



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 July 1, 2013. 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, they are asking for the Official 2010 US Census number, not the estimate, unless they specifically ask for a estimated current population.

Marion Growth and Statewide Comparisons:

July 1, 2012 - 35,843 (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 an estimated population gain of 1,075 people since the April 1, 2010 U.S. Census that represents a percent change of 3.09%. 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 2012. Please note estimates are always provided for the year prior to this report.

Estimated Population of Marion Iowa – April 1, 2010 (US Census) through July 1, 2012 (State Data Center Estimates)			
City Name	July 1, 2012 Estimate	July 1, 2011 Estimate	April 1, 2010 Census
Marion	35,843	35,212	34,768
Population Change between estimates		631	444
% change between yearly estimates		1.08%	1.27%
Please Note: Previous year's estimates are revised with new estimates by the State Data Center every year. Those revisions are not updated on the table above.			

The Marion population growth of 1,075 people from April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2012 has resulted in Marion having the 12th 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 2012 growth estimates the communities of: Iowa City (2,271), Cedar Rapids(1,793), Davenport (1,678) and North Liberty (1,111) all posted larger population gains than Marion over the past two years for communities outside of the Des Moines Metro Area.

The City of Ankeny north of Des Moines experienced the largest estimated growth in population from the 2010 Census with an gain of 3,498, followed by Des Moines with a gain of 3,255 and West Des Moines with a gain of 2,687 persons.

Marion's numeric gain from the 2010 Census to the July 1, 2012 estimate results in a population growth of 3.09% which is the 49th highest percentage gain of all Iowa Communities but is the 12th highest of any Iowa Community with a 2012 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 2012 with a gain of 15.53% followed by Johnston, part of the Des Moines Metro Area with a gain of 8.39%. North Liberty experienced growth of 8.31% the highest of communities outside of the Des Moines Metro area. Patterson located in Madison County (southwest of Des Moines) experienced the highest percentage change of 20.77% between 2010 and 2012 for any Iowa community

50 Largest Iowa Communities 2012

50 Fastest Growing Communities 2012

City Name	2012 Population Estimate	2010 Census Population	Population Change 2010 Census to 2012 Estimate			City Name	2012 Population Estimate	2010 Census Population	Population Change 2000 Census to 2012 Estimate	
			Numeric Change	Percent Change					Numeric Change	Percent Change
	Total	Total					Total	Total		
Des Moines	206,688	203,433	3,255	1.60%	1	Patterson	157	130	27	20.77%
Cedar Rapids	128,119	126,326	1,793	1.42%	2	Asbury	4,866	4,170	696	16.69%
Davenport	101,363	99,685	1,678	1.68%	3	Waukee	15,931	13,790	2,141	15.53%
Sioux City	82,719	82,684	35	0.04%	4	Tiffin	2,247	1,947	300	15.41%
Iowa City	70,133	67,862	2,271	3.35%	5	Hills	806	703	103	14.65%
Waterloo	68,297	68,406	-109	-0.16%	6	Willey	97	88	9	10.23%
Council Bluffs	62,115	62,230	-115	-0.18%	7	Grimes	9,040	8,246	794	9.63%
Ames	60,634	58,965	1,669	2.83%	8	Bondurant	4,225	3,860	365	9.46%
West Des Moines	59,296	56,609	2,687	4.75%	9	Palo	1,120	1,026	94	9.16%
Dubuque	58,155	57,637	518	0.90%	10	Polk	3,729	3,418	311	9.10%
Ankeny	49,080	45,582	3,498	7.67%	11	Johnston	18,728	17,278	1,450	8.39%
Urbandale	41,020	39,463	1,557	3.95%	12	North Liberty	14,485	13,374	1,111	8.31%
Cedar Falls	39,993	39,260	733	1.87%	13	Granger	1,346	1,244	102	8.20%
Marion	35,843	34,768	1,075	3.09%	14	Fairfax	2,295	2,123	172	8.10%
Bettendorf	34,255	33,217	1,038	3.12%	15	Peosta	1,487	1,377	110	7.99%
Mason	27,823	28,079	-256	-0.91%	16	Van Meter	1,094	1,016	78	7.68%
Marshalltown	27,683	27,552	131	0.48%	17	Ankeny	49,080	45,582	3,498	7.67%
Clinton	26,647	26,885	-238	-0.89%	18	Blue Grass	1,556	1,452	104	7.16%
Burlington	25,665	25,663	2	0.01%	19	Lone Tree	1,390	1,300	90	6.92%
Ottumwa	24,806	25,023	-217	-0.87%	20	Solon	2,173	2,037	136	6.68%
Fort Dodge	24,751	25,206	-455	-1.81%	21	Adel	3,922	3,682	240	6.52%
Muscatine	22,988	22,886	102	0.45%	22	Cumming	373	351	22	6.27%
Coralville	19,692	18,907	785	4.15%	23	Altoona	15,409	14,541	868	5.97%
Johnston	18,728	17,278	1,450	8.39%	24	Ely	1,880	1,776	104	5.86%
Clive	16,220	15,447	773	5.00%	25	Shueyville	610	577	33	5.72%
Waukee	15,931	13,790	2,141	15.53%	26	Robins	3,309	3,142	167	5.32%
Altoona	15,409	14,541	868	5.97%	27	Norwalk	9,411	8,945	466	5.21%
Newton	15,108	15,254	-146	-0.96%	28	Dallas Center	1,707	1,623	84	5.18%
Indianola	14,947	14,782	165	1.12%	29	Clive	16,220	15,447	773	5.00%
North Liberty	14,485	13,374	1,111	8.31%	30	Arnolds Park	1,180	1,126	54	4.80%
Boone	12,546	12,661	-115	-0.91%	31	West Des Moines	59,296	56,609	2,687	4.75%
Oskaloosa	11,555	11,463	92	0.80%	32	Riverside	1,040	993	47	4.73%
Spencer	11,192	11,233	-41	-0.36%	33	Bouton	135	129	6	4.65%
Fort Madison	11,019	11,051	-32	-0.29%	34	Dawson	137	131	6	4.58%
Storm Lake	10,775	10,600	175	1.65%	35	Linden	208	199	9	4.52%
Keokuk	10,732	10,780	-48	-0.45%	36	University Heights	1,098	1,051	47	4.47%
Pella	10,397	10,352	45	0.43%	37	Eldridge	5,903	5,651	252	4.46%
Waverly	10,035	9,874	161	1.63%	38	Redfield	872	835	37	4.43%
Carroll	10,017	10,103	-86	-0.85%	39	New Vienna	425	407	18	4.42%
Le Mars	9,795	9,826	-31	-0.32%	40	Gilbertville	742	712	30	4.21%
Fairfield	9,476	9,464	12	0.13%	41	Coralville	19,692	18,907	785	4.15%
Norwalk	9,411	8,945	466	5.21%	42	Urbandale	41,020	39,463	1,557	3.95%
Grinnell	9,118	9,218	-100	-1.08%	43	De Soto	1,091	1,050	41	3.90%
Grimes	9,040	8,246	794	9.63%	44	Rock Valley	3,478	3,354	124	3.70%
Pleasant Hill	9,009	8,785	224	2.55%	45	Perry	7,981	7,702	279	3.62%
Mount Pleasant	8,741	8,668	73	0.84%	46	Lake Park	1,145	1,105	40	3.62%
Denison	8,387	8,298	89	1.07%	47	Fayette	1,386	1,338	48	3.59%
Decorah	8,109	8,127	-18	-0.22%	48	Woodward	1,060	1,024	36	3.52%
Perry	7,981	7,702	279	3.62%	49	Marion	35843	34768	1,075	3.09%
Webster City	7,885	8,070	-185	-2.29%	50	Le Claire	3,878	3,765	113	3.00%

The following figures are the population growth of Linn County communities.

Linn County Community Growth from 2000 Census (listed alphabetically)				
City Name	2012 Estimated Population	2010 Census Population	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Alburnett	675	673	2	0.30%
Bertram	298	294	4	1.36%
Cedar Rapids	128,119	126,326	1,793	1.42%
Center Point	2,467	2,421	46	1.90%
Central City	1,273	1,257	16	1.27%
Coggon	658	658	0	0.00%
Ely	1,880	1,776	104	5.86%
Fairfax	2,295	2,123	172	8.10%
Hiawatha	7,135	7,024	111	1.58%
Lisbon	2,167	2152	15	0.70%
Marion	35,843	34,768	1,075	3.09%
Mount Vernon	4,583	4,506	77	1.71%
Palo	1,120	1,026	94	9.16%
Prairieburg	179	178	1	0.56%
Robins	3,309	3,142	167	5.32%
Springville	1,093	1,074	19	1.77%
Walford		1,463	1,463	NA
Walker	797	791	6	0.76%

Many Iowa communities have faced serious decline in population over the past decade with trends in many beginning in the mid 1980s. The table below represents the 10 Iowa Communities that have lost the largest number of people since April 1, 2010 U.S. Census to most recent estimate (2 Year Total) many of these communities have lost major industrial employers in the past 10 year

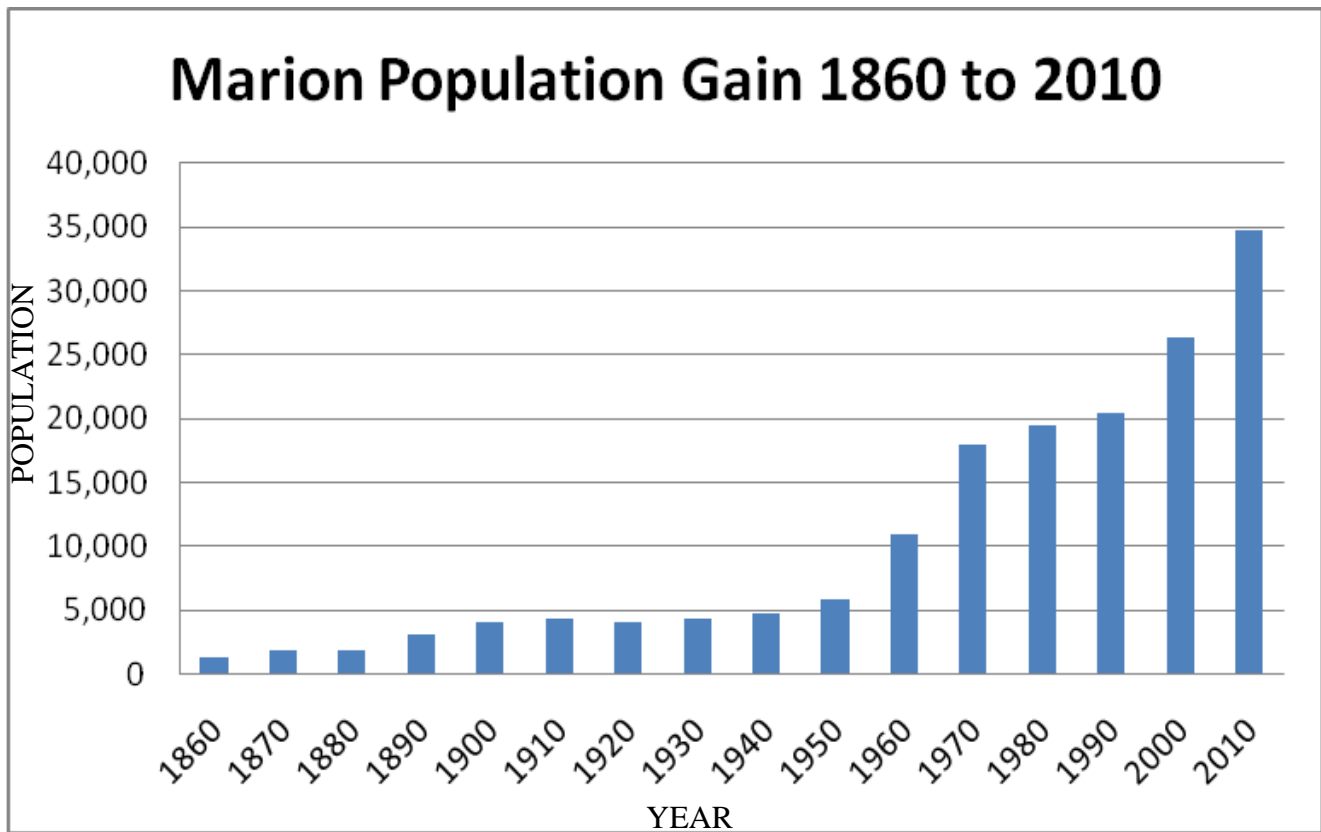
City Name	2010 Census Population		2012 Estimated Population		Population Change from 2010 Census to 2012 Estimated Population	
	Total	State Rank	Total	State Rank	Numerical	Percent
					Total Lost	Total % Lost
Fort Dodge	25,206	20	24,751	21	455	1.84%
Mason City	28,079	16	27,823	16	256	0.92%
Clinton	26,885	18	26,647	18	238	0.89%
Ottumwa	25,023	21	24,806	20	217	0.87%
Webster	8,070	49	7,885	50	185	2.35%
Newton	15,254	26	15,108	28	146	0.97%
Forest City	4,151	93	4,009	95	142	3.54%
Estherville	6,360	61	6,221	61	139	2.23%
Charles City	7,652	53	7,515	53	137	1.82%
Sibley	2,798	124	2,682	126	116	4.33%
Boone	12,661	31	12,546	31	115	0.92%

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 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.

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.



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.



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