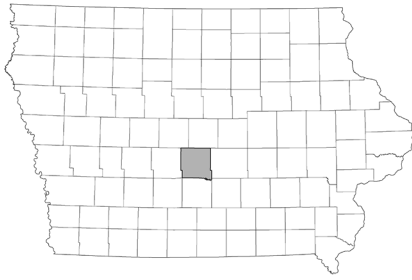# Pleasant Hill, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Pleasant Hill is 10,147. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 15.5%. The City of Pleasant Hill is in Polk County. Polk County saw a 14.3% population increase between 2010 and 2020.
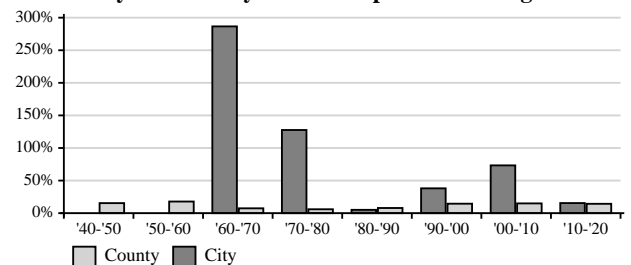
Polk County Cities - Total Population[1]

City	2000	2010	2020
Pleasant Hill	**5,070**	**8,785**	**10,147**
Male Total	2,429	4,111	4,869
Female Total	2,641	4,674	5,278
Alleman	439	432	423
Altoona	10,345	14,541	19,565
Ankeny	27,117	45,582	67,887
Bondurant	1,846	3,860	7,365
Carlisle†	3,497	3,876	4,160
Clive†	12,855	15,447	18,601
Des Moines	198,682	203,433	214,133
Elkhart	362	683	882
Grimes†	5,098	8,246	15,392
Johnston	8,649	17,278	24,064
Mitchellville†	1,715	2,254	2,485
Polk City	2,344	3,418	5,543
Runnells	352	507	457
Sheldahl†	336	319	297
Urbandale†	29,072	39,463	45,580
West Des Moines†	46,403	56,609	68,723
Windsor Heights	4,805	4,860	5,252
Polk County Total	374,601	430,640	492,401
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
Altoona	43.9%	40.6%	34.6%
Bondurant	16.5%	109.1%	90.8%
Carlisle	7.9%	10.8%	7.3%
Des Moines	2.8%	2.4%	5.3%
Runnells	15.0%	44.0%	-9.9%
Pleasant Hill	38.1%	73.3%	15.5%
Polk County	14.5%	15.0%	14.3%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change[1]

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Demographic Profile — **Pleasant Hill, Iowa**

Pleasant Hill's population is predominantly White. The City of Pleasant Hill, compared to Polk 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]

	City		County	
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	97.4%	93.5%	97.6%	92.5%
White	91.0%	84.5%	84.7%	75.9%
White alone, not Hispanic	88.1%	82.7%	80.7%	73.6%
Black or African American	2.7%	3.5%	6.0%	7.2%
Asian	2.5%	2.9%	3.5%	5.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.5%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Other	0.9%	2.2%	2.9%	3.9%
Two or more races	2.6%	6.5%	2.4%	7.5%
Hispanic origin[a]	4.5%	6.4%	7.6%	9.8%

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

Households by Family or Nonfamily Type[1,3]

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	3,395	3,987	170,197	196,891
Family households[a,b]	71.5%	68.4%	63.6%	62.0%
Married couple family[b]	56.3%	55.1%	48.3%	45.9%
With own children	25.2%	21.6%	21.9%	19.8%
Other family[c]	15.2%	15.6%	15.4%	16.0%
Male householder[c]	4.1%	4.1%	4.4%	5.1%
With own children	2.7%	2.3%	2.4%	2.7%
Female householder[c]	11.1%	11.5%	11.0%	10.9%
With own children	7.5%	6.8%	6.9%	6.4%
Nonfamily households[d]	28.5%	31.6%	36.4%	38.0%
Male living alone	8.1%	9.8%	12.3%	14.0%
Female living alone	14.5%	13.8%	16.0%	16.1%

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

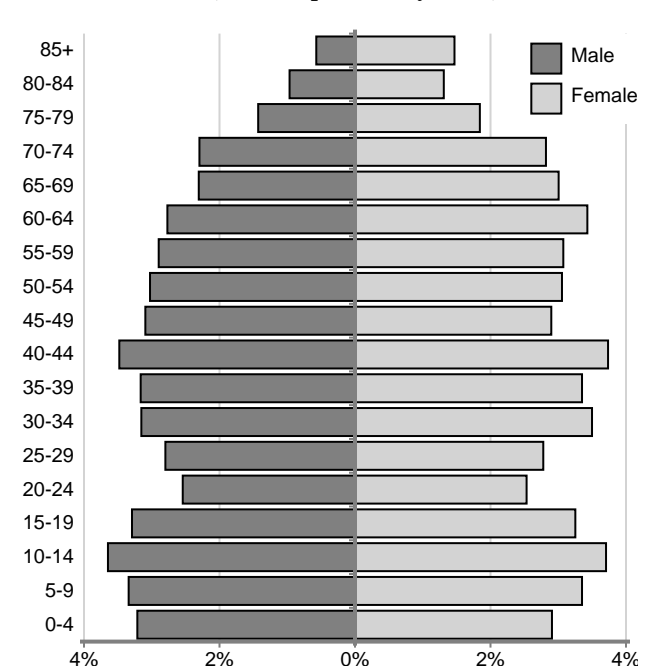|	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	3,395	3,987	170,197	196,891
Married couple[b]	56.3%	55.1%	48.3%	45.9%
Cohabiting couple[b,f]	NA[e]	6.6%	NA[e]	7.7%
Male householder[g]	NA[e]	14.1%	NA[e]	19.7%
Female householder[g]	NA[e]	24.1%	NA[e]	26.7%

[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]

	City		County	
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	27.4%	24.4%	25.5%	24.5%
0 - 4	8.4%	6.1%	7.6%	6.5%
5 - 9	7.5%	6.7%	7.2%	6.9%
10 - 14	7.7%	7.4%	6.8%	7.1%
15 - 17	3.8%	4.2%	3.9%	4%
18 - 24	7.6%	7.4%	9.3%	9.1%
25 - 44	29.3%	26%	29.5%	28.6%
45 - 64	24.5%	24.3%	24.9%	23.8%
65 or older	11.3%	18.0%	10.8%	14.1%
65 - 84	9.5%	16%	9.2%	12.4%
85 or older	1.8%	2.0%	1.6%	1.7%
Median[4] Age (years)	35.1	39.6	34.7	36.0
Age Dependency[a,5]	63.1	73.5	57.0	62.8
Old-Age	18.4	31.2	17.0	22.9
Child	44.7	42.3	40.0	39.8

[a]*Age Dependency Ratio*

Pleasant Hill, 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 Pleasant Hill is greater than the median household income of Polk County. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is higher in Pleasant Hill than for Polk County. There is a lower percentage of vacant housing units in Pleasant Hill than there is for Polk County. Many housing units in Pleasant Hill were built in 2000 or later. There is a lower percentage of individuals 25 and older with a Bachelor's degree or higher in Pleasant Hill compared to Polk County.

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	3,860	+/- 191	199,013	+/- 905
Less than $34,999	10.3%	+/- 2.7%	18.9%	+/- 1.3%
$35,000 To $49,999	12.5%	+/- 4.4%	11.5%	+/- 0.6%
$50,000 To $99,999	36.1%	+/- 3.3%	31.7%	+/- 1.2%
$100,000 Or More	41.1%	+/- 3.6%	37.9%	+/- 1.4%
Median[4] Household Income	$81,992	+/- $11,395	$78,827	+/- $1,322
Median Family Income	$96,593	+/- $15,197	$99,161	+/- $2,398
Per Capita Income	$38,285	+/- $3,238	$41,894	+/- $616

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	4,013	+/- 231	211,392	+/- 128
Vacant	3.8%	+/- 3.6%	5.9%	+/- 0.4%
Occupied	96.2%	+/- 3.6%	94.1%	+/- 0.4%
Occupied[a]	3,860	+/- 191	199,013	+/- 905
Owner	77.7%	+/- 5.2%	67.1%	+/- 0.7%
Renter	22.3%	+/- 5.2%	32.9%	+/- 0.7%
Rent[b]	$1102	+/- $66	$1,060	+/- $14
Value[c]	$263,600	+/-$19,875	$232,000	+/-$2,726

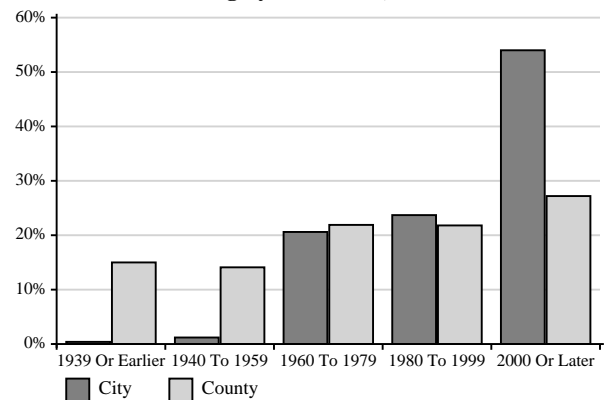[a]*Occupied Units,* [b]*Median gross rent of renter-occupied units,* [c]*Median value of owner-occupied units*

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	6,963	+/-341	328,511	+/-71
High School Graduate or Higher	96.7%	+/-1.7%	92.7%	+/-0.4%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	31.1%	+/-4.6%	38.9%	+/-0.9%

*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]

Legend: ■ City ▢ County

In Pleasant Hill 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 10.1% 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	4,459	+/- 363	261,682	+/- 2,273
Management, business, science, and arts	45.8%	+/- 5.4%	44.0%	+/- 0.8%
Service	15.4%	+/- 4.3%	14.9%	+/- 0.6%
Sales and office	20.5%	+/- 4.1%	21.3%	+/- 0.7%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	8.3%	+/- 3.4%	7.3%	+/- 0.5%
Production, transportation, and material moving	10.1%	+/- 3.0%	12.5%	+/- 0.5%

Pleasant Hill has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Polk 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 Pleasant Hill tend to be higher than the median earnings for Polk 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]	5,207	+/- 387	287,324	+/- 1,921
Median Earnings	$49,107	+/- $49	$46,326	+/- $558
Female	$45,216	+/- $8,298	$39,603	+/- $1,017
Female, full time[b]	$60,103	+/- $7,435	$53,223	+/- $1,388
Male	$59,304	+/- $5,435	$53,161	+/- $1,342
Male, full time[b]	$70,481	+/- $11,677	$65,506	+/- $1,554

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

Employment Status, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	7,887	+/- 317	386,736	+/- 543
in labor force	63.0%	+/- 4.4%	71.1%	+/- 0.5%
not in labor force	37.0%	+/- 4.4%	28.9%	+/- 0.5%
Civilian labor force	4,909	+/- 362	274,014	+/- 2,073
Unemployed	9.2%	+/- 4.2%	4.5%	+/- 0.4%

**MOE is high, use county estimate.*

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population[a]	10,243	+/-82	484,508	+/-378
Below poverty	9.3%	+/-4.0%	10.3%	+/-0.6%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	13.7%	+/-1.4%
18 - 64	8.8%	+/-3.8%	9.8%	+/-0.6%
65+	**%	+/-**%	6.5%	+/-1.0%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	7.3%	+/-0.6%
with children	**%	+/-**%	11.3%	+/-1.0%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	3.4%	+/-0.5%
with children	**%	+/-**%	4.8%	+/-1.0%
Female HH[b]	**%	+/-**%	20.8%	+/-2.4%
with children	49.0%	+/-22.5%	26.8%	+/-3.4%

[a] for whom poverty status is determined, [b] female householder, no husband present, **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]	10,238	+/-66	487,798	+/-397
With a disability[b]	13.4%	+/-3.1%	11.1%	+/-0.4%
With Health Insurance	96.5%	+/-1.7%	95.2%	+/-0.4%
With Private[c] Coverage	72.3%	+/-5.6%	73.3%	+/-0.8%
With Public[d] Coverage	38.9%	+/-6.2%	33.9%	+/-0.7%
No Health Insurance	3.5%	+/-1.7%	4.8%	+/-0.4%

[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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