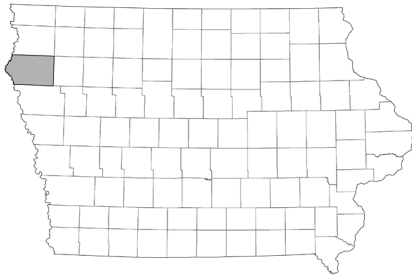# Data for Decision Makers

Akron, Iowa
City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Akron is 1,558. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 4.8%. The City of Akron is in Plymouth County. Plymouth County saw a 2.8% population increase between 2010 and 2020.
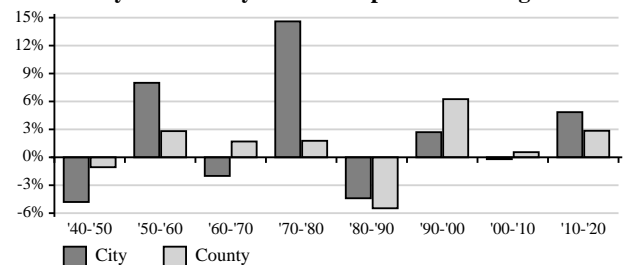
Plymouth County Cities - Total Population[1]

City	2000	2010	2020
Akron	**1,489**	**1,486**	**1,558**
Male Total	714	698	747
Female Total	775	788	811
Brunsville	146	151	129
Craig	102	89	79
Hinton	808	928	935
Kingsley	1,245	1,411	1,396
Le Mars	9,237	9,826	10,571
Merrill	754	755	717
Oyens	132	103	92
Remsen	1,762	1,663	1,678
Sioux City[†]	85,013	82,684	85,797
Struble	85	78	67
Westfield	189	132	123
Plymouth County Total	24,849	24,986	25,698
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
Brunsville	6.6%	3.4%	-14.6%
Chatsworth	-13.6%	-11.2%	-5.1%
Craig	-12.1%	-12.7%	-11.2%
Hawarden	1.6%	2.7%	6.0%
Westfield	18.1%	-30.2%	-6.8%
Akron	2.7%	-0.2%	4.8%
Plymouth County	6.2%	0.6%	2.8%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change[1]

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Akron's population is predominantly White. The City of Akron, compared to Plymouth County, had a higher 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	99.1%	95.3%	99.0%	95.8%
White	97.4%	93.3%	96.4%	90.6%
White alone, not Hispanic	97.3%	92.1%	95.2%	89.3%
Black or African American	0.4%	0.1%	0.3%	1.4%
Asian	0.1%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.6%	0.7%	0.3%	0.3%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%
Other	0.5%	1.2%	1.5%	2.6%
Two or more races	0.9%	4.7%	1.0%	4.2%
Hispanic origin[a]	0.5%	4.1%	3.0%	5.8%

[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	625	661	9,875	10,171
Family households[a,b]	65.1%	49.3%	70.4%	69.3%
Married couple family[b]	52.8%	39.5%	59.7%	56.4%
With own children	18.4%	20.0%	23.8%	21.1%
Other family[c]	12.3%	16.0%	10.7%	12.9%
Male householder[c]	4.0%	4.7%	4.1%	5.1%
With own children	2.4%	2.7%	2.6%	2.8%
Female householder[c]	8.3%	11.3%	6.6%	7.8%
With own children	5.8%	7.6%	4.3%	4.8%
Nonfamily households[d]	34.9%	50.7%	29.6%	30.7%
Male living alone	12.3%	17.7%	11.5%	12.7%
Female living alone	20.2%	17.5%	14.3%	13.6%

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

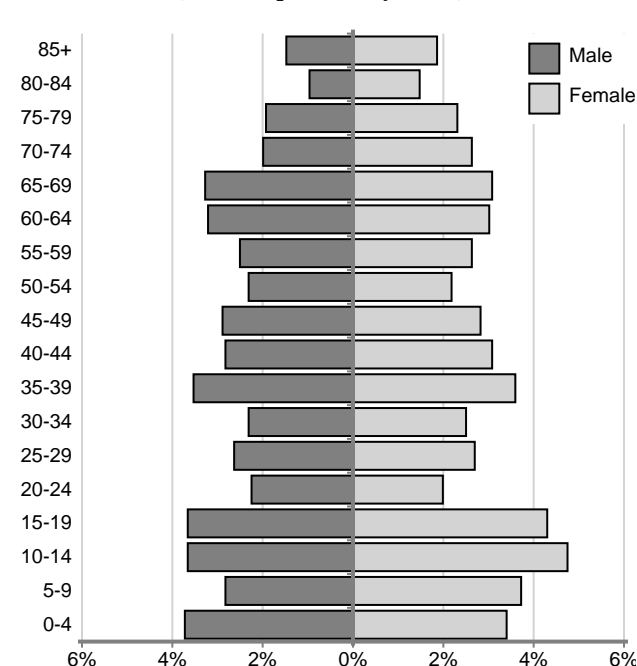|	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	625	661	9,875	10,171
Married couple[b]	52.8%	39.5%	59.7%	56.4%
Cohabiting couple[b,f]	NA[e]	4.7%	NA[e]	5.8%
Male householder[g]	NA[e]	21.9%	NA[e]	17.4%
Female householder[g]	NA[e]	27.5%	NA[e]	20.3%

[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	23.8%	28%	26.0%	25.2%
0 - 4	7.1%	7.1%	6.6%	6.0%
5 - 9	7.2%	6.5%	6.9%	7.0%
10 - 14	5.9%	8.4%	7.6%	7.7%
15 - 17	3.6%	6%	4.9%	4.5%
18 - 24	5.6%	6.2%	6.3%	7.1%
25 - 44	23.3%	23.1%	22.6%	22.7%
45 - 64	22.9%	21.5%	28.6%	26%
65 or older	24.4%	21.0%	16.6%	19.1%
65 - 84	19.4%	17.6%	13.9%	16.3%
85 or older	5%	3.3%	2.7%	2.8%
Median[4] Age (years)	42.1	38.9	41.2	40.6
Age Dependency[a,5]	93.2	96.5	74.2	79.4
Old-Age	47.2	41.3	28.9	34.2
Child	46.0	55.1	45.3	45.2

[a]*Age Dependency Ratio*

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

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	692	+/- 102	10,214	+/- 159
Less than $34,999	27.7%	+/- 3.9%	18.1%	+/- 2.1%
$35,000 To $49,999	14.3%	+/- 6.0%	9.6%	+/- 1.4%
$50,000 To $99,999	36.0%	+/- 3.6%	35.5%	+/- 2.2%
$100,000 Or More	22.0%	+/- 3.3%	36.8%	+/- 2.3%
Median[4] Household Income	$60,833	+/- $13,694	$79,963	+/- $2,681
Median Family Income	$74,750	+/- $12,396	$94,094	+/- $4,060
Per Capita Income	$31,208	+/- $3,269	$40,150	+/- $1,854

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	769	+/- 104	10,819	+/- 31
Vacant	10.0%	+/- 5.0%	5.6%	+/- 1.5%
Occupied	90.0%	+/- 5.0%	94.4%	+/- 1.5%
Occupied[a]	692	+/- 102	10,214	+/- 159
Owner	71.0%	+/- 7.6%	75.3%	+/- 2.5%
Renter	29.0%	+/- 7.6%	24.7%	+/- 2.5%
Rent[b]	$670	+/- $35	$816	+/- $42
Value[c]	$131,500	+/-$25,660	$199,800	+/-$9,869

[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	1,095	+/-174	17,302	+/-106
High School Graduate or Higher	93.1%	+/-3.9%	94.3%	+/-1%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	18.7%	+/-5.6%	24.1%	+/-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.
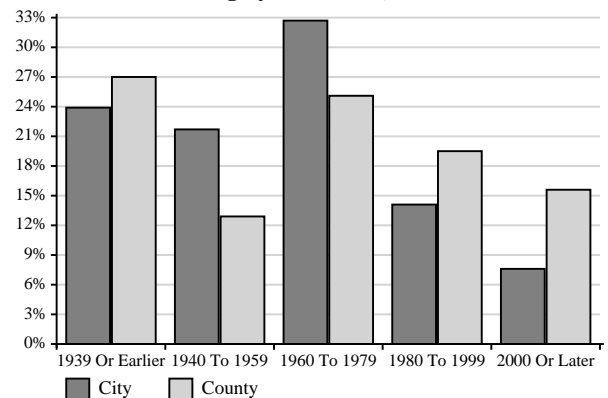***MOE is high, use county estimate.*

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

In Akron 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 22.2% 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	781	+/- 160	13,579	+/- 392
Management, business, science, and arts	32.1%	+/- 9.3%	34.5%	+/- 2.7%
Service	18.7%	+/- 6.9%	15.1%	+/- 2.0%
Sales and office	18.8%	+/- 6.6%	17.7%	+/- 2.1%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	**%	+/- **%	11.9%	+/- 1.9%
Production, transportation, and material moving	22.2%	+/- 6.1%	20.6%	+/- 2.1%

Akron has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Plymouth 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 Akron tend to be lower than the median earnings for Plymouth 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]	824	+/- 163	14,657	+/- 333
Median Earnings	$38,958	+/- $38	$45,816	+/- $1,344
Female	$32,617	+/- $9,698	$37,587	+/- $2,254
Female, full time[b]	$42,500	+/- $13,004	$48,110	+/- $1,973
Male	$45,938	+/- $9,624	$52,608	+/- $2,719
Male, full time[b]	$55,938	+/- $6,603	$60,346	+/- $3,415

[a] with earnings, [b] year round, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

Employment Status, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	1,263	+/- 199	20,037	+/- 110
in labor force	62.4%	+/- 6.5%	69.5%	+/- 1.9%
not in labor force	37.6%	+/- 6.5%	30.5%	+/- 1.9%
Civilian labor force	788	+/- 160	13,872	+/- 396
Unemployed	0.9%	+/- 1.1%	2.1%	+/- 0.6%

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]	1,557	+/-245	25,295	+/-37
With a disability[b]	17.4%	+/-4.0%	12.1%	+/-1.3%
With Health Insurance	94.9%	+/-2.9%	94.6%	+/-1.6%
With Private[c] Coverage	73.4%	+/-5.2%	78.3%	+/-2.5%
With Public[d] Coverage	38.9%	+/-7.2%	30.4%	+/-2.0%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	5.4%	+/-1.6%

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population[a]	1,557	+/-245	25,267	+/-55
Below poverty	10.5%	+/-3.9%	5.7%	+/-1.3%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
18 - 64	10.3%	+/-5.1%	4.9%	+/-1.3%
65+	**%	+/-**%	7.7%	+/-2.0%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	3.2%	+/-1.0%
with children	**%	+/-**%	4.2%	+/-2.0%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	1.9%	+/-0.9%
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.

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