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West Point, Iowa **City Profile**

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Population profile

The 2020 population for West Point is 921. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 4.7%. The City of West Point is in Lee County. Lee County saw a 6.4% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

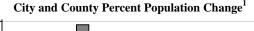
Lee County Cities - Total Population¹

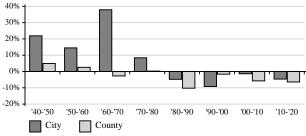
Lee County Cities - Total Population							
City	2000	2010	2020				
West Point	980	966	921				
Male Total	449	456	451				
Female Total	531	510	470				
Donnellson	963	912	885				
Fort Madison	10,715	11,051	10,270				
Franklin	136	143	131				
Houghton	130	146	141				
Keokuk	11,427	10,780	9,900				
Montrose	957	898	738				
St. Paul	118	129	109				
Lee County Total	38,052	35,862	33,555				
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
Donnellson	2.4%	-5.3%	-3.0%
Fort Madison	-7.8%	3.1%	-7.1%
Franklin	-10.5%	5.1%	-8.4%
Houghton	2.4%	12.3%	-3.4%
St. Paul	-1.7%	9.3%	-15.5%
West Point	-9.2%	-1.4%	-4.7%
Lee County	-1.6%	5.8%	-6.4%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%





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West Point's population is predominantly White. The City of West Point, compared to Lee 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 Origin¹

	City		Co	unty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.5%	97.0%	98.1%	94.7%
White	99.1%	96.2%	93.5%	90.4%
White alone, not Hispanic	98.1%	96.0%	91.6%	89.1%
Black or African American	0.3%	0.4%	3.1%	2.7%
Asian	0.1%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.9%
Two or more races	0.5%	3.0%	1.9%	5.3%
Hispanic origin ^a	0.9%	0.7%	3.0%	3.3%

^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	432	426	14,610	14,036
Family households ^{a,b}	61.8%	57.7%	65.6%	63.0%
Married couple family ^b	51.6%	48.6%	49.5%	46.5%
With own children	17.4%	14.6%	16.1%	14.0%
Other family ^c	10.2%	9.2%	16.1%	16.6%
Male householder ^c	3.9%	2.3%	5.0%	5.5%
With own children	3.5%	1.6%	3.1%	3.2%
Female householder ^c	6.3%	6.8%	11.1%	11.0%
With own children	3.9%	3.5%	6.7%	6.1%
Nonfamily households ^d	38.2%	42.3%	34.4%	37.0%
Male living alone	13.9%	17.4%	13.4%	15.0%
Female living alone	19.9%	18.8%	15.8%	16.5%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	432	426	14,610	14,036
Married couple ^b	51.6%	48.6%	49.5%	46.5%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	5.6%	NA ^e	7.6%
Male householder g	NA ^e	20.2%	NA^e	19.7%
Female householder g	NA ^e	25.6%	NA ^e	26.2%

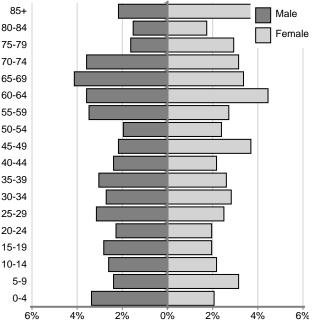
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	20.7%	18.7%	22.2%	21.3%
0 - 4	5.4%	5.4%	5.8%	5.6%
5 - 9	6.1%	5.5%	5.8%	6.2%
10 - 14	5.7%	4.8%	6.4%	6.0%
15 - 17	3.5%	3%	4.2%	3.5%
18 - 24	6.7%	6%	7.8%	7%
25 - 44	23.6%	21.3%	23.1%	22.3%
45 - 64	26.3%	24.4%	30.0%	26.7%
65 or older	22.7%	29.4%	16.9%	22.8%
65 - 84	15.6%	22.1%	14.1%	19.8%
85 or older	7.1%	7.4%	2.8%	2.9%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	44.2	47.9	42.6	44.4
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	76.7	93.0	64.2	78.8
Old-Age	40.1	56.9	27.8	40.7
Child	36.6	36.2	36.5	38.0

^aAge Dependency Ratio

West Point, Iowa Population Pyramid, a 20201



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

The median household income in West Point is greater than the median household income of Lee County. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is higher in West Point than for Lee County. There is a lower percentage of vacant housing units in West Point than there is for Lee County. Many housing units in West Point were built between 1960 to 1979. There is a higher percentage of individuals 25 and older with a Bachelor's degree or higher in West Point compared to Lee County.

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	City		Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	386	+/- 83	14,246	+/- 251
Less than \$34,999	26.9%	+/- 4.4%	29.4%	+/- 2.3%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	10.4%	+/- 5.9%	14.9%	+/- 2.0%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	36.3%	+/- 3.8%	33.0%	+/- 2.0%
\$100,000 Or More	26.4%	+/- 3.7%	22.6%	+/- 2.1%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$59,583	+/- \$9,382	\$58,094	+/- \$3,250
Median Family Income	\$87,333	+/- \$15,558	\$75,154	+/- \$4,013
Per Capita Income	\$31,517	+/- \$3,456	\$32,465	+/- \$2,016

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	617	+/-129	23,857	+/-138	
High School Graduate or Higher	94.8%	+/-3.2%	94.1%	+/-0.8%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	27.1%	+/-6.9%	20.3%	+/-2%	

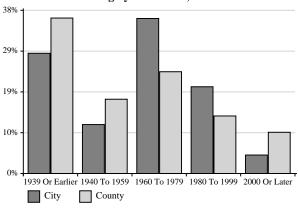
^{*}MOE = the margin of error for American Community Survey estimates² which is a numerical value that when added to or subtracted from the point estimate value gives the range of a 90% confidence interval around the estimate.

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	421	+/- 79	15,869	+/- 63
Vacant	8.3%	+/- 6.6%	10.2%	+/- 1.6%
Occupied	91.7%	+/- 6.6%	89.8%	+/- 1.6%
Occupied ^a	386	+/- 83	14,246	+/- 251
Owner	80.1%	+/- 6.4%	75.7%	+/- 2.2%
Renter	19.9%	+/- 6.4%	24.3%	+/- 2.2%
Rent ^b	\$**	+/- \$**	\$782	+/- \$41
Value ^c	\$153,200	+/-\$17,031	\$121,000	+/-\$6,253

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In West Point 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 25.1% 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	374	+/- 103	15,022	+/- 485
Management, business, science, and arts	31.3%	+/- 7.5%	33.7%	+/- 2.2%
Service	**%	+/- **%	18.2%	+/- 2.1%
Sales and office	18.7%	+/- 6.6%	18.4%	+/- 2.0%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	**%	+/- **%	10.1%	+/- 1.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving	25.1%	+/- 10.7%	19.7%	+/- 2.0%

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

Socioeconomic Profile

West Point, Iowa

West Point has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Lee 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 West Point tend to be higher than the median earnings for Lee 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	423	+/- 114	16,826	+/- 470
Median Earnings	\$42,882	+/- \$42	\$35,668	+/- \$2,403
Female	\$32,361	+/- \$7,806	\$27,536	+/- \$3,190
Female, full time ^b	\$43,929	+/- \$5,378	\$41,647	+/- \$2,965
Male	\$47,721	+/- \$5,431	\$45,269	+/- \$1,926
Male, full time ^b	\$53,375	+/- \$11,819	\$53,203	+/- \$2,348

^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	unty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population ^a	872	+/-218	32,275	+/-62
With a disability ^b	17.3%	+/-4.9%	16.2%	+/-1.4%
With Health Insurance	98.7%	+/-1.3%	95.8%	+/-1.0%
With Private ^c Coverage	76.7%	+/-7.6%	67.8%	+/-2.3%
With Public ^d Coverage	41.7%	+/-9.9%	47.1%	+/-2.3%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	4.2%	+/-1.0%

^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+	720	+/- 151	27,019	+/- 78
in labor force	54.3%	+/- 7.8%	58.4%	+/- 1.7%
not in labor force	45.7%	+/- 7.8%	41.6%	+/- 1.7%
Civilian labor force	378	+/- 104	15,743	+/- 462
Unemployed	1.1%	+/- 1.7%	4.6%	+/- 1.1%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	mty MOE*
Total Population ^a	885	+/-225	32,055	+/-134
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	12.8%	+/-1.7%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	18.9%	+/-4.4%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	12.5%	+/-1.9%
65+	**%	+/-**%	7.2%	+/-1.7%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	8.5%	+/-1.8%
with children	**%	+/-**%	16.8%	+/-4.0%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	4.2%	+/-1.6%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	27.0%	+/-6.0%
with children	**%	+/-**%	39.4%	+/-8.7%

^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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