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Mt Vernon, MO

Lawrence County



Location:

Mt. Vernon is located on I-44, America's major east-west corridor. Located 35 miles west of Springfield and east of Joplin (Missouri's 2nd & 3rd largest cities), the Mt. Vernon area was recognized in the 4/22/03 USA Today as one of four fast growing communities in the US.

Business Climate:

Mt. Vernon enjoys a small town atmosphere with nearby big city amenities. As a trade center for nearly 20,000 in population, we enjoy a low cost of living with no city property tax. Located on I-44 just 30 minutes east of Highway 71 (future I-49) makes an ideal location for business and transportation.

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Demographic Information

Population

	1990	2000
Population:	3,714	4,017
Labor Market Population:	0	1,766

Educational Attainment: Population - Age 25 Plus

	2000
Associate Degree:	4 %
Bachelor's Degree:	8 %
Graduate or Professional Degree:	5 %

Metro Area Distances

City	Driving Distance (miles)	Flight Time	Days by Truck	Days by Rail
Bentonville, AR	96	30	1	0
Chicago	545	3.5 hours	2	3
Dallas	400	2.5 hours	1	2
Joplin	45	30 minutes	1	1
Kansas City	200	45 minutes	1	1
Memphis	320	2 hours	1	1
Springfield	35	20 minutes	1	1
St. Louis	250	1.3 hrs.	1	1
Tulsa	140	45 minutes	1	1

Leading Employers

Company Name	Product or Service	Employees
Blevins Asphalt	Asphalt	51
Continental Manufacturing (Marco)	Conveyer Belts	40
Division of Youth Services	Youth Rehabilitation	55
Evans Collars	Collars for pets	32
First National Bank	Financial	44
Lawrence County Manor	Residential/Medical Care	100
Mid America Dental & Hearing	Medical Facility	100
Missouri Rehabilitation Center	Medical Facility	500
Missouri Veteran's Home	Medical Facility	125
Mt. Vernon Place Care	Residential/Medical Care	60

Local Government

Type of Government:	Mayor/City Council/Administrator
Comprehensive City Plan:	Yes
Year Plan Completed:	2001
Strategic City Plan:	No
Year Plan Completed:	
City Zoning Ordinance in Effect:	Yes
County Zoning Ordinance in Effect:	No
Percent of Streets Paved:	100.0

Taxation Structure

Actual Valuation:	\$0.00
Bond Indebtedness	
General Obligation:	
Revenue:	
County:	
School:	
General Comments:	
The city of Mt. Vernon has no real or personal property taxes. Total Sales Tax is 7.225%/\$1.00 (State 4.225; County 1.0; City 2.0)	

Utilities

Water

Provider Name:	City of Mt. Vernon
Rated Capacity (mgd):	1
Average Capacity (mgd):	1
Peak Demand (mgd):	1,110,000
Storage Capacity (gallons):	1,650,000

Sewer

Provider Name:	City of Mt. Vernon
Rated Capacity (mgd):	1,350,000
Average Daily Demand (mgd):	1
Peak Demand (mgd):	2,000,000

Electric

Provider Name:	City of Mt. Vernon
Peak Demand (KW):	10,386
Generation Capacity (KW):	0
Customers Served (state):	0
Customers Served (system):	2,123

Natural Gas

Provider Name:	Missouri Gas Energy
Pipeline Source:	
Customers Served (state):	0
Customers Served (system):	0

Telecommunications

Provider Name:	CenturyTel
Service Type:	
DSL:	Yes
Fiber Optics:	Yes
Switch Services:	
Customers Served (state):	0
Customers Served (system):	0

Transportation

Interstates and Highways

Located on Interstate 44 and Missouri State Highway 39, half way between Springfield and Joplin.

Airport

Springfield-Branson Regional Airport within 30 minutes. Mt.Vernon Municipal Airport (non-commercial)

Public Transportation Network

City provides taxi service for \$1.00 per trip within the city limits.

General Comments

Indermodal service is available in Springfield, 30 minutes away.

Labor Force Characteristics

Available labor pool in Mt. Vernon basin is 139,208. Of that number, 64.6% have at least some college education and 93.8% have at least a high school diploma. An estimated 38.1% or 53,070 workers in the labor pool are underemployed.

Education

Elementary and Secondary Education Overview

Mt.Vernon R-5 School District is designated an A+ School and is accredited with Distinction by the State of Missouri and by the North Central Association. Student population is 1469 with 69% of last years high school seniors attending college.

Higher Education Overview

There are 2 state universities, 5 private universities & colleges, and 2 technical colleges located within 30 miles of Mt. Vernon.

Health Facilities and Personnel

Number of Hospitals:	1
Total Number of Beds:	189
Number of Outpatient Clinics:	2
Number of Medical Doctors:	4
Number of Dentists:	10
Number of Registered Nurses:	52
Number of Practitioning Nurses:	230

Quality of Life

Commercial Services

Number of Hotels and Motels:	4
Number of Rooms Available:	154
Number of Conference Centers:	0
Capacity of Largest Conference Center:	300

Financial Institutions

Number of Banks:	3
Number of Savings and Loans:	0
Number of Credit Unions:	0

Religious Institutions

There are 12 churches of various denominations in the Mt.Veron area.