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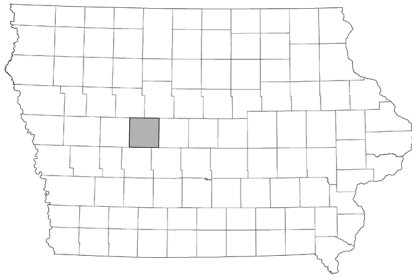
Jefferson, Iowa
City Profile

Population profile

The 2020 population for Jefferson is 4,182. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 3.8%. The City of Jefferson is in Greene County. Greene County saw a 6.1% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

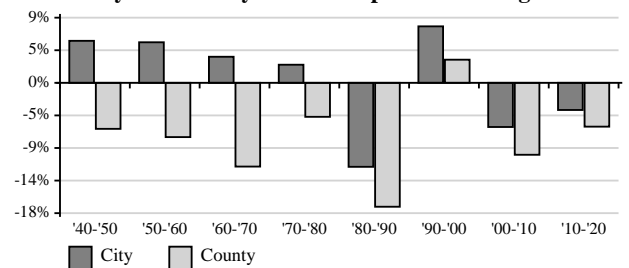### Greene County Cities - Total Population[1]

City	2000	2010	2020
Jefferson	**4,626**	**4,345**	**4,182**
Male Total	2,109	2,058	1,967
Female Total	2,517	2,287	2,215
Churdan	418	386	365
Dana	84	71	38
Grand Junction	964	824	725
Paton	265	236	221
Ralston[†]	98	79	81
Rippey	319	292	220
Scranton	604	557	511
Greene County Total	10,366	9,336	8,771
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
Churdan	-1.2%	-7.7%	-5.4%
Dana	18.3%	-15.5%	-46.5%
Grand Junction	19.3%	-14.5%	-12.0%
Rippey	16.0%	-8.5%	-24.7%
Scranton	3.6%	-7.8%	-8.3%
Jefferson	7.8%	-6.1%	-3.8%
Greene County	3.2%	9.9%	-6.1%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change[1]

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Jefferson's population is predominantly White. The City of Jefferson, compared to Greene 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	99.3%	95.8%	99.3%	96.2%
White	97.9%	93.1%	97.6%	94.2%
White alone, not Hispanic	96.6%	92.1%	96.6%	93.4%
Black or African American	0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%
Asian	0.2%	0.7%	0.3%	0.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	1.0%	1.3%	0.9%	1.0%
Two or more races	0.7%	4.2%	0.7%	3.8%
Hispanic origin[a]	2.3%	3.7%	1.8%	2.9%

[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	1,900	1,872	3,996	3,802
Family households[a,b]	61.7%	63.6%	63.9%	63.4%
Married couple family[b]	47.9%	53.3%	52.1%	49.5%
With own children	15.2%	13.8%	17.0%	15.1%
Other family[c]	13.7%	15.1%	11.8%	13.8%
Male householder[c]	3.9%	4.5%	3.9%	4.5%
With own children	2.3%	2.6%	2.3%	2.5%
Female householder[c]	9.8%	10.5%	7.8%	9.3%
With own children	7.2%	6.3%	5.2%	5.6%
Nonfamily households[d]	38.3%	36.4%	36.1%	36.6%
Male living alone	12.6%	13.8%	13.7%	15.3%
Female living alone	22.2%	23.0%	17.9%	16.8%

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

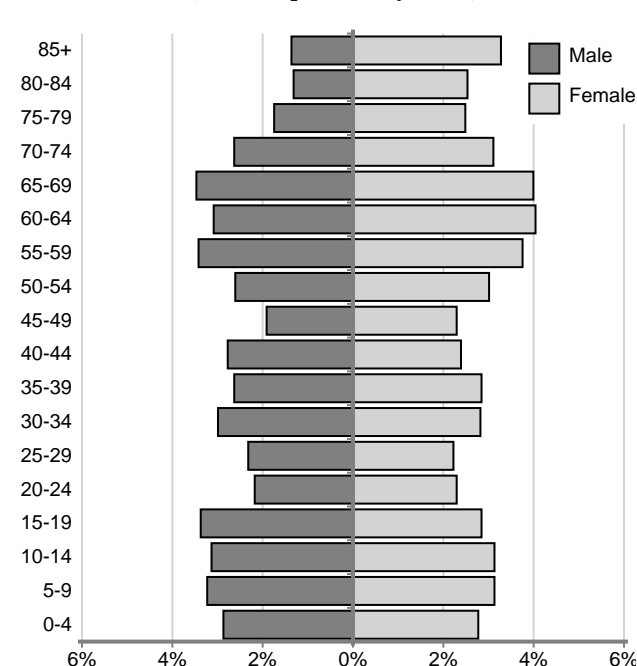|	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	1,900	1,872	3,996	3,802
Married couple[b]	47.9%	53.3%	52.1%	49.5%
Cohabiting couple[b,f]	NA[e]	5.4%	NA[e]	6.5%
Male householder[g]	NA[e]	17.9%	NA[e]	19.1%
Female householder[g]	NA[e]	32.2%	NA[e]	24.8%

[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	22.5%	22.4%	23.1%	22.3%
0 - 4	5.8%	5.6%	5.6%	5.4%
5 - 9	6.2%	6.4%	6.3%	6.0%
10 - 14	6.2%	6.3%	6.8%	6.8%
15 - 17	4.3%	4.1%	4.4%	4.1%
18 - 24	6.3%	6.6%	6.2%	6.8%
25 - 44	19.4%	21%	19.9%	21.1%
45 - 64	27.6%	24.1%	30.0%	26.1%
65 or older	24.2%	25.9%	20.9%	23.7%
65 - 84	17.8%	21.2%	16.7%	20.3%
85 or older	6.4%	4.6%	4.2%	3.4%
Median[4] Age (years)	46.3	45.0	45.6	44.9
Age Dependency[a,5]	87.6	93.4	78.6	85.2
Old-Age	45.4	50.1	37.3	43.9
Child	42.2	43.3	41.3	41.3

[a]*Age Dependency Ratio*

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

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	2,001	+/- 132	3,837	+/- 143
Less than $34,999	27.0%	+/- 3.5%	25.4%	+/- 2.7%
$35,000 To $49,999	24.6%	+/- 7.3%	19.2%	+/- 4.2%
$50,000 To $99,999	25.7%	+/- 3.1%	31.3%	+/- 2.5%
$100,000 Or More	22.4%	+/- 3.0%	24.0%	+/- 2.4%
Median[4] Household Income	$48,868	+/- $7,738	$56,884	+/- $2,866
Median Family Income	$87,634	+/- $18,550	$80,429	+/- $8,811
Per Capita Income	$33,826	+/- $3,443	$32,340	+/- $1,865

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	2,277	+/- 123	4,325	+/- 21
Vacant	12.1%	+/- 4.9%	11.3%	+/- 3.3%
Occupied	87.9%	+/- 4.9%	88.7%	+/- 3.3%
Occupied[a]	2,001	+/- 132	3,837	+/- 143
Owner	71.6%	+/- 5.6%	75.4%	+/- 3.6%
Renter	28.4%	+/- 5.6%	24.6%	+/- 3.6%
Rent[b]	$828	+/- $112	$828	+/- $80
Value[c]	$117,500	+/-$16,050	$119,100	+/-$11,356

[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	3,041	+/-129	6,218	+/-29
High School Graduate or Higher	91.9%	+/-3.3%	93.2%	+/-1.8%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	21.8%	+/-4.8%	19.7%	+/-2.9%

*MOE = the margin of error for American Community Survey estimates[2] 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.
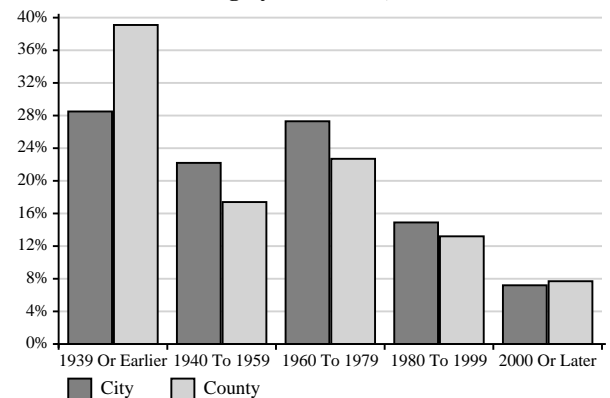**MOE is high, use county estimate.

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

In Jefferson 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 25.2% 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	1,966	+/- 161	4,367	+/- 144
Management, business, science, and arts	38.5%	+/- 8.7%	35.1%	+/- 4.6%
Service	12.4%	+/- 4.8%	15.0%	+/- 2.8%
Sales and office	18.9%	+/- 6.5%	16.5%	+/- 3.5%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	**%	+/- **%	10.2%	+/- 2.4%
Production, transportation, and material moving	25.2%	+/- 5.9%	23.1%	+/- 3.0%

Jefferson has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Greene 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 Jefferson tend to be higher than the median earnings for Greene 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]	2,210	+/- 143	4,778	+/- 138
Median Earnings	$37,459	+/- $37	$37,410	+/- $2,989
Female	$25,478	+/- $6,280	$28,692	+/- $4,429
Female, full time[b]	$38,243	+/- $6,563	$39,395	+/- $4,311
Male	$49,792	+/- $14,566	$45,780	+/- $3,211
Male, full time[b]	$59,808	+/- $11,544	$56,954	+/- $2,349

[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+	3,498	+/- 106	7,096	+/- 51
in labor force	57.4%	+/- 4.2%	63.8%	+/- 2.0%
not in labor force	42.6%	+/- 4.2%	36.2%	+/- 2.0%
Civilian labor force	2,009	+/- 160	4,528	+/- 141
Unemployed	2.1%	+/- 1.7%	3.6%	+/- 1.3%

**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]	4,080	+/-29	8,691	+/-12
With a disability[b]	20.4%	+/-4.2%	17.3%	+/-2.3%
With Health Insurance	98.4%	+/-1.6%	96.8%	+/-1.1%
With Private[c] Coverage	78.2%	+/-5.0%	74.4%	+/-2.9%
With Public[d] Coverage	44.2%	+/-5.1%	41.1%	+/-2.8%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	3.2%	+/-1.1%

[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]	4,080	+/-29	8,661	+/-29
Below poverty	7.8%	+/-3.5%	11.5%	+/-2.5%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	13.2%	+/-5.5%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	11.2%	+/-2.8%
65+	11.9%	+/-5.3%	10.8%	+/-3.7%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	8.5%	+/-3.0%
with children	**%	+/-**%	11.4%	+/-4.7%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH[b]	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	33.3%	+/-15.9%

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

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