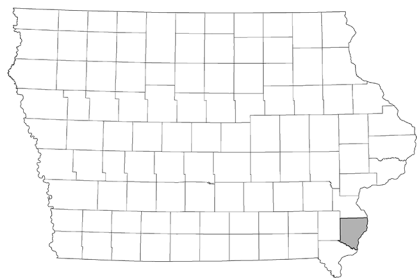


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Burlington, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Burlington is 23,982. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 6.6%. The City of Burlington is in Des Moines County. Des Moines County saw a 3.5% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

Des Moines County Cities - Total Population¹

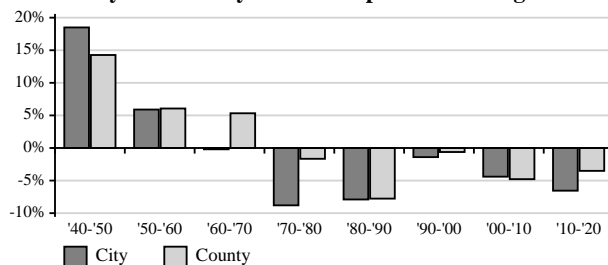
City	2000	2010	2020
Burlington	26,839	25,663	23,982
Male Total	12,779	12,332	11,597
Female Total	14,060	13,331	12,385
Danville	914	934	927
Mediapolis	1,644	1,560	1,688
Middletown	535	318	363
West Burlington	3,161	2,968	3,197
Des Moines County Total	42,351	40,325	38,910
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369

¹City is located in multiple counties, total population is provided.

Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Danville	-1.3%	2.2%	-0.7%
Mediapolis	0.4%	-5.1%	8.2%
Middletown	38.6%	-40.6%	14.2%
New London	0.8%	-2.1%	0.7%
West Burlington	2.5%	-6.1%	7.7%
Burlington	-1.4%	-4.4%	-6.6%
Des Moines County	-0.6%	4.8%	-3.5%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Demographic Profile

Burlington, Iowa

Burlington's population is predominantly White. The City of Burlington, compared to Des Moines County, had a equal 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

Race Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	97.1%	93.3%	97.7%	94.3%
White	88.2%	81.1%	91.0%	85.2%
White alone, not Hispanic	86.3%	79.8%	89.4%	84.2%
Black or African American	7.2%	9.5%	5.1%	6.5%
Asian	0.8%	0.9%	0.7%	1.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Other	0.7%	1.4%	0.6%	1.2%
Two or more races	2.9%	6.7%	2.3%	5.7%
Hispanic origin ^a	3.1%	3.8%	2.6%	3.2%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	10,938	10,629	17,003	16,751
Family households ^{a,b}	61.2%	85.0%	64.2%	61.5%
Married couple family ^b	41.9%	71.7%	47.4%	43.9%
With own children	14.4%	11.1%	16.0%	13.6%
Other family ^c	19.3%	20.4%	16.8%	17.6%
Male householder ^c	5.1%	5.6%	4.7%	5.2%
With own children	3.1%	2.8%	2.7%	2.6%
Female householder ^c	14.2%	14.7%	12.1%	12.4%
With own children	9.3%	9.0%	7.7%	7.4%
Nonfamily households ^d	38.8%	15.0%	35.8%	38.5%
Male living alone	13.8%	15.9%	13.3%	15.2%
Female living alone	18.8%	19.6%	16.9%	17.4%

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	10,938	10,629	17,003	16,751
Married couple ^b	41.9%	71.7%	47.4%	43.9%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	8.7%	NA ^e	7.6%
Male householder ^g	NA ^e	21.3%	NA ^e	20.0%
Female householder ^g	NA ^e	32.6%	NA ^e	28.4%

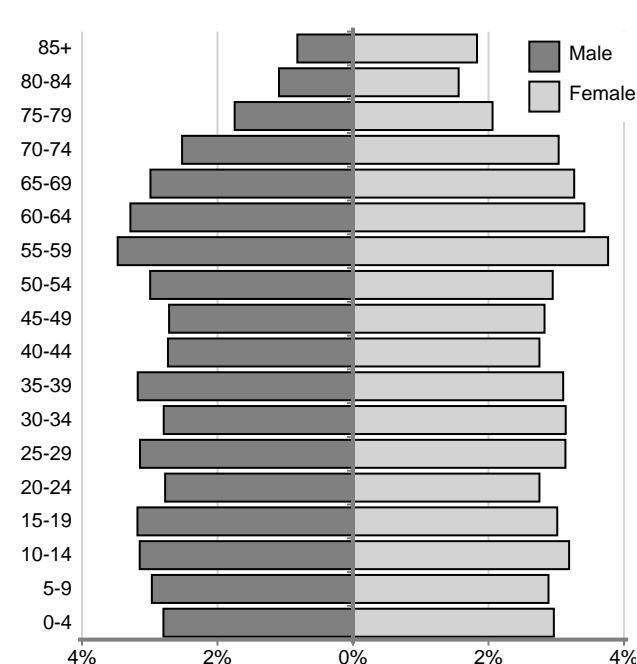
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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

Age Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	23.7%	21.8%	23.2%	21.8%
0 - 4	6.9%	5.8%	6.5%	5.4%
5 - 9	6.7%	5.9%	6.3%	5.8%
10 - 14	6.2%	6.3%	6.4%	6.7%
15 - 17	3.9%	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%
18 - 24	7.8%	7.9%	7.5%	7.6%
25 - 44	24.6%	24%	23.4%	22.8%
45 - 64	26.5%	25.3%	28.4%	26.1%
65 or older	17.4%	20.9%	17.6%	21.7%
65 - 84	14.2%	18.4%	14.7%	19%
85 or older	3.2%	2.7%	2.9%	2.7%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	39.7	41.6	41.5	42.9
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	69.8	74.7	68.9	77.0
Old-Age	29.5	36.5	29.7	38.4
Child	40.2	38.1	39.2	38.6

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Burlington, Iowa Population Pyramid, ^a 2020¹



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

Socioeconomic Profile

Burlington, Iowa

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2019-2023²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	11,264	+/- 296	17,188	+/- 312
Less than \$34,999	30.8%	+/- 2.7%	28.0%	+/- 2.4%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	14.1%	+/- 2.7%	12.7%	+/- 1.9%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	33.8%	+/- 2.3%	33.6%	+/- 1.9%
\$100,000 Or More	21.3%	+/- 2.2%	25.7%	+/- 1.9%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$55,274	+/- \$4,657	\$60,662	+/- \$3,525
Median Family Income	\$74,728	+/- \$6,570	\$78,653	+/- \$3,895
Per Capita Income	\$35,815	+/- \$2,960	\$36,246	+/- \$2,006

Housing Characteristics, 2019-2023²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	12,506	+/- 251	18,778	+/- 55
Vacant	9.9%	+/- 2.2%	8.5%	+/- 1.6%
Occupied	90.1%	+/- 2.2%	91.5%	+/- 1.6%
Occupied ^a	11,264	+/- 296	17,188	+/- 312
Owner	68.7%	+/- 3.8%	72.7%	+/- 2.7%
Renter	31.3%	+/- 3.8%	27.3%	+/- 2.7%
Rent ^b	\$931	+/- \$49	\$908	+/- \$43
Value ^c	\$115,800	+/- \$6,092	\$137,000	+/- \$7,131

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

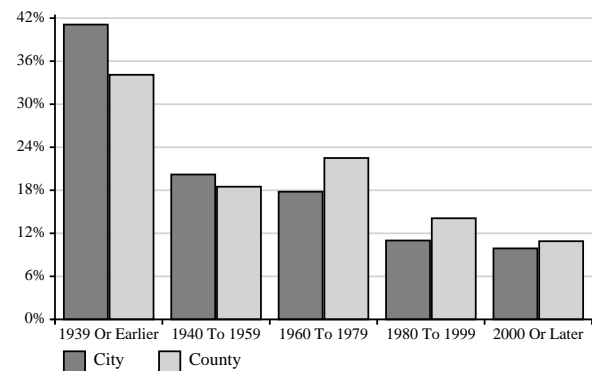
Educational Attainment, 2019-2023²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	16,822	+/-316	26,955	+/-168
High School Graduate or Higher	93.6%	+/-1.6%	94.0%	+/-1.1%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	23.0%	+/-2.6%	23.8%	+/-1.8%

*MOE = the margin of error for American Community Survey estimates² 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, 2019-2023²



In Burlington 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 23.3% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

Occupation of the Civilian Employed Population, 2019-2023²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	11,276	+/- 519	18,652	+/- 544
Management, business, science, and arts	32.8%	+/- 3.5%	32.9%	+/- 2.2%
Service	17.3%	+/- 2.7%	17.1%	+/- 1.8%
Sales and office	20.6%	+/- 3.0%	20.7%	+/- 2.2%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	5.9%	+/- 1.5%	8.4%	+/- 1.2%
Production, transportation, and material moving	23.3%	+/- 3.0%	20.8%	+/- 2.3%

Socioeconomic Profile

Burlington, Iowa

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

Median Employment Earnings, 2019-2023²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ ^a	12,518	+/- 494	20,562	+/- 528
Median Earnings	\$34,994	+/- \$1,889	\$36,545	+/- \$1,457
Female	\$31,521	+/- \$3,204	\$31,408	+/- \$2,433
Female, full time ^b	\$39,695	+/- \$1,891	\$40,841	+/- \$1,441
Male	\$39,383	+/- \$3,918	\$42,474	+/- \$5,456
Male, full time ^b	\$49,327	+/- \$4,376	\$57,056	+/- \$4,354

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

Disability Status and Health Insurance Coverage of the Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population, 2019-2023²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population ^a	23,599	+/-37	38,153	+/-27
With a disability ^b	17.5%	+/-2.1%	16.5%	+/-1.3%
With Health Insurance	95.1%	+/-1.3%	96.0%	+/-0.8%
With Private ^c Coverage	63.7%	+/-3.3%	67.9%	+/-2.2%
With Public ^d Coverage	50.0%	+/-3.0%	45.9%	+/-2.1%
No Health Insurance	4.9%	+/-1.3%	4.0%	+/-0.8%

^aCivilian Noninstitutionalized Population, ^blimitations of activities or inability for full participation, ^cprovided by employer, union, bought by individual, and some military plans, ^dincludes Medicare, Medicaid, VA Health Care, children's CHIP, and some state plans, **MOE is high, use county estimate.

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Employment Status, 2019-2023²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	19,605	+/- 275	31,462	+/- 206
in labor force	60.1%	+/- 2.4%	61.3%	+/- 1.6%
not in labor force	39.9%	+/- 2.4%	38.7%	+/- 1.6%
Civilian labor force	11,775	+/- 481	19,261	+/- 519
Unemployed	4.2%	+/- 1.6%	3.2%	+/- 1.0%

**MOE is high, use county estimate.

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2019-2023²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	23,584	+/-49	37,872	+/-122
Below poverty	15.9%	+/-2.8%	14.1%	+/-2.0%
17 and under	21.6%	+/-5.7%	20.2%	+/-4.4%
18 - 64	15.5%	+/-2.9%	13.4%	+/-2.0%
65+	11.6%	+/-4.4%	9.9%	+/-3.0%
All Families	12.3%	+/-3.4%	10.4%	+/-2.3%
with children	22.4%	+/-6.5%	18.6%	+/-4.4%
Married Couple	***	+/-***%	4.4%	+/-1.7%
with children	***	+/-***%	***	+/-***%
Female HH ^b	38.8%	+/-11.1%	33.5%	+/-8.4%
with children	48.3%	+/-12.8%	44.3%	+/-10.1%

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

Notes and Source Information:

¹ U.S. Census Bureau; Decennial Censuses 1940 - 2020

² U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 2019-2023

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.

⁴ Median is the middle value of a distribution.

⁵ The 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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