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Fonda, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Fonda is 636. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 0.8%. The City of Fonda is in Pocahontas County. Pocahontas County saw a 3.2% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

Pocahontas County Cities - Total Population¹

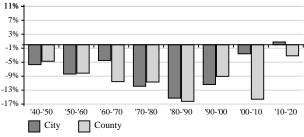
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City	2000	2010	2020					
Fonda	648	631	636					
Male Total	309	311	324					
Female Total	339	320	312					
Gilmore City [†]	556	504	487					
Havelock	177	138	130					
Laurens	1,476	1,258	1,264					
Palmer	214	165	138					
Plover	95	77	50					
Pocahontas	1,970	1,789	1,867					
Rolfe	675	584	509					
Varina	90	71	68					
Pocahontas County Total	8,662	7,310	7,078					
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
Jolley	-20.6%	-24.1%	-31.7%
Lytton	-4.7%	3.3%	-10.5%
Newell	-18.5%	-1.2%	3.4%
Pomeroy	-6.8%	-6.8%	-20.5%
Varina	-11.8%	-21.1%	-4.2%
Fonda	-11.4%	-2.6%	0.8%
Pocahontas County	-9.1%	15.6%	-3.2%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Fonda's population is predominantly White. The City of Fonda, compared to Pocahontas County, had a higher 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

	City		Co	unty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	98.1%	90.6%	98.9%	95.8%
White	94.3%	76.7%	97.5%	91.3%
White alone, not Hispanic	89.2%	73.6%	96.3%	90.2%
Black or African American	0.5%	0.6%	0.4%	0.9%
Asian	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	1.3%	0.2%	0.3%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.5%	3.6%	0.1%	0.3%
Other	2.5%	8.2%	0.6%	2.6%
Two or more races	1.9%	9.4%	1.1%	4.2%
Hispanic origin ^a	8.7%	19.5%	2.3%	5.0%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

	City		C	County
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	259	248	3,233	3,090
Family households a,b	60.6%	69.7%	63.6%	63.1%
Married couple family ^b	49.0%	47.4%	53.5%	51.2%
With own children	19.3%	16.5%	16.9%	15.8%
Other family ^c	11.6%	16.5%	10.1%	11.9%
Male householder ^c	6.2%	4.8%	3.9%	4.4%
With own children	2.7%	3.2%	2.3%	3.0%
Female householder ^c	5.4%	11.7%	6.2%	7.5%
With own children	4.6%	7.7%	4.0%	4.7%
Nonfamily households ^d	39.4%	30.3%	36.4%	36.9%
Male living alone	15.1%	18.5%	15.7%	17.5%
Female living alone	20.5%	14.5%	16.7%	15.1%

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

		City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020	
Total households	259	248	3,233	3,090	
Married couple ^b	49.0%	47.4%	53.5%	51.2%	
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	6.9%	NA^e	5.8%	
Male householder g	NA^e	23.0%	NA^e	21.2%	
Female householder ^g	NA ^e	24.6%	NA ^e	21.9%	

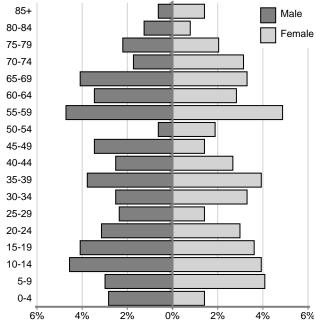
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	23.8%	24.5%	21.5%	22.7%
0 - 4	6.8%	4.2%	5.9%	5.8%
5 - 9	6.2%	7.1%	5.6%	6.2%
10 - 14	6.7%	8.5%	5.7%	6.6%
15 - 17	4.1%	4.7%	4.3%	4.1%
18 - 24	8.2%	9.1%	6.1%	5.8%
25 - 44	16.6%	22.5%	18.4%	21.1%
45 - 64	30.4%	23.3%	31.9%	26.4%
65 or older	20.9%	20.6%	22.1%	24.0%
65 - 84	14.7%	18.5%	17.9%	20.4%
85 or older	6.2%	2.0%	4.2%	3.5%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	46.1	38.5	47.6	45.3
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	80.8	82.1	77.3	87.6
Old-Age	37.8	37.5	39.2	45.0
Child	43.0	44.6	38.1	42.6

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Fonda, Iowa Population Pyramid, 2020¹



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

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

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	249	+/- 61	3,083	+/- 96
Less than \$34,999	30.8%	+/- 4.1%	25.3%	+/- 2.6%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	12.9%	+/- 8.6%	14.4%	+/- 3.5%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	28.1%	+/- 4.0%	34.4%	+/- 2.3%
\$100,000 Or More	28.1%	+/- 3.8%	25.9%	+/- 2.4%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$51,845	+/- \$17,735	\$61,434	+/- \$3,811
Median Family Income	\$100,000	+/- \$16,208	\$82,009	+/- \$7,707
Per Capita Income	\$30,735	+/- \$4,488	\$33,918	+/- \$2,075

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	388	+/-74	4,946	+/-57	
High School Graduate or Higher	87.9%	+/-6.9%	91.5%	+/-1.9%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	18.8%	+/-6.5%	17.1%	+/-2.3%	

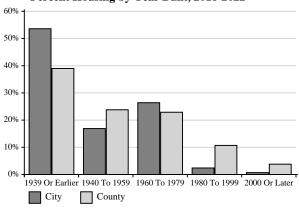
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

	(City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	295	+/- 60	3,663	+/- 36
Vacant	15.6%	+/- 8.2%	15.8%	+/- 2.6%
Occupied	84.4%	+/- 8.2%	84.2%	+/- 2.6%
Occupied ^a	249	+/- 61	3,083	+/- 96
Owner	67.1%	+/- 11.5%	78.4%	+/- 3.3%
Renter	32.9%	+/- 11.5%	21.6%	+/- 3.3%
Rent ^b	\$**	+/- \$**	\$735	+/- \$47
Value ^c	\$58,300	+/-\$9,894	\$90,400	+/-\$5,872

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Fonda 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 17.7% 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	327	+/- 82	3,316	+/- 152
Management, business, science, and arts	33.9%	+/- 9.1%	30.8%	+/- 3.1%
Service	22.0%	+/- 10.8%	14.4%	+/- 3.0%
Sales and office	17.1%	+/- 7.5%	18.8%	+/- 2.6%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	**%	+/- **%	13.4%	+/- 2.1%
Production, transportation, and material moving	17.7%	+/- 6.8%	22.6%	+/- 2.9%

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

Fonda has a higher proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Pocahontas 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 Fonda tend to be higher than the median earnings for Pocahontas 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	355	+/- 85	3,720	+/- 147
Median Earnings	\$42,031	+/- \$42	\$40,606	+/- \$2,172
Female	\$**	+/- \$**	\$32,983	+/- \$3,629
Female, full time ^b	\$47,813	+/- \$12,208	\$44,352	+/- \$4,323
Male	\$43,750	+/- \$5,097	\$46,409	+/- \$2,416
Male, full time ^b	\$50,268	+/- \$8,339	\$52,000	+/- \$4,754

^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	ounty	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population ^a	589	+/-123	6,923	+/-18	
With a disability ^b	8.8%	+/-3.6%	14.8%	+/-1.9%	
With Health Insurance	82.3%	+/-8.6%	94.0%	+/-1.3%	
With Private ^c Coverage	58.6%	+/-9.4%	64.7%	+/-3.2%	
With Public ^d Coverage	35.7%	+/-9.4%	44.4%	+/-2.4%	
No Health Insurance	17.7%	+/-8.6%	6.0%	+/-1.3%	

^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+	508	+/- 102	5,657	+/- 50
in labor force	67.9%	+/- 7.4%	62.6%	+/- 2.4%
not in labor force	32.1%	+/- 7.4%	37.4%	+/- 2.4%
Civilian labor force	345	+/- 92	3,539	+/- 144
Unemployed	5.2%	+/- 5.8%	6.3%	+/- 1.9%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	583	+/-120	6,906	+/-22
Below poverty	11.1%	+/-4.9%	9.1%	+/-2.7%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
18 - 64	14.2%	+/-6.1%	11.0%	+/-3.7%
65+	**%	+/-**%	5.1%	+/-1.8%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	4.4%	+/-1.9%
with children	**%	+/-**%	9.2%	+/-4.5%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	3.3%	+/-1.6%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%

^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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