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Forbes: Ames is 5th fastest growing small city in U.S.

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Forbes.com has named Ames the nation's fifth fastest-growing small town.

Using census estimates between 2006 and 2009, the website calculated the growth rates for towns with populations less than 100,000 residents.

Fairbanks, Alaska, was the nation's fastest-growing community, according to Forbes. Ames ranks respectively behind The Villages, Fla., Bozeman, Mont., and Palm Coast, Fla.

The population of the Ames metropolitan area increased by 8.8 percent from 80,145 people in 2006 to 87,214 people in 2009, according to Forbes.

"We have grown," Ames City Planner Charlie Kuester said. "But I attribute most of that to the university."

According to registrar records, enrollment at Iowa State University grew from 25,462 students in 2006 to 27,945 in 2009. The university saw record enrollment this fall with 28,682 students.

Kuester said a review of statistical data by city staff showed jobs in Ames were not keeping pace with increases in population and housing.

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Top five fastest-growing small towns

1. Fairbanks, Alaska

2009 population: 98,660

2006 population: 86,754

Growth: 13.8 percent

2. The Villages, Fla.

2009 population: 77,681

2006 population: 68,769

Growth: 13.0 percent

3. Bozeman, Mont.

2009 population: 90,343

2006 population: 81,763

Growth: 10.5 percent

4. Palm Coast, Fla.

2009 Population: 91,622

2006 Population: 83,084

Growth: 10.3 percent

5. Ames

2009 Population: 87,214

2006 Population: 80,145

Growth: 8.8 percent

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