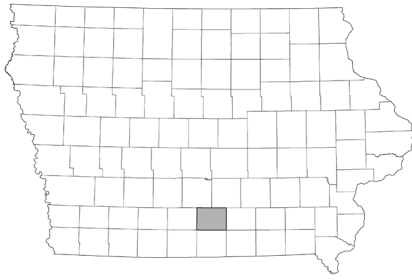# Data for Decision Makers

Chariton, Iowa
City Profile

report created: 12/17/2024

Population profile

The 2020 population for Chariton is 4,193. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 3.0%. The City of Chariton is in Lucas County. Lucas County saw a 3.0% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

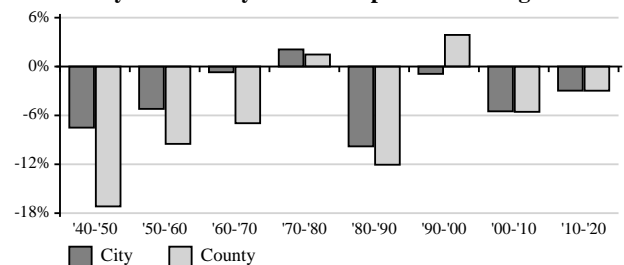### Lucas County Cities - Total Population[1]

City	2000	2010	2020
Chariton	**4,573**	**4,321**	**4,193**
Male Total	2,169	2,071	2,045
Female Total	2,404	2,250	2,148
Derby	131	115	90
Lucas	243	216	172
Russell	559	554	472
Williamson	163	152	120
Lucas County Total	9,422	8,898	8,634
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
Derby	-3.0%	-12.2%	-21.7%
Lucas	8.5%	-11.1%	-20.4%
Millerton	9.1%	-6.3%	-20.0%
Russell	5.3%	-0.9%	-14.8%
Williamson	-1.8%	-6.7%	-21.1%
Chariton	-0.9%	-5.5%	-3.0%
Lucas County	3.9%	5.6%	-3.0%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change[1]

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Chariton's population is predominantly White. The City of Chariton, compared to Lucas 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	99.4%	96.1%	99.4%	96.7%
White	98.7%	93.1%	98.6%	95.1%
White alone, not Hispanic	97.8%	92.3%	98.0%	94.4%
Black or African American	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%
Asian	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%	0.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.2%	2.0%	0.3%	1.0%
Two or more races	0.6%	3.9%	0.6%	3.3%
Hispanic origin[a]	1.2%	3.7%	1.0%	2.3%

[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	1,861	1,834	3,689	3,608
Family households[a,b]	59.6%	59.8%	66.4%	64.0%
Married couple family[b]	46.1%	46.6%	54.8%	52.5%
With own children	17.1%	15.8%	18.7%	17.8%
Other family[c]	13.5%	14.3%	11.6%	11.5%
Male householder[c]	4.0%	5.1%	4.1%	4.8%
With own children	2.6%	2.4%	2.5%	2.4%
Female householder[c]	9.6%	9.2%	7.5%	6.7%
With own children	6.0%	5.3%	4.3%	3.6%
Nonfamily households[d]	40.4%	40.2%	33.6%	36.0%
Male living alone	13.3%	16.0%	13.1%	15.4%
Female living alone	22.6%	21.6%	16.5%	15.9%

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

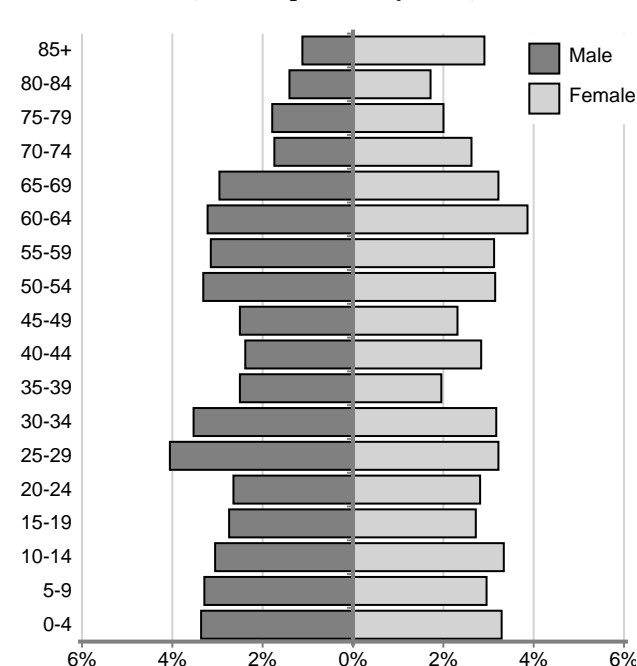|	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	1,861	1,834	3,689	3,608
Married couple[b]	46.1%	46.6%	54.8%	52.5%
Cohabiting couple[b,f]	NA[e]	6.4%	NA[e]	5.5%
Male householder[g]	NA[e]	21.1%	NA[e]	20.1%
Female householder[g]	NA[e]	29.6%	NA[e]	21.9%

[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	24.6%	22.7%	24.4%	23.4%
0 - 4	6.3%	6.7%	6.2%	6.3%
5 - 9	6.6%	6.2%	6.5%	6.5%
10 - 14	7%	6.4%	7.0%	6.9%
15 - 17	4.7%	3.4%	4.7%	3.7%
18 - 24	7.3%	7.6%	6.5%	6.5%
25 - 44	21.4%	23.7%	20.2%	21.5%
45 - 64	24.7%	24.7%	28.7%	26.6%
65 or older	21.9%	21.5%	20.2%	21.9%
65 - 84	16.8%	17.5%	16.7%	19.2%
85 or older	5.1%	4.0%	3.5%	2.8%
Median[4] Age (years)	42.1	41.0	44.1	43.4
Age Dependency[a, 5]	87.1	78.9	80.5	83.0
Old-Age	41.0	38.4	36.5	40.1
Child	46.1	40.5	44.0	42.9

[a] *Age Dependency Ratio*

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

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	1,758	+/- 111	3,621	+/- 137
Less than $34,999	39.3%	+/- 4.0%	30.2%	+/- 3.1%
$35,000 To $49,999	10.8%	+/- 3.6%	9.6%	+/- 2.1%
$50,000 To $99,999	33.3%	+/- 3.1%	36.3%	+/- 2.6%
$100,000 Or More	16.8%	+/- 2.8%	24.0%	+/- 2.4%
Median[4] Household Income	$50,100	+/- $12,483	$63,405	+/- $7,681
Median Family Income	$69,073	+/- $7,781	$77,927	+/- $3,524
Per Capita Income	$25,811	+/- $2,702	$32,575	+/- $3,745

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	1,946	+/- 86	4,080	+/- 59
Vacant	9.7%	+/- 5.0%	11.3%	+/- 3.3%
Occupied	90.3%	+/- 5.0%	88.8%	+/- 3.3%
Occupied[a]	1,758	+/- 111	3,621	+/- 137
Owner	65.2%	+/- 6.3%	79.8%	+/- 3.7%
Renter	34.8%	+/- 6.3%	20.2%	+/- 3.7%
Rent[b]	$769	+/- $95	$773	+/- $72
Value[c]	$93,200	+/-$7,764	$111,000	+/-$12,873

[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	2,804	+/-106	6,066	+/-34
High School Graduate or Higher	92.2%	+/-2.6%	92.4%	+/-1.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	12.0%	+/-3.9%	14.9%	+/-2.3%

*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.
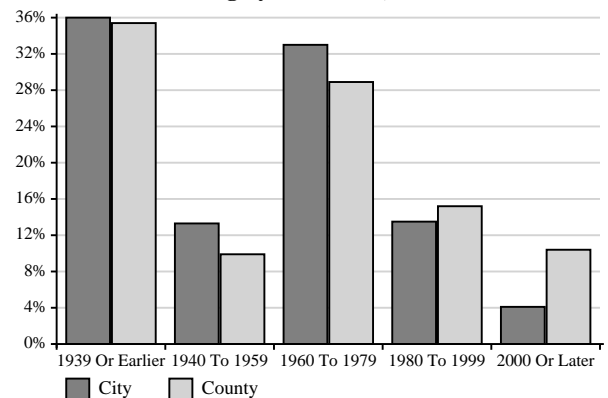***MOE is high, use county estimate.*

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

In Chariton there is a higher percentage of workers in production, transportation, and material moving occupations than any other occupation category. The production, transportation, and material moving occupation category makes up 24.2% 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	1,930	+/- 168	4,105	+/- 201
Management, business, science, and arts	23.9%	+/- 5.3%	27.1%	+/- 3.8%
Service	16.6%	+/- 5.2%	14.2%	+/- 2.8%
Sales and office	24.0%	+/- 5.1%	21.3%	+/- 3.8%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	11.3%	+/- 3.7%	12.4%	+/- 2.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving	24.2%	+/- 4.9%	25.0%	+/- 3.6%

Chariton has a higher proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Lucas 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 Chariton tend to be lower than the median earnings for Lucas 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]	2,066	+/- 169	4,437	+/- 199
Median Earnings	$35,278	+/- $35	$40,428	+/- $1,684
Female	$24,479	+/- $6,180	$31,856	+/- $5,263
Female, full time[b]	$40,507	+/- $4,674	$42,066	+/- $2,086
Male	$42,000	+/- $2,624	$46,433	+/- $3,257
Male, full time[b]	$49,112	+/- $13,916	$58,929	+/- $3,638

[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+	3,276	+/- 84	6,968	+/- 37
in labor force	62.9%	+/- 3.8%	61.3%	+/- 2.6%
not in labor force	37.1%	+/- 3.8%	38.7%	+/- 2.6%
Civilian labor force	2,061	+/- 136	4,273	+/- 181
Unemployed	6.4%	+/- 3.8%	3.9%	+/- 1.9%

**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]	4,115	+/-26	8,576	+/-28
With a disability[b]	20.4%	+/-3.8%	17.4%	+/-2.1%
With Health Insurance	91.2%	+/-2.9%	91.6%	+/-2.1%
With Private[c] Coverage	56.5%	+/-7.1%	65.9%	+/-4.0%
With Public[d] Coverage	52.4%	+/-6.1%	45.4%	+/-3.5%
No Health Insurance	8.8%	+/-2.9%	8.4%	+/-2.1%

[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]	4,098	+/-33	8,557	+/-39
Below poverty	24.2%	+/-6.8%	16.6%	+/-3.6%
17 and under	35.3%	+/-12.9%	23.1%	+/-7.8%
18 - 64	22.9%	+/-7.2%	15.1%	+/-3.5%
65+	**%	+/-**%	13.6%	+/-5.5%
All Families	23.2%	+/-8.9%	13.3%	+/-4.2%
with children	38.3%	+/-13.9%	24.5%	+/-8.6%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	5.7%	+/-2.3%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH[b]	73.8%	+/-16.2%	57.0%	+/-16.1%
with children	78.7%	+/-15.4%	67.5%	+/-16.5%

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

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