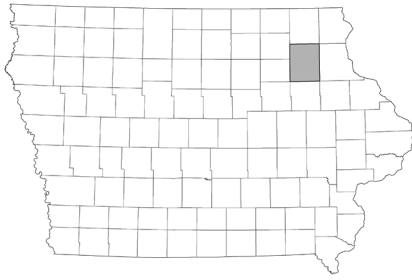


# Data for Decision Makers



## Elgin, Iowa City Profile

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### Population profile

The 2020 population for Elgin is 685. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 0.3%. The City of Elgin is in Fayette County. Fayette County saw a 6.6% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

**Fayette County Cities - Total Population<sup>1</sup>**

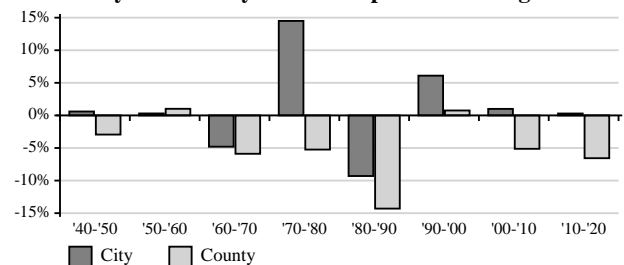
City	2000	2010	2020
<b>Elgin</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>685</b>
Male Total	322	337	350
Female Total	354	346	335
Arlington	490	429	419
Clermont	716	632	586
Fairbank <sup>†</sup>	1,041	1,113	1,111
Fayette	1,300	1,338	1,256
Hawkeye	489	449	438
Maynard	500	518	476
Oelwein	6,692	6,415	5,920
St. Lucas	178	143	167
Stanley <sup>†</sup>	128	125	81
Sumner <sup>†</sup>	2,106	2,028	2,030
Wadena	243	262	209
Waucoma	299	257	229
West Union	2,549	2,486	2,490
Westgate	234	211	192
Fayette County Total	22,008	20,880	19,509
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369

<sup>†</sup>City is located in multiple counties, total population is provided.

**Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change**

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Castalia	-1.1%	-1.1%	-16.2%
Clermont	36.9%	-11.7%	-7.3%
Postville	54.4%	-2.0%	12.4%
Wadena	3.0%	7.8%	-20.2%
West Union	2.4%	-2.5%	0.2%
Elgin	6.1%	1.0%	0.3%
Fayette County	0.8%	5.1%	-6.6%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

**City and County Percent Population Change<sup>1</sup>**



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# Demographic Profile

# Elgin, Iowa

Elgin's population is predominantly White. The City of Elgin, compared to Fayette 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.<sup>3</sup>

**Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin<sup>1</sup>**

Race Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.6%	97.1%	99.1%	96.1%
White	98.8%	95.8%	97.0%	93.7%
White alone, not Hispanic	98.0%	94.5%	95.7%	92.5%
Black or African American	0.1%	0.3%	0.9%	1.0%
Asian	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
Other	0.1%	0.6%	0.4%	0.8%
Two or more races	0.4%	2.9%	0.9%	3.9%
Hispanic origin <sup>a</sup>	1.0%	2.0%	1.8%	2.7%

<sup>a</sup> Hispanics can be of any race.

**Households by Family or Nonfamily Type<sup>1,3</sup>**

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	318	310	8,634	8,174
Family households <sup>a,b</sup>	60.1%	64.6%	64.8%	61.7%
Married couple family <sup>b</sup>	48.1%	49.6%	52.9%	49.0%
With own children	15.1%	14.5%	18.2%	14.9%
Other family <sup>c</sup>	11.9%	13.2%	11.9%	12.7%
Male householder <sup>c</sup>	5.0%	5.2%	4.3%	4.9%
With own children	3.8%	2.3%	2.5%	2.7%
Female householder <sup>c</sup>	6.9%	8.1%	7.6%	7.8%
With own children	5.3%	4.5%	4.9%	4.7%
Nonfamily households <sup>d</sup>	39.9%	35.4%	35.2%	38.3%
Male living alone	15.7%	16.8%	13.5%	15.8%
Female living alone	20.4%	19.0%	16.2%	16.6%

**Households by Couple or Non-couple Type<sup>1,3</sup>**

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	318	310	8,634	8,174
Married couple <sup>b</sup>	48.1%	49.6%	52.9%	49.0%
Cohabiting couple <sup>b,f</sup>	NA <sup>e</sup>	7.1%	NA <sup>e</sup>	7.4%
Male householder <sup>g</sup>	NA <sup>e</sup>	22.3%	NA <sup>e</sup>	20.2%
Female householder <sup>g</sup>	NA <sup>e</sup>	25.5%	NA <sup>e</sup>	23.4%

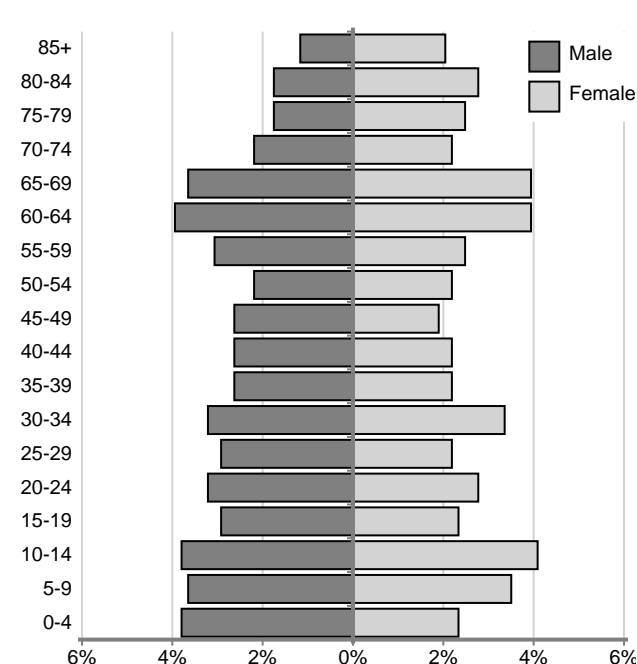
<sup>a</sup>Householder and at least one other person related to the householder. <sup>b</sup>For 2020 includes same-sex couples. <sup>c</sup>No spouse present, but at least one relative present. <sup>d</sup>In 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). <sup>e</sup>2010 not comparable with 2020. <sup>f</sup>For 2020 householder has an unmarried partner. <sup>g</sup>For 2020 no spouse or partner present, but relatives, nonrelatives may be present or householder may be living alone.

**Percentage of Population by Age<sup>1</sup>**

Age Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	23.3%	24.8%	22.5%	21.5%
0 - 4	6.4%	6.1%	6.0%	5.3%
5 - 9	6.4%	7.2%	5.7%	5.7%
10 - 14	6%	7.9%	6.5%	6.6%
15 - 17	4.5%	3.6%	4.3%	3.9%
18 - 24	8.5%	7.7%	9.4%	8.6%
25 - 44	19.6%	21.3%	20.4%	21.1%
45 - 64	25.3%	22.3%	28.3%	26%
65 or older	23.3%	23.9%	19.4%	22.8%
65 - 84	19.6%	20.7%	16.1%	19.2%
85 or older	3.7%	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%
Median <sup>4</sup> Age (years)	43.8	41.3	43.2	44.0
Age Dependency <sup>a, 5</sup>	87.3	94.9	72.1	79.5
Old-Age	43.6	46.6	33.4	40.9
Child	43.6	48.3	38.7	38.6

<sup>a</sup>Age Dependency Ratio

**Elgin, Iowa Population Pyramid,<sup>a</sup> 2020<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>a</sup>Each bar represents the percentage that an age-sex group comprises of the total population.

## Socioeconomic Profile

## Elgin, Iowa

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

**Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	322	+/- 64	8,228	+/- 174
Less than \$34,999	26.1%	+/- 4.8%	32.2%	+/- 2.5%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	12.4%	+/- 6.8%	13.3%	+/- 1.8%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	40.9%	+/- 4.2%	31.7%	+/- 1.9%
\$100,000 Or More	20.4%	+/- 3.3%	22.8%	+/- 2.0%
Median <sup>4</sup> Household Income	\$55,625	+/- \$7,200	\$56,043	+/- \$2,534
Median Family Income	\$72,083	+/- \$23,188	\$71,025	+/- \$4,272
Per Capita Income	\$30,668	+/- \$3,819	\$31,566	+/- \$1,538

**Educational Attainment, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	516	+/-96	13,601	+/-77
High School Graduate or Higher	96.3%	+/-2.7%	92.9%	+/-1.1%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	15.3%	+/-4.4%	17.2%	+/-1.7%

\*MOE = the margin of error for American Community Survey estimates<sup>2</sup> 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.

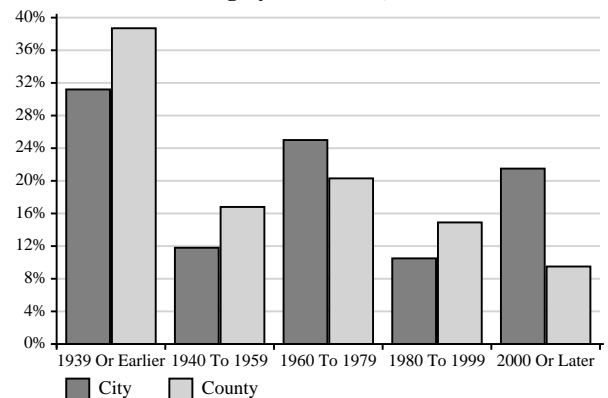
\*\*MOE is high, use county estimate.

**Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	372	+/- 73	9,323	+/- 31
Vacant	13.4%	+/- 8.4%	11.7%	+/- 1.8%
Occupied	86.6%	+/- 8.4%	88.3%	+/- 1.8%
Occupied <sup>a</sup>	322	+/- 64	8,228	+/- 174
Owner	83.5%	+/- 7.1%	76.2%	+/- 2.4%
Renter	16.5%	+/- 7.1%	23.8%	+/- 2.4%
Rent <sup>b</sup>	\$**	+/- \$**	\$780	+/- \$33
Value <sup>c</sup>	\$87,500	+/- \$16,908	\$123,000	+/- \$6,895

<sup>a</sup>Occupied Units, <sup>b</sup>Median gross rent of renter-occupied units, <sup>c</sup>Median value of owner-occupied units

**Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**



In Elgin there is a higher percentage of workers in production, transportation, and material moving occupations than any other occupation category. The production, transportation, and material moving occupation category makes up 25.4% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

**Occupation of the Civilian Employed Population, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	342	+/- 83	9,230	+/- 312
Management, business, science, and arts	24.9%	+/- 7.2%	30.6%	+/- 2.5%
Service	19.9%	+/- 7.3%	15.3%	+/- 2.0%
Sales and office	12.3%	+/- 5.2%	18.9%	+/- 2.2%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	17.5%	+/- 6.2%	14.0%	+/- 1.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving	25.4%	+/- 7.8%	21.3%	+/- 2.4%

# Socioeconomic Profile

# Elgin, Iowa

Elgin has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Fayette 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 Elgin tend to be lower than the median earnings for Fayette County. Families with children tend to have a higher rate of poverty than families without children.

**Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ <sup>a</sup>	376	+/- 85	10,345	+/- 271
Median Earnings	\$26,810	+/- \$26	\$35,697	+/- \$1,881
Female	\$21,488	+/- \$3,986	\$27,832	+/- \$2,330
Female, full time <sup>b</sup>	\$38,750	+/- \$16,142	\$41,291	+/- \$1,436
Male	\$42,083	+/- \$13,787	\$41,727	+/- \$2,031
Male, full time <sup>b</sup>	\$51,042	+/- \$10,193	\$50,313	+/- \$3,275

<sup>a</sup> with earnings, <sup>b</sup> year round, \*\*MOE is high, use county estimate.

**Disability Status and Health Insurance Coverage of the Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population <sup>a</sup>	739	+/-137	19,160	+/-13
With a disability <sup>b</sup>	19.4%	+/-7.3%	16.3%	+/-1.8%
With Health Insurance	89.4%	+/-5.6%	94.6%	+/-1.2%
With Private <sup>c</sup> Coverage	60.4%	+/-12.3%	67.3%	+/-2.6%
With Public <sup>d</sup> Coverage	54.4%	+/-8.2%	44.4%	+/-2.6%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	5.4%	+/-1.2%

<sup>a</sup>Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population, <sup>b</sup>limitations of activities or inability for full participation, <sup>c</sup>provided by employer, union, bought by individual, and some military plans, <sup>d</sup>includes Medicare, Medicaid, VA Health Care, children's CHIP, and some state plans, \*\*MOE is high, use county estimate.

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**Employment Status, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	607	+/- 118	15,824	+/- 78
in labor force	57.5%	+/- 8.7%	60.6%	+/- 2.0%
not in labor force	42.5%	+/- 8.7%	39.4%	+/- 2.0%
Civilian labor force	349	+/- 83	9,589	+/- 305
Unemployed	2.0%	+/- 2.1%	3.7%	+/- 1.1%

\*\*MOE is high, use county estimate.

**Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022<sup>2</sup>**

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population <sup>a</sup>	739	+/-137	18,868	+/-39
Below poverty	5.4%	+/-2.2%	11.8%	+/-1.8%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	12.5%	+/-3.9%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	12.8%	+/-2.1%
65+	**%	+/-**%	8.5%	+/-2.2%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	8.4%	+/-2.4%
with children	**%	+/-**%	14.3%	+/-4.9%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	5.0%	+/-2.0%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH <sup>b</sup>	**%	+/-**%	30.7%	+/-12.7%
with children	**%	+/-**%	37.5%	+/-16.2%

<sup>a</sup> for whom poverty status is determined, <sup>b</sup> female householder, no husband present, \*\*MOE is high, use county estimate.

## Notes and Source Information:

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Censuses 1940 - 2020

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 2018-2022

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Median is the middle value of a distribution.

<sup>5</sup> 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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