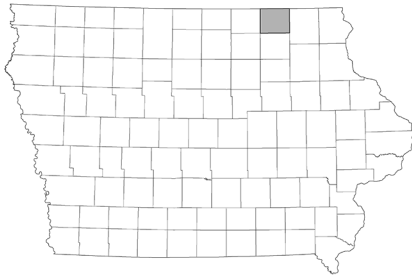


Data for Decision Makers



Chester, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Chester is 139. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 9.4%. The City of Chester is in Howard County. Howard County saw a 1.0% population decrease between 2010 and 2020. Chester's population is predominantly White.

Total Population¹

City	2000	2010	2020
Chester[†]	151	127	139
Male Total	68	70	73
Female Total	83	57	66
Howard County Total	9,932	9,566	9,469
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369

[†]City is located in multiple counties, total population is provided.

Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin¹

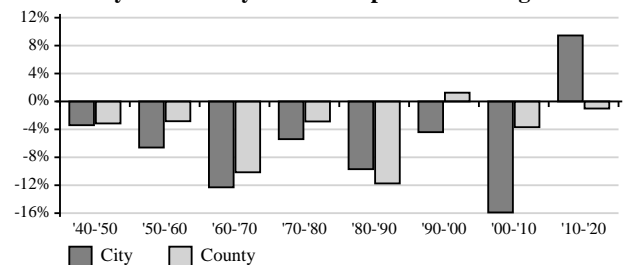
Race Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	100.0%	93.5%	99.2%	96.7%
White	99.2%	89.2%	98.1%	94.4%
White alone, not Hispanic	99.2%	89.2%	97.4%	93.9%
Black or African American	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%
Asian	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.8%	0.7%	0.1%	0.5%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Other	0.0%	3.6%	0.4%	1.2%
Two or more races	0.0%	6.5%	0.8%	3.3%
Hispanic origin ^a	0.8%	8.6%	1.2%	2.7%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Cresco	6.4%	-0.9%	0.5%
Elma	-8.4%	-8.7%	-7.5%
Lime Springs	13.2%	1.8%	-6.3%
McIntire	17.7%	-29.5%	-7.4%
Riceville	1.6%	-6.5%	2.7%
Chester	-4.4%	-15.9%	9.4%
Howard County	1.3%	3.7%	-1.0%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Socioeconomic Profile

Chester, Iowa

The City of Chester, compared to Howard 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 2010.³

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	64	63	3,944	3,945
Family households ^{a,b}	56.3%	57.4%	64.6%	62.2%
Married couple family ^b	42.2%	48.2%	53.3%	50.7%
Other family ^c	14.1%	27.0%	11.3%	11.5%
Male householder ^c	9.4%	7.9%	4.4%	5.5%
Female householder ^c	4.7%	19.0%	6.9%	6.1%
Nonfamily households ^d	43.8%	42.6%	35.4%	37.8%
Male living alone	23.4%	20.6%	14.1%	16.9%
Female living alone	17.2%	14.3%	16.2%	16.1%

^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).

Housing Characteristics¹

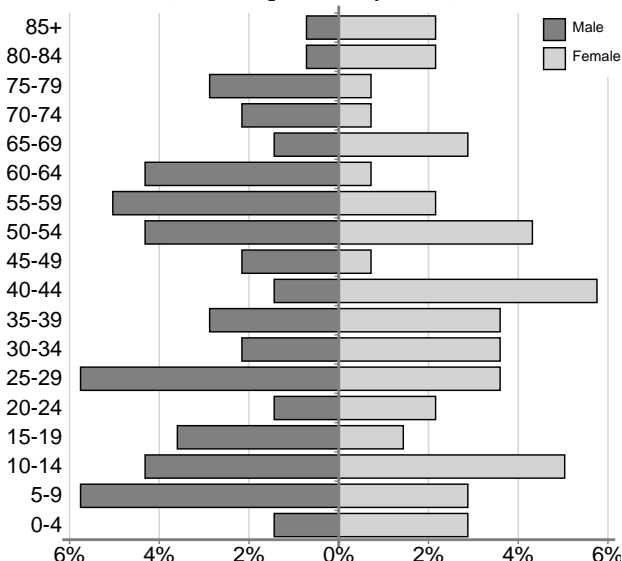
	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total Units	77	66	4,367	4,314
Vacant	16.9%	4.5%	9.7%	8.6%
Occupied	83.1%	95.5%	90.3%	91.4%
Occupied Units	64	63	3,944	3,945
Owner Occupied	79.7%	68.3%	79.7%	78.0%
Renter Occupied	20.3%	31.7%	20.3%	22.0%

Percentage of Population by Age¹

Age Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	17.3%	25.9%	25.2%	25.1%
18 - 44	26.0%	33.9%	28.2%	28.8%
45 - 64	27.6%	23.7%	27.3%	25.0%
65 or older	29.1%	16.5%	19.3%	21.3%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	48.8	38.5	42.1	41.7
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	86.7	73.6	80.2	86.2
Old-Age	54.4	28.6	34.8	39.6
Child	32.3	45.0	45.4	46.7

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Chester, Iowa Population Pyramid, ^a 2020¹



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

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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