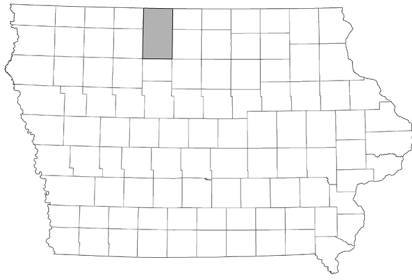


# Data for Decision Makers



## Algona, Iowa City Profile

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### Population profile

The 2020 population for Algona is 5,487. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 1.3%. The City of Algona is in Kossuth County. Kossuth County saw a 4.6% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

**Kossuth County Cities - Total Population<sup>1</sup>**

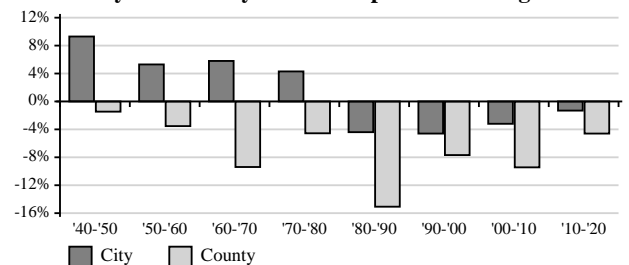
City	2000	2010	2020
<b>Algona</b>	<b>5,741</b>	<b>5,560</b>	<b>5,487</b>
Male Total	2,682	2,641	2,640
Female Total	3,059	2,919	2,847
Bancroft	808	732	699
Burt	556	533	418
Fenton	317	279	271
Lakota	255	255	267
Ledyard	147	130	121
Lone Rock	157	146	146
Lu Verne <sup>†</sup>	299	261	258
Swea City	642	536	566
Titonka	584	476	511
Wesley	467	390	391
West Bend <sup>†</sup>	834	785	791
Whittemore	530	504	497
Kossuth County Total	17,163	15,543	14,828
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369

<sup>†</sup>City is located in multiple counties, total population is provided.

**Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change**

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Burt	-3.3%	-4.1%	-21.6%
Lone Rock	-15.1%	-7.0%	0.0%
Wesley	5.2%	-16.5%	0.3%
West Bend	-3.2%	-5.9%	0.8%
Whittemore	-0.9%	-4.9%	-1.4%
Algona	-4.6%	-3.2%	-1.3%
Kossuth County	-7.7%	9.4%	-4.6%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

**City and County Percent Population Change<sup>1</sup>**



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# Demographic Profile

# Algona, Iowa

Algona's population is predominantly White. The City of Algona, compared to Kossuth 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.<sup>3</sup>

**Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin<sup>1</sup>**

Race Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.0%	94.9%	99.2%	96.5%
White	97.2%	91.0%	97.9%	93.8%
White alone, not Hispanic	96.4%	89.6%	97.3%	92.8%
Black or African American	0.5%	0.8%	0.3%	0.5%
Asian	0.7%	0.9%	0.4%	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.4%	2.2%	0.5%	1.5%
Two or more races	1.0%	5.1%	0.8%	3.5%
Hispanic origin <sup>a</sup>	1.4%	6.3%	1.4%	4.1%

<sup>a</sup> Hispanics can be of any race.

**Households by Family or Nonfamily Type<sup>1,3</sup>**

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	2,499	2,429	6,697	6,438
Family households <sup>a,b</sup>	59.8%	72.5%	65.7%	62.8%
Married couple family <sup>b</sup>	48.3%	53.4%	55.8%	52.3%
With own children	15.6%	14.5%	18.6%	16.2%
Other family <sup>c</sup>	11.5%	11.9%	9.9%	10.5%
Male householder <sup>c</sup>	3.6%	3.6%	3.7%	3.9%
With own children	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%	2.4%
Female householder <sup>c</sup>	7.9%	8.2%	6.2%	6.7%
With own children	5.4%	5.0%	3.9%	3.8%
Nonfamily households <sup>d</sup>	40.2%	27.5%	34.3%	37.2%
Male living alone	14.4%	17.0%	14.5%	16.8%
Female living alone	21.9%	22.0%	16.4%	15.8%

**Households by Couple or Non-couple Type<sup>1,3</sup>**

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	2,499	2,429	6,697	6,438
Married couple <sup>b</sup>	48.3%	53.4%	55.8%	52.3%
Cohabiting couple <sup>b,f</sup>	NA <sup>e</sup>	5.6%	NA <sup>e</sup>	5.7%
Male householder <sup>g</sup>	NA <sup>e</sup>	20.5%	NA <sup>e</sup>	20.3%
Female householder <sup>g</sup>	NA <sup>e</sup>	29.4%	NA <sup>e</sup>	21.7%

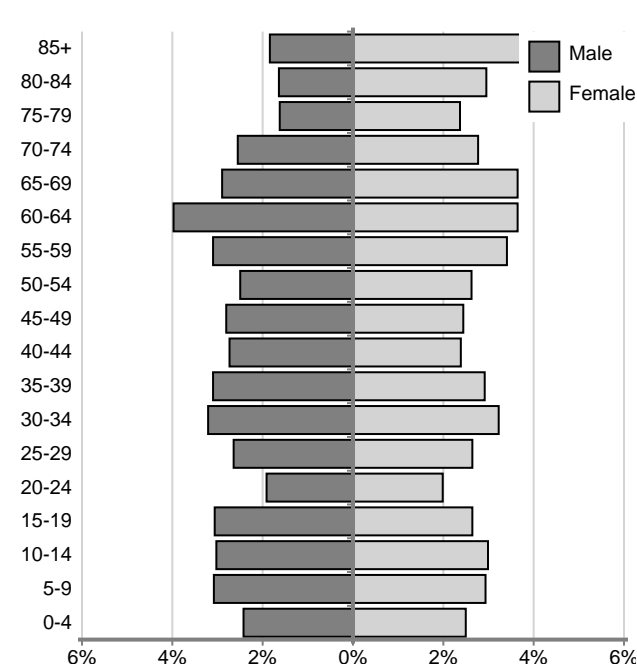
<sup>a</sup>Householder and at least one other person related to the householder. <sup>b</sup>For 2020 includes same-sex couples. <sup>c</sup>No spouse present, but at least one relative present. <sup>d</sup>In 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). <sup>e</sup>2010 not comparable with 2020. <sup>f</sup>For 2020 householder has an unmarried partner. <sup>g</sup>For 2020 no spouse or partner present, but relatives, nonrelatives may be present or householder may be living alone.

**Percentage of Population by Age<sup>1</sup>**

Age Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	21.9%	20.7%	22.9%	21.4%
0 - 4	5.7%	4.9%	5.8%	5.4%
5 - 9	6.1%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%
10 - 14	6%	6.0%	6.4%	6.2%
15 - 17	4.1%	3.8%	4.7%	3.8%
18 - 24	6%	5.8%	5.7%	5.7%
25 - 44	20.7%	22.8%	19.4%	21.6%
45 - 64	27.2%	24.4%	30.2%	26.8%
65 or older	24.3%	26.1%	21.9%	24.5%
65 - 84	19.2%	20.4%	18%	20.5%
85 or older	5.1%	5.6%	3.9%	4.0%
Median <sup>4</sup> Age (years)	46.2	45.6	46.6	46.3
Age Dependency <sup>a, 5</sup>	85.7	88.3	81.0	84.8
Old-Age	45.1	49.2	39.6	45.3
Child	40.6	39.1	41.4	39.6

<sup>a</sup>Age Dependency Ratio

**Algona, Iowa Population Pyramid, <sup>a</sup> 2020<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>a</sup>Each bar represents the percentage that an age-sex group comprises of the total population.

## Socioeconomic Profile

## Algona, Iowa

The median household income in Algona is less than the median household income of Kossuth County. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is higher in Algona than for Kossuth County. There is a lower percentage of vacant housing units in Algona than there is for Kossuth County. Many housing units in Algona were built between 1960 to 1979. There is a higher percentage of individuals 25 and older with a Bachelor's degree or higher in Algona compared to Kossuth County.

**Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	2,535	+/- 128	6,421	+/- 138
Less than \$34,999	24.4%	+/- 3.4%	24.1%	+/- 2.4%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	20.2%	+/- 6.4%	15.0%	+/- 2.9%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	34.8%	+/- 3.0%	35.7%	+/- 2.1%
\$100,000 Or More	20.5%	+/- 2.8%	25.1%	+/- 2.0%
Median <sup>4</sup> Household Income	\$52,903	+/- \$4,974	\$62,553	+/- \$4,310
Median Family Income	\$68,833	+/- \$12,792	\$80,048	+/- \$4,735
Per Capita Income	\$32,410	+/- \$2,722	\$34,723	+/- \$1,627

**Educational Attainment, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	3,930	+/-153	10,439	+/-48
High School Graduate or Higher	92.3%	+/-2.4%	93.7%	+/-1.1%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	21.9%	+/-4.6%	19.9%	+/-2.3%

\*MOE = the margin of error for American Community Survey estimates<sup>2</sup> which is a numerical value that when added to or subtracted from the point estimate value gives the range of a 90% confidence interval around the estimate.

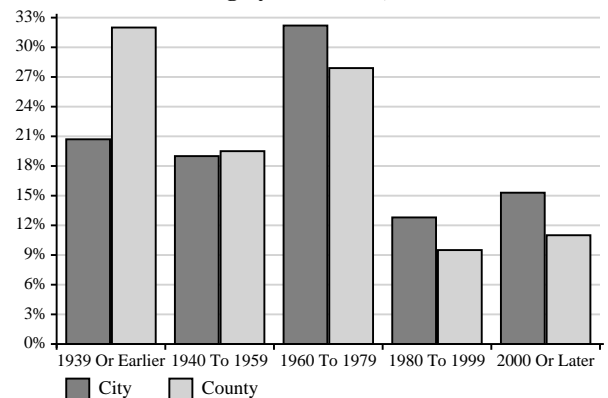
\*\*MOE is high, use county estimate.

**Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	2,723	+/- 129	7,227	+/- 33
Vacant	6.9%	+/- 3.7%	11.2%	+/- 1.9%
Occupied	93.1%	+/- 3.7%	88.8%	+/- 1.9%
Occupied <sup>a</sup>	2,535	+/- 128	6,421	+/- 138
Owner	62.2%	+/- 6.7%	73.8%	+/- 3.1%
Renter	37.8%	+/- 6.7%	26.2%	+/- 3.1%
Rent <sup>b</sup>	\$865	+/- \$58	\$818	+/- \$42
Value <sup>c</sup>	\$142,400	+/- \$15,218	\$118,800	+/- \$5,365

<sup>a</sup>Occupied Units, <sup>b</sup>Median gross rent of renter-occupied units, <sup>c</sup>Median value of owner-occupied units

**Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**



In Algona 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 23.4% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

**Occupation of the Civilian Employed Population, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	2,534	+/- 184	7,052	+/- 212
Management, business, science, and arts	25.5%	+/- 4.6%	30.0%	+/- 2.6%
Service	17.5%	+/- 4.9%	14.1%	+/- 2.0%
Sales and office	19.5%	+/- 5.0%	18.4%	+/- 2.0%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	14.1%	+/- 5.3%	14.8%	+/- 2.3%
Production, transportation, and material moving	23.4%	+/- 4.7%	22.6%	+/- 2.0%

## Socioeconomic Profile

## Algona, Iowa

Algona has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Kossuth 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 Algona tend to be higher than the median earnings for Kossuth County. Families with children tend to have a higher rate of poverty than families without children.

**Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ <sup>a</sup>	2,838	+/- 174	7,889	+/- 188
Median Earnings	\$40,750	+/- \$40	\$40,400	+/- \$1,366
Female	\$30,542	+/- \$5,862	\$31,342	+/- \$2,656
Female, full time <sup>b</sup>	\$41,570	+/- \$1,327	\$42,478	+/- \$2,171
Male	\$50,927	+/- \$3,336	\$48,228	+/- \$1,892
Male, full time <sup>b</sup>	\$54,719	+/- \$7,058	\$54,419	+/- \$2,810

<sup>a</sup> with earnings, <sup>b</sup> year round, \*\*MOE is high, use county estimate.

**Disability Status and Health Insurance Coverage of the Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population <sup>a</sup>	5,249	+/-34	14,463	+/-23
With a disability <sup>b</sup>	18.9%	+/-4.2%	16.3%	+/-1.8%
With Health Insurance	95.3%	+/-2.2%	95.7%	+/-1.0%
With Private <sup>c</sup> Coverage	65.7%	+/-5.8%	68.8%	+/-2.8%
With Public <sup>d</sup> Coverage	47.2%	+/-5.3%	43.4%	+/-2.4%
No Health Insurance	4.7%	+/-2.2%	4.3%	+/-1.0%

<sup>a</sup>Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population, <sup>b</sup>limitations of activities or inability for full participation, <sup>c</sup>provided by employer, union, bought by individual, and some military plans, <sup>d</sup>includes Medicare, Medicaid, VA Health Care, children's CHIP, and some state plans, \*\*MOE is high, use county estimate.

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**Employment Status, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	4,520	+/- 112	11,916	+/- 65
in labor force	59.3%	+/- 4.0%	61.5%	+/- 1.6%
not in labor force	40.7%	+/- 4.0%	38.5%	+/- 1.6%
Civilian labor force	2,682	+/- 190	7,329	+/- 202
Unemployed	5.5%	+/- 3.0%	3.8%	+/- 1.5%

\*\*MOE is high, use county estimate.

**Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population <sup>a</sup>	5,249	+/-34	14,454	+/-24
Below poverty	10.3%	+/-3.6%	10.5%	+/-1.8%
17 and under	***	+/-***%	14.2%	+/-4.1%
18 - 64	12.5%	+/-4.3%	10.7%	+/-2.0%
65+	***	+/-***%	6.5%	+/-1.8%
All Families	***	+/-***%	6.2%	+/-2.2%
with children	***	+/-***%	13.2%	+/-5.4%
Married Couple	***	+/-***%	1.7%	+/-0.7%
with children	***	+/-***%	***	+/-***%
Female HH <sup>b</sup>	***	+/-***%	32.5%	+/-14.1%
with children	***	+/-***%	43.0%	+/-17.4%

<sup>a</sup> for whom poverty status is determined, <sup>b</sup> female householder, no husband present, \*\*MOE is high, use county estimate.

### Notes and Source Information:

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Censuses 1940 - 2020

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 2018-2022

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Median is the middle value of a distribution.

<sup>5</sup> The 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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