## **Data for Decision Makers**



# Mount Ayr, Iowa City Profile

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## Population profile

The 2020 population for Mount Ayr is 1,623. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 4.0%. The City of Mount Ayr is in Ringgold County. Ringgold County saw a 9.1% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

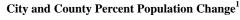
Ringgold County Cities - Total Population<sup>1</sup>

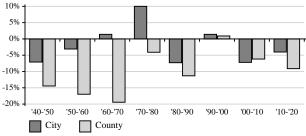
Ringgold Co	unty Cities - Tota	al Population <sup>*</sup>	
City	2000	2010	2020
Mount Ayr	1,822	1,691	1,623
Male Total	812	753	746
Female Total	1,010	938	877
Beaconsfield	11	15	15
Benton	40	41	39
Clearfield <sup>†</sup>	371	363	278
Delphos	25	25	26
Diagonal	312	330	344
Ellston	57	43	19
Kellerton	372	315	243
Maloy	28	29	22
Redding	78	82	63
Shannon City <sup>†</sup>	70	71	73
Tingley	171	184	136
Ringgold County Total	5,469	5,131	4,663
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369

 $<sup>^\</sup>dagger C$ ity is located in multiple counties, total population is provided.

#### **Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change**

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Benton	2.6%	2.5%	-4.9%
Delphos	8.7%	0.0%	4.0%
Diagonal	4.7%	5.8%	4.2%
Maloy	-22.2%	3.6%	-24.1%
Tingley	-4.5%	7.6%	-26.1%
Mount Ayr	1.4%	-7.2%	-4.0%
Ringgold County	0.9%	6.2%	-9.1%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%





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Mount Ayr's population is predominantly White. The City of Mount Ayr, compared to Ringgold 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.<sup>3</sup>

#### Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin<sup>1</sup>

	City		Co	unty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.6%	96.5%	99.3%	96.7%
White	98.1%	95.4%	97.5%	95.8%
White alone, not Hispanic	97.4%	94.7%	96.8%	95.4%
Black or African American	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%
Asian	0.7%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.8%	0.6%	0.8%	0.4%
Two or more races	0.4%	3.5%	0.7%	3.3%
Hispanic origin <sup>a</sup>	1.6%	2.0%	1.8%	1.5%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Hispanics can be of any race.

#### Households by Family or Nonfamily Type<sup>1,3</sup>

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		City	C	County
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	746	739	2,047	1,945
Family households <sup>a,b</sup>	58.6%	60.9%	66.6%	66.9%
Married couple family <sup>b</sup>	47.9%	45.2%	57.5%	54.4%
With own children	15.1%	15.3%	19.3%	17.1%
Other family <sup>c</sup>	10.7%	14.3%	9.1%	12.5%
Male householder <sup>c</sup>	3.4%	5.0%	3.2%	4.9%
With own children	1.6%	2.7%	1.6%	2.8%
Female householder <sup>c</sup>	7.4%	9.3%	6.0%	7.7%
With own children	4.7%	5.5%	3.9%	4.4%
Nonfamily households <sup>d</sup>	41.4%	39.1%	33.4%	33.1%
Male living alone	10.6%	12.4%	12.0%	13.1%
Female living alone	26.7%	23.4%	16.9%	16.0%

#### Households by Couple or Non-couple Type<sup>1,3</sup>

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	746	739	2,047	1,945
Married couple <sup>b</sup>	47.9%	45.2%	57.5%	54.4%
Cohabiting couple <sup>b,f</sup>	NA <sup>e</sup>	4.6%	NA <sup>e</sup>	4.9%
Male householder g	NA <sup>e</sup>	17.9%	$NA^e$	17.5%
Female householder g	NA <sup>e</sup>	32.7%	NA <sup>e</sup>	23.2%

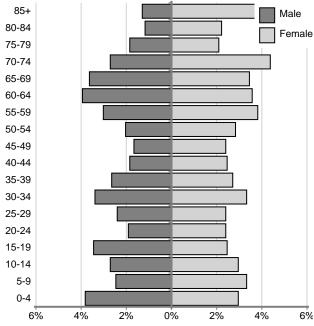
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Householder and at least one other person related to the householder. <sup>b</sup>For 2020 includes same-sex couples. <sup>c</sup>No spouse present, but at least one relative present. <sup>d</sup>In 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present).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

#### Percentage of Population by Age<sup>1</sup>

	(	City	Co	ounty
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	19.9%	21.9%	24.2%	22.3%
0 - 4	5.6%	6.8%	6.5%	5.6%
5 - 9	5.2%	5.8%	6.9%	5.5%
10 - 14	6%	5.7%	7.1%	7.1%
15 - 17	3.1%	3.6%	3.7%	4.1%
18 - 24	6.3%	6.6%	6.3%	6.9%
25 - 44	17.6%	21.2%	18.7%	19.7%
45 - 64	26.6%	23.3%	27.2%	24.7%
65 or older	29.7%	27.0%	23.6%	26.3%
65 - 84	21%	21.5%	18.6%	22.1%
85 or older	8.7%	5.5%	5.0%	4.2%
Median <sup>4</sup> Age (years)	49.5	45.5	45.6	46.0
Age Dependency <sup>a, 5</sup>	98.4	95.7	91.6	94.7
Old-Age	58.9	52.8	45.2	51.3
Child	39.5	42.9	46.4	43.5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Age Dependency Ratio

#### Mount Ayr, Iowa Population Pyramid, a 20201



<sup>a</sup>Each bar represents the percentage that an age-sex group comprises of the total population.

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>

	City		Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	732	+/- 76	1,844	+/- 100
Less than \$34,999	36.7%	+/- 4.0%	25.3%	+/- 2.8%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	9.3%	+/- 3.8%	12.4%	+/- 3.1%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	27.2%	+/- 3.3%	32.8%	+/- 2.8%
\$100,000 Or More	26.7%	+/- 3.2%	29.5%	+/- 2.7%
Median <sup>4</sup> Household Income	\$61,458	+/- \$22,049	\$67,898	+/- \$7,360
Median Family Income	\$86,250	+/- \$12,784	\$84,615	+/- \$4,744
Per Capita Income	\$29,300	+/- \$3,497	\$34,138	+/- \$2,652

#### **Educational Attainment, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	(	City		ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	1,233	+/-112	3,213	+/-37
High School Graduate or Higher	93.5%	+/-3.6%	94%	+/-1.5%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	23.4%	+/-5.3%	22.6%	+/-3.2%

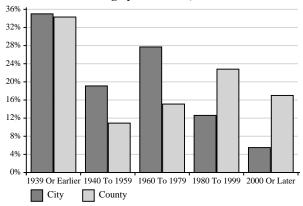
<sup>\*</sup>MOE = the margin of error for American Community Survey estimates<sup>2</sup> which is a numerical value that when added to or subtracted from the point estimate value gives the range of a 90% confidence interval around the estimate.

#### Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>

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		City	С	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	884	+/- 72	2,673	+/- 22
Vacant	17.2%	+/- 4.9%	31.0%	+/- 3.7%
Occupied	82.8%	+/- 4.9%	69.0%	+/- 3.7%
Occupied <sup>a</sup>	732	+/- 76	1,844	+/- 100
Owner	69.0%	+/- 6.6%	77.8%	+/- 4.2%
Renter	31.0%	+/- 6.6%	22.2%	+/- 4.2%
Rent <sup>b</sup>	\$686	+/- \$67	\$699	+/- \$37
Value <sup>c</sup>	\$115,800	+/-\$16,316	\$143,100	+/-\$21,105

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Occupied Units, <sup>b</sup>Median gross rent of renter-occupied units, <sup>c</sup>Median value of owner-occupied units

#### Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>



In Mount Ayr 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 10.9% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

#### Occupation of the Civilian Employed Population, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	835	+/- 103	2,276	+/- 112
Management, business, science, and arts	40.0%	+/- 7.9%	41.6%	+/- 4.9%
Service	18.2%	+/- 5.2%	13.7%	+/- 2.7%
Sales and office	16.6%	+/- 4.9%	15.6%	+/- 2.7%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	14.3%	+/- 5.0%	14.9%	+/- 3.1%
Production, transportation, and material moving	10.9%	+/- 4.8%	14.2%	+/- 3.1%

<sup>\*\*</sup>MOE is high, use county estimate.

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

#### **Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

		City		ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ <sup>a</sup>	922	+/- 112	2,461	+/- 104
Median Earnings	\$34,907	+/- \$34	\$39,679	+/- \$3,874
Female	\$27,670	+/- \$3,268	\$29,549	+/- \$4,018
Female, full time <sup>b</sup>	\$45,208	+/- \$14,863	\$45,062	+/- \$6,345
Male	\$44,271	+/- \$11,515	\$47,458	+/- \$4,483
Male, full time <sup>b</sup>	\$62,885	+/- \$8,784	\$57,833	+/- \$4,476

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> with earnings, <sup>b</sup> year round, \*\*MOE is high, use county estimate.

## Disability Status and Health Insurance Coverage of the Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>

	City		Co	unty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population <sup>a</sup>	1,745	+/-177	4,464	+/-21
With a disability <sup>b</sup>	16.0%	+/-5.3%	15.1%	+/-2.3%
With Health Insurance	93.8%	+/-4.3%	93.0%	+/-2.4%
With Private <sup>c</sup> Coverage	61.0%	+/-6.7%	68.4%	+/-3.8%
With Public <sup>d</sup> Coverage	51.1%	+/-5.8%	42.9%	+/-2.9%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	7.0%	+/-2.4%

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

#### Employment Status, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	1,429	+/- 134	3,704	+/- 46
in labor force	60.3%	+/- 4.6%	62.9%	+/- 2.7%
not in labor force	39.7%	+/- 4.6%	37.1%	+/- 2.7%
Civilian labor force	847	+/- 106	2,315	+/- 109
Unemployed	1.4%	+/- 1.6%	1.7%	+/- 1.2%

<sup>\*\*</sup>MOE is high, use county estimate.

## Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population <sup>a</sup>	1,759	+/-180	4,474	+/-13
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	8.2%	+/-2.9%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	14.7%	+/-7.2%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	6.5%	+/-2.7%
65+	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH <sup>b</sup>	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> for whom poverty status is determined, <sup>b</sup> female householder, no husband present, \*\*MOE is high, use county estimate.

#### **Notes and Source Information:**

- <sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Censuses 1940 2020
- <sup>2</sup>U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 2018-2022
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup>Median is the middle value of a distribution.
- <sup>5</sup>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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