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La Porte City, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for La Porte City is 2,284. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 0.0%. The City of La Porte City is in Black Hawk County. Black Hawk County saw a 0.0% population increase between 2010 and 2020.

Black Hawk County Cities - Total Population¹

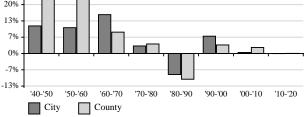
Black Hawk County Cities - Total Population							
City	2000	2010	2020				
La Porte City	2,275	2,285	2,284				
Male Total	1,086	1,074	1,126				
Female Total	1,189	1,211	1,158				
Cedar Falls	36,145	39,260	40,713				
Dunkerton	749	852	842				
Elk Run Heights	1,052	1,117	1,069				
Evansdale	4,526	4,751	4,561				
Gilbertville	767	712	794				
Hudson	2,117	2,282	2,546				
Janesville [†]	829	930	1,034				
Jesup [†]	2,212	2,520	2,508				
Raymond	537	788	759				
Waterloo	68,747	68,406	67,314				
Black Hawk County Total	128,012	131,090	131,144				
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
Brandon	-2.8%	-0.6%	10.4%
Elk Run Heights	-3.3%	6.2%	-4.3%
Gilbertville	2.5%	-7.2%	11.5%
Mount Auburn	19.4%	-6.3%	8.0%
Raymond	-13.2%	46.7%	-3.7%
La Porte City	6.9%	0.4%	0.0%
Black Hawk County	3.4%	2.4%	0.0%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%





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Demographic Profile

La Porte City, Iowa

La Porte City's population is predominantly White. The City of La Porte City, compared to Black Hawk 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	99.0%	98.0%	97.7%	94.6%
White	97.8%	97.1%	85.6%	78.4%
White alone, not Hispanic	97.1%	96.5%	83.9%	77.1%
Black or African American	0.8%	0.4%	8.9%	10.4%
Asian	0.2%	0.0%	1.3%	2.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.7%
Other	0.1%	0.3%	1.6%	2.1%
Two or more races	1.0%	2.0%	2.3%	5.4%
Hispanic origin ^a	1.0%	1.5%	3.7%	4.9%

^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	915	939	52,470	54,223
Family households ^{a,b}	65.7%	62.1%	61.2%	59.1%
Married couple family ^b	52.6%	40.0%	45.5%	43.0%
With own children	24.8%	21.0%	16.7%	15.5%
Other family ^c	13.1%	15.3%	15.7%	16.1%
Male householder ^c	3.5%	5.3%	4.3%	4.8%
With own children	2.3%	3.4%	2.3%	2.5%
Female householder ^c	9.6%	10.0%	11.5%	11.3%
With own children	6.3%	6.5%	7.1%	6.8%
Nonfamily households ^d	34.3%	37.9%	38.8%	40.9%
Male living alone	10.9%	12.9%	12.7%	15.1%
Female living alone	19.0%	15.0%	16.1%	16.8%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	915	939	52,470	54,223
Married couple ^b	52.6%	40.0%	45.5%	43.0%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	8.9%	NA ^e	7.6%
Male householder g	NA ^e	16.7%	NA^e	21.1%
Female householder g	NA ^e	23.7%	NA ^e	28.3%

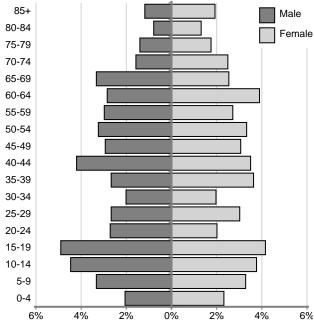
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	27%	25.2%	21.7%	21.8%
0 - 4	6.7%	4.4%	6.5%	6.0%
5 - 9	8%	6.6%	6.0%	6.1%
10 - 14	8.1%	8.2%	5.8%	6.2%
15 - 17	4.2%	6%	3.4%	3.5%
18 - 24	5.4%	7.8%	15.6%	12.7%
25 - 44	24.9%	23.7%	24.0%	25.1%
45 - 64	24.4%	25%	24.8%	22.7%
65 or older	18.3%	18.3%	13.8%	17.7%
65 - 84	14%	15.3%	11.5%	15.5%
85 or older	4.3%	3.1%	2.3%	2.2%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	39.6	40.5	34.4	36.8
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	82.8	77.0	55.1	65.3
Old-Age	33.5	32.4	21.4	29.3
Child	49.4	44.6	33.7	36.0

^aAge Dependency Ratio

La Porte City, Iowa Population Pyramid, 2020¹



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

Socioeconomic Profile

La Porte City, Iowa

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	899	+/- 105	53,691	+/- 531
Less than \$34,999	31.6%	+/- 4.2%	27.3%	+/- 1.8%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	9.2%	+/- 4.0%	12.8%	+/- 1.1%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	28.2%	+/- 3.3%	31.9%	+/- 1.5%
\$100,000 Or More	31.0%	+/- 3.6%	28.0%	+/- 1.5%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$65,451	+/- \$11,413	\$62,329	+/- \$2,004
Median Family Income	\$90,833	+/- \$27,280	\$83,292	+/- \$2,394
Per Capita Income	\$30,627	+/- \$4,311	\$35,400	+/- \$932

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	1,432	+/-162	82,951	+/-104	
High School Graduate or Higher	95.5%	+/-3.6%	92.9%	+/-0.7%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	19.3%	+/-4.4%	30%	+/-1.1%	

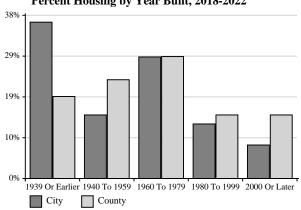
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

	(City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	1,024	+/- 109	58,599	+/- 81
Vacant	12.2%	+/- 5.7%	8.4%	+/- 0.9%
Occupied	87.8%	+/- 5.7%	91.6%	+/- 0.9%
Occupied ^a	899	+/- 105	53,691	+/- 531
Owner	79.2%	+/- 7.1%	65.3%	+/- 1.4%
Renter	20.8%	+/- 7.1%	34.7%	+/- 1.4%
Rent ^b	\$760	+/- \$142	\$932	+/- \$22
Value ^c	\$139,600	+/-\$6,848	\$172,500	+/-\$3,720

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In La Porte 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 18.2% 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	1,138	+/- 185	66,619	+/- 1,018
Management, business, science, and arts	32.2%	+/- 5.9%	35.2%	+/- 1.2%
Service	16.1%	+/- 5.6%	18.4%	+/- 1.1%
Sales and office	27.2%	+/- 7.1%	19.5%	+/- 1.0%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	6.4%	+/- 2.7%	7.4%	+/- 0.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving	18.2%	+/- 5.2%	19.5%	+/- 1.2%

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

Socioeconomic Profile

La Porte City, Iowa

La Porte City has a higher proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Black Hawk 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 La Porte City tend to be higher than the median earnings for Black Hawk 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	1,169	+/- 185	74,097	+/- 923
Median Earnings	\$41,469	+/- \$41	\$35,412	+/- \$752
Female	\$38,872	+/- \$2,310	\$28,225	+/- \$1,231
Female, full time ^b	\$43,125	+/- \$7,220	\$45,844	+/- \$1,160
Male	\$50,776	+/- \$13,091	\$41,962	+/- \$1,208
Male, full time ^b	\$70,455	+/- \$7,619	\$56,816	+/- \$2,051

^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	ounty	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population ^a	2,303	+/-324	129,684	+/-61	
With a disability ^b	10.9%	+/-2.8%	13.8%	+/-0.8%	
With Health Insurance	96.2%	+/-2.3%	95.8%	+/-0.5%	
With Private ^c Coverage	70.7%	+/-8.5%	70.9%	+/-1.1%	
With Public ^d Coverage	43.2%	+/-10.2%	39.9%	+/-1.1%	
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	4.2%	+/-0.5%	

^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+	1,672	+/- 215	105,716	+/- 205
in labor force	69.3%	+/- 5.7%	66.5%	+/- 0.9%
not in labor force	30.7%	+/- 5.7%	33.5%	+/- 0.9%
Civilian labor force	1,159	+/- 185	70,293	+/- 998
Unemployed	1.8%	+/- 1.8%	5.2%	+/- 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	2,299	+/-324	126,174	+/-259	
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	15.7%	+/-1.2%	
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	18.1%	+/-2.8%	
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	17.3%	+/-1.2%	
65+	**%	+/-**%	7.1%	+/-1.3%	
All Families	**%	+/-**%	9.5%	+/-1.3%	
with children	**%	+/-**%	17.0%	+/-2.5%	
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	3.1%	+/-0.9%	
with children	**%	+/-**%	4.0%	+/-1.6%	
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	32.9%	+/-4.8%	
with children	**%	+/-**%	43.8%	+/-6.8%	

^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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