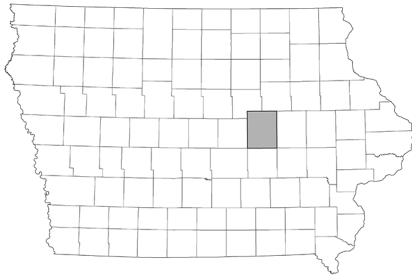


Data for Decision Makers



Chelsea, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Chelsea is 229. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 14.2%. The City of Chelsea is in Tama County. Tama County saw a 3.6% population decrease between 2010 and 2020. Chelsea's population is predominantly White.

Total Population¹

City	2000	2010	2020
Chelsea	287	267	229
Male Total	152	138	117
Female Total	135	129	112
Tama County Total	18,103	17,767	17,135
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369

[†]City is located in multiple counties, total population is provided.

Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin¹

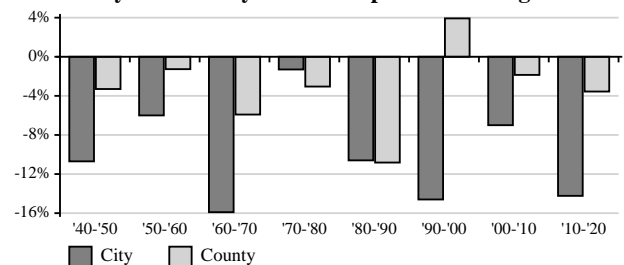
Race Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.6%	92.1%	97.5%	93.8%
White	79.0%	68.1%	86.5%	79.7%
White alone, not Hispanic	64.4%	64.6%	83.7%	77.5%
Black or African American	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.8%
Asian	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	3.4%	0.9%	7.5%	8.3%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	17.2%	22.7%	2.8%	4.5%
Two or more races	0.4%	7.9%	2.5%	6.2%
Hispanic origin ^a	34.1%	31.4%	7.4%	10.5%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Belle Plaine	1.6%	-12.0%	-8.1%
Elberon	20.7%	-20.0%	-6.1%
Hartwick	-27.8%	3.6%	7.0%
Tama	1.3%	5.3%	8.8%
Vining	-10.3%	-28.6%	8.0%
Chelsea	-14.6%	-7.0%	-14.2%
Tama County	3.9%	1.9%	-3.6%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Socioeconomic Profile

Chelsea, Iowa

The City of Chelsea, compared to Tama County, had a higher 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

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total Households	94	88	6,947	6,784
Family Households ^{a,b}	63.8%	82.4%	69.4%	67.3%
Married couple family ^b	53.2%	41.2%	56.5%	51.3%
With own children	29.8%	14.8%	20.9%	16.9%
Other family ^c	10.6%	23.9%	12.9%	16.0%
Male householder ^c	6.4%	10.2%	4.3%	6.3%
With own children	1.1%	3.4%	2.6%	3.7%
Female householder ^c	4.3%	13.6%	8.6%	9.7%
With own children	3.2%	8.0%	5.5%	5.5%
Nonfamily households ^d	36.2%	17.6%	30.6%	32.7%
Male living alone	19.1%	14.8%	12.1%	13.9%
Female living alone	11.7%	9.1%	13.9%	13.9%

^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).

Housing Characteristics¹

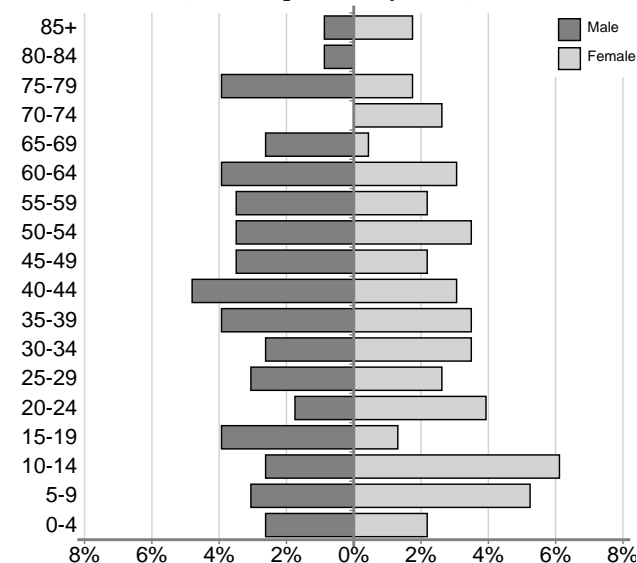
	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total Units	111	99	7,766	7,575
Vacant	15.3%	11.1%	10.5%	10.4%
Occupied	84.7%	88.9%	89.5%	89.6%
Occupied Units	94	88	6,947	6,784
Owner Occupied	95.7%	89.8%	78.9%	76.8%
Renter Occupied	4.3%	10.2%	21.1%	23.2%

Percentage of Population by Age¹

	City		County	
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	29.6%	24.9%	25.6%	24.2%
18 - 44	37.8%	34.9%	28.7%	28.9%
45 - 64	21.0%	25.4%	27.3%	26.1%
65 or older	11.6%	14.8%	18.4%	20.7%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	30.8	39.1	41.8	42.0
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	70.1	65.8	78.6	81.6
Old-Age	19.7	24.5	32.9	37.6
Child	50.3	41.3	45.7	44.0

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Chelsea, Iowa Population Pyramid, ^a 2020¹



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

Notes and Source Information:

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

² U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 2018-2022

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.

⁴ Median is the middle value of a distribution.

⁵ 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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