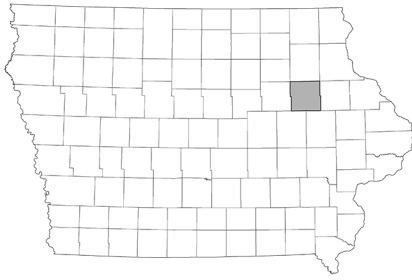


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Independence, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Independence is 6,064. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 1.6%. The City of Independence is in Buchanan County. Buchanan County saw a 1.9% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

Buchanan County Cities - Total Population¹

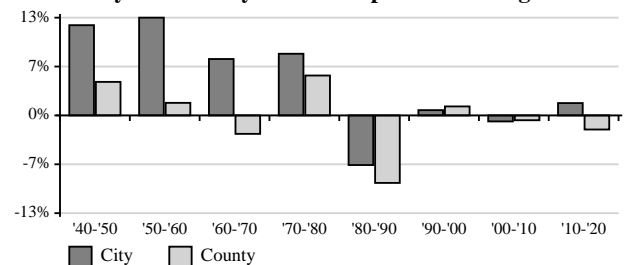
City	2000	2010	2020
Independence	6,014	5,966	6,064
Male Total	2,826	2,793	2,941
Female Total	3,188	3,173	3,123
Aurora	194	185	169
Brandon	311	309	341
Fairbank [†]	1,041	1,113	1,111
Hazleton	950	823	713
Jesup [†]	2,212	2,520	2,508
Lamont	503	461	429
Quasqueton	574	554	570
Rowley	290	264	270
Stanley [†]	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
Hazleton	29.6%	-13.4%	-13.4%
Jesup	4.3%	13.9%	-0.5%
Quasqueton	-0.9%	-3.5%	2.9%
Rowley	6.6%	-9.0%	2.3%
Winthrop	4.0%	10.1%	-3.2%
Independence	0.7%	-0.8%	1.6%
Buchanan County	1.2%	0.6%	-1.9%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Demographic Profile

Independence, Iowa

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

Race Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	98.9%	96.8%	98.9%	97.1%
White	97.6%	94.5%	97.8%	95.8%
White alone, not Hispanic	96.9%	93.5%	97.1%	95.1%
Black or African American	0.3%	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%
Asian	0.7%	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Other	0.2%	0.8%	0.2%	0.5%
Two or more races	1.1%	3.2%	1.1%	2.9%
Hispanic origin ^a	1.2%	2.3%	1.2%	1.6%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	2,521	2,625	8,161	8,198
Family households ^{a,b}	62.1%	61.4%	69.4%	66.8%
Married couple family ^b	48.7%	46.5%	57.4%	54.3%
With own children	18.4%	16.7%	22.2%	20.7%
Other family ^c	13.4%	14.4%	12.0%	12.5%
Male householder ^c	3.5%	4.7%	4.1%	4.5%
With own children	2.2%	2.9%	2.6%	2.7%
Female householder ^c	9.9%	9.8%	7.8%	8.0%
With own children	6.4%	5.9%	4.7%	4.5%
Nonfamily households ^d	37.9%	38.6%	30.6%	33.2%
Male living alone	12.2%	14.5%	11.8%	13.0%
Female living alone	20.1%	20.8%	13.8%	15.0%

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	2,521	2,625	8,161	8,198
Married couple ^b	48.7%	46.5%	57.4%	54.3%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	7.4%	NA ^e	6.6%
Male householder ^g	NA ^e	18.6%	NA ^e	17.0%
Female householder ^g	NA ^e	29.8%	NA ^e	22.1%

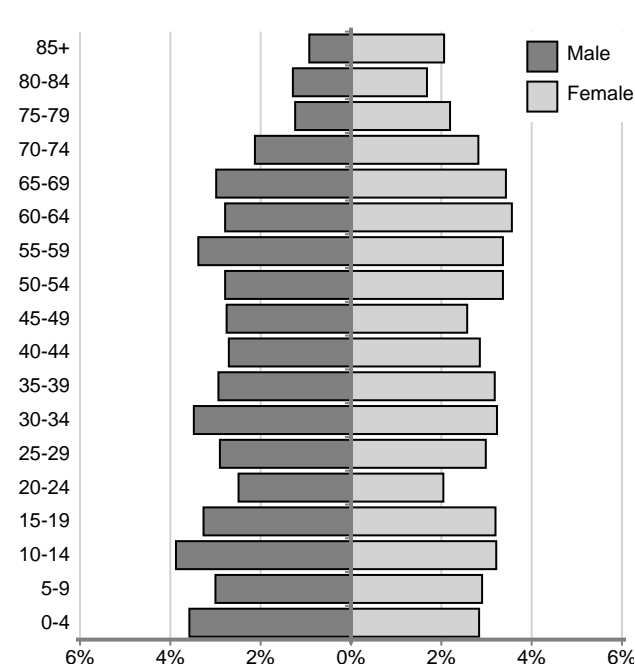
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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

Age Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	23.9%	23.6%	27.1%	26.3%
0 - 4	6.6%	6.4%	7.5%	6.9%
5 - 9	6.7%	5.9%	7.6%	7.0%
10 - 14	6.7%	7.1%	7.5%	8.0%
15 - 17	3.9%	4.2%	4.5%	4.4%
18 - 24	7.7%	6.8%	7.3%	6.6%
25 - 44	23.1%	24.3%	23.0%	23%
45 - 64	25.6%	24.5%	27.4%	25.2%
65 or older	19.7%	20.7%	15.3%	18.8%
65 - 84	15.2%	17.7%	12.9%	16.7%
85 or older	4.5%	3.0%	2.4%	2.1%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	41	40.6	39.0	39.8
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	77.3	79.7	73.6	82.3
Old-Age	34.9	37.2	26.6	34.3
Child	42.4	42.4	47.0	48.0

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Independence, Iowa Population Pyramid, ^a 2020¹



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

Socioeconomic Profile

Independence, Iowa

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	2,641	+/- 131	8,020	+/- 159
Less than \$34,999	31.0%	+/- 3.6%	22.4%	+/- 2.4%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	9.6%	+/- 3.2%	11.1%	+/- 2.0%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	32.3%	+/- 3.0%	34.4%	+/- 2.1%
\$100,000 Or More	27.0%	+/- 2.9%	32.2%	+/- 2.2%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$63,042	+/- \$8,574	\$73,493	+/- \$4,553
Median Family Income	\$86,484	+/- \$3,860	\$86,875	+/- \$1,922
Per Capita Income	\$33,947	+/- \$3,170	\$34,579	+/- \$1,860

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	4,295	+/-166	13,831	+/-50
High School Graduate or Higher	95.4%	+/-2.0%	93.6%	+/-1.4%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	24.1%	+/-3.9%	21.1%	+/-2%

*MOE = the margin of error for American Community Survey estimates² 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.

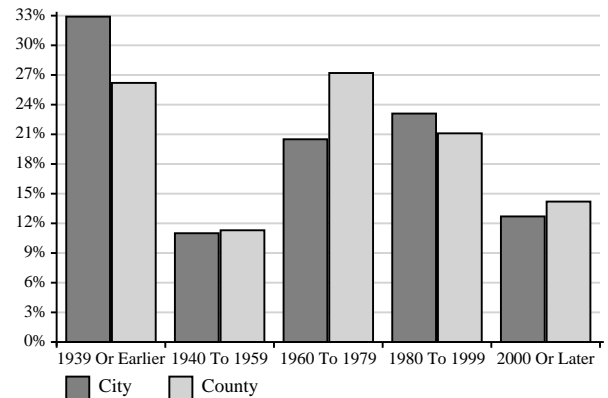
**MOE is high, use county estimate.

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	2,847	+/- 126	8,911	+/- 28
Vacant	7.2%	+/- 3.2%	10.0%	+/- 1.7%
Occupied	92.8%	+/- 3.2%	90.0%	+/- 1.7%
Occupied ^a	2,641	+/- 131	8,020	+/- 159
Owner	68.8%	+/- 5.2%	80.6%	+/- 2.3%
Renter	31.2%	+/- 5.2%	19.4%	+/- 2.3%
Rent ^b	\$800	+/- \$105	\$788	+/- \$59
Value ^c	\$155,000	+/- \$9,030	\$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 Independence 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 22.1% 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	3,130	+/- 209	10,443	+/- 274
Management, business, science, and arts	31.5%	+/- 4.6%	32.2%	+/- 2.5%
Service	21.3%	+/- 3.9%	16.3%	+/- 1.8%
Sales and office	17.3%	+/- 3.7%	18.2%	+/- 2.0%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	7.8%	+/- 2.5%	11.7%	+/- 1.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving	22.1%	+/- 4.0%	21.6%	+/- 2.1%

Socioeconomic Profile

Independence, Iowa

Independence has a lower 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 Independence tend to be lower 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		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ ^a	3,368	+/- 203	11,440	+/- 278
Median Earnings	\$37,375	+/- \$37	\$38,856	+/- \$1,641
Female	\$34,160	+/- \$4,032	\$33,353	+/- \$1,963
Female, full time ^b	\$44,028	+/- \$6,157	\$46,227	+/- \$2,322
Male	\$41,752	+/- \$5,283	\$46,669	+/- \$2,580
Male, full time ^b	\$51,713	+/- \$9,894	\$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		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population ^a	5,965	+/-21	20,453	+/-11
With a disability ^b	13.1%	+/-3.1%	12.5%	+/-1.3%
With Health Insurance	97.8%	+/-1.4%	93.6%	+/-2.2%
With Private ^c Coverage	75.2%	+/-4.7%	73.7%	+/-2.6%
With Public ^d Coverage	37.9%	+/-4.4%	35.4%	+/-2.1%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	6.4%	+/-2.2%

^aCivilian Noninstitutionalized Population, ^blimitations of activities or inability for full participation, ^cprovided by employer, union, bought by individual, and some military plans, ^dincludes Medicare, Medicaid, VA Health Care, children's CHIP, and some state plans, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

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Employment Status, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	4,897	+/- 141	16,033	+/- 82
in labor force	64.9%	+/- 3.8%	67.2%	+/- 1.6%
not in labor force	35.1%	+/- 3.8%	32.8%	+/- 1.6%
Civilian labor force	3,178	+/- 207	10,767	+/- 264
Unemployed	1.5%	+/- 1.1%	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	5,963	+/-21	20,442	+/-20
Below poverty	11.7%	+/-3.5%	8.6%	+/-1.5%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	9.6%	+/-3.2%
18 - 64	11.3%	+/-3.5%	8.4%	+/-1.4%
65+	7.9%	+/-3.7%	7.9%	+/-2.2%
All Families	10.0%	+/-4.4%	6.2%	+/-1.5%
with children	17.5%	+/-8.2%	9.8%	+/-2.9%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH ^b	46.6%	+/-18.5%	26.5%	+/-8.8%
with children	61.1%	+/-21.4%	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:

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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