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Garwin, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Garwin is 481. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 8.7%. The City of Garwin is in Tama County. Tama County saw a 3.6% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

Tama County Cities - Total Population¹

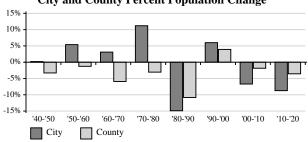
Tama County Clues - Total Population							
City	2000	2010	2020				
Garwin	565	527	481				
Male Total	272	275	231				
Female Total	293	252	250				
Chelsea	287	267	229				
Clutier	229	213	213				
Dysart	1,303	1,379	1,281				
Elberon	245	196	184				
Gladbrook	1,015	945	799				
Le Grand [†]	883	938	905				
Lincoln	182	162	121				
Montour	285	249	203				
Tama	2,731	2,877	3,130				
Toledo	2,539	2,341	2,369				
Traer	1,594	1,703	1,583				
Vining	70	50	54				
Tama County Total	18,103	17,767	17,135				
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
Gladbrook	15.2%	-6.9%	-15.4%
Le Grand	3.4%	6.2%	-3.5%
Montour	-8.7%	-12.6%	-18.5%
Tama	1.3%	5.3%	8.8%
Toledo	6.7%	-7.8%	1.2%
Garwin	6.0%	-6.7%	-8.7%
Tama County	3.9%	1.9%	-3.6%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Garwin's population is predominantly White. The City of Garwin, compared to Tama County, had a lower percentage of young people (17 or younger) and a lower 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	98.1%	97.3%	97.5%	93.8%
White	96.2%	93.6%	86.5%	79.7%
White alone, not Hispanic	94.3%	91.9%	83.7%	77.5%
Black or African American	0.0%	1.0%	0.3%	0.8%
Asian	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.6%	2.1%	7.5%	8.3%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	1.3%	0.2%	2.8%	4.5%
Two or more races	1.9%	2.7%	2.5%	6.2%
Hispanic origin ^a	3.6%	3.5%	7.4%	10.5%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

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		City	Co	ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	216	217	6,947	6,784
Family households ^{a,b}	70.4%	63.6%	69.4%	67.3%
Married couple family ^b	54.6%	44.9%	56.5%	51.3%
With own children	19.0%	10.1%	20.9%	16.9%
Other family ^c	15.7%	21.2%	12.9%	16.0%
Male householder ^c	4.2%	6.9%	4.3%	6.3%
With own children	3.7%	6.0%	2.6%	3.7%
Female householder ^c	11.6%	14.3%	8.6%	9.7%
With own children	9.3%	8.8%	5.5%	5.5%
Nonfamily households ^d	29.6%	36.4%	30.6%	32.7%
Male living alone	14.4%	16.1%	12.1%	13.9%
Female living alone	13.0%	16.6%	13.9%	13.9%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	216	217	6,947	6,784
Married couple ^b	54.6%	44.9%	56.5%	51.3%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	10.6%	NA^e	7.0%
Male householder g	NA^e	20.7%	NA^e	19.2%
Female householder g	NA ^e	27.2%	NA ^e	22.5%

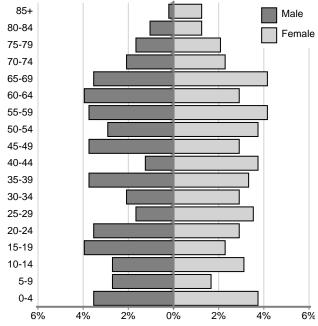
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	unty
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	27.5%	21.8%	25.6%	24.2%
0 - 4	7.4%	7.3%	6.3%	6.2%
5 - 9	7%	4.4%	6.8%	6.5%
10 - 14	7.4%	5.8%	7.5%	7.1%
15 - 17	5.7%	4.3%	5.0%	4.4%
18 - 24	6.8%	8.3%	6.8%	7.3%
25 - 44	21.8%	22.3%	21.9%	21.6%
45 - 64	27.1%	28.2%	27.3%	26.1%
65 or older	16.7%	19.5%	18.4%	20.7%
65 - 84	15.6%	18.1%	15.1%	17.7%
85 or older	1.1%	1.5%	3.3%	3.0%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	41.3	43.8	41.8	42.0
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	79.2	70.2	78.6	81.6
Old-Age	29.9	33.2	32.9	37.6
Child	49.3	37.1	45.7	44.0

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Garwin, 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 Garwin is less than the median household income of Tama County. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is lower in Garwin than for Tama County. There is a lower percentage of vacant housing units in Garwin than there is for Tama County. Many housing units in Garwin were built prior to 1940.

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	City		Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	265	+/- 59	6,703	+/- 151
Less than \$34,999	22.3%	+/- 4.5%	24.7%	+/- 2.4%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	19.6%	+/- 7.2%	12.6%	+/- 1.8%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	40.7%	+/- 4.3%	34.3%	+/- 1.9%
\$100,000 Or More	17.4%	+/- 3.8%	28.4%	+/- 2.1%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$57,386	+/- \$7,954	\$65,483	+/- \$3,299
Median Family Income	\$68,700	+/- \$11,049	\$78,503	+/- \$4,022
Per Capita Income	\$32,002	+/- \$4,007	\$33,046	+/- \$1,755

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	406	+/-88	11,597	+/-54	
High School Graduate or Higher	88.9%	+/-8.3%	91%	+/-1.3%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	**%	+/-**%	18.3%	+/-1.5%	

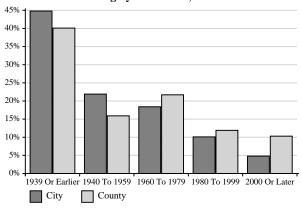
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

	(City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	288	+/- 58	7,589	+/- 36
Vacant	8.0%	+/- 6.8%	11.7%	+/- 2.0%
Occupied	92.0%	+/- 6.8%	88.3%	+/- 2.0%
Occupied ^a	265	+/- 59	6,703	+/- 151
Owner	78.9%	+/- 8.0%	75.5%	+/- 2.2%
Renter	21.1%	+/- 8.0%	24.5%	+/- 2.2%
Rent ^b	\$646	+/- \$198	\$829	+/- \$48
Value ^c	\$85,800	+/-\$4,057	\$129,400	+/-\$6,771

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Garwin there is a higher percentage of workers in production, transportation, and material moving occupations than any other occupation category. The production, transportation, and material moving occupation category makes up 29.9% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

Occupation of the Civilian Employed Population, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	354	+/- 99	8,165	+/- 219
Management, business, science, and arts	**%	+/- **%	28.0%	+/- 2.3%
Service	23.2%	+/- 10.6%	16.9%	+/- 1.8%
Sales and office	25.4%	+/- 10.3%	20.2%	+/- 2.0%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	**%	+/- **%	12.7%	+/- 1.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving	29.9%	+/- 13.1%	22.1%	+/- 2.2%

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

Garwin has a higher proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Tama 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 Garwin tend to be lower than the median earnings for Tama 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	364	+/- 99	8,880	+/- 203
Median Earnings	\$33,636	+/- \$33	\$39,545	+/- \$1,970
Female	\$30,000	+/- \$3,125	\$31,157	+/- \$2,157
Female, full time ^b	\$33,409	+/- \$12,372	\$41,691	+/- \$2,551
Male	\$36,071	+/- \$2,864	\$47,005	+/- \$1,313
Male, full time ^b	\$42,875	+/- \$13,508	\$54,191	+/- \$3,288

^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		Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population ^a	614	+/-157	16,654	+/-27
With a disability ^b	12.4%	+/-5.7%	9.8%	+/-1.0%
With Health Insurance	97.7%	+/-1.9%	92.7%	+/-1.1%
With Private ^c Coverage	71.0%	+/-8.7%	67.1%	+/-2.1%
With Public ^d Coverage	41.2%	+/-10.2%	43.4%	+/-2.2%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	7.3%	+/-1.1%

^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+	533	+/- 132	13,422	+/- 57
in labor force	67.2%	+/- 7.5%	63.8%	+/- 1.7%
not in labor force	32.8%	+/- 7.5%	36.2%	+/- 1.7%
Civilian labor force	358	+/- 99	8,552	+/- 218
Unemployed	1.1%	+/- 1.6%	4.5%	+/- 1.1%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	612	+/-157	16,578	+/-51
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	15.2%	+/-1.9%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	22.6%	+/-4.4%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	13.9%	+/-1.9%
65+	**%	+/-**%	9.4%	+/-2.6%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	11.3%	+/-2.1%
with children	**%	+/-**%	19.1%	+/-4.0%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	4.6%	+/-1.4%
with children	**%	+/-**%	5.6%	+/-2.3%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	46.5%	+/-9.9%
with children	**%	+/-**%	56.4%	+/-10.2%

^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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- ³ For 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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