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## **Family Circle Magazine Names Waukeee as One of Ten Best Cities for Families 2015**

**Waukeee, Iowa**— Family Circle, a home and family magazine, recently conducted a study to find the best towns for families in 2015 – and Waukeee made the cut.

Family Circle examined cities from across the United States, and based its list on the following criteria:

- Population
- Median Income
- Median Home Price
- Households with Children
- GreatSchools Rating

Family Circle points to Waukeee's tight-knit roots, community festivals and excellent schools as reasons that Waukeee was selected. Waukeee is a unique mix of old and new, combining small-town familiarity with suburban opportunity. The city experienced substantial growth over the last decade, growing more than 169%. Waukeee School District is growing, too. The district recently launched its Aspiring Professional Experience (APEX) program for high school students, finished construction on a new 8th and 9th grade building opening this fall, and began construction on its eighth elementary school.

Waukeee, just 17 miles from downtown Des Moines, is becoming a top destination for homebuyers because of the city's affordable housing, extraordinary schools, and exceptional community involvement. Frequent community events, such as the annual Celebrate Waukeee festival and the annual BACooN Ride, draw hundreds of residents

and visitors. The highly active Parks and Recreation Department, Public Library, Police and Fire Departments, schools, and Downtown Business group, work together to ensure the community remains a great place for families.

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The City of Waukee is recognized as the fastest growing city within the state of Iowa and is located in Dallas County—one of the fastest growing counties within the United States. The official Census estimate based on July 2013 data is 17,077. Waukee offers a family-friendly environment featuring quality parks, schools and trails. The City is also dedicated to economic development and expanding business opportunities, including the creation of its future mixed-use development, Kettlestone. For more information, visit [www.waukee.org](http://www.waukee.org).