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Maxwell, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Maxwell is 859. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 6.6%. The City of Maxwell is in Story County. Story County saw a 10.0% population increase between 2010 and 2020.

Story County Cities - Total Population¹

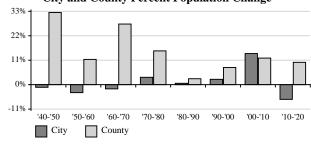
Story County Cities - Total Population							
City	2000	2010	2020				
Maxwell	807	920	859				
Male Total	409	468	445				
Female Total	398	452	414				
Ames	50,731	58,965	66,427				
Cambridge	819	827	827				
Collins	499	495	495				
Colo	868	876	845				
Gilbert	987	1,082	1,211				
Huxley	2,316	3,317	4,244				
Kelley	300	309	304				
McCallsburg	318	333	353				
Nevada	6,658	6,798	6,925				
Roland	1,324	1,284	1,362				
Sheldahl [†]	336	319	297				
Slater	1,306	1,489	1,543				
Story City	3,228	3,431	3,352				
Zearing	617	554	528				
Story County Total	79,981	89,542	98,537				
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
Cambridge	14.7%	1.0%	0.0%
Collins	9.7%	-0.8%	0.0%
Colo	12.6%	0.9%	-3.5%
Elkhart	-6.7%	88.7%	29.1%
Nevada	10.8%	2.1%	1.9%
Maxwell	2.4%	14.0%	-6.6%
Story County	7.7%	12.0%	10.0%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Maxwell's population is predominantly White. The City of Maxwell, compared to Story 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 Origin¹

	(City		ounty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.6%	94.6%	98.3%	93.9%
White	98.6%	92.4%	88.6%	82.2%
White alone, not Hispanic	98.2%	91.3%	86.9%	81.1%
Black or African American	0.3%	0.0%	2.5%	3.1%
Asian	0.4%	0.3%	6.0%	5.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	1.5%	1.0%	2.7%
Two or more races	0.4%	5.4%	1.7%	6.1%
Hispanic origin ^a	0.4%	2.4%	3.0%	5.1%

^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	349	356	34,736	38,273
Family households ^{a,b}	69.3%	65.5%	53.2%	50.9%
Married couple family ^b	56.4%	51.5%	44.0%	41.0%
With own children	27.5%	18.0%	17.9%	15.7%
Other family ^c	12.9%	12.6%	9.2%	9.9%
Male householder ^c	4.3%	7.0%	3.0%	3.7%
With own children	2.9%	3.7%	1.4%	1.9%
Female householder ^c	8.6%	5.6%	6.2%	6.2%
With own children	4.9%	2.8%	3.9%	3.5%
Nonfamily households ^d	30.7%	34.5%	46.8%	49.1%
Male living alone	12.3%	16.0%	13.7%	16.1%
Female living alone	12.3%	11.8%	14.6%	16.1%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	349	356	34,736	38,273
Married couple ^b	56.4%	51.5%	44.0%	41.0%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	9.6%	NA^e	6.6%
Male householder g	NA ^e	22.5%	NA^e	26.4%
Female householder g	NA ^e	16.0%	NA ^e	26.1%

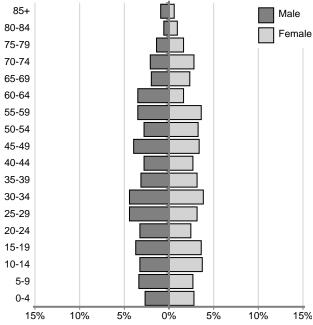
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	28.5%	22.8%	17.8%	16.8%
0 - 4	6.4%	5.5%	5.4%	4.6%
5 - 9	8.3%	6.1%	5.0%	4.6%
10 - 14	8.7%	7.0%	4.7%	4.8%
15 - 17	5.1%	4.2%	2.7%	2.8%
18 - 24	8.4%	8.8%	29.0%	30.1%
25 - 44	27.5%	27.7%	23.6%	23%
45 - 64	23.6%	25.6%	19.6%	17%
65 or older	12.1%	15.3%	10.0%	13.1%
65 - 84	9.5%	13.7%	8.3%	11.3%
85 or older	2.6%	1.5%	1.7%	1.8%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	35.4	36.5	26.7	26.9
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	68.2	61.4	38.5	42.7
Old-Age	20.3	24.6	13.9	18.7
Child	47.9	36.7	24.7	24.0

^aAge Dependency Ratio

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	344	+/- 54	38,412	+/- 519
Less than \$34,999	25.0%	+/- 4.2%	27.1%	+/- 2.1%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	9.6%	+/- 4.8%	10.8%	+/- 0.9%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	32.2%	+/- 3.4%	31.2%	+/- 1.7%
\$100,000 Or More	33.1%	+/- 3.8%	30.9%	+/- 1.8%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$80,000	+/- \$11,277	\$66,197	+/- \$2,497
Median Family Income	\$89,375	+/- \$15,275	\$109,432	+/- \$5,237
Per Capita Income	\$32,935	+/- \$4,824	\$35,704	+/- \$1,335

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	564	+/-82	51,740	+/-159	
High School Graduate or Higher	96.6%	+/-1.8%	97.1%	+/-0.5%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	24.6%	+/-7.5%	52.5%	+/-1.7%	

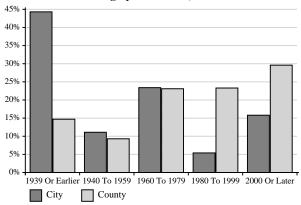
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	368	+/- 56	41,347	+/- 104
Vacant	6.5%	+/- 5.8%	7.1%	+/- 1.2%
Occupied	93.5%	+/- 5.8%	92.9%	+/- 1.2%
Occupied ^a	344	+/- 54	38,412	+/- 519
Owner	84.6%	+/- 7.5%	55.7%	+/- 1.5%
Renter	15.4%	+/- 7.5%	44.3%	+/- 1.5%
Rent ^b	\$598	+/- \$97	\$991	+/- \$31
Value ^c	\$145,500	+/-\$12,758	\$229,100	+/-\$4,981

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Maxwell 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 14.8% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

Occupation of the Civilian Employed Population, $2018-2022^2$

	City		Cor	County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	386	+/- 72	53,259	+/- 1,076	
Management, business, science, and arts	36.3%	+/- 5.7%	46.4%	+/- 1.7%	
Service	17.6%	+/- 6.3%	18.0%	+/- 1.4%	
Sales and office	19.7%	+/- 5.9%	18.6%	+/- 1.2%	
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	11.7%	+/- 5.5%	6.7%	+/- 0.7%	
Production, transportation, and material moving	14.8%	+/- 6.9%	10.4%	+/- 1.2%	

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

Maxwell has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Story 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 Maxwell tend to be higher than the median earnings for Story 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	413	+/- 73	66,257	+/- 727
Median Earnings	\$48,393	+/- \$48	\$25,496	+/- \$1,879
Female	\$43,309	+/- \$5,602	\$21,413	+/- \$1,716
Female, full time ^b	\$51,406	+/- \$11,093	\$50,290	+/- \$2,523
Male	\$49,828	+/- \$13,128	\$29,186	+/- \$1,623
Male, full time ^b	\$60,625	+/- \$15,353	\$65,109	+/- \$2,900

^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	776	+/-133	97,986	+/-81
With a disability ^b	13.1%	+/-4.0%	8.8%	+/-0.7%
With Health Insurance	99.0%	+/-1.0%	94.9%	+/-0.8%
With Private ^c Coverage	78.0%	+/-7.6%	84.4%	+/-1.3%
With Public ^d Coverage	35.3%	+/-8.7%	21.4%	+/-1.0%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	5.1%	+/-0.8%

^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+	612	+/- 92	84,617	+/- 183
in labor force	66.2%	+/- 6.3%	66.7%	+/- 1.1%
not in labor force	33.8%	+/- 6.3%	33.3%	+/- 1.1%
Civilian labor force	405	+/- 73	56,398	+/- 952
Unemployed	4.7%	+/- 4.4%	5.6%	+/- 1.3%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	776	+/-133	86,383	+/-184
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	19.6%	+/-1.3%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	8.6%	+/-2.5%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	25.4%	+/-1.7%
65+	**%	+/-**%	5.8%	+/-1.8%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	5.9%	+/-1.7%
with children	**%	+/-**%	8.5%	+/-3.4%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	2.1%	+/-0.6%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	29.3%	+/-11.0%
with children	**%	+/-**%	37.7%	+/-14.7%

^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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- ³For 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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