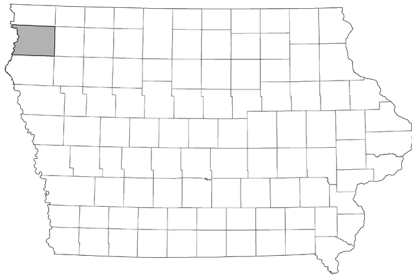


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Alton, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Alton is 1,248. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 2.6%. The City of Alton is in Sioux County. Sioux County saw a 6.4% population increase between 2010 and 2020.

Sioux County Cities - Total Population¹

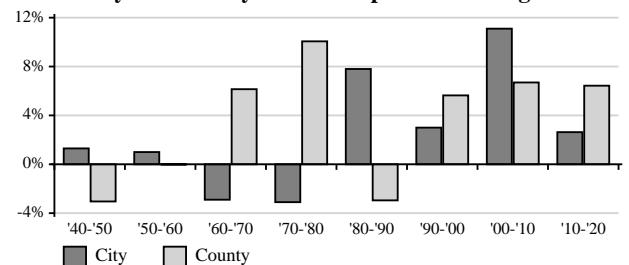
City	2000	2010	2020
Alton	1,095	1,216	1,248
Male Total	535	602	635
Female Total	560	614	613
Boyden	672	707	701
Chatsworth	89	79	75
Granville	325	312	310
Hawarden	2,478	2,546	2,700
Hospers	672	698	718
Hull	1,960	2,175	2,384
Ireton	585	609	590
Matlock	83	87	74
Maurice	254	275	265
Orange City	5,582	6,004	6,267
Rock Valley	2,702	3,354	4,059
Sheldon [†]	4,914	5,188	5,512
Sioux Center	6,002	7,048	8,229
Sioux County Total	31,589	33,704	35,872
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
Granville	9.1%	-4.0%	-0.6%
Hospers	4.5%	3.9%	2.9%
Maurice	4.5%	8.3%	-3.6%
Orange City	13.0%	7.6%	4.4%
Sioux Center	18.3%	17.4%	16.8%
Alton	3.0%	11.1%	2.6%
Sioux County	5.6%	6.7%	6.4%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Demographic Profile

Alton, Iowa

Alton's population is predominantly White. The City of Alton, compared to Sioux 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 Origin¹

Race Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.2%	95.3%	99.1%	93.7%
White	95.9%	88.9%	93.3%	85.7%
White alone, not Hispanic	93.1%	87.9%	89.3%	83.4%
Black or African American	0.7%	1.9%	0.4%	0.5%
Asian	0.7%	0.5%	0.8%	0.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	0.8%	0.3%	0.6%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	1.6%	2.7%	4.3%	6.2%
Two or more races	0.8%	4.7%	0.9%	6.3%
Hispanic origin ^a	4.7%	6.5%	8.9%	13.7%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	478	477	11,584	12,202
Family households ^{a,b}	70.7%	56.3%	74.4%	73.8%
Married couple family ^b	63.6%	38.8%	67.2%	64.9%
With own children	26.6%	26.2%	29.4%	28.7%
Other family ^c	7.1%	8.0%	7.2%	8.9%
Male householder ^c	2.7%	3.4%	2.7%	3.5%
With own children	2.3%	1.9%	1.5%	1.9%
Female householder ^c	4.4%	4.6%	4.5%	5.5%
With own children	3.3%	3.1%	3.0%	3.7%
Nonfamily households ^d	29.3%	43.7%	25.6%	26.2%
Male living alone	13.6%	14.0%	9.8%	10.3%
Female living alone	11.3%	12.2%	12.7%	12.7%

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	478	477	11,584	12,202
Married couple ^b	63.6%	38.8%	67.2%	64.9%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	3.6%	NA ^e	3.2%
Male householder ^g	NA ^e	17.6%	NA ^e	14.0%
Female householder ^g	NA ^e	15.9%	NA ^e	17.9%

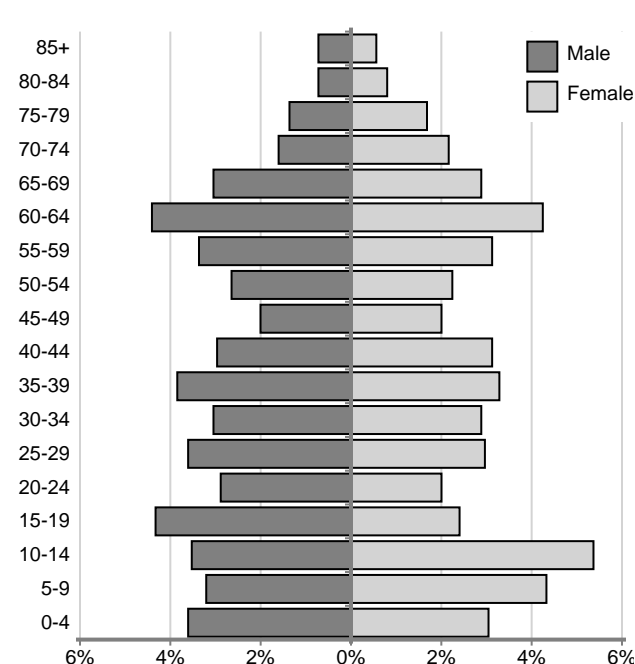
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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

Age Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	27.1%	27.7%	26.8%	27.9%
0 - 4	8.1%	6.7%	7.8%	6.9%
5 - 9	6.7%	7.5%	7.6%	7.9%
10 - 14	7.7%	8.9%	7.1%	8.2%
15 - 17	4.6%	4.6%	4.3%	4.9%
18 - 24	7.6%	7%	13.7%	12.9%
25 - 44	23.3%	25.7%	22.2%	22.6%
45 - 64	28.4%	24.1%	23.0%	20.8%
65 or older	13.7%	15.5%	14.3%	15.7%
65 - 84	11.3%	14.2%	11.7%	13.3%
85 or older	2.4%	1.3%	2.6%	2.5%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	36.6	37.0	32.7	33.4
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	68.8	76.1	69.8	77.4
Old-Age	23.1	27.3	24.3	27.9
Child	45.7	48.8	45.5	49.6

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Alton, Iowa Population Pyramid,^a 2020¹



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

Socioeconomic Profile

Alton, Iowa

The median household income in Alton is greater than the median household income of Sioux County. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is lower in Alton than for Sioux County. There is a higher percentage of vacant housing units in Alton than there is for Sioux County. Many housing units in Alton were built between 1960 to 1979. There is a lower percentage of individuals 25 and older with a Bachelor's degree or higher in Alton compared to Sioux County.

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	524	+/- 105	12,462	+/- 152
Less than \$34,999	15.7%	+/- 3.2%	18.2%	+/- 2.2%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	10.1%	+/- 5.8%	9.7%	+/- 1.6%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	30.8%	+/- 3.5%	34.5%	+/- 2.1%
\$100,000 Or More	43.6%	+/- 4.1%	37.5%	+/- 2.3%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$81,923	+/- \$18,071	\$81,914	+/- \$3,176
Median Family Income	\$107,619	+/- \$13,192	\$95,737	+/- \$3,909
Per Capita Income	\$42,103	+/- \$6,370	\$34,914	+/- \$1,088

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	786	+/-127	21,356	+/-65
High School Graduate or Higher	94.8%	+/-3.1%	91.6%	+/-1.4%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	20.2%	+/-5.6%	31.3%	+/-2.1%

*MOE = the margin of error for American Community Survey estimates² 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.

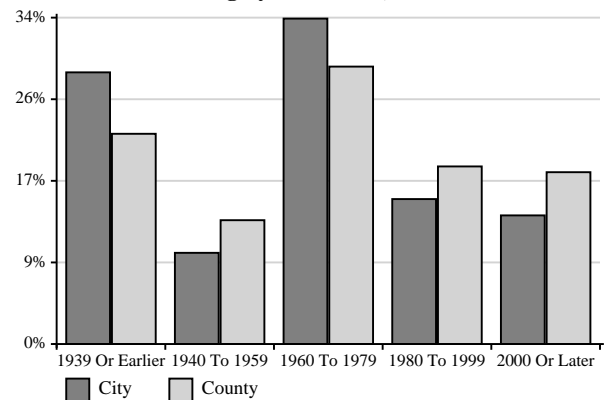
**MOE is high, use county estimate.

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	584	+/- 104	13,046	+/- 35
Vacant	10.3%	+/- 6.4%	4.5%	+/- 1.1%
Occupied	89.7%	+/- 6.4%	95.5%	+/- 1.1%
Occupied ^a	524	+/- 105	12,462	+/- 152
Owner	85.1%	+/- 7.3%	79.2%	+/- 2.2%
Renter	14.9%	+/- 7.3%	20.8%	+/- 2.2%
Rent ^b	\$695	+/- \$211	\$795	+/- \$46
Value ^c	\$183,800	+/- \$46,743	\$220,700	+/- \$6,379

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Alton 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 14.5% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

Occupation of the Civilian Employed Population, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	777	+/- 185	19,081	+/- 456
Management, business, science, and arts	49.0%	+/- 10.6%	37.4%	+/- 2.3%
Service	11.5%	+/- 4.3%	14.1%	+/- 1.5%
Sales and office	12.0%	+/- 4.1%	19.7%	+/- 2.0%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	13.0%	+/- 5.9%	12.7%	+/- 1.5%
Production, transportation, and material moving	14.5%	+/- 5.6%	16.1%	+/- 1.5%

Socioeconomic Profile

Alton, Iowa

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

Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ ^a	832	+/- 193	21,163	+/- 378
Median Earnings	\$45,270	+/- \$45	\$36,459	+/- \$1,641
Female	\$32,574	+/- \$5,178	\$26,603	+/- \$2,053
Female, full time ^b	\$34,228	+/- \$4,316	\$44,415	+/- \$2,698
Male	\$55,952	+/- \$10,169	\$47,824	+/- \$2,682
Male, full time ^b	\$65,972	+/- \$14,907	\$58,740	+/- \$1,552

^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		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population ^a	1,283	+/-264	35,411	+/-51
With a disability ^b	10.9%	+/-3.6%	9.5%	+/-1.0%
With Health Insurance	98.1%	+/-1.8%	95.0%	+/-1.6%
With Private ^c Coverage	82.3%	+/-6.7%	77.7%	+/-2.4%
With Public ^d Coverage	29.5%	+/-7.1%	30.0%	+/-2.0%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	5.0%	+/-1.6%

^aCivilian Noninstitutionalized Population, ^blimitations of activities or inability for full participation, ^cprovided by employer, union, bought by individual, and some military plans, ^dincludes Medicare, Medicaid, VA Health Care, children's CHIP, and some state plans, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

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Employment Status, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	1,037	+/- 211	27,216	+/- 138
in labor force	76.7%	+/- 5.7%	71.9%	+/- 1.5%
not in labor force	23.3%	+/- 5.7%	28.1%	+/- 1.5%
Civilian labor force	795	+/- 188	19,533	+/- 439
Unemployed	2.3%	+/- 1.7%	2.3%	+/- 0.9%

**MOE is high, use county estimate.

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	1,280	+/-264	33,547	+/-86
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	6.1%	+/-1.2%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	6.0%	+/-2.6%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	4.8%	+/-1.2%
65+	**%	+/-**%	10.5%	+/-3.0%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	3.3%	+/-1.2%
with children	**%	+/-**%	4.3%	+/-1.9%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%

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

Notes and Source Information:

¹ U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Censuses 1940 - 2020

² U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 2018-2022

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.

⁴ Median is the middle value of a distribution.

⁵ 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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