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Union, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Union is 399. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 0.5%. The City of Union is in Hardin County. Hardin County saw a 3.7% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

Hardin County Cities - Total Population¹

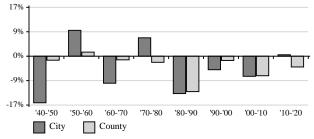
Hardin Co	ounty Cities - Tota	Hardin County Cities - Total Population								
City	2000	2010	2020							
Union	427	397	399							
Male Total	205	195	197							
Female Total	222	202	202							
Ackley [†]	1,809	1,589	1,599							
Alden	904	787	763							
Buckeye	110	108	86							
Eldora	3,035	2,732	2,663							
Hubbard	885	845	860							
Iowa Falls	5,193	5,238	5,106							
New Providence	227	228	236							
Owasa	38	43	34							
Radcliffe	607	545	555							
Steamboat Rock	336	310	264							
Whitten	160	149	100							
Hardin County Total	18,812	17,534	16,878							
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
Conrad	9.4%	5.0%	-1.4%
Eldora	-0.1%	-10.0%	-2.5%
Liscomb	5.4%	10.7%	-3.3%
New Providence	-5.4%	0.4%	3.5%
Whitten	16.8%	-6.9%	-32.9%
Union	-4.7%	-7.0%	0.5%
Hardin County	-1.5%	6.8%	-3.7%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Union's population is predominantly White. The City of Union, compared to Hardin County, had a higher 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	98.5%	95.7%	98.9%	95.7%
White	96.0%	93.5%	95.8%	91.6%
White alone, not Hispanic	95.7%	92.2%	93.7%	90.6%
Black or African American	0.5%	0.8%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian	0.3%	1.0%	0.5%	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	1.5%	0.5%	1.2%	2.4%
Two or more races	1.5%	4.3%	1.1%	4.3%
Hispanic origin ^a	3.0%	3.5%	3.7%	4.8%

^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	172	160	7,296	7,070
Family households ^{a,b}	61.0%	60.4%	64.5%	62.8%
Married couple family ^b	52.3%	46.9%	53.0%	50.1%
With own children	15.7%	8.8%	17.8%	16.4%
Other family ^c	8.7%	21.9%	11.5%	12.7%
Male householder ^c	3.5%	6.3%	4.0%	4.8%
With own children	3.5%	4.4%	2.7%	3.0%
Female householder ^c	5.2%	15.6%	7.5%	7.9%
With own children	4.7%	6.3%	5.1%	4.6%
Nonfamily households ^d	39.0%	39.6%	35.5%	37.2%
Male living alone	16.9%	18.1%	13.3%	15.5%
Female living alone	18.0%	14.4%	17.9%	17.0%

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

		City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020	
Total households	172	160	7,296	7,070	
Married couple ^b	52.3%	46.9%	53.0%	50.1%	
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	5.6%	NA ^e	6.2%	
Male householder g	NA^e	24.4%	NA^e	19.9%	
Female householder g	NA ^e	26.9%	NA ^e	23.8%	

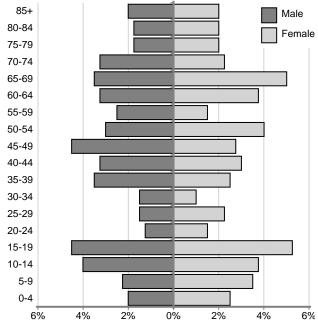
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder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

	(City	Co	ounty
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	25.7%	24.8%	23.1%	22.6%
0 - 4	8.3%	4.5%	6.0%	5.4%
5 - 9	5.5%	5.8%	5.9%	6.0%
10 - 14	7.8%	7.8%	6.4%	7.0%
15 - 17	4.1%	6.7%	4.8%	4.2%
18 - 24	7.3%	5.9%	8.1%	7.5%
25 - 44	17.9%	18.6%	20.2%	21.3%
45 - 64	28.2%	25.3%	27.6%	25.4%
65 or older	20.9%	25.6%	21.0%	23.2%
65 - 84	18.6%	21.6%	16.9%	19.3%
85 or older	2.3%	4.0%	4.1%	3.9%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	43.9	45.7	43.7	43.5
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	87.3	101.2	78.8	84.5
Old-Age	39.1	51.4	37.5	42.8
Child	48.1	49.8	41.3	41.7

^aAge Dependency Ratio

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	City		Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	189	+/- 57	7,029	+/- 194
Less than \$34,999	28.1%	+/- 4.6%	28.6%	+/- 2.5%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	15.3%	+/- 8.8%	12.0%	+/- 2.0%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	33.3%	+/- 4.5%	34.9%	+/- 2.2%
\$100,000 Or More	23.2%	+/- 4.3%	24.3%	+/- 2.0%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$59,375	+/- \$27,092	\$64,656	+/- \$4,778
Median Family Income	\$78,810	+/- \$8,015	\$80,857	+/- \$3,540
Per Capita Income	\$33,475	+/- \$4,964	\$32,181	+/- \$1,328

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	C	City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	332	+/-86	12,328	+/-63	
High School Graduate or Higher	97.0%	+/-2.2%	93.4%	+/-1.1%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	14.2%	+/-6.2%	20.8%	+/-2.1%	

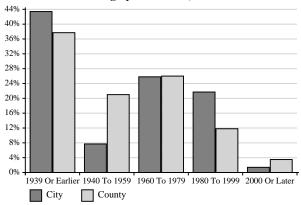
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	221	+/- 62	8,031	+/- 44
Vacant	14.5%	+/- 8.0%	12.5%	+/- 2.3%
Occupied	85.5%	+/- 8.0%	87.5%	+/- 2.3%
Occupied ^a	189	+/- 57	7,029	+/- 194
Owner	82.5%	+/- 9.1%	74.2%	+/- 2.7%
Renter	17.5%	+/- 9.1%	25.8%	+/- 2.7%
Rent ^b	\$633	+/- \$62	\$752	+/- \$71
Value ^c	\$72,800	+/-\$15,123	\$109,300	+/-\$5,249

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Union 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 **% 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	218	+/- 75	8,378	+/- 281
Management, business, science, and arts	30.3%	+/- 11.3%	31.9%	+/- 2.8%
Service	**%	+/- **%	15.6%	+/- 2.0%
Sales and office	26.1%	+/- 10.4%	19.7%	+/- 2.4%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	**%	+/- **%	15.7%	+/- 2.3%
Production, transportation, and material moving	**%	+/- **%	17.1%	+/- 1.9%

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

Union has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Hardin 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 Union tend to be higher than the median earnings for Hardin 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	238	+/- 77	9,232	+/- 253
Median Earnings	\$37,973	+/- \$37	\$37,792	+/- \$1,853
Female	\$37,829	+/- \$3,852	\$31,448	+/- \$3,540
Female, full time ^b	\$39,632	+/- \$2,320	\$42,258	+/- \$2,681
Male	\$38,125	+/- \$9,327	\$43,511	+/- \$2,350
Male, full time ^b	\$**	+/- \$**	\$47,515	+/- \$3,611

^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		Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population ^a	421	+/-105	16,393	+/-14
With a disability ^b	9.7%	+/-4.2%	13.7%	+/-1.3%
With Health Insurance	88.8%	+/-10.1%	95.6%	+/-0.9%
With Private ^c Coverage	55.8%	+/-11.0%	71.7%	+/-2.1%
With Public ^d Coverage	47.0%	+/-11.3%	39.2%	+/-2.1%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	4.4%	+/-0.9%

^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+	373	+/- 96	14,104	+/- 55
in labor force	60.9%	+/- 9.0%	61.5%	+/- 2.0%
not in labor force	39.1%	+/- 9.0%	38.5%	+/- 2.0%
Civilian labor force	227	+/- 75	8,680	+/- 268
Unemployed	4.0%	+/- 4.8%	3.5%	+/- 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	421	+/-105	16,112	+/-30
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	8.4%	+/-1.3%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	11.1%	+/-3.9%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	8.5%	+/-1.4%
65+	**%	+/-**%	5.9%	+/-2.0%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	5.2%	+/-1.6%
with children	**%	+/-**%	8.6%	+/-3.1%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	3.2%	+/-1.3%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH ^b	56.0%	+/-27.3%	19.5%	+/-8.7%
with children	87.5%	+/-19.2%	24.9%	+/-11.5%

^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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