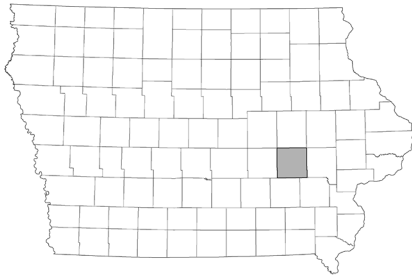


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Marengo, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Marengo is 2,435. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 3.7%. The City of Marengo is in Iowa County. Iowa County saw a 1.9% population increase between 2010 and 2020.

Iowa County Cities - Total Population¹

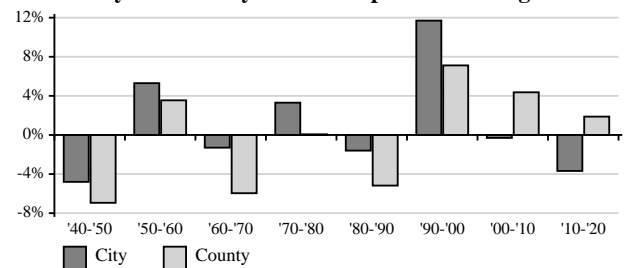
City	2000	2010	2020
Marengo	2,535	2,528	2,435
Male Total	1,193	1,212	1,182
Female Total	1,342	1,316	1,253
Ladora	287	283	229
Millersburg	184	159	135
North English [†]	991	1,041	1,065
Parnell	220	193	194
Victor [†]	952	893	875
Williamsburg	2,622	3,068	3,346
Iowa County Total	15,671	16,355	16,662
State 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
Blairstown	1.5%	1.5%	3.0%
Ladora	-6.8%	-1.4%	-19.1%
Luzerne	-4.5%	-8.6%	16.7%
Norway	3.1%	-9.3%	-14.5%
Williamsburg	20.6%	17.0%	9.1%
Marengo	11.7%	-0.3%	-3.7%
Iowa County	7.1%	4.4%	1.9%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Demographic Profile

Marengo, Iowa

Marengo's population is predominantly White. The City of Marengo, compared to Iowa 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

Race Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.3%	95.3%	99.2%	96.2%
White	97.3%	93.3%	97.8%	93.5%
White alone, not Hispanic	95.6%	91.3%	96.7%	92.4%
Black or African American	0.6%	0.2%	0.3%	0.7%
Asian	0.4%	0.5%	0.3%	0.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.6%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.4%	1.1%	0.5%	1.3%
Two or more races	0.7%	4.7%	0.8%	3.8%
Hispanic origin ^a	2.8%	4.1%	1.9%	3.0%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	1,059	1,057	6,677	6,811
Family households ^{a,b}	61.2%	64.9%	68.1%	66.2%
Married couple family ^b	45.2%	50.3%	57.3%	55.3%
With own children	17.2%	14.5%	22.4%	20.5%
Other family ^c	16.0%	16.7%	10.8%	10.9%
Male householder ^c	5.7%	5.4%	4.0%	3.9%
With own children	3.6%	3.2%	2.5%	2.2%
Female householder ^c	10.3%	11.4%	6.8%	7.0%
With own children	7.4%	6.1%	4.4%	4.0%
Nonfamily households ^d	38.8%	35.1%	31.9%	33.8%
Male living alone	12.9%	14.7%	12.8%	13.2%
Female living alone	21.4%	20.4%	15.0%	15.5%

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	1,059	1,057	6,677	6,811
Married couple ^b	45.2%	50.3%	57.3%	55.3%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	7.8%	NA ^e	6.2%
Male householder ^g	NA ^e	20.0%	NA ^e	16.9%
Female householder ^g	NA ^e	30.8%	NA ^e	21.6%

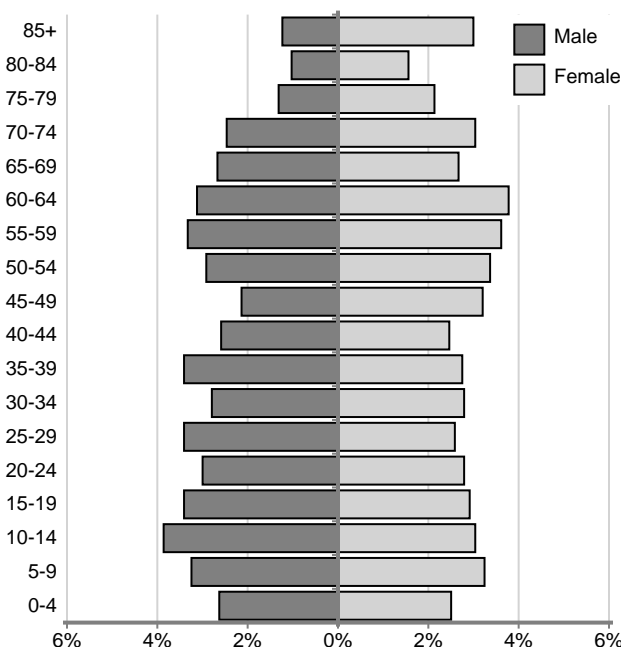
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	24.9%	22.8%	24.6%	23.4%
0 - 4	5.9%	5.1%	6.1%	5.7%
5 - 9	7%	6.5%	6.4%	6.7%
10 - 14	7.2%	6.9%	7.1%	6.8%
15 - 17	4.8%	4.3%	5.0%	4.2%
18 - 24	6.8%	7.8%	6.2%	6.8%
25 - 44	24%	22.9%	22.9%	22.4%
45 - 64	26.2%	25.4%	29.2%	27.7%
65 or older	18.1%	21.1%	17.2%	19.8%
65 - 84	14.1%	16.8%	13.9%	16.5%
85 or older	4%	4.2%	3.3%	3.2%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	41	41.7	42.4	42.6
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	75.4	78.3	71.7	75.9
Old-Age	31.8	37.6	29.5	34.8
Child	43.7	40.6	42.2	41.1

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Marengo, Iowa Population Pyramid,^a 2020¹



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

Socioeconomic Profile

Marengo, Iowa

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	1,144	+/- 120	6,798	+/- 143
Less than \$34,999	26.0%	+/- 3.8%	20.8%	+/- 2.4%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	13.6%	+/- 4.3%	11.5%	+/- 2.5%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	38.6%	+/- 3.3%	35.3%	+/- 2.1%
\$100,000 Or More	21.8%	+/- 2.8%	32.3%	+/- 2.5%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$59,583	+/- \$8,329	\$69,787	+/- \$4,877
Median Family Income	\$67,679	+/- \$9,658	\$90,301	+/- \$7,321
Per Capita Income	\$30,413	+/- \$3,333	\$40,182	+/- \$4,322

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	1,957	+/-217	11,550	+/-77
High School Graduate or Higher	89.8%	+/-4.0%	93.7%	+/-1.2%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	11.2%	+/-3.7%	22.8%	+/-3.1%

*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.

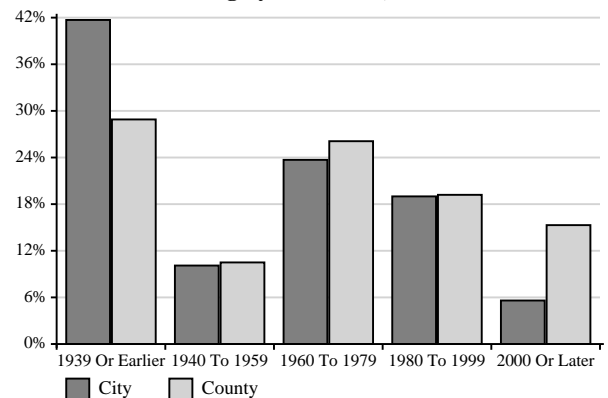
**MOE is high, use county estimate.

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	1,255	+/- 123	7,342	+/- 27
Vacant	8.8%	+/- 5.3%	7.4%	+/- 1.9%
Occupied	91.2%	+/- 5.3%	92.6%	+/- 1.9%
Occupied ^a	1,144	+/- 120	6,798	+/- 143
Owner	71.3%	+/- 7.2%	77.7%	+/- 3.0%
Renter	28.7%	+/- 7.2%	22.3%	+/- 3.0%
Rent ^b	\$666	+/- \$95	\$732	+/- \$54
Value ^c	\$117,600	+/- \$6,084	\$175,600	+/- \$8,945

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Marengo 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 20.0% 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	1,443	+/- 209	8,483	+/- 272
Management, business, science, and arts	30.6%	+/- 6.2%	37.0%	+/- 3.6%
Service	19.1%	+/- 4.9%	16.5%	+/- 2.3%
Sales and office	20.4%	+/- 6.3%	16.0%	+/- 2.5%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	9.8%	+/- 3.5%	12.8%	+/- 1.8%
Production, transportation, and material moving	20.0%	+/- 4.3%	17.8%	+/- 2.2%

Socioeconomic Profile

Marengo, Iowa

Marengo has a higher proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Iowa 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 Marengo tend to be lower than the median earnings for Iowa 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	1,566	+/- 209	9,409	+/- 247
Median Earnings	\$39,038	+/- \$39	\$42,400	+/- \$2,803
Female	\$32,188	+/- \$4,987	\$35,742	+/- \$3,225
Female, full time ^b	\$45,396	+/- \$4,277	\$46,043	+/- \$3,563
Male	\$47,273	+/- \$9,951	\$50,536	+/- \$3,641
Male, full time ^b	\$56,469	+/- \$2,760	\$61,550	+/- \$2,874

^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	2,724	+/-328	16,307	+/-31
With a disability ^b	15.4%	+/-4.4%	13.5%	+/-1.8%
With Health Insurance	95.0%	+/-3.2%	97.1%	+/-0.8%
With Private ^c Coverage	69.3%	+/-8.6%	76.7%	+/-2.8%
With Public ^d Coverage	38.7%	+/-8.1%	35.7%	+/-2.9%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	2.9%	+/-0.8%

^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+	2,218	+/- 224	13,145	+/- 86
in labor force	67.0%	+/- 4.8%	66.8%	+/- 2.0%
not in labor force	33.0%	+/- 4.8%	33.2%	+/- 2.0%
Civilian labor force	1,485	+/- 211	8,760	+/- 276
Unemployed	2.8%	+/- 2.8%	3.2%	+/- 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	2,717	+/-326	16,322	+/-29
Below poverty	11.1%	+/-5.5%	9.1%	+/-2.1%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	11.8%	+/-5.1%
18 - 64	11.0%	+/-5.3%	9.2%	+/-2.0%
65+	**%	+/-**%	5.6%	+/-2.0%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	6.3%	+/-2.0%
with children	**%	+/-**%	12.2%	+/-4.3%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	23.2%	+/-9.9%
with children	**%	+/-**%	27.8%	+/-12.3%

^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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