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**Ankeny is the Fourth Fastest-Growing City in the United States**

**ANKENY, Iowa** (May 24, 2018) –The U.S. Census Bureau issued a [report](https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2018/estimates-cities.html) today that ranks **Ankeny fourth on the list of the 15 fastest-growing cities in the country** with a population of 50,000 or more. Ankeny is the only city on the list outside of the South or West regions.

Between July 1, 2016 and July 1, 2017, Ankeny added 3,789 residents, **an average of more than 10 people per day,** for a growth rate of 6.4 percent. Ankeny completed a special census on Dec. 10, 2014, that showed the population to be 54,598. The 2017 estimate puts the population at 62,416 and today, the estimate stands at 65,000. Ankeny’s population has more than doubled over the last 15 years.

“Ankeny is a special place and it is no surprise to see us on this list again. Ankeny has what people are looking for in a place to live – it is a safe, family-friendly community with beautiful parks and trails, quality municipal services and a premier school district. Through the planning and vision of past and current city leaders, we have been able to stay on top of the growth by making investments to support quality growth while preserving our hometown feel,” said Ankeny City Manager David Jones. “The residential growth is only one part of Ankeny’s success. We are also seeing record breaking commercial investment and significant job creation. Our economy is strong and balanced, and with the confidence we are seeing from both developers and residents, I see another great year ahead of us.”

This chart shows how Ankeny’s population has grown over the past 28 years:

**Year                Population**

1990              18,482

1994              21,485

2000              27,117

2005              36,161

2010              45,582

2015              54,598

2016              58,627

2017              62,416

2018              65,000

This is the third consecutive year that Ankeny has been listed as a fastest growing city by the U.S. Census Bureau. For more information, contact Amy Baker at (515) 965-6414 or [abaker@ankenyiowa.gov](mailto:abaker@ankenyiowa.gov).

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