

Appendix A

CITY OF MUSCATINE COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

City Overview

The City of Muscatine, Iowa, the county seat of Muscatine County, is located in southeastern Iowa on the Mississippi River. The City is located 160 miles east of Des Moines, 200 miles west of Chicago, and 30 miles southwest of the Quad Cities. Being located adjacent to the deep channel of the Mississippi River, economical river transportation flourishes.

Muscatine was originally incorporated in 1851 by a special act of the Iowa State Legislature and today is a city of 22,886 people. Major employers located in the Muscatine area include: Grain Processing Corporation (corn distillates/feed); Heinz, USA (food processing); HNI (formerly HON Industries office furniture); Monsanto Company (herbicides and plastics); Raymond-Muscatine, Inc. (front-end loaders, etc.); and Stanley Consultants, Inc. (consulting - engineering and architects).

City Government

The City of Muscatine is a special charter city operating under a mayor and seven council members, one elected from each of five wards plus two at-large. The City has established the appointed post of City Administrator, who acts as chief administrator of the City as directed by the Council. The activities of the City are operated with the assistance of three Boards and seventeen Advisory Commissions serving the City Council and City Staff.

Population

The official U.S. Census figures for the past eighty years are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>City of Muscatine</u>	<u>Muscatine County</u>
2010	22,886	42,745
2000	22,697	41,722
1990	22,881	39,907
1980	23,467	40,436
1970	22,405	37,181
1960	20,997	33,840
1950	19,041	32,564
1940	18,286	31,296
1930	16,778	29,385

Industries and Major Employers

Due to Muscatine's central location in the Midwest, the community has prospered with industrial development for many years. Presented on the next page is a list of the larger industries and employers located within Muscatine.

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Product/Service</u>	<u>Approximate Number of Employees *</u>
Bridgestone Bandag, LLC	Pre-cured tread rubber and related equipment and supplies	180
Grain Processing Corp./ Kent Feeds	Corn distillates, livestock and poultry feed, corn, soybeans and forage	1,011
Heinz, U.S.A.	Food processing	305
Hy-Vee Food Stores	Grocery store	265
HNI Corporation (formerly The HON Company/Industries)	Office furniture and material	3,200
Monsanto Company	Herbicides and ABS plastics	381
Muscatine Community School District	Education	823
Muscatine Community College	Higher education	140
County of Muscatine	County government	198
City of Muscatine	City government	223
Muscatine Power & Water	Utility	300
Musco Sports Lighting, Inc.	Sports lights	400
Stanley Consultants, Inc.	Engineers and architects	279
Raymond-Muscatine Inc.	Industrial trucks and end loaders	220
Trinity-Muscatine	Medical services	483
Wal-Mart Superstores	Discount and grocery store	338

* Employment numbers reflect 2011 levels.

Education

Children within the City and surrounding area attend the fine facilities of the Muscatine Community School District. Their educational facilities are outlined below:

<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Date of Construction</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Muscatine High School	9-12	1974	1,648
Central Middle School	6-8	1938	591
West Middle School	6-8	1960	647
Colorado Elementary	K-5	1962	288
Franklin Elementary	K-5	1954	266
Grant Elementary	K-5	1954	287
Jefferson Elementary	K-5	1928	342
Madison Elementary	K-5	1954	299
McKinley Elementary	K-5	1960	336
Mulberry Elementary	K-5	1962	262
Washington Elementary	K-5	1971	358
Total			<u>5,324</u>

Educational opportunities are also complemented by the Eastern Iowa Community College, Muscatine Campus, a two-year college with an enrollment of approximately 1,500 students. Colleges or universities within commuting distance include: The University of Iowa, Iowa City; St. Ambrose University, Davenport; Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant; and Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

Transportation

The rail line serving Muscatine is the CP Railroad, providing daily freight service. There is no scheduled airline serving Muscatine; however, charter service is available. The modern airport has one 5,500 foot main runway and a crosswind runway of 4,000 feet. The nearest scheduled airlines (29 miles) are at the Quad City Airport in Moline, Illinois, 45 minutes away.

The City has both public and private barge facilities. Shipping time on the river has never been closed for more than three months. Because of the location of the deep channel on the Muscatine side of the river, hardly any dredging is needed to keep the river open.

The City is served by U.S. Interstate 80, located 14 miles north; Iowa primary highways No. 38, 22, and 92; U.S. Highway No. 61; and an Interstate Bridge, providing Highway 92 access over the Mississippi River connecting downtown Muscatine to Rock Island County, Illinois.

Medical

The medical needs of Muscatine are served by Trinity-Muscatine, one of four hospitals in the Trinity Regional Health System. Trinity-Muscatine includes an 80 bed acute care hospital, a medical clinic, home health services, and a public health agency. Trinity-Muscatine employs approximately 162 nurses and 30 physicians have admitting privileges for the hospital.

Building Permits

Building permits issued in the City for the last 10 calendar years are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<i>Single Family Residence</i>		<i>Multi-Family Residence</i>		<i>Industrial</i>		<i>Commercial</i>		<i>Total Valuation</i>
	<u>No.</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	
2002	26	\$ 3,210,109	11	\$ 4,760,000	3	\$ 410,000	4	\$ 3,125,531	\$ 11,505,640
2003	16	2,715,850	12	5,180,890	4	678,998	8	4,090,210	12,665,948
2004	33	5,043,234	6	1,666,145	7	4,840,780	17	7,877,406	19,427,565
2005	13	2,243,880	7	4,481,380	9	2,532,760	10	2,953,773	12,211,793
2006	18	2,107,685	5	2,565,200	3	2,366,453	3	954,320	7,993,658
2007	12	1,248,992	4	7,700,275	11	3,949,728	8	5,710,469	18,609,464
2008	9	1,241,305	1	208,740	3	84,750	9	6,843,183	8,377,978
2009	18	2,363,303	1	208,080	4	14,567,483	4	6,521,894	23,660,760
2010	8	1,113,325	5	982,320	3	204,183	8	2,040,345	4,340,173
2011	11	2,244,560	2	1,638,643	4	7,008,300	7	4,966,053	15,857,556

Historical Employment Statistics

Following are the historical unemployment rates for the years indicated for Muscatine County and the State of Iowa:

Calendar Year	Muscatine County	State of Iowa
2011	6.40%	5.90%
2010	7.60%	6.10%
2009	8.10%	6.00%
2008	4.30%	4.10%
2007	3.50%	3.80%
2006	3.20%	3.70%
2005	3.90%	4.30%
2004	4.30%	4.70%
2003	4.20%	4.50%
2002	4.10%	4.00%
2001	3.70%	3.30%

Retail Sales

The following illustrates the growth trend in taxable retail sales for the City of Muscatine as reported by the Iowa Department of Revenue:

<u>Year</u> <u>Ended 3/31</u>	<u>Retail Sales</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>of Permits</u>
2011	\$ 375,283,095	693
2010	371,429,841	706
2009	378,670,791	708
2008	380,240,483	700
2007	351,046,365	708
2006	335,687,212	651
2005	313,698,848	642
2004	309,223,614	647
2003	291,639,254	652
2002	285,409,368	687

Population by Age (2010 Census):

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>City of Muscatine</i>	<i>Muscatine County</i>	<i>State of Iowa</i>
Under 5 years	7.7%	7.2%	6.6%
5 to 9 years	4.2%	7.2%	6.6%
10 to 14 years	7.2%	7.3%	6.6%
15 to 19 years	7.0%	7.0%	7.1%
20 to 24 years	5.9%	5.4%	7.0%
25 to 29 years	7.0%	6.1%	6.5%
30 to 34 years	6.5%	6.0%	6.1%
35 to 39 years	6.2%	6.2%	5.8%
40 to 44 years	6.0%	6.5%	6.2%
45 to 49 years	6.8%	7.5%	7.1%
50 to 54 years	7.0%	7.4%	7.3%
55 to 59 years	6.5%	6.8%	6.7%
60 to 64 years	5.4%	5.7%	5.5%
65 to 69 years	3.7%	4.1%	4.1%
70 to 74 years	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%
75 to 79 years	2.4%	2.4%	2.7%
80 to 84 years	2.2%	2.0%	2.3%
85 years and over	2.2%	2.1%	2.5%

Median Family Income (2010 Census):

<u>Household Income</u>	<u># of Households</u>	<u>% of Households</u>
Under \$10,000	597	6.4%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	666	7.1%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,233	13.1%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,026	10.9%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,490	15.9%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	2,107	22.4%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,119	11.9%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	796	8.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	213	2.3%
\$200,000 or more	151	1.6%

Median and Mean Household Incomes (2010 Census):

Median	\$46,178
Mean	\$56,279

Race (2010 Census):

White	20,087
Black or African American	535
Asian	187
American Indian or Alaska Native	108
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	4
Some Other Race	1,454
Two or More Race	<u>511</u>
	<u>22,886</u>

Hispanic or Latino and Race (2010 Census):

Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3,794
Not Hispanic or Latino	<u>19,092</u>
	<u>22,886</u>