Data for Decision Makers



Bristow, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Bristow is 145. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 9.4%. The City of Bristow is in Butler County. Butler County saw a 3.6% population decrease between 2010 and 2020. Bristow's population is predominantly White.

Total Population¹

City	2000	2010	2020
Bristow	202	160	145
Male Total	97	82	69
Female Total	105	78	76
Butler County Total	15,305	14,867	14,334
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369

[†]City is located in multiple counties, total population is provided.

Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin¹

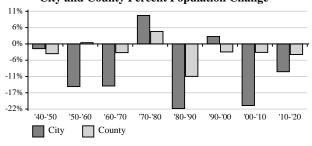
	City		County	
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	98.1%	94.5%	99.3%	97.5%
White	97.5%	93.1%	98.4%	96.5%
White alone, not Hispanic	97.5%	92.4%	97.9%	95.9%
Black or African American	0.0%	1.4%	0.2%	0.2%
Asian	0.6%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%
Two or more races	1.9%	5.5%	0.7%	2.5%
Hispanic origin ^a	0.0%	0.7%	0.9%	1.3%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Allison	0.6%	2.3%	-6.1%
Aredale	1.1%	-16.9%	-16.2%
Dumont	-4.1%	-5.8%	-0.5%
Greene	-3.8%	2.8%	-12.4%
Hansell	15.7%	2.1%	-16.3%
Bristow	2.5%	-20.8%	-9.4%
Butler County	-2.7%	2.9%	-3.6%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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The City of Bristow, compared to Butler 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

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

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		City	(County
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	73	67	6,120	5,992
Family households ^{a,b}	53.4%	61.1%	70.6%	68.7%
Married couple family ^b	43.8%	44.4%	60.3%	57.3%
Other family ^c	9.6%	31.3%	10.4%	11.4%
Male householder ^c	4.1%	6.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Female householder ^c	5.5%	25.4%	6.4%	7.4%
Nonfamily households ^d	46.6%	38.9%	29.4%	31.3%
Male living alone	21.9%	10.4%	11.7%	13.1%
Female living alone	16.4%	7.5%	14.2%	14.4%

^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).

Housing Characteristics¹

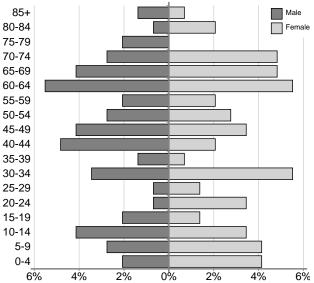
		City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020	
Total Units	84	75	6,682	6,536	
Vacant	13.1%	10.7%	8.4%	8.3%	
Occupied	86.9%	89.3%	91.6%	91.7%	
Occupied Units	73	67	6,120	5,992	
Owner Occupied	75.3%	73.1%	81.6%	82.9%	
Renter Occupied	24.7%	26.9%	18.4%	17.1%	

Percentage of Population by Age¹

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Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	23.8%	22.8%	23.6%	22.4%
18 - 44	34.4%	25.5%	28.0%	27.3%
45 - 64	24.4%	28.2%	28.6%	26.1%
65 or older	17.5%	23.4%	19.8%	24.3%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	40.3	45.8	43.8	45.3
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	70.2	86.0	76.7	87.5
Old-Age	29.8	43.6	35.0	45.5
Child	40.5	42.5	41.7	41.9

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Bristow, Iowa Population Pyramid, a 20201



^aEach bar represents the percentage that each age-sex group comprises of the total population.

Notes and Source Information:

- ¹U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Censuses 1940 2020
- ² U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 2018-2022
- ³For 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.
- ⁵The 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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