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Dubuque, Iowa **City Profile**

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Dubuque is 59,667. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 3.5%. The City of Dubuque is in Dubuque County. Dubuque County saw a 6.0% population increase between 2010 and 2020.

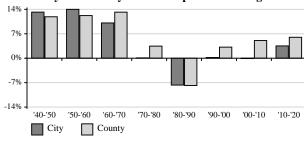
Dubuque County Cities - Total Population ¹							
City	2000	2010	2020				
Dubuque	57,686	57,637	59,667				
Male Total	27,325	27,910	29,271				
Female Total	30,361	29,727	30,396				
Asbury	2,450	4,170	5,943				
Balltown	73	68	79				
Bankston	27	25	23				
Bernard	97	112	114				
Cascade [†]	1,958	2,159	2,386				
Centralia	101	134	116				
Durango	24	22	20				
Dyersville [†]	4,035	4,058	4,477				
Epworth	1,428	1,860	2,023				
Farley	1,334	1,537	1,766				
Graf	73	79	76				
Holy Cross	339	374	356				
Luxemburg	246	240	245				
New Vienna	400	407	382				
Peosta	651	1,377	1,908				
Rickardsville	191	182	202				
Sageville	203	122	95				
Sherrill	186	177	189				
Worthington	381	401	382				
Zwingle [†]	100	91	84				
Dubuque County Total	89,143	93,653	99,266				
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
Asbury	21.7%	70.2%	42.5%
Centralia	-17.9%	32.7%	-13.4%
Durango	-29.4%	-8.3%	-9.1%
Peosta	408.6%	111.5%	38.6%
Sageville	-29.5%	-39.9%	-22.1%
Dubuque	0.2%	-0.1%	3.5%
Dubuque County	3.2%	5.1%	6.0%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Dubuque's population is predominantly White. The City of Dubuque, compared to Dubuque 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	98.2%	95.6%	98.7%	96.3%
White	91.7%	85.1%	94.1%	89.0%
White alone, not Hispanic	90.2%	83.8%	92.9%	88.0%
Black or African American	4.0%	6.3%	2.7%	4.2%
Asian	1.1%	1.2%	0.9%	1.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.5%	1.3%	0.3%	0.8%
Other	0.6%	1.3%	0.5%	1.1%
Two or more races	1.8%	4.4%	1.3%	3.7%
Hispanic origin ^a	2.4%	3.7%	1.9%	3.0%

^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	23,506	25,127	36,815	39,891
Family households ^{a,b}	59.1%	64.0%	65.5%	63.0%
Married couple family ^b	43.6%	40.0%	52.2%	48.9%
With own children	16.1%	13.2%	21.0%	17.9%
Other family ^c	15.5%	16.5%	13.3%	14.0%
Male householder ^c	4.3%	4.7%	4.1%	4.4%
With own children	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%	2.4%
Female householder ^c	11.1%	11.8%	9.2%	9.6%
With own children	7.1%	7.3%	5.9%	5.9%
Nonfamily households ^d	40.9%	36.0%	34.5%	37.0%
Male living alone	15.0%	16.8%	13.2%	14.5%
Female living alone	18.7%	19.5%	15.3%	15.9%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	23,506	25,127	36,815	39,891
Married couple ^b	43.6%	40.0%	52.2%	48.9%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	8.0%	NA ^e	6.9%
Male householder g	NA^e	22.3%	NA^e	19.3%
Female householder g	NA ^e	30.6%	NA ^e	24.8%

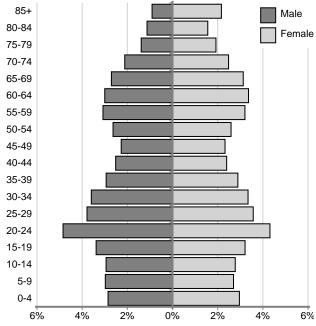
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	21.4%	20.5%	23.8%	22.5%
0 - 4	6.2%	5.8%	6.4%	5.9%
5 - 9	5.9%	5.7%	6.6%	6.2%
10 - 14	5.8%	5.7%	6.7%	6.5%
15 - 17	3.5%	3.3%	4.1%	3.9%
18 - 24	13%	12.5%	10.6%	10.4%
25 - 44	23.2%	25%	23.5%	23.8%
45 - 64	25.9%	22.5%	26.8%	24.3%
65 or older	16.5%	19.5%	15.3%	18.9%
65 - 84	13.3%	16.4%	12.8%	16.2%
85 or older	3.2%	3.1%	2.5%	2.6%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	38	37.3	38.6	38.7
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	61.1	66.7	64.2	70.8
Old-Age	26.6	32.5	25.1	32.3
Child	34.5	34.2	39.1	38.5

^aAge Dependency Ratio

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	City		C	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	25,198	+/- 435	39,985	+/- 405
Less than \$34,999	25.7%	+/- 2.1%	21.9%	+/- 1.7%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	13.5%	+/- 1.5%	11.3%	+/- 1.0%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	33.2%	+/- 1.8%	32.3%	+/- 1.5%
\$100,000 Or More	27.6%	+/- 1.9%	34.6%	+/- 1.6%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$63,520	+/- \$2,545	\$73,495	+/- \$2,421
Median Family Income	\$83,093	+/- \$4,636	\$94,243	+/- \$2,933
Per Capita Income	\$35,691	+/- \$1,597	\$38,705	+/- \$1,126

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	City		Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	39,989	+/-438	66,284	+/-199
High School Graduate or Higher	93.3%	+/-1.0%	94%	+/-0.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	33.1%	+/-1.9%	32%	+/-1.3%

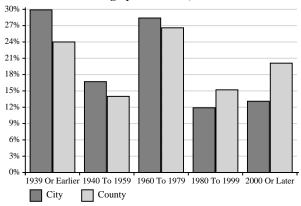
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

	(City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	27,271	+/- 331	42,707	+/- 82
Vacant	7.6%	+/- 1.3%	6.4%	+/- 0.9%
Occupied	92.4%	+/- 1.3%	93.6%	+/- 0.9%
Occupied ^a	25,198	+/- 435	39,985	+/- 405
Owner	64.8%	+/- 1.8%	73.3%	+/- 1.2%
Renter	35.2%	+/- 1.8%	26.7%	+/- 1.2%
Rent ^b	\$915	+/- \$32	\$912	+/- \$28
Value ^c	\$178,000	+/-\$5,665	\$210,300	+/-\$5,645

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Dubuque 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 19.5% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

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

	(City		inty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	30,404	+/- 780	51,346	+/- 858
Management, business, science, and arts	36.3%	+/- 2.1%	37.4%	+/- 1.3%
Service	18.0%	+/- 1.7%	16.1%	+/- 1.3%
Sales and office	21.4%	+/- 1.4%	20.2%	+/- 1.1%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	4.8%	+/- 0.8%	7.5%	+/- 0.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving	19.5%	+/- 1.9%	18.8%	+/- 1.2%

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

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

Median Employment Earnings, 2018-2022²

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 16+ ^a	34,370	+/- 709	57,080	+/- 839	
Median Earnings	\$35,746	+/- \$35	\$40,612	+/- \$848	
Female	\$29,915	+/- \$1,917	\$33,797	+/- \$1,210	
Female, full time ^b	\$42,708	+/- \$2,309	\$46,398	+/- \$1,183	
Male	\$43,284	+/- \$2,286	\$49,494	+/- \$1,812	
Male, full time ^b	\$56,359	+/- \$1,451	\$60,264	+/- \$1,653	

^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

	C	City		unty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population ^a	58,183	+/-74	97,531	+/-36
With a disability ^b	12.9%	+/-0.9%	11.0%	+/-0.6%
With Health Insurance	95.8%	+/-0.7%	96.6%	+/-0.5%
With Private ^c Coverage	72.6%	+/-1.6%	77.5%	+/-1.2%
With Public ^d Coverage	40.3%	+/-1.6%	34.9%	+/-1.2%
No Health Insurance	4.2%	+/-0.7%	3.4%	+/-0.5%

^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+	49,360	+/- 441	79,456	+/- 180
in labor force	64.9%	+/- 1.4%	67.4%	+/- 1.0%
not in labor force	35.1%	+/- 1.4%	32.6%	+/- 1.0%
Civilian labor force	32,010	+/- 725	53,550	+/- 835
Unemployed	5.0%	+/- 1.0%	4.1%	+/- 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	55,996	+/-126	95,249	+/-110
Below poverty	13.0%	+/-1.6%	10%	+/-1.1%
17 and under	15.7%	+/-3.9%	11.0%	+/-2.7%
18 - 64	13.1%	+/-1.7%	10.0%	+/-1.1%
65+	10.1%	+/-1.9%	8.5%	+/-1.4%
All Families	7.4%	+/-1.7%	5.7%	+/-1.1%
with children	12.2%	+/-3.2%	9.0%	+/-2.3%
Married Couple	1.9%	+/-0.7%	1.9%	+/-0.5%
with children	**%	+/-**%	2.2%	+/-0.9%
Female HH ^b	23.1%	+/-6.1%	22.9%	+/-5.6%
with children	27.4%	+/-8.3%	27.5%	+/-7.9%

^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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