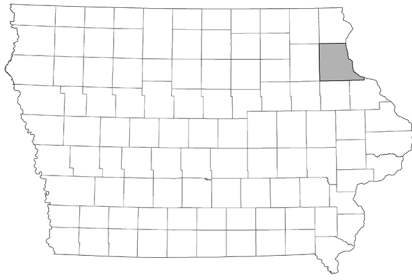# Data for Decision Makers

Elkader, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Elkader is 1,209. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 5.0%. The City of Elkader is in Clayton County. Clayton County saw a 6.0% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

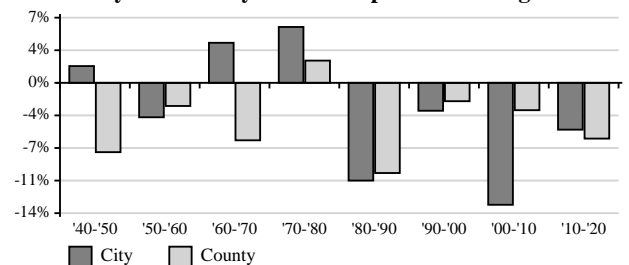**Clayton County Cities - Total Population[1]**

City	2000	2010	2020
Elkader	**1,465**	**1,273**	**1,209**
Male Total	653	588	566
Female Total	812	685	643
Clayton	55	43	45
Edgewood[†]	923	864	909
Elkport	88	37	29
Farmersburg	300	302	271
Garber	103	88	76
Garnavillo	754	745	763
Guttenberg	1,987	1,919	1,817
Luana	249	269	301
Marquette	421	375	429
McGregor	871	871	742
Monona	1,550	1,549	1,471
North Buena Vista	124	121	109
Osterdock	50	59	43
Postville[†]	2,273	2,227	2,503
St. Olaf	136	108	106
Strawberry Point	1,386	1,279	1,155
Volga	247	208	203
Clayton County Total	18,678	18,129	17,043
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
Elkport	7.3%	-58.0%	-21.6%
Farmersburg	3.1%	0.7%	-10.3%
Garnavillo	3.7%	-1.2%	2.4%
St. Olaf	22.5%	-20.6%	-1.9%
Volga	-19.3%	-15.8%	-2.4%
Elkader	-3.0%	-13.1%	-5.0%
Clayton County	-2.0%	2.9%	-6.0%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change[1]

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Elkader's population is predominantly White. The City of Elkader, compared to Clayton 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 Origin[1]

Race Groups	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
One race only	99.3%	97.8%	99.2%	97.5%
White	98.7%	96.4%	97.8%	95.2%
White alone, not Hispanic	98.6%	95.5%	96.9%	94.5%
Black or African American	0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.9%
Asian	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.7%	0.6%	0.8%
Two or more races	0.7%	2.2%	0.8%	2.5%
Hispanic origin[a]	0.3%	2.2%	1.7%	2.0%

[a] *Hispanics can be of any race.*

Households by Family or Nonfamily Type[1,3]

	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	577	585	7,599	7,315
Family households[a,b]	59.3%	76.0%	66.1%	63.7%
Married couple family[b]	50.6%	69.5%	55.3%	52.5%
With own children	16.5%	13.8%	18.8%	15.9%
Other family[c]	8.7%	10.9%	10.7%	11.2%
Male householder[c]	2.8%	4.6%	4.3%	4.9%
With own children	1.9%	2.7%	2.6%	2.7%
Female householder[c]	5.9%	6.3%	6.4%	6.3%
With own children	3.1%	4.3%	3.8%	3.7%
Nonfamily households[d]	40.7%	24.0%	33.9%	36.3%
Male living alone	13.2%	15.7%	13.9%	15.9%
Female living alone	22.5%	25.3%	15.0%	15.4%

Households by Couple or Non-couple Type[1,3]

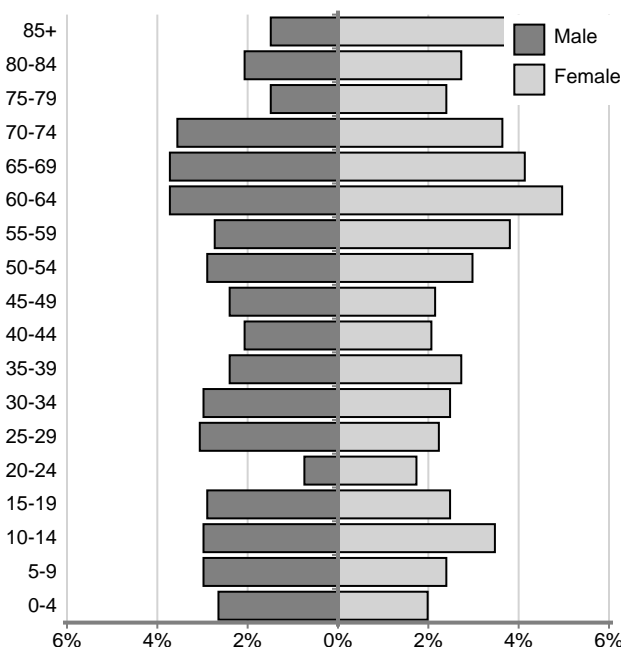|	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	577	585	7,599	7,315
Married couple[b]	50.6%	69.5%	55.3%	52.5%
Cohabiting couple[b,f]	NA[e]	6.5%	NA[e]	6.6%
Male householder [g]	NA[e]	19.8%	NA[e]	20.1%
Female householder [g]	NA[e]	31.1%	NA[e]	20.7%

[a]*Householder and at least one other person related to the householder.* [b]*For 2020 includes same-sex couples.* [c]*No spouse present, but at least one relative present.* [d]*In 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present).* [e]*2010 not comparable with 2020.* [f]*For 2020 householder has an unmarried partner.* [g]*For 2020 no spouse or partner present, but relatives, nonrelatives may be present or householder may be living alone.*

Percentage of Population by Age[1]

Age Groups	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
17 or younger	18.9%	20.5%	23.2%	21.7%
0 - 4	4.9%	4.6%	6.2%	5.6%
5 - 9	4.9%	5.4%	6.2%	5.8%
10 - 14	5.2%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
15 - 17	3.9%	4%	4.3%	3.8%
18 - 24	5.4%	3.9%	6.4%	6.1%
25 - 44	19%	20%	20.3%	20.5%
45 - 64	32.4%	25.6%	30.7%	27.6%
65 or older	24.4%	30.0%	19.3%	24.2%
65 - 84	18.4%	23.8%	16%	20.9%
85 or older	6%	6.3%	3.3%	3.3%
Median[4] Age (years)	49.8	50.8	45.0	46.7
Age Dependency[a,5]	76.2	102.0	73.9	84.7
Old-Age	43.0	60.6	33.6	44.6
Child	33.3	41.4	40.3	40.0

[a]*Age Dependency Ratio*

Elkader, Iowa Population Pyramid,[a] 2020[1]

[a]*Each bar represents the percentage that an age-sex group comprises of the total population.*

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	597	+/- 89	7,286	+/- 208
Less than $34,999	32.2%	+/- 3.8%	26.8%	+/- 2.3%
$35,000 To $49,999	9.0%	+/- 4.0%	15.5%	+/- 2.0%
$50,000 To $99,999	29.8%	+/- 3.1%	31.3%	+/- 2.0%
$100,000 Or More	29.0%	+/- 3.7%	26.6%	+/- 2.2%
Median[4] Household Income	$62,574	+/- $9,395	$60,441	+/- $4,036
Median Family Income	$98,015	+/- $18,003	$79,698	+/- $5,501
Per Capita Income	$31,946	+/- $5,053	$34,394	+/- $1,842

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	692	+/- 93	8,779	+/- 46
Vacant	13.7%	+/- 6.8%	17.0%	+/- 2.3%
Occupied	86.3%	+/- 6.8%	83.0%	+/- 2.3%
Occupied[a]	597	+/- 89	7,286	+/- 208
Owner	68.2%	+/- 7.9%	75.3%	+/- 3.0%
Renter	31.8%	+/- 7.9%	24.7%	+/- 3.0%
Rent[b]	$780	+/- $164	$738	+/- $57
Value[c]	$129,500	+/-$13,074	$149,500	+/-$6,940

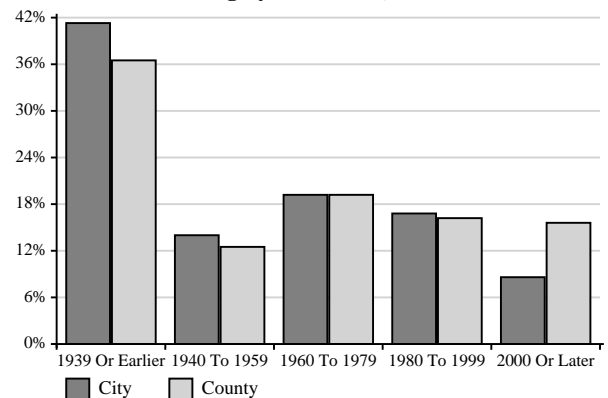*[a]Occupied Units, [b]Median gross rent of renter-occupied units, [c]Median value of owner-occupied units*

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	950	+/-167	12,308	+/-53
High School Graduate or Higher	94.8%	+/-2.8%	90.7%	+/-1.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	26.9%	+/-5.7%	17.2%	+/-1.8%

*MOE = the margin of error for American Community Survey estimates[2] 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.

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022[2]

In Elkader 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 14.2% 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	618	+/- 152	8,611	+/- 279
Management, business, science, and arts	38.0%	+/- 9.3%	28.3%	+/- 2.5%
Service	16.3%	+/- 4.6%	16.5%	+/- 1.9%
Sales and office	25.1%	+/- 7.7%	19.2%	+/- 2.0%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	**%	+/- **%	14.8%	+/- 1.8%
Production, transportation, and material moving	14.2%	+/- 6.5%	21.1%	+/- 2.1%

Elkader has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Clayton 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 Elkader tend to be higher than the median earnings for Clayton County. Families with children tend to have a higher rate of poverty than families without children.

Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ [a]	657	+/- 152	9,240	+/- 295
Median Earnings	$43,813	+/- $43	$39,287	+/- $1,781
Female	$34,886	+/- $10,350	$29,969	+/- $2,563
Female, full time[b]	$48,415	+/- $953	$39,171	+/- $2,981
Male	$48,750	+/- $14,258	$47,133	+/- $1,988
Male, full time[b]	$56,875	+/- $3,944	$56,059	+/- $2,281

[a] with earnings, [b] year round, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

Disability Status and Health Insurance Coverage of the Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population[a]	1,301	+/-264	16,925	+/-11
With a disability[b]	12.6%	+/-4.1%	15.3%	+/-1.9%
With Health Insurance	98.1%	+/-1.2%	92.9%	+/-2.2%
With Private[c] Coverage	74.6%	+/-7.6%	68.9%	+/-3.1%
With Public[d] Coverage	49.3%	+/-8.1%	43.5%	+/-2.1%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	7.1%	+/-2.2%

[a]Civilan Noninstitutionalized Population, [b]limitations of activities or inability for full participation, [c]provided by employer, union, bought by individual, and some miliary plans, [d]includes Medicare, Medicaid, VA Health Care, children's CHIP, and some state plans, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

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Employment Status, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	1,019	+/- 182	13,931	+/- 61
in labor force	61.2%	+/- 7.9%	63.5%	+/- 1.9%
not in labor force	38.8%	+/- 7.9%	36.5%	+/- 1.9%
Civilian labor force	624	+/- 152	8,845	+/- 274
Unemployed	1.0%	+/- 1.3%	2.6%	+/- 0.9%

**MOE is high, use county estimate.

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population[a]	1,287	+/-261	16,847	+/-57
Below poverty	6.5%	+/-2.7%	13%	+/-2.6%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	14.9%	+/-5.1%
18 - 64	6.4%	+/-2.9%	11.8%	+/-2.3%
65+	**%	+/-**%	14.2%	+/-4.9%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	7.6%	+/-1.7%
with children	**%	+/-**%	11.5%	+/-3.5%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	4.2%	+/-1.4%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH[b]	**%	+/-**%	30.4%	+/-10.4%
with children	**%	+/-**%	37.5%	+/-12.5%

[a] for whom poverty status is determined, [b] female householder, no husband present, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

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