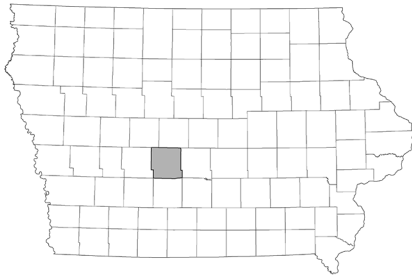# Data for Decision Makers

Van Meter, Iowa
City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Van Meter is 1,484. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 46.1%. The City of Van Meter is in Dallas County. Dallas County saw a 50.7% population increase between 2010 and 2020.

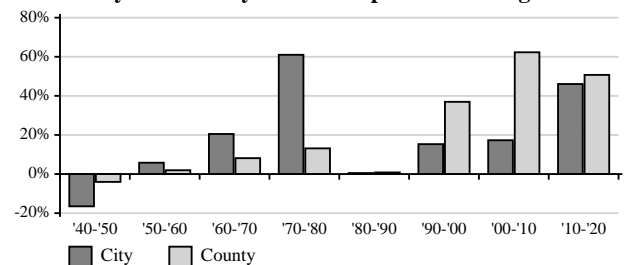### Dallas County Cities - Total Population[1]

City	2000	2010	2020
Van Meter	**866**	**1,016**	**1,484**
Male Total	415	503	750
Female Total	451	513	734
Adel	3,435	3,682	6,153
Bouton	136	129	127
Clive[†]	12,855	15,447	18,601
Dallas Center	1,595	1,623	1,901
Dawson	155	131	116
De Soto	1,009	1,050	915
Dexter	689	611	640
Granger	583	1,244	1,654
Grimes[†]	5,098	8,246	15,392
Linden	226	199	200
Minburn	391	365	325
Perry	7,633	7,702	7,836
Redfield	833	835	731
Urbandale[†]	29,072	39,463	45,580
Waukee	5,126	13,790	23,940
West Des Moines[†]	46,403	56,609	68,723
Woodward	1,200	1,024	1,346
Dallas County Total	40,750	66,135	99,678
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
Adel	4.0%	7.2%	67.1%
De Soto	-2.3%	4.1%	-12.9%
Earlham	12.2%	11.7%	-2.8%
Waukee	104.1%	169.0%	73.6%
West Des Moines	46.4%	22.0%	21.4%
Van Meter	15.3%	17.3%	46.1%
Dallas County	37.0%	62.3%	50.7%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change[1]

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Van Meter's population is predominantly White. The City of Van Meter, compared to Dallas 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.[3]

Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin[1]

Race Groups	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
One race only	98.9%	96.8%	98.5%	94.2%
White	97.9%	94.6%	92.2%	83.6%
White alone, not Hispanic	97.4%	94.1%	88.7%	82.0%
Black or African American	0.2%	0.4%	1.4%	2.7%
Asian	0.6%	0.7%	2.5%	5.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.6%	2.1%	2.6%
Two or more races	1.1%	3.2%	1.5%	5.8%
Hispanic origin[a]	0.6%	1.5%	6.1%	6.5%

[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	382	513	25,240	38,291
Family households[a,b]	73.3%	56.8%	70.1%	67.9%
Married couple family[b]	51.3%	47.5%	58.0%	55.8%
With own children	27.7%	32.4%	29.1%	28.2%
Other family[c]	22.0%	16.6%	12.1%	12.1%
Male householder[c]	7.6%	4.5%	3.8%	4.0%
With own children	6.0%	3.3%	2.5%	2.4%
Female householder[c]	14.4%	12.1%	8.3%	8.0%
With own children	9.9%	8.8%	5.6%	5.1%
Nonfamily households[d]	26.7%	43.2%	29.9%	32.1%
Male living alone	11.3%	7.8%	9.9%	10.8%
Female living alone	11.0%	9.7%	13.8%	14.4%

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

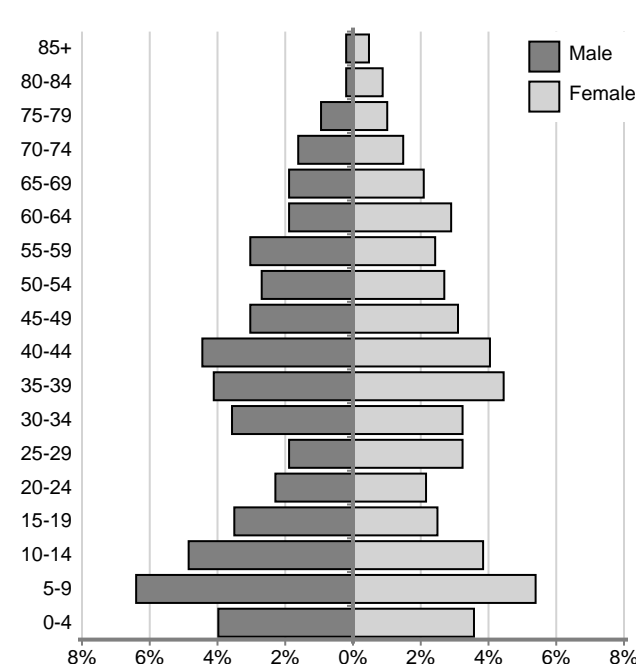|	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	382	513	25,240	38,291
Married couple[b]	51.3%	47.5%	58.0%	55.8%
Cohabiting couple[b,f]	NA[e]	7.6%	NA[e]	6.8%
Male householder[g]	NA[e]	10.3%	NA[e]	15.2%
Female householder[g]	NA[e]	20.3%	NA[e]	22.1%

[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	31.7%	31.8%	29.1%	27.7%
0 - 4	7.2%	7.5%	8.7%	7.2%
5 - 9	7.8%	11.8%	8.6%	8.3%
10 - 14	9.6%	8.7%	7.9%	7.9%
15 - 17	7.1%	3.8%	3.9%	4.3%
18 - 24	5.9%	6.6%	6.1%	7.4%
25 - 44	27.4%	29%	31.6%	30.1%
45 - 64	26.4%	21.8%	23.5%	22.5%
65 or older	8.7%	10.8%	9.8%	12.5%
65 - 84	8.2%	10.2%	8.4%	11.1%
85 or older	0.5%	0.7%	1.4%	1.4%
Median[4] Age (years)	35.5	34.8	34.3	35.4
Age Dependency[a, 5]	67.8	74.2	63.7	67.0
Old-Age	14.6	18.8	16.0	20.8
Child	53.2	55.4	47.6	46.2

[a]*Age Dependency Ratio*

Van Meter, 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 Van Meter is less than the median household income of Dallas County. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is lower in Van Meter than for Dallas County. There is a lower percentage of vacant housing units in Van Meter than there is for Dallas County. Many housing units in Van Meter were built in 2000 or later. There is a lower percentage of individuals 25 and older with a Bachelor's degree or higher in Van Meter compared to Dallas County.

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	459	+/- 90	39,386	+/- 454
Less than $34,999	4.8%	+/- 3.2%	13.7%	+/- 1.7%
$35,000 To $49,999	7.4%	+/- 4.9%	9.1%	+/- 1.3%
$50,000 To $99,999	29.4%	+/- 3.6%	27.5%	+/- 1.7%
$100,000 Or More	58.4%	+/- 4.7%	49.8%	+/- 2.1%
Median[4] Household Income	$124,375	+/- $30,986	$99,533	+/- $3,165
Median Family Income	$140,000	+/- $24,194	$130,231	+/- $3,923
Per Capita Income	$45,277	+/- $7,480	$51,347	+/- $1,505

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	477	+/- 93	41,753	+/- 55
Vacant	3.8%	+/- 3.9%	5.7%	+/- 1.1%
Occupied	96.2%	+/- 3.9%	94.3%	+/- 1.1%
Occupied[a]	459	+/- 90	39,386	+/- 454
Owner	90.0%	+/- 5.9%	70.4%	+/- 1.5%
Renter	10.0%	+/- 5.9%	29.6%	+/- 1.5%
Rent[b]	$**	+/- $**	$1,198	+/- $29
Value[c]	$225,000	+/-$21,212	$314,900	+/-$10,133

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

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	889	+/-191	65,734	+/-230
High School Graduate or Higher	98.2%	+/-1.7%	96.3%	+/-0.5%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	37.5%	+/-7.2%	51.5%	+/-1.6%

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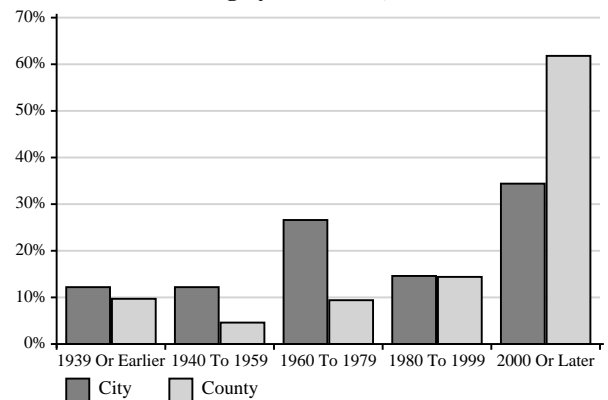**MOE is high, use county estimate.

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

In Van Meter 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 17.6% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	786	+/- 195	55,396	+/- 1,009
Management, business, science, and arts	42.6%	+/- 6.5%	53.9%	+/- 1.7%
Service	18.6%	+/- 7.6%	11.3%	+/- 1.1%
Sales and office	16.8%	+/- 5.7%	19.1%	+/- 1.4%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	4.5%	+/- 2.1%	5.9%	+/- 0.8%
Production, transportation, and material moving	17.6%	+/- 7.5%	9.8%	+/- 1.1%

Van Meter has a higher proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Dallas 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 Van Meter tend to be lower than the median earnings for Dallas 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]	844	+/- 218	58,994	+/- 865
Median Earnings	$52,833	+/- $52	$55,876	+/- $1,403
Female	$48,715	+/- $2,562	$47,520	+/- $1,737
Female, full time[b]	$50,781	+/- $21,854	$58,940	+/- $1,707
Male	$75,469	+/- $12,805	$68,302	+/- $2,079
Male, full time[b]	$80,913	+/- $3,730	$80,664	+/- $3,254

[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+	1,002	+/- 220	75,882	+/- 238
in labor force	79.1%	+/- 5.0%	75.4%	+/- 1.2%
not in labor force	20.9%	+/- 5.0%	24.6%	+/- 1.2%
Civilian labor force	793	+/- 195	57,131	+/- 946
Unemployed	0.9%	+/- 0.9%	3.0%	+/- 0.7%

**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]	1,468	+/-405	99,832	+/-55
With a disability[b]	6.0%	+/-3.0%	7.5%	+/-0.7%
With Health Insurance	92.2%	+/-7.9%	95.6%	+/-0.9%
With Private[c] Coverage	83.2%	+/-8.7%	83.6%	+/-1.4%
With Public[d] Coverage	16.6%	+/-6.3%	22.7%	+/-1.1%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	4.4%	+/-0.9%

[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]	1,450	+/-404	99,817	+/-56
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	5.7%	+/-1%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	5.6%	+/-1.8%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	5.7%	+/-1.0%
65+	**%	+/-**%	5.8%	+/-1.7%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	4.1%	+/-1.2%
with children	**%	+/-**%	5.5%	+/-2.0%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	2.4%	+/-1.0%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH[b]	**%	+/-**%	17.4%	+/-6.3%
with children	**%	+/-**%	22.6%	+/-8.6%

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

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