Data for Decision Makers



Arlington, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Arlington is 419. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 2.3%. The City of Arlington is in Fayette County. Fayette County saw a 6.6% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

Fayette County Cities - Total Population¹

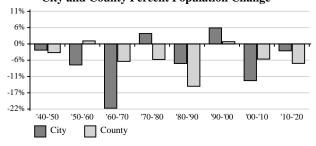
Fayette County Cities - Total Population							
City	2000	2010	2020				
Arlington	490	429	419				
Male Total	223	212	207				
Female Total	267	217	212				
Clermont	716	632	586				
Elgin	676	683	685				
Fairbank [†]	1,041	1,113	1,111				
Fayette	1,300	1,338	1,256				
Hawkeye	489	449	438				
Maynard	500	518	476				
Oelwein	6,692	6,415	5,920				
St. Lucas	178	143	167				
Stanley [†]	128	125	81				
Sumner [†]	2,106	2,028	2,030				
Wadena	243	262	209				
Waucoma	299	257	229				
West Union	2,549	2,486	2,490				
Westgate	234	211	192				
Fayette County Total	22,008	20,880	19,509				
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369				

 $^{^\}dagger C$ ity is located in multiple counties, total population is provided.

Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Aurora	-1.0%	-4.6%	-8.6%
Fayette	-1.3%	2.9%	-6.1%
Strawberry Point	2.1%	-7.7%	-9.7%
Volga	-19.3%	-15.8%	-2.4%
Wadena	3.0%	7.8%	-20.2%
Arlington	5.4%	-12.4%	-2.3%
Fayette County	0.8%	5.1%	-6.6%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Arlington's population is predominantly White. The City of Arlington, compared to Fayette 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

	City		Co	unty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.8%	97.4%	99.1%	96.1%
White	98.8%	95.2%	97.0%	93.7%
White alone, not Hispanic	98.8%	95.2%	95.7%	92.5%
Black or African American	0.0%	0.7%	0.9%	1.0%
Asian	0.2%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.7%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	1.4%	0.4%	0.8%
Two or more races	0.2%	2.6%	0.9%	3.9%
Hispanic origin ^a	0.0%	1.4%	1.8%	2.7%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

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		City	Co	unty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	191	187	8,634	8,174
Family households ^{a,b}	63.9%	61.2%	64.8%	61.7%
Married couple family ^b	51.8%	42.2%	52.9%	49.0%
With own children	18.3%	15.5%	18.2%	14.9%
Other family ^c	12.0%	16.6%	11.9%	12.7%
Male householder ^c	3.7%	5.9%	4.3%	4.9%
With own children	1.6%	3.2%	2.5%	2.7%
Female householder ^c	8.4%	10.7%	7.6%	7.8%
With own children	4.2%	6.4%	4.9%	4.7%
Nonfamily households ^d	36.1%	38.8%	35.2%	38.3%
Male living alone	12.0%	15.0%	13.5%	15.8%
Female living alone	19.4%	13.4%	16.2%	16.6%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	191	187	8,634	8,174
Married couple ^b	51.8%	42.2%	52.9%	49.0%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	6.4%	NA ^e	7.4%
Male householder g	NA ^e	20.3%	NA^e	20.2%
Female householder g	NA ^e	23.5%	NA ^e	23.4%

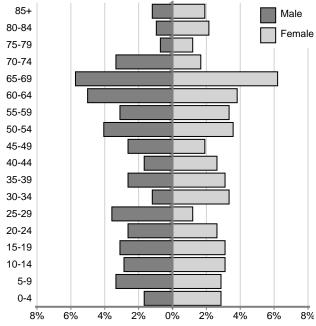
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	20%	21.5%	22.5%	21.5%
0 - 4	5.1%	4.5%	6.0%	5.3%
5 - 9	4.7%	6.2%	5.7%	5.7%
10 - 14	4.9%	6.0%	6.5%	6.6%
15 - 17	5.3%	4.8%	4.3%	3.9%
18 - 24	8.9%	6.7%	9.4%	8.6%
25 - 44	20.5%	19.3%	20.4%	21.1%
45 - 64	32.2%	27.3%	28.3%	26%
65 or older	18.4%	25.1%	19.4%	22.8%
65 - 84	14%	21.9%	16.1%	19.2%
85 or older	4.4%	3.1%	3.3%	3.6%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	45.5	46.8	43.2	44.0
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	62.4	87.4	72.1	79.5
Old-Age	29.9	47.1	33.4	40.9
Child	32.5	40.3	38.7	38.6

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Arlington, Iowa Population Pyramid, a 20201



^aEach bar represents the percentage that an age-sex group comprises of the total population.

Socioeconomic Profile

Arlington, Iowa

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	194	+/- 41	8,228	+/- 174
Less than \$34,999	36.6%	+/- 5.1%	32.2%	+/- 2.5%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	15.5%	+/- 6.2%	13.3%	+/- 1.8%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	37.1%	+/- 3.9%	31.7%	+/- 1.9%
\$100,000 Or More	10.9%	+/- 3.1%	22.8%	+/- 2.0%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$47,500	+/- \$13,633	\$56,043	+/- \$2,534
Median Family Income	\$65,833	+/- \$9,390	\$71,025	+/- \$4,272
Per Capita Income	\$26,096	+/- \$4,720	\$31,566	+/- \$1,538

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	305	+/-62	13,601	+/-77	
High School Graduate or Higher	91.8%	+/-6.4%	92.9%	+/-1.1%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	13.1%	+/-5.4%	17.2%	+/-1.7%	

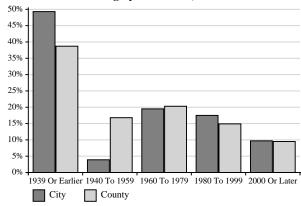
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

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		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	205	+/- 43	9,323	+/- 31
Vacant	5.4%	+/- 5.0%	11.7%	+/- 1.8%
Occupied	94.6%	+/- 5.0%	88.3%	+/- 1.8%
Occupied ^a	194	+/- 41	8,228	+/- 174
Owner	91.2%	+/- 5.6%	76.2%	+/- 2.4%
Renter	8.8%	+/- 5.6%	23.8%	+/- 2.4%
Rent ^b	\$438	+/- \$119	\$780	+/- \$33
Value ^c	\$109,600	+/-\$14,817	\$123,000	+/-\$6,895

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Arlington there is a higher percentage of workers in sales and office occupations than any other occupation category. The production, transportation, and material moving occupation category makes up 22.3% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

Occupation of the Civilian Employed Population, 2018-2022²

	City		Cou	County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	202	+/- 57	9,230	+/- 312	
Management, business, science, and arts	22.3%	+/- 10.1%	30.6%	+/- 2.5%	
Service	**%	+/- **%	15.3%	+/- 2.0%	
Sales and office	27.2%	+/- 12.3%	18.9%	+/- 2.2%	
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	**%	+/- **%	14.0%	+/- 1.7%	
Production, transportation, and material moving	22.3%	+/- 8.1%	21.3%	+/- 2.4%	

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

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

Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022²

	1	City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 16+ ^a	215	+/- 59	10,345	+/- 271	
Median Earnings	\$28,906	+/- \$28	\$35,697	+/- \$1,881	
Female	\$**	+/- \$**	\$27,832	+/- \$2,330	
Female, full time ^b	\$35,417	+/- \$5,869	\$41,291	+/- \$1,436	
Male	\$38,958	+/- \$13,193	\$41,727	+/- \$2,031	
Male, full time ^b	\$45,000	+/- \$8,819	\$50,313	+/- \$3,275	

^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		Co	unty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population ^a	445	+/-113	19,160	+/-13
With a disability ^b	19.6%	+/-7.4%	16.3%	+/-1.8%
With Health Insurance	93.9%	+/-4.3%	94.6%	+/-1.2%
With Private ^c Coverage	61.8%	+/-9.0%	67.3%	+/-2.6%
With Public ^d Coverage	57.3%	+/-7.7%	44.4%	+/-2.6%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	5.4%	+/-1.2%

^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+	355	+/- 71	15,824	+/- 78
in labor force	57.5%	+/- 9.8%	60.6%	+/- 2.0%
not in labor force	42.5%	+/- 9.8%	39.4%	+/- 2.0%
Civilian labor force	204	+/- 57	9,589	+/- 305
Unemployed	1.0%	+/- 1.6%	3.7%	+/- 1.1%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	445	+/-113	18,868	+/-39
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	11.8%	+/-1.8%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	12.5%	+/-3.9%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	12.8%	+/-2.1%
65+	**%	+/-**%	8.5%	+/-2.2%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	8.4%	+/-2.4%
with children	**%	+/-**%	14.3%	+/-4.9%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	5.0%	+/-2.0%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	30.7%	+/-12.7%
with children	**%	+/-**%	37.5%	+/-16.2%

^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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