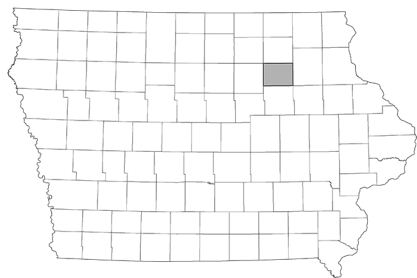# Data for Decision Makers

Sumner, Iowa
City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Sumner is 2,030. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 0.1%. The City of Sumner is in Bremer County. Bremer County saw a 2.9% population increase between 2010 and 2020.
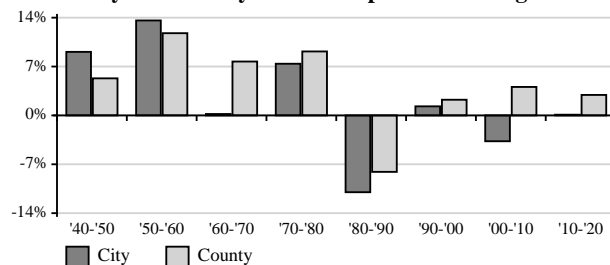
Bremer County Cities - Total Population[1]

City	2000	2010	2020
Sumner[†]	**2,106**	**2,028**	**2,030**
Male Total	989	929	954
Female Total	1,117	1,099	1,076
Denver	1,627	1,780	1,919
Frederika	199	183	204
Janesville[†]	829	930	1,034
Plainfield	438	436	393
Readlyn	786	808	845
Tripoli	1,310	1,313	1,191
Waverly	8,968	9,874	10,394
Bremer County Total	23,325	24,276	24,988
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
Fredericksburg	-2.7%	-5.4%	6.0%
Hawkeye	6.3%	-8.2%	-2.4%
Randalia	-4.5%	-19.0%	-26.5%
Tripoli	10.3%	0.2%	-9.3%
Westgate	13.0%	-9.8%	-9.0%
Sumner	1.3%	-3.7%	0.1%
Bremer County	2.2%	4.1%	2.9%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change[1]

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Sumner's population is predominantly White. The City of Sumner, compared to Bremer County, had a higher 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 Origin[1]

Race Groups	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
One race only	99.4%	96.6%	99.0%	97.0%
White	98.5%	94.7%	97.2%	94.4%
White alone, not Hispanic	98.1%	94.4%	96.6%	93.7%
Black or African American	0.0%	0.1%	0.8%	1.0%
Asian	0.8%	0.3%	0.7%	0.8%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.4%	0.1%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.1%	1.1%	0.3%	0.6%
Two or more races	0.6%	3.4%	1.0%	3.0%
Hispanic origin[a]	0.7%	2.6%	1.0%	2.0%

[a] *Hispanics can be of any race.*

Households by Family or Nonfamily Type[1,3]

	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	869	853	9,385	9,646
Family households[a,b]	63.9%	60.6%	69.4%	68.5%
Married couple family[b]	53.4%	49.0%	59.8%	58.0%
With own children	18.3%	17.2%	22.7%	21.8%
Other family[c]	10.5%	11.6%	9.6%	10.5%
Male householder[c]	2.9%	3.6%	2.9%	3.8%
With own children	2.2%	1.8%	1.9%	2.1%
Female householder[c]	7.6%	8.0%	6.6%	6.7%
With own children	5.1%	5.5%	4.4%	4.3%
Nonfamily households[d]	36.1%	39.4%	30.6%	31.5%
Male living alone	12.1%	13.0%	11.0%	11.5%
Female living alone	20.9%	20.8%	14.7%	15.4%

Households by Couple or Non-couple Type[1,3]

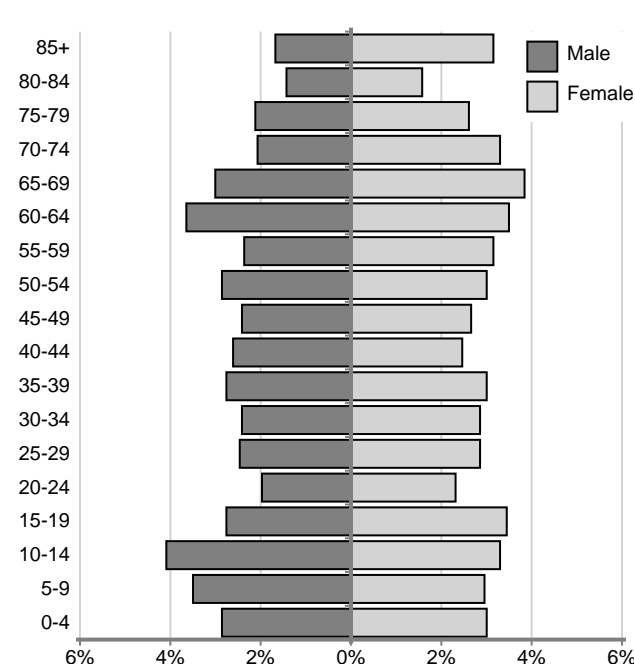|	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	869	853	9,385	9,646
Married couple[b]	53.4%	49.0%	59.8%	58.0%
Cohabiting couple[b,f]	NA[e]	6.6%	NA[e]	5.5%
Male householder[g]	NA[e]	16.4%	NA[e]	15.1%
Female householder[g]	NA[e]	28.0%	NA[e]	21.4%

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

Percentage of Population by Age[1]

Age Groups	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
17 or younger	22%	24.2%	22.7%	23.4%
0 - 4	6.1%	5.9%	5.8%	5.7%
5 - 9	5.7%	6.5%	6.0%	6.5%
10 - 14	5.6%	7.4%	6.3%	7.0%
15 - 17	4.6%	4.4%	4.6%	4.2%
18 - 24	5.8%	6.1%	12.4%	10.8%
25 - 44	21.7%	21.5%	21.7%	22.3%
45 - 64	25%	23.6%	25.9%	23.4%
65 or older	25.4%	24.8%	17.3%	20.3%
65 - 84	20.1%	19.9%	14.3%	17.4%
85 or older	5.3%	4.8%	3.0%	2.9%
Median[4] Age (years)	45.3	43.6	39.3	39.6
Age Dependency[a,5]	90.1	95.7	66.7	77.3
Old-Age	48.3	48.4	28.8	35.9
Child	41.8	47.3	37.8	41.4

[a]*Age Dependency Ratio*

Sumner, Iowa Population Pyramid,[a] 2020[1]

[a]*Each bar represents the percentage that an age-sex group comprises of the total population.*

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022[2]

	City Estimate	City MOE*	County Estimate	County MOE*
Total Households	879	+/- 88	9,684	+/- 185
Less than $34,999	25.4%	+/- 4.1%	16.0%	+/- 2.1%
$35,000 To $49,999	14.6%	+/- 5.9%	10.7%	+/- 1.5%
$50,000 To $99,999	30.4%	+/- 3.2%	35.4%	+/- 2.0%
$100,000 Or More	29.7%	+/- 3.7%	38.0%	+/- 2.2%
Median[4] Household Income	$59,926	+/- $7,273	$84,727	+/- $3,606
Median Family Income	$90,536	+/- $22,081	$98,823	+/- $4,875
Per Capita Income	$35,723	+/- $4,226	$40,912	+/- $3,704

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022[2]

	City Estimate	City MOE*	County Estimate	County MOE*
Total Units	1,004	+/- 65	10,493	+/- 34
Vacant	12.5%	+/- 6.6%	7.7%	+/- 1.7%
Occupied	87.5%	+/- 6.6%	92.3%	+/- 1.7%
Occupied[a]	879	+/- 88	9,684	+/- 185
Owner	75.0%	+/- 6.8%	83.6%	+/- 2.0%
Renter	25.0%	+/- 6.8%	16.4%	+/- 2.0%
Rent[b]	$591	+/- $81	$783	+/- $61
Value[c]	$103,800	+/-$17,738	$202,600	+/-$8,463

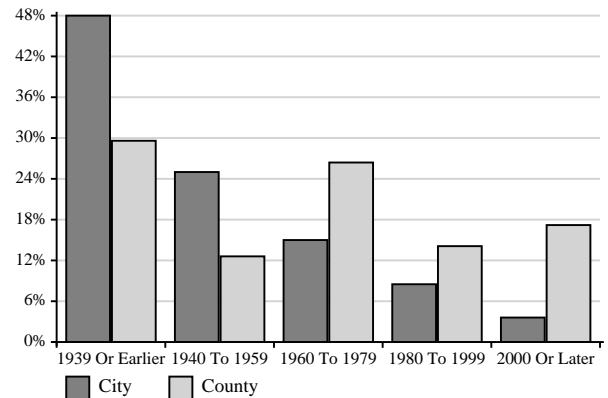[a]Occupied Units, [b]Median gross rent of renter-occupied units, [c]Median value of owner-occupied units

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022[2]

	City Estimate	City MOE*	County Estimate	County MOE*
Population 25 and older	1,526	+/-174	16,513	+/-103
High School Graduate or Higher	94.8%	+/-2.7%	96.1%	+/-0.9%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	22.4%	+/-6.7%	34%	+/-2.3%

*MOE = the margin of error for American Community Survey estimates[2] 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.

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022[2]

In Sumner 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 16.0% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

Occupation of the Civilian Employed Population, 2018-2022[2]

	City Estimate	City MOE*	County Estimate	County MOE*
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	1,011	+/- 177	12,928	+/- 388
Management, business, science, and arts	27.6%	+/- 6.9%	38.1%	+/- 2.4%
Service	25.1%	+/- 6.8%	16.6%	+/- 2.4%
Sales and office	22.1%	+/- 7.9%	17.4%	+/- 1.9%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	9.2%	+/- 4.1%	8.3%	+/- 1.3%
Production, transportation, and material moving	16.0%	+/- 5.3%	19.5%	+/- 1.9%

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

Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ [a]	1,200	+/- 196	14,299	+/- 328
Median Earnings	$38,913	+/- $38	$43,212	+/- $2,968
Female	$35,444	+/- $10,711	$35,076	+/- $2,514
Female, full time[b]	$39,921	+/- $10,243	$50,930	+/- $2,997
Male	$48,173	+/- $4,758	$53,087	+/- $3,110
Male, full time[b]	$67,938	+/- $11,261	$68,208	+/- $2,378

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

Employment Status, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	1,714	+/- 221	20,024	+/- 89
in labor force	61.5%	+/- 6.6%	66.7%	+/- 1.7%
not in labor force	38.5%	+/- 6.6%	33.3%	+/- 1.7%
Civilian labor force	1,043	+/- 176	13,350	+/- 350
Unemployed	3.1%	+/- 2.7%	3.2%	+/- 0.9%

**MOE is high, use county estimate.*

Disability Status and Health Insurance Coverage of the Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population[a]	2,074	+/-260	24,679	+/-22
With a disability[b]	15.7%	+/-4.4%	11.1%	+/-1.2%
With Health Insurance	99.8%	+/-0.3%	97.9%	+/-0.6%
With Private[c] Coverage	71.5%	+/-9.1%	83.2%	+/-1.8%
With Public[d] Coverage	45.8%	+/-10.1%	33.1%	+/-1.9%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	2.1%	+/-0.6%

[a]Civilan Noninstitutionalized Population, [b]limitations of activities or inability for full participation, [c]provided by employer, union, bought by individual, and some miliary plans, [d]includes Medicare, Medicaid, VA Health Care, children's CHIP, and some state plans, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

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Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population[a]	2,080	+/-258	23,474	+/-30
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	6.6%	+/-1.3%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	7.4%	+/-2.9%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	7.0%	+/-1.6%
65+	**%	+/-**%	4.3%	+/-1.4%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	4.2%	+/-1.2%
with children	**%	+/-**%	7.0%	+/-2.4%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH[b]	**%	+/-**%	21.1%	+/-8.0%
with children	**%	+/-**%	26.4%	+/-10.3%

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

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