Data for Decision Makers



Garner, Iowa **City Profile**

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Garner is 3,065. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 2.0%. The City of Garner is in Hancock County. Hancock County saw a 4.8% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

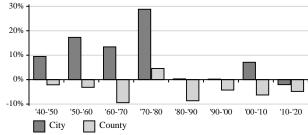
Hancock County Cities - Total Population							
City	2000	2010	2020				
Garner	2,922	3,129	3,065				
Male Total	1,389	1,521	1,521				
Female Total	1,533	1,608	1,544				
Britt	2,052	2,069	2,044				
Corwith	350	309	266				
Crystal Lake	285	250	253				
Forest City [†]	4,362	4,151	4,285				
Goodell	174	139	140				
Kanawha	739	652	658				
Klemme	593	507	441				
Woden	243	229	188				
Hancock County Total	12,100	11,341	10,795				
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369				

 $^{^{\}dagger}$ City is located in multiple counties, total population is provided.

Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Britt	-3.8%	0.8%	-1.2%
Clear Lake	-0.3%	-4.7%	-1.2%
Forest City	-1.5%	-4.8%	3.2%
Klemme	1.0%	-14.5%	-13.0%
Ventura	13.6%	7.0%	-0.8%
Garner	0.2%	7.1%	-2.0%
Hancock County	-4.3%	6.3%	-4.8%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%





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Garner's population is predominantly White. The City of Garner, compared to Hancock County, had a higher percentage of young people (17 or younger) and a equal 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	98.7%	95.9%	99.1%	95.3%
White	97.3%	93.5%	96.6%	92.3%
White alone, not Hispanic	96.1%	91.9%	94.7%	90.9%
Black or African American	0.6%	1.0%	0.5%	0.7%
Asian	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.4%	0.9%	1.4%	1.7%
Two or more races	1.3%	4.1%	0.9%	4.7%
Hispanic origin ^a	2.0%	3.9%	3.5%	5.7%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

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		City	C	County
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	1,301	1,325	4,741	4,585
Family households ^{a,b}	67.7%	60.9%	67.2%	66.5%
Married couple family ^b	57.0%	44.9%	56.8%	54.9%
With own children	21.8%	19.4%	20.0%	17.7%
Other family ^c	10.8%	11.0%	10.3%	11.6%
Male householder ^c	3.2%	3.5%	3.5%	4.2%
With own children	2.1%	2.3%	2.2%	2.7%
Female householder ^c	7.6%	7.5%	6.8%	7.4%
With own children	6.1%	4.8%	4.6%	4.4%
Nonfamily households ^d	32.3%	39.1%	32.8%	33.5%
Male living alone	10.2%	13.9%	13.3%	14.4%
Female living alone	18.8%	18.2%	15.4%	14.7%

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

		City		County
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	1,301	1,325	4,741	4,585
Married couple ^b	57.0%	44.9%	56.8%	54.9%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	4.8%	NA ^e	6.3%
Male householder ^g	NA^e	17.4%	NA^e	18.2%
Female householder g	NA ^e	24.8%	NA ^e	20.6%

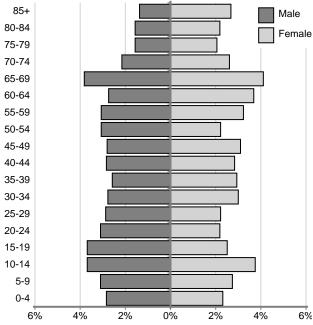
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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

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Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	25.6%	22.8%	23.4%	22.1%
0 - 4	6.4%	5.2%	6.0%	5.6%
5 - 9	7.3%	5.8%	6.4%	6.1%
10 - 14	7.6%	7.4%	6.7%	6.5%
15 - 17	4.3%	4.4%	4.3%	3.9%
18 - 24	5.4%	7.1%	5.8%	6.2%
25 - 44	22.3%	22.1%	20.9%	21.1%
45 - 64	27.2%	23.9%	30.7%	26.4%
65 or older	19.5%	24.1%	19.1%	24.1%
65 - 84	14.8%	20.1%	15.5%	20.2%
85 or older	4.7%	4.0%	3.6%	3.9%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	41.6	43.5	44.8	45.4
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	82.1	88.3	73.9	86.0
Old-Age	35.5	45.4	33.2	44.9
Child	46.6	42.9	40.7	41.2

^aAge Dependency Ratio

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	City		C	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	1,287	+/- 80	4,582	+/- 111
Less than \$34,999	26.1%	+/- 3.9%	21.7%	+/- 2.6%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	11.5%	+/- 5.0%	14.7%	+/- 2.2%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	34.8%	+/- 3.5%	36.0%	+/- 2.3%
\$100,000 Or More	27.7%	+/- 3.6%	27.4%	+/- 2.5%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$69,056	+/- \$6,209	\$67,865	+/- \$3,153
Median Family Income	\$86,103	+/- \$5,288	\$82,196	+/- \$6,764
Per Capita Income	\$34,147	+/- \$3,810	\$35,033	+/- \$2,252

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	2,263	+/-107	7,683	+/-56
High School Graduate or Higher	90.4%	+/-4.2%	91.3%	+/-1.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	23.1%	+/-5.1%	20.2%	+/-2.4%

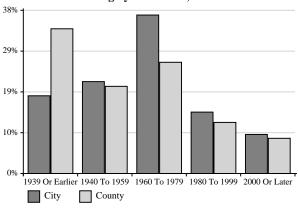
^{*}MOE = the margin of error for American Community Survey estimates² which is a numerical value that when added to or subtracted from the point estimate value gives the range of a 90% confidence interval around the estimate.

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	1,329	+/- 82	5,127	+/- 29
Vacant	3.2%	+/- 3.5%	10.6%	+/- 2.1%
Occupied	96.8%	+/- 3.5%	89.4%	+/- 2.1%
Occupied ^a	1,287	+/- 80	4,582	+/- 111
Owner	77.2%	+/- 5.8%	81.4%	+/- 2.6%
Renter	22.8%	+/- 5.8%	18.6%	+/- 2.6%
Rent ^b	\$735	+/- \$86	\$782	+/- \$145
Value ^c	\$155,400	+/-\$16,029	\$116,000	+/-\$8,691

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Garner 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 22.6% 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	1,497	+/- 120	5,576	+/- 172
Management, business, science, and arts	39.1%	+/- 8.6%	34.0%	+/- 3.5%
Service	16.2%	+/- 5.2%	14.5%	+/- 2.5%
Sales and office	13.2%	+/- 4.2%	15.2%	+/- 2.2%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	9.0%	+/- 4.1%	13.4%	+/- 2.1%
Production, transportation, and material moving	22.6%	+/- 8.2%	22.9%	+/- 3.4%

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

Garner has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Hancock 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 Garner tend to be higher than the median earnings for Hancock 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	1,565	+/- 114	5,983	+/- 165
Median Earnings	\$42,670	+/- \$42	\$42,180	+/- \$2,137
Female	\$32,857	+/- \$8,331	\$35,568	+/- \$3,583
Female, full time ^b	\$42,840	+/- \$4,878	\$44,620	+/- \$1,934
Male	\$54,398	+/- \$18,747	\$45,226	+/- \$1,803
Male, full time ^b	\$66,429	+/- \$8,260	\$51,305	+/- \$2,643

^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		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population ^a	2,989	+/-39	10,585	+/-41
With a disability ^b	13.3%	+/-4.1%	14.8%	+/-1.9%
With Health Insurance	94.4%	+/-3.5%	96.1%	+/-1.3%
With Private ^c Coverage	77.5%	+/-6.3%	77.0%	+/-2.2%
With Public ^d Coverage	37.9%	+/-4.8%	35.6%	+/-2.2%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	3.9%	+/-1.3%

^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+	2,521	+/- 100	8,758	+/- 60
in labor force	60.5%	+/- 4.6%	65.0%	+/- 1.9%
not in labor force	39.5%	+/- 4.6%	35.0%	+/- 1.9%
Civilian labor force	1,524	+/- 115	5,697	+/- 164
Unemployed	1.8%	+/- 2.1%	2.1%	+/- 1.0%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	2,989	+/-39	10,551	+/-60
Below poverty	12.1%	+/-5.6%	9.9%	+/-2.1%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	9.5%	+/-4.5%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	9.0%	+/-2.5%
65+	**%	+/-**%	12.6%	+/-4.1%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	6.8%	+/-2.4%
with children	**%	+/-**%	12.1%	+/-5.7%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	31.0%	+/-12.3%
with children	**%	+/-**%	48.4%	+/-17.4%

^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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- ³For 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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