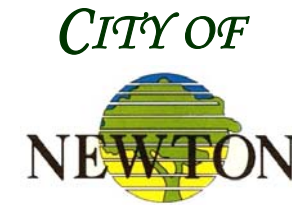


# Community Quick Reference



in Jasper County, Iowa  
July, 2007



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he City of Newton is located on I-80, 35 minutes east of downtown Des Moines. It is the commercial hub for communities located in the Region known as the East Central I-80 Corridor and the location of the \$70 million Iowa Speedway.

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ewton has a progressive award-winning municipal government which is responsive to business needs, strong financial institutions offering special rates for business, public schools which are among the top in the country, and a Community College with local 4 year college degree programs and on-site advance degree programs with the University of Iowa and Iowa State University plus specialized education/job training programs to meet specific employer needs.

## Tax Structure

Assessed value of property in city (2006):.....	\$734,487,049	Bonded indebtedness: City:.....	\$11,155,000
Tax rate per \$1,000 assessed value: (2007).....	\$42.57	Bonded indebtedness: School:.....	\$20,215,000
		Bonded indebtedness capacity of city:.....	\$34,996,362

City-wide tax abatement is available for residential, commercial and industrial development projects, except Central City Urban Renewal Area.  
IOWA has Single Factor Corporate Income tax and no property tax on machinery or equipment.

## Local Employment Characteristics

Major employers (except City, County and Schools)			
Name	Product/Service	Employment	Union
Maytag Laundry.....	laundry equipment.....	800.....	UAW
Iowa Telecom.....	tele communication.....	250 Newton 650 State wide.....	CWA & IBEW
Vernon Co.....	specialty advertising.....	150 Newton 700 Worldwide.....	UAW
Skiff Medical Center.....	hospital.....	375.....	none
Progress Industries.....	contract assembly.....	273 Total 165 Jasper County.....	UAW
Wal-Mart.....	retail.....	250.....	none
HyVee Food Stores.....	retail food.....	215.....	none
Rock Communications.....	commercial printing.....	200.....	none
Newton Manufacturing.....	specialty advertising.....	149.....	none
Thombert Inc.....	industrial plastics.....	100.....	UAW
Newton Clinic.....	health services.....	72.....	none
Hanson Directory Service, Inc.....	directory printing.....	70.....	none
Cline Tool and Service.....	cutting tools manufacturing.....	55.....	none
Newton Group.....		42.....	none
Pyramid.....	plastic injection molding.....	40.....	none
Ambassador Steel Corporation.....	construction steel.....	36.....	none
Keystone Laboratories.....	environmental testing services.....	27.....	none
Number of manufacturing plants in community.....	21	Number of manufacturing employees in community.....	1,031
Number of manufacturing plants with unions.....	3	Number of service employees.....	1,965
Number of work stoppages in last five years.....	1		

## Labor Force Information

Labor Force Summary for..... Jasper County	
Annual Average for..... 2006	
<b>Average Labor Force Data</b>	
Resident labor force:.....	18,430
Resident unemployed:.....	940
Percent unemployed:.....	5.1
Resident total employment:.....	17,490
<b>Employment Data-Place of Work</b>	
Nonagricultural wage and salary workers:.....	12,300
Manufacturing:.....	
Non-manufacturing:.....	
Construction and mining:.....	
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities:.....	
Wholesale and Retail Trade:.....	
Wholesale Trade:.....	
Retail Trade:.....	
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate:.....	
Service:.....	9,200
Government:.....	2,540

Wage rates for persons in selected occupations living or working in community:

### 2006 Hourly Wage Rates

Occupation or Job Title	Entry	Average
Customer Service Representative.....	\$10.17.....	\$12.74
Billing & Posting Clerk.....	10.40.....	12.49
General Laborer.....	8.75.....	11.40
Machine Set-Up Operator.....	10.40.....	12.49
Material Handler.....	12.93.....	13.98
Production Assembler.....	13.52.....	17.14
Secretary.....	9.64.....	14.17
Cashier.....	6.36.....	7.63
Receptionist/Information Clerk.....	6.23.....	7.20
Industrial Truck Operator.....	11.24.....	14.02
Maintenance Mechanic.....	11.67.....	24.92
Production Supervisor.....	18.28.....	25.78

## Local Contacts

### Community Contact:

Community Development Department, City of Newton  
1700 North 4th Avenue West  
Newton, IA 50208-1926  
FAX: (641) 792-0670  
Phone: Bus. (641) 792-6622  
E-Mail:

### Economic Development Contact:

Newton Development Corporation  
600 North 2nd Avenue West, Suite P  
Newton, IA 50208  
Phone: Bus. (641) 787-8212  
FAX: (641) 787-7314  
www.experiencenewton.com

## Population

	Newton	Jasper County	Iowa
1990 Census	14,789	34,810	2,776,755
2000 Census	15,579	37,213	2,926,324
Primary Trade Area.....			91,020
Total Trade Area.....			182,859
Within 45 minutes (50 miles).....			550,000

## Climate

Average winter temperature:.....	34 degrees
Average summer temperature:.....	78 degrees
Average annual rainfall:.....	23.8 inches
Average annual snowfall:.....	9.8 inches

## Schools within Newton District

Type	No.	Teachers	Enrollment	Grades
Elementary.....	5.....	127.....	1,649.....	K-6
Middle School.....	1.....	38.....	484.....	7-8
High School.....	1.....	75.....	953.....	9-12
Alternative High School.....	1.....	7.....	100.....	10-12
Parochial School.....	1.....	6.....	74.....	K-8

**Community College and Trade/Technical Schools:** Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Polytechnic Campus in Newton

**Area Colleges and Universities:** Grand View College, Des Moines; Central College, Pella; Grinnell College, Grinnell; Drake University, Des Moines; Iowa State University, Ames

Remarks: At DMACC Newton, the University of Iowa MBA program, several Iowa State University Masters Degrees, upper level undergraduate, and non-credit Extension classes, the Buena Vista University Bachelors Degree program, DMACC Community College undergraduate courses and specialized education/job training programs to meet specific employer needs are offered on campus and via the ICN.

Newton is located 60 minutes from Iowa State University and 80 minutes from University of Iowa with Big 12 and Big 10 sporting events and numerous cultural activities.

## Additional Information

Total number of religious congregations in city: **32** Protestant .....31 Catholic .....1 Jewish.....0 Other .....0  
 Active civic/industrial improvement programs: The \$19 million School Bond Renovation Program is nearing completion with upgrades being made to Thomas Jefferson bus drop off and Berg Schools track resurfacing. ....Average construction cost of new housing: ..... \$95 s.f.

## Transportation

Other Markets	Miles	Other Markets	Miles	Other Markets	Miles	Other Markets	Miles
Chicago .....	299	Indianapolis .....	442	Milwaukee .....	331	Omaha .....	175
Denver .....	700	Kansas City .....	226	Minneapolis .....	258	St. Louis .....	328
Des Moines .....	30	Los Angeles.....	1,831	New York.....	1,143		

**Motor Carrier** Number motor freight carriers serving community: .....24  
 Number of intrastate carriers: .....24  
 Number of local terminals: .....3  
 Number of interstate carriers: .....24

**Highways** Located on I- 80, US Hwy. 6 and IA Hwy. 14, 26 miles east of I-35.  
**Rail Service** Community served by the Iowa Interstate Railroad, featuring daily switching and the state's most advanced Intermodal Rail Facility with container and piggyback loading. Iowa Speedway Drive provides direct, easy access to I-80.  
**Air Service** Newton's municipal general aviation airport, located within the city limits, has a 5,600 ft. hard surfaced runway, Unicom radio, VOR , jet fuel services and is one of 5 Iowa general aviation airports with ILS. Newton is 35 minutes from Des Moines International Airport, serviced by: America West, American, Northwest, TWA, United, USAir, Delta, American TransAir, America West Express-Mesa, Skyway, Comair, Midwest Express, Continental. Also served by UPS, Federal Express, Air Borne and Emery.

## Telecommunications

Local telephone company: ..... Iowa Telecom  
 Time in minutes to nearest central office: ..... local  
 Locally-based repair service: ..... Yes  
 Are disaster recovery services available?..... Yes  
 Equal access long distance market?..... Yes  
 Type of long distance switcher: ..... digital  
 Sheath miles of fiber optic cable in local system: .....60  
 Long-distance carriers: .....IA Telecom, MCI, AT&T, Sprint, Verizon  
 Type of central office switcher: ..... digital

## Municipal Services

Type of local government: ..... Mayor/Council/Administrator  
 City zoning ordinance in effect: ..... Yes  
 County zoning ordinance in effect: ..... Yes  
 Subdivision ordinance with design standards in effect: ..... Yes  
 Number full-time fire department personnel: .....23  
 Number volunteer fire department personnel:10  
 Fire insurance class in city: .....4  
 Fire insurance class outside city: .....9  
 Number of full-time city police officers: .....24  
 Industrial waste pickup service: ..... Yes  
 Percentage of city streets paved: ..... 97%  
 Remarks: City has full-time economic development director.  
 Newton City Government has received 7 National awards and numerous recent State awards recognizing progressive government.

## Available Buildings

—See LocationOne.com for current update

Sq. Ft.	Peak Height	Truck Docks	Sprinkler	Location Key
10,000	20'	1	No	NDC
20,000	20'	1	No	ACST

Additional building information available upon request.

## Utilities

**Water** Water supplied by: *Newton Waterworks* Source of city water: *wells* Capacity of water plant .....9,000,000 gals.  
 Elevated storage capacity: .....2.5 million gals.  
 Average consumption: .....4,000,000 gpd  
 Peak consumption: .....7,000,000 gpd

**Natural Gas** Local distributor: *Aquila (Peoples Natural Gas)* Pipeline source: *Northern Natural Gas Co.*  
**Sanitation** Type sewage treatment plant: *tertiary* Percent of community served by sewer: ..... 95%  
 Average load: .....2.5 mgd  
 Peak load: .....3.9 mgd  
 Design Capacity: .....4.5 mgd

**Electricity** Supplier: *Alliant Energy*

## Commercial and Industrial Sites

	Newton Business Park	JEDCO Business Park	Metro East I & II
Acreage Available	1-5	1-15	100 Ac. (including 2-30 Ac. sites)
Location of Site	N.E. area in city	N.E. area in city	S.E. @ I-80 Exit 168
Price Per Acre	\$15,000-\$20,000	\$15,000-20,000	\$100,000 to \$200,000 per Ac.
Name of Landowner	Newton Dev. Corp.	Jasper Co. Ec. Dev. Corp.	Clement & LaPlant
Is site served by rail?	No	Yes	No
Electricity	13,200 pv	13,200 pv	13,200 pv
Water	10" main	12" main	10" main
Gas	4" main	4" main	4" main
Sewer	12" main	10" main	8" main
Zoning Classification	Light Industrial	Light Industrial	Tourist Oriented Commercial
Fire Insurance Class	5	5	5
Tax Rate \$1,000			
Assessed Valuation	\$42.57	\$42.57	\$42.57
Property Tax Exemption Available	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tax increment area	No	Yes	Yes

Additional site information available upon request. Prices listed above may be subject to negotiation.

## Commercial and Industrial Services

Number of financial institutions in city: ..... 6  
 Number affiliated with a bank chain: ..... 4  
 Machine shop: .....4  
 Tool & die service: ..... 1  
 Electric motor repair: ..... 2  
 Number of company-owned, national chain retail stores: ..... 12  
 Daily newspaper: ..... Newton Daily News  
 Cable TV provider: ..... Mediacom  
 Chamber of Commerce: ..... Yes  
 Economic development personnel/services: ..... Yes  
 Is community CEPP certified: ..... Yes  
 Number of motels/hotels: ..... 7  
 Total number of rooms available: ..... 454  
 Seating capacity of largest banquet room: ..... 350

Remarks: City Community Development Department and the private, non-profit Newton Development Corporation assist on confidential basis with development projects. Development assistance and incentives include tax abatement, tax increment financing, obtaining State loans and grants and local revolving loan funds.

## Cultural and Recreational Facilities

Number of local facilities and those within 45-minute travel time:  
 17 ..... public golf courses 72 ..... public parks 81 ..... public tennis courts 14 ..... public swimming pools  
 Number of country clubs available: ..... 8  
 Public access to lake for swimming, fishing, water skiing & motor boating, sailing  
 Cultural & Information Resources: theater, library, opera, museum, ballet, historic site, art gallery, symphony, historical society & art council  
 Area Events: 4th of July Parade and Celebration; National Sprint Car finals, Knoxville; Iowa State Fair, Des Moines; Tulip Festival, Pella  
 Area Attractions: Jasper County Museum; Maytag Dairy Farm; Adventureland Theme Park; Lake Red Rock; Prairie Meadows Casino & Race Track; Trainland USA; Rock Creek State Park; Walnut Creek National Wildlife Refuge; and Iowa Speedway.  
 Local Meeting Facilities: YMCA/Community Center with 250-seat theater; High School with 800-seat center for performing arts; Sodexho DMACC Newton Conference Center provides banquet seating for 350, ICN Network conference space and a 325 seat auditorium.

## Health Facilities

Skiff Medical Center is a 48-bed fully accredited hospital with 24-hour emergency medical services. In the last decade, the hospital has invested more than \$20 million in renovation, modernization and patient care technology. This has enabled Skiff to double the size of its medical staff, offering a wide range of primary care and specialty physicians. The hospital is consistently rated among the nation's leaders in patient satisfaction, and is the smallest in the state to have its own permanent Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) unit. Its services include kidney dialysis, home care, surgery, women's health, obstetrics, intensive care units, assisted living, physical medicine and rehabilitation and many others. Local physicians provide services in obstetrics/gynecology, family practice, general and orthopedic surgery, internal medicine, radiology and pediatrics. The Skiff Specialty Clinics provides visiting physicians in these areas: allergies, cardiology, dermatology, ear-nose-throat, gastroenterology, neurology, neurosurgery, occupational medicine, oncology, orthopedics, physical medicine, pulmonary/infectious diseases, urology and vascular surgery.

Number of medical personnel: MD(s).....39 DO(s) ..... 13 Dentist(s) ..... 17 DC(s) ..... 7 DPM(s) ..... 7 Other ..... 7