

Downtown Fort Dodge Following World War II

Following the end of World War II, downtown Fort Dodge flourished and was a hustling-bustling place with robust economic activity. During the period between 1946 to 1949, there were 402 businesses, organizations, doctors and dentists located in downtown Fort Dodge (between 1st Avenue North, Central Avenue, and 1st Ave South - from 15th Street on the east end to the Des Moines River on the west end).



Here are the number of businesses in each category:

Women's Clothing Stores (20)
Men's Clothing Stores (9)
Department Stores (11)
Cafes/Eating Establishments (37)
Shoe Stores/Shoe Repair (13)
Movie Theaters (5)
Furniture Stores/Furniture Repair (9)
Drug Stores (10)
Hardware Stores (5)
Barber/Beauty Shops (18)
Taverns/Bars/Entertainment (9)
Hotels (9)
Grocery Stores (34)
Jewelry Stores (3)
Appliance Stores (9)
Gift Shops/Confectioners/Cigars (15)
Retail/Photography/Other (24)
Industry (29)
Transportation (15)
Insurance and Real Estate (39)
Organizations and Services (46)
Churches (2)
Veterinarians (2)
Lawyers (27)
Medical/Dental/Opticians (45)

Here is the list of businesses:

Women's Clothing (20)

Ames Apparel Co
Ames Millinery
Beenar's Women's Clothing
Colonial Shop
Cownie Furs
Dottie Dunn Millinery

Hollywood Style Shoppe
JC Petersen
Lilyan's Mode
Malloy Hat Shop
Miller Wohl Women's Apparel
Mode O'Day
O'Connor Millinery
O'Day Frock Shop
Peoples Clothing
Reo C. Green Rug Dealer
Sperry Furs
Three Sisters
Tru-Value Dress Shop

Men's Clothing Stores (9)

Charles A Brown
Fantle's Boys' Shop
Harry Tuel, Tailor
JC Peterson
Larson Clothing
Model Clothing
New Leader
People's Clothing
Walrod's Men's Store

Department Stores (11)

Boston Store
Fantle's
Gambles
JC Penney
Kresge's
McClellan's
Montgomery Ward (Catalog, too)
Sears Roebuck and Co

Turk Mercantile co
Woolworth's
Younkers

Cafes/Eating Establishments (37)

Bennie Salvatore
Bob's Burgers
Butterfly Café
Carl's Hamburger Shop
Chas Hartung Café
Constance Hockert Restaurant
Edwin Davisson Restaurant
Ethel's Clausen's
George Smith's
Gust Katsoulis's Café
Guy Boswell
Harriett Malvey's
Henry Heesch
Joseph Simone's
K Coffee Shop and Restaurant
Kermit Taylor Restaurant
Lester Treloar
Mae's Coffee Shop
Maid-Rite Sandwich Shop
Maywood Restaurant
Michael Mori's
Milo Hlavacek Restaurant
Nelson Argus Root Beer
New Club Café
New Goody Shop Café
Norman Grimes
Oasis Café
OK Coffee Shop
Pop's Lunch
Royal 400 Restaurant
Schrader's Steak House
Sonny's Grill
Stephan Valissiades
The Interstate Company
Tierney's Café
Warden Hotel Coffee Shop
Wimpy's Place Restaurant

Shoe Stores/Shoe Repair (13)

Boston Shoe Repair
Essig and DeFoe Shoe Repair
Harry Wilson Shoe Shine
James Scott Shoe Repair
Kinney Shoes
Ragner Johnson Shoe Repair
Sami Hayes Shoe Shiner
Schill Shoe Company
The Bootery
Tradehome Shoe Store
Wahkonsa Shoe Shop and Repairs
Walker Shoe Company
Welch Brothers Shoe Co.

Movie Theaters (5)

Dodge Theatre
Iowa Theatre
Park Theatre
Rialto Theatre
Strand Theatre

Furniture Stores/Furniture Repair (9)

Bender Furniture
FD Furniture Mart
Gambles Dept Store
Home Furniture Company
Landry Furniture Repair
McKinney Furniture Repair
McQuilkin Furniture/Rugs/Drapes
Munn Furniture
Richardson Furniture

Drug Stores (10)

Bohan Pharmacy
Clinic Pharmacy
Dick Brothers Walgreen Agency
Ford Hopkins Com
George Gellman Pharmacist
Hine Thome Drug Co
Iowa Medical Supply
O'Connell Bros Drug Store
Oleson Drug Co
Wiewel Drug Store

Hardware Stores (5)

Bickford Johnson Hardware
Gambles Dept Store
Leighton Supply
Sears Roebuck
Thiede Mueller Hardware

Barber/Beauty Shops (18)

Alonzo Bradley
Arcade Beauty Shop
Benjamin Bugg Barber
Carl Dillman, Barber
Carl Michaels, Barber
Cecelia's Beauty Shop
Ester Ryerson Beauty
FD Beauty Academy
Field Beauty Salon
Johanna Hanrahan Beauty Shop
John Sandeline Barber
O'Hern Beauty Shop
Powder Puff Beauty Parlor
Rose Beauty Shop
Vivian Anderson Beauty Shop
Wahkonsa Beauty Shop
Wm Rowland, Barber
Youth Beauty Salon

Taverns/Bars/Entertainment (9)

FD Beer Garden
FD Recreation Parlor
Frost Bowling Alley
Habhab Tavern
Hotel Eilers Tap Room
Leonard's Tavern
Royal 400 Nite Club
Stiles Beer Equipment and Service
The Brass Rail

Hotels (9)

Central Hotel
Cornbelt Hotel
Eilers Hotel
Logan Hotel
New Crawford Hotel

Tremont Hotel
Wahkonsa Hotel
Warden Apt/Hotel

Grocery Stores (34)

Andersen's Food Market
Andy Johnston Grocery
Big Three Market
Brown Grocery
Consumers Market
Edward Zemke Grocery
Fareway Stores
Fort Dodge Creamery
Frank Kennedy Grocery
Gold Bar Dairy and Grocery
Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company
Harry's Market
Horace Robinson Grocery
Hutchinson Grocery
Jeffries Grocery
John Anderson's Grocery
Kleber Grocery and Bakery
Martin Armato Grocery
National Foods
Pappas Fruit Market
Porter's Poultry Place
Raymond Hilton Market
Red Arrow Food Center
Royal 400 Food Store
S&O Supermarkets
Saigh's Groceteria Market
Scandia Bake Shop
Steph Messa Grocery
Sturdevant Meat Market
Sunbeam Dairy
Thompson Dairy Store
Uncle John's Grocery
Vito Amanzio Grocery
Wholesale Fruit Exchange

Jewelry Stores (3)

Kirkberg Jewelers
Olson Jewelry Store
Wicker Jewelers

Appliance Stores (9)

Central Appliance Store
Essinger Electric
FD Appliance Co
FD Maytag
Iowa Illinois Gas and Electric
Modern Appliance
Swaney Home Appliance
Thiede Mueller Hardware Co
Walker Appliance

Gift Shops/Confectioners/Cigars (15)

Art Kruckman Cigar Co
Constantine's Confectionery
Dodge Confections
Donly's Cigar Store
Dutch Mill Confectioner
Flower Flavor Gift Shop
Goldie Hoffman Gift Shop
Iowa Sweet Shop
Louis Luggage Shop
Mary Stevens'
Nugent's Gift and Beauty Shop
Roy Owen Candies
Snell Cigar Shop
Strand Sweet Shop
Wahkonsa Cigar Stand

Retail/Photography/Other (24)

Baldwin Studio Photography
Bergman Photos
Bergman Photos
Central App
Collins Beier Paints
Cook Paint and Varnish
Dick Bros. Walgreen Drug Store
Don Peterson Photos
FD Appliance
FD Upholstering Company
Hogans Sporting Goods
Hoover Sales & Vacuum Cleaners
Jahns Upholstering Shop
Kautzky Sporting Goods

King Music Company
MidBell Music
National Farm Loan Associations
Ruth King Music Shoppe
Singer Sewing Machine Co
Smith Photo Center
The State Bank
Tiny Tots Toggery
Wretman's Toy Town
Zakeer Auto and Home Supply

Industry (29)

Adams Agricultural Implements
Brown Supply
Cargill
Clagg Hide and Fur Co.
Dr. Pepper Bottling
East Side Lumber Company
Edwin Bowles Grain
Essingler Electric
Farmers Coop Grain and Coal Co
FD Feed Company
Firestone Retread Shops
Fort Dodge Grocery Company
Fort Dodge Iron and Metal
Fort Dodge Roofing
Hagen food Brokers
Horn Brothers Mfg.
Iowa Farm Management
J&B Machine Work
Lehigh Sewer and Tile
Loots Supply and Roofing
Midwest Grain Company
Quaker Oats Co.
Rabiner Feeds
Sundberg Implement
Tobin Meat Packing
United Packing House
Vincent Clay Products
Walker Appliance
Webster County Lumber Store/Coal/Hardware

Transportation (15)

Algona Bus Line
Chicago Great Western Railroad Station
City Cab
Corn Huskers Bus Line
Firestone Stores
Fort Dodge Transportation Company
Illinois Central RR Depot
Kelsey Burtis Filling Station
Liberty Cab Company
M&S Railroad
Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad Station
Royal Oil Filling Station
Union Freightways Garage
Walker Motor Co
Yellow Cab

Insurance and Real Estate (39)

30 Real Estate Offices
A.R. Loomis Real Estate
Aetna Life Ins.
American Mutual Life Ins.
Bankers Life Ins.
Barton and Crowl Insurance
Butler & Rhodes Abstracts
Central Life Insurance Co
Clayton Meyers Real Estate
Codner Realty
Dilocker & Son Real Estate
Durian Ins. Agency
Edward Trost Ins.
Equitable Life Insurance (farm loan dept)
Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance
Farmers Mutual Fire Ins. Assoc
FD Title and Investment Co
Glen Southwick Real Estate
Hawkeye Mutual Hail Ins. Assoc
Henry Luebke Real Estate
John Hackett Real Estate
John O'Connor Insurance
Kelley Insurance Co.
Lauderdale Co. Insurance
Lincoln Nat'l Insurance
McTigue Bros. Insurance
Mulholland Realty

Mulroney Ins. Co
National Fidelity Life Insurance
Nelson Realty
New York Life Ins
Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance
Olaff Larson Insurance
Penn Mutual Life Ins. Co
Prudential Insurance
Underwriters Adjusting Co.
Webster County Abstract
Webster County Farm Bureau
Willis Rich Agency (real estate)

Organizations and Services (46)

Am Federation of Labor
American Red Cross
Bureau of Animal Industry (Div. Virus Serum Control)
Campfire Girls
Carpenters Union/Hall
Christian Science Reading Room
City Assessor
Coast to Coast Store (Auto Accessories)
County Engineer, Treasurer, Supervisors, Auditor, Clerk
County Insanity Commission
County Jail
County Motor Vehicle Dept
County Recorder
County Sheriff
County Supt of Schools
Court House
Earl May Seed Company
FD Lodge
FD Tobin Business College
FD Typographical Union
Fort Dodge Seed Store
International Harvester
Internat'l Brotherhood of Teamsters and Chauffeurs
Iowa District Health Service
Iowa State Dairy Assoc.
IRS
Italian Mutual Society
Jewish Community Center
Junior Chamber of Commerce Boxing Center
Modern Display Service (Signs)

Moose Hall
Navy Recruiting Office
Northwestern Bell Telephone
Post Office
Preferred Beer
Probation Office, District Court
Public Health Nursing Services
Salvation Army
Sharp Needle Service
Social Security Office
Soldiers Relief Commission
United Spanish War Veterans
US Selective Service
US Soil Conservation Office
VFW
Western Union Telegram

Churches (2)

Coppin Chapel African Methodist Church
Jehovah's Witness Church

Medical/ Dental/Opticians (45)

Albert Archer, MD
Albert Kinne, Dentist
American Optical
Arentz Ericson, Dentist
Carolyn Barker, Osteopath
Chas Baker, MD
Chas Moe, Optometrist
Chase Sumner, MD
Claude Friedrich, Optometrist
Clement Hughes, Dentist
Cloyde Eatinger, Chiropractor
Elton Hoover, Dentist
Emerson Dawson, MD
Ernest Kersten, MD
Ernest VanPatten, Osteopath
FD Dental Laboratory
Frank Larsen, MD
Fred Klepper, Dentist
Geo Sayles, Dentist
Hal Clough, Dentist
Harold Larson, MD
Harry Framptom, Dentist

Henry Heilman, Optician
Hewett Hines, Dentist
Iowa Medical Supply Drugs
Irish Green and Hand Dentist
John Schrader, MD
Jos Magennis, Dentist
Jos Weyer, MD
Kasemer, Dentist
Leon Smith, Dentist
LeRoy Larson, Dentist
Lloyd Titsworth, Dentist
Loran Martin, MD
Mills Neslund Dental Lab
Otto Glesne, MD
Paul Maggio, Dentist
Paul Otto, MD
Phil Dorr, Dentist
Reuben Bloomberg, Dentist
Reuben Mater, Chiropodist
Robt Mace, Optometrist
Robt Kruger, Dentist
Roger Minkel, MD

Veterinary (2)

Francis Ludgate
Kaderabek & Rhodes

Lawyers (27)

34 lawyers in 1946s
58 lawyers in 1951
Alan Loth
Austin Hogan, Attorney
Breen Breen and McCormick
Fred Grosenbaugh, Lawyer
Frederick Larrabee, Lawyer
Helsell Burnquist & Bradshaw Lawyers
Horace Melton
James Cross, Attorney
James I Dolliver
John Schaupp, Lawyer
Kelleher & Kelleher Lawyers
Kirchner & Kirchner Lawyers
Laith & Melton Lawyers
Loth and Melton

Maher and Mullen, Lawyers
Mitchell & Mitchell Attorneys
Paul McCarville, Lawyer
Phelan Karr & Kerr Lawyers
Reynolds Thomas, Lawyer
Richard Mitchell
Rider & Bastian
Robert Knudson, Lawyer
Stowe and Kramer, Lawyers
Thomas Healy, Lawyer
Wm Peters