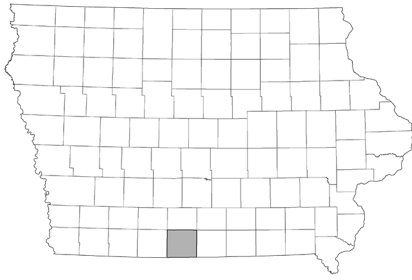


# Data for Decision Makers



## Van Wert, Iowa City Profile

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### Population profile

The 2020 population for Van Wert is 178. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 22.6%. The City of Van Wert is in Decatur County. Decatur County saw a 9.6% population decrease between 2010 and 2020. Van Wert's population is predominantly White.

#### Total Population<sup>1</sup>

City	2000	2010	2020
<b>Van Wert</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>178</b>
Male Total	118	106	89
Female Total	113	124	89
Decatur County Total	8,689	8,457	7,645
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.

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

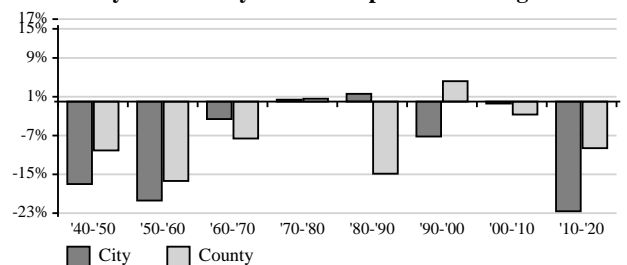
Race Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	98.3%	98.3%	99.0%	96.4%
White	96.1%	96.6%	95.4%	92.6%
White alone, not Hispanic	94.8%	96.6%	94.0%	91.7%
Black or African American	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	1.4%
Asian	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2.2%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%
Other	0.0%	1.7%	0.5%	1.3%
Two or more races	1.7%	1.7%	1.0%	3.6%
Hispanic origin <sup>a</sup>	1.3%	1.7%	2.1%	2.8%

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

#### Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Decatur City	12.4%	-1.0%	-11.2%
Garden Grove	9.2%	-15.6%	-17.5%
Grand River	31.6%	4.9%	-16.9%
Leon	-3.1%	-0.3%	-7.8%
Weldon	-4.0%	-13.8%	8.8%
Van Wert	-7.2%	-0.4%	-22.6%
Decatur County	4.2%	2.7%	-9.6%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

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



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## Socioeconomic Profile

## Van Wert, Iowa

The City of Van Wert, compared to Decatur 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>

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	101	82	3,223	2,986
Family households <sup>a,b</sup>	72.3%	62.0%	64.4%	64.2%
Married couple family <sup>b</sup>	56.4%	49.6%	51.6%	50.5%
Other family <sup>c</sup>	15.8%	20.7%	12.8%	13.7%
Male householder <sup>c</sup>	3.0%	8.5%	4.2%	4.7%
Female householder <sup>c</sup>	12.9%	12.2%	8.6%	9.0%
Nonfamily households <sup>d</sup>	27.7%	38.0%	35.6%	35.8%
Male living alone	5.9%	18.3%	12.9%	15.9%
Female living alone	15.8%	15.9%	16.3%	14.9%

<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).

**Housing Characteristics<sup>1</sup>**

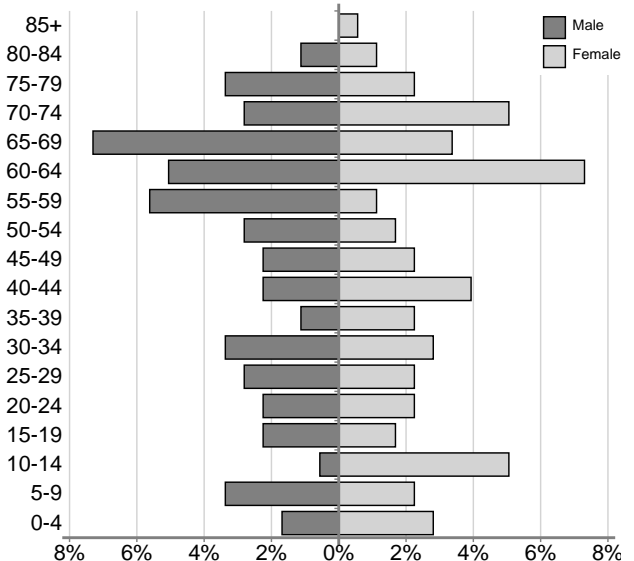
	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total Units	119	104	3,834	3,653
Vacant	15.1%	21.2%	15.9%	18.3%
Occupied	84.9%	78.8%	84.1%	81.7%
Occupied Units	101	82	3,223	2,986
Owner Occupied	77.2%	82.9%	70.5%	72.5%
Renter Occupied	22.8%	17.1%	29.5%	27.5%

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

Age Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	20.9%	16.3%	22.7%	23.2%
18 - 44	25.6%	28.7%	34.1%	32.1%
45 - 64	32.2%	28.1%	25.1%	23.7%
65 or older	21.3%	27.0%	18.1%	21.0%
Median <sup>4</sup> Age (years)	48.0	50.5	38.2	39.5
Age Dependency <sup>a, 5</sup>	73.0	76.2	68.9	79.2
Old-Age	36.9	47.5	30.6	37.6
Child	36.2	28.7	38.3	41.6

<sup>a</sup>Age Dependency Ratio

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



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

### 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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