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Traer, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Traer is 1,583. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 7.0%. The City of Traer is in Tama County. Tama County saw a 3.6% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

Tama County Cities - Total Population¹

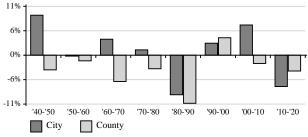
Tama County Cities - Total Topulation						
City	2000	2010	2020			
Traer	1,594	1,703	1,583			
Male Total	739	811	747			
Female Total	855	892	836			
Chelsea	287	267	229			
Clutier	229	213	213			
Dysart	1,303	1,379	1,281			
Elberon	245	196	184			
Garwin	565	527	481			
Gladbrook	1,015	945	799			
Le Grand [†]	883	938	905			
Lincoln	182	162	121			
Montour	285	249	203			
Tama	2,731	2,877	3,130			
Toledo	2,539	2,341	2,369			
Vining	70	50	54			
Tama County Total	18,103	17,767	17,135			
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
Clutier	4.6%	-7.0%	0.0%
Dysart	5.9%	5.8%	-7.1%
Gladbrook	15.2%	-6.9%	-15.4%
Lincoln	5.2%	-11.0%	-25.3%
Reinbeck	9.1%	-5.0%	-0.1%
Traer	2.7%	6.8%	-7.0%
Tama County	3.9%	1.9%	-3.6%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%





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Traer's population is predominantly White. The City of Traer, compared to Tama 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 2010.³

Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin¹

	City		Co	unty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	98.9%	96.6%	97.5%	93.8%
White	98.0%	94.3%	86.5%	79.7%
White alone, not Hispanic	97.5%	93.9%	83.7%	77.5%
Black or African American	0.2%	0.9%	0.3%	0.8%
Asian	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%	0.4%	7.5%	8.3%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.1%	0.4%	2.8%	4.5%
Two or more races	1.1%	3.4%	2.5%	6.2%
Hispanic origin ^a	0.8%	1.5%	7.4%	10.5%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

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		City	C	ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	693	677	6,947	6,784
Family households ^{a,b}	66.1%	61.7%	69.4%	67.3%
Married couple family ^b	52.8%	46.5%	56.5%	51.3%
With own children	18.8%	16.2%	20.9%	16.9%
Other family ^c	13.3%	15.2%	12.9%	16.0%
Male householder ^c	3.6%	5.9%	4.3%	6.3%
With own children	2.3%	2.7%	2.6%	3.7%
Female householder ^c	9.7%	9.3%	8.6%	9.7%
With own children	7.1%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Nonfamily households ^d	33.9%	38.3%	30.6%	32.7%
Male living alone	11.0%	13.9%	12.1%	13.9%
Female living alone	19.0%	18.8%	13.9%	13.9%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	693	677	6,947	6,784
Married couple ^b	52.8%	46.5%	56.5%	51.3%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	5.8%	NA ^e	7.0%
Male householder g	NA ^e	20.1%	NA^e	19.2%
Female householder g	NA ^e	27.6%	NA ^e	22.5%

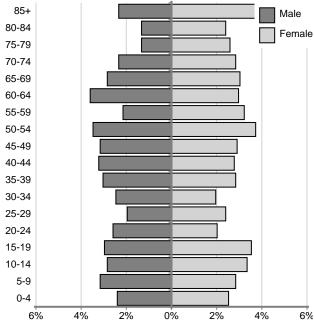
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder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

	(City	Co	ounty
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	23.7%	21.4%	25.6%	24.2%
0 - 4	6%	4.9%	6.3%	6.2%
5 - 9	6.3%	6.0%	6.8%	6.5%
10 - 14	7.6%	6.2%	7.5%	7.1%
15 - 17	3.8%	4.3%	5.0%	4.4%
18 - 24	6.3%	6.8%	6.8%	7.3%
25 - 44	22.7%	20.7%	21.9%	21.6%
45 - 64	22.3%	25.3%	27.3%	26.1%
65 or older	25.1%	25.9%	18.4%	20.7%
65 - 84	17.8%	18.7%	15.1%	17.7%
85 or older	7.3%	7.2%	3.3%	3.0%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	43.5	45.8	41.8	42.0
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	95.1	89.6	78.6	81.6
Old-Age	48.9	49.1	32.9	37.6
Child	46.2	40.5	45.7	44.0

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Traer, Iowa Population Pyramid, 2020¹



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

Socioeconomic Profile

The median household income in Traer is greater than the median household income of Tama County. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is lower in Traer than for Tama County. There is a higher percentage of vacant housing units in Traer than there is for Tama County. Many housing units in Traer were built prior to 1940. There is a higher percentage of individuals 25 and older with a Bachelor's degree or higher in Traer compared to Tama County.

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

		City	С	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	617	+/- 83	6,703	+/- 151
Less than \$34,999	23.7%	+/- 3.8%	24.7%	+/- 2.4%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	14.9%	+/- 5.3%	12.6%	+/- 1.8%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	35.7%	+/- 3.3%	34.3%	+/- 1.9%
\$100,000 Or More	25.7%	+/- 2.8%	28.4%	+/- 2.1%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$67,321	+/- \$11,745	\$65,483	+/- \$3,299
Median Family Income	\$81,797	+/- \$5,818	\$78,503	+/- \$4,022
Per Capita Income	\$33,156	+/- \$4,313	\$33,046	+/- \$1,755

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	1,023	+/-111	11,597	+/-54	
High School Graduate or Higher	95.0%	+/-1.8%	91%	+/-1.3%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	27.2%	+/-4.8%	18.3%	+/-1.5%	

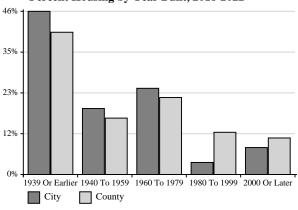
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	708	+/- 87	7,589	+/- 36
Vacant	12.9%	+/- 5.5%	11.7%	+/- 2.0%
Occupied	87.1%	+/- 5.5%	88.3%	+/- 2.0%
Occupied ^a	617	+/- 83	6,703	+/- 151
Owner	73.9%	+/- 6.6%	75.5%	+/- 2.2%
Renter	26.1%	+/- 6.6%	24.5%	+/- 2.2%
Rent ^b	\$850	+/- \$78	\$829	+/- \$48
Value ^c	\$122,800	+/-\$11,758	\$129,400	+/-\$6,771

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Traer 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 19.0% 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	714	+/- 107	8,165	+/- 219
Management, business, science, and arts	31.5%	+/- 5.6%	28.0%	+/- 2.3%
Service	19.7%	+/- 5.3%	16.9%	+/- 1.8%
Sales and office	22.4%	+/- 6.0%	20.2%	+/- 2.0%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	**%	+/- **%	12.7%	+/- 1.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving	19.0%	+/- 4.9%	22.1%	+/- 2.2%

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

Traer has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Tama 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 Traer tend to be higher than the median earnings for Tama County. Families with children tend to have a higher rate of poverty than families without children.

Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022²

	(City		ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ ^a	770	+/- 112	8,880	+/- 203
Median Earnings	\$41,222	+/- \$41	\$39,545	+/- \$1,970
Female	\$32,708	+/- \$9,700	\$31,157	+/- \$2,157
Female, full time ^b	\$46,250	+/- \$7,230	\$41,691	+/- \$2,551
Male	\$48,681	+/- \$5,919	\$47,005	+/- \$1,313
Male, full time ^b	\$55,515	+/- \$10,233	\$54,191	+/- \$3,288

^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	1,383	+/-189	16,654	+/-27
With a disability ^b	13.5%	+/-3.2%	9.8%	+/-1.0%
With Health Insurance	95.2%	+/-2.6%	92.7%	+/-1.1%
With Private ^c Coverage	75.1%	+/-5.2%	67.1%	+/-2.1%
With Public ^d Coverage	38.6%	+/-5.8%	43.4%	+/-2.2%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	7.3%	+/-1.1%

^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+	1,160	+/- 125	13,422	+/- 57
in labor force	63.7%	+/- 4.6%	63.8%	+/- 1.7%
not in labor force	36.3%	+/- 4.6%	36.2%	+/- 1.7%
Civilian labor force	739	+/- 110	8,552	+/- 218
Unemployed	3.4%	+/- 2.5%	4.5%	+/- 1.1%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	1,362	+/-185	16,578	+/-51
Below poverty	9.7%	+/-4.3%	15.2%	+/-1.9%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	22.6%	+/-4.4%
18 - 64	9.1%	+/-4.5%	13.9%	+/-1.9%
65+	**%	+/-**%	9.4%	+/-2.6%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	11.3%	+/-2.1%
with children	**%	+/-**%	19.1%	+/-4.0%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	4.6%	+/-1.4%
with children	**%	+/-**%	5.6%	+/-2.3%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	46.5%	+/-9.9%
with children	**%	+/-**%	56.4%	+/-10.2%

^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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- 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.
- 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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