

★ **POPULATION** ★

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>
City	4,017	3,714	3,341
County	35,204	30,256	28,973

(Lawrence)

★ **TAXES** ★

Assessed value of real estate	\$26,960,580
Basic property tax levy for latest year (per \$100 assessed valuation)	
City	\$ 0
County	0.0900
State	0.0300
School	3.3200
Other*	<u>0.6297</u>
Total	\$4.0697

*Roads & bridges, 0.07; senior citizens, 0.05; developmentally disabled, 0.08; nursing home, 0.1111; library, 0.1784; ambulance, 0.1402

Sales tax	City	2.00 ¢
(per dollar)	County	1.00 ¢
	State	<u>4.225¢</u>
	Total	7.225¢

★ **GOVERNMENT** ★

Missouri Senate District: 29
 Missouri House District: 132
 U.S. Congressional District: 7th
 Type of government: Mayor/Council
 City administrator: Erika Glock
 Mayor: Robert Walster
 Comprehensive city plan: Yes
 City zoning: Yes
 County zoning: No
 Subdivision ordinance w/design standards: Yes
 City engineer employed: No
 City Industry Development Authority
 w/bonding authority: Yes
 County Industrial Development Authority: No
 Fire department personnel:
 Full-time 0
 Volunteers 22
 Fire insurance rating:
 In city: 6
 Outside city: 9
 Full-time law enforcement:
 City: 9
 County: 17
 Garbage service provided: Yes, private

★ **UTILITIES** ★

WATER:

Supplied by city: Yes
 Name of supplier: City of Mt. Vernon
 319 E. Dallas
 Mt. Vernon, MO 65712
 417-466-2122
 Source of water: 7 deep wells
 Capacity of plant:
 Average consumption: 900,000 gal./day
 Peak consumption: 1.9 million gal./day
 Storage capacity: 1.65 million gal. elevated

SANITATION:

Type of plant: Oxidation
 Name of supplier: City of Mt. Vernon
 319 E. Dallas
 Mt. Vernon, MO 65712
 417-466-2122
 Capacity of plant: Design flow 1.3 mdg
 Present load of plant: 650,000 gal./day
 Sewer use charge: Yes

ELECTRICITY:

Supplier: Municipal and Co-op
 Name of company: City of Mt. Vernon
 319 E. Dallas
 Mt. Vernon, MO 65712
 417-466-2122
 Name of co-op: Ozark Electric Cooperative
 10943 N. Highway 39
 Mt. Vernon, MO 65712
 417-466-2144

NATURAL GAS:

Serves city: Yes
 New hookups available: Yes
 Name of supplier: Missouri Gas Energy
 207 W. Pine
 Monett, MO 65708
 417-236-3214

OTHER FUEL DISTRIBUTORS:

LP gas: All Star Gas
 1420 Industrial Rd.
 Mt. Vernon, MO 65712
 417-466-4050

★ **CLIMATE** ★

TEMPERATURE:	
Coldest month:	January
Average maximum:	52°
Average minimum:	15°
Hottest month:	August
Average maximum:	95°
Average minimum:	72°
PRECIPITATION:	
Dryest month:	January
Normal:	1.9 inches
Wettest month:	May
Normal:	5.3 inches
Rain, average annual:	41.1 inches
Snow, average annual:	16.9 inches

★ **EDUCATION** ★

PUBLIC SCHOOLS:	
Classification: AAA	
Elementary:	1
Teachers:	40
Enrollment:	486
Junior high:	1
Teachers:	35
Enrollment:	476
High school:	1
Teachers:	36
Enrollment:	400
AREA PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS:	
Trinity Lutheran School, Freistatt	
Highland Christian School, Miller	
Round Grove Academy, Miller	
AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS UTILIZED:	
Southwest Area Career Center, Monett	
Ozark Technical College, Springfield	
AREA PUBLIC COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES:	
Drury University, Springfield	
S.W. Missouri State University, Springfield	
Crowder College, Neosho	
Missouri Southern State University, Joplin	
Pittsburg State, Pittsburg, Kan.	
AREA PRIVATE COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES:	
Evangel, Springfield	
Central Bible, Springfield	
Bible Baptist, Springfield	
Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar	
College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout	

★ **HEALTH SERVICES** ★

Number of hospitals:	1
Number of beds:	109
Distance to nearest emergency room:	12
Clinic in community:	Yes
Medical personnel:	
Medical doctors:	4
Osteopaths:	4
Chiropractors:	3
Dentists:	10
Veterinarians:	2
Nurses: registered	52
Nurses: practical	230

★ **COMMERCIAL SERVICES** ★

FINANCIAL:		Assets/deposits
Banks:	3	\$178,000,000
Savings & Loan	0	
COMMUNICATION:		
Telephone service:		CenturyTel
Newspaper, weekly:	1	
Radio stations:	2	
TV channels received:	7	
Cable TV serving city:	Yes	
Post office classification:	1	
INDUSTRIAL:		
Machine shops within 30 miles	14	
Tool & die services within 30 miles	3	
Electric motor repair services within 30 miles	45	
OTHER SERVICES:		
Taxi for seniors, 25 cents		
COMMUNITY FACILITIES:		
Hotels/motels	5	
Capacity of largest banquet room	300	
Churches in city:		
	Protestant:	11
	Catholic:	1
Shopping centers:	0	
Public libraries	1	

★ **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT** ★

Economic Development:
 Mt. Vernon Area Economic Development Corp.
 Contact person:
 Jane Hood, Director
 P.O. Box 623, 319 E. Dallas St.
 Mt. Vernon, MO 65712
 417-466-2513
 edc@mtvernon-cityhall.org
 Chamber of commerce: Yes
 Full-time manager: Yes
 Phone/fax number: 417-466-7654
 All Missouri Certified city: Yes
 Enterprise zone: No
 Missouri Community Betterment
 participation: Yes

★ **LABOR - LAWRENCE COUNTY** ★

Civilian labor force*: 15,561
 Total employment: 14,749
 Unemployed: 812
 Unemployed as % of work force
 (annual average): 5.2%
 Manufacturing average wage: \$293.60
 Nonmanufacturing average wage: \$224.40
 *Formulized monthly estimate
 Missouri Division of Employment Security

★ **MAJOR EMPLOYERS** ★

<u>Name</u>	<u>Product/Service</u>	<u>Employees</u>
Missouri Rehabilitation Center	Medical facility	435
Mt. Vernon School System	Education	167
Schreiber Foods	Cheese manufacturing	165
TA Truck Stop	Truck stop	120
Missouri Veterans' Home	Medical facility	103
Lawrence County government	Government	102
Lawrence County Manor	Residential/medical care	100
Ozark Electric Cooperative	Rural electric district	96
Tuthill (formerly Reyco)	Trailer suspensions	90
New Rising Fenix	Trucking	82
Silgan Containers	Containers	70
Mid America Dental & Hearing	Medical facility	62
Mt. Vernon Place Care	Residential/medical care	60
Marsh Engineering	Conveyer belts	60
Positronic Industries	Computer chips	52
Blevins Asphalt	Asphalt	51
First National Bank	Financial	44
City of Mt. Vernon	Government	35
Evans Collars	Pet supplies	32

★ **RECREATIONAL FACILITIES** ★

Recreational facilities in city or within 10 miles:

Public swimming pools: 1
 Public tennis courts: 4
 Public parks: 6
 Public golf courses: 1
 Fishing pond with
 handicap accessible dock 1

Nearest public access lake or river: 28

Activities allowed:

Swimming: Yes
 Fishing: Yes
 Motor boating: Yes
 Water skiing: Yes
 Hiking/fitness/nature trails: Yes
 Camping: Yes

Other facilities or special features:

Historic Lawrence County Courthouse
 Adamson Cabin
 Museum (open Sundays, May-Oct.)
 Frisco caboose

★ **TRANSPORTATION** ★

RAIL:

Railroad serving community: No
 Distance to nearest piggy back service: 4

AIR:

Distance to nearest public airport: 4
 Name: Mt. Vernon
 Longest runway: 3,200
 Surface: Paved
 Runway lighted: Yes
 Private aircraft storage available: Yes
 Aircraft maintenance available: No
 Fuel available: No
 Nearest commercial air transportation: 30
 Name: Springfield/Branson
 Nearest air freight service: 30

BARGE:

Distance to nearest barge service: 245
 Days to/from New Orleans port: 2/2

MOTOR CARRIER:

Package delivery service: Yes
 Highway bus service available: Yes
 Highways serving city:

Interstate: 1
 Missouri: 2

Distance to nearest interstate interchange: 1

Distance to nearest four-lane highway: 1

Motor freight carriers:

Rising Fenix
 TRSM

Distance to major metropolitan areas:

	Miles	Days by motor freight
Atlanta	685	3
Boston	1,415	4
Chicago	531	1
Dallas	455	1
Denver	722	2
Detroit	828	2
Indianapolis	490	0
Kansas City	175	0
Los Angeles	1,607	4
Memphis	305	0
Minneap./St. Paul	612	2
New Orleans	690	2
New York	1,210	4
St. Louis	245	0
Seattle	2,062	5

0=overnight/same day