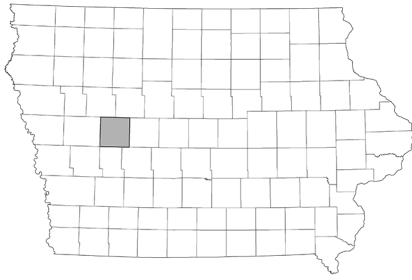


Data for Decision Makers



Ralston, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Ralston is 81. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 2.5%. The City of Ralston is in Carroll County. Carroll County saw a 0.3% population decrease between 2010 and 2020. Ralston's population is predominantly White.

Total Population¹

City	2000	2010	2020
Ralston	98	79	81
Male Total	54	38	40
Female Total	44	41	41
Carroll County Total	21,421	20,816	20,760
State of Iowa Total	2,926,324	3,046,355	3,190,369

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

Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin¹

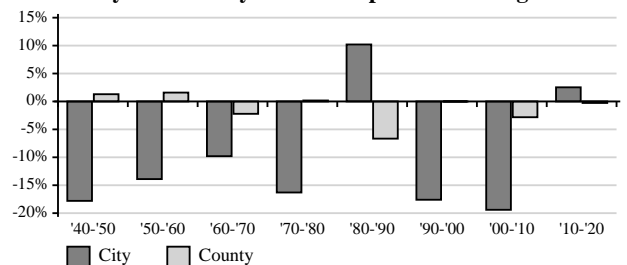
Race Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	100.0%	96.3%	99.1%	97.1%
White	100.0%	93.8%	97.3%	94.1%
White alone, not Hispanic	100.0%	93.8%	96.7%	93.5%
Black or African American	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	1.3%
Asian	0.0%	1.2%	0.4%	0.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	1.2%	0.9%	1.2%
Two or more races	0.0%	3.7%	0.9%	2.9%
Hispanic origin ^a	0.0%	1.2%	1.6%	2.9%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

Neighboring Cities - Percent Population Change

	'90-'00	'00-'10	'10-'20
Glidden	14.0%	-8.5%	0.4%
Lanesboro	-16.5%	-20.4%	-1.7%
Lidderdale	-7.9%	-3.2%	-7.8%
Scranton	3.6%	-7.8%	-8.3%
Wiley	32.1%	-14.6%	-17.0%
Ralston	-17.6%	-19.4%	2.5%
Carroll County	0.0%	2.8%	-0.3%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Socioeconomic Profile

Ralston, Iowa

The City of Ralston, compared to Carroll County, had a lower 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

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	38	39	8,683	8,764
Family households ^{a,b}	50.0%	67.1%	64.4%	62.6%
Married couple family ^b	36.8%	51.7%	53.8%	51.0%
Other family ^c	13.2%	30.8%	10.6%	11.5%
Nonfamily households ^d	50.0%	32.9%	35.6%	37.4%

^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).

Housing Characteristics¹

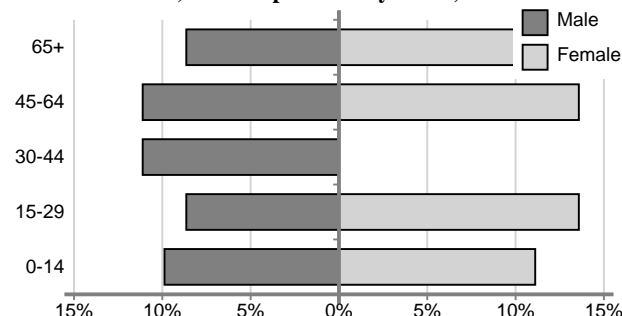
	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total Units	45	39	9,376	9,490
Vacant	15.6%	0.0%	7.4%	7.7%
Occupied	84.4%	100.0%	92.6%	92.3%
Occupied Units	38	39	8,683	8,764
Owner Occupied	89.5%	82.1%	74.7%	74.8%
Renter Occupied	10.5%	17.9%	25.3%	25.2%

Percentage of Population by Age¹

	City		County	
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	25.3%	22.2%	24.9%	24.0%
18 - 44	35.4%	32.1%	28.6%	28.6%
45 - 64	24.1%	24.8%	28.0%	25.8%
65 or older	15.2%	21.0%	18.6%	21.5%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	40.3	42.3	42.3	42.5
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	68.1	75.9	77.0	83.6
Old-Age	25.5	36.9	32.9	39.5
Child	42.5	39.0	44.1	44.1

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Ralston, Iowa Population Pyramid, ^a 2020¹



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

For very small communities and small population subgroups, fewer data are reported in the *Data for Decision Makers* than what are included for larger cities. By law, the Census Bureau is required to protect the confidentiality of respondents' personal information. The Bureau has used various methods for Disclosure Avoidance (privacy protection) since the 1930 Census. For the 2020 Census, the Bureau implemented a different, statistically based method called Differential Privacy (DP). The DP methodology, while providing privacy protection, has resulted in more uncertainty for reported data for very small communities. Although omitted in some of the *Data for Decision Makers* profiles for very small communities, the fully reported data are available from the Census Bureau's data retrieval site data.census.gov/advanced. See [2020 Census Disclosure Avoidance Handbook](#) for more information.

Notes and Source Information:

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

² U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 2018-2022

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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