Data for Decision Makers



Prescott, Iowa City Profile

report created: 12/17/2024

Population profile

The 2020 population for Prescott is 191. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 25.7%. The City of Prescott is in Adams County. Adams County saw a 8.1% population decrease between 2010 and 2020. Prescott's population is predominantly White.

Total Population¹

City	2000	2010	2020
Prescott	266	257	191
Male Total	119	119	95
Female Total	147	138	96
Adams County Total	4,482	4,029	3,704
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369

[†]City is located in multiple counties, total population is provided.

Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin¹

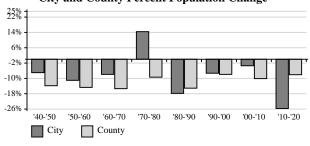
	City		Co	County	
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020	
One race only	100.0%	94.8%	99.5%	97.1%	
White	98.8%	94.8%	98.1%	95.3%	
White alone, not Hispanic	98.8%	93.7%	97.3%	95.0%	
Black or African American	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	
Asian	0.4%	0.0%	0.6%	0.4%	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.8%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%	
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%	
Two or more races	0.0%	5.2%	0.5%	2.9%	
Hispanic origin ^a	0.0%	1.6%	0.9%	1.1%	

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Carbon	-53.3%	21.4%	5.9%
Corning	-1.3%	-8.3%	-4.3%
Creston	-4.0%	3.1%	-3.8%
Cromwell	0.0%	-10.8%	-1.9%
Lenox	7.5%	0.4%	-4.8%
Prescott	-7.3%	-3.4%	-25.7%
Adams County	-7.9%	10.1%	-8.1%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



Regional Director Justin Akers 101 North Polk Mount Ayr, IA 50854 jjakers@iastate.edu 641-464-3333 County Office Chandler Arnold 603 7th St. Corning, IA 50841 ckarnold@iastate.edu 641-322-3184

https://indicators.extension.iastate.edu

The City of Prescott, compared to Adams 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

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

	City		Co	County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020	
Total households	109	81	1,715	1,614	
Family households a,b	70.6%	62.7%	65.7%	63.1%	
Married couple family ^b	63.3%	49.2%	56.2%	51.1%	
Other family ^c	7.3%	17.3%	9.5%	12.0%	
Male householder ^c	0.9%	2.5%	3.7%	4.6%	
Female householder ^c	6.4%	14.8%	5.8%	7.4%	
Nonfamily households ^d	29.4%	37.3%	34.3%	36.9%	
Male living alone	10.1%	16.0%	12.9%	15.3%	
Female living alone	10.1%	11.1%	16.1%	16.8%	

^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).

Housing Characteristics¹

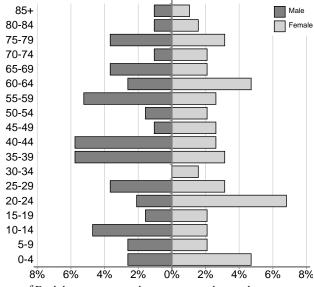
		City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020	
Total Units	127	106	2,010	1,888	
Vacant	14.2%	23.6%	14.7%	14.5%	
Occupied	85.8%	76.4%	85.3%	85.5%	
Occupied Units	109	81	1,715	1,614	
Owner Occupied	83.5%	74.1%	77.6%	77.2%	
Renter Occupied	16.5%	25.9%	22.4%	22.8%	

Percentage of Population by Age¹

	City		Co	County	
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020	
17 or younger	22.2%	20.9%	21.1%	21.9%	
18 - 44	28.1%	36.2%	26.5%	27.2%	
45 - 64	33.5%	22.6%	31.1%	27.6%	
65 or older	16.3%	20.4%	21.3%	23.2%	
Median ⁴ Age (years)	44.8	42.2	46.7	45.6	
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	62.6	70.2	73.6	82.3	
Old-Age	26.5	34.7	37.0	42.3	
Child	36.1	35.5	36.6	40.0	

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Prescott, Iowa Population Pyramid, ^a 2020¹



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

Notes and Source Information:

- ¹U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Censuses 1940 2020
- ² U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 2018-2022
- 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.

This series was prepared by:

Christopher J. Seeger, Professor & Extension Specialist Bailey Hanson, Data Analyst III & Extension Specialist Sandra Burke, Research Scientist III & Extension Specialist Jay Maxwell, Data Analyst I & Extension Specialist

For more information on these and other topics, please call the Extension and Outreach specialists listed on the cover page or visit the ISU Extension and Outreach Indicators website at https://indicators.extension.iastate.edu

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation inquiries, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity/ext.