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Dexter, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Dexter is 640. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 4.7%. The City of Dexter is in Dallas County. Dallas County saw a 50.7% population increase between 2010 and 2020.

Dallas County Cities - Total Population¹

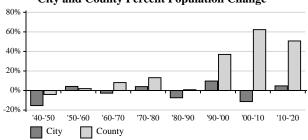
Dalias County Cities - Total Population						
City	2000	2010	2020			
Dexter	689	611	640			
Male Total	344	310	325			
Female Total	345	301	315			
Adel	3,435	3,682	6,153			
Bouton	136	129	127			
Clive [†]	12,855	15,447	18,601			
Dallas Center	1,595	1,623	1,901			
Dawson	155	131	116			
De Soto	1,009	1,050	915			
Granger	583	1,244	1,654			
Grimes [†]	5,098	8,246	15,392			
Linden	226	199	200			
Minburn	391	365	325			
Perry	7,633	7,702	7,836			
Redfield	833	835	731			
Urbandale [†]	29,072	39,463	45,580			
Van Meter	866	1,016	1,484			
Waukee	5,126	13,790	23,940			
West Des Moines [†]	46,403	56,609	68,723			
Woodward	1,200	1,024	1,346			
Dallas County Total	40,750	66,135	99,678			
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
Earlham	12.2%	11.7%	-2.8%
Linden	12.4%	-11.9%	0.5%
Menlo	2.5%	-3.3%	-2.3%
Redfield	-5.7%	0.2%	-12.5%
Stuart	12.5%	-3.7%	8.1%
Dexter	9.7%	-11.3%	4.7%
Dallas County	37.0%	62.3%	50.7%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Dexter's population is predominantly White. The City of Dexter, compared to Dallas County, had a higher 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 Origin¹

	City		Co	unty	
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020	
One race only	99.8%	97.7%	98.5%	94.2%	
White	98.5%	94.1%	92.2%	83.6%	
White alone, not Hispanic	96.1%	93.8%	88.7%	82.0%	
Black or African American	1.1%	2.2%	1.4%	2.7%	
Asian	0.0%	0.9%	2.5%	5.0%	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	
Other	0.0%	0.5%	2.1%	2.6%	
Two or more races	0.2%	2.3%	1.5%	5.8%	
Hispanic origin ^a	2.8%	2.0%	6.1%	6.5%	

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

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		City	C	ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	257	254	25,240	38,291
Family households ^{a,b}	69.3%	59.3%	70.1%	67.9%
Married couple family ^b	54.9%	43.2%	58.0%	55.8%
With own children	22.6%	26.8%	29.1%	28.2%
Other family ^c	14.4%	15.0%	12.1%	12.1%
Male householder ^c	4.7%	8.3%	3.8%	4.0%
With own children	2.7%	4.3%	2.5%	2.4%
Female householder ^c	9.7%	6.7%	8.3%	8.0%
With own children	4.3%	3.5%	5.6%	5.1%
Nonfamily households ^d	30.7%	40.7%	29.9%	32.1%
Male living alone	13.6%	16.5%	9.9%	10.8%
Female living alone	11.7%	15.4%	13.8%	14.4%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	257	254	25,240	38,291
Married couple ^b	54.9%	43.2%	58.0%	55.8%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	7.9%	NA ^e	6.8%
Male householder g	NA ^e	21.7%	NA^e	15.2%
Female householder ^g	NA ^e	20.9%	NA ^e	22.1%

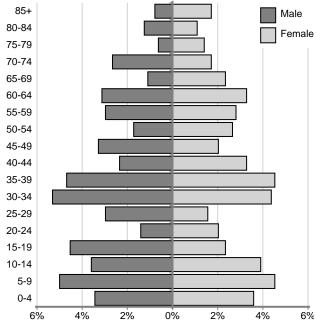
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	unty
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	24.2%	28.7%	29.1%	27.7%
0 - 4	5.6%	7.0%	8.7%	7.2%
5 - 9	8%	9.5%	8.6%	8.3%
10 - 14	7.4%	7.5%	7.9%	7.9%
15 - 17	3.2%	4.7%	3.9%	4.3%
18 - 24	7.7%	5.6%	6.1%	7.4%
25 - 44	30.4%	29%	31.6%	30.1%
45 - 64	24.4%	21.9%	23.5%	22.5%
65 or older	13.3%	14.7%	9.8%	12.5%
65 - 84	11.2%	12.1%	8.4%	11.1%
85 or older	2.1%	2.5%	1.4%	1.4%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	36.3	35.6	34.3	35.4
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	60.0	76.8	63.7	67.0
Old-Age	21.3	26.0	16.0	20.8
Child	38.7	50.8	47.6	46.2

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Dexter, Iowa Population Pyramid, a 20201



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

Socioeconomic Profile

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	260	+/- 48	39,386	+/- 454
Less than \$34,999	12.8%	+/- 3.3%	13.7%	+/- 1.7%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	12.3%	+/- 7.3%	9.1%	+/- 1.3%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	38.9%	+/- 3.7%	27.5%	+/- 1.7%
\$100,000 Or More	36.1%	+/- 3.8%	49.8%	+/- 2.1%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$72,083	+/- \$10,264	\$99,533	+/- \$3,165
Median Family Income	\$76,000	+/- \$33,267	\$130,231	+/- \$3,923
Per Capita Income	\$33,670	+/- \$3,234	\$51,347	+/- \$1,505

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	469	+/-97	65,734	+/-230	
High School Graduate or Higher	98.5%	+/-1.3%	96.3%	+/-0.5%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	20.5%	+/-7.4%	51.5%	+/-1.6%	

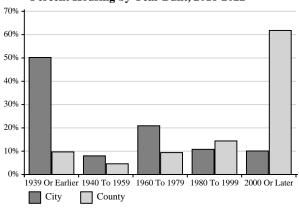
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

		City	C	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	287	+/- 54	41,753	+/- 55
Vacant	9.4%	+/- 7.6%	5.7%	+/- 1.1%
Occupied	90.6%	+/- 7.6%	94.3%	+/- 1.1%
Occupied ^a	260	+/- 48	39,386	+/- 454
Owner	81.9%	+/- 6.7%	70.4%	+/- 1.5%
Renter	18.1%	+/- 6.7%	29.6%	+/- 1.5%
Rent ^b	\$822	+/- \$180	\$1,198	+/- \$29
Value ^c	\$152,900	+/-\$15,227	\$314,900	+/-\$10,133

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Dexter 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 15.5% 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	361	+/- 91	55,396	+/- 1,009	
Management, business, science, and arts	30.2%	+/- 6.6%	53.9%	+/- 1.7%	
Service	**%	+/- **%	11.3%	+/- 1.1%	
Sales and office	26.0%	+/- 10.3%	19.1%	+/- 1.4%	
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	22.4%	+/- 10.1%	5.9%	+/- 0.8%	
Production, transportation, and material moving	15.5%	+/- 5.6%	9.8%	+/- 1.1%	

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

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

Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022²

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 16+ ^a	394	+/- 99	58,994	+/- 865	
Median Earnings	\$43,286	+/- \$43	\$55,876	+/- \$1,403	
Female	\$41,250	+/- \$9,184	\$47,520	+/- \$1,737	
Female, full time ^b	\$49,375	+/- \$3,799	\$58,940	+/- \$1,707	
Male	\$43,464	+/- \$2,580	\$68,302	+/- \$2,079	
Male, full time ^b	\$44,355	+/- \$5,935	\$80,664	+/- \$3,254	

^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		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population ^a	670	+/-154	99,832	+/-55
With a disability ^b	15.2%	+/-6.1%	7.5%	+/-0.7%
With Health Insurance	94.8%	+/-4.2%	95.6%	+/-0.9%
With Private ^c Coverage	71.2%	+/-8.7%	83.6%	+/-1.4%
With Public ^d Coverage	33.9%	+/-8.4%	22.7%	+/-1.1%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	4.4%	+/-0.9%

^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+	543	+/- 119	75,882	+/- 238
in labor force	70.7%	+/- 7.0%	75.4%	+/- 1.2%
not in labor force	29.3%	+/- 7.0%	24.6%	+/- 1.2%
Civilian labor force	384	+/- 99	57,131	+/- 946
Unemployed	6.0%	+/- 3.8%	3.0%	+/- 0.7%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	670	+/-154	99,817	+/-56
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	5.7%	+/-1%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	5.6%	+/-1.8%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	5.7%	+/-1.0%
65+	**%	+/-**%	5.8%	+/-1.7%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	4.1%	+/-1.2%
with children	**%	+/-**%	5.5%	+/-2.0%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	2.4%	+/-1.0%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	17.4%	+/-6.3%
with children	**%	+/-**%	22.6%	+/-8.6%

^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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- ³ 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.
- 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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