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Wesley, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Wesley is 391. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 0.3%. The City of Wesley is in Kossuth County. Kossuth County saw a 4.6% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

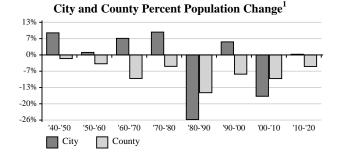
Kossuth County Cities - Total Population¹

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City	2000	2010	2020			
Wesley	467	390	391			
Male Total	238	204	208			
Female Total	229	186	183			
Algona	5,741	5,560	5,487			
Bancroft	808	732	699			
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			
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			

 $^{^\}dagger C$ ity is located in multiple counties, total population is provided.

Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Algona	-4.6%	-3.2%	-1.3%
Britt	-3.8%	0.8%	-1.2%
Corwith	-1.1%	-11.7%	-13.9%
Titonka	-4.6%	-18.5%	7.4%
Woden	-6.2%	-5.8%	-17.9%
Wesley	5.2%	-16.5%	0.3%
Kossuth County	-7.7%	9.4%	-4.6%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%



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Wesley's population is predominantly White. The City of Wesley, compared to Kossuth 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

Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin¹

	City		Co	unty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.7%	98.2%	99.2%	96.5%
White	99.5%	97.7%	97.9%	93.8%
White alone, not Hispanic	97.2%	96.2%	97.3%	92.8%
Black or African American	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%
Asian	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	1.5%
Two or more races	0.3%	1.8%	0.8%	3.5%
Hispanic origin ^a	2.3%	3.1%	1.4%	4.1%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

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		City	C	County
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	171	180	6,697	6,438
Family households ^{a,b}	64.3%	68.9%	65.7%	62.8%
Married couple family ^b	50.9%	52.5%	55.8%	52.3%
With own children	19.3%	17.2%	18.6%	16.2%
Other family ^c	13.5%	14.4%	9.9%	10.5%
Male householder ^c	5.3%	7.8%	3.7%	3.9%
With own children	2.9%	4.4%	2.4%	2.4%
Female householder ^c	8.2%	6.7%	6.2%	6.7%
With own children	5.3%	2.8%	3.9%	3.8%
Nonfamily households ^d	35.7%	31.1%	34.3%	37.2%
Male living alone	15.8%	15.6%	14.5%	16.8%
Female living alone	15.8%	15.0%	16.4%	15.8%

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

		City	C	County		
	2010	2020	2010	2020		
Total households	171	180	6,697	6,438		
Married couple ^b	50.9%	52.5%	55.8%	52.3%		
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	7.2%	NA ^e	5.7%		
Male householder g	NA ^e	25.0%	NA^e	20.3%		
Female householder g	NA ^e	20.6%	NA ^e	21.7%		

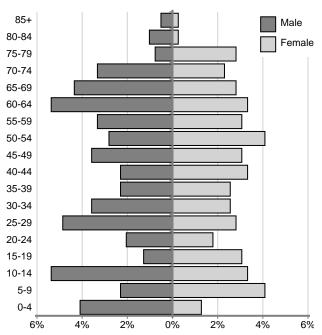
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	22.8%	23.3%	22.9%	21.4%
0 - 4	9.5%	5.4%	5.8%	5.4%
5 - 9	4.9%	6.4%	6.0%	6.0%
10 - 14	3.6%	8.7%	6.4%	6.2%
15 - 17	4.8%	2.8%	4.7%	3.8%
18 - 24	5.6%	5.3%	5.7%	5.7%
25 - 44	25.9%	24.3%	19.4%	21.6%
45 - 64	24.1%	28.6%	30.2%	26.8%
65 or older	21.5%	18.4%	21.9%	24.5%
65 - 84	17.4%	17.7%	18%	20.5%
85 or older	4.1%	0.8%	3.9%	4.0%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	42.4	43.1	46.6	46.3
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	79.7	71.6	81.0	84.8
Old-Age	38.7	31.6	39.6	45.3
Child	41.0	40.0	41.4	39.6

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Wesley, 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 Wesley is greater than the median household income of Kossuth County. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is lower in Wesley than for Kossuth County. There is a lower percentage of vacant housing units in Wesley than there is for Kossuth County. Many housing units in Wesley were built prior to 1940.

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	150	+/- 28	6,421	+/- 138
Less than \$34,999	23.3%	+/- 4.8%	24.1%	+/- 2.4%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	12.7%	+/- 7.3%	15.0%	+/- 2.9%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	35.3%	+/- 4.0%	35.7%	+/- 2.1%
\$100,000 Or More	28.7%	+/- 3.9%	25.1%	+/- 2.0%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$63,750	+/- \$5,981	\$62,553	+/- \$4,310
Median Family Income	\$79,167	+/- \$18,359	\$80,048	+/- \$4,735
Per Capita Income	\$34,200	+/- \$5,242	\$34,723	+/- \$1,627

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	265	+/-63	10,439	+/-48	
High School Graduate or Higher	89.8%	+/-6.6%	93.7%	+/-1.1%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	**%	+/-**%	19.9%	+/-2.3%	

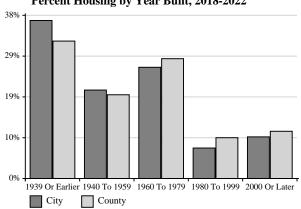
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

	(City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	155	+/- 29	7,227	+/- 33
Vacant	3.2%	+/- 4.4%	11.2%	+/- 1.9%
Occupied	96.8%	+/- 4.4%	88.8%	+/- 1.9%
Occupied ^a	150	+/- 28	6,421	+/- 138
Owner	93.3%	+/- 5.3%	73.8%	+/- 3.1%
Renter	6.7%	+/- 5.3%	26.2%	+/- 3.1%
Rent ^b	\$575	+/- \$90	\$818	+/- \$42
Value ^c	\$85,500	+/-\$7,667	\$118,800	+/-\$5,365

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Wesley there is a higher percentage of workers in sales and office occupations than any other occupation category. The production, transportation, and material moving occupation category makes up 23.2% 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	198	+/- 44	7,052	+/- 212
Management, business, science, and arts	20.2%	+/- 6.5%	30.0%	+/- 2.6%
Service	13.1%	+/- 5.9%	14.1%	+/- 2.0%
Sales and office	23.2%	+/- 9.2%	18.4%	+/- 2.0%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	20.2%	+/- 8.5%	14.8%	+/- 2.3%
Production, transportation, and material moving	23.2%	+/- 8.0%	22.6%	+/- 2.0%

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

Wesley has a higher 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 Wesley 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, 2018-2022²

		City		ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ ^a	203	+/- 45	7,889	+/- 188
Median Earnings	\$35,179	+/- \$35	\$40,400	+/- \$1,366
Female	\$32,614	+/- \$4,688	\$31,342	+/- \$2,656
Female, full time ^b	\$35,313	+/- \$13,978	\$42,478	+/- \$2,171
Male	\$45,000	+/- \$10,191	\$48,228	+/- \$1,892
Male, full time ^b	\$63,056	+/- \$7,045	\$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, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population ^a	355	+/-78	14,463	+/-23
With a disability ^b	16.1%	+/-6.2%	16.3%	+/-1.8%
With Health Insurance	89.9%	+/-8.9%	95.7%	+/-1.0%
With Private ^c Coverage	68.5%	+/-10.0%	68.8%	+/-2.8%
With Public ^d Coverage	40.8%	+/-10.5%	43.4%	+/-2.4%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	4.3%	+/-1.0%

^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+	279	+/- 64	11,916	+/- 65
in labor force	74.9%	+/- 6.8%	61.5%	+/- 1.6%
not in labor force	25.1%	+/- 6.8%	38.5%	+/- 1.6%
Civilian labor force	209	+/- 56	7,329	+/- 202
Unemployed	5.3%	+/- 7.2%	3.8%	+/- 1.5%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	355	+/-78	14,454	+/-24
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	10.5%	+/-1.8%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	14.2%	+/-4.1%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	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.

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.
- 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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