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Lawton, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Lawton is 943. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 3.9%. The City of Lawton is in Woodbury County. Woodbury County saw a 3.7% population increase between 2010 and 2020.

Woodbury County Cities - Total Population¹

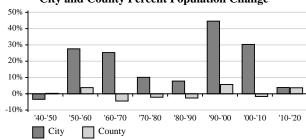
Woodbury County Cities - Total Population								
City	2000	2010	2020					
Lawton	697	908	943					
Male Total	329	444	472					
Female Total	368	464	471					
Anthon	649	565	545					
Bronson	269	322	294					
Correctionville	851	821	766					
Cushing	246	220	230					
Danbury	384	348	320					
Hornick	253	225	255					
Moville	1,583	1,618	1,687					
Oto	145	108	72					
Pierson	371	366	337					
Salix	370	363	295					
Sergeant Bluff	3,321	4,227	5,015					
Sioux City [†]	85,013	82,684	85,797					
Sloan	1,032	973	1,042					
Smithland	221	224	181					
Woodbury County Total	103,877	102,172	105,941					
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
Bronson	28.7%	19.7%	-8.7%
Hinton	15.9%	14.9%	0.8%
Moville	21.2%	2.2%	4.3%
Sergeant Bluff	19.8%	27.3%	18.6%
Sioux City	5.6%	-2.7%	3.8%
Lawton	44.6%	30.3%	3.9%
Woodbury County	5.7%	1.6%	3.7%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Lawton's population is predominantly White. The City of Lawton, compared to Woodbury 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

	C	City	County	
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.3%	97.2%	96.8%	90.9%
White	98.8%	96.6%	83.6%	72.5%
White alone, not Hispanic	98.3%	95.3%	77.6%	68.2%
Black or African American	0.2%	0.2%	2.4%	4.9%
Asian	0.2%	0.0%	2.4%	2.8%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1%	0.1%	2.2%	2.4%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%
Other	0.0%	0.3%	6.1%	7.7%
Two or more races	0.7%	2.8%	3.2%	9.1%
Hispanic origin ^a	0.4%	2.8%	13.7%	17.7%

^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	342	349	39,052	39,904
Family households ^{a,b}	69.6%	56.3%	65.6%	64.6%
Married couple family ^b	61.7%	42.0%	47.5%	44.7%
With own children	32.5%	29.5%	19.9%	18.0%
Other family ^c	7.9%	11.2%	18.2%	19.9%
Male householder ^c	2.0%	3.7%	5.6%	6.7%
With own children	2.0%	2.6%	3.3%	3.9%
Female householder ^c	5.8%	7.4%	12.6%	13.1%
With own children	3.5%	5.2%	8.2%	8.0%
Nonfamily households ^d	30.4%	43.7%	34.4%	35.4%
Male living alone	11.7%	10.0%	12.3%	13.8%
Female living alone	16.1%	14.3%	15.8%	15.0%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	342	349	39,052	39,904
Married couple ^b	61.7%	42.0%	47.5%	44.7%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	4.3%	NA^e	8.2%
Male householder g	NA ^e	13.5%	NA^e	20.2%
Female householder ^g	NA ^e	21.5%	NA ^e	26.9%

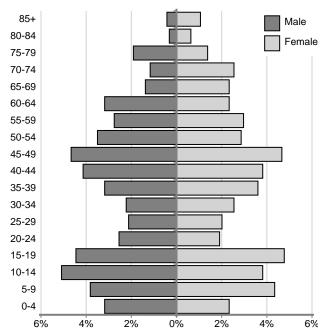
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	30.8%	29.4%	26.6%	26%
0 - 4	7.6%	5.5%	7.8%	6.6%
5 - 9	9.5%	8.2%	7.3%	7.2%
10 - 14	8.6%	8.9%	7.1%	7.8%
15 - 17	5.1%	6.8%	4.4%	4.4%
18 - 24	6.5%	6.9%	10.5%	9.9%
25 - 44	25.7%	23.7%	24.9%	25.4%
45 - 64	22.7%	26.9%	25.1%	23.4%
65 or older	14.3%	13.1%	12.8%	15.4%
65 - 84	11.3%	11.7%	10.9%	13.5%
85 or older	3%	1.5%	1.9%	1.9%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	36.1	38.9	35.1	35.8
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	82.3	73.9	65.1	70.5
Old-Age	26.1	22.8	21.2	26.2
Child	56.2	51.1	44.0	44.3

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Lawton, Iowa Population Pyramid, 2020¹



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

Socioeconomic Profile

The median household income in Lawton is greater than the median household income of Woodbury County. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is higher in Lawton than for Woodbury County. There is a higher percentage of vacant housing units in Lawton than there is for Woodbury County. Many housing units in Lawton were built in 2000 or later. There is a higher percentage of individuals 25 and older with a Bachelor's degree or higher in Lawton compared to Woodbury County.

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	City		C	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	378	+/- 67	40,299	+/- 366
Less than \$34,999	22.0%	+/- 4.5%	26.0%	+/- 2.0%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	10.8%	+/- 4.9%	11.6%	+/- 1.0%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	21.5%	+/- 3.1%	29.1%	+/- 1.7%
\$100,000 Or More	45.7%	+/- 4.1%	33.2%	+/- 1.8%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$86,607	+/- \$17,568	\$68,399	+/- \$2,126
Median Family Income	\$113,021	+/- \$5,351	\$86,194	+/- \$4,235
Per Capita Income	\$34,940	+/- \$3,945	\$33,080	+/- \$768

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	City		Co	unty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	663	+/-112	67,477	+/-310
High School Graduate or Higher	98.3%	+/-1.2%	87.6%	+/-0.8%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	37.7%	+/-7.4%	24%	+/-1.2%

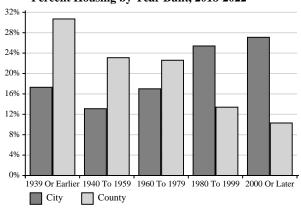
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	410	+/- 72	42,864	+/- 76
Vacant	7.8%	+/- 6.0%	6.0%	+/- 0.9%
Occupied	92.2%	+/- 6.0%	94.0%	+/- 0.9%
Occupied ^a	378	+/- 67	40,299	+/- 366
Owner	79.6%	+/- 6.6%	68.2%	+/- 1.8%
Renter	20.4%	+/- 6.6%	31.8%	+/- 1.8%
Rent ^b	\$778	+/- \$149	\$913	+/- \$21
Value ^c	\$245,500	+/-\$46,912	\$158,000	+/-\$3,837

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Lawton 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 11.8% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	553	+/- 105	52,921	+/- 995
Management, business, science, and arts	41.8%	+/- 7.4%	31.7%	+/- 1.4%
Service	17.9%	+/- 5.0%	16.4%	+/- 1.2%
Sales and office	20.4%	+/- 6.8%	19.3%	+/- 1.4%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	8.1%	+/- 3.1%	10.2%	+/- 1.0%
Production, transportation, and material moving	11.8%	+/- 5.2%	22.4%	+/- 1.4%

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

Lawton has a higher proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Woodbury 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 Lawton tend to be higher than the median earnings for Woodbury 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	580	+/- 106	58,615	+/- 832
Median Earnings	\$46,786	+/- \$46	\$38,065	+/- \$1,440
Female	\$37,632	+/- \$11,352	\$32,324	+/- \$1,562
Female, full time ^b	\$57,794	+/- \$10,542	\$44,433	+/- \$1,659
Male	\$59,063	+/- \$10,712	\$44,214	+/- \$2,149
Male, full time ^b	\$65,250	+/- \$8,909	\$56,144	+/- \$1,660

^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		Со	unty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population ^a	1,021	+/-169	104,378	+/-103
With a disability ^b	8.4%	+/-2.8%	13.4%	+/-0.8%
With Health Insurance	99.7%	+/-0.4%	93.5%	+/-0.6%
With Private ^c Coverage	86.9%	+/-5.9%	64.8%	+/-1.5%
With Public ^d Coverage	28.0%	+/-8.0%	41.7%	+/-1.5%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	6.5%	+/-0.6%

^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+	777	+/- 123	81,389	+/- 235
in labor force	72.5%	+/- 5.6%	68.2%	+/- 1.2%
not in labor force	27.5%	+/- 5.6%	31.8%	+/- 1.2%
Civilian labor force	563	+/- 106	55,409	+/- 976
Unemployed	1.8%	+/- 1.8%	4.5%	+/- 0.8%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	1,021	+/-169	102,741	+/-204
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	13.5%	+/-1.4%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	18.2%	+/-2.8%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	12.5%	+/-1.3%
65+	**%	+/-**%	9.2%	+/-1.8%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	9.9%	+/-1.4%
with children	**%	+/-**%	15.2%	+/-2.4%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	4.0%	+/-1.1%
with children	**%	+/-**%	4.6%	+/-1.8%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	30.8%	+/-5.1%
with children	**%	+/-**%	39.6%	+/-6.5%

^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.
- 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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