## **Data for Decision Makers**



# Columbus Junction, Iowa City Profile

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## Population profile

The 2020 population for Columbus Junction is 1,830. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 3.6%. The City of Columbus Junction is in Louisa County. Louisa County saw a 4.8% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

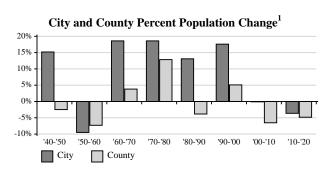
Louisa County Cities - Total Population<sup>1</sup>

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City	2000	2010	2020						
Columbus Junction	1,900	1,899	1,830						
Male Total	936	983	924						
Female Total	964	916	906						
Columbus City	376	391	392						
Cotter	48	48	39						
Fredonia	251	244	222						
Grandview	600	556	437						
Letts	392	384	363						
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						

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

#### **Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change**

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Columbus City	14.6%	4.0%	0.3%
Conesville	26.9%	1.9%	-18.5%
Cotter	-9.4%	0.0%	-18.8%
Fredonia	24.9%	-2.8%	-9.0%
Letts	0.5%	-2.0%	-5.5%
Columbus Junction	17.6%	-0.1%	-3.6%
Louisa County	5.1%	6.5%	-4.8%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%



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## Demographic Profile

## **Columbus Junction, Iowa**

Columbus Junction's population is predominantly of Hispanic or Latino origin. The City of Columbus Junction, 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>

	City		Co	unty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	97.0%	85.7%	98.5%	92.9%
White	74.2%	49.5%	90.2%	81.5%
White alone, not Hispanic	46.2%	41.4%	81.8%	78.3%
Black or African American	1.6%	1.4%	0.5%	0.7%
Asian	3.4%	10.2%	0.9%	2.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	1.3%	0.3%	0.5%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
Other	17.4%	23.2%	6.5%	7.7%
Two or more races	3.0%	14.3%	1.5%	7.1%
Hispanic origin <sup>a</sup>	48.0%	45.4%	15.8%	15.9%

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

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

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		City	C	ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	687	655	4,346	4,180
Family households <sup>a,b</sup>	68.1%	64.2%	70.5%	69.1%
Married couple family <sup>b</sup>	52.3%	57.2%	55.9%	54.8%
With own children	23.3%	21.8%	21.5%	18.9%
Other family <sup>c</sup>	15.9%	15.6%	14.6%	14.3%
Male householder <sup>c</sup>	5.8%	4.6%	5.2%	4.5%
With own children	2.9%	2.1%	3.1%	2.5%
Female householder <sup>c</sup>	10.0%	11.0%	9.4%	9.8%
With own children	7.1%	6.9%	5.6%	4.9%
Nonfamily households <sup>d</sup>	31.9%	35.8%	29.5%	30.9%
Male living alone	12.4%	11.1%	12.7%	12.7%
Female living alone	14.3%	16.3%	11.8%	12.5%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	687	655	4,346	4,180
Married couple <sup>b</sup>	52.3%	57.2%	55.9%	54.8%
Cohabiting couple <sup>b,f</sup>	NA <sup>e</sup>	6.3%	NA <sup>e</sup>	7.2%
Male householder g	$NA^e$	16.9%	$NA^e$	17.1%
Female householder g	NA <sup>e</sup>	25.5%	NA <sup>e</sup>	20.8%

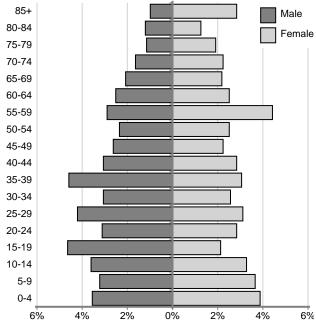
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Householder and at least one other person related to the householder. <sup>b</sup>For 2020 includes same-sex couples. <sup>c</sup>No spouse present, but at least one relative present. <sup>d</sup>In 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present).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

	(	City	Co	ounty
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	27.1%	25.7%	25.8%	22.7%
0 - 4	6.9%	7.4%	5.9%	5.8%
5 - 9	6.7%	6.9%	7.1%	6.4%
10 - 14	7.8%	6.9%	7.9%	6.3%
15 - 17	5.7%	4.5%	4.9%	4.2%
18 - 24	8.8%	8.3%	7.0%	7.7%
25 - 44	25.8%	26.5%	24.0%	22.9%
45 - 64	25.3%	22.1%	28.2%	27%
65 or older	13%	17.5%	15.0%	19.8%
65 - 84	11.1%	13.8%	13.1%	16.8%
85 or older	1.9%	3.8%	1.9%	3.0%
Median <sup>4</sup> Age (years)	35.9	37.4	39.8	42.1
Age Dependency <sup>a, 5</sup>	66.9	75.9	68.9	73.8
Old-Age	21.7	30.8	25.3	34.4
Child	45.2	45.2	43.6	39.4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Age Dependency Ratio

#### Columbus Junction, Iowa Population Pyramid, 2020<sup>1</sup>



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

## Socioeconomic Profile

## **Columbus Junction, Iowa**

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

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

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	668	+/- 103	4,112	+/- 151
Less than \$34,999	27.4%	+/- 4.1%	21.5%	+/- 2.4%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	9.3%	+/- 5.8%	11.5%	+/- 2.4%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	35.8%	+/- 3.6%	36.6%	+/- 2.4%
\$100,000 Or More	27.6%	+/- 4.1%	30.3%	+/- 2.4%
Median <sup>4</sup> Household Income	\$62,500	+/- \$19,311	\$72,500	+/- \$7,373
Median Family Income	\$81,688	+/- \$13,163	\$83,792	+/- \$3,832
Per Capita Income	\$27,788	+/- \$3,261	\$33,296	+/- \$2,309

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

	(	City		ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	1,309	+/-182	7,582	+/-77
High School Graduate or Higher	72.0%	+/-5.5%	86.1%	+/-1.6%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	17.3%	+/-4.1%	14.4%	+/-2%

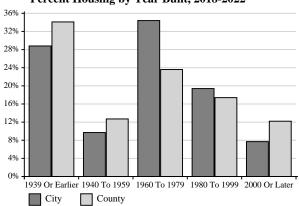
<sup>\*</sup>MOE = the margin of error for American Community Survey estimates<sup>2</sup> which is a numerical value that when added to or subtracted from the point estimate value gives the range of a 90% confidence interval around the estimate.

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

		City	C	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	736	+/- 110	4,743	+/- 28
Vacant	9.2%	+/- 4.0%	13.3%	+/- 3.1%
Occupied	90.8%	+/- 4.0%	86.7%	+/- 3.1%
Occupied <sup>a</sup>	668	+/- 103	4,112	+/- 151
Owner	73.7%	+/- 6.9%	77.9%	+/- 3.0%
Renter	26.3%	+/- 6.9%	22.1%	+/- 3.0%
Rent <sup>b</sup>	\$564	+/- \$159	\$747	+/- \$58
Value <sup>c</sup>	\$112,800	+/-\$10,409	\$125,500	+/-\$11,465

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

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



In Columbus Junction 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 39.9% 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	919	+/- 132	5,380	+/- 166
Management, business, science, and arts	15.6%	+/- 4.5%	27.5%	+/- 3.2%
Service	17.1%	+/- 5.3%	15.9%	+/- 3.0%
Sales and office	14.7%	+/- 4.2%	16.4%	+/- 2.1%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	12.7%	+/- 5.3%	15.2%	+/- 2.3%
Production, transportation, and material moving	39.9%	+/- 7.2%	25.0%	+/- 3.1%

<sup>\*\*</sup>MOE is high, use county estimate.

## Socioeconomic Profile

### **Columbus Junction, Iowa**

Columbus Junction has a lower 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 Columbus Junction tend to be higher 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		ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ <sup>a</sup>	987	+/- 135	5,830	+/- 159
Median Earnings	\$40,264	+/- \$40	\$40,652	+/- \$3,013
Female	\$32,417	+/- \$5,265	\$32,109	+/- \$2,319
Female, full time <sup>b</sup>	\$41,042	+/- \$3,914	\$43,703	+/- \$3,811
Male	\$46,121	+/- \$7,666	\$47,683	+/- \$4,335
Male, full time <sup>b</sup>	\$59,038	+/- \$11,869	\$56,982	+/- \$3,801

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>	1,988	+/-296	10,676	+/-20
With a disability <sup>b</sup>	9.4%	+/-2.8%	14.2%	+/-1.4%
With Health Insurance	95.9%	+/-1.9%	94.9%	+/-1.2%
With Private <sup>c</sup> Coverage	66.1%	+/-8.7%	71.6%	+/-3.4%
With Public <sup>d</sup> Coverage	41.0%	+/-8.4%	37.9%	+/-2.9%
No Health Insurance	4.1%	+/-1.9%	5.1%	+/-1.2%

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

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	1,515	+/- 176	8,665	+/- 78
in labor force	64.0%	+/- 5.3%	65.0%	+/- 1.9%
not in labor force	36.0%	+/- 5.3%	35.0%	+/- 1.9%
Civilian labor force	969	+/- 135	5,628	+/- 168
Unemployed	5.2%	+/- 3.5%	4.4%	+/- 1.4%

<sup>\*\*</sup>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>	1,988	+/-296	10,655	+/-40
Below poverty	13.1%	+/-5.9%	10.1%	+/-1.9%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	13.0%	+/-4.4%
18 - 64	13.0%	+/-6.3%	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>&</sup>lt;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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