

AURORA, MISSOURI



Community Profile

Lawrence County

Prepared By:
Aurora Chamber of Commerce and
City of Aurora Economic Development Department

*****Population*****

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1990</u>
City	7,377	7,014	6,459
County	38,845	35,204	30,236

*****Taxes*****

Assessed value of real estate property:
\$52,529,570

Basic property tax levy for latest year
(per \$100 assessed value)

City	\$.5109
County	\$.1170
State	\$.03
School	\$3.6963
Other	\$.4791

Sales Tax:	
City	2.000%
State	4.225%
County	1.500%

Total 7.725%

*****Local Development Organizations*****

Economic Development
City of Aurora Economic Development

Contact: Noelle Harmon (417) 678-5121 ext 27

Aurora Area Chamber of Commerce

Contact: Shannon Walker (417) 678-4150

Aurora is a participating City in the:
Missouri Community Betterment Program

*****Recreation*****

Municipal Swimming Pool
6 City Parks with: Tennis Courts, ball fields, soccer fields, picnic facilities, play equipment

Nearby Lakes: Table Rock, Stockton, Roaring River State Park - Swimming, Boating, Camping, Hiking, Fishing

*****Government*****

Missouri Senate District:	29
Missouri House District:	132
U.S. Congressional District:	7
Type of Government:	Manager/Council
City Manager:	Rick Batson (417) 678-5121

Zoning: City: Y County: N
Subdivision ordinance with design standards: Y

City Personnel

Fire Department:	Full Time:	5
	Volunteer:	25
Fire Insurance Rating:	Inside City:	5
	Outside City:	8
Police Department:	Full Time:	16
	County:	18
Disposal Services:	Private	

***** Commercial Services*****

Financial	Number	Assets
Banks:	5	\$182,700,000

Communication:
 Telephone Service: Century Tel
 Newspaper: Aurora Advertiser
 Radio Station: KSWM-KQMO
 TV Channels received: 8
 Cable TV Service: SuddenLink
 Post Office Classification: 1

Industrial:
 Machine shops within 30 miles: 10
 Tool & Die services within 30 miles: 3
 Electric motor repair within 30 miles: 2

Community Facilities:
 Motels: Aurora Inn
 Bluebird

Churches:
 Protestant 29
 Catholic 1

Shopping Centers: 5
 Public Library: 1

*****Area Attractions*****

Springfield: Bass Pro Shops, Nature Center, Discovery Center, Wonders of Wildlife

Branson: Silver Dollar City, Whitewater Park, Celebration City, Daily Shows

Cassville: Roaring River State Park

Diamond: George Washington Carver Monument and walking trails

Utilities

Water:

Supplied by: Empire District Electric Company

Rate information: Hal Vandagriff

Source of water: Wells

Capacity per day: 2.7 million gallons/day

Average consumption: 1.2 million gallons/day

Peak consumption: 2.1 million gallons/day

Storage capacity: 800,000 gallons

Wastewater:

Type of plant: Oxidation Ditch

Supplier: City of Aurora

Rate information: Sherri Gregory
(417) 678-5121

Capacity of plant: 2,000,000 gallons/day

Average flow per day: 1,200,000 gallons/day

Peak: 7,000,000 gallons/day

Electricity:

Supplied by: Empire District Electric Company

Rate information: 1-800-206-2300

Natural Gas:

Supplied by: Missouri Gas Energy

Rate information: Office Manager
(417)-235-3194

New hookups available: Yes

Other:

Fuel Oil: MFA Oil Company

LP Gas: (417) 678-2779

Education

Public School Classification: 3A

	Number	Teachers	Enrollment
Elementary	4	97	1,208
Junior High	1	27	331
High School	1	46	582
Total	170	170	2,121

Superintendent: Dr. Dale Slagle
(417) 678-3373

Private Schools:

	Number	Teachers	Enrollment
Elementary	2	12	54
High School	2		40

Aurora Vocational School: Monett Area Vo-Tech

Area public colleges & universities:

Southwest Missouri State University – Springfield

Crowder College – Neosho

Missouri Southern State University – Joplin

Ozark Technical College- Springfield

Area private colleges & universities:

Drury University

Evangel College

Central Bible

Health Care

Hospital: St. John's Hospital Aurora
500 Porter, Aurora, MO 65605
(417) 678-2122

Full Service Acute Care Facility
Number of Beds: 28

Chief Operating Officer: Gary Jordan
(417) 678-2122

Medical Personnel:

Emergency Medicine Physicians:	13
Family Medicine Physicians:	10
Family Nurse Practitioners:	3
General Surgeon:	1
Ophthalmologist:	1
Otolaryngologist:	1
Urologist:	1
Psychologist:	1
Chiropractors:	2
Dentists:	4
Optometrists:	2
Veterinarians:	3

Climate

Temperature:

Coldest month: January

Average maximum temperature: 41 Farenheit

Average minimum temperature: 21 Farenheit

Hottest month: July

Average maximum temperature: 88 Farenheit

Average minimum temperature: 68 Farenheit

Precipitation:

Driest month: January

Normal: 2 inches

Wettest month: June

Normal: 5.4 inches

Annual average: 44.9 inches

Labor

Lawrence County

Civilian Labor Force: 19,247

Total Employment: 18,338

Unemployed: 909

Unemployment as a percentage
of work force (annual average): 4.7%

Miscellaneous manufacturing weekly
average wage: \$553

Non-Manufacturing weekly
average wage: \$504

*****Transportation*****

Rail:

Railroads serving community: Burlington Northern
Union Pacific
Number of freight stops per day: 22
Freight stops on demand: Yes
Distance to nearest piggy back service: 30 miles

Motor Carrier:

Package delivery service: Yes
Highways serving city: US Highway 60 (east-west)
MO Highway 39 (north-south)
Distance to nearest interstate: 11 miles
Distance to nearest 4 lane highway: 16 miles
Motor freight carriers: Boomerang Transportation
Roadway Trucking
Burlington Northern
Yellow Freight

Air:

Nearest public airport: Jerry Sumners, Sr. Municipal Airport

Longest runway: 3,000 feet
Surface: Paved
Private aircraft storage available: Yes
Aircraft maintenance available: Yes
Fuel available: Yes
Nearest Commercial air transportation: 30 miles
Nearest air freight service: 30 miles
Commercial airport serving city: Springfield Regional
Springfield, MO
30 miles

Distance to major metropolitan areas:

City	Miles	Days by Railroad	Days by Motor Freight
Atlanta	670	4	2
Boston	1,444	5	4
Chicago	526	2	1
Dallas	397	2	0
Denver	720	3	2
Detroit	785	3	2
Indianapolis	475	3	2
Kansas City	185	1	0
Los Angeles	1,605	6	4
Memphis	301	2	0
Minneapolis	591	4	3
New Orleans	675	4	2
New York	1,216	5	3
St. Louis	241	1	0
Seattle	2,301	7	5

0=overnight/same day

*****Major Employers*****

Company Name	Production/Services	Total Employees	Union
AG Forte, LLC	Turkey Hatchery	350	None
Aurora R-VIII Schools	Elementary & Secondary Education	292	MSTA
Wal-Mart	Discount Department Store	250	None
St. John's Hospital- Aurora	Acute Care Hospital	215	None
MWM Dexter	Commercial Printer	120	None
Aurora Nursing Center	Elderly Health Care	95	None
Mayse Automotive	Car Dealership	90	None
AFB International	Dog Food Flavoring	61	None
City of Aurora	Municipal Government	60	None
Jimmy Michel Motors	Car Dealership	56	None
Price Cutter	Grocery Chain	50	None
Luggage Works/Logo Solutions	Airline Luggage/Embroidery	42	None
Division of Family Services	State Government	40	None
TT Group	Shoe Mfg. & Distribution	37	None
Stoops Mfg Inc	Leather Briefcases etc	30	None
First Independent Bank	Banking	29	None
Service Vending	Specialty Vending	25	None
Richard's Hawgwild Barbecue	Restaurant	25	None
Tyson Feed Mill	Feed Manufacturing	24	None
MFA Milling	Feeds	21	None