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Buffalo, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Buffalo is 1,176. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 7.4%. The City of Buffalo is in Scott County. Scott County saw a 5.7% population increase between 2010 and 2020.

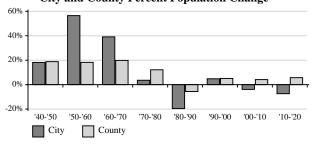
Scott County Cities - Total Population						
City	2000	2010	2020			
Buffalo	1,321	1,270	1,176			
Male Total	673	646	587			
Female Total	648	624	589			
Bettendorf	31,275	33,217	39,102			
Blue Grass	1,169	1,452	1,666			
Davenport	98,359	99,685	101,724			
Dixon	276	247	202			
Donahue	293	346	335			
Durant [†]	1,677	1,832	1,871			
Eldridge	4,159	5,651	6,726			
Le Claire	2,847	3,765	4,710			
Long Grove	597	808	838			
Maysville	163	176	156			
McCausland	299	291	313			
New Liberty	121	137	138			
Panorama Park	111	129	139			
Princeton	946	886	923			
Riverdale	656	405	379			
Walcott [†]	1,528	1,629	1,551			
Scott County Total	158,668	165,224	174,669			
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369			

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

Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Blue Grass	-3.7%	24.2%	14.7%
Davenport	3.2%	1.3%	2.0%
Maysville	-4.1%	8.0%	-11.4%
Stockton	-2.7%	8.2%	-10.7%
Walcott	12.7%	6.6%	-4.8%
Buffalo	4.8%	-3.9%	-7.4%
Scott County	5.1%	4.1%	5.7%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Buffalo's population is predominantly White. The City of Buffalo, compared to Scott 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	ounty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	98.3%	92.6%	97.0%	92.6%
White	97.2%	90.1%	86.1%	79.4%
White alone, not Hispanic	95.2%	88.3%	82.8%	77.0%
Black or African American	0.5%	0.7%	7.1%	8.1%
Asian	0.2%	0.5%	2.0%	2.8%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.3%	1.1%	1.5%	1.9%
Two or more races	1.7%	7.4%	3.0%	7.4%
Hispanic origin ^a	2.5%	6.0%	5.6%	6.9%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

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		City	Co	ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	499	458	66,765	71,628
Family households ^{a,b}	67.3%	78.9%	64.6%	62.8%
Married couple family ^b	51.7%	63.2%	48.3%	46.0%
With own children	20.8%	14.8%	19.2%	17.4%
Other family ^c	15.6%	21.2%	16.3%	16.8%
Male householder ^c	5.4%	8.7%	4.4%	5.0%
With own children	3.6%	4.6%	2.6%	2.7%
Female householder ^c	10.2%	12.4%	11.9%	11.8%
With own children	6.0%	7.0%	7.4%	7.1%
Nonfamily households ^d	32.7%	21.1%	35.4%	37.2%
Male living alone	12.4%	11.1%	13.1%	14.4%
Female living alone	13.8%	9.8%	15.5%	15.9%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	499	458	66,765	71,628
Married couple ^b	51.7%	63.2%	48.3%	46.0%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	7.9%	NA ^e	7.7%
Male householder g	NA ^e	19.2%	NA^e	19.5%
Female householder ^g	NA ^e	22.3%	NA ^e	26.8%

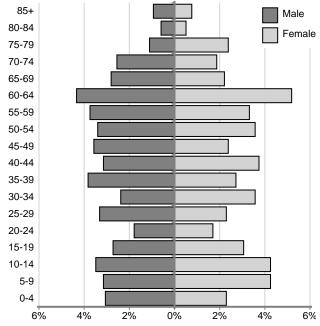
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	ounty
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	25.5%	23.7%	24.6%	23.4%
0 - 4	6.4%	5.4%	6.8%	5.9%
5 - 9	8.2%	7.4%	6.9%	6.6%
10 - 14	6.9%	7.7%	6.7%	6.9%
15 - 17	4%	3.2%	4.2%	4%
18 - 24	7.2%	6.1%	8.9%	8.6%
25 - 44	28.4%	25%	26.1%	25.5%
45 - 64	25.7%	29.6%	27.4%	25.2%
65 or older	13.1%	15.7%	13.1%	17.2%
65 - 84	11.5%	14%	11.1%	15.2%
85 or older	1.6%	1.7%	2.0%	2.0%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	37.9	41.3	37.7	39.0
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	62.9	64.9	60.4	68.5
Old-Age	21.3	25.9	21.0	29.0
Child	41.5	39.0	39.4	39.5

^aAge Dependency Ratio

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	442	+/- 119	71,436	+/- 665
Less than \$34,999	20.6%	+/- 4.0%	22.7%	+/- 1.6%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	10.2%	+/- 5.9%	10.8%	+/- 0.8%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	49.6%	+/- 4.8%	30.6%	+/- 1.4%
\$100,000 Or More	19.7%	+/- 4.1%	35.9%	+/- 1.6%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$74,667	+/- \$18,164	\$72,792	+/- \$1,910
Median Family Income	\$75,625	+/- \$16,948	\$94,696	+/- \$3,301
Per Capita Income	\$34,368	+/- \$6,019	\$40,926	+/- \$1,134

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	684	+/-166	118,337	+/-79	
High School Graduate or Higher	86.1%	+/-5.6%	94%	+/-0.6%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	11.0%	+/-5.1%	34.9%	+/-1.2%	

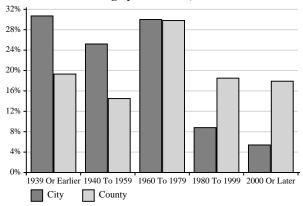
^{*}MOE = the margin of error for American Community Survey estimates² which is a numerical value that when added to or subtracted from the point estimate value gives the range of a 90% confidence interval around the estimate.

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	501	+/- 126	77,613	+/- 127
Vacant	11.8%	+/- 6.9%	8.0%	+/- 0.8%
Occupied	88.2%	+/- 6.9%	92.0%	+/- 0.8%
Occupied ^a	442	+/- 119	71,436	+/- 665
Owner	77.1%	+/- 9.5%	69.1%	+/- 1.3%
Renter	22.9%	+/- 9.5%	30.9%	+/- 1.3%
Rent ^b	\$767	+/- \$170	\$919	+/- \$22
Value ^c	\$131,000	+/-\$36,091	\$198,000	+/-\$4,217

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Buffalo 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 21.3% 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	522	+/- 155	87,296	+/- 1,239	
Management, business, science, and arts	29.5%	+/- 14.0%	41.1%	+/- 1.2%	
Service	**%	+/- **%	15.0%	+/- 1.0%	
Sales and office	26.4%	+/- 8.6%	19.7%	+/- 1.1%	
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	11.5%	+/- 4.9%	8.6%	+/- 0.9%	
Production, transportation, and material moving	21.3%	+/- 7.9%	15.6%	+/- 1.0%	

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

Buffalo has a higher proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Scott 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 Buffalo tend to be higher than the median earnings for Scott 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	540	+/- 159	94,888	+/- 1,212
Median Earnings	\$46,875	+/- \$46	\$44,307	+/- \$1,258
Female	\$32,411	+/- \$10,322	\$35,055	+/- \$1,590
Female, full time ^b	\$43,098	+/- \$9,312	\$50,902	+/- \$1,222
Male	\$68,047	+/- \$18,453	\$52,474	+/- \$1,807
Male, full time ^b	\$71,513	+/- \$11,848	\$65,660	+/- \$1,773

^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	995	+/-233	172,559	+/-128
With a disability ^b	21.7%	+/-8.0%	11.8%	+/-0.6%
With Health Insurance	98.7%	+/-1.7%	94.4%	+/-0.7%
With Private ^c Coverage	74.9%	+/-9.7%	72.7%	+/-1.1%
With Public ^d Coverage	39.5%	+/-12.3%	35.5%	+/-1.1%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	5.6%	+/-0.7%

^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+	792	+/- 178	138,382	+/- 274
in labor force	66.3%	+/- 8.8%	65.9%	+/- 0.9%
not in labor force	33.7%	+/- 8.8%	34.1%	+/- 0.9%
Civilian labor force	525	+/- 156	90,903	+/- 1,260
Unemployed	0.6%	+/- 1.3%	4.0%	+/- 0.6%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	995	+/-233	170,439	+/-501
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	11.9%	+/-0.9%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	15.6%	+/-1.9%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	11.6%	+/-1.0%
65+	**%	+/-**%	7.9%	+/-1.3%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	8.1%	+/-1.1%
with children	**%	+/-**%	13.8%	+/-2.1%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	2.7%	+/-0.5%
with children	**%	+/-**%	3.9%	+/-1.2%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	31.0%	+/-5.1%
with children	**%	+/-**%	40.2%	+/-6.3%

^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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