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Remsen, Iowa **City Profile**

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Remsen is 1,678. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 0.9%. The City of Remsen is in Plymouth County. Plymouth County saw a 2.8% population increase between 2010 and 2020.

Plymouth	County	Cities -	Total Po	pulation

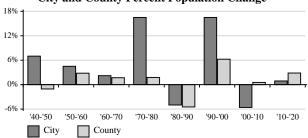
Plymouth County Cities - Total Population						
City	2000	2010	2020			
Remsen	1,762	1,663	1,678			
Male Total	849	789	786			
Female Total	913	874	892			
Akron	1,489	1,486	1,558			
Brunsville	146	151	129			
Craig	102	89	79			
Hinton	808	928	935			
Kingsley	1,245	1,411	1,396			
Le Mars	9,237	9,826	10,571			
Merrill	754	755	717			
Oyens	132	103	92			
Sioux City [†]	85,013	82,684	85,797			
Struble	85	78	67			
Westfield	189	132	123			
Plymouth County Total	24,849	24,986	25,698			
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369			

[†]City is located in multiple counties, total population is provided.

Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Alton	3.0%	11.1%	2.6%
Le Mars	9.3%	6.4%	7.6%
Marcus	-2.7%	-1.9%	-3.4%
Oyens	16.8%	-22.0%	-10.7%
Struble	26.9%	-8.2%	-14.1%
Remsen	16.5%	-5.6%	0.9%
Plymouth County	6.2%	0.6%	2.8%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Remsen's population is predominantly White. The City of Remsen, compared to Plymouth County, had a lower percentage of young people (17 or younger) and a higher percentage of older people (65 and older) in 2020. New household relationship categories were reported for 2020 that are not comparable with 2010.³

Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin¹

	City		Co	unty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.5%	96.7%	99.0%	95.8%
White	98.2%	94.2%	96.4%	90.6%
White alone, not Hispanic	97.2%	93.7%	95.2%	89.3%
Black or African American	0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	1.4%
Asian	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.6%	0.1%	0.5%
Other	0.5%	0.9%	1.5%	2.6%
Two or more races	0.5%	3.3%	1.0%	4.2%
Hispanic origin ^a	1.9%	2.5%	3.0%	5.8%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

Households by Family or Nonfamily Type^{1,3}

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		City	C	County
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	645	666	9,875	10,171
Family households ^{a,b}	67.6%	58.2%	70.4%	69.3%
Married couple family ^b	55.8%	44.1%	59.7%	56.4%
With own children	23.9%	20.4%	23.8%	21.1%
Other family ^c	11.8%	12.9%	10.7%	12.9%
Male householder ^c	3.6%	6.3%	4.1%	5.1%
With own children	1.7%	3.8%	2.6%	2.8%
Female householder ^c	8.2%	6.6%	6.6%	7.8%
With own children	5.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.8%
Nonfamily households ^d	32.4%	41.8%	29.6%	30.7%
Male living alone	10.5%	11.0%	11.5%	12.7%
Female living alone	19.1%	18.2%	14.3%	13.6%

Households by Couple or Non-couple Type^{1,3}

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	645	666	9,875	10,171
Married couple ^b	55.8%	44.1%	59.7%	56.4%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	6.0%	NA ^e	5.8%
Male householder g	NA ^e	16.5%	NA^e	17.4%
Female householder g	NA ^e	23.3%	NA ^e	20.3%

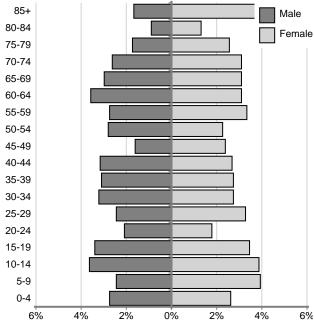
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder has an unmarried partner. ^gFor 2020 no spouse or partner present, but relatives, nonrelatives may be present or householder may be living alone.

Percentage of Population by Age¹

	(City	Co	ounty
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	27.8%	23.8%	26.0%	25.2%
0 - 4	7.3%	5.4%	6.6%	6.0%
5 - 9	7.5%	6.4%	6.9%	7.0%
10 - 14	8.4%	7.5%	7.6%	7.7%
15 - 17	4.6%	4.5%	4.9%	4.5%
18 - 24	5.4%	6.3%	6.3%	7.1%
25 - 44	21.8%	23.3%	22.6%	22.7%
45 - 64	24.7%	21.9%	28.6%	26%
65 or older	20.4%	24.9%	16.6%	19.1%
65 - 84	15.5%	18.3%	13.9%	16.3%
85 or older	4.9%	6.6%	2.7%	2.8%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	41.4	41.5	41.2	40.6
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	93.1	94.6	74.2	79.4
Old-Age	39.4	48.3	28.9	34.2
Child	53.7	46.2	45.3	45.2

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Remsen, Iowa Population Pyramid, a 2020¹



^aEach bar represents the percentage that an age-sex group comprises of the total population.

The median household income in Remsen is greater than the median household income of Plymouth County. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is lower in Remsen than for Plymouth County. There is a higher percentage of vacant housing units in Remsen than there is for Plymouth County. Many housing units in Remsen were built prior to 1940. There is a lower percentage of individuals 25 and older with a Bachelor's degree or higher in Remsen compared to Plymouth County.

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	714	+/- 82	10,214	+/- 159
Less than \$34,999	20.0%	+/- 3.2%	18.1%	+/- 2.1%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	10.9%	+/- 4.8%	9.6%	+/- 1.4%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	26.2%	+/- 3.2%	35.5%	+/- 2.2%
\$100,000 Or More	42.8%	+/- 4.0%	36.8%	+/- 2.3%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$87,800	+/- \$14,806	\$79,963	+/- \$2,681
Median Family Income	\$95,385	+/- \$16,503	\$94,094	+/- \$4,060
Per Capita Income	\$34,072	+/- \$4,185	\$40,150	+/- \$1,854

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	C	City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	1,321	+/-148	17,302	+/-106	
High School Graduate or Higher	91.2%	+/-5.1%	94.3%	+/-1%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	14.5%	+/-4.3%	24.1%	+/-2.3%	

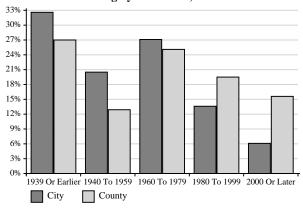
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	769	+/- 84	10,819	+/- 31
Vacant	7.2%	+/- 6.0%	5.6%	+/- 1.5%
Occupied	92.8%	+/- 6.0%	94.4%	+/- 1.5%
Occupied ^a	714	+/- 82	10,214	+/- 159
Owner	76.8%	+/- 6.4%	75.3%	+/- 2.5%
Renter	23.2%	+/- 6.4%	24.7%	+/- 2.5%
Rent ^b	\$857	+/- \$321	\$816	+/- \$42
Value ^c	\$167,200	+/-\$12,092	\$199,800	+/-\$9,869

^aOccupied Units, ^bMedian gross rent of renter-occupied units, ^cMedian value of owner-occupied units

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Remsen there is a higher percentage of workers in management, business, science, and arts occupations than any other occupation category. The production, transportation, and material moving occupation category makes up 24.5% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

Occupation of the Civilian Employed Population, ${\bf 2018\text{-}2022}^2$

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	1,181	+/- 177	13,579	+/- 392
Management, business, science, and arts	27.0%	+/- 5.4%	34.5%	+/- 2.7%
Service	21.8%	+/- 7.8%	15.1%	+/- 2.0%
Sales and office	14.2%	+/- 4.6%	17.7%	+/- 2.1%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	12.4%	+/- 4.7%	11.9%	+/- 1.9%
Production, transportation, and material moving	24.5%	+/- 7.3%	20.6%	+/- 2.1%

^{**}MOE is high, use county estimate.

Remsen has a higher proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Plymouth County. A portion of those who are not in the labor force are people who are retired. Earnings data are provided for the population 16 and over who have earnings. Median earnings in Remsen tend to be lower than the median earnings for Plymouth County. Families with children tend to have a higher rate of poverty than families without children.

Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022²

	(City	County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ ^a	1,264	+/- 179	14,657	+/- 333
Median Earnings	\$39,803	+/- \$39	\$45,816	+/- \$1,344
Female	\$29,806	+/- \$4,119	\$37,587	+/- \$2,254
Female, full time ^b	\$40,727	+/- \$2,269	\$48,110	+/- \$1,973
Male	\$54,886	+/- \$8,318	\$52,608	+/- \$2,719
Male, full time ^b	\$67,601	+/- \$13,965	\$60,346	+/- \$3,415

^a with earnings, ^b year round, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

Disability Status and Health Insurance Coverage of the Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population ^a	2,033	+/-257	25,295	+/-37
With a disability ^b	9.5%	+/-2.4%	12.1%	+/-1.3%
With Health Insurance	92.5%	+/-7.3%	94.6%	+/-1.6%
With Private ^c Coverage	78.4%	+/-7.0%	78.3%	+/-2.5%
With Public ^d Coverage	28.4%	+/-6.7%	30.4%	+/-2.0%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	5.4%	+/-1.6%

^aCivilan Noninstitutionalized Population, ^blimitations of activities or inability for full participation, ^cprovided by employer, union, bought by individual, and some miliary plans, ^dincludes Medicare, Medicaid, VA Health Care, children's CHIP, and some state plans, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

Employment Status, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	1,702	+/- 202	20,037	+/- 110
in labor force	71.3%	+/- 4.5%	69.5%	+/- 1.9%
not in labor force	28.7%	+/- 4.5%	30.5%	+/- 1.9%
Civilian labor force	1,209	+/- 176	13,872	+/- 396
Unemployed	2.3%	+/- 3.4%	2.1%	+/- 0.6%

^{**}MOE is high, use county estimate.

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	2,038	+/-257	25,267	+/-55
Below poverty	4.8%	+/-2.3%	5.7%	+/-1.3%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	4.9%	+/-1.3%
65+	**%	+/-**%	7.7%	+/-2.0%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	3.2%	+/-1.0%
with children	**%	+/-**%	4.2%	+/-2.0%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	1.9%	+/-0.9%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%

^a for whom poverty status is determined, ^b female householder, no husband present, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

Notes and Source Information:

- ¹U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Censuses 1940 2020
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- ³For the 2020 Decennial Census, households are divided into subcategories by two different methods. One method (family or nonfamily) is based on the presence or absence of family relationships among the household members and the householder. Using family relationships (birth, marriage, or adoption) has been the usual way to classify households, and the data using this method has good comparability between 2010 and 2020. In 2020, the Census Bureau introduced an additional method to divide households into subcategories. This second method (couple or noncouple) is based on the presence or absence of a couple relationship for the householder. The relationship can be as a married spouse or as an unmarried partner and can be of the opposite or same sex. The 2020 data reported for the second method (except for married couples) does not have good comparability with data from 2010. For smaller towns, the couple or noncouple data are omitted in this profile.
- ⁴Median is the middle value of a distribution.
- ⁵The age dependency ratio compares, by age, those typically not in the labor force with those who typically are in the labor force. Old Age dependency is persons 65+ per 100 persons age 18-64. Child dependency is persons under age 18 per 100 persons age 18-64. The total age dependency ratio is persons under age 18 plus persons 65 or older per 100 persons age 18-64.

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