacity to the home or business. Four OC-48 circuits on two SONET rings intersecting in the middle of town provide resilient high-capacity traffic to other parts of the state and the Midwest. Additional capacity available for the expansion in 1,000 Mbps increments. IP video with 120 standard definition and 25 high definition channels plus 30 music channels, VoD, PPV and local broadcast capabilities. VoIP switch with 10,000 lines capacity. Internet speeds of 100 Mbps up and down standard. Additional speeds up to 1,000 Mbps available.

Transportation

Proximity to Markets

	Miles	Days by railroad (carload)	Days by motor freight (truckload)
Atlanta	798	5	2
Chicago	286	2	1
Denver	722	3	1
Des Moines	60	2	1
Kansas City	217	3	1
Los Angeles	1745	5	3
Milwaukee	325	3	1
Minneapolis	290	2	1
New Orleans	934	5	2
New York	1072	5	4
Omaha	190	3	1
St. Louis	278	3	1

Motor Carrier

Air Service

Interchange:
Four-lane Highway: 15
Number serving community
Motor freight carriers: 11
Intrastate carriers: 11
Rail Service
Is community served by rail? Yes
Passenger service? No
Frequency or switching service? daily
Piggyback ramp available locally? No
Distance in minutes to nearest piggyback service? 60
Minutes to rail if not located in community? 0
Name of nearest railroads: Union Pacific

Number:
Highway Number: 163

Non-directional? Yes
Nearest commercial airport: Oskaloosa Municipal Airport
Located in: Des Moines
Time in minutes: 10
Airlines serving this point: Air Midwest, American West Express, American, Astro Aviation dba Skyway, Chicago Express, COMAIR/Delta Airlines, Northwest Airlines, TWA, United.

Barge Service
Does city adjoin navigable river? No
Barge dock available? No
Channel depth: 0
Length of season: 0

Transportation Remarks:

Quality of Life

Brand new 700-seat community auditorium with professional programming scheduled on regular basis, completed in 1997. Lake Keomah Park, 4.5 miles east, includes 83-acre lake with boating, camping, and picnicking facilities; Lake Red Rock, 15 miles west, and lake Rathbun, 36 miles southwest, covers 20,000 acres. Bluff Creek ORV Park covering 300 acres of diverse terrain with more than 20 miles of trails. Eveland Access contains two cabins for rent with 18 campsites equipped with electrical hookups for RVs or campers. Events: Lighted Christmas Parade, Art on the Square, IMCA Stock Car American Shoot Out, Southern Iowa Fair, Sweet Corn Serenade, Fridays After Five and much, much more.

Recreational Facilities	Total Public	Total Private
18-Hole Golf Courses:	4	3
9-Hole Golf Courses:	2	1
Indoor/Outdoor Soccer Fields:	6	0
Indoor/Outdoor Skating Rinks:	1	0
Tennis Courts:	6	2
Baseball/Softball Fields:	15	0
Biking Trails:	20	0

Walking Trails:	20	0
Swimming Pools:	4	1
Parks:	45	0
Health Clubs:	1	2
YMCA/YWCA:	2	0
Camp Grounds:	11	0
Nearest Access to Public Lake or River(miles):	3	
Swimming:	Yes	
Camping:	Yes	
Sail Boating:	Yes	
Motorized Boats:	Yes	
Water Skiing:	Yes	

Comments:

Lake Red Rock is 20 miles away and offers everything listed above. Just outside of Oskaloosa is a private hunting facility and shooting range. Race fans will enjoy a local dirt track with stock car racing while Knoxville is just a quick drive and offers an amazing Sprint car track. 9 miles south of Oskaloosa is the Eddyville Drag and Raceway. Oskaloosa and the surrounding areas also offer a bowling alley, miniature golf, movie theaters, public auditorium for concerts, and numerous points of interest such as Nelson Pioneer Farm and the Bandstand.

Commercial Services

Hotels/Motels

Number of Hotels and Motels:	6
Number of Rooms Available:	217
Number of Conference Centers:	3
Capacity of Largest Conference Center:	85

Comments:

Hotel/Motel accommodations in Oskaloosa vary from the cozy Stone Mansion bed and breakfast to any of our four modern hotels. Everyone is sure to find a suite that best suits their needs.

Media

Number of Newspapers:	4
Type of Newspapers:	1 local daily, 1 regional daily, 1 state daily, and

	1 global daily.
Number of Local Radio Stations:	2
Number of TV Channels without Cable:	4
Cable Antenna TV Available:	Yes
Max Number of Cable Channels Received:	300

Comments:

Staying abreast of current events is easy to do in Oskaloosa. With four newspapers available, readers can be kept up to date on what is happening locally, nationally, and internationally. Mahaska Communications Group and MediaCom provide television services that have programming for kids, sports fans, movie buffs, and everyone's personal tastes.

Financial Institutions

	Number	Assets
Number of Banks:	5	\$ 0
Number of Savings and Loans:	7	\$ 0
Number of Credit Unions:	1	\$ 0

Comments:

For a list of financial institutions please contact the Oskaloosa Chamber or check out the brochure on the web-site.

Religious Institutions

Oskaloosa offers residents 33 churches with 19 denominations represented.

Housing Market

Number of Single Units Built in Last 2 Years:	39
Number of Multiple Units Built in Last 2 Years:	1
Average Cost Per Square Foot of Single Units Build in Last 2 years:	\$90.00
Average Monthly Rental for 3 Bedroom House:	\$600.00
Average Monthly Rental for 2 Bedroom Apartment:	\$375.00
Average Cost of Houses Sold in Last 2 years:	\$88,500.00

Comments:

In 2003 there were 13 single-family units built while in 2004 that number doubled to 26. Cost of Building a home does not include cost of lot. Average rental rate does not take into consideration utilities.

Data Source: Hawkeye Real Estate, MLS www.hawkeye_re.com

Health Facilities and Medical Personnel

Number of Hospitals:	1
Number of Beds in Hospitals:	52
Number of Outpatient Clinics:	2
Number of Medical Doctors:	30
Number of Dentists:	5
Number of Orthodontists:	2
Number of Chiropractors:	6
Number of Registered Nurses:	88
Number of Practical Nurses:	10
Number of Veterinarians:	4

Emergency Medical Services

Part of the Mahaska Hospital.

Local Government

Type of Government:	Mayor, Council, and appointed city manager
Description of Local Government:	Home rule charter approved by voters in 1993. 7 member council elected for 4 years. 1 representing each of 4 wards and 3 at large. Mayor elected at large by voters for 2 year term. City manager appointed by council.
Comprehensive City Plan:	Yes
If Yes, Year Plan Completed:	1999
Strategic City Plan:	No
If Yes, Year Plan Completed:	
City Zoning Ordinance in Effect:	Yes

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Percent of Streets Paved: 97.0

Description of Building Code: Iowa state building code, Uniform plumbing code, and national electrical code.

Local Government Officials

Name / Office Held	City, St County	Assumed Office / Term Expires	Next Election / Eligible another term?
Lori Smith		04/01/2007	11/01/2007
City Council Member At-Large	Oskaloosa , Iowa (Mahaska)	12/31/2007	Yes
Jimmy Carter		01/01/1985	11/01/2009
City Council Member At-Large	Oskaloosa , Iowa (Mahaska)	01/01/2010	Yes
Janet Van Der Beek		01/01/2006	11/01/2009
City Council Member At-Large	Oskaloosa , Iowa (Mahaska)	01/01/2010	Yes
Aaron Ver Steeg		01/01/2006	11/01/2009
City Council Member Ward 1	Oskaloosa , Iowa (Mahaska)	01/01/2010	Yes
Tom Jimenez			11/01/2007
City Council Member Ward 2	Oskaloosa , Iowa (Mahaska)	12/031/2011	Yes
Wes Wills		01/01/2006	11/01/2009
City Council Member Ward 3	Oskaloosa , Iowa (Mahaska)	01/01/2010	Yes
Pamela Blomgren			11/01/2007
City Council Member Ward 4	Oskaloosa , Iowa (Mahaska)	12/01/2007	Yes
Brian James			
City Manager	Oskaloosa , Iowa (Mahaska)		Unknown
David Dixon		01/05/2005	11/01/2007
Mavor	Oskaloosa , Iowa	12/31/2007	Yes

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Local Government Services

Name / Service	Address / City, St County	Full-Time / Part-time / Volunteer	Notes
Iowa Workforce Development	410 S 11th St.	0	
Employment Services	Oskaloosa, IA (Mahaska)	0	
		0	
Department of Human Services	410 S 11th St.	0	
Financial, Housing, and Support	Oskaloosa, IA (Mahaska)	0	
		0	
Social Security Administration	1211 A Ave. E	0	
I.D., Retirement, Social Care Services	Oskaloosa, IA (Mahaska)	0	
		0	
US Post Office	113 6th Ave. E	0	
Postal	Oskaloosa, IA (Mahaska)	0	
		0	
Oskaloosa Water Department	213 South 1st Street	0	
Water & Sewer	Oskaloosa, IA (Mahaska)	0	
		0	

Comments

Oskaloosa's Comprehensive City Plan was completed in 1999 and adopted in 2000. The Plan is effective for 10 years.

Community and county financial incentive:

TIF, Tax Abatement , Mahaska County Revolving Loan Fund

Development Services:

Full-time Industrial Director and Board of Directors offering full services to new and existing industries.

Active Civic/Industrial Improvement Programs:

Main Street (downtown revitalization); Mahaska Future View (long-range planning); Oskaloosa Community Development Foundation; Historic Preservation; Oskaloosa Area Chamber & Development Group; MCDG (Mahaska Community Development Group) and MCARD (Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development);

Education

School District:

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	Schools	Enrollment	Teachers	Grades
Elementary:	1	1134	92	PK-5
Middle/Jr. High:	1	845	45	6-8
Senior High:	1	800	61	9-12
Private:	1	156	9 full time, 7 part-time	K-8

Trade and Technical

Names of 2-year colleges, trade schools, and community colleges within 30 minutes:

Indian Hills Community College, Iowa Bio-Processing Center, ISU Extension

Names of 4-year colleges and universities within 30 minutes:

William Penn University and Vennard

Education remarks:

Both university and colleges provide Oskaloosa with a variety of cultural, athletic, and religious activities. A new Junior High was built in 1986. A new 700-seat community auditorium was completed in 1997, and the Carnegie Library in town completed a major addition and renovation in 1997. A new law enforcement center has just been completed. A new Elementary School facility, which is the largest in the state, and a newly remodeled Senior High School.

Dependent Care:

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