Audit Period: January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Tidbits of Linn & Johnson Counties

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1. Audited Media Platforms

Print Publication: Average Net Circulation: 9,882 (Print Edition)



2. Publication Information

Number of Editions: One

Format / Average Page Count: Tabloid / 10 Pages

Circulation Cycle: Weekly

Ownership: Hawkeye Publishing, LLC

Year Established: 2005 Publication Type: Shopper

100% Controlled / 0% Paid / 0% Sponsor Paid

Content: 70% Advertising / 30% Editorial

Primary Delivery Methods: 54% Controlled Bulk / 46% Waiting Room

Insert Zoning Available: No CVC Member Number: 01-2559

DMA/MSA/CBSA: Cedar Rapids, IA / Cedar Rapids, IA / Cedar Rapids, IA

Audit Funded By: Midwest Free Community Papers

3. Rate Card and Mechanical Data

Rate Card Effective Date: January 1, 2024

Mechanical Data - Print: Three (3) columns X 15.6" column depth

Full page: 10.3" wide X 15.6" depth.

Print Open Rate: \$1,800.00 Full Page - \$170.00 1/15th Page

National: \$1,800.00 Full Page - \$170.00 1/15th Page

Insert Open Rate: Contact Publisher

Classified Rate: \$6.00 - 20 words (\$0.25 each additional word)

Deadline Day & Time: Contact Publisher (deadlines vary)

Additional rates may be available from the publisher.

4. Contact Information

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5. Audited Circulation, Distribution and Net Press Averages - Print Edition

CVC Account Number: 01-2559 Tuesda	ay Tidbits of Linn & Johnson Counties Marion, IA
Audit Period Summary	
Average Net Circulation (5-H)	9,882
Average Gross Distribution (5-F)	10,068
Average Net Press Run (5-A)	10,078
Audit Period Detail	
A. Average Net Press Run	10,078
B. Office / File	10
C. Controlled Distribution	
1. Carrier Delivery	0
2. Bulk Delivery / Demand Distribution	
3. Mail	0
4. Requestor Mail	0
5. Waiting Rooms	4,638
6. Hotels	93
7. Events, Fairs, Festivals and Trade S	
8. Education	0
9. Restock & Office Service	0
Total Average Controlled Distribution	10,068
Controlled Returns	(186)
TOTAL AVERAGE CONTROLLED CIRCULATION	9,882
D. Paid Distribution	0
1. Carrier Delivery	0
2. Single Copy	0
3. Mail	0
4. Waiting Room 5. Hotels	0
6. Education	0
7. Restock & Office Service	0
Total Average Paid Distribution	0
Paid Returns	(0)
TOTAL AVERAGE PAID CIRCULATION	0
E. Sponsored / Voluntary Paid Distribution	O
1. Carrier Delivery	0
2. Single Copy	0
3. Mail	0
4. Waiting Rooms	0
5. Education	0
Total Average Sponsored Distribution	0
Sponsored Returns	(0)
TOTAL AVERAGE SPONSORED CIRCULATION	0
F. Average Gross Distribution	10,068
G. Total Unclaimed / Returns	(186)*
H. Average Net Circulation	9,882

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Explanatory - Print

PARAGRAPH FIVE AUDIT PERIOD SUMMARY

AVERAGE NET CIRCULATION: Average net circulation based on quarterly averages for the audit period indicated. (Total of controlled distribution (C), paid distribution (D), and sponsored distribution (E) minus unclaimed / return (G)). See audit period detail (H). AVERAGE GROSS DISTRIBUTION: Average gross distribution based on quarterly averages for the audit period indicated. (Total of controlled distribution (A), paid distribution (B), and sponsored distribution (C)). See audit period detail (F).

NET PRESS RUN: Average net press run based on quarterly averages during the audit period indicated. The net press run average does not include press waste, or start-up copies. See audit period detail (A).

AUDIT PERIOD DETAIL

- A. 1. NET PRESS RUN: Average net press run based on quarterly averages during the audit period indicated. The net press run average does not include press waste, or start-up copies.
- B. 1. OFFICE / FILE: Undistributed editions maintained by the publisher for office purposes. Office / File editions do not qualify as controlled, paid, or sponsored distribution.
- C. CONTROLLED DISTRIBUTION (NON-PAID): Editions distributed by the publisher free of charge.
- 1. CARRIER DELIVERY: Editions delivered by private carrier to single family residences, and/or multi-family residences, and/or businesses.
- 2. CONTROLLED BULK / DEMAND DISTRIBUTION: Editions distributed to newsracks, newsstands, and/or area retail businesses and available to individual readers. Subject to paragraph 5G returns.
- 3. MAIL: Editions delivered by United States Postal Service mail to single family residences, and/or multi-family residences, and/or businesses, and/or post office boxes.
- 4. REQUESTOR MAIL: Editions delivered on a requestor basis by United States Postal Service mail to single family residences, and/or multi-family residences, and/or businesses, and/or post office boxes. Qualified requestor circulation and other mail permit qualifications are audited by the United States Postal Service and not determined by CVC.
- 5. CONTROLLED WAITING ROOMS: Editions delivered to the waiting areas of local business and office buildings, including, but not limited to salons, medical and professional offices.
- 6. CONTROLLED HOTELS: Editions distributed to area hotels and available to individual readers. Subject to paragraph 5G returns.
- 7. EVENTS, FAIRS, FESTIVALS and TRADE SHOWS: Editions distributed to attendees and members of conventions, local fairs, festivals, trade shows and available to individual readers. Subject to paragraph 5G returns.
- 8. CONTROLLED EDUCATION: Editions distributed to area schools or educational institutions and available to individual readers. Subject to paragraph 5G returns.
- 9. RESTOCK / OFFICE SERVICE: Editions maintained and distributed by the publisher for restock of newsracks, newsstands, area retail businesses, office deliveries, and advertising purposes during the edition cycle. Subject to paragraph 5G returns.
- CONTROLLED RETURNS: Edition distributed in the controlled distribution category, returned to the publisher unclaimed during the edition cycle *(See paragraph 10 for CVC return/unclaimed confirmation.) Publications with greater than 25% returnable source distribution must report returns or unclaimed copies to qualify for net circulation reporting.
- D. PAID DISTRIBUTION: Editions distributed by the publisher through paid subscription or other monetary exchange with individual readers
- 1. CARRIER DELIVERY: See C1 for explanation of carrier home delivery. See paragraph 11 for paid reporting analysis.
- 2. SINGLE COPY: Editions distributed to newsracks, newsstands, and/or area retail businesses and available to individual readers. Subject to paragraph 5G returns. See paragraph 11 for paid reporting analysis.
- 3. MAIL: See C3 for explanation of mail distribution. See paragraph 11 for paid reporting analysis.
- 4. PAID WAITING ROOMS: See C5 for explanation of waiting room distribution.
- 5. PAID HOTELS: See C6 for explanation of hotel distribution.
- 6. PAID EDUCATION: See C8 for explanation of educational copy distribution.
- 7. RESTOCK / OFFICE SERVICE: See C9 for explanation of restock and office distribution.
- PAID RETURNS: See section C: controlled returns for explanation of returns reporting. *(See paragraph 10 for CVC return/unclaimed confirmation.)
- E. SPONSORED / VOLUNTARY PAID DISTRIBUTION: Editions distributed by the publisher that are sponsored by a third party monetary exchange or voluntary reader payment system.
- 1. CARRIER DELIVERY: See C1 for explanation of carrier home delivery.
- 2. SINGLE COPY: Editions distributed to newsracks, newsstands, and/or area retail businesses and available to individual readers on a sponsored or voluntary pay basis. Subject to paragraph 5G returns.
- 3. MAIL: See C3 for explanation of mail distribution.
- 4. SPONSORED WAITING ROOMS: See C5 for explanation of waiting room distribution.
- 5. SPONSORED EDUCATION: See C8 for explanation of educational copy distribution.
- 6. RESTOCK / OFFICE SERVICE: See C9 for explanation of restock and office distribution.
- SPONSORED RETURNS: See section C: controlled returns for explanation of returns reporting *(See paragraph 10 for CVC return/unclaimed confirmation.)
- F. AVERAGE GROSS DISTRIBUTION: Average gross distribution based on quarterly averages for the audit period indicated. Total of controlled distribution (A), paid distribution (B), and sponsored distribution (C).
- G. TOTAL UNCLAIMED / RETURNS: Distributed editions returned to the publisher unsold and/or unclaimed during the edition cycle. *(See paragraph 10 for CVC return/unclaimed confirmation.)
- H. AVERAGE NET CIRCULATION: Average net circulation for the audit period indicated. Total of controlled distribution (C), paid distribution (D), and sponsored distribution (E) minus unclaimed / return (G).



6. Average Print Circulation History

YEAR	AUDIT SOURCE	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
01/01/24-12/31/24	CVC	9,913	9,907	9,696	9,935
01/01/23-12/31/23	CVC	9,903	9,901	9,897	9,901
01/01/22-12/31/22	CVC	9,722	9,899	9,897	9,996
01/01/21-12/31/21	CVC	No Reporting	No Reporting	No Reporting	10,079
01/01/20-12/31/20	CVC	14,454	8,615	9,097	9,332
04/01/07-12/31/19	Prior CVC	-	-	-	-

7. Distribution by Zip Code (12/24/2024 Edition) Tuesday

ZIP	CITY / AREA	COUNTY	STATE	CARRIER	CONTROLLED	MAIL	OFFICE /	TOTAL
CODE				DELIVERY	BULK / SINGLE COPY		RESTOCK	
52202	Alburnett	Linn	IA	0	22	0	0	22
52205	Anamosa	Jones	IA	0	164	0	0	164
52213	Center Point	Linn	IA	0	72	0	0	72
52214	Central City	Linn	IA	0	22	0	0	22
52227	Ely	Linn	IA	0	19	0	0	19
52228	Fairfax	Linn	IA	0	48	0	0	48
52233	Hiawatha	Linn	IA	0	522	0	0	522
52240	Iowa City	Johnson	IA	0	563	0	0	563
52241	Coralville	Johnson	IA	0	465	0	0	465
52242	Iowa City	Johnson	IA	0	531	0	0	531
52243	Iowa City	Johnson	IA	0	53	0	0	53
52245	Iowa City	Johnson	IA	0	212	0	0	212
52246	Iowa City	Johnson	IA	0	324	0	0	324
52253	Lisbon	Linn	IA	0	27	0	0	27
52302	Marion	Linn	IA	0	618	0	0	618
52314	Mount Vernon	Linn	IA	0	119	0	0	119
52317	North Liberty	Johnson	IA	0	183	0	0	183
52324	Palo	Linn	IA	0	13	0	0	13
52332	Shellsburg	Benton	IA	0	47	0	0	47
52333	Solon	Johnson	IA	0	74	0	0	74
52336	Springville	Linn	IA	0	39	0	0	39
52338	Swisher	Johnson	IA	0	27	0	0	27
52340	Tiffin	Johnson	IA	0	94	0	0	94
52345	Urbana	Benton	IA	0	30	0	0	30
52349	Vinton	Benton	IA	0	227	0	0	227
52351	Walford	Benton	IA	0	24	0	0	24
52401	Cedar Rapids	Linn	IA	0	591	0	0	591
52402	Cedar Rapids	Linn	IA	0	1,535	0	0	1,535
52403	Cedar Rapids	Linn	IA	0	485	0	0	485
52404	Cedar Rapids	Linn	IA	0	2,184	0	0	2,184
52405	Cedar Rapids	Linn	IA	0	725	0	0	725
Misc.	Assorted	Assorted	-	0	4	0	0	4
TOTAL				0	10,063	0	0	10,063



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8. Distribution by County (12/24/2024 Edition) Tuesday

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COUNTY	CITY / AREA	STATE	CARRIER DELIVERY	CONTROLLED BULK / SINGLE COPY	MAIL	OFFICE / RESTOCK	TOTAL
Benton	Shellsburg Urbana Vinton Walford	IA	0	328	0	0	328
Johnson	Coralville Iowa City North Liberty Solon Swisher Tiffin	IA	0	2,526	0	0	2,526
Jones	Anamosa	IA	0	164	0	0	164
Linn	Alburnett Cedar Rapids Center Point Central City Ely Fairfax Hiawatha Lisbon Marion Mount Vernon Palo Springville	IA	0	7,041	0	0	7,041
Misc.	Assorted	-	0	4	0	0	4
TOTAL			0	10,063	0	0	10,063

9. Verification of Distribution – Carrier Delivery and Mail Distribution

Tidbits of Linn & Johnson Counties did not report significant carrier delivery or mail distribution during the audit period. Carrier delivery is verified through the review of carrier statements and/or additional publisher support documents. Mail distribution is verified through the review of postal mail statements and/or additional publisher support documents.

10. Verification of Distribution – Controlled Bulk / Demand Distribution / Single Copy

The Circulation Verification Council performed delivery verification in the primary market areas indicated in paragraph nine. Delivery verification is performed using multi-source methodologies considered necessary under the circumstances of the audit. Delivery verification can include, but is not limited to, on-site verification, business phone verification, online, email, and/or social media contact.

CVC verification substantiates Tidbits of Linn & Johnson Counties's claim of 186 returnable source distributed editions returned to the publisher unclaimed after the edition cycle.

- 11. Paid Reporting Analysis Not Applicable
- 12. Optional Digital Reporting Not Reported





13. Council Audit Statement

Circulation Verification Council (CVC) reviewed the printing, distribution, circulation, technology, and general business records of this publication for the purpose of compiling this information. The review was completed using Council audit procedures considered necessary under the circumstances of the audit in compliance with CVC Rules and Regulations. In our opinion, this report fairly and accurately represents the publication's printing, distribution, circulation, and technology reporting, if applicable, for the period indicated. The publication has sworn that the information presented for this audit reporting is accurate and supplied CVC with general business records substantiating the information under audit review. This report is released subject to the provisions of the CVC Rules & Regulations which are hereby incorporated by reference. CVC Rules & Regulations may be amended from time to time without notice at the sole discretion of CVC. In no event shall CVC be liable for indirect, incidental, consequential, special, or punitive damages, or damages for lost profits, lost income, or lost savings arising by negligence, intended conduct, breach of contract, or otherwise. CVC reports and data are released for the sole use of advertising purchase evaluations and any use for valuations or determination of value is strictly prohibited. CVC reports may not be used for USPS requestor or other permit qualifications. This report is subject to copyright laws and may only be reproduced by the publisher.



The current status of this report expires December 31, 2026. If this report is presented after December 31, 2026 please call the toll-free number listed below.

Tidbits of Linn & Johnson Counties - Marion, IA - 01-2559 - Supplemental Readership Study

The Circulation Verification Council surveyed Tidbits of Linn & Johnson Counties readers in the primary market areas indicated in publication's CVC audit report. The purpose was to identify the number of individuals who indicate they have read at least two of the last four issues of the publication, and gather study information solely for advertising purchase evaluations. Market statistics estimates appearing in CVC reports, when available, are obtained from EASI Software. CVC study sources can include, but are not limited to, residential and cell phone surveys, online surveys, email surveys, and/or social media surveys. Study source data can include, but are not limited to, residential phone listings, cell phone exchanges, publisher delivery lists, opt-in email, online, and/or social media databases. Residential and cell phone survey populations consist of adults age 18 and over, living in households within the survey area. Within this area, each individual had a known (or "non-zero") probability of being selected for the random sample. Surveys were conducted solely with pre-designated respondents and no substitutions were permitted. Initial survey attempts were spread evenly across all survey days (i.e., Tuesday through Saturday). A minimum of 250 completed surveys, or 2.5% of net circulation for publications under 10,000 circulation is required with no more than one survey per household. Survey Procedures: To ensure the highest degree of comparability and to facilitate the survey process, a standard, consistent, specified list of questions was asked. Surveys were conducted over a minimum period of two weeks to minimize the impact of weather and/or special circumstances. Every effort was made to ensure that surveys were assigned randomly by day and that an approximately equal number of surveys were completed on each survey day. Where appropriate, data was balanced and/or weighted by ZIP code using up-to-date known demographics: gender, age, number of adults in household and ethnicity in those cases where one minority comprised no less than ten percent of the total population. Nonresponses to any single question were eliminated from the survey. In all cases, at least four attempts were made to contact all predesignated respondents. Every effort was made to surmount language, cultural, behavioral and other barriers to a successful survey; and to the extent feasible, contact attempts were scheduled on a random basis. During the survey process, no questions were asked prior to the readership question, with the exception of a qualifying question designed to determine the ZIP code of the individual; and a general warm-up call explanation designed to put the respondent at ease. Warm-up guestions did not include any reference to a publication itself or the nature of the study information. The study followed recommended guidelines developed in part from established media usage and evaluation guidelines. Survey totals may not equal 100% due to rounding. The Circulation Verification Council estimates that all the information in this survey has a maximum error margin of +/-4% at the 95% confidence level. 0 Survey respondents were interviewed during the verification of carrier delivery and mail distribution. 221 Survey respondents reported reading a minimum of two of the last four issues through single copy, controlled bulk, or pass along distribution. 81 Survey respondents responded to a geo-coded outbound email verification. This publication did not participate in the CVC online research program.

- Average estimated readers per edition during the audit period: 4.5
 *Readership estimates compiled from 2024 CVC circulation & readership study data.
- 1. Tidbits of Linn & Johnson Counties is distributed regularly in your area. Do you regularly read or look through Tidbits of Linn & Johnson Counties?

YES 302 Survey Respondents

2. Do you frequently purchase products or services from ads seen in Tidbits of Linn & Johnson Counties?

YES 184 60.9% NO 118 39.1%

3. How long do you keep Tidbits of Linn & Johnson Counties before discarding it?

69% 1-2 Days 09% 3-4 Days 11% 5-6 Days 11% 1 Week or More

4. Reader Gender (Voice recognition - Gender Bias Rotation)

Reader Market
Demographics Demographics

47% 50% Male Readers 53% Female Readers





5. What range best describes your age.

Reader	Market	
Demographics	Demogra	aphics
00%	07%	18 - 20
00%	10%	21 - 24
03%	18%	25 - 34
12%	17%	35 - 44
28%	14%	45 - 54
30%	15%	55 - 64
21%	11%	65 - 74
05%	05%	75 - 84
01%	03%	85 years or older

6. What range best describes your combined annual household income for last year?

Reader	Market	
Demographics	Demogra	aphics
00%	09%	under \$15,000
01%	07%	\$15,000 - \$24,999
03%	08%	\$25,000 - \$34,999
21%	12%	\$35,000 - \$49,999
25%	16%	\$50,000 - \$74,999
20%	14%	\$75,000 - \$99,999
15%	11%	\$100,000 - \$124,999
07%	07%	\$125,000 - \$149,999
06%	08%	\$150,000 - \$199,999
02%	08%	over \$200,000

7. What is the highest level of education you have obtained?

Reader	Market		
Demographics	Demographics		
00%	05%	Some High School or Less	
26%	24%	Graduated High School	
28%	31%	Some College	
29%	24%	Graduated College	
12%	10%	Completed Master Degree	
04%	03%	Completed Professional Degree	
01%	03%	Completed Doctorate Degree	





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8. Which of the following products or services, if any, do you plan to purchase during the next twelve months?

18% New Automobile, Truck or SUV

(% = Positive respondents)

- 15% Used Automobile, Truck or SUV
- 18% Antiques / Auctions
- 32% Furniture / Home Furnishings
- 21% Major Home Appliance
- 20% Computers, Tablets or Laptops
- 31% Home Improvements or Home Improvement Supplies
- 18% Television or Electronics
- 18% Carpet or Flooring
- 30% Automobile Accessories (tires, brakes or service)
- 34% Lawn & Garden Supplies
- 25% Florist / Gift Shops
- 16% Home Heating & Air Conditioning (service, new equipment)
- 36% Vacations / Travel
- 11% Real Estate (Sell or purchase)
- 41% Men's Apparel
- 43% Women's Apparel
- 14% Children's Apparel
- 01% Boats or Personal Watercraft
- 16% Art & Crafts Supplies
- 06% Childcare
- 12% Education or Classes
- 15% Attorney
- 29% Veterinarian / Pet Supplies
- 15% Chiropractor
- 18% Financial Planner (Retirement, Investing)
- 29% Tax Advisor / Tax Services
- 17% Health Club / Exercise Class
- 25% Cleaning Services (Carpet Cleaning, Air Duct Cleaning, Home Cleaning)
- 11% Weight Loss
- 20% Lawn Care Service (Maintenance & Landscaping)
- 19% Legal Gambling Entertainment (Lottery, Casinos, Racetracks, Bingo)
- 35% Pharmacist / Prescription Service
- 19% Cell Phone or Smart Phone (New Service or Update Service)
- 70% Dining & Entertainment
- 15% Jewelry
- 05% Wedding Supplies
- 17% Athletic & Sports Equipment
- 04% Motorcycles / ATV's
- 41% Medical Services / Physicians
- 14% Senior Living / Assisted Living / Skilled Care (For self or others)

