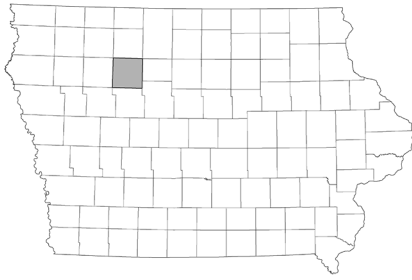


Data for Decision Makers



Rolfe, Iowa City Profile

report created: 12/17/2024

Population profile

The 2020 population for Rolfe is 509. Between 2010 and 2020 the population decreased by 12.8%. The City of Rolfe is in Pocahontas County. Pocahontas County saw a 3.2% population decrease between 2010 and 2020.

Pocahontas County Cities - Total Population¹

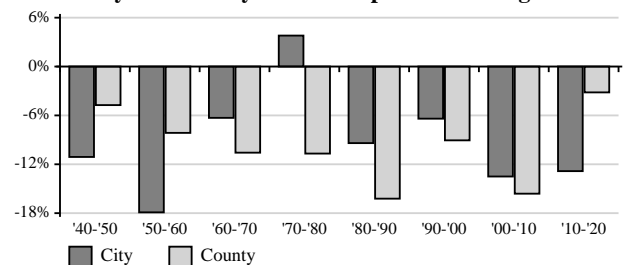
City	2000	2010	2020
Rolfe	675	584	509
Male Total	327	287	247
Female Total	348	297	262
Fonda	648	631	636
Gilmore City [†]	556	504	487
Havelock	177	138	130
Laurens	1,476	1,258	1,264
Palmer	214	165	138
Plover	95	77	50
Pocahontas	1,970	1,789	1,867
Varina	90	71	68
Pocahontas County Total	8,662	7,310	7,078
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
Bradgate	-18.5%	-14.9%	-12.8%
Gilmore City	-0.7%	-9.4%	-3.4%
Havelock	-18.4%	-22.0%	-5.8%
Plover	-5.9%	-18.9%	-35.1%
Pocahontas	-5.5%	-9.2%	4.4%
Rolfe	-6.4%	-13.5%	-12.8%
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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Demographic Profile

Rolfe, Iowa

Rolfe's population is predominantly White. The City of Rolfe, 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

Race Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	98.8%	97.4%	98.9%	95.8%
White	97.3%	91.6%	97.5%	91.3%
White alone, not Hispanic	96.1%	90.4%	96.3%	90.2%
Black or African American	0.5%	2.0%	0.4%	0.9%
Asian	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%
Other	1.0%	3.7%	0.6%	2.6%
Two or more races	1.2%	2.6%	1.1%	4.2%
Hispanic origin ^a	2.4%	5.1%	2.3%	5.0%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	248	222	3,233	3,090
Family households ^{a,b}	64.1%	60.3%	63.6%	63.1%
Married couple family ^b	47.2%	43.9%	53.5%	51.2%
With own children	12.1%	14.4%	16.9%	15.8%
Other family ^c	16.9%	14.4%	10.1%	11.9%
Male householder ^c	4.4%	5.4%	3.9%	4.4%
With own children	3.2%	4.5%	2.3%	3.0%
Female householder ^c	12.5%	9.0%	6.2%	7.5%
With own children	6.9%	4.5%	4.0%	4.7%
Nonfamily households ^d	35.9%	39.7%	36.4%	36.9%
Male living alone	14.1%	14.9%	15.7%	17.5%
Female living alone	15.7%	15.3%	16.7%	15.1%

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

	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	248	222	3,233	3,090
Married couple ^b	47.2%	43.9%	53.5%	51.2%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	9.5%	NA ^e	5.8%
Male householder ^g	NA ^e	19.4%	NA ^e	21.2%
Female householder ^g	NA ^e	23.0%	NA ^e	21.9%

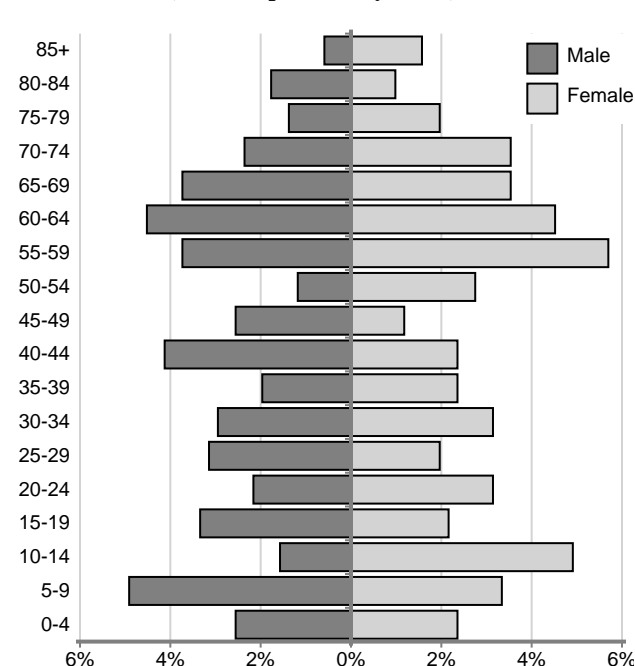
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder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

Age Groups	City		County	
	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	22.4%	23.6%	21.5%	22.7%
0 - 4	6%	4.9%	5.9%	5.8%
5 - 9	6.2%	8.3%	5.6%	6.2%
10 - 14	6.5%	6.5%	5.7%	6.6%
15 - 17	3.7%	3.9%	4.3%	4.1%
18 - 24	6.7%	6.9%	6.1%	5.8%
25 - 44	19.9%	22%	18.4%	21.1%
45 - 64	27.7%	26%	31.9%	26.4%
65 or older	23.3%	21.4%	22.1%	24.0%
65 - 84	18%	19.3%	17.9%	20.4%
85 or older	5.3%	2.2%	4.2%	3.5%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	46	43.2	47.6	45.3
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	84.2	82.0	77.3	87.6
Old-Age	42.9	39.0	39.2	45.0
Child	41.3	43.0	38.1	42.6

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Rolfe, Iowa Population Pyramid,^a 2020¹



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

Socioeconomic Profile

Rolfe, Iowa

The median household income in Rolfe is less than the median household income of Pocahontas County. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is lower in Rolfe than for Pocahontas County. There is a higher percentage of vacant housing units in Rolfe than there is for Pocahontas County. Many housing units in Rolfe were built prior to 1940.

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	238	+/- 61	3,083	+/- 96
Less than \$34,999	28.6%	+/- 4.3%	25.3%	+/- 2.6%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	14.3%	+/- 6.4%	14.4%	+/- 3.5%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	43.7%	+/- 5.0%	34.4%	+/- 2.3%
\$100,000 Or More	13.4%	+/- 3.6%	25.9%	+/- 2.4%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$56,000	+/- \$13,632	\$61,434	+/- \$3,811
Median Family Income	\$43,750	+/- \$20,612	\$82,009	+/- \$7,707
Per Capita Income	\$22,724	+/- \$5,300	\$33,918	+/- \$2,075

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 25 and older	448	+/-105	4,946	+/-57
High School Graduate or Higher	85.0%	+/-6.0%	91.5%	+/-1.9%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	***%	+/-***%	17.1%	+/-2.3%

*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.

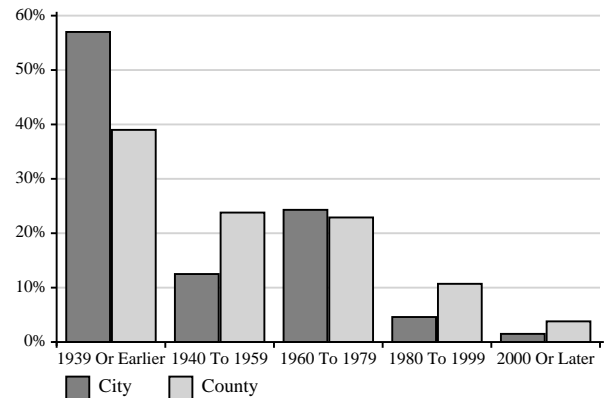
**MOE is high, use county estimate.

Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	328	+/- 71	3,663	+/- 36
Vacant	27.4%	+/- 10.8%	15.8%	+/- 2.6%
Occupied	72.6%	+/- 10.8%	84.2%	+/- 2.6%
Occupied ^a	238	+/- 61	3,083	+/- 96
Owner	87.4%	+/- 7.0%	78.4%	+/- 3.3%
Renter	12.6%	+/- 7.0%	21.6%	+/- 3.3%
Rent ^b	\$**	+/- \$**	\$735	+/- \$47
Value ^c	\$51,300	+/- \$18,995	\$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 Rolfe there is a higher percentage of workers in production, transportation, and material moving occupations than any other occupation category. The production, transportation, and material moving occupation category makes up 37.5% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

Occupation of the Civilian Employed Population, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	224	+/- 57	3,316	+/- 152
Management, business, science, and arts	***%	+/- ***%	30.8%	+/- 3.1%
Service	19.2%	+/- 7.1%	14.4%	+/- 3.0%
Sales and office	13.8%	+/- 6.8%	18.8%	+/- 2.6%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	***%	+/- ***%	13.4%	+/- 2.1%
Production, transportation, and material moving	37.5%	+/- 13.6%	22.6%	+/- 2.9%

Socioeconomic Profile

Rolfe, Iowa

Rolfe has a lower 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 Rolfe tend to be lower 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		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+ ^a	323	+/- 88	3,720	+/- 147
Median Earnings	\$31,477	+/- \$31	\$40,606	+/- \$2,172
Female	\$**	+/- \$**	\$32,983	+/- \$3,629
Female, full time ^b	\$30,000	+/- \$14,964	\$44,352	+/- \$4,323
Male	\$32,188	+/- \$13,686	\$46,409	+/- \$2,416
Male, full time ^b	\$42,000	+/- \$5,148	\$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		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population ^a	646	+/-159	6,923	+/-18
With a disability ^b	24.0%	+/-7.4%	14.8%	+/-1.9%
With Health Insurance	89.6%	+/-5.9%	94.0%	+/-1.3%
With Private ^c Coverage	36.2%	+/-10.1%	64.7%	+/-3.2%
With Public ^d Coverage	65.2%	+/-8.0%	44.4%	+/-2.4%
No Health Insurance	**%	+/-**%	6.0%	+/-1.3%

^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.

*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.

Employment Status, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Population 16+	506	+/- 109	5,657	+/- 50
in labor force	56.9%	+/- 11.3%	62.6%	+/- 2.4%
not in labor force	43.1%	+/- 11.3%	37.4%	+/- 2.4%
Civilian labor force	288	+/- 89	3,539	+/- 144
Unemployed	22.2%	+/- 13.3%	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	643	+/-159	6,906	+/-22
Below poverty	**%	+/-**%	9.1%	+/-2.7%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
18 - 64	**%	+/-**%	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:

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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