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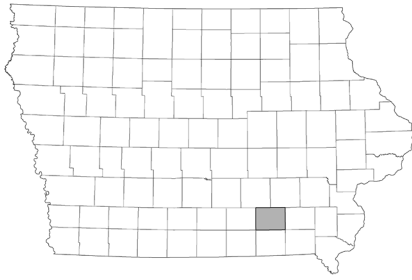
Eldon, Iowa
City Profile

Population profile

The 2020 population for Eldon is 783. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 15.5%. The City of Eldon is in Wapello County. Wapello County saw a 0.5% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.
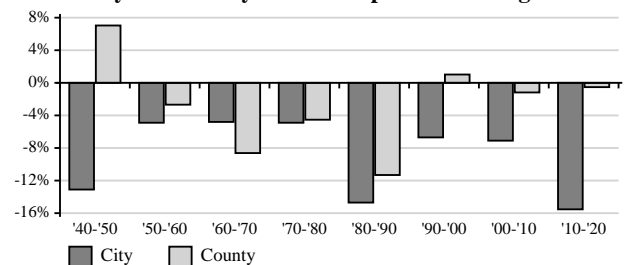
Wapello County Cities - Total Population[1]

City	2000	2010	2020
Eldon	**998**	**927**	**783**
Male Total	476	451	376
Female Total	522	476	407
Agency	622	638	620
Blakesburg	374	296	274
Chillicothe	90	97	76
Eddyville[†]	1,064	1,024	970
Kirkville	214	167	157
Ottumwa	24,998	25,023	25,529
Wapello County Total	36,051	35,625	35,437
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
Agency	1.0%	2.6%	-2.8%
Batavia	-3.8%	-0.2%	-13.8%
Floris	-11.0%	-9.8%	-15.9%
Libertyville	23.1%	-3.1%	-13.0%
Ottumwa	2.1%	0.1%	2.0%
Eldon	-6.7%	-7.1%	-15.5%
Wapello County	1.0%	1.2%	-0.5%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change[1]

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Eldon's population is predominantly White. The City of Eldon, compared to Wapello 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.[3]

Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin[1]

Race Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.0%	95.0%	98.5%	94.3%
White	98.4%	94.4%	92.1%	79.5%
White alone, not Hispanic	98.2%	92.2%	87.5%	77.0%
Black or African American	0.1%	0.0%	1.4%	4.1%
Asian	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	1.8%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%	0.1%	0.5%	0.7%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	1.5%
Other	0.3%	0.4%	3.7%	6.7%
Two or more races	1.0%	5.0%	1.5%	5.7%
Hispanic origin[a]	1.1%	3.1%	9.1%	12.2%

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

Households by Family or Nonfamily Type[1,3]

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	406	361	14,552	14,167
Family households[a,b]	64.0%	63.5%	64.1%	62.7%
Married couple family[b]	49.5%	42.6%	47.8%	44.8%
With own children	18.0%	11.9%	16.9%	15.8%
Other family[c]	14.5%	17.7%	16.3%	18.0%
Male householder[c]	3.2%	7.2%	5.1%	5.9%
With own children	2.2%	4.4%	3.0%	3.3%
Female householder[c]	11.3%	10.5%	11.2%	12.1%
With own children	8.1%	6.4%	6.6%	7.0%
Nonfamily households[d]	36.0%	36.5%	35.9%	37.3%
Male living alone	14.8%	16.1%	13.0%	14.3%
Female living alone	17.5%	21.3%	16.9%	16.6%

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

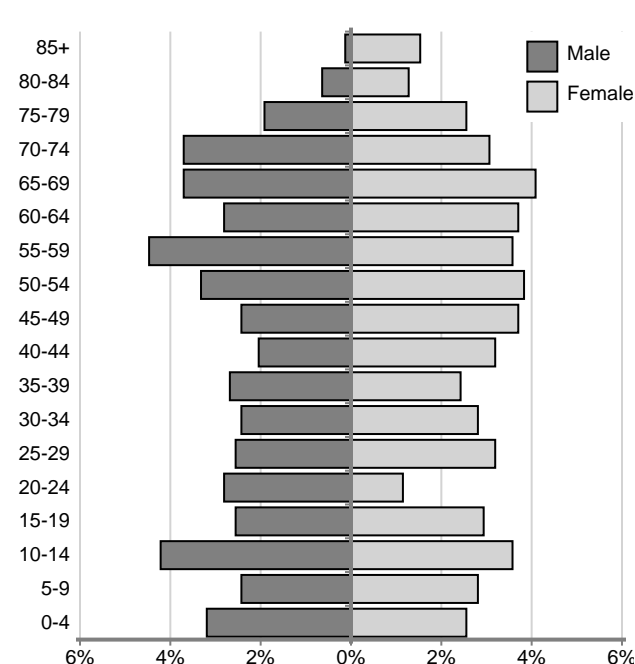|	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	406	361	14,552	14,167
Married couple[b]	49.5%	42.6%	47.8%	44.8%
Cohabiting couple[b,f]	NA[e]	7.2%	NA[e]	7.8%
Male householder [g]	NA[e]	21.6%	NA[e]	20.0%
Female householder [g]	NA[e]	30.7%	NA[e]	27.4%

[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		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	24.1%	22.2%	22.8%	24%
0 - 4	6%	5.7%	6.6%	6.3%
5 - 9	6.5%	5.2%	6.3%	6.4%
10 - 14	6.9%	7.8%	6.0%	7.0%
15 - 17	4.7%	3.5%	3.9%	4.3%
18 - 24	7.3%	6%	9.6%	8.6%
25 - 44	22.8%	21.2%	23.8%	24.4%
45 - 64	26.4%	27.8%	27.3%	24.5%
65 or older	19.4%	22.6%	16.4%	18.7%
65 - 84	17.2%	21%	13.7%	16.3%
85 or older	2.2%	1.7%	2.7%	2.4%
Median[4] Age (years)	42.3	45.3	39.8	39.1
Age Dependency[a,5]	77.0	81.5	64.5	74.3
Old-Age	34.3	41.1	27.0	32.5
Child	42.7	40.4	37.5	41.7

[a]*Age Dependency Ratio*

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

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	321	+/- 60	14,193	+/- 246
Less than $34,999	44.8%	+/- 4.8%	29.9%	+/- 2.5%
$35,000 To $49,999	8.1%	+/- 3.9%	13.6%	+/- 1.9%
$50,000 To $99,999	32.4%	+/- 3.6%	32.2%	+/- 2.1%
$100,000 Or More	14.7%	+/- 2.9%	24.3%	+/- 2.0%
Median[4] Household Income	$42,386	+/- $17,514	$56,209	+/- $2,477
Median Family Income	$57,321	+/- $9,291	$67,016	+/- $4,390
Per Capita Income	$24,741	+/- $3,286	$30,025	+/- $1,400

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	374	+/- 75	15,754	+/- 42
Vacant	14.2%	+/- 10.3%	9.9%	+/- 1.5%
Occupied	85.8%	+/- 10.3%	90.1%	+/- 1.5%
Occupied[a]	321	+/- 60	14,193	+/- 246
Owner	79.8%	+/- 8.5%	66.3%	+/- 2.5%
Renter	20.2%	+/- 8.5%	33.7%	+/- 2.5%
Rent[b]	$**	+/- $**	$909	+/- $49
Value[c]	$56,100	+/-$7,286	$105,800	+/-$7,964

[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	532	+/-93	24,087	+/-116
High School Graduate or Higher	88.3%	+/-4.1%	87.9%	+/-1.6%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	7.3%	+/-3.2%	18.5%	+/-2.2%

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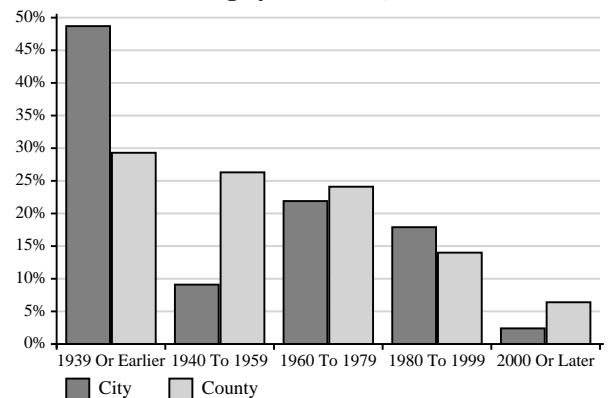***MOE is high, use county estimate.*

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

In Eldon 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 35.0% 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	314	+/- 75	16,468	+/- 502
Management, business, science, and arts	22.3%	+/- 6.5%	27.7%	+/- 2.5%
Service	**%	+/- **%	15.0%	+/- 1.8%
Sales and office	13.1%	+/- 6.3%	19.2%	+/- 2.1%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	**%	+/- **%	9.9%	+/- 1.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving	35.0%	+/- 10.6%	28.1%	+/- 3.0%

Eldon has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Wapello 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 Eldon tend to be lower than the median earnings for Wapello 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]	360	+/- 81	18,207	+/- 529
Median Earnings	$30,893	+/- $30	$37,329	+/- $2,100
Female	$22,868	+/- $5,317	$33,123	+/- $2,278
Female, full time[b]	$31,094	+/- $8,959	$43,080	+/- $2,181
Male	$38,750	+/- $7,693	$42,555	+/- $1,811
Male, full time[b]	$58,646	+/- $11,108	$52,358	+/- $3,294

[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+	601	+/- 114	27,992	+/- 131
in labor force	57.6%	+/- 7.9%	61.6%	+/- 2.0%
not in labor force	42.4%	+/- 7.9%	38.4%	+/- 2.0%
Civilian labor force	346	+/- 82	17,223	+/- 539
Unemployed	9.2%	+/- 6.5%	4.4%	+/- 1.0%

**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]	718	+/-149	34,895	+/-35
With a disability[b]	17.8%	+/-5.1%	15.5%	+/-1.3%
With Health Insurance	95.0%	+/-2.9%	93.2%	+/-1.5%
With Private[c] Coverage	61.7%	+/-9.6%	65.1%	+/-2.5%
With Public[d] Coverage	51.0%	+/-8.9%	44.4%	+/-2.3%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	6.8%	+/-1.5%

[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]	718	+/-149	34,402	+/-103
Below poverty	20.5%	+/-9.0%	17.4%	+/-2.5%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	24.4%	+/-5.3%
18 - 64	17.6%	+/-8.2%	16.1%	+/-2.2%
65+	**%	+/-**%	12.6%	+/-3.2%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	14.1%	+/-2.6%
with children	**%	+/-**%	23.5%	+/-4.8%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	5.6%	+/-2.4%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH[b]	**%	+/-**%	35.5%	+/-8.8%
with children	**%	+/-**%	39.9%	+/-10.3%

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