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Griswold, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Griswold is 994. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 4.1%. The City of Griswold is in Cass County. Cass County saw a 5.9% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

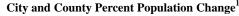
Cass County Cities - Total Population¹

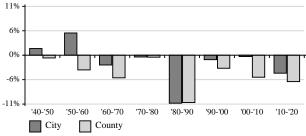
Cass County Cities - Total Population							
City	2000	2010	2020				
Griswold	1,039	1,036	994				
Male Total	482	473	465				
Female Total	557	563	529				
Anita	1,049	972	963				
Atlantic	7,257	7,112	6,792				
Cumberland	281	262	251				
Lewis	438	433	357				
Marne	149	120	110				
Massena	414	355	359				
Wiota	149	116	91				
Cass County Total	14,684	13,956	13,127				
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
Atlantic	-2.4%	-2.0%	-4.5%
Cumberland	-4.7%	-6.8%	-4.2%
Elliott	0.8%	-12.9%	-3.4%
Grant	-17.1%	-9.8%	-6.5%
Lewis	1.2%	-1.1%	-17.6%
Griswold	-1.0%	-0.3%	-4.1%
Cass County	-2.9%	5%	-5.9%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%





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Griswold's population is predominantly White. The City of Griswold, compared to Cass County, had a lower 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 Origin¹

	City		Co	unty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	99.1%	95.5%	99.4%	96.7%
White	97.5%	93.7%	97.7%	94.6%
White alone, not Hispanic	97.0%	93.4%	96.7%	93.8%
Black or African American	1.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%
Asian	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.6%
Other	0.3%	1.1%	0.7%	0.9%
Two or more races	0.9%	4.5%	0.6%	3.3%
Hispanic origin ^a	1.1%	2.6%	1.8%	2.3%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

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		City	С	ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	445	433	5,980	5,818
Family households ^{a,b}	62.5%	57.9%	65.0%	60.7%
Married couple family ^b	50.1%	43.4%	52.8%	48.1%
With own children	17.8%	14.1%	17.2%	15.5%
Other family ^c	12.4%	12.0%	12.1%	12.7%
Male householder ^c	4.0%	4.4%	3.9%	4.6%
With own children	2.7%	3.0%	2.4%	2.7%
Female householder ^c	8.3%	7.6%	8.3%	8.0%
With own children	6.1%	4.2%	5.5%	4.8%
Nonfamily households ^d	37.5%	42.1%	35.0%	39.3%
Male living alone	11.5%	14.8%	12.9%	15.3%
Female living alone	21.6%	22.4%	17.6%	19.2%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	445	433	5,980	5,818
Married couple ^b	50.1%	43.4%	52.8%	48.1%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	6.2%	NA ^e	6.7%
Male householder g	NA^e	18.5%	NA^e	19.0%
Female householder g	NA ^e	29.3%	NA ^e	26.2%

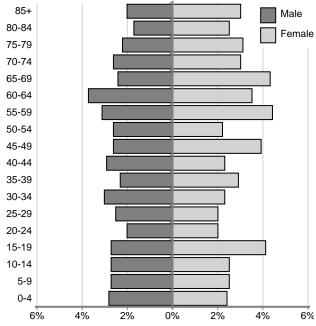
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	unty
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	23.7%	20.7%	22.8%	22%
0 - 4	6.1%	5.2%	6.6%	5.3%
5 - 9	6.7%	5.2%	6.1%	6.0%
10 - 14	6.5%	5.2%	6.1%	6.7%
15 - 17	4.4%	5.1%	4.0%	4%
18 - 24	5.5%	5.7%	6.4%	6%
25 - 44	20.8%	20.2%	20.6%	21.1%
45 - 64	25.2%	26%	29.2%	26.6%
65 or older	24.7%	27.0%	21.0%	24.1%
65 - 84	19%	21.8%	17.5%	20.9%
85 or older	5.7%	5.0%	3.5%	3.2%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	44.9	47.6	45.1	45.5
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	94.0	91.9	77.9	85.8
Old-Age	48.0	52.0	37.4	44.9
Child	46.0	39.9	40.6	41.0

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Griswold, Iowa Population Pyramid, 2020¹



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

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	(City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	439	+/- 63	5,771	+/- 164
Less than \$34,999	26.9%	+/- 3.9%	31.6%	+/- 2.8%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	13.4%	+/- 6.6%	10.8%	+/- 2.4%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	40.6%	+/- 3.7%	29.9%	+/- 2.3%
\$100,000 Or More	19.1%	+/- 3.8%	27.6%	+/- 2.5%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$60,750	+/- \$7,995	\$60,815	+/- \$6,215
Median Family Income	\$75,341	+/- \$9,693	\$83,435	+/- \$5,268
Per Capita Income	\$29,728	+/- \$3,623	\$36,219	+/- \$2,902

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	735	+/-102	9,380	+/-42	
High School Graduate or Higher	90.1%	+/-4.9%	91.2%	+/-1.8%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	17.1%	+/-7.1%	20.9%	+/-2.8%	

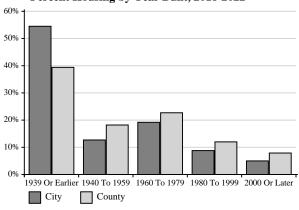
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

	(City	C	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	505	+/- 66	6,403	+/- 28
Vacant	13.1%	+/- 5.7%	9.9%	+/- 2.5%
Occupied	86.9%	+/- 5.7%	90.1%	+/- 2.5%
Occupied ^a	439	+/- 63	5,771	+/- 164
Owner	83.1%	+/- 5.7%	72.9%	+/- 2.7%
Renter	16.9%	+/- 5.7%	27.1%	+/- 2.7%
Rent ^b	\$836	+/- \$63	\$699	+/- \$81
Value ^c	\$86,500	+/-\$9,327	\$127,400	+/-\$10,799

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Griswold 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 27.5% 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	538	+/- 98	6,520	+/- 243
Management, business, science, and arts	21.7%	+/- 6.6%	34.0%	+/- 3.4%
Service	18.6%	+/- 6.8%	15.6%	+/- 3.1%
Sales and office	22.3%	+/- 7.8%	22.5%	+/- 3.0%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	9.9%	+/- 4.2%	10.8%	+/- 1.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving	27.5%	+/- 8.9%	17.1%	+/- 2.6%

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

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

Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022²

	(City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ ^a	582	+/- 104	7,072	+/- 222
Median Earnings	\$36,111	+/- \$36	\$36,692	+/- \$2,200
Female	\$29,737	+/- \$8,336	\$29,242	+/- \$1,745
Female, full time ^b	\$37,941	+/- \$7,196	\$40,134	+/- \$3,173
Male	\$47,500	+/- \$8,378	\$43,218	+/- \$3,756
Male, full time ^b	\$53,833	+/- \$6,533	\$54,502	+/- \$3,494

^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		Co	County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population ^a	1,021	+/-143	12,877	+/-24	
With a disability ^b	6.5%	+/-2.2%	14.9%	+/-1.7%	
With Health Insurance	95.5%	+/-3.0%	95.8%	+/-1.0%	
With Private ^c Coverage	70.5%	+/-8.4%	63.4%	+/-2.9%	
With Public ^d Coverage	40.4%	+/-7.9%	48.0%	+/-2.8%	
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	4.2%	+/-1.0%	

^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+	844	+/- 119	10,636	+/- 82
in labor force	65.0%	+/- 6.1%	62.2%	+/- 2.3%
not in labor force	35.0%	+/- 6.1%	37.8%	+/- 2.3%
Civilian labor force	549	+/- 102	6,612	+/- 236
Unemployed	2.0%	+/- 1.9%	1.4%	+/- 0.7%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	1,019	+/-143	12,858	+/-28
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	15.3%	+/-2.5%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	24.0%	+/-6.6%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	13.6%	+/-2.2%
65+	**%	+/-**%	10.9%	+/-3.1%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	11.3%	+/-2.5%
with children	**%	+/-**%	18.2%	+/-5.8%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	4.8%	+/-2.2%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	41.0%	+/-13.7%
with children	**%	+/-**%	46.1%	+/-18.3%

^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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