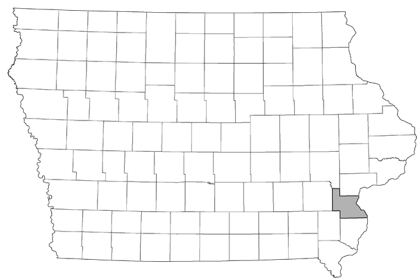


# Data for Decision Makers



## Letts, Iowa City Profile

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### Population profile

The 2020 population for Letts is 363. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 5.5%. The City of Letts is in Louisa County. Louisa County saw a 4.8% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

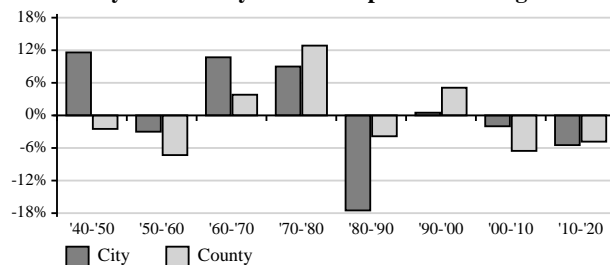
**Louisa County Cities - Total Population<sup>1</sup>**

City	2000	2010	2020
<b>Letts</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>363</b>
Male Total	195	196	183
Female Total	197	188	180
Columbus City	376	391	392
Columbus Junction	1,900	1,899	1,830
Cotter	48	48	39
Fredonia	251	244	222
Grandview	600	556	437
Morning Sun	872	836	752
Oakville	439	173	200
Wapello	2,124	2,067	2,084
Louisa County Total	12,183	11,387	10,837
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369

**Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change**

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Columbus Junction	17.6%	-0.1%	-3.6%
Conesville	26.9%	1.9%	-18.5%
Fredonia	24.9%	-2.8%	-9.0%
Fruitland	37.6%	39.0%	-1.4%
Grandview	16.7%	-7.3%	-21.4%
Letts	0.5%	-2.0%	-5.5%
Louisa County	5.1%	6.5%	-4.8%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

**City and County Percent Population Change<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>†</sup>City is located in multiple counties, total population is provided.

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# Demographic Profile

# Letts, Iowa

Letts's population is predominantly White. The City of Letts, compared to Louisa County, had a higher 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.<sup>3</sup>

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

Race Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	98.4%	95.6%	98.5%	92.9%
White	94.8%	95.3%	90.2%	81.5%
White alone, not Hispanic	90.9%	93.1%	81.8%	78.3%
Black or African American	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.7%
Asian	0.0%	0.3%	0.9%	2.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1.8%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
Other	1.3%	0.0%	6.5%	7.7%
Two or more races	1.6%	4.4%	1.5%	7.1%
Hispanic origin <sup>a</sup>	5.2%	3.6%	15.8%	15.9%

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

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	148	143	4,346	4,180
Family households <sup>a,b</sup>	74.3%	60.4%	70.5%	69.1%
Married couple family <sup>b</sup>	56.8%	45.4%	55.9%	54.8%
With own children	22.3%	18.9%	21.5%	18.9%
Other family <sup>c</sup>	17.6%	18.9%	14.6%	14.3%
Male householder <sup>c</sup>	2.7%	4.2%	5.2%	4.5%
With own children	2.7%	3.5%	3.1%	2.5%
Female householder <sup>c</sup>	14.9%	14.7%	9.4%	9.8%
With own children	8.8%	5.6%	5.6%	4.9%
Nonfamily households <sup>d</sup>	25.7%	39.6%	29.5%	30.9%
Male living alone	15.5%	12.6%	12.7%	12.7%
Female living alone	8.1%	11.2%	11.8%	12.5%

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	148	143	4,346	4,180
Married couple <sup>b</sup>	56.8%	45.4%	55.9%	54.8%
Cohabiting couple <sup>b,f</sup>	NA <sup>e</sup>	10.5%	NA <sup>e</sup>	7.2%
Male householder <sup>g</sup>	NA <sup>e</sup>	14.7%	NA <sup>e</sup>	17.1%
Female householder <sup>g</sup>	NA <sup>e</sup>	24.5%	NA <sup>e</sup>	20.8%

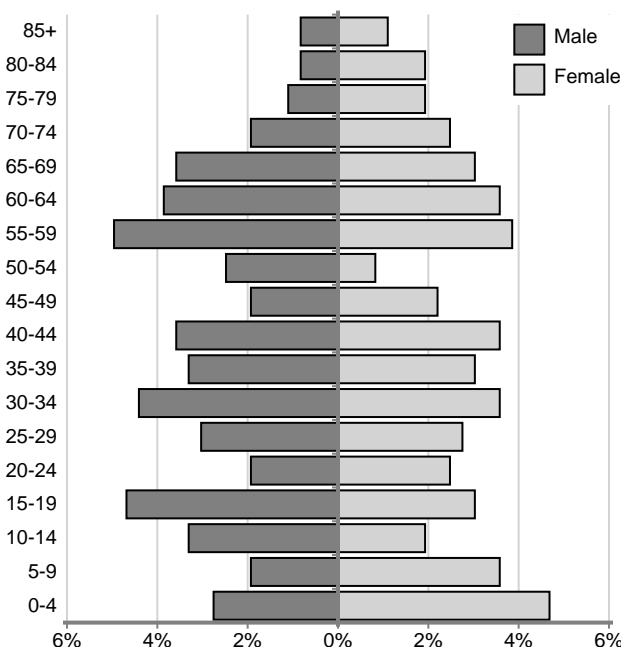
<sup>a</sup>Householder and at least one other person related to the householder. <sup>b</sup>For 2020 includes same-sex couples. <sup>c</sup>No spouse present, but at least one relative present. <sup>d</sup>In 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). <sup>e</sup>2010 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>**

Age Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	26.6%	22.9%	25.8%	22.7%
0 - 4	6%	7.4%	5.9%	5.8%
5 - 9	9.1%	5.5%	7.1%	6.4%
10 - 14	6.3%	5.2%	7.9%	6.3%
15 - 17	5.2%	4.8%	4.9%	4.2%
18 - 24	8.3%	7.3%	7.0%	7.7%
25 - 44	22.1%	27.3%	24.0%	22.9%
45 - 64	27.9%	23.6%	28.2%	27%
65 or older	15.1%	18.7%	15.0%	19.8%
65 - 84	13.8%	16.8%	13.1%	16.8%
85 or older	1.3%	1.9%	1.9%	3.0%
Median <sup>4</sup> Age (years)	37.3	39.6	39.8	42.1
Age Dependency <sup>a, 5</sup>	71.5	71.5	68.9	73.8
Old-Age	25.9	32.1	25.3	34.4
Child	45.6	39.3	43.6	39.4

<sup>a</sup>Age Dependency Ratio

**Letts, Iowa Population Pyramid,<sup>a</sup> 2020<sup>1</sup>**



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

## Socioeconomic Profile

## Letts, Iowa

The median household income in Letts is less than the median household income of Louisa County. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is lower in Letts than for Louisa County. There is a higher percentage of vacant housing units in Letts than there is for Louisa County. Many housing units in Letts were built prior to 1940.

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	122	+/- 31	4,112	+/- 151
Less than \$34,999	18.8%	+/- 4.9%	21.5%	+/- 2.4%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	5.7%	+/- 5.0%	11.5%	+/- 2.4%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	43.4%	+/- 4.6%	36.6%	+/- 2.4%
\$100,000 Or More	31.9%	+/- 4.7%	30.3%	+/- 2.4%
Median <sup>4</sup> Household Income	\$70,833	+/- \$13,791	\$72,500	+/- \$7,373
Median Family Income	\$76,250	+/- \$26,374	\$83,792	+/- \$3,832
Per Capita Income	\$31,230	+/- \$7,843	\$33,296	+/- \$2,309

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	149	+/- 34	4,743	+/- 28
Vacant	18.1%	+/- 11.5%	13.3%	+/- 3.1%
Occupied	81.9%	+/- 11.5%	86.7%	+/- 3.1%
Occupied <sup>a</sup>	122	+/- 31	4,112	+/- 151
Owner	86.1%	+/- 8.7%	77.9%	+/- 3.0%
Renter	13.9%	+/- 8.7%	22.1%	+/- 3.0%
Rent <sup>b</sup>	\$850	+/- \$199	\$747	+/- \$58
Value <sup>c</sup>	\$102,700	+/- \$10,408	\$125,500	+/- \$11,465

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

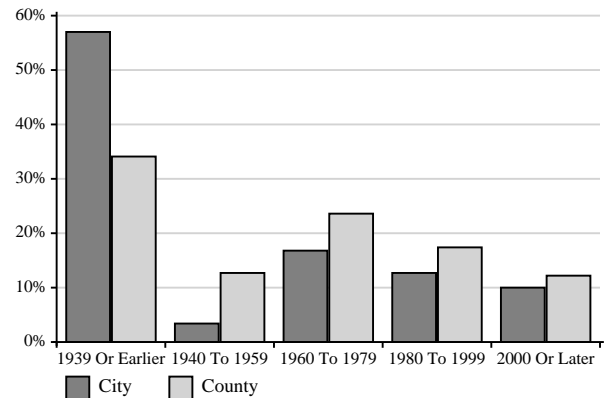
**Educational Attainment, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	256	+/-66	7,582	+/-77
High School Graduate or Higher	93.0%	+/-5.0%	86.1%	+/-1.6%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	***%	+/-***%	14.4%	+/-2%

\*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.

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

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



In Letts 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 20.6% 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	180	+/- 38	5,380	+/- 166
Management, business, science, and arts	28.3%	+/- 9.8%	27.5%	+/- 3.2%
Service	16.7%	+/- 7.7%	15.9%	+/- 3.0%
Sales and office	22.2%	+/- 9.2%	16.4%	+/- 2.1%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	***%	+/- ***%	15.2%	+/- 2.3%
Production, transportation, and material moving	20.6%	+/- 8.6%	25.0%	+/- 3.1%

## Socioeconomic Profile

## Letts, Iowa

Letts has a higher proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Louisa 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 Letts tend to be lower than the median earnings for Louisa 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		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ <sup>a</sup>	204	+/- 49	5,830	+/- 159
Median Earnings	\$**	+/- \$**	\$40,652	+/- \$3,013
Female	\$**	+/- \$**	\$32,109	+/- \$2,319
Female, full time <sup>b</sup>	\$**	+/- \$**	\$43,703	+/- \$3,811
Male	\$45,167	+/- \$18,761	\$47,683	+/- \$4,335
Male, full time <sup>b</sup>	\$50,625	+/- \$8,731	\$56,982	+/- \$3,801

<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		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population <sup>a</sup>	364	+/-103	10,676	+/-20
With a disability <sup>b</sup>	15.7%	+/-7.4%	14.2%	+/-1.4%
With Health Insurance	90.7%	+/-6.0%	94.9%	+/-1.2%
With Private <sup>c</sup> Coverage	63.5%	+/-14.4%	71.6%	+/-3.4%
With Public <sup>d</sup> Coverage	37.1%	+/-10.6%	37.9%	+/-2.9%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	5.1%	+/-1.2%

<sup>a</sup>Civilian 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 military plans, <sup>d</sup>includes Medicare, Medicaid, VA Health Care, children's CHIP, and some state plans, \*\*MOE is high, use county estimate.

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	286	+/- 74	8,665	+/- 78
in labor force	68.5%	+/- 9.3%	65.0%	+/- 1.9%
not in labor force	31.5%	+/- 9.3%	35.0%	+/- 1.9%
Civilian labor force	196	+/- 45	5,628	+/- 168
Unemployed	8.2%	+/- 7.8%	4.4%	+/- 1.4%

\*\*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>	364	+/-103	10,655	+/-40
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	10.1%	+/-1.9%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	13.0%	+/-4.4%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	9.8%	+/-2.1%
65+	**%	+/-**%	7.5%	+/-2.5%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	7.4%	+/-2.0%
with children	**%	+/-**%	12.3%	+/-4.0%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	5.6%	+/-2.4%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH <sup>b</sup>	**%	+/-**%	17.7%	+/-8.8%
with children	**%	+/-**%	27.7%	+/-13.8%

<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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