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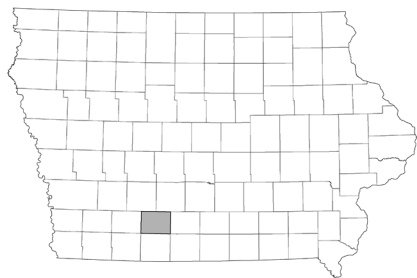
Afton, Iowa
City Profile

Population profile

The 2020 population for Afton is 874. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 3.4%. The City of Afton is in Union County. Union County saw a 3.2% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.
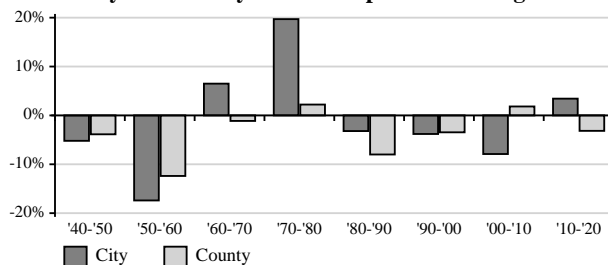
Union County Cities - Total Population[1]

City	2000	2010	2020
Afton	**917**	**845**	**874**
Male Total	446	418	412
Female Total	471	427	462
Arispe	89	100	96
Creston	7,597	7,834	7,536
Cromwell	120	107	105
Lorimor	427	360	386
Shannon City[†]	70	71	73
Thayer	66	59	51
Union County Total	12,309	12,534	12,138
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
Arispe	-3.3%	12.4%	-4.0%
Creston	-4.0%	3.1%	-3.8%
Lorimor	13.3%	-15.7%	7.2%
Shannon City	-27.8%	1.4%	2.8%
Thayer	-16.5%	-10.6%	-13.6%
Afton	-3.8%	-7.9%	3.4%
Union County	-3.5%	1.8%	-3.2%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change[1]

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Afton's population is predominantly White. The City of Afton, compared to Union 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	99.6%	95.9%	99.0%	96.4%
White	98.6%	94.5%	96.9%	93.6%
White alone, not Hispanic	98.1%	91.9%	96.0%	92.5%
Black or African American	0.0%	0.1%	0.7%	1.0%
Asian	0.1%	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5%	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Other	0.5%	0.8%	0.6%	0.9%
Two or more races	0.4%	4.1%	1.0%	3.6%
Hispanic origin[a]	0.9%	4.3%	1.8%	3.3%

[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	355	357	5,271	5,169
Family households[a,b]	61.4%	74.7%	63.1%	60.3%
Married couple family[b]	47.3%	57.0%	49.2%	45.3%
With own children	18.6%	18.5%	17.3%	15.0%
Other family[c]	14.1%	15.4%	13.9%	15.0%
Male householder[c]	3.7%	3.9%	4.3%	5.0%
With own children	2.5%	2.5%	3.0%	3.0%
Female householder[c]	10.4%	11.5%	9.7%	10.0%
With own children	8.2%	7.3%	6.6%	6.4%
Nonfamily households[d]	38.6%	25.3%	36.9%	39.7%
Male living alone	13.0%	11.5%	13.4%	16.1%
Female living alone	21.4%	19.9%	18.2%	17.2%

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

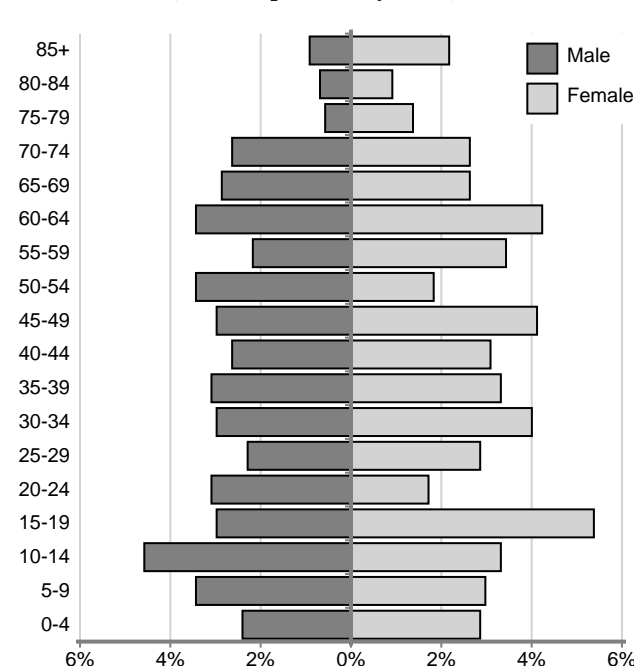|	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	355	357	5,271	5,169
Married couple[b]	47.3%	57.0%	49.2%	45.3%
Cohabiting couple[b,f]	NA[e]	6.4%	NA[e]	7.7%
Male householder [g]	NA[e]	14.0%	NA[e]	20.9%
Female householder [g]	NA[e]	31.9%	NA[e]	26.1%

[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	26.4%	24.9%	23.4%	22.9%
0 - 4	6.6%	5.3%	6.6%	5.6%
5 - 9	7.8%	6.4%	6.5%	5.8%
10 - 14	7.6%	7.9%	6.6%	7.1%
15 - 17	4.4%	5.3%	3.7%	4.4%
18 - 24	6.6%	7.9%	8.8%	8.6%
25 - 44	23.8%	24.2%	22.1%	22.7%
45 - 64	25.6%	25.7%	27.6%	24.7%
65 or older	17.6%	17.4%	18.1%	21.1%
65 - 84	15.4%	14.3%	15%	18.3%
85 or older	2.2%	3.1%	3.1%	2.7%
Median[4] Age (years)	38.6	39.3	40.9	40.9
Age Dependency[a, 5]	78.6	73.2	70.9	78.6
Old-Age	31.4	30.1	30.9	37.7
Child	47.1	43.1	40.0	40.9

[a]Age Dependency Ratio

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

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	413	+/- 62	4,979	+/- 181
Less than $34,999	22.7%	+/- 3.8%	29.2%	+/- 3.0%
$35,000 To $49,999	15.3%	+/- 8.6%	14.7%	+/- 2.7%
$50,000 To $99,999	39.2%	+/- 3.7%	34.5%	+/- 2.6%
$100,000 Or More	22.8%	+/- 3.5%	21.5%	+/- 2.4%
Median[4] Household Income	$60,625	+/- $11,915	$56,495	+/- $3,495
Median Family Income	$76,964	+/- $7,765	$78,482	+/- $6,728
Per Capita Income	$26,239	+/- $3,169	$30,966	+/- $1,977

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	434	+/- 63	5,791	+/- 23
Vacant	4.8%	+/- 3.5%	14.0%	+/- 3.1%
Occupied	95.2%	+/- 3.5%	86.0%	+/- 3.1%
Occupied[a]	413	+/- 62	4,979	+/- 181
Owner	66.3%	+/- 7.5%	74.5%	+/- 3.0%
Renter	33.7%	+/- 7.5%	25.5%	+/- 3.0%
Rent[b]	$653	+/- $130	$712	+/- $55
Value[c]	$83,200	+/-$8,667	$113,800	+/-$8,068

[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	766	+/-125	8,235	+/-102
High School Graduate or Higher	92.2%	+/-5.3%	92.8%	+/-1.5%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	21.5%	+/-6.8%	24.1%	+/-3.1%

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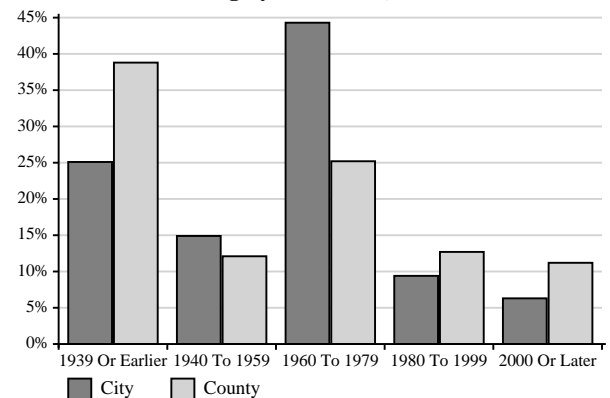***MOE is high, use county estimate.*

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

In Afton 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 17.7% 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	508	+/- 84	5,604	+/- 326
Management, business, science, and arts	26.4%	+/- 7.2%	30.2%	+/- 3.9%
Service	**%	+/- **%	16.5%	+/- 3.3%
Sales and office	21.1%	+/- 7.1%	19.7%	+/- 2.8%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	18.9%	+/- 6.3%	11.2%	+/- 2.8%
Production, transportation, and material moving	17.7%	+/- 5.9%	22.3%	+/- 3.3%

Afton has the same proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Union 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 Afton tend to be higher than the median earnings for Union 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]	557	+/- 88	6,349	+/- 241
Median Earnings	$35,483	+/- $35	$35,550	+/- $1,760
Female	$29,931	+/- $3,961	$25,548	+/- $3,066
Female, full time[b]	$38,516	+/- $7,150	$34,921	+/- $2,161
Male	$37,317	+/- $6,179	$47,783	+/- $3,313
Male, full time[b]	$44,286	+/- $7,232	$55,613	+/- $2,701

[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+	880	+/- 123	9,761	+/- 103
in labor force	60.9%	+/- 6.8%	60.9%	+/- 2.7%
not in labor force	39.1%	+/- 6.8%	39.1%	+/- 2.7%
Civilian labor force	536	+/- 88	5,945	+/- 263
Unemployed	5.2%	+/- 5.1%	5.7%	+/- 2.5%

**MOE is high, use county estimate.*

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population[a]	1,105	+/-156	11,783	+/-64
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	11.9%	+/-2.9%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	13.7%	+/-5.2%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	13.5%	+/-3.5%
65+	**%	+/-**%	5.3%	+/-2.2%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	8.5%	+/-3.2%
with children	**%	+/-**%	13.9%	+/-6.1%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH[b]	**%	+/-**%	31.5%	+/-13.6%
with children	**%	+/-**%	38.8%	+/-17.9%

[a] for whom poverty status is determined, [b] female householder, no husband present, **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]	1,105	+/-156	11,974	+/-13
With a disability[b]	19.8%	+/-4.6%	15.4%	+/-2.0%
With Health Insurance	95.5%	+/-3.5%	93.4%	+/-1.9%
With Private[c] Coverage	69.2%	+/-7.2%	68.2%	+/-4.3%
With Public[d] Coverage	46.4%	+/-8.6%	43.6%	+/-3.1%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	6.6%	+/-1.9%

[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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