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Sanborn, Iowa **City Profile**

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Sanborn is 1,392. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 0.9%. The City of Sanborn is in O'Brien County. O'Brien County saw a 1.5% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

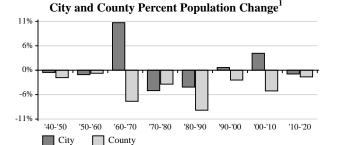
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O'Brien County Cities - Total Population						
City	2000	2010	2020			
Sanborn	1,353	1,404	1,392			
Male Total	629	667	674			
Female Total	724	737	718			
Archer	126	131	117			
Calumet	181	170	146			
Hartley	1,733	1,672	1,605			
Paullina	1,124	1,056	982			
Primghar	891	909	896			
Sheldon [†]	4,914	5,188	5,512			
Sutherland	707	649	629			
O'Brien County Total	15,102	14,398	14,182			
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
Archer	-3.8%	4.0%	-10.7%
Hartley	6.2%	-3.5%	-4.0%
Melvin	-2.8%	-11.9%	-7.0%
Primghar	-6.2%	2.0%	-1.4%
Sheldon	-0.5%	5.6%	6.2%
Sanborn	0.6%	3.8%	-0.9%
O'Brien County	-2.2%	4.7%	-1.5%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%



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Sanborn's population is predominantly White. The City of Sanborn, compared to O'Brien County, had a equal 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

	C	City	Co	unty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.9%	97.1%	99.2%	95.4%
White	97.6%	92.0%	96.0%	90.4%
White alone, not Hispanic	96.9%	90.3%	94.5%	88.9%
Black or African American	0.5%	1.9%	0.5%	1.1%
Asian	0.1%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1%	1.1%	0.1%	0.6%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Other	1.5%	1.3%	2.0%	2.7%
Two or more races	0.1%	2.9%	0.8%	4.6%
Hispanic origin ^a	2.3%	5.0%	3.8%	6.9%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

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		City	C	County
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	574	579	6,069	5,861
Family households ^{a,b}	62.0%	57.7%	64.7%	63.4%
Married couple family ^b	52.3%	49.2%	55.1%	52.7%
With own children	19.9%	18.1%	19.5%	17.9%
Other family ^c	9.8%	8.5%	9.6%	10.7%
Male householder ^c	3.5%	3.6%	3.5%	4.3%
With own children	1.6%	2.6%	2.4%	2.5%
Female householder ^c	6.3%	4.8%	6.1%	6.4%
With own children	4.4%	4.1%	4.1%	5.0%
Nonfamily households ^d	38.0%	42.3%	35.3%	36.6%
Male living alone	12.4%	16.6%	13.5%	15.3%
Female living alone	22.3%	21.6%	17.9%	16.5%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	574	579	6,069	5,861
Married couple ^b	52.3%	49.2%	55.1%	52.7%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	5.4%	NA ^e	6.2%
Male householder g	NA ^e	19.9%	NA^e	19.3%
Female householder ^g	NA ^e	25.6%	NA ^e	21.8%

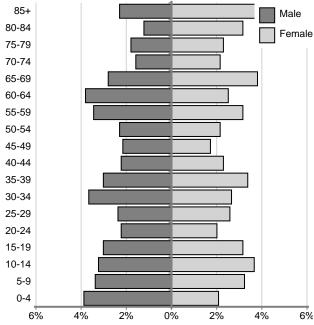
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	24.4%	23.3%	23.6%	23.3%
0 - 4	8%	6.0%	6.4%	6.0%
5 - 9	7.1%	6.6%	6.5%	6.3%
10 - 14	5.3%	6.9%	6.6%	6.8%
15 - 17	4%	3.8%	4.1%	4.2%
18 - 24	7.2%	6.6%	6.6%	7.3%
25 - 44	19%	22.2%	21.3%	23%
45 - 64	23.4%	21.3%	28.1%	24.3%
65 or older	26.1%	26.7%	20.4%	22.1%
65 - 84	19.3%	18.8%	16.4%	17.4%
85 or older	6.8%	7.8%	4.0%	4.6%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	44.2	42.7	43.6	42.0
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	101.8	99.8	78.6	83.2
Old-Age	52.6	53.3	36.4	40.5
Child	49.2	46.5	42.1	42.7

^aAge Dependency Ratio

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	608	+/- 77	5,700	+/- 198
Less than \$34,999	35.9%	+/- 4.3%	23.9%	+/- 2.4%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	12.0%	+/- 4.5%	14.0%	+/- 2.4%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	32.7%	+/- 3.2%	34.6%	+/- 2.4%
\$100,000 Or More	19.4%	+/- 3.3%	27.5%	+/- 2.5%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$54,500	+/- \$12,048	\$65,076	+/- \$6,868
Median Family Income	\$70,795	+/- \$9,470	\$89,832	+/- \$4,507
Per Capita Income	\$26,751	+/- \$3,525	\$32,460	+/- \$1,798

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	983	+/-124	9,734	+/-46	
High School Graduate or Higher	94.0%	+/-2.9%	90.7%	+/-2.3%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	22.8%	+/-6.4%	21.6%	+/-3%	

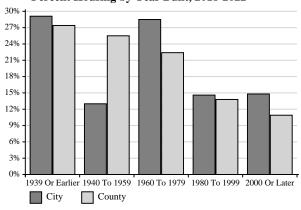
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

		City	C	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	629	+/- 72	6,546	+/- 25
Vacant	3.3%	+/- 3.3%	12.9%	+/- 3.0%
Occupied	96.7%	+/- 3.3%	87.1%	+/- 3.0%
Occupied ^a	608	+/- 77	5,700	+/- 198
Owner	75.8%	+/- 6.6%	76.0%	+/- 3.5%
Renter	24.2%	+/- 6.6%	24.0%	+/- 3.5%
Rent ^b	\$865	+/- \$66	\$691	+/- \$79
Value ^c	\$119,000	+/-\$14,962	\$141,900	+/-\$12,274

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Sanborn 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 15.2% 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	631	+/- 92	6,949	+/- 370
Management, business, science, and arts	30.3%	+/- 8.1%	33.7%	+/- 4.0%
Service	24.4%	+/- 7.2%	15.5%	+/- 2.6%
Sales and office	13.6%	+/- 4.2%	15.4%	+/- 2.4%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	16.5%	+/- 5.0%	13.3%	+/- 2.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving	15.2%	+/- 6.1%	22.1%	+/- 4.0%

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

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

Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ ^a	709	+/- 101	7,638	+/- 314
Median Earnings	\$30,966	+/- \$30	\$40,000	+/- \$2,679
Female	\$19,000	+/- \$6,321	\$24,565	+/- \$2,523
Female, full time ^b	\$36,250	+/- \$10,774	\$40,746	+/- \$4,464
Male	\$44,191	+/- \$6,451	\$50,401	+/- \$4,126
Male, full time ^b	\$56,250	+/- \$8,759	\$57,835	+/- \$1,816

^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	1,461	+/-199	13,880	+/-8
With a disability ^b	13.1%	+/-3.7%	15.4%	+/-2.6%
With Health Insurance	99.1%	+/-0.8%	96.8%	+/-1.3%
With Private ^c Coverage	62.0%	+/-8.3%	71.6%	+/-3.6%
With Public ^d Coverage	57.4%	+/-7.7%	42.7%	+/-3.1%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	3.2%	+/-1.3%

^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+	1,146	+/- 147	11,139	+/- 73
in labor force	56.0%	+/- 5.8%	64.0%	+/- 3.2%
not in labor force	44.0%	+/- 5.8%	36.0%	+/- 3.2%
Civilian labor force	642	+/- 92	7,121	+/- 358
Unemployed	1.7%	+/- 2.3%	2.4%	+/- 1.2%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

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	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	1,458	+/-199	13,868	+/-19
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	12.1%	+/-2.8%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	14.4%	+/-5.8%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	12.5%	+/-3.5%
65+	**%	+/-**%	8.5%	+/-3.0%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	7.0%	+/-2.1%
with children	**%	+/-**%	12.6%	+/-4.2%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	4.4%	+/-1.7%
with children	**%	+/-**%	6.6%	+/-2.9%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	39.2%	+/-16.4%
with children	**%	+/-**%	46.6%	+/-20.0%

^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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