



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 25, 2017. 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.

Marion Growth and Statewide Comparisons:

July 1, 2016 – 38,480 (Estimate Source: State Data Center of Iowa)

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

Marion conducted a Special Census and has a certified population of 38,023 on March 17, 2015. The Special Census only targeted specific high growth areas of the community and was not a community wide population count.

The City of Marion has experienced an estimated population gain of 3,339 people since the July 1, 2010 estimate that represents a percent change of 9.50%. 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 2016. 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. If Marion continues to grow at the current yearly average the City will have a population exceeding 40,000 with the 2020 Census.

Estimated Population of Marion, IA - April 1, 2010 (US Census) through July 1, 2016 (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					38,480	37,590	37,067	36,599	36,219	35,739	35,231
Population Change					890	523	468	380	480	508	
Please Note: Previous year's estimates are revised with new estimates by the State Data Center every year. (541 Average per year)											

Marion's population growth of 3,339 people from July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016 has resulted in Marion having the 13th 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

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Area, but per the 2010 to 2016 growth estimates the communities of: Ames, Iowa City, North Liberty and Cedar Rapids, all posted larger population gains than Marion over the past six years for communities outside of the Des Moines Metro Area, all but North Liberty are significantly larger communities.

The City of Ankeny north of West Des Moines experienced the largest estimated growth in population from the 2010 estimate with a gain of 13,045 followed by Des Moines with a gain of 11,282 and West Des Moines with a gain of 7,857 persons.

Marion’s numeric gain from the 2010 Estimate to the July 1, 2016 estimate results in a population growth of 9.5% % which is the 41st highest percentage gain of all Iowa Communities but is tied for 9th highest of any Iowa Community with a 2016 estimated population of over 10,000 people. The City of Tiffin, had the largest percent change from 2010 to 2016 with a gain of 54.40% followed by Bondurant with a gain of 50.20%.

FACT: Only 41 (or 4.3%) of Iowa’s 944 incorporated cities have a population of more than 10,000 people, but account for half (50.6%) of Iowa’s total population.

Linn County has continued to maintain strong population growth from 2010 to 2016 and remains the second most populated county in Iowa with a population of 221,661. Polk County is the largest in Iowa with a population of 474,045.

26 Counties experienced an estimated population gain with Polk County with an estimated population

Name	July 1, 2016 Estimate	Percent change from 2010 to 2016	Numeric Change 2010 to 2016	April 1, 2010 Estimate
Cedar Rapids	131,127	3.70%	4,686	126,441
Marion	38,480	9.50%	3,339	35,141
Hiawatha	7,212	2.70%	192	7,020
Mount Vernon	4,444	-1.10%	-49	4,493
Robins	3,535	11.40%	362	3,173
Fairfax	2,563	20.50%	436	2,127
Center Point	2,524	4.10%	100	2,424
Lisbon	2,208	2.80%	61	2,147
Ely	2,150	20.70%	369	1,781
Walford	1,459	0.10%	1	1,458
Central City	1,276	1.20%	15	1,261
Springville	1,135	5.90%	63	1,072
Palo	1,077	14.10%	133	944
Walker	786	-0.40%	-3	789
Alburnett	699	3.90%	26	673
Coggon	667	-0.40%	-3	670
Bertram	295	1.70%	5	290
Prairieburg	181	1.70%	3	178

growth of 43,410 Linn county saw an estimated growth of 10,432 persons during the same 2010 to 2016 time period. Dallas County remains one of the fastest growing communities in the nation with a 27.8% change from the 2000 population. The remaining 73 counties experienced a population decline with Clinton County seeing the largest decline of approximately 1,807 people.

Most Linn County communities saw population growth since 2010. With Cedar Rapids experiencing the largest population gain and Mount Vernon experiencing a slight population decline.

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City Name	2016 Population Estimate	2010 Population Estimate	Population Change 2010 to 2016 Estimate		City Name	2016 Population Estimate	2010 Population Estimate	Population Change 2000 to 2015 Estimate	
	Total	Total	Numeric Change			Total	Total	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Des Moines	215,472	204,190	11,282	1	Tiffin	3,006	1,947	1,059	54.40%
Cedar Rapids	131,127	126,441	4,686	2	Bondurant	5,796	3,860	1,936	50.20%
Davenport	102,612	99,687	2,925	3	Grimes	11,909	8,255	3,654	44.30%
Sioux City	82,872	82,686	186	4	Waukee	19,284	13,778	5,506	40.00%
Iowa City	74,398	67,946	6,452	5	North Liberty	18,520	13,391	5,129	38.30%
Waterloo	67,934	68,408	-474	6	Polk City	4,428	3,418	1,010	29.50%
Ames	66,191	59,011	7,180	7	Ankeny	58,627	45,582	13,045	28.60%
West Des Moines	64,560	56,703	7,857	8	Asbury	5,475	4,396	1,079	24.50%
Council Bluffs	62,524	62,229	295	9	Solon	2,587	2,078	509	24.50%
Ankeny	58,627	45,582	13,045	10	Altoona	17,938	14,546	3,392	23.30%
Dubuque	58,531	57,603	928	11	Johnston	21,114	17,266	3,848	22.30%
Urbandale	43,018	39,459	3,559	12	Parnell	236	193	43	22.30%
Cedar Falls	41,390	39,259	2,131	13	Ely	2,150	1,781	369	20.70%
Marion	38,480	35,141	3,339	14	Fairfax	2,563	2,127	436	20.50%
Bettendorf	35,727	33,213	2,514	15	Peosta	1,659	1,393	266	19.10%
Mason City	27,430	28,079	-649	16	Norwalk	10,590	8,981	1,609	17.90%
Marshalltown	27,328	27,552	-224	17	Panorama Park	151	129	22	17.10%
Clinton	25,719	26,885	-1,166	18	Blue Grass	1,699	1,452	247	17.00%
Burlington	25,277	25,625	-348	19	Cumming	408	351	57	16.20%
Ottumwa	24,487	25,023	-536	20	Adel	4,293	3,711	582	15.70%
Fort Dodge	24,441	25,206	-765	21	Hills	808	702	106	15.10%
Muscatine	23,914	23,772	142	22	Elkhart	783	683	100	14.60%
Johnston	21,114	17,266	3,848	23	Palo	1,077	944	133	14.10%
Coralville	20,397	18,912	1,485	24	Shueyville	646	566	80	14.10%
Waukee	19,284	13,778	5,506	25	West Des Moines	64,560	56,703	7,857	13.90%
North Liberty	18,520	13,391	5,129	26	Clive	17,546	15,412	2,134	13.80%
Altoona	17,938	14,546	3,392	27	Willey	100	88	12	13.60%
Clive	17,546	15,412	2,134	28	Granger	1,402	1,244	158	12.70%
Indianola	15,785	14,777	1,008	29	Ames	66,191	59,011	7,180	12.20%
Newton	15,034	15,254	-220	30	Arnolds Park	1,256	1,126	130	11.50%
Boone	12,611	12,656	-45	31	Eldridge	6,297	5,652	645	11.40%
Grimes	11,909	8,255	3,654	32	Robins	3,535	3,173	362	11.40%
Oskaloosa	11,523	11,502	21	33	Pleasant Hill	9,750	8,788	962	10.90%
Spencer	11,138	11,241	-103	34	Atkins	1,846	1,670	176	10.50%
Storm Lake	10,773	10,641	132	35	Fayette	1,477	1,338	139	10.40%
Fort Madison	10,597	11,051	-454	36	Renwick	267	242	25	10.30%
Norwalk	10,590	8,981	1,609	37	Rock Valley	3,730	3,395	335	9.90%
Keokuk	10,431	10,777	-346	38	Farley	1,688	1,537	151	9.80%
Pella	10,255	10,358	-103	39	Van Meter	1,119	1,020	99	9.70%
Fairfield	10,206	9,466	740	40	Pleasant Plain	102	93	9	9.70%
Waverly	10,093	9,874	219	41	Iowa City	74,398	67,946	6,452	9.50%
Carroll	9,947	10,103	-156	42	Marion	38,480	35,141	3,339	9.50%
Le Mars	9,935	9,826	109	43	Carlisle	4,249	3,891	358	9.20%
Pleasant Hill	9,750	8,788	962	44	Urbandale	43,018	39,459	3,559	9.00%
Grinnell	9,151	9,221	-70	45	Lockridge	292	268	24	9.00%
Mount Pleasant	8,392	8,668	-276	46	Libertyville	343	315	28	8.90%
Denison	8,308	8,301	7	47	Packwood	222	204	18	8.80%
Decorah	7,918	8,135	-217	48	Huxley	3,604	3,317	287	8.70%
Creston	7,829	7,834	-5	49	Pulaski	282	260	22	8.50%
Perry	7,810	7,712	98	50	Patterson	159	147	12	8.20%

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HISTORICAL POPULATION DATA

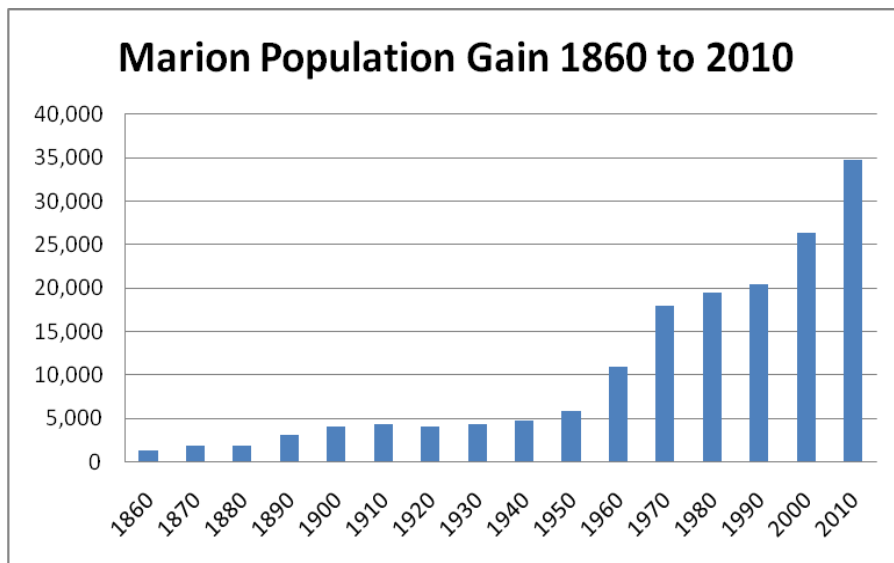
The following information is historical population data that had been provided in past reports for the last decade growth as well as population bench marks reached by the City of Marion.

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, 243 cities have gained population, 652 have lost population and 49 had no change.

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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.

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