



Population Growth

The following information was compiled by the Marion Planning and Development Department with data / information from the US Census and State Data Center of Iowa on May 20, 2016. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact David N. Hockett, Assistant Planning and Development Director at 319-743-6320 or via e-mail at dhockett@cityofmarion.org.

When completing request specifically for regional, state and federal dollar funding, reporting, etc, the question of what is the population of the community, the agency is typically asking for the Official 2010 US Census Population and or certified population, NOT the estimate, unless they specifically ask for an estimated current population. The City has had a special census conducted for targeted areas within the community and those population numbers will be available summer 2016.

Marion Growth and Statewide Comparisons:

July 1, 2015- 37,330 (Estimate Source: State Data Center of Iowa)

March 17, 2015 – 35,163 (Source: U.S. Census Boundary Update)

April 1, 2010 – 34,768 (Source: 2010 U.S. Census)

The City of Marion has experienced an estimated population gain of 2,472 people since the July 1, 2010 estimate that represents a percent change of 7.40%. The City of Marion had previously grown 8,474 people (or an average of 847 persons per year) between the 2000 and the 2010 U.S. Census which resulted in a percent change of 32.2% over the 10 year period.

The following table provides the estimated growth by year from 2010 to 2015. Please note estimates are always provided for the year prior to this report and are amended by the State Data Center of Iowa every year.

Estimated Population of Marion, IA - April 1, 2010 (US Census) through July 1, 2015 (State Data Center of Iowa Estimate)											
City Name	2020 Census	2019 Est.	2018 Est.	2017 Est.	2016 Est.	2015 Est.	2014 Est.	2013 Est.	2012 Est.	2011 Est.	2010 Est.
Marion						37,330	36,807	36,235	35,850	35,367	34,858
Population Change						523	572	385	483	509	
Please Note: Previous year's estimates are revised with new estimates by the State Data Center every year. (494 Average per year)											

Marion's population growth of 2,472 people from July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2015 has resulted in Marion having the 11th highest numeric population gain of all communities in Iowa. Marion had in the past decade had the highest numeric population gain of any community in Iowa outside of the Des Moines/Ames Metro Area, but per the 2010 to 2015 growth estimates the communities of: Iowa City (6,323), Cedar Rapids (4,079), Davenport (2,895), all posted larger population gains than Marion over the past five years for communities outside of the Des Moines Metro Area, but all are significantly larger communities.

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The City of Ankeny north of West Des Moines experienced the largest estimated growth in population from the 2010 estimate with a gain of 11,182 followed by West Des Moines with a gain of 7,412 and Iowa City with a gain of 6,323 persons.

Marion's numeric gain from the 2010 Estimate to the July 1, 2015 estimate results in a population growth of 7.40% which is the 44th highest percentage gain of all Iowa Communities but is the 12th highest of any Iowa Community with a 2015 estimated population of over 10,000 people. The City of Waukee, part of the Des Moines Metro Area had the largest percent change from 2010 to 2015 with a gain of 37.70% followed by Grimes, part of the Des Moines Metro Area with a gain of 29.30%. North Liberty experienced growth of 19.00% the highest of communities outside of the Des Moines Metro area.

FACT: More than 50 percent (50.1%) of Iowa's total population lived in only 40 communities with a population of over 10,000 people. These 40 cities represent only 4.2% of Iowa's 945 total incorporated cities.

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City Name	2015 Population Estimate	2010 Population Estimate	Population Change 2010 to 2015 Estimate	City Name	2015 Population Estimate	2010 Population Estimate	Population Change 2000 to 2015 Estimate		
	Total	Total	Numeric change		Total	Total	Numeric Change	Percent Change	
Des Moines	210,330	204,573	6,144	1	Waukee	18,990	13,998	5,199	37.70%
Cedar Rapids	130,405	126,597	4,079	2	Tiffin	2,657	1,967	710	36.50%
Davenport	102,582	99,946	2,895	3	Bondurant	4,996	3,914	1,136	29.40%
Sioux City	82,821	82,834	133	4	Grimes	10,676	8,359	2,421	29.30%
Iowa City	74,220	68,021	6,323	5	Polk City	4,323	3,446	905	26.50%
Waterloo	68,460	68,408	54	6	Solon	2,545	2,058	505	24.80%
Ames	65,060	59,056	6,054	7	Ankeny	56,764	45,884	11,182	24.50%
West Des Moines	64,113	57,044	7,412	8	Johnston	20,871	17,443	3,605	20.90%
Council Bluffs	62,597	62,376	369	9	Asbury	5,291	4,484	896	20.40%
Dubuque	58,799	57,679	1,196	10	North Liberty	15,931	13,538	2,545	19.00%
Ankeny	56,764	45,884	11,182	11	Fairfax	2,497	2,141	374	17.60%
Urbandale	44,062	39,611	4,603	12	Ely	2,074	1,789	298	16.80%
Cedar Falls	41,255	39,332	1,995	13	Altoona	16,984	14,617	2,443	16.80%
Marion	37,330	34,858	2,562	14	Peosta	1,618	1,398	230	16.60%
Bettendorf	35,505	33,382	2,292	15	Shueville	672	580	95	16.50%
Marshalltown	27,620	27,579	68	16	Hills	822	719	115	16.30%
Mason City	27,366	28,058	(713)	17	Blue Grass	1,676	1,457	224	15.40%
Clinton	26,064	26,872	(821)	18	Granger	1,431	1,254	187	15.00%
Burlington	25,410	25,580	(215)	19	Willey	101	88	13	14.80%
Fort Dodge	24,649	25,114	(557)	20	Adel	4,245	3,730	534	14.40%
Ottumwa	24,624	25,031	(399)	21	Parnell	220	193	27	14.00%
Muscatine	23,968	23,757	196	22	West Des Moines	64,113	57,044	7,412	13.10%
Johnston	20,871	17,443	3,605	23	Cumming	397	351	46	13.10%
Coralville	20,608	18,951	1,694	24	Clive	17,419	15,475	2,020	13.10%
Waukee	18,990	13,998	5,199	25	Norwalk	10,135	9,034	1,157	12.90%
Clive	17,419	15,475	2,020	26	Van Meter	1,142	1,030	122	12.00%
Altoona	16,984	14,617	2,443	27	Urbandale	44,062	39,611	4,603	11.70%
North Liberty	15,931	13,538	2,545	28	Panorama Park	144	129	15	11.60%
Indianola	15,467	14,813	690	29	Fayette	1,491	1,337	153	11.40%
Newton	15,125	15,242	(129)	30	Palo	1,053	966	100	10.50%
Boone	12,692	12,642	31	31	Ames	65,060	59,056	6,054	10.30%
Oskaloosa	11,607	11,514	105	32	Eldridge	6,232	5,683	580	10.30%
Spencer	11,212	11,218	(29)	33	Farley	1,691	1,541	154	10.00%
Storm Lake	10,910	10,673	269	34	Dallas Center	1,792	1,639	161	9.90%
Fort Madison	10,717	11,042	(334)	35	Robins	3,454	3,156	312	9.90%
Grimes	10,676	8,359	2,421	36	Rock Valley	3,693	3,367	334	9.90%
Keokuk	10,609	10,769	(168)	37	Arnolds Park	1,234	1,134	108	9.60%
Pella	10,363	10,334	5	38	Patterson	161	148	14	9.50%
Norwalk	10,135	9,034	1,157	39	Iowa City	74,220	68,021	6,323	9.30%
Waverly	10,066	9,880	190	40	Coralville	20,608	18,951	1,694	9.00%
Carroll	9,968	10,111	(135)	41	Lone Tree	1,415	1,306	115	8.80%
Fairfield	9,892	9,453	428	42	Elkhart	742	684	59	8.60%
Le Mars	9,761	9,817	(65)	43	Atkins	1,795	1,674	125	7.50%
Pleasant Hill	9,314	8,824	526	44	Marion	37,330	34,858	2,562	7.40%
Grinnell	9,141	9,213	(80)	45	Swisher	943	880	64	7.30%
Mount Pleasant	8,433	8,659	(235)	46	Carlisle	4,168	3,895	277	7.10%
Denison	8,334	8,329	33	47	Huxley	3,536	3,314	227	6.90%
Perry	8,089	7,747	380	48	Bettendorf	35,505	33,382	2,292	6.90%
Decorah	7,907	8,127	(224)	49	Sergeant Bluff	4,520	4,235	293	6.90%
Creston	7,854	7,827	20	50	Dike	1,289	1,212	80	6.60%

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HISTORICAL POPULATION DATA

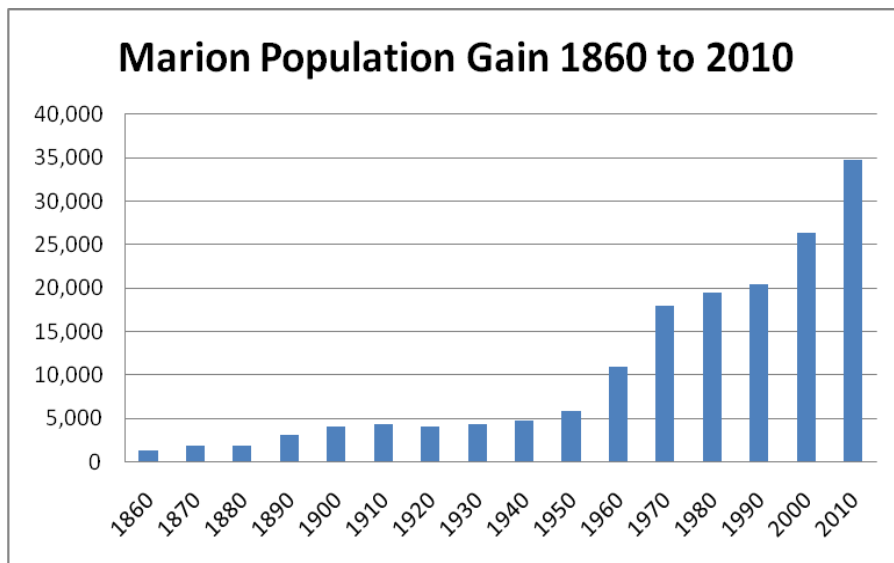
The following information is historical population data that had been provided in past reports for the last decade growth as well as population bench marks reached by the City of Marion.

The table below recent historical data for population by year from 2000 to 2010, estimates were provided by the Iowa Data Center and were revised every year as additional information is collected to create a more accurate estimate.

Estimated Population of Marion Iowa – July 1, 2001 through July 1, 2009 (Revised Estimates)
 April, 1, 2000 and April 1, 2010 Official Census Numbers)

City Name	April 1, 2010 Census	July 1, 2009 Estimate	July 1, 2008 Estimate	July 1, 2007 Estimate	July 1, 2006 Estimate	July 1, 2005 Estimate	July 1, 2004 Estimate	July 1, 2003 Estimate	July 1, 2002 Estimate	July 1, 2001 Estimate	April 1, 2000 Census
Marion	34,768	33,213	32,701	31,842	31,066	30,080	29,653	28,838	27,803	27,226	26,294
Population Change between estimates	1,555	512	859	776	986	427	815	1035	577	932	
% change between yearly estimates	4.47%	1.54%	2.62%	2.43%	3.17%	1.41%	2.74%	3.58%	2.07%	3.42%	

For historical purposes, Marion's only population dip in a census year occurred between 1910 to 1920 with the population going from 4,400 to 4,138 (-262). The population shift was likely caused by several events both locally and worldwide including the moving of the County Seat to Cedar Rapids, World War I and the Flu Epidemic of 1917. Additional Marion population benchmarks in a Census year include a population of 5,000 or greater in 1950, 10,000 or greater in 1960, 20,000 or greater 1990 and 30,000 or greater in 2010. Marion will likely reach the 40,000 or greater population prior to the 2020 U.S. Census.



FACT: Since 2010, 224 Iowa cities have gained population, 53 cities had no change, and 635 cities lost population.

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If you are looking for additional data beyond population please use the American Community Survey Data. The American Community Survey is an ongoing statistical survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, sent to approximately 250,000

addresses monthly (or 3 million per year). It regularly gathers information previously contained only in the long form of the decennial census. It is the largest survey other than the decennial census that the Census Bureau administers. Census QuickFacts can be found at www.quickfacts.census.gov and data can be searched by County and City.