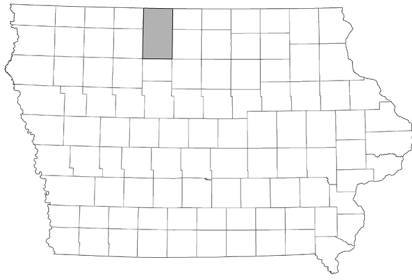# Data for Decision Makers

Bancroft, Iowa
City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Bancroft is 699. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 4.5%. The City of Bancroft is in Kossuth County. Kossuth County saw a 4.6% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

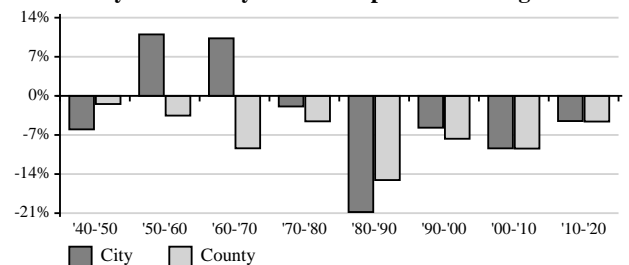### Kossuth County Cities - Total Population[1]

City	2000	2010	2020
Bancroft	**808**	**732**	**699**
Male Total	366	369	354
Female Total	442	363	345
Algona	5,741	5,560	5,487
Burt	556	533	418
Fenton	317	279	271
Lakota	255	255	267
Ledyard	147	130	121
Lone Rock	157	146	146
Lu Verne[†]	299	261	258
Swea City	642	536	566
Titonka	584	476	511
Wesley	467	390	391
West Bend[†]	834	785	791
Whittemore	530	504	497
Kossuth County Total	17,163	15,543	14,828
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
Burt	-3.3%	-4.1%	-21.6%
Lakota	-9.3%	0.0%	4.7%
Ledyard	-10.4%	-11.6%	-6.9%
Lone Rock	-15.1%	-7.0%	0.0%
Swea City	1.3%	-16.5%	5.6%
Bancroft	-5.7%	-9.4%	-4.5%
Kossuth County	-7.7%	9.4%	-4.6%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change[1]

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Bancroft's population is predominantly White. The City of Bancroft, compared to Kossuth 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 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
One race only	99.3%	96.1%	99.2%	96.5%
White	98.8%	93.0%	97.9%	93.8%
White alone, not Hispanic	98.8%	91.6%	97.3%	92.8%
Black or African American	0.1%	0.9%	0.3%	0.5%
Asian	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.1%	2.1%	0.5%	1.5%
Two or more races	0.7%	3.9%	0.8%	3.5%
Hispanic origin[a]	0.3%	4.7%	1.4%	4.1%

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

Households by Family or Nonfamily Type[1,3]

	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	311	324	6,697	6,438
Family households[a,b]	60.8%	75.4%	65.7%	62.8%
Married couple family[b]	47.9%	58.0%	55.8%	52.3%
With own children	18.0%	14.8%	18.6%	16.2%
Other family[c]	12.9%	14.5%	9.9%	10.5%
Male householder[c]	4.5%	4.6%	3.7%	3.9%
With own children	3.5%	3.1%	2.4%	2.4%
Female householder[c]	8.4%	9.9%	6.2%	6.7%
With own children	4.8%	5.6%	3.9%	3.8%
Nonfamily households[d]	39.2%	24.6%	34.3%	37.2%
Male living alone	16.4%	22.8%	14.5%	16.8%
Female living alone	19.6%	17.0%	16.4%	15.8%

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

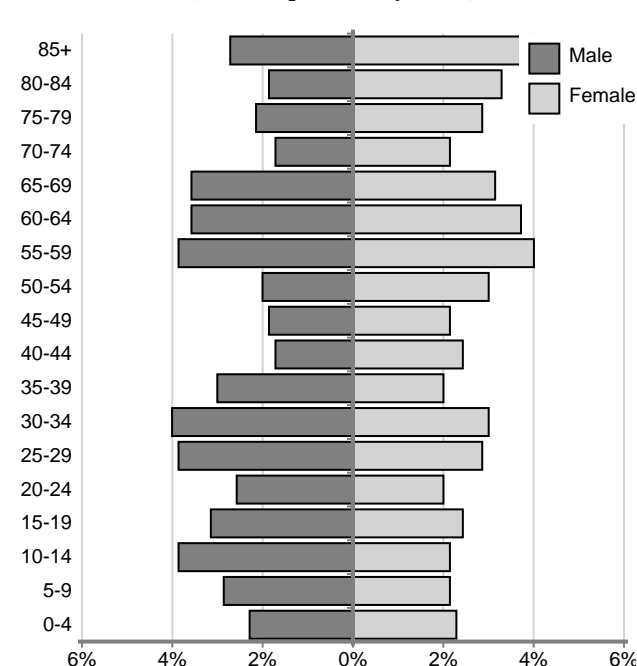|	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	311	324	6,697	6,438
Married couple[b]	47.9%	58.0%	55.8%	52.3%
Cohabiting couple[b,f]	NA[e]	7.7%	NA[e]	5.7%
Male householder[g]	NA[e]	25.3%	NA[e]	20.3%
Female householder[g]	NA[e]	26.5%	NA[e]	21.7%

[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 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
17 or younger	25.5%	18.6%	22.9%	21.4%
0 - 4	7.5%	4.6%	5.8%	5.4%
5 - 9	7.9%	5.0%	6.0%	6.0%
10 - 14	6%	6.0%	6.4%	6.2%
15 - 17	4.1%	3%	4.7%	3.8%
18 - 24	4.6%	7.2%	5.7%	5.7%
25 - 44	19.9%	22.8%	19.4%	21.6%
45 - 64	24.3%	24.2%	30.2%	26.8%
65 or older	25.5%	27.2%	21.9%	24.5%
65 - 84	18.9%	20.8%	18%	20.5%
85 or older	6.6%	6.4%	3.9%	4.0%
Median[4] Age (years)	44.9	47.6	46.6	46.3
Age Dependency[a,5]	104.3	84.5	81.0	84.8
Old-Age	52.1	50.2	39.6	45.3
Child	52.1	34.3	41.4	39.6

[a]*Age Dependency Ratio*

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

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	268	+/- 48	6,421	+/- 138
Less than $34,999	38.0%	+/- 4.2%	24.1%	+/- 2.4%
$35,000 To $49,999	17.5%	+/- 7.3%	15.0%	+/- 2.9%
$50,000 To $99,999	27.6%	+/- 3.1%	35.7%	+/- 2.1%
$100,000 Or More	16.8%	+/- 3.4%	25.1%	+/- 2.0%
Median[4] Household Income	$43,542	+/- $8,460	$62,553	+/- $4,310
Median Family Income	$61,528	+/- $6,998	$80,048	+/- $4,735
Per Capita Income	$32,365	+/- $6,441	$34,723	+/- $1,627

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	301	+/- 54	7,227	+/- 33
Vacant	11.0%	+/- 6.6%	11.2%	+/- 1.9%
Occupied	89.0%	+/- 6.6%	88.8%	+/- 1.9%
Occupied[a]	268	+/- 48	6,421	+/- 138
Owner	66.4%	+/- 8.1%	73.8%	+/- 3.1%
Renter	33.6%	+/- 8.1%	26.2%	+/- 3.1%
Rent[b]	$675	+/- $226	$818	+/- $42
Value[c]	$76,000	+/-$7,113	$118,800	+/-$5,365

[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	420	+/-86	10,439	+/-48
High School Graduate or Higher	96.2%	+/-2.6%	93.7%	+/-1.1%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	12.4%	+/-4.0%	19.9%	+/-2.3%

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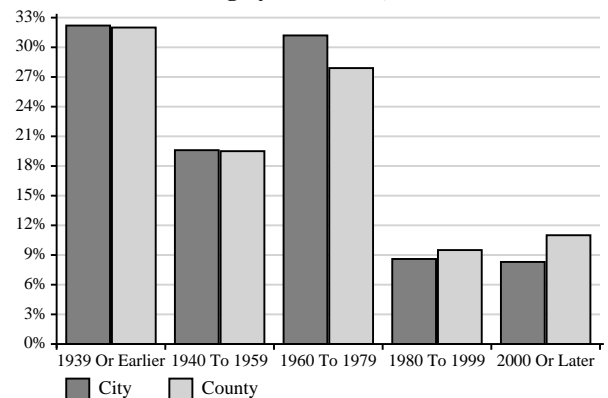**MOE is high, use county estimate.

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

In Bancroft 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 16.2% 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	290	+/- 68	7,052	+/- 212
Management, business, science, and arts	30.7%	+/- 6.4%	30.0%	+/- 2.6%
Service	18.3%	+/- 6.4%	14.1%	+/- 2.0%
Sales and office	21.7%	+/- 5.3%	18.4%	+/- 2.0%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	13.1%	+/- 5.3%	14.8%	+/- 2.3%
Production, transportation, and material moving	16.2%	+/- 7.4%	22.6%	+/- 2.0%

Bancroft has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Kossuth 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 Bancroft tend to be lower than the median earnings for Kossuth 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]	321	+/- 69	7,889	+/- 188
Median Earnings	$32,880	+/- $32	$40,400	+/- $1,366
Female	$22,500	+/- $9,984	$31,342	+/- $2,656
Female, full time[b]	$37,813	+/- $7,873	$42,478	+/- $2,171
Male	$40,313	+/- $12,264	$48,228	+/- $1,892
Male, full time[b]	$49,018	+/- $2,761	$54,419	+/- $2,810

[a] with earnings, [b] year round, **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]	593	+/-129	14,463	+/-23
With a disability[b]	17.4%	+/-6.7%	16.3%	+/-1.8%
With Health Insurance	94.9%	+/-2.6%	95.7%	+/-1.0%
With Private[c] Coverage	68.8%	+/-7.7%	68.8%	+/-2.8%
With Public[d] Coverage	43.5%	+/-8.5%	43.4%	+/-2.4%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	4.3%	+/-1.0%

[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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Employment Status, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	502	+/- 100	11,916	+/- 65
in labor force	59.6%	+/- 7.8%	61.5%	+/- 1.6%
not in labor force	40.4%	+/- 7.8%	38.5%	+/- 1.6%
Civilian labor force	299	+/- 69	7,329	+/- 202
Unemployed	3.0%	+/- 2.7%	3.8%	+/- 1.5%

**MOE is high, use county estimate.*

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population[a]	593	+/-129	14,454	+/-24
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	10.5%	+/-1.8%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	14.2%	+/-4.1%
18 - 64	15.2%	+/-7.2%	10.7%	+/-2.0%
65+	**%	+/-**%	6.5%	+/-1.8%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	6.2%	+/-2.2%
with children	**%	+/-**%	13.2%	+/-5.4%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	1.7%	+/-0.7%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH[b]	**%	+/-**%	32.5%	+/-14.1%
with children	**%	+/-**%	43.0%	+/-17.4%

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

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