Data for Decision Makers



Fairfield, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Fairfield is 9,416. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 0.5%. The City of Fairfield is in Jefferson County. Jefferson County saw a 7.0% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

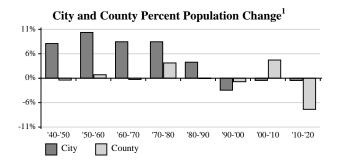
Jefferson County Cities - Total Population¹

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City	2000	2010	2020				
Fairfield	9,509	9,464	9,416				
Male Total	4,575	4,704	4,791				
Female Total	4,934	4,760	4,625				
Batavia	500	499	430				
$Coppock^\dagger$	57	47	36				
Libertyville	325	315	274				
Lockridge	275	268	244				
Maharishi Vedic City	71	259	277				
Packwood	223	204	183				
Pleasant Plain	131	93	84				
Jefferson County Total	16,181	16,843	15,663				
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
Batavia	-3.8%	-0.2%	-13.8%
Birmingham	9.6%	5.9%	-18.1%
Libertyville	23.1%	-3.1%	-13.0%
Maharishi Vedic City	inf%	264.8%	6.9%
Packwood	7.2%	-8.5%	-10.3%
Fairfield	-2.7%	-0.5%	-0.5%
Jefferson County	-0.8%	4.1%	-7.0%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%



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Fairfield's population is predominantly White. The City of Fairfield, compared to Jefferson 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 Origin¹

	City		Co	unty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	97.8%	93.6%	98.4%	94.9%
White	90.3%	81.3%	87.6%	86.6%
White alone, not Hispanic	88.4%	80.1%	86.3%	85.7%
Black or African American	2.0%	4.1%	1.3%	2.7%
Asian	3.9%	5.0%	8.5%	3.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%	0.4%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Other	1.4%	2.7%	0.9%	2.0%
Two or more races	2.2%	6.4%	1.6%	5.1%
Hispanic origin ^a	3.6%	5.4%	2.4%	3.9%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

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		City	C	ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	4,201	4,275	6,846	6,902
Family households ^{a,b}	52.8%	100.0%	59.6%	56.7%
Married couple family ^b	39.2%	37.5%	47.8%	43.5%
With own children	13.1%	10.9%	15.5%	13.0%
Other family ^c	13.6%	14.1%	11.8%	13.2%
Male householder ^c	3.5%	4.5%	3.6%	4.5%
With own children	1.9%	2.2%	2.0%	2.1%
Female householder ^c	10.1%	9.5%	8.2%	8.7%
With own children	6.1%	5.7%	4.9%	4.8%
Nonfamily households ^d	47.2%	0.0%	40.4%	43.3%
Male living alone	18.1%	20.6%	16.3%	18.4%
Female living alone	21.6%	23.1%	17.6%	18.8%

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

		City		County
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	4,201	4,275	6,846	6,902
Married couple ^b	39.2%	37.5%	47.8%	43.5%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	6.1%	NA ^e	5.9%
Male householder g	NA ^e	26.3%	NA^e	23.6%
Female householder ^g	NA ^e	32.1%	NA ^e	26.9%

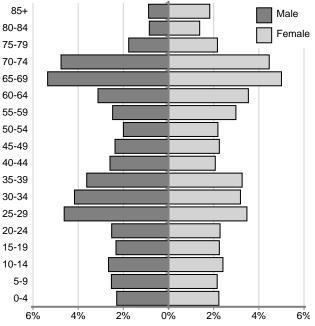
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	Сс	unty
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	18.3%	17.2%	18.2%	18.8%
0 - 4	4.6%	4.5%	4.5%	4.6%
5 - 9	4.8%	4.7%	4.8%	5.0%
10 - 14	5.1%	5.1%	5.3%	5.7%
15 - 17	3.8%	2.9%	3.6%	3.5%
18 - 24	8.7%	6.5%	11.1%	5.9%
25 - 44	21.9%	27%	22.0%	24%
45 - 64	35.2%	21%	33.8%	23.8%
65 or older	15.9%	28.4%	14.8%	27.5%
65 - 84	12.6%	25.7%	12.3%	25.1%
85 or older	3.3%	2.7%	2.5%	2.4%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	46	44.3	43.5	46.3
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	52.0	83.7	49.3	86.2
Old-Age	24.2	52.1	22.1	51.2
Child	27.8	31.6	27.2	35.0

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Fairfield, Iowa Population Pyramid, a 20201



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

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	City		Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	4,139	+/- 273	6,826	+/- 257
Less than \$34,999	37.9%	+/- 3.9%	33.3%	+/- 3.2%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	14.9%	+/- 4.7%	14.9%	+/- 3.3%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	28.2%	+/- 3.0%	30.6%	+/- 2.4%
\$100,000 Or More	19.0%	+/- 2.8%	21.2%	+/- 2.4%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$44,277	+/- \$8,657	\$52,210	+/- \$5,023
Median Family Income	\$60,164	+/- \$9,562	\$68,298	+/- \$8,472
Per Capita Income	\$38,109	+/- \$8,539	\$36,111	+/- \$5,236

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	(City		ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	7,255	+/-245	12,023	+/-118
High School Graduate or Higher	95.7%	+/-2.1%	93.3%	+/-1.6%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	49.7%	+/-5.7%	39.5%	+/-3.6%

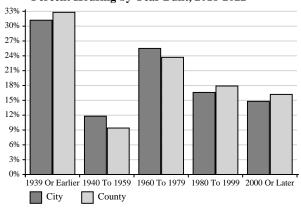
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

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		City	С	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	4,696	+/- 218	7,685	+/- 33
Vacant	11.9%	+/- 5.1%	11.2%	+/- 3.3%
Occupied	88.1%	+/- 5.1%	88.8%	+/- 3.3%
Occupied ^a	4,139	+/- 273	6,826	+/- 257
Owner	57.3%	+/- 6.2%	65.4%	+/- 3.9%
Renter	42.7%	+/- 6.2%	34.6%	+/- 3.9%
Rent ^b	\$835	+/- \$98	\$838	+/- \$70
Value ^c	\$134,700	+/-\$17,488	\$141,500	+/-\$14,639

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Fairfield 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 17.9% 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	4,414	+/- 381	7,598	+/- 439
Management, business, science, and arts	46.8%	+/- 6.4%	40.7%	+/- 4.5%
Service	17.9%	+/- 5.7%	16.8%	+/- 3.9%
Sales and office	13.4%	+/- 4.2%	15.3%	+/- 3.1%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	**%	+/- **%	10.0%	+/- 2.1%
Production, transportation, and material moving	17.9%	+/- 5.0%	17.1%	+/- 3.3%

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

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

Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022²

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	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ ^a	5,034	+/- 381	8,623	+/- 415
Median Earnings	\$27,691	+/- \$27	\$29,063	+/- \$3,381
Female	\$23,506	+/- \$4,500	\$23,777	+/- \$2,652
Female, full time ^b	\$45,386	+/- \$11,082	\$42,536	+/- \$7,502
Male	\$30,000	+/- \$11,408	\$35,197	+/- \$4,036
Male, full time ^b	\$46,689	+/- \$6,086	\$46,757	+/- \$3,242

^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	9,314	+/-21	15,606	+/-41
With a disability ^b	13.8%	+/-2.9%	14.2%	+/-1.8%
With Health Insurance	91.5%	+/-3.1%	93.2%	+/-1.9%
With Private ^c Coverage	56.5%	+/-5.8%	59.4%	+/-3.8%
With Public ^d Coverage	49.5%	+/-5.2%	50.6%	+/-3.1%
No Health Insurance	8.5%	+/-3.1%	6.8%	+/-1.9%

^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+	8,114	+/- 185	13,431	+/- 75
in labor force	58.2%	+/- 4.7%	59.7%	+/- 3.3%
not in labor force	41.8%	+/- 4.7%	40.3%	+/- 3.3%
Civilian labor force	4,723	+/- 383	8,016	+/- 441
Unemployed	6.5%	+/- 3.2%	5.2%	+/- 2.0%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	8,581	+/-36	14,842	+/-54
Below poverty	17.1%	+/-4.2%	14%	+/-3.2%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
18 - 64	19.6%	+/-6.4%	15.1%	+/-4.2%
65+	14.8%	+/-6.2%	11.7%	+/-4.1%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
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.

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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