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Fairbank, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Fairbank is 1,111. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 0.2%. The City of Fairbank is in Buchanan County. Buchanan County saw a 1.9% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

Buchanan County Cities - Total Population¹

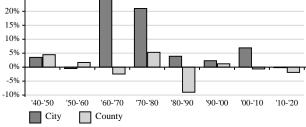
Buchanan County Cities - Total Population							
City	2000	2010	2020				
Fairbank [†]	1,041	1,113	1,111				
Male Total	508	549	558				
Female Total	533	564	553				
Aurora	194	185	169				
Brandon	311	309	341				
Hazleton	950	823	713				
Independence	6,014	5,966	6,064				
Jesup [†]	2,212	2,520	2,508				
Lamont	503	461	429				
Quasqueton	574	554	570				
Rowley	290	264	270				
Stanley [†]	128	125	81				
Winthrop	772	850	823				
Buchanan County Total	21,093	20,958	20,565				
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
Dunkerton	0.4%	13.8%	-1.2%
Hazleton	29.6%	-13.4%	-13.4%
Oelwein	3.1%	-4.1%	-7.7%
Readlyn	1.7%	2.8%	4.6%
Westgate	13.0%	-9.8%	-9.0%
Fairbank	2.3%	6.9%	-0.2%
Buchanan County	1.2%	0.6%	-1.9%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%





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Fairbank's population is predominantly White. The City of Fairbank, compared to Buchanan 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

	C	City	Co	unty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	98.7%	96.9%	98.9%	97.1%
White	98.0%	96.3%	97.8%	95.8%
White alone, not Hispanic	97.3%	95.9%	97.1%	95.1%
Black or African American	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%
Asian	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Other	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%
Two or more races	1.3%	3.1%	1.1%	2.9%
Hispanic origin ^a	1.8%	1.5%	1.2%	1.6%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

		City	C	County
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	461	451	8,161	8,198
Family households ^{a,b}	66.6%	70.3%	69.4%	66.8%
Married couple family ^b	55.7%	55.2%	57.4%	54.3%
With own children	23.0%	21.7%	22.2%	20.7%
Other family ^c	10.8%	12.4%	12.0%	12.5%
Male householder ^c	4.8%	4.2%	4.1%	4.5%
With own children	3.5%	3.1%	2.6%	2.7%
Female householder ^c	6.1%	8.2%	7.8%	8.0%
With own children	3.7%	4.9%	4.7%	4.5%
Nonfamily households ^d	33.4%	29.7%	30.6%	33.2%
Male living alone	10.0%	11.3%	11.8%	13.0%
Female living alone	17.6%	14.9%	13.8%	15.0%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	461	451	8,161	8,198
Married couple ^b	55.7%	55.2%	57.4%	54.3%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	6.7%	NA ^e	6.6%
Male householder g	NA ^e	14.4%	NA^e	17.0%
Female householder g	NA ^e	21.5%	NA ^e	22.1%

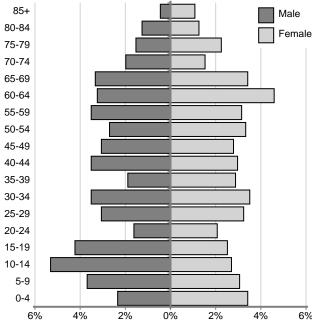
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	unty
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	26.9%	25%	27.1%	26.3%
0 - 4	7%	5.8%	7.5%	6.9%
5 - 9	8.4%	6.8%	7.6%	7.0%
10 - 14	6.9%	8.0%	7.5%	8.0%
15 - 17	4.6%	4.4%	4.5%	4.4%
18 - 24	6%	6.1%	7.3%	6.6%
25 - 44	25.7%	24.6%	23.0%	23%
45 - 64	25.9%	26.4%	27.4%	25.2%
65 or older	15.5%	18.1%	15.3%	18.8%
65 - 84	12.4%	16.6%	12.9%	16.7%
85 or older	3.1%	1.5%	2.4%	2.1%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	37.6	40.7	39.0	39.8
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	73.6	75.5	73.6	82.3
Old-Age	26.9	31.7	26.6	34.3
Child	46.7	43.8	47.0	48.0

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Fairbank, Iowa Population Pyramid, 2020¹



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

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	City		Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	544	+/- 82	8,020	+/- 159
Less than \$34,999	14.1%	+/- 3.3%	22.4%	+/- 2.4%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	10.3%	+/- 6.6%	11.1%	+/- 2.0%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	31.7%	+/- 4.2%	34.4%	+/- 2.1%
\$100,000 Or More	43.9%	+/- 4.0%	32.2%	+/- 2.2%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$95,200	+/- \$14,695	\$73,493	+/- \$4,553
Median Family Income	\$100,491	+/- \$6,849	\$86,875	+/- \$1,922
Per Capita Income	\$37,362	+/- \$5,577	\$34,579	+/- \$1,860

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	999	+/-178	13,831	+/-50	
High School Graduate or Higher	92.9%	+/-4.4%	93.6%	+/-1.4%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	17.1%	+/-6.0%	21.1%	+/-2%	

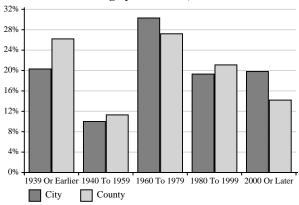
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	557	+/- 81	8,911	+/- 28
Vacant	2.3%	+/- 2.6%	10.0%	+/- 1.7%
Occupied	97.7%	+/- 2.6%	90.0%	+/- 1.7%
Occupied ^a	544	+/- 82	8,020	+/- 159
Owner	86.0%	+/- 8.2%	80.6%	+/- 2.3%
Renter	14.0%	+/- 8.2%	19.4%	+/- 2.3%
Rent ^b	\$675	+/- \$126	\$788	+/- \$59
Value ^c	\$162,300	+/-\$13,640	\$166,200	+/-\$5,974

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Fairbank 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 31.9% 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	759	+/- 183	10,443	+/- 274	
Management, business, science, and arts	30.7%	+/- 7.0%	32.2%	+/- 2.5%	
Service	**%	+/- **%	16.3%	+/- 1.8%	
Sales and office	18.3%	+/- 7.2%	18.2%	+/- 2.0%	
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	12.8%	+/- 5.5%	11.7%	+/- 1.6%	
Production, transportation, and material moving	31.9%	+/- 10.1%	21.6%	+/- 2.1%	

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

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

Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ ^a	853	+/- 184	11,440	+/- 278
Median Earnings	\$42,413	+/- \$42	\$38,856	+/- \$1,641
Female	\$35,417	+/- \$11,587	\$33,353	+/- \$1,963
Female, full time ^b	\$46,836	+/- \$3,921	\$46,227	+/- \$2,322
Male	\$52,461	+/- \$8,379	\$46,669	+/- \$2,580
Male, full time ^b	\$67,759	+/- \$5,935	\$56,543	+/- \$2,397

^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	1,489	+/-296	20,453	+/-11
With a disability ^b	11.4%	+/-4.3%	12.5%	+/-1.3%
With Health Insurance	91.5%	+/-6.7%	93.6%	+/-2.2%
With Private ^c Coverage	71.9%	+/-10.2%	73.7%	+/-2.6%
With Public ^d Coverage	30.0%	+/-9.3%	35.4%	+/-2.1%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	6.4%	+/-2.2%

^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+	1,145	+/- 203	16,033	+/- 82
in labor force	68.9%	+/- 10.6%	67.2%	+/- 1.6%
not in labor force	31.1%	+/- 10.6%	32.8%	+/- 1.6%
Civilian labor force	789	+/- 187	10,767	+/- 264
Unemployed	3.8%	+/- 4.1%	3.0%	+/- 1.2%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	1,480	+/-295	20,442	+/-20
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	8.6%	+/-1.5%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	9.6%	+/-3.2%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	8.4%	+/-1.4%
65+	**%	+/-**%	7.9%	+/-2.2%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	6.2%	+/-1.5%
with children	**%	+/-**%	9.8%	+/-2.9%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	26.5%	+/-8.8%
with children	**%	+/-**%	32.4%	+/-11.1%

^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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