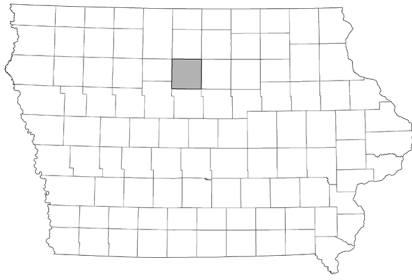# Data for Decision Makers

Goldfield, Iowa
City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Goldfield is 634. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 0.2%. The City of Goldfield is in Wright County. Wright County saw a 2.2% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

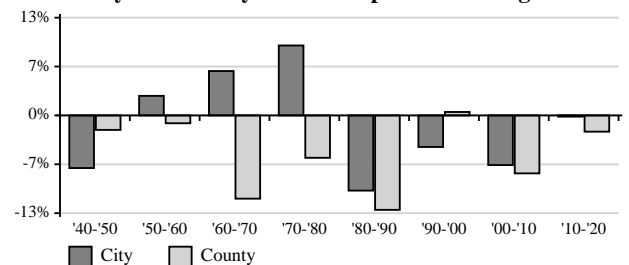### Wright County Cities - Total Population[1]

City	2000	2010	2020
Goldfield	**680**	**635**	**634**
Male Total	348	322	304
Female Total	332	313	330
Belmond	2,560	2,376	2,463
Clarion	2,968	2,850	2,810
Dows[†]	675	538	521
Eagle Grove	3,712	3,583	3,601
Galt	30	32	26
Rowan	218	158	123
Woolstock	204	168	144
Wright County Total	14,334	13,229	12,943
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
Clarion	9.8%	-4.0%	-1.4%
Eagle Grove	1.1%	-3.5%	0.5%
Hardy	21.3%	-17.5%	21.3%
Renwick	6.6%	-20.9%	-3.3%
Thor	-15.1%	6.9%	-2.7%
Goldfield	-4.2%	-6.6%	-0.2%
Wright County	0.5%	7.7%	-2.2%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change[1]

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Goldfield's population is predominantly White. The City of Goldfield, compared to Wright 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]

Percentage of Population by Race/Hispanic Origin[1]

Race Groups	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
One race only	97.2%	96.4%	98.4%	93.5%
White	95.4%	90.9%	94.8%	81.4%
White alone, not Hispanic	93.4%	89.0%	88.7%	78.1%
Black or African American	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.6%
Asian	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.7%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
Other	0.9%	4.9%	2.7%	10.2%
Two or more races	2.8%	3.6%	1.6%	6.5%
Hispanic origin[a]	3.0%	9.5%	9.6%	18.5%

[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	290	269	5,625	5,404
Family households[a,b]	64.5%	58.5%	64.7%	63.7%
Married couple family[b]	50.7%	41.3%	52.0%	48.6%
With own children	14.1%	14.5%	17.6%	16.6%
Other family[c]	13.8%	14.5%	12.8%	15.0%
Male householder[c]	5.5%	5.6%	4.5%	5.1%
With own children	3.4%	2.6%	2.9%	2.8%
Female householder[c]	8.3%	8.9%	8.2%	9.9%
With own children	4.5%	6.3%	5.8%	6.5%
Nonfamily households[d]	35.5%	41.5%	35.3%	36.3%
Male living alone	16.6%	14.1%	13.8%	15.0%
Female living alone	14.5%	16.0%	16.7%	16.0%

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

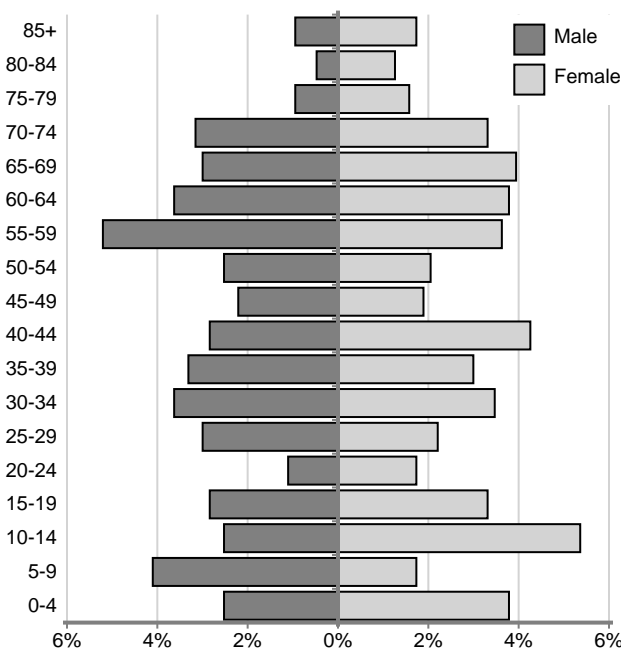|	City 2010	City 2020	County 2010	County 2020
Total households	290	269	5,625	5,404
Married couple[b]	50.7%	41.3%	52.0%	48.6%
Cohabiting couple[b,f]	NA[e]	7.4%	NA[e]	6.6%
Male householder[g]	NA[e]	19.7%	NA[e]	20.1%
Female householder[g]	NA[e]	24.5%	NA[e]	24.7%

[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	19.2%	23.5%	23.3%	24.8%
0 - 4	6.6%	6.3%	6.5%	6.0%
5 - 9	4.7%	5.8%	6.3%	6.6%
10 - 14	4.6%	7.9%	6.4%	7.6%
15 - 17	3.3%	3.5%	4.1%	4.6%
18 - 24	7.6%	5.5%	6.8%	6.5%
25 - 44	21.1%	25.7%	20.6%	22.9%
45 - 64	31%	24.9%	28.4%	24.1%
65 or older	21.1%	20.3%	20.9%	21.7%
65 - 84	18.9%	17.6%	16.8%	18.3%
85 or older	2.2%	2.7%	4.1%	3.4%
Median[4] Age (years)	46.6	41.6	44.4	41.0
Age Dependency[a,5]	67.5	78.1	79.4	86.9
Old-Age	35.3	36.2	37.5	40.6
Child	32.2	41.9	41.8	46.4

[a]Age Dependency Ratio

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

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

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	287	+/- 48	5,373	+/- 138
Less than $34,999	18.8%	+/- 3.9%	27.4%	+/- 2.7%
$35,000 To $49,999	23.7%	+/- 12.0%	15.9%	+/- 2.7%
$50,000 To $99,999	32.7%	+/- 3.8%	34.1%	+/- 2.4%
$100,000 Or More	24.7%	+/- 3.5%	22.6%	+/- 2.2%
Median[4] Household Income	$57,656	+/- $13,212	$58,240	+/- $4,351
Median Family Income	$81,042	+/- $34,015	$72,665	+/- $6,828
Per Capita Income	$33,074	+/- $4,580	$33,964	+/- $2,378

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	350	+/- 50	6,281	+/- 21
Vacant	18.0%	+/- 7.3%	14.5%	+/- 2.2%
Occupied	82.0%	+/- 7.3%	85.5%	+/- 2.2%
Occupied[a]	287	+/- 48	5,373	+/- 138
Owner	87.5%	+/- 7.6%	74.1%	+/- 3.3%
Renter	12.5%	+/- 7.6%	25.9%	+/- 3.3%
Rent[b]	$803	+/- $362	$731	+/- $34
Value[c]	$77,900	+/-$8,362	$105,400	+/-$7,321

[a]*Occupied Units,* [b]*Median gross rent of renter-occupied units,* [c]*Median value of owner-occupied units*
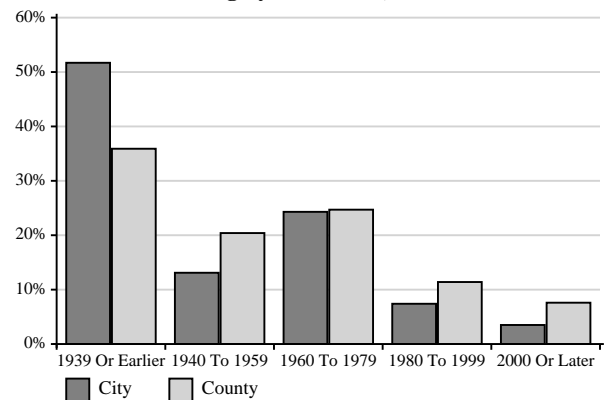
Educational Attainment, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	490	+/-89	8,838	+/-73
High School Graduate or Higher	90.4%	+/-5.4%	92.7%	+/-1.6%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	15.9%	+/-7.9%	21%	+/-2.5%

*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 Goldfield there is a higher percentage of workers in sales and office occupations than any other occupation category. The production, transportation, and material moving occupation category makes up 26.5% 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	336	+/- 79	5,823	+/- 215
Management, business, science, and arts	22.0%	+/- 8.6%	35.8%	+/- 3.7%
Service	**%	+/- **%	14.5%	+/- 2.7%
Sales and office	27.7%	+/- 8.1%	15.9%	+/- 2.3%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	**%	+/- **%	13.9%	+/- 2.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving	26.5%	+/- 10.3%	19.8%	+/- 4.1%

Goldfield has a lower proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Wright 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 Goldfield tend to be higher than the median earnings for Wright 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]	347	+/- 80	6,363	+/- 188
Median Earnings	$57,083	+/- $57	$38,491	+/- $2,025
Female	$35,000	+/- $11,498	$29,146	+/- $2,095
Female, full time[b]	$42,000	+/- $10,773	$38,477	+/- $2,283
Male	$59,879	+/- $3,078	$48,856	+/- $3,848
Male, full time[b]	$61,042	+/- $4,017	$55,446	+/- $3,568

[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+	594	+/- 109	10,040	+/- 71
in labor force	57.4%	+/- 8.3%	59.3%	+/- 2.1%
not in labor force	42.6%	+/- 8.3%	40.7%	+/- 2.1%
Civilian labor force	341	+/- 79	5,954	+/- 216
Unemployed	1.5%	+/- 2.3%	2.2%	+/- 1.0%

**MOE is high, use county estimate.*

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022[2]

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population[a]	665	+/-122	12,678	+/-72
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	14.3%	+/-2.8%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	19.9%	+/-5.5%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	14.4%	+/-3.0%
65+	**%	+/-**%	7.5%	+/-3.2%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	13.1%	+/-3.6%
with children	**%	+/-**%	23.4%	+/-7.0%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH[b]	**%	+/-**%	41.5%	+/-11.8%
with children	**%	+/-**%	43.2%	+/-12.4%

[a] for whom poverty status is determined, [b] female householder, no husband present, **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]	665	+/-122	12,728	+/-5
With a disability[b]	14.7%	+/-5.6%	12.7%	+/-1.8%
With Health Insurance	92.5%	+/-5.5%	95.5%	+/-1.4%
With Private[c] Coverage	63.0%	+/-8.8%	69.4%	+/-3.4%
With Public[d] Coverage	46.0%	+/-9.9%	42.0%	+/-3.0%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	4.5%	+/-1.4%

[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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