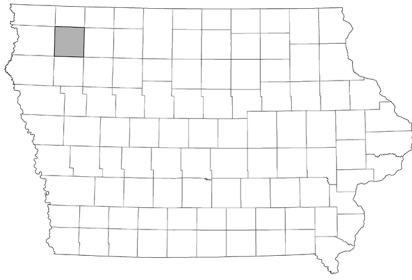


Data for Decision Makers



Primghar, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Primghar is 896. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 1.4%. The City of Primghar is in O'Brien County. O'Brien County saw a 1.5% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

O'Brien County Cities - Total Population¹

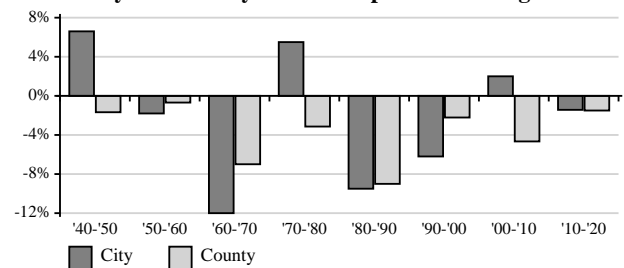
City	2000	2010	2020
Primghar	891	909	896
Male Total	420	434	471
Female Total	471	475	425
Archer	126	131	117
Calumet	181	170	146
Hartley	1,733	1,672	1,605
Paullina	1,124	1,056	982
Sanborn	1,353	1,404	1,392
Sheldon [†]	4,914	5,188	5,512
Sutherland	707	649	629
O'Brien County Total	15,102	14,398	14,182
State 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
Archer	-3.8%	4.0%	-10.7%
Hartley	6.2%	-3.5%	-4.0%
Paullina	-0.9%	-6.0%	-7.0%
Sanborn	0.6%	3.8%	-0.9%
Sutherland	-1.0%	-8.2%	-3.1%
Primghar	-6.2%	2.0%	-1.4%
O'Brien County	-2.2%	4.7%	-1.5%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Demographic Profile

Primghar, Iowa

Primghar's population is predominantly White. The City of Primghar, compared to O'Brien County, had a lower 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 Origin¹

Race Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	98.5%	96.5%	99.2%	95.4%
White	96.5%	93.3%	96.0%	90.4%
White alone, not Hispanic	94.9%	92.4%	94.5%	88.9%
Black or African American	0.3%	1.0%	0.5%	1.1%
Asian	0.4%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.6%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Other	0.9%	1.3%	2.0%	2.7%
Two or more races	1.5%	3.5%	0.8%	4.6%
Hispanic origin ^a	2.2%	3.8%	3.8%	6.9%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	392	381	6,069	5,861
Family households ^{a,b}	63.0%	56.4%	64.7%	63.4%
Married couple family ^b	50.0%	44.5%	55.1%	52.7%
With own children	16.8%	16.3%	19.5%	17.9%
Other family ^c	13.0%	15.0%	9.6%	10.7%
Male householder ^c	4.1%	6.6%	3.5%	4.3%
With own children	3.6%	4.5%	2.4%	2.5%
Female householder ^c	8.9%	8.4%	6.1%	6.4%
With own children	6.9%	7.6%	4.1%	5.0%
Nonfamily households ^d	37.0%	43.6%	35.3%	36.6%
Male living alone	10.5%	13.1%	13.5%	15.3%
Female living alone	23.5%	18.9%	17.9%	16.5%

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	392	381	6,069	5,861
Married couple ^b	50.0%	44.5%	55.1%	52.7%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	7.6%	NA ^e	6.2%
Male householder ^g	NA ^e	18.4%	NA ^e	19.3%
Female householder ^g	NA ^e	26.8%	NA ^e	21.8%

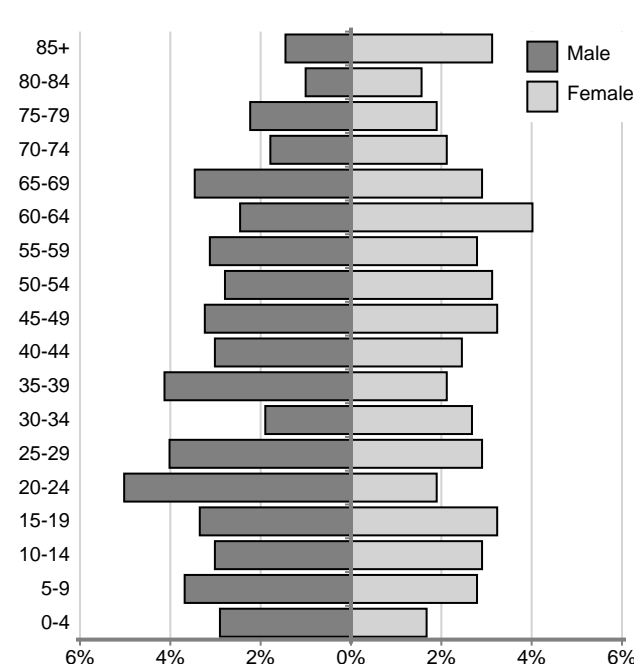
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder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

Age Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	23.8%	21.5%	23.6%	23.3%
0 - 4	6.2%	4.6%	6.4%	6.0%
5 - 9	7.2%	6.5%	6.5%	6.3%
10 - 14	6.6%	5.9%	6.6%	6.8%
15 - 17	3.8%	4.5%	4.1%	4.2%
18 - 24	5.2%	9%	6.6%	7.3%
25 - 44	22.3%	23.3%	21.3%	23%
45 - 64	25.4%	24.8%	28.1%	24.3%
65 or older	23.3%	21.5%	20.4%	22.1%
65 - 84	17.1%	17%	16.4%	17.4%
85 or older	6.2%	4.6%	4.0%	4.6%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	43.9	42.3	43.6	42.0
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	89.0	75.3	78.6	83.2
Old-Age	44.0	37.7	36.4	40.5
Child	45.0	37.7	42.1	42.7

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Primghar, Iowa Population Pyramid,^a 2020¹



^aEach bar represents the percentage that an age-sex group comprises of the total population.

Socioeconomic Profile

Primghar, Iowa

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	330	+/- 53	5,700	+/- 198
Less than \$34,999	18.2%	+/- 3.6%	23.9%	+/- 2.4%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	12.1%	+/- 4.5%	14.0%	+/- 2.4%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	42.1%	+/- 3.8%	34.6%	+/- 2.4%
\$100,000 Or More	27.5%	+/- 3.9%	27.5%	+/- 2.5%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$75,000	+/- \$15,725	\$65,076	+/- \$6,868
Median Family Income	\$85,536	+/- \$11,918	\$89,832	+/- \$4,507
Per Capita Income	\$35,174	+/- \$7,247	\$32,460	+/- \$1,798

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	570	+/-95	9,734	+/-46
High School Graduate or Higher	91.8%	+/-4.1%	90.7%	+/-2.3%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	20.7%	+/-5.7%	21.6%	+/-3%

*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.

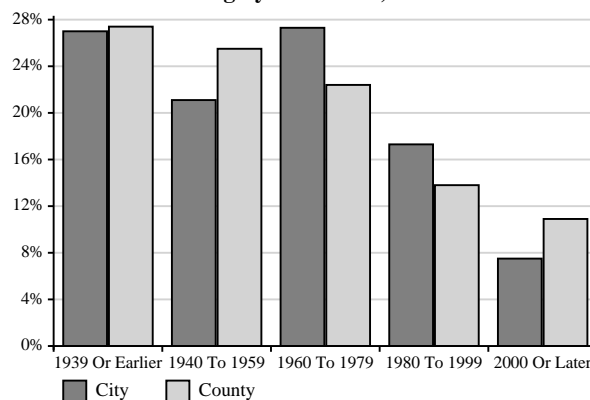
**MOE is high, use county estimate.

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	389	+/- 60	6,546	+/- 25
Vacant	15.2%	+/- 7.2%	12.9%	+/- 3.0%
Occupied	84.8%	+/- 7.2%	87.1%	+/- 3.0%
Occupied ^a	330	+/- 53	5,700	+/- 198
Owner	83.0%	+/- 7.2%	76.0%	+/- 3.5%
Renter	17.0%	+/- 7.2%	24.0%	+/- 3.5%
Rent ^b	\$725	+/- \$142	\$691	+/- \$79
Value ^c	\$118,500	+/- \$20,294	\$141,900	+/- \$12,274

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Primghar 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 19.8% 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	374	+/- 82	6,949	+/- 370
Management, business, science, and arts	39.3%	+/- 9.5%	33.7%	+/- 4.0%
Service	**%	+/- **%	15.5%	+/- 2.6%
Sales and office	16.3%	+/- 6.7%	15.4%	+/- 2.4%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	**%	+/- **%	13.3%	+/- 2.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving	19.8%	+/- 5.9%	22.1%	+/- 4.0%

Socioeconomic Profile

Primghar, Iowa

Primghar has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than O'Brien 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 Primghar tend to be higher than the median earnings for O'Brien 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	430	+/- 94	7,638	+/- 314
Median Earnings	\$50,682	+/- \$50	\$40,000	+/- \$2,679
Female	\$45,625	+/- \$15,440	\$24,565	+/- \$2,523
Female, full time ^b	\$60,938	+/- \$20,420	\$40,746	+/- \$4,464
Male	\$52,353	+/- \$4,205	\$50,401	+/- \$4,126
Male, full time ^b	\$59,167	+/- \$10,074	\$57,835	+/- \$1,816

^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	824	+/-175	13,880	+/-8
With a disability ^b	11.9%	+/-4.4%	15.4%	+/-2.6%
With Health Insurance	97.6%	+/-1.7%	96.8%	+/-1.3%
With Private ^c Coverage	76.3%	+/-5.5%	71.6%	+/-3.6%
With Public ^d Coverage	32.3%	+/-7.4%	42.7%	+/-3.1%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	3.2%	+/-1.3%

^aCivilian Noninstitutionalized Population, ^blimitations of activities or inability for full participation, ^cprovided by employer, union, bought by individual, and some military plans, ^dincludes Medicare, Medicaid, VA Health Care, children's CHIP, and some state plans, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

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Employment Status, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	667	+/- 117	11,139	+/- 73
in labor force	59.8%	+/- 5.9%	64.0%	+/- 3.2%
not in labor force	40.2%	+/- 5.9%	36.0%	+/- 3.2%
Civilian labor force	399	+/- 90	7,121	+/- 358
Unemployed	6.3%	+/- 4.2%	2.4%	+/- 1.2%

**MOE is high, use county estimate.

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	824	+/-175	13,868	+/-19
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	12.1%	+/-2.8%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	14.4%	+/-5.8%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	12.5%	+/-3.5%
65+	**%	+/-**%	8.5%	+/-3.0%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	7.0%	+/-2.1%
with children	**%	+/-**%	12.6%	+/-4.2%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	4.4%	+/-1.7%
with children	**%	+/-**%	6.6%	+/-2.9%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	39.2%	+/-16.4%
with children	**%	+/-**%	46.6%	+/-20.0%

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

Notes and Source Information:

¹ U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Censuses 1940 - 2020

² U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 2018-2022

³ 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.

⁴ Median is the middle value of a distribution.

⁵ 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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