



Population Estimates 2010 to 2019

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 21, 2020. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact David N. Hockett, Principal Planner 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.

2010 U.S. Census 34,768	2015 Special Census 38,023	July 1, 2019 Estimate 40,359
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The March 17, 2015 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 5,187 people since the July 1, 2010 estimate that represents a percent change of 14.43%. 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 July 2010 to July 2019. 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 official 2020 Census.

Estimated Population Change 2000 to 2019											
	2010 Est.	2011 Est.	2012 Est.	2013 Est.	2014 Est.	2015 Est.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.	2019 Est.	2020 Census
Population	35,269	35,824	36,363	36,816	37,373	37,926	38,837	39,441	39,970	40,359	
Population Change	555	539	453	557	553	911	604	529	389		
Please Note: These new estimates from the Census Bureau are based on administrative data for births and deaths and estimates of migration since the 2010 census. Caution is urged in making year-to-year comparisons of population estimates. When the Census Bureau releases new estimates for the current year it also revises estimates for previous years in the decade.											
The 565 average per year growth would place Marion’s July 1, 2020 population at: 40,924											

Marion’s population growth of 5,187 people from July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019 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 2019 growth estimates the communities of: Iowa City, Cedar Rapids and North Liberty all posted larger population gains than Marion over the past nine years all but North Liberty are significantly larger communities.

Population Growth

The City of Ankeny, north of Des Moines experienced the largest estimated growth in population from the 2010 estimate with a gain of 21,747 followed by West Des Moines with a gain of 11,192 and Waukee with a gain of 10,280 persons. Many communities throughout Iowa continue to lose population Clinton has seen its population reduced by 1,785 followed by Fort Dodge with a loss of 1,317 between 2010 and 2019.

FACT: Only 43 (or 4.6 percent) of Iowa’s 943 incorporated cities have a population of more than 10,000 people, but account for over half (51.7 percent) of Iowa’s total population of 3,155,070 in 2019.

Marion’s numeric gain from the 2010 estimate to the July 1, 2019 estimate results in population growth of 14.43% which is the 32nd highest percentage gain of all Iowa Communities but is the 10th highest of any Iowa Community with a 2019 estimated population of over 10,000 people. The small community of Panorama Park near Davenport had the highest percent change from 2010 to 2019 with 147.3% followed by Tiffin with 111.5% change in population.

Name	July 1, 2019 Estimate	July 1, 2010 Estimate	Numeric Change	% Change
Cedar Rapids	133,562	126,852	6,710	5.29%
Marion	40,359	35,269	5,090	14.43%
Hiawatha	7,420	7,023	397	5.65%
Mount Vernon	4,466	4,496	-30	-0.67%
Robins	3,537	3,180	357	11.23%
Fairfax	2,856	2,184	672	30.77%
Center Point	2,555	2,425	130	5.36%
Ely	2,343	1,794	549	30.60%
Lisbon	2,247	2,140	107	5.00%
Walford	1,445	1,458	-13	-0.89%
Central City	1,296	1,269	27	2.13%
Springville	1,137	1,070	67	6.26%
Palo	1,066	957	109	11.39%
Walker	789	788	1	0.13%
Alburnett	699	673	26	3.86%
Coggon	667	670	-3	-0.45%
Bertram	290	292	-2	-0.68%
Prairieburg	188	178	10	5.62%

FACT: Since 2010, 213 cities have gained population, 712 have lost population, and 18 have had no change.

Most Linn County communities experienced population growth since 2010. With Cedar Rapids experiencing the largest numeric population gain of 6,710 that resulted in 5.29% growth since 2010.

Population Growth

City Name	2019 Population Estimate	2010 Population Estimate	Population Change 2010 to 2019 Estimates	City Name	2019 Population Estimate	2010 Population Estimate	Population Change 2010 to 2018 Estimate		
	Total	Total	Numeric Change		Total	Total	Numeric Change	Percent Change	
Des Moines	214,237	205,032	9,205	1	Panorama Park	319	129	190	147.29%
Cedar Rapids	133,562	126,852	6,710	2	Tiffin	4,157	1,965	2,192	111.55%
Davenport	101,590	99,678	1,912	3	Bondurant	6,958	3,930	3,028	77.05%
Sioux City	82,651	82,858	-207	4	Grimes	14,804	8,366	6,438	76.95%
Iowa City	75,130	68,050	7,080	5	Waukee	24,089	14,014	10,075	71.89%
West Des Moines	67,899	56,864	11,035	6	Ankeny	67,355	45,845	21,510	46.92%
Ankeny	67,355	45,845	21,510	7	Adel	5,455	3,726	1,729	46.40%
Waterloo	67,328	68,492	-1,164	8	Polk City	4,961	3,452	1,509	43.71%
Ames	66,258	59,098	7,160	9	North Liberty	19,501	13,648	5,853	42.89%
Council Bluffs	62,166	62,370	-204	10	Parnell	264	193	71	36.79%
Dubuque	57,882	57,689	193	11	Elkhart	918	681	237	34.80%
Urbandale	44,379	39,491	4,888	12	Peosta	1,857	1,403	454	32.36%
Cedar Falls	40,536	39,320	1,216	13	Norwalk	11,938	9,046	2,892	31.97%
Marion	40,359	35,269	5,090	14	Fairfax	2,856	2,184	672	30.77%
Bettendorf	36,543	33,276	3,267	15	Altoona	19,221	14,702	4,519	30.74%
Mason City	26,931	28,041	-1,110	16	Ely	2,343	1,794	549	30.60%
Marshalltown	26,666	27,604	-938	17	Johnston	22,582	17,380	5,202	29.93%
Clinton	25,093	26,855	-1,762	18	Asbury	5,747	4,478	1,269	28.34%
Burlington	24,713	25,551	-838	19	Solon	2,690	2,102	588	27.97%
Ottumwa	24,368	25,055	-687	20	Van Meter	1,292	1,040	252	24.23%
Waukee	24,089	14,014	10,075	21	Huxley	4,036	3,329	707	21.24%
Fort Dodge	23,888	25,119	-1,231	22	Eldridge	6,846	5,669	1,177	20.76%
Muscatine	23,631	23,771	-140	23	Granger	1,508	1,261	247	19.59%
Johnston	22,582	17,380	5,202	24	West Des Moines	67,899	56,864	11,035	19.41%
Coralville	22,290	18,938	3,352	25	Sergeant Bluff	5,127	4,322	805	18.63%
North Liberty	19,501	13,648	5,853	26	Atkins city	1,970	1,672	298	17.82%
Altoona	19,221	14,702	4,519	27	Coralville	22,290	18,938	3,352	17.70%
Clive	17,242	15,515	1,727	28	North Washington	138	118	20	16.95%
Indianola	16,015	14,821	1,194	29	Cumming	405	347	58	16.71%
Newton	15,182	15,239	-57	30	Shueyville	655	565	90	15.93%
Grimes	14,804	8,366	6,438	31	Arnolds Park	1,313	1,134	179	15.78%
Boone	12,384	12,646	-262	32	Marion	40,359	35,269	5,090	14.43%
Norwalk	11,938	9,046	2,892	33	Blue Grass	1,661	1,453	208	14.32%
Oskaloosa	11,506	11,518	-12	34	Farley	1,750	1,536	214	13.93%
Spencer	10,952	11,225	-273	35	Pleasant Hill	10,019	8,855	1,164	13.15%
Fairfield	10,425	9,465	960	36	Hills	804	713	91	12.76%
Storm Lake	10,322	10,689	-367	37	Urbandale	44,379	39,491	4,888	12.38%
Fort Madison	10,321	11,091	-770	38	Ames	66,258	59,098	7,160	12.12%
Pella	10,237	10,333	-96	39	Palo	1,066	957	109	11.39%
Waverly	10,198	9,882	316	40	Willey	98	88	10	11.36%
Keokuk	10,157	10,770	-613	41	Packwood	227	204	23	11.27%
Le Mars	10,081	9,827	254	42	Robins	3,537	3,180	357	11.23%
Pleasant Hill	10,019	8,855	1,164	43	Clive	17,242	15,515	1,727	11.13%
Carroll	9,833	10,135	-302	44	Rock Valley	3,854	3,469	385	11.10%
Grinnell	9,116	9,222	-106	45	Pulaski city	289	261	28	10.73%
Mount Pleasant	8,668	8,652	16	46	Iowa City	75,130	68,050	7,080	10.40%
Denison	8,244	8,334	-90	47	Carlisle	4,294	3,891	403	10.36%
Creston	7,713	7,824	-111	48	Fairfield	10,425	9,465	960	10.14%
Perry	7,676	7,757	-81	49	Batavia	549	499	50	10.02%
Webster City	7,671	8,049	-378	50	Bettendorf	36,543	33,276	3,267	9.82%

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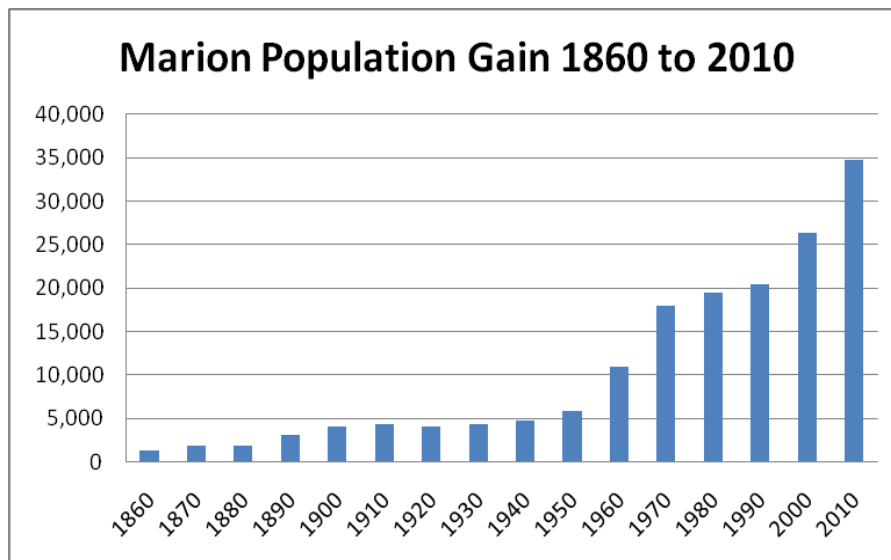
HISTORICAL POPULATION DATA

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

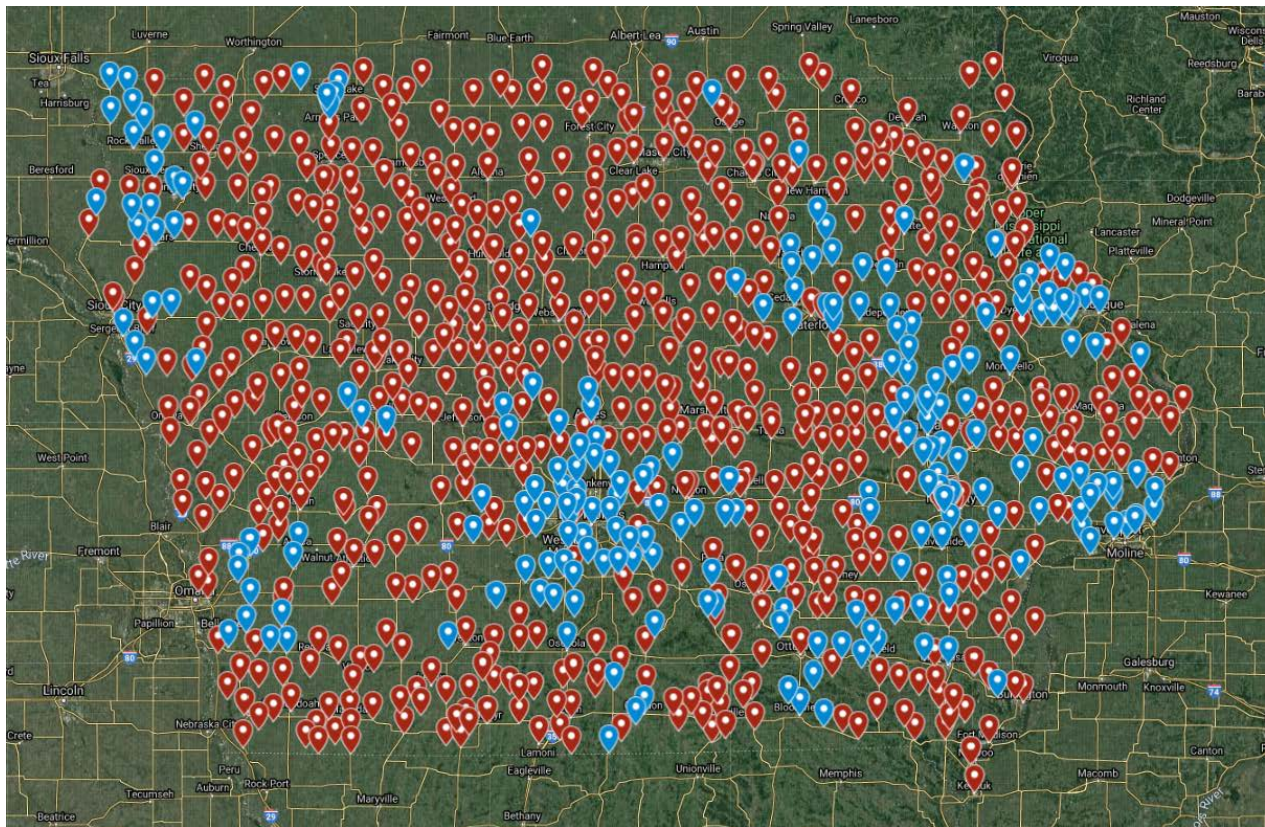
For historical purposes, Marion’s only population dip in a census year occurred between 1910 to 1920 with the population going from 4,400 to 4,138 (-262). The population shift was likely caused by several events both locally and worldwide including the moving of the County Seat to Cedar Rapids, World War I and a serious national flu epidemic. 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 exceed a population over 40,000 with the completion of the 2020 U.S. Census.



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Population Gains and losses across Iowa.

Blue Pin = Gain or no Change of Population between 2010 and 2019
Red Pin = Loss of Population between 2010 and 2019



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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.