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Onawa, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

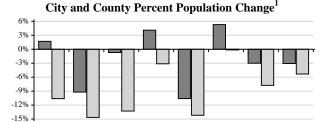
The 2020 population for Onawa is 2,906. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 3.1%. The City of Onawa is in Monona County. Monona County saw a 5.3% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

Monona County Cities - Total Population						
City	2000	2010	2020			
Onawa	3,091	2,998	2,906			
Male Total	1,448	1,424	1,368			
Female Total	1,643	1,574	1,538			
Blencoe	231	224	233			
Castana	178	147	107			
Mapleton	1,416	1,224	1,165			
Moorhead	232	226	199			
Rodney	74	60	45			
Soldier	207	174	184			
Turin	75	68	72			
Ute	378	374	338			
Whiting	707	762	745			
Monona County Total	10,020	9,243	8,751			
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
Blencoe	-7.6%	-3.0%	4.0%
Castana	11.9%	-17.4%	-27.2%
Hornick	14.0%	-11.1%	13.3%
Turin	-21.1%	-9.3%	5.9%
Whiting	3.5%	7.8%	-2.2%
Onawa	5.3%	-3.0%	-3.1%
Monona County	-0.1%	7.8%	-5.3%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%



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County

Onawa's population is predominantly White. The City of Onawa, compared to Monona 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 Origin¹

	(City		unty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.0%	95.1%	99.0%	96.0%
White	96.4%	90.2%	97.1%	93.0%
White alone, not Hispanic	95.4%	89.2%	96.3%	92.0%
Black or African American	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%
Asian	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%	0.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.7%	3.5%	1.0%	1.7%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.7%
Two or more races	1.0%	4.9%	1.0%	4.0%
Hispanic origin ^a	1.2%	1.9%	1.2%	2.7%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

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	(City	Co	unty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	1,345	1,290	4,050	3,839
Family households ^{a,b}	56.2%	76.9%	61.6%	59.7%
Married couple family ^b	41.6%	46.2%	49.1%	45.9%
With own children	14.5%	13.2%	15.7%	14.2%
Other family ^c	14.6%	16.6%	12.5%	13.8%
Male householder ^c	4.9%	5.4%	4.2%	5.0%
With own children	3.6%	3.4%	2.7%	3.2%
Female householder ^c	9.7%	11.2%	8.3%	8.8%
With own children	6.0%	7.0%	4.9%	5.4%
Nonfamily households ^d	43.8%	23.1%	38.4%	40.3%
Male living alone	14.9%	17.1%	15.2%	15.6%
Female living alone	23.9%	22.8%	18.5%	19.1%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	1,345	1,290	4,050	3,839
Married couple ^b	41.6%	46.2%	49.1%	45.9%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	8.1%	NA ^e	7.6%
Male householder g	NA ^e	21.3%	NA^e	19.8%
Female householder g	NA ^e	32.6%	NA ^e	26.7%

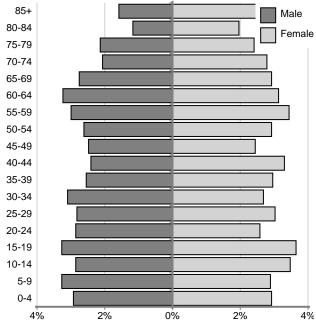
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	23.2%	23%	22.2%	22%
0 - 4	5.7%	5.8%	5.4%	5.4%
5 - 9	7%	6.2%	6.1%	6.4%
10 - 14	6.6%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%
15 - 17	3.9%	4.7%	4.4%	3.9%
18 - 24	6.1%	7.6%	5.7%	6.6%
25 - 44	20.8%	22.8%	18.9%	20.6%
45 - 64	25.8%	23.2%	29.5%	25.8%
65 or older	24%	23.2%	23.7%	25.1%
65 - 84	19.2%	18.2%	19.3%	20.7%
85 or older	4.8%	5.0%	4.4%	4.3%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	44.8	42.0	47.5	45.9
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	89.6	86.2	84.8	88.9
Old-Age	45.5	43.3	43.8	47.4
Child	44.0	42.9	41.0	41.5

^aAge Dependency Ratio

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	(City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	1,232	+/- 105	3,852	+/- 111
Less than \$34,999	31.8%	+/- 4.2%	28.3%	+/- 2.8%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	19.6%	+/- 6.4%	12.7%	+/- 2.4%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	31.4%	+/- 3.3%	34.2%	+/- 2.3%
\$100,000 Or More	17.1%	+/- 2.9%	24.8%	+/- 2.1%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$49,082	+/- \$7,897	\$59,897	+/- \$3,770
Median Family Income	\$59,605	+/- \$7,669	\$76,144	+/- \$4,970
Per Capita Income	\$26,322	+/- \$3,164	\$33,080	+/- \$1,739

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	1,967	+/-101	6,202	+/-68
High School Graduate or Higher	91.5%	+/-3.7%	93%	+/-1.6%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	9.3%	+/-3.8%	15.7%	+/-2.1%

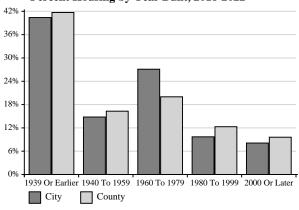
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	1,383	+/- 109	4,403	+/- 34
Vacant	10.9%	+/- 5.4%	12.5%	+/- 2.5%
Occupied	89.1%	+/- 5.4%	87.5%	+/- 2.5%
Occupied ^a	1,232	+/- 105	3,852	+/- 111
Owner	79.0%	+/- 6.9%	78.2%	+/- 3.4%
Renter	21.0%	+/- 6.9%	21.8%	+/- 3.4%
Rent ^b	\$907	+/- \$192	\$761	+/- \$46
Value ^c	\$102,200	+/-\$19,832	\$108,700	+/-\$9,728

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Onawa 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 9.9% 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	1,328	+/- 134	4,152	+/- 167
Management, business, science, and arts	25.9%	+/- 6.6%	32.9%	+/- 3.6%
Service	24.7%	+/- 9.4%	17.2%	+/- 3.5%
Sales and office	24.5%	+/- 8.7%	20.2%	+/- 3.1%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	14.9%	+/- 6.0%	14.9%	+/- 2.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving	9.9%	+/- 4.8%	14.8%	+/- 2.7%

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

Onawa has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Monona 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 Onawa tend to be lower than the median earnings for Monona 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	1,422	+/- 139	4,505	+/- 166
Median Earnings	\$32,435	+/- \$32	\$38,103	+/- \$3,135
Female	\$24,808	+/- \$6,267	\$31,322	+/- \$1,413
Female, full time ^b	\$31,764	+/- \$5,553	\$44,673	+/- \$3,746
Male	\$39,205	+/- \$6,322	\$47,089	+/- \$3,968
Male, full time ^b	\$44,716	+/- \$14,905	\$58,306	+/- \$3,918

^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	2,812	+/-29	8,484	+/-21
With a disability ^b	21.4%	+/-4.8%	15.0%	+/-1.8%
With Health Insurance	93.2%	+/-4.1%	95.9%	+/-1.5%
With Private ^c Coverage	55.7%	+/-8.1%	64.4%	+/-3.7%
With Public ^d Coverage	58.2%	+/-6.9%	49.2%	+/-3.4%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	4.1%	+/-1.5%

^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+	2,297	+/- 118	6,988	+/- 75
in labor force	59.6%	+/- 5.5%	61.0%	+/- 2.3%
not in labor force	40.4%	+/- 5.5%	39.0%	+/- 2.3%
Civilian labor force	1,369	+/- 132	4,264	+/- 178
Unemployed	3.0%	+/- 3.0%	2.6%	+/- 1.3%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	2,812	+/-29	8,476	+/-22
Below poverty	17.1%	+/-6.4%	12.3%	+/-2.7%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	15.5%	+/-5.8%
18 - 64	19.2%	+/-7.5%	12.7%	+/-3.2%
65+	**%	+/-**%	8.1%	+/-3.4%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	8.1%	+/-2.4%
with children	**%	+/-**%	13.1%	+/-4.6%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	5.0%	+/-2.3%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	23.1%	+/-8.8%
with children	**%	+/-**%	33.1%	+/-11.6%

^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.
- 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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