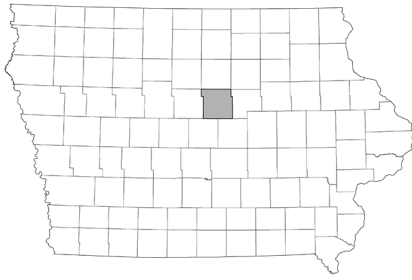


# Data for Decision Makers



## Alden, Iowa City Profile

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### Population profile

The 2020 population for Alden is 763. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 3.0%. The City of Alden is in Hardin County. Hardin County saw a 3.7% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

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

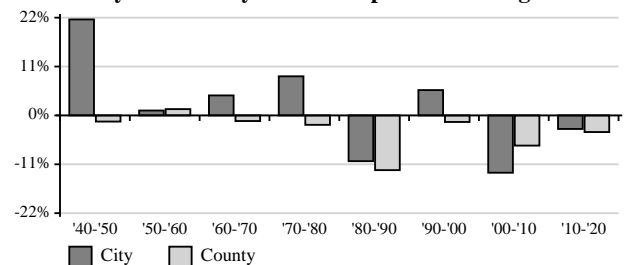
City	2000	2010	2020
<b>Alden</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>763</b>
Male Total	426	398	374
Female Total	478	389	389
Ackley†	1,809	1,589	1,599
Buckeye	110	108	86
Eldora	3,035	2,732	2,663
Hubbard	885	845	860
Iowa Falls	5,193	5,238	5,106
New Providence	227	228	236
Owasa	38	43	34
Radcliffe	607	545	555
Steamboat Rock	336	310	264
Union	427	397	399
Whitten	160	149	100
Hardin County Total	18,812	17,534	16,878
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
Buckeye	4.8%	-1.8%	-20.4%
Iowa Falls	-4.3%	0.9%	-2.5%
Owasa	2.7%	13.2%	-20.9%
Popejoy	-15.2%	1.3%	-2.5%
Williams	16.0%	-19.4%	-10.8%
Alden	5.7%	-12.9%	-3.0%
Hardin County	-1.5%	6.8%	-3.7%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

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



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# Demographic Profile

# Alden, Iowa

Alden's population is predominantly White. The City of Alden, compared to Hardin County, had a higher 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.<sup>3</sup>

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

Race Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	98.3%	93.7%	98.9%	95.7%
White	97.5%	91.9%	95.8%	91.6%
White alone, not Hispanic	96.4%	91.0%	93.7%	90.6%
Black or African American	0.5%	0.1%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian	0.3%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	1.4%	1.2%	2.4%
Two or more races	1.7%	6.3%	1.1%	4.3%
Hispanic origin <sup>a</sup>	1.1%	6.0%	3.7%	4.8%

<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	338	327	7,296	7,070
Family households <sup>a,b</sup>	63.3%	66.5%	64.5%	62.8%
Married couple family <sup>b</sup>	53.6%	47.9%	53.0%	50.1%
With own children	20.7%	16.5%	17.8%	16.4%
Other family <sup>c</sup>	9.8%	13.5%	11.5%	12.7%
Male householder <sup>c</sup>	4.1%	5.2%	4.0%	4.8%
With own children	3.0%	3.4%	2.7%	3.0%
Female householder <sup>c</sup>	5.6%	8.3%	7.5%	7.9%
With own children	3.0%	4.9%	5.1%	4.6%
Nonfamily households <sup>d</sup>	36.7%	33.5%	35.5%	37.2%
Male living alone	14.8%	13.1%	13.3%	15.5%
Female living alone	16.3%	18.3%	17.9%	17.0%

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	338	327	7,296	7,070
Married couple <sup>b</sup>	53.6%	47.9%	53.0%	50.1%
Cohabiting couple <sup>b,f</sup>	NA <sup>e</sup>	7.3%	NA <sup>e</sup>	6.2%
Male householder <sup>g</sup>	NA <sup>e</sup>	17.4%	NA <sup>e</sup>	19.9%
Female householder <sup>g</sup>	NA <sup>e</sup>	26.0%	NA <sup>e</sup>	23.8%

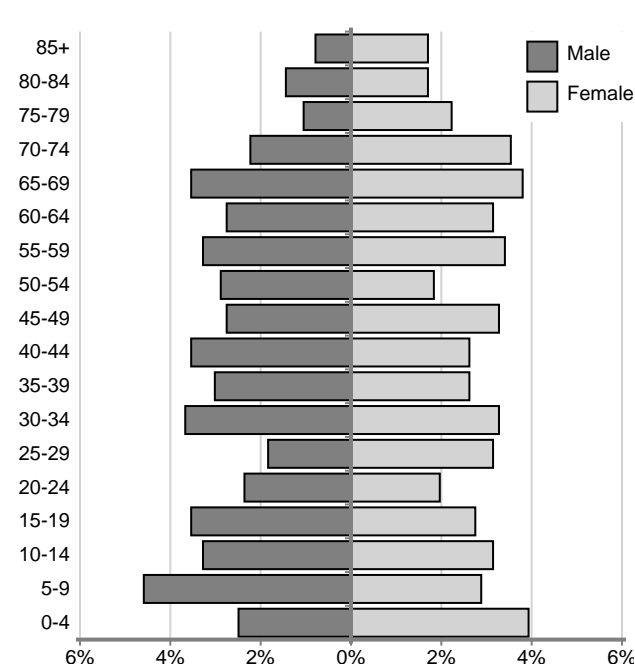
<sup>a</sup>Householder and at least one other person related to the householder. <sup>b</sup>For 2020 includes same-sex couples. <sup>c</sup>No spouse present, but at least one relative present. <sup>d</sup>In 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). <sup>e</sup>2010 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	23.6%	23.9%	23.1%	22.6%
0 - 4	7.8%	6.4%	6.0%	5.4%
5 - 9	6.9%	7.5%	5.9%	6.0%
10 - 14	5.3%	6.4%	6.4%	7.0%
15 - 17	3.6%	3.6%	4.8%	4.2%
18 - 24	8%	7%	8.1%	7.5%
25 - 44	21.3%	23.7%	20.2%	21.3%
45 - 64	29.1%	23.3%	27.6%	25.4%
65 or older	17.9%	22.0%	21.0%	23.2%
65 - 84	16%	19.5%	16.9%	19.3%
85 or older	1.9%	2.5%	4.1%	3.9%
Median <sup>4</sup> Age (years)	41.6	41.4	43.7	43.5
Age Dependency <sup>a, 5</sup>	71.1	85.0	78.8	84.5
Old-Age	30.7	40.7	37.5	42.8
Child	40.4	44.3	41.3	41.7

<sup>a</sup>Age Dependency Ratio

**Alden, 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

## Alden, Iowa

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

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	366	+/- 69	7,029	+/- 194
Less than \$34,999	28.1%	+/- 4.1%	28.6%	+/- 2.5%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	11.5%	+/- 5.3%	12.0%	+/- 2.0%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	41.3%	+/- 4.1%	34.9%	+/- 2.2%
\$100,000 Or More	19.1%	+/- 3.4%	24.3%	+/- 2.0%
Median <sup>4</sup> Household Income	\$62,969	+/- \$10,090	\$64,656	+/- \$4,778
Median Family Income	\$67,917	+/- \$8,974	\$80,857	+/- \$3,540
Per Capita Income	\$30,654	+/- \$3,530	\$32,181	+/- \$1,328

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	604	+/-106	12,328	+/-63
High School Graduate or Higher	89.7%	+/-5.3%	93.4%	+/-1.1%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	15.6%	+/-5.1%	20.8%	+/-2.1%

\*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.

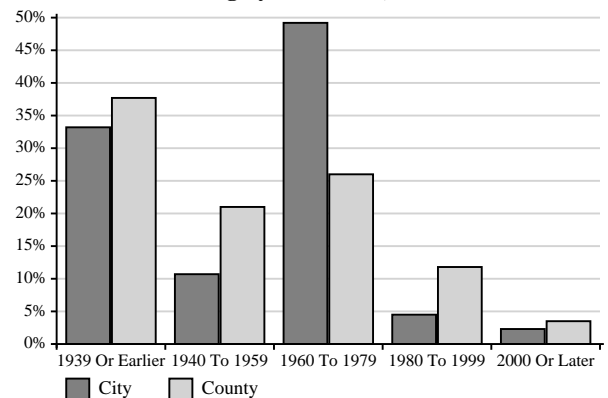
\*\*MOE is high, use county estimate.

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	382	+/- 72	8,031	+/- 44
Vacant	4.2%	+/- 3.8%	12.5%	+/- 2.3%
Occupied	95.8%	+/- 3.8%	87.5%	+/- 2.3%
Occupied <sup>a</sup>	366	+/- 69	7,029	+/- 194
Owner	65.6%	+/- 11.2%	74.2%	+/- 2.7%
Renter	34.4%	+/- 11.2%	25.8%	+/- 2.7%
Rent <sup>b</sup>	\$562	+/- \$51	\$752	+/- \$71
Value <sup>c</sup>	\$103,400	+/- \$10,677	\$109,300	+/- \$5,249

<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 Alden 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 18.9% 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	407	+/- 78	8,378	+/- 281
Management, business, science, and arts	28.3%	+/- 8.0%	31.9%	+/- 2.8%
Service	12.5%	+/- 4.9%	15.6%	+/- 2.0%
Sales and office	23.6%	+/- 8.3%	19.7%	+/- 2.4%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	***%	+/- ***%	15.7%	+/- 2.3%
Production, transportation, and material moving	18.9%	+/- 6.4%	17.1%	+/- 1.9%

## Socioeconomic Profile

## Alden, Iowa

Alden has a higher proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Hardin 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 Alden tend to be higher than the median earnings for Hardin 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>	437	+/- 85	9,232	+/- 253
Median Earnings	\$45,347	+/- \$45	\$37,792	+/- \$1,853
Female	\$39,000	+/- \$3,567	\$31,448	+/- \$3,540
Female, full time <sup>b</sup>	\$41,964	+/- \$11,236	\$42,258	+/- \$2,681
Male	\$48,688	+/- \$7,656	\$43,511	+/- \$2,350
Male, full time <sup>b</sup>	\$51,500	+/- \$11,495	\$47,515	+/- \$3,611

<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>	830	+/-154	16,393	+/-14
With a disability <sup>b</sup>	10.1%	+/-4.2%	13.7%	+/-1.3%
With Health Insurance	98.2%	+/-1.8%	95.6%	+/-0.9%
With Private <sup>c</sup> Coverage	79.3%	+/-6.8%	71.7%	+/-2.1%
With Public <sup>d</sup> Coverage	32.5%	+/-7.9%	39.2%	+/-2.1%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	4.4%	+/-0.9%

<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+	638	+/- 112	14,104	+/- 55
in labor force	68.3%	+/- 5.5%	61.5%	+/- 2.0%
not in labor force	31.7%	+/- 5.5%	38.5%	+/- 2.0%
Civilian labor force	436	+/- 82	8,680	+/- 268
Unemployed	6.7%	+/- 5.1%	3.5%	+/- 1.1%

\*\*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>	828	+/-154	16,112	+/-30
Below poverty	15.7%	+/-7.8%	8.4%	+/-1.3%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	11.1%	+/-3.9%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	8.5%	+/-1.4%
65+	**%	+/-**%	5.9%	+/-2.0%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	5.2%	+/-1.6%
with children	**%	+/-**%	8.6%	+/-3.1%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	3.2%	+/-1.3%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH <sup>b</sup>	**%	+/-**%	19.5%	+/-8.7%
with children	**%	+/-**%	24.9%	+/-11.5%

<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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