## **Data for Decision Makers**



# Dawson, Iowa **City Profile**

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### Population profile

The 2020 population for Dawson is 116. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 11.5%. The City of Dawson is in Dallas County. Dallas County saw a 50.7% population increase between 2010 and 2020. Dawson's population is predominantly White.

#### Total Population<sup>1</sup>

City	2000	2010	2020
Dawson	155	131	116
Male Total	80	71	64
Female Total	75	60	52
Dallas County Total	40,750	66,135	99,678
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369

 $<sup>^{\</sup>dagger}$ City is located in multiple counties, total population is provided.

#### Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin<sup>1</sup>

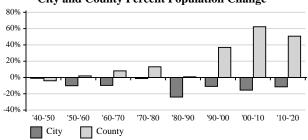
	City		Co	County	
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020	
One race only	95.4%	94.0%	98.5%	94.2%	
White	93.1%	88.8%	92.2%	83.6%	
White alone, not Hispanic	90.1%	87.9%	88.7%	82.0%	
Black or African American	0.8%	0.0%	1.4%	2.7%	
Asian	0.0%	0.9%	2.5%	5.0%	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	1.7%	0.2%	0.2%	
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	
Other	1.5%	2.6%	2.1%	2.6%	
Two or more races	4.6%	6.0%	1.5%	5.8%	
Hispanic origin <sup>a</sup>	4.6%	6.0%	6.1%	6.5%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Hispanics can be of any race.

#### **Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change**

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Berkley	-38.5%	33.3%	-28.1%
Jamaica	2.2%	-5.5%	-12.9%
Perry	14.7%	0.9%	1.7%
Rippey	16.0%	-8.5%	-24.7%
Yale	30.5%	-14.3%	8.5%
Dawson	-10.9%	-15.5%	-11.5%
Dallas County	37.0%	62.3%	50.7%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

#### City and County Percent Population Change<sup>1</sup>



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The City of Dawson, compared to Dallas 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.<sup>3</sup>

#### Households by Family or Nonfamily Type<sup>1,3</sup>

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		City	C	County
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	52	42	25,240	38,291
Family households <sup>a,b</sup>	63.5%	68.3%	70.1%	67.9%
Married couple family <sup>b</sup>	51.9%	41.5%	58.0%	55.8%
Other family <sup>c</sup>	11.5%	21.4%	12.1%	12.1%
Male householder <sup>c</sup>	5.8%	11.9%	3.8%	4.0%
Female householder <sup>c</sup>	5.8%	9.5%	8.3%	8.0%
Nonfamily households <sup>d</sup>	36.5%	31.7%	29.9%	32.1%
Male living alone	21.2%	11.9%	9.9%	10.8%
Female living alone	11.5%	2.4%	13.8%	14.4%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Householder and at least one other person related to the householder. <sup>b</sup>For 2020 includes same-sex couples. <sup>c</sup>No spouse present, but at least one relative present. <sup>d</sup>In 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present).

#### Housing Characteristics<sup>1</sup>

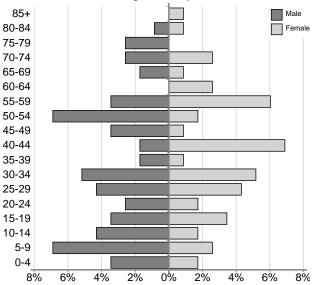
		City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020	
Total Units	63	54	27,260	41,125	
Vacant	17.5%	22.2%	7.4%	6.9%	
Occupied	82.5%	77.8%	92.6%	93.1%	
Occupied Units	52	42	25,240	38,291	
Owner Occupied	84.6%	85.7%	78.4%	70.4%	
Renter Occupied	15.4%	14.3%	21.6%	29.6%	

#### Percentage of Population by Age<sup>1</sup>

	City		Co	unty
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	31.3%	24.1%	29.1%	27.7%
18 - 44	30.6%	37.9%	37.7%	37.5%
45 - 64	23.7%	25.0%	23.5%	22.5%
65 or older	14.5%	12.9%	9.8%	12.5%
Median <sup>4</sup> Age (years)	37.3	34.5	34.3	35.4
Age Dependency <sup>a, 5</sup>	84.5	58.8	63.7	67.0
Old-Age	26.8	20.5	16.0	20.8
Child	57.7	38.3	47.6	46.2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Age Dependency Ratio

#### Dawson, Iowa Population Pyramid,<sup>a</sup> 2020<sup>1</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Each bar represents the percentage that each age-sex group comprises of the total population.

#### **Notes and Source Information:**

- <sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Censuses 1940 2020
- <sup>2</sup> U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 2018-2022
- <sup>3</sup>For 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.
- <sup>4</sup> Median is the middle value of a distribution.
- <sup>5</sup>The 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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