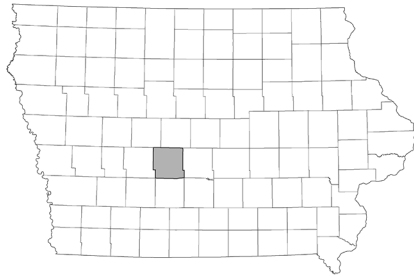# Data for Decision Makers

Dallas County
County Profile

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Population profile

Dallas County is a metropolitan county in central Iowa. It is composed of eighteen incorporated communities and their surrounding rural areas. From 2010 to 2020, Dallas County's population increased by 50.72% while the state's population increased by 4.73%.
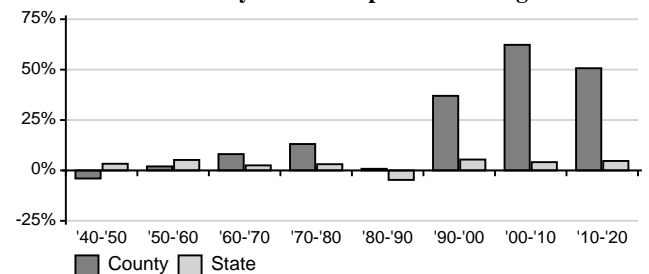
Total Population[1]

Totals	2000	2010	2020
Dallas County	**40,750**	**66,135**	**99,678**
Male Total	20,143	32,349	49,009
Female Total	20,607	33,786	50,669
City			
Adel	3,435	3,682	6,153
Bouton	136	129	127
Clive[†]	12,855	15,447	18,601
Dallas Center	1,595	1,623	1,901
Dawson	155	131	116
De Soto	1,009	1,050	915
Dexter	689	611	640
Granger	583	1,244	1,654
Grimes[†]	5,098	8,246	15,392
Linden	226	199	200
Minburn	391	365	325
Perry	7,633	7,702	7,836
Redfield	833	835	731
Urbandale[†]	29,072	39,463	45,580
Van Meter	866	1,016	1,484
Waukee	5,126	13,790	23,940
West Des Moines[†]	46,403	56,609	68,723
Woodward	1,200	1,024	1,346
State Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369

[†]*City is located in multiple counties, total population is provided.*

Neighboring Counties - Percent Population Change[1]

County	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Adair, IA	-1.97%	-6.81%	-2.42%
Boone, IA	4.12%	0.31%	1.55%
Dallas, IA	**36.95%**	**62.29%**	**50.72%**
Greene, IA	3.20%	-9.94%	-6.05%
Guthrie, IA	3.82%	-3.51%	-3.02%
Madison, IA	12.30%	11.84%	5.54%
Polk, IA	14.51%	14.96%	14.34%
Warren, IA	12.87%	13.66%	13.37%
State of Iowa	5.39%	4.10%	4.73%

Dallas County Percent Population Change[1]

Legend: County, State

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As with the other 98 counties in the state, Dallas County's population is predominantly white. The percentage of the population of Hispanic origin increased between 2010 and 2020. In 2020, Dallas County had a higher percentage of those 17 or younger than the state. 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	County 2010	County 2020	State 2010	State 2020
One race only	98.5%	94.2%	98.2%	94.4%
White	92.2%	83.6%	91.3%	84.5%
White alone, not Hispanic	88.7%	82.0%	88.7%	82.7%
Black or African American	1.4%	2.7%	2.9%	4.1%
Asian	2.5%	5.0%	1.7%	2.4%
American Indian	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%
Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
Other	2.1%	2.6%	1.8%	2.8%
Two or more races	1.5%	5.8%	1.8%	5.6%
Hispanic origin[a]	6.1%	6.5%	5.0%	6.8%

[a]*Hispanics can be of any race.*

Households by Family or Nonfamily Type[1,3]

	County 2010	County 2020	State 2010	State 2020
Total households	25,240	38,291	1,221,576	1,288,560
Family households[a,b]	70.1%	67.9%	64.7%	63.0%
Married couple family[b]	58.0%	55.8%	51.2%	48.5%
With own children	29.1%	28.2%	20.0%	18.2%
Other family[c]	12.1%	12.1%	13.5%	14.4%
Male householder[c]	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%	4.9%
With own children	2.5%	2.4%	2.5%	2.7%
Female householder[c]	8.3%	8.0%	9.3%	9.6%
With own children	5.6%	5.1%	5.9%	5.7%
Nonfamily households[d]	29.9%	32.1%	35.3%	37.0%
Male living alone	9.9%	10.8%	12.8%	14.2%
Female living alone	13.8%	14.4%	15.7%	15.8%

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

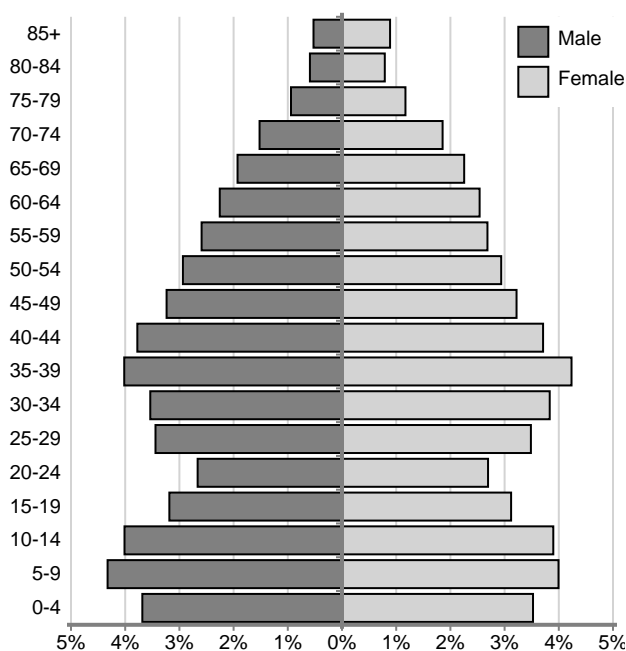|	County 2010	County 2020	State 2010	State 2020
Total households	25,240	38,291	1,221,576	1,288,560
Married couple[b]	58.0%	55.8%	51.2%	48.5%
Cohabiting couple[b,f]	NA[e]	6.8%	NA[e]	7.1%
Male householder[g]	NA[e]	15.2%	NA[e]	19.5%
Female householder[g]	NA[e]	22.1%	NA[e]	24.9%

[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	County 2010	County 2020	State 2010	State 2020
17 or younger	29.1%	27.7%	23.9%	23.2%
0 - 4	8.7%	7.2%	6.6%	6.0%
5 - 9	8.6%	8.3%	6.6%	6.5%
10 - 14	7.9%	7.9%	6.6%	6.8%
15 -17	3.9%	4.3%	4.1%	3.9%
18 - 24	6.1%	7.4%	10.0%	9.8%
25 - 44	31.6%	30.1%	24.5%	24.6%
45 - 64	23.5%	22.5%	26.7%	24.5%
65 or older	9.8%	12.5%	14.9%	18.0%
65 - 84	8.4%	11.1%	12.4%	15.6%
85 or older	1.4%	1.4%	2.5%	2.4%
Median[4] age (years)	34.3	35.4	38.1	38.6
Age dependency[a,5]	63.7	67.0	63.4	69.9
Old-Age	16.0	20.8	24.3	30.6
Child	47.6	46.2	39.1	39.4

[a]*Age Dependency Ratio.*

Dallas County Population Pyramid[a], 2020[1]

[a]*Each bar represents the percentage that each age-sex group comprises of the total population.*

The median household income in Dallas County is greater than the median household income of the state. Both Dallas County and the state have more households in the $100,000 or more household income group. The median value of owner-occupied housing can vary among counties. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is higher in Dallas County than for the state. There is a lower percentage of vacant housing units in Dallas County than there is for the state. Many housing units in Dallas County were built in 2000 or later. Dallas County has a higher percentage of college graduates than does the state.

Median[4] Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022[2]

| | County | | State | |
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total households	39,386	+/- 454	1,290,139	+/- 4,032
Less than $14,999	3.8%	+/- 1.0%	7.8%	+/- 0.4%
$15,000 to $34,999	9.9%	+/- 1.4%	15.2%	+/- 0.6%
$35,000 to $49,999	9.1%	+/- 1.3%	11.9%	+/- 0.2%
$50,000 to $99,999	27.5%	+/- 1.7%	32.2%	+/- 0.6%
$100,000 Or More	49.8%	+/- 2.1%	32.9%	+/- 0.8%
Median[4] household income	$99,533	+/- $3,165	$70,571	+/- $395
Median[4] family income	$130,231	+/- $3,923	$90,921	+/- $579
Per capita income	$51,347	+/- $1,505	$37,949	+/- $241

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022[2]

| | County | | State | |
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total units	41,753	+/- 55	1,417,064	+/- 977
Vacant	5.7%	+/- 1.1%	9.0%	+/- 0.3%
Occupied	94.3%	+/- 1.1%	91.0%	+/- 0.3%
Occupied[a]	39,386	+/- 454	1,290,139	+/- 4,032
Owner	70.4%	+/- 1.5%	71.5%	+/- 0.3%
Renter	29.6%	+/- 1.5%	28.5%	+/- 0.3%
Median[4] rent[b]	$1,198	+/- $29	$914	+/- $6
Median value[c]	$314,900	+/- $10,133	$181,600	+/- $1,035

[a]Occupied Units. [b]Median gross rent of renter-occupied units [c]Median value of owner-occupied units.

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022[2]

| | County | | State | |
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	65,734	+/-230	2,131,202	+/-967
High school graduate or higher	96.3%	+/-0.5%	93.0%	+/-0.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	51.5%	+/-1.6%	30.3%	+/-0.3%

*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.

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

In Dallas County there is a higher percentage of workers in management, business, science, and arts occupations than any other occupation category while the production, transportation, and material moving occupation category makes up 9.8% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the county.

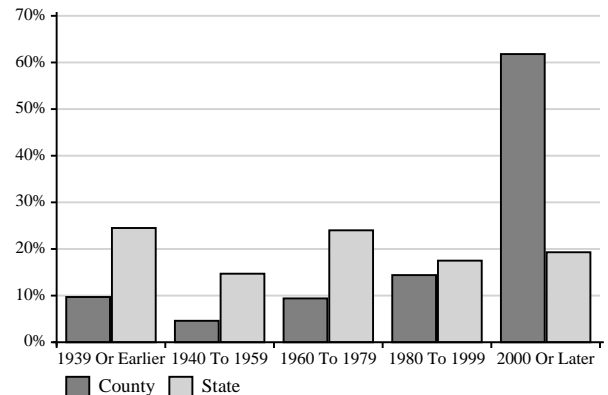### Occupation of the Civilian Employed Population, 2018-2022[2]

| | County | | State | |
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	55,396	+/- 1,009	1,627,434	+/- 5,740
Management, business, science, and arts	53.9%	+/- 1.7%	38.1%	+/- 0.3%
Service	11.3%	+/- 1.1%	15.5%	+/- 0.2%
Sales and office	19.1%	+/- 1.4%	19.7%	+/- 0.2%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	5.9%	+/- 0.8%	9.5%	+/- 0.2%
Production, transportation, and material moving	9.8%	+/- 1.1%	17.2%	+/- 0.2%

Dallas County has a higher proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than the state. A portion of those who are not in the labor force are people who are retired. The percent unemployed in Dallas County is lower than that for the state overall. Earnings data are provided for the population 16 and over who have earnings. Median[4] earnings in Dallas County tend to be higher than the median earnings for the state. There is a lower percentage of families in Dallas County below poverty level than for the state. Families with children tend to have a higher rate of poverty than families without children.

Employment Status, 2018-2022[2]

	County		State	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	75,882	+/- 238	2,544,719	+/- 1,266
In labor force	75.4%	+/- 1.2%	66.6%	+/- 0.2%
Not in labor force	24.6%	+/- 1.2%	33.4%	+/- 0.2%
Civilian labor force	57,131	+/- 946	1,692,129	+/- 5,407
Unemployed	3.0%	+/- 0.7%	3.8%	+/- 0.1%

Median[4] Employment Earnings, 2018-2022[2]

	County		State	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ [a]	58,994	+/- 865	1,799,851	+/- 5,338
Median earnings	$55,876	+/- $1,403	$40,905	+/- $219
Female	$47,520	+/- $1,737	$33,724	+/- $250
Male	$68,302	+/- $2,079	$48,115	+/- $407
Female, full time[b]	$58,940	+/- $1,707	$47,128	+/- $238
Male, full time[b]	$80,664	+/- $3,254	$59,875	+/- $356

[a]with earnings. [b]year round.

Individuals Below Poverty Level by Race, 2018-2022[2]

	County		State	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total population[a]	99,817	+/-56	3,088,999	+/-950
Percent below	5.7%	+/-0.2%	11.1%	+/-0.2%
White alone	5.3%	+/-0.9%	9.7%	+/-0.2%
Black/African American alone	**%	+/-**%	30.5%	+/-1.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	**%	+/-**%	13.6%	+/-1.4%
American Indian alone	**%	+/-**%	27.6%	+/-4%
Hawaiian alone	**%	+/-**%	33.1%	+/-8.5%
Other race alone	**%	+/-**%	16.6%	+/-2.3%
Two or more races	**%	+/-**%	17.6%	+/-1.3%
Hispanic origin[b]	**%	+/-**%	17.4%	+/-1.1%

[a]for whom poverty status is determined, [b]Hispanics can be of any race. **MOE is high, use state estimate.

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

	County		State	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total population[a]	99,817	+/-56	3,088,999	+/-950
Below poverty	5.7%	+/-0.2%	11.1%	+/-0.2%
17 and under	5.6%	+/-1.8%	13%	+/-0.4%
18 - 64	5.7%	+/-1%	11.4%	+/-0.2%
65+	5.8%	+/-1.7%	7.7%	+/-0.2%
All families	4.1%	+/-1.2%	7%	+/-0.2%
With children	5.5%	+/-2%	11.5%	+/-0.4%
Married couple	2.4%	+/-1%	3.2%	+/-0.1%
With children	**%	+/-**%	4.1%	+/-0.3%
Female HH[b]	17.4%	+/-6.3%	25.4%	+/-1%
With children	22.6%	+/-8.6%	32.4%	+/-1.4%

[a]for whom poverty status is determined, [b]female householder, no spouse present, **MOE is high. Use state estimate.

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