

Webb City, Missouri

Situated on the Ozark Plateau, Webb City is 982 feet above sea level in the southwest corner of Missouri. It is approximately 200 miles southwest of the center of population of the United States and near the geographical center of the country. Located next to Joplin, ten miles east of the Kansas state line, 14 miles northeast of the Oklahoma state line, and 46 miles north of the Arkansas state line, Webb City provides central access to the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Population

Jasper County	104,686
Webb City	9,812

Major Employers

Cardinal Scale Manufacturing Company	Industrial scales
Dawson Furniture Company, Inc.	Furniture manufacturer
Morton Booth	Wood furniture and accessories
Ozark Machine	Steel fabrication
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Department/discount store
Webb City Health & Rehabilitation	Long-term care facility
Webb City R-VII School District	Education
White Flyer, Division of Reagent Chemical	Clay pigeons

Climate

Summer	70 to 90° F
Fall	49 to 71° F
Winter	23 to 42° F
Spring	47 to 70° F

Transportation

- Webb City is served by rail, air, and state and federal highways.
- Joplin Regional Airport, where passenger and air freight services are available, is within one mile of the city. Length of the runway is 6,500 feet.
- Fifty trucking companies are based or have terminals in the Webb City/Joplin area.
- Rail service is provided by Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad.
- Interstate 44 is approximately five miles south of Webb City, U.S. Highway 71 runs through the city, as does State Highway D. State highways 43 and 96 are within one mile.

Health Services

- Freeman Clinic, Webb City
- Freeman Hospitals & Health System, Joplin
- St. John's Regional Medical Center
- Webb City Health & Rehabilitation (long-term care)
- Webb City Fire and Ambulance Department provides advanced life support in emergencies.

Utilities

Webb City Water Department	(417) 673-5077
Trash Pickup	(417) 673-5077
Missouri Gas Energy	(800) 582-1234
Empire District Electric	(417) 673-0300
Southwestern Bell	
Residential	(800) 464-7928
Commercial	(800) 499-7928
Cable One	(417) 624-6340

Other Useful Numbers

City Hall	(417) 673-4651
Police Department, non-emergency	(417) 673-1911
Library	(417) 673-4326

Taxes

Sales	7.075 percent
Real estate (county/city) *	\$4.50

* Assessed per \$100 valuation.

Housing - Webb City's housing renaissance began in the late 1980s with the creation of several new developments. Since then, housing in a variety of economic ranges continues to be built at a brisk pace. There are currently 12 new housing developments in various stages of construction in Webb City and the surrounding area.

Education - Accredited for Distinction in Performance by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the district's commitment to education is apparent in every aspect of school life. The dedication of the school board, administration, faculty and staff is matched by the citizens of the district who have approved funding for \$22.5 million in facilities construction since 1992, including three new elementary buildings, improvements and additions to the Carterville Elementary School, junior high and high school buildings, outstanding technology in all buildings

K-12, and a state-of-the-art 1,019 seat performing arts center. Plans are currently in process for a major addition to the new Harry S. Truman Elementary School.

With a K-12 enrollment of 3,579, and a student to teacher ratio of 16:1, the environment for strong academics is excellent. Webb City High School is an A+ high school and proud of its strong teams in the Academic Bowl, Debate and Speech. Enrichment programs for gifted students, and programs for special needs students are provided for children of all ages. The quality and success of these programs has led to continual increases in student enrollment during the last decade.

Quality Of Life - Webb City's park system includes six parks ranging in size from 1/3 to 100+ acres. Facilities include playgrounds, volleyball courts, picnic areas, tennis courts, soccer, baseball and softball fields, basketball courts, walking/biking trails, a riding arena, statuary, and a restored streetcar and track.

The parks host active volunteer-led soccer, baseball and softball programs, as well as the Chamber sponsored Farmers' Market. Two miles of the Frisco Greenway Trails, a county-owned walking and biking path, runs through Webb City. In early September the annual Mining Days celebration is held featuring art and craft concessions, fireworks, and rides on an early 1900s restored trolley. Trolley rides are available by appointment for reunions, parties, and other special events for groups.

The city's library, built in 1914, is one of the few active Carnegie libraries in Missouri. Housed in an elegant stone building highlighting Webb City's mining heritage, the library provides traditional library services, a fine genealogy collection, 14 patron computers with Internet access, and over 84 learning programs for children from early childhood through high school. The library sponsors a weekly story time for pre-schoolers, a children's summer reading program, and a delivery service for homebound patrons. The local GED and English as a Second Language programs are conducted at the library. Construction on a \$2,000,000 renovation and expansion of the library will begin this year.

Art is an everyday experience in Webb City. Large murals by local artists are located at the high school, in Webb City Bank, and at the intersection of Main and Daugherty streets. The Praying Hands and Kneeling Miner sculptures dominate King Jack Park, while Nature's Balance graces Hatten Park.

Opportunities for entertainment abound in Webb City. The high school pool and tennis courts are open to the public during the summer. Athletes can tone up at a world-class tennis and fitness center, or at an accessible downtown workout center. Webb City boasts a miniature golf course, a lighted nine-hole executive golf course, and a new roller skating rink offers year round pleasure and exercise. Route 66 Theatre, built in the early 1900s and recently restored, brought movies back to town. Interestingly, the stage has been restored to accommodate live performances, and on occasion audiences will be treated to a combination of both live entertainment and a movie. Excellent amateur performances are featured in the high school's new 1,019-seat Performing Arts Center.

Regional attractions include Precious Moments and George Washington Carver National Monument. Springfield, a little over an hour away, is home to Missouri's most popular attraction, the Bass Pro Shop's Outdoor World. Branson, with its myriad of entertainment and shopping attractions, is about two hours away. Nearby rivers, streams and lakes are popular for water sports and activities.

The approximately 18 churches serving Webb City demonstrate a strong dedication to spiritual values and family life.

The Ministerial Alliance coordinates an annual community Thanksgiving service and Christmas baskets for the needy.