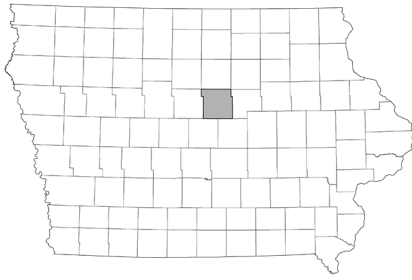# Data for Decision Makers

Eldora, Iowa
City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Eldora is 2,663. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 2.5%. The City of Eldora is in Hardin County. Hardin County saw a 3.7% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.
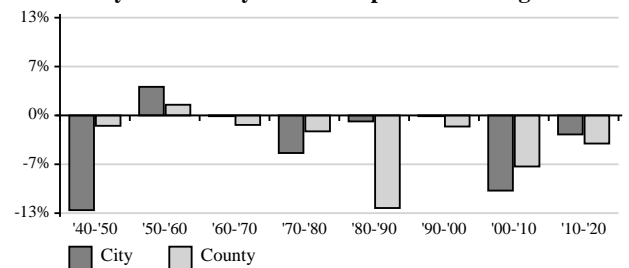
Hardin County Cities - Total Population[1]

City	2000	2010	2020
Eldora	**3,035**	**2,732**	**2,663**
Male Total	1,511	1,413	1,349
Female Total	1,524	1,319	1,314
Ackley[†]	1,809	1,589	1,599
Alden	904	787	763
Buckeye	110	108	86
Hubbard	885	845	860
Iowa Falls	5,193	5,238	5,106
New Providence	227	228	236
Owasa	38	43	34
Radcliffe	607	545	555
Steamboat Rock	336	310	264
Union	427	397	399
Whitten	160	149	100
Hardin County Total	18,812	17,534	16,878
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369

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

Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
New Providence	-5.4%	0.4%	3.5%
Owasa	2.7%	13.2%	-20.9%
Steamboat Rock	0.3%	-7.7%	-14.8%
Union	-4.7%	-7.0%	0.5%
Whitten	16.8%	-6.9%	-32.9%
Eldora	-0.1%	-10.0%	-2.5%
Hardin County	-1.5%	6.8%	-3.7%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change[1]

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Eldora's population is predominantly White. The City of Eldora, compared to Hardin 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 Origin[1]

Race Groups	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
One race only	98.4%	94.7%	98.9%	95.7%
White	94.8%	89.6%	95.8%	91.6%
White alone, not Hispanic	92.1%	88.4%	93.7%	90.6%
Black or African American	2.0%	2.3%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian	0.6%	0.8%	0.5%	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.7%	1.7%	1.2%	2.4%
Two or more races	1.6%	5.3%	1.1%	4.3%
Hispanic origin[a]	3.7%	3.6%	3.7%	4.8%

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

Households by Family or Nonfamily Type[1,3]

	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	1,079	1,096	7,296	7,070
Family households[a,b]	62.2%	72.0%	64.5%	62.8%
Married couple family[b]	48.7%	52.5%	53.0%	50.1%
With own children	15.9%	14.4%	17.8%	16.4%
Other family[c]	13.4%	14.1%	11.5%	12.7%
Male householder[c]	4.8%	4.4%	4.0%	4.8%
With own children	3.2%	2.6%	2.7%	3.0%
Female householder[c]	8.6%	9.8%	7.5%	7.9%
With own children	6.4%	6.1%	5.1%	4.6%
Nonfamily households[d]	37.8%	28.0%	35.5%	37.2%
Male living alone	12.8%	16.3%	13.3%	15.5%
Female living alone	20.3%	20.3%	17.9%	17.0%

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

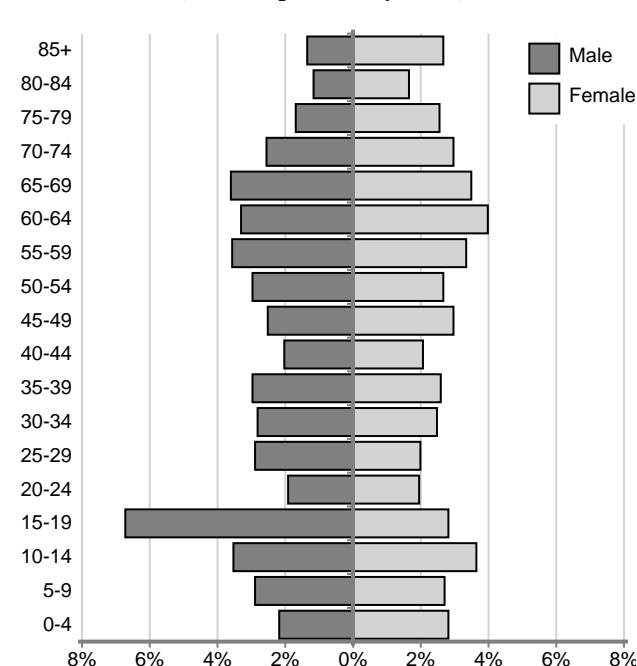|	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	1,079	1,096	7,296	7,070
Married couple[b]	48.7%	52.5%	53.0%	50.1%
Cohabiting couple[b,f]	NA[e]	7.6%	NA[e]	6.2%
Male householder [g]	NA[e]	20.3%	NA[e]	19.9%
Female householder [g]	NA[e]	28.6%	NA[e]	23.8%

[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	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
17 or younger	26.5%	24.6%	23.1%	22.6%
0 - 4	5.2%	5.0%	6.0%	5.4%
5 - 9	5.8%	5.6%	5.9%	6.0%
10 - 14	6.5%	7.2%	6.4%	7.0%
15 - 17	9%	6.8%	4.8%	4.2%
18 - 24	6.8%	6.6%	8.1%	7.5%
25 - 44	20.4%	19.9%	20.2%	21.3%
45 - 64	25.8%	25.3%	27.6%	25.4%
65 or older	20.5%	23.7%	21.0%	23.2%
65 - 84	16%	19.6%	16.9%	19.3%
85 or older	4.5%	4.0%	4.1%	3.9%
Median[4] Age (years)	41.6	43.3	43.7	43.5
Age Dependency[a,5]	88.7	93.2	78.8	84.5
Old-Age	38.7	45.8	37.5	42.8
Child	50.0	47.5	41.3	41.7

[a]*Age Dependency Ratio*

Eldora, Iowa Population Pyramid,[a] 2020[1]

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

The median household income in Eldora is greater than the median household income of Hardin County. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is lower in Eldora than for Hardin County. There is a higher percentage of vacant housing units in Eldora than there is for Hardin County. Many housing units in Eldora were built between 1960 to 1979. There is a lower percentage of individuals 25 and older with a Bachelor's degree or higher in Eldora compared to Hardin County.

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	1,010	+/- 91	7,029	+/- 194
Less than $34,999	28.1%	+/- 3.6%	28.6%	+/- 2.5%
$35,000 To $49,999	11.6%	+/- 4.0%	12.0%	+/- 2.0%
$50,000 To $99,999	35.6%	+/- 3.5%	34.9%	+/- 2.2%
$100,000 Or More	24.8%	+/- 3.0%	24.3%	+/- 2.0%
Median[4] Household Income	$67,283	+/- $9,637	$64,656	+/- $4,778
Median Family Income	$77,308	+/- $3,991	$80,857	+/- $3,540
Per Capita Income	$29,628	+/- $2,712	$32,181	+/- $1,328

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	1,171	+/- 110	8,031	+/- 44
Vacant	13.7%	+/- 6.3%	12.5%	+/- 2.3%
Occupied	86.3%	+/- 6.3%	87.5%	+/- 2.3%
Occupied[a]	1,010	+/- 91	7,029	+/- 194
Owner	65.9%	+/- 6.7%	74.2%	+/- 2.7%
Renter	34.1%	+/- 6.7%	25.8%	+/- 2.7%
Rent[b]	$688	+/- $86	$752	+/- $71
Value[c]	$96,800	+/-$16,038	$109,300	+/-$5,249

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

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	1,861	+/-95	12,328	+/-63
High School Graduate or Higher	87.4%	+/-4.1%	93.4%	+/-1.1%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	15.9%	+/-4.5%	20.8%	+/-2.1%

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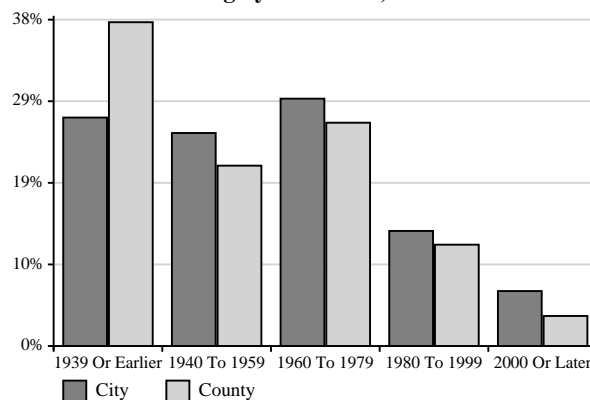**MOE is high, use county estimate.*

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

In Eldora 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 16.5% 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	1,239	+/- 94	8,378	+/- 281
Management, business, science, and arts	34.0%	+/- 7.3%	31.9%	+/- 2.8%
Service	20.4%	+/- 6.6%	15.6%	+/- 2.0%
Sales and office	19.7%	+/- 6.7%	19.7%	+/- 2.4%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	9.4%	+/- 4.5%	15.7%	+/- 2.3%
Production, transportation, and material moving	16.5%	+/- 5.4%	17.1%	+/- 1.9%

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

Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ [a]	1,370	+/- 97	9,232	+/- 253
Median Earnings	$40,690	+/- $40	$37,792	+/- $1,853
Female	$35,900	+/- $7,043	$31,448	+/- $3,540
Female, full time[b]	$44,205	+/- $4,481	$42,258	+/- $2,681
Male	$43,877	+/- $4,004	$43,511	+/- $2,350
Male, full time[b]	$46,260	+/- $1,229	$47,515	+/- $3,611

[a] with earnings, [b] year round, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

Employment Status, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	2,207	+/- 102	14,104	+/- 55
in labor force	57.9%	+/- 4.0%	61.5%	+/- 2.0%
not in labor force	42.1%	+/- 4.0%	38.5%	+/- 2.0%
Civilian labor force	1,278	+/- 90	8,680	+/- 268
Unemployed	3.1%	+/- 1.6%	3.5%	+/- 1.1%

**MOE is high, use county estimate.

Disability Status and Health Insurance Coverage of the Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population[a]	2,418	+/-28	16,393	+/-14
With a disability[b]	14.6%	+/-3.8%	13.7%	+/-1.3%
With Health Insurance	92.8%	+/-3.1%	95.6%	+/-0.9%
With Private[c] Coverage	60.3%	+/-4.7%	71.7%	+/-2.1%
With Public[d] Coverage	48.2%	+/-5.8%	39.2%	+/-2.1%
No Health Insurance	7.2%	+/-3.1%	4.4%	+/-0.9%

[a]Civilan Noninstitutionalized Population, [b]limitations of activities or inability for full participation, [c]provided by employer, union, bought by individual, and some miliary plans, [d]includes Medicare, Medicaid, VA Health Care, children's CHIP, and some state plans, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population[a]	2,418	+/-28	16,112	+/-30
Below poverty	6.8%	+/-3.0%	8.4%	+/-1.3%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	11.1%	+/-3.9%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	8.5%	+/-1.4%
65+	**%	+/-**%	5.9%	+/-2.0%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	5.2%	+/-1.6%
with children	**%	+/-**%	8.6%	+/-3.1%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	3.2%	+/-1.3%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH[b]	**%	+/-**%	19.5%	+/-8.7%
with children	**%	+/-**%	24.9%	+/-11.5%

[a] for whom poverty status is determined, [b] female householder, no husband present, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

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