



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 June 28, 2012. 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.

Marion Growth and Statewide Comparisons:

July 1, 2011 – 35,212 (Source: State Data Center of Iowa)

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

April 1, 2000 – 26,294 (Source: 2000 U.S. Census)

The City of Marion has experienced a estimated population gain of 444 people since the April 1, 2010 U.S. Census that represents a percent change of 1.27%. 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 a 10 year period.

The following table provides the estimated growth by year from 2010 to 2011.

Estimated Population of Marion Iowa – April 1, 2010 (US Census) through July 1, 2011 (State Data Center Estimates) April, 1, 2000 and April 1, 2010 Official Census Numbers		
City Name	July 1, 2011 Estimate	April 1, 2010 Census
Marion	35,212	34,768
Population Change between estimates	444	
% change between yearly estimates	1.27%	

The Marion population growth of 444 people from April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011 has resulted in Marion having the 10th highest 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 Metro Area, but per the 2010 to 2011 growth estimates the communities of Cedar Rapids (1,579), Davenport (1,117), Iowa City (1,074) and Dubuque (597) all posted larger population gains than Marion over the past year for communities outside the Des Moines Metro Area.

The City of Des Moines experienced the largest estimated growth in population from the 2010 Census with an gain of 3,166, followed by Cedar Rapids with a gain of 1,579 and West Des Moines with a gain of 1,300 persons.

Marion's numeric gain results in a population growth of 1.27% over the past year which is the 83rd highest percentage gain of all Iowa Communities but is the 12th highest of any Iowa Community with a 2011 Estimated population of over 10,000 people. The City of Clive, part of the Des Moines Metro Area had the largest percent change from 2010 to 2011 with 2.66% followed closely by West Des Moines with 2.30% for communities over 10,000 in total 2011 estimated population. The community of Linden (210 total population) located in Dallas County west of Des Moines experienced the highest percent change of 5.53%.

Per the 2000 U.S. Census Marion was the 18th largest city in Iowa and per the 2010 U.S. Census Marion was the 14th largest community, this has remained unchanged with the 2011 Estimate.

The chart below identifies the Iowa communities with a population over 10,000 people and the estimated numeric growth and percentage growth change along with state rankings.

Area	2011 Estimate Population		2010 Census Population		Population change 2010 Census to 2011 Estimate			
	Total	State rank	Total	State rank	Numerical			
					Total	State Rank	Total %	State Rank
Des Moines	206,599	1	203,433	1	3,166	1	1.56	56
Cedar Rapids	127,905	2	126,326	2	1,579	2	1.25	89
Davenport	100,802	3	99,685	3	1,117	4	1.12	109
Sioux City	82,967	4	82,684	4	272	16	0.33	276
Iowa City	68,947	5	68,406	5	1,074	5	1.58	50
Waterloo	68,653	6	67,862	6	247	17	0.36	266
Council Bluffs	62,466	7	62,230	7	238	18	0.38	260
Ames	59,042	8	58,965	8	77	32	0.13	316
Dubuque	58,234	9	57,637	9	597	9	1.04	117
West Des Moines	57,909	10	56,609	10	1,300	3	2.30	22
Ankeny	46,302	11	45,582	11	720	7	1.58	52
Urbandale	40,311	12	39,463	12	848	6	2.15	23
Cedar Falls	39,387	13	39,260	13	127	26	0.32	280
Marion	35,212	14	34,768	14	444	10	1.28	83
Bettendorf	33,599	15	33,217	15	382	12	1.15	108
Mason City	27,944	16	28,079	16	-135	945	-0.48	651
Marshalltown	27,775	17	27,552	17	223	21	0.81	154
Clinton	26,830	18	26,885	18	-55	935	-0.20	553
Burlington	25,564	19	25,663	19	-99	941	-0.39	604
Fort Dodge	24,981	20	25,206	20	-225	947	-0.89	800
Ottumwa	24,881	21	25,023	21	-142	946	-0.57	681
Muscatine	22,924	22	22,886	22	38	55	0.17	311
Coralville	19,219	23	18,907	23	312	14	1.65	39
Johnston	17,552	24	17,278	24	274	15	1.59	49
Clive	15,858	25	15,447	25	411	11	2.66	16
Newton	15,130	26	15,254	26	-124	944	-0.81	778
Indianola	14,932	27	14,782	27	150	23	1.01	126
Altoona	14,773	28	14,541	28	232	20	1.60	46
Waukee	14,484	29	13,790	29	694	8	5.03	6
North Liberty	13,608	30	13,374	30	234	19	1.75	31
Boone	12,635	31	12,661	31	-26	912	-0.21	554
Oskaloosa	11,538	32	11,463	32	75	33	0.65	196
Spencer	11,181	33	11,233	33	-52	931	-0.46	642
Fort Madison	10,980	34	11,051	34	-71	938	-0.64	713
Keokuk	10,706	35	10,780	35	-74	940	-0.69	733
Storm Lake	10,674	36	10,600	36	74	34	0.70	188
Pella	10,360	37	10,352	37	8	121	0.08	329
Carroll	10,126	38	10,103	38	23	67	0.23	298

50 Largest Iowa communities 2011

50 Fastest Growing Iowa communities 2010 to 2011

City Name	2011 Estimate Population	2010 Census Population	Population change 2000 Census to 2010 Census			City Name	2011 Estimate Population	2010 Census Population	Population change 2000 Census Population to 2010 Census Population	
	Total	Total	Numeric Change	Percent Change			Total	Total	Numeric Change	Percent Change
	Des Moines	206,599	203,433	3,166			1.56	1	Linden	210
Cedar Rapids	127,905	126,326	1,579	1.25	2	Bouton	136	129	7	5.43
Davenport	100,802	99,685	1,117	1.12	3	Dawson	138	131	7	5.34
Sioux City	82,967	82,695	272	0.33	4	Minburn	384	365	19	5.21
Iowa City	68,947	67,873	1,074	1.58	5	Woodward	1,076	1,024	52	5.08
Waterloo	68,653	68,406	247	0.36	6	Waukee	14,484	13,790	694	5.03
Council Bluffs	62,466	62,228	238	0.38	7	Redfield	877	835	42	5.03
Ames	59,042	58,965	77	0.13	8	Van Meter	1,067	1,016	51	5.02
Dubuque	58,234	57,637	597	1.04	9	De Soto	1,102	1,050	52	4.95
West Des Moines	57,909	56,609	1,300	2.30	10	Perry	8,083	7,702	381	4.95
Ankeny	46,302	45,582	720	1.58	11	Adel	3,864	3,682	182	4.94
Urbandale	40,311	39,463	848	2.15	12	Dexter	641	611	30	4.91
Cedar Falls	39,387	39,260	127	0.32	13	Dallas Center	1,702	1,623	79	4.87
Marion	35,212	34,768	444	1.28	14	Granger	1,294	1,244	50	4.02
Bettendorf	33,599	33,217	382	1.15	15	Spring Hill	65	63	2	3.17
Mason City	27,944	28,079	-135	-0.48	16	Clive	15,858	15,447	411	2.66
Marshalltown	27,775	27,552	223	0.81	17	Aspinwall	41	40	1	2.50
Clinton	26,830	26,885	-55	-0.20	18	Sageville	125	122	3	2.46
Burlington	25,564	25,663	-99	-0.39	19	Ackworth	85	83	2	2.41
Fort Dodge	24,981	25,206	-225	-0.89	20	Buck Grove	44	43	1	2.33
Ottumwa	24,881	25,023	-142	-0.57	21	Ellston	44	43	1	2.33
Muscatine	22,924	22,886	38	0.17	22	W. Des Moines	57,909	56,609	1,300	2.30
Coralville	19,219	18,907	312	1.65	23	Urbandale	40,311	39,463	848	2.15
Johnston	17,552	17,278	274	1.59	24	Sandyville	52	51	1	1.96
Clive	15,858	15,447	411	2.66	25	Oxford	822	807	15	1.86
Newton	15,130	15,254	-124	-0.81	26	Arion	110	108	2	1.85
Indianola	14,932	14,782	150	1.01	27	Swisher	895	879	16	1.82
Altoona	14,773	14,541	232	1.60	28	Univ. Heights	1,070	1,051	19	1.81
Waukee	14,484	13,790	694	5.03	29	Bernard	114	112	2	1.79
North Liberty	13,608	13,374	234	1.75	30	Melrose	114	112	2	1.79
Boone	12,635	12,661	-26	-0.21	31	North Liberty	13,608	13,374	234	1.75
Oskaloosa	11,538	11,463	75	0.65	32	Tiffin	1,981	1,947	34	1.75
Spencer	11,181	11,233	-52	-0.46	33	Northboro	59	58	1	1.72
Fort Madison	10,980	11,051	-71	-0.64	34	Hills	715	703	12	1.71
Keokuk	10,706	10,780	-74	-0.69	35	Sherrill	180	177	3	1.69
Storm Lake	10,674	10,600	74	0.70	36	Lone Tree	1,322	1,300	22	1.69
Pella	10,360	10,352	8	0.08	37	Prairieburg	181	178	3	1.69
Carroll	10,126	10,103	23	0.23	38	Solon	2,071	2,037	34	1.67
Waverly	9,876	9,874	2	0.02	39	Coralville	19,219	18,907	312	1.65
Le Mars	9,791	9,826	-35	-0.36	40	Rickardsville	185	182	3	1.65
Fairfield	9,447	9,464	-17	-0.18	41	Alleman	439	432	7	1.62
Grinnell	9,169	9,218	-49	-0.53	42	Dixon	251	247	4	1.62
Norwalk	9,044	8,945	99	1.11	43	Bondurant	3,922	3,860	62	1.61
Pleasant Hill	8,925	8,785	140	1.59	44	Windsor Heights	4,938	4,860	78	1.60
Mount Pleasant	8,722	8,668	54	0.62	45	Grimes	8,378	8,246	132	1.60
Denison	8,383	8,298	85	1.02	46	Altoona	14,773	14,541	232	1.60
Grimes	8,378	8,246	132	1.60	47	Pleasant Hill	8,925	8,785	140	1.59
Decorah	8,118	8,127	-9	-0.11	48	Ferguson	128	126	2	1.59
Perry	8,083	7,702	381	4.95	49	Johnston	17,552	17,278	274	1.59
Webster City	8,000	8,070	-70	-0.87	50	Iowa City	68,947	67,873	1,074	1.58
					86	Marion	35,212	34,768	444	1.28

Many Iowa communities have faced serious decline in population over the past decade with trends in many beginning in the mid 1980s. The graph below represents the 10 Iowa Communities that have lost the largest number of people since April 1, 2010 U.S. Census to present (1 Year Total).

Area	2011 Estimated Population		2010 Census Population		Population change 2010 Census Population to 2011 Estimated Population	
	Total	State rank	Total	State rank	Numerical	Percent
					Total	Total
Fort Dodge	24,981	20	25,206	20	-225	-0.89
Ottumwa	24,881	21	25,023	21	-142	-0.57
Mason City	27,944	16	28,079	16	-135	-0.48
Newton	15,130	26	15,254	26	-124	-0.81
Estherville	6,239	61	6,360	61	-121	-1.90
Charles City	7,544	53	7,652	53	-108	-1.41
Burlington	25,564	19	25,663	19	-99	-0.39
Keokuk	10,706	35	10,780	35	-74	-0.69
Fort Madison	10,980	34	11,051	34	-71	-0.64
Atlantic	7,041	58	7,112	56	-71	-1.00

The Chart below highlights the communities that lost the largest number of people between the 2000 and 2010 Census years (10 year totals)

Area	2010 Census Population		2000 Census Population		Population change 2000 Census Population to 2010 Census Population	
	Total	State rank	Total	State rank	Numerical	Percent
					Total	Total
Sioux City	82,684	4	85,013	4	-2,329	-2.7%
Burlington	25,663	19	26,839	17	-1,176	-4.4%
Mason City	28,079	16	29,172	13	-1,093	-3.7%
Clinton	26,885	18	27,772	15	-887	-3.2%
Keokuk	10,780	35	11,427	28	-647	-5.7%
Rockwell City	1,709	179	2,264	142	-555	-24.5%
Red Oak	5,742	65	6,197	57	-455	-7.3%
Knoxville	7,313	54	7,731	46	-418	-5.4%
Centerville	5,528	70	5,924	61	-396	-6.7%
Shenandoah	5,150	79	5,546	65	-396	-7.1%

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

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

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

