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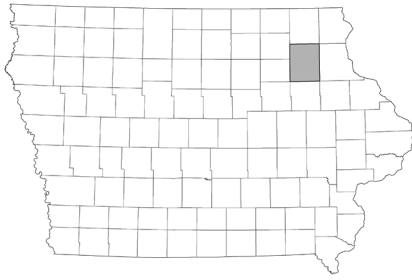
Fayette, Iowa
City Profile

Population profile

The 2020 population for Fayette is 1,256. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 6.1%. The City of Fayette is in Fayette County. Fayette County saw a 6.6% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

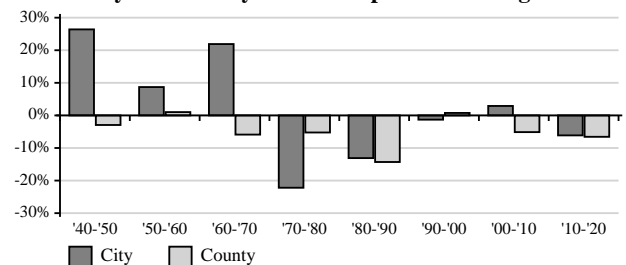**Fayette County Cities - Total Population[1]**

City	2000	2010	2020
Fayette	**1,300**	**1,338**	**1,256**
Male Total	720	694	649
Female Total	580	644	607
Arlington	490	429	419
Clermont	716	632	586
Elgin	676	683	685
Fairbank[†]	1,041	1,113	1,111
Hawkeye	489	449	438
Maynard	500	518	476
Oelwein	6,692	6,415	5,920
St. Lucas	178	143	167
Stanley[†]	128	125	81
Sumner[†]	2,106	2,028	2,030
Wadena	243	262	209
Waucoma	299	257	229
West Union	2,549	2,486	2,490
Westgate	234	211	192
Fayette County Total	22,008	20,880	19,509
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369

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

Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Arlington	5.4%	-12.4%	-2.3%
Maynard	-2.5%	3.6%	-8.1%
Randalia	-4.5%	-19.0%	-26.5%
Wadena	3.0%	7.8%	-20.2%
West Union	2.4%	-2.5%	0.2%
Fayette	-1.3%	2.9%	-6.1%
Fayette County	0.8%	5.1%	-6.6%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change[1]

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Fayette's population is predominantly White. The City of Fayette, compared to Fayette 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 Origin[1]

Race Groups	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
One race only	98.4%	97.3%	99.1%	96.1%
White	88.6%	89.1%	97.0%	93.7%
White alone, not Hispanic	87.2%	87.2%	95.7%	92.5%
Black or African American	6.7%	4.3%	0.9%	1.0%
Asian	1.9%	1.9%	0.5%	0.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.6%	0.1%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
Other	1.0%	1.4%	0.4%	0.8%
Two or more races	1.6%	2.7%	0.9%	3.9%
Hispanic origin[a]	2.8%	3.8%	1.8%	2.7%

[a] *Hispanics can be of any race.*

Households by Family or Nonfamily Type[1,3]

	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	434	355	8,634	8,174
Family households[a,b]	42.6%	63.8%	64.8%	61.7%
Married couple family[b]	34.8%	52.8%	52.9%	49.0%
With own children	13.8%	11.3%	18.2%	14.9%
Other family[c]	7.8%	10.4%	11.9%	12.7%
Male householder[c]	2.1%	3.7%	4.3%	4.9%
With own children	0.9%	1.4%	2.5%	2.7%
Female householder[c]	5.8%	6.8%	7.6%	7.8%
With own children	3.7%	2.8%	4.9%	4.7%
Nonfamily households[d]	57.4%	36.3%	35.2%	38.3%
Male living alone	16.6%	21.7%	13.5%	15.8%
Female living alone	20.5%	21.1%	16.2%	16.6%

Households by Couple or Non-couple Type[1,3]

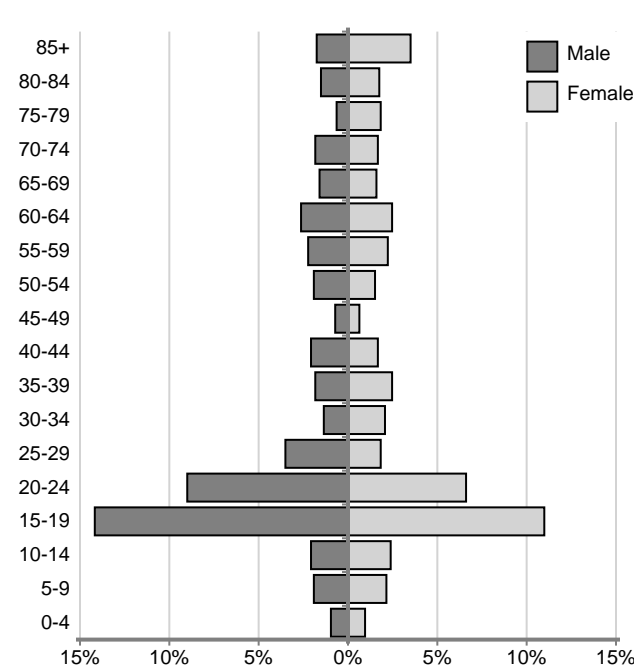|	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	434	355	8,634	8,174
Married couple[b]	34.8%	52.8%	52.9%	49.0%
Cohabiting couple[b,f]	NA[e]	5.6%	NA[e]	7.4%
Male householder [g]	NA[e]	27.6%	NA[e]	20.2%
Female householder [g]	NA[e]	28.5%	NA[e]	23.4%

[a]*Householder and at least one other person related to the householder.* [b]*For 2020 includes same-sex couples.* [c]*No spouse present, but at least one relative present.* [d]*In 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present).* [e]*2010 not comparable with 2020.* [f]*For 2020 householder has an unmarried partner.* [g]*For 2020 no spouse or partner present, but relatives, nonrelatives may be present or householder may be living alone.*

Percentage of Population by Age[1]

Age Groups	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
17 or younger	11.9%	15.6%	22.5%	21.5%
0 - 4	3.5%	1.9%	6.0%	5.3%
5 - 9	2.8%	4.1%	5.7%	5.7%
10 - 14	2.9%	4.5%	6.5%	6.6%
15 - 17	2.7%	5.1%	4.3%	3.9%
18 - 24	45.3%	35.7%	9.4%	8.6%
25 - 44	12.7%	16.7%	20.4%	21.1%
45 - 64	16.1%	14.4%	28.3%	26%
65 or older	14.1%	17.7%	19.4%	22.8%
65 - 84	9.6%	12.5%	16.1%	19.2%
85 or older	4.5%	5.3%	3.3%	3.6%
Median[4] Age (years)	22.3	24.0	43.2	44.0
Age Dependency[a, 5]	35.1	49.9	72.1	79.5
Old-Age	19.0	26.5	33.4	40.9
Child	16.1	23.4	38.7	38.6

[a]*Age Dependency Ratio*

Fayette, Iowa Population Pyramid,[a] 2020[1]

[a]*Each bar represents the percentage that an age-sex group comprises of the total population.*

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	449	+/- 91	8,228	+/- 174
Less than $34,999	43.8%	+/- 5.1%	32.2%	+/- 2.5%
$35,000 To $49,999	15.8%	+/- 7.3%	13.3%	+/- 1.8%
$50,000 To $99,999	24.7%	+/- 3.3%	31.7%	+/- 1.9%
$100,000 Or More	15.6%	+/- 3.0%	22.8%	+/- 2.0%
Median[4] Household Income	$39,375	+/- $13,950	$56,043	+/- $2,534
Median Family Income	$73,250	+/- $28,602	$71,025	+/- $4,272
Per Capita Income	$24,295	+/- $3,107	$31,566	+/- $1,538

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	507	+/- 91	9,323	+/- 31
Vacant	11.4%	+/- 6.7%	11.7%	+/- 1.8%
Occupied	88.6%	+/- 6.7%	88.3%	+/- 1.8%
Occupied[a]	449	+/- 91	8,228	+/- 174
Owner	53.0%	+/- 11.9%	76.2%	+/- 2.4%
Renter	47.0%	+/- 11.9%	23.8%	+/- 2.4%
Rent[b]	$923	+/- $376	$780	+/- $33
Value[c]	$108,300	+/-$17,518	$123,000	+/-$6,895

[a]*Occupied Units,* [b]*Median gross rent of renter-occupied units,* [c]*Median value of owner-occupied units*

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	652	+/-103	13,601	+/-77
High School Graduate or Higher	94.5%	+/-3.0%	92.9%	+/-1.1%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	28.1%	+/-7.3%	17.2%	+/-1.7%

*MOE = the margin of error for American Community Survey estimates[2] 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.
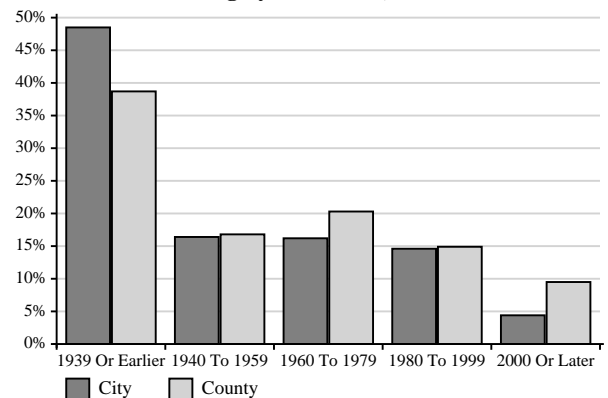***MOE is high, use county estimate.*

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022[2]

In Fayette 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 14.9% 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	637	+/- 140	9,230	+/- 312
Management, business, science, and arts	33.6%	+/- 9.3%	30.6%	+/- 2.5%
Service	14.1%	+/- 4.3%	15.3%	+/- 2.0%
Sales and office	27.9%	+/- 9.9%	18.9%	+/- 2.2%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	**%	+/- **%	14.0%	+/- 1.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving	14.9%	+/- 6.5%	21.3%	+/- 2.4%

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

Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ [a]	741	+/- 148	10,345	+/- 271
Median Earnings	$21,417	+/- $21	$35,697	+/- $1,881
Female	$25,625	+/- $12,803	$27,832	+/- $2,330
Female, full time[b]	$53,500	+/- $15,033	$41,291	+/- $1,436
Male	$**	+/- $**	$41,727	+/- $2,031
Male, full time[b]	$38,594	+/- $11,270	$50,313	+/- $3,275

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

Employment Status, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	1,044	+/- 140	15,824	+/- 78
in labor force	67.8%	+/- 6.8%	60.6%	+/- 2.0%
not in labor force	32.2%	+/- 6.8%	39.4%	+/- 2.0%
Civilian labor force	708	+/- 123	9,589	+/- 305
Unemployed	10.0%	+/- 8.4%	3.7%	+/- 1.1%

**MOE is high, use county estimate.

Disability Status and Health Insurance Coverage of the Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population[a]	1,137	+/-159	19,160	+/-13
With a disability[b]	10.3%	+/-3.6%	16.3%	+/-1.8%
With Health Insurance	94.7%	+/-2.9%	94.6%	+/-1.2%
With Private[c] Coverage	70.1%	+/-8.6%	67.3%	+/-2.6%
With Public[d] Coverage	36.9%	+/-7.0%	44.4%	+/-2.6%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	5.4%	+/-1.2%

[a]Civilan Noninstitutionalized Population, [b]limitations of activities or inability for full participation, [c]provided by employer, union, bought by individual, and some miliary plans, [d]includes Medicare, Medicaid, VA Health Care, children's CHIP, and some state plans, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

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Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population[a]	882	+/-158	18,868	+/-39
Below poverty	20.3%	+/-8.3%	11.8%	+/-1.8%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	12.5%	+/-3.9%
18 - 64	21.9%	+/-10.4%	12.8%	+/-2.1%
65+	**%	+/-**%	8.5%	+/-2.2%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	8.4%	+/-2.4%
with children	**%	+/-**%	14.3%	+/-4.9%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	5.0%	+/-2.0%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH[b]	**%	+/-**%	30.7%	+/-12.7%
with children	76.9%	+/-35.1%	37.5%	+/-16.2%

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