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Dakota City, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Dakota City is 759. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 10.0%. The City of Dakota City is in Humboldt County. Humboldt County saw a 2.2% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

Humboldt County Cities - Total Population¹

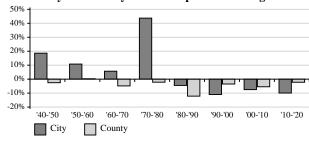
Humboldt County Cities - Total Population							
City	2000	2010	2020				
Dakota City	911	843	759				
Male Total	459	430	380				
Female Total	452	413	379				
Bode	327	302	302				
Bradgate	101	86	75				
Gilmore City [†]	556	504	487				
Hardy	57	47	57				
Humboldt	4,452	4,690	4,792				
Livermore	431	384	381				
Lu Verne [†]	299	261	258				
Ottosen	61	55	40				
Pioneer	21	23	4				
Renwick	306	242	234				
Rutland	145	126	113				
Thor	174	186	181				
Humboldt County Total	10,381	9,815	9,597				
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369				

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

Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Badger	7.2%	-8.0%	-7.0%
Hardy	21.3%	-17.5%	21.3%
Humboldt	0.3%	5.3%	2.2%
Rutland	-2.7%	-13.1%	-10.3%
Thor	-15.1%	6.9%	-2.7%
Dakota City	-11.0%	-7.5%	-10.0%
Humboldt County	-3.5%	5.5%	-2.2%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Dakota City's population is predominantly White. The City of Dakota City, compared to Humboldt County, had a lower 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

Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin¹

	City		Co	unty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	98.3%	97.5%	99.0%	96.8%
White	96.0%	95.4%	96.0%	92.9%
White alone, not Hispanic	93.8%	93.7%	94.6%	91.9%
Black or African American	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%
Asian	0.4%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Other	1.4%	1.3%	2.1%	2.8%
Two or more races	1.7%	2.5%	1.0%	3.2%
Hispanic origin ^a	4.2%	3.7%	3.6%	4.5%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

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		City	Co	ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	351	347	4,209	4,073
Family households ^{a,b}	67.8%	78.0%	64.9%	63.0%
Married couple family ^b	56.4%	64.0%	53.6%	50.8%
With own children	21.4%	15.6%	17.8%	17.9%
Other family ^c	11.4%	14.4%	11.2%	12.3%
Male householder ^c	4.8%	7.5%	4.2%	4.5%
With own children	4.0%	5.5%	2.8%	3.2%
Female householder ^c	6.6%	6.9%	7.1%	7.8%
With own children	3.4%	5.2%	4.8%	5.0%
Nonfamily households ^d	32.2%	22.0%	35.1%	37.0%
Male living alone	12.3%	17.3%	13.8%	15.5%
Female living alone	13.4%	16.7%	16.4%	16.5%

Households by Couple or Non-couple Type^{1,3}

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	351	347	4,209	4,073
Married couple ^b	56.4%	64.0%	53.6%	50.8%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	7.2%	NA^e	6.0%
Male householder g	NA ^e	23.9%	NA^e	19.8%
Female householder ^g	NA ^e	23.1%	NA ^e	23.4%

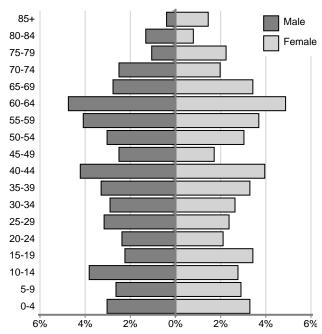
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder has an unmarried partner. ^gFor 2020 no spouse or partner present, but relatives, nonrelatives may be present or householder may be living alone.

Percentage of Population by Age¹

	(City	Co	ounty
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	23.7%	22.5%	23.0%	24.3%
0 - 4	5.5%	6.3%	6.4%	6.2%
5 - 9	6.8%	5.5%	6.4%	6.8%
10 - 14	7.4%	6.6%	6.4%	7.3%
15 - 17	4%	4.1%	3.8%	4%
18 - 24	7.8%	6.1%	7.1%	6.3%
25 - 44	26.3%	25.8%	20.7%	22.7%
45 - 64	27.8%	27.7%	28.6%	25.7%
65 or older	14.4%	17.9%	20.6%	21.1%
65 - 84	13.8%	16.1%	17%	17.5%
85 or older	0.6%	1.8%	3.6%	3.5%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	39.3	41.9	44.3	41.8
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	61.6	67.8	77.3	83.0
Old-Age	23.3	30.0	36.5	38.6
Child	38.3	37.8	40.8	44.4

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Dakota City, Iowa Population Pyramid, 2020¹



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

Socioeconomic Profile

Dakota City, Iowa

The median household income in Dakota City is less than the median household income of Humboldt County. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is lower in Dakota City than for Humboldt County. There is a lower percentage of vacant housing units in Dakota City than there is for Humboldt County. Many housing units in Dakota City were built between 1960 to 1979.

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	City		Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	391	+/- 63	4,213	+/- 91
Less than \$34,999	25.3%	+/- 4.2%	26.7%	+/- 2.9%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	8.7%	+/- 5.0%	10.3%	+/- 2.0%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	42.8%	+/- 4.1%	36.9%	+/- 2.5%
\$100,000 Or More	23.3%	+/- 3.4%	26.2%	+/- 2.5%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$64,583	+/- \$13,196	\$66,617	+/- \$3,948
Median Family Income	\$83,542	+/- \$21,563	\$81,036	+/- \$4,388
Per Capita Income	\$29,584	+/- \$4,388	\$35,837	+/- \$2,462

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	City		Co	unty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	624	+/-104	6,652	+/-42
High School Graduate or Higher	91.3%	+/-4.0%	94.2%	+/-1.5%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	**%	+/-**%	18.4%	+/-3.2%

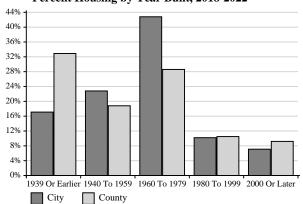
^{*}MOE = the margin of error for American Community Survey estimates² which is a numerical value that when added to or subtracted from the point estimate value gives the range of a 90% confidence interval around the estimate.

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	421	+/- 63	4,571	+/- 50
Vacant	7.1%	+/- 4.8%	7.8%	+/- 1.6%
Occupied	92.9%	+/- 4.8%	92.2%	+/- 1.6%
Occupied ^a	391	+/- 63	4,213	+/- 91
Owner	78.5%	+/- 7.3%	74.2%	+/- 3.1%
Renter	21.5%	+/- 7.3%	25.8%	+/- 3.1%
Rent ^b	\$874	+/- \$97	\$662	+/- \$62
Value ^c	\$112,100	+/-\$14,380	\$134,300	+/-\$8,677

^aOccupied Units, ^bMedian gross rent of renter-occupied units, ^cMedian value of owner-occupied units

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Dakota City 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 23.7% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

Occupation of the Civilian Employed Population, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	515	+/- 104	4,717	+/- 154
Management, business, science, and arts	27.6%	+/- 8.9%	33.1%	+/- 3.7%
Service	14.6%	+/- 5.9%	13.5%	+/- 2.8%
Sales and office	25.2%	+/- 9.4%	20.1%	+/- 3.6%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	8.9%	+/- 4.2%	11.1%	+/- 2.2%
Production, transportation, and material moving	23.7%	+/- 9.9%	22.2%	+/- 2.9%

^{**}MOE is high, use county estimate.

Socioeconomic Profile

Dakota City, Iowa

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

Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022²

	(City		ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ ^a	560	+/- 110	5,051	+/- 164
Median Earnings	\$41,132	+/- \$41	\$45,142	+/- \$3,527
Female	\$32,917	+/- \$7,711	\$32,236	+/- \$4,520
Female, full time ^b	\$39,531	+/- \$5,525	\$45,234	+/- \$7,232
Male	\$47,813	+/- \$9,234	\$50,240	+/- \$4,167
Male, full time ^b	\$53,750	+/- \$4,568	\$58,012	+/- \$2,657

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

Disability Status and Health Insurance Coverage of the Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population, 2018-2022²

	City		Co	County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population ^a	966	+/-179	9,503	+/-19	
With a disability ^b	7.7%	+/-3.0%	15.0%	+/-2.0%	
With Health Insurance	94.0%	+/-4.1%	94.9%	+/-1.5%	
With Private ^c Coverage	73.1%	+/-8.4%	69.8%	+/-3.5%	
With Public ^d Coverage	33.9%	+/-8.8%	42.6%	+/-3.1%	
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	5.1%	+/-1.5%	

^aCivilan Noninstitutionalized Population, ^blimitations of activities or inability for full participation, ^cprovided by employer, union, bought by individual, and some miliary plans, ^dincludes Medicare, Medicaid, VA Health Care, children's CHIP, and some state plans, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

Employment Status, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	697	+/- 113	7,553	+/- 64
in labor force	80.1%	+/- 6.1%	64.1%	+/- 2.1%
not in labor force	19.9%	+/- 6.1%	35.9%	+/- 2.1%
Civilian labor force	558	+/- 114	4,840	+/- 152
Unemployed	7.7%	+/- 5.5%	2.5%	+/- 1.1%

^{**}MOE is high, use county estimate.

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Total Population ^a	966	+/-179	9,496	+/-20	
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	13.3%	+/-3%	
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	19.4%	+/-7.7%	
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	12.6%	+/-2.7%	
65+	**%	+/-**%	8.5%	+/-3.3%	
All Families	**%	+/-**%	8.1%	+/-2.6%	
with children	**%	+/-**%	14.8%	+/-5.9%	
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	2.7%	+/-1.0%	
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%	
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	37.1%	+/-15.5%	
with children	**%	+/-**%	45.5%	+/-20.3%	

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

Notes and Source Information:

- ¹U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Censuses 1940 2020
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- 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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