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Pella, Iowa City Profile

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Population profile

The 2020 population for Pella is 10,464. Between 2010 and 2020 the population increased by 1.1%. The City of Pella is in Marion County. Marion County saw a 0.3% population increase between 2010 and 2020.

Marion	County	Cities -	Total	Population
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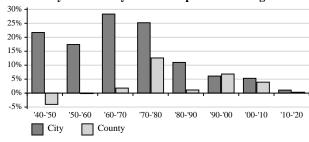
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City	2000	2010	2020			
Pella	9,832	10,352	10,464			
Male Total	4,672	4,939	5,107			
Female Total	5,160	5,413	5,357			
Bussey	450	422	387			
Hamilton	144	130	119			
Harvey	277	235	236			
Knoxville	7,731	7,313	7,595			
Marysville	54	66	44			
Melcher-Dallas	1,298	1,288	1,195			
Pleasantville	1,539	1,694	1,676			
Swan	121	72	76			
Marion County Total	32,052	33,309	33,414			
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
Harvey	17.9%	-15.2%	0.4%
Knoxville	-6.1%	-5.4%	3.9%
Leighton	7.7%	5.9%	-2.5%
Monroe	4.0%	1.2%	7.5%
Sully	7.5%	-9.2%	7.3%
Pella	6.1%	5.3%	1.1%
Marion County	6.8%	3.9%	0.3%
State of Iowa	5.4%	4.1%	4.7%

City and County Percent Population Change¹



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Pella's population is predominantly White. The City of Pella, compared to Marion County, had a lower percentage of young people (17 or younger) and a higher 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

	C	City	Co	unty
Race Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
One race only	98.6%	96.2%	99.0%	96.2%
White	95.0%	91.2%	96.7%	93.2%
White alone, not Hispanic	94.0%	90.5%	95.6%	92.5%
Black or African American	0.7%	1.1%	0.7%	0.9%
Asian	2.3%	2.5%	1.1%	1.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
Other	0.3%	1.0%	0.3%	0.6%
Two or more races	1.4%	3.8%	1.0%	3.8%
Hispanic origin ^a	1.7%	2.7%	1.6%	2.1%

^a Hispanics can be of any race.

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

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	(City	Co	unty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	3,735	3,981	12,723	13,145
Family households ^{a,b}	66.9%	76.5%	69.7%	68.0%
Married couple family ^b	58.6%	55.9%	58.5%	55.6%
With own children	23.6%	20.9%	23.5%	20.4%
Other family ^c	8.4%	9.0%	11.2%	12.3%
Male householder ^c	1.9%	2.9%	3.5%	4.5%
With own children	1.2%	1.7%	2.2%	2.6%
Female householder ^c	6.5%	6.1%	7.7%	7.8%
With own children	4.3%	3.6%	5.3%	4.3%
Nonfamily households ^d	33.1%	23.5%	30.3%	32.0%
Male living alone	11.1%	12.8%	11.9%	12.8%
Female living alone	18.4%	19.1%	14.4%	14.9%

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

		City		ounty
	2010	2020	2010	2020
Total households	3,735	3,981	12,723	13,145
Married couple ^b	58.6%	55.9%	58.5%	55.6%
Cohabiting couple ^{b,f}	NA ^e	3.5%	NA^e	5.6%
Male householder g	NA ^e	16.0%	NA^e	17.0%
Female householder g	NA ^e	25.0%	NA ^e	21.8%

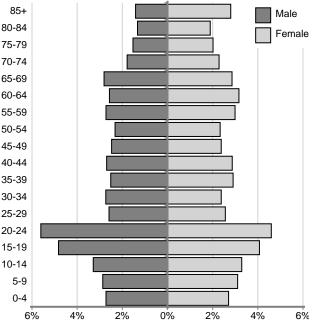
^aHouseholder and at least one other person related to the householder. ^bFor 2020 includes same-sex couples. ^cNo spouse present, but at least one relative present. ^dIn 2010 included same-sex couples whether married or not (if no relatives present). ^e2010 not comparable with 2020. ^fFor 2020 householder 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	unty
Age Groups	2010	2020	2010	2020
17 or younger	22.3%	21.6%	25.1%	23.3%
0 - 4	6.4%	5.4%	6.7%	5.7%
5 - 9	6.4%	6.0%	6.9%	6.2%
10 - 14	6%	6.6%	7.1%	7.3%
15 - 17	3.5%	3.6%	4.4%	4.1%
18 - 24	18.4%	15.5%	10.2%	9.3%
25 - 44	21.2%	21.3%	22.6%	22%
45 - 64	21.7%	21%	26.5%	25.7%
65 or older	16.4%	20.7%	15.6%	19.6%
65 - 84	13%	16.5%	13.1%	16.7%
85 or older	3.4%	4.2%	2.5%	2.9%
Median ⁴ Age (years)	33.3	37.4	38.6	41.1
Age Dependency ^{a, 5}	63.1	73.2	68.6	75.3
Old-Age	26.8	35.8	26.3	34.4
Child	36.4	37.4	42.3	40.9

^aAge Dependency Ratio

Pella, Iowa Population Pyramid,^a 2020¹



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

Socioeconomic Profile

The median household income in Pella is greater than the median household income of Marion County. The median value of owner-occupied housing units is higher in Pella than for Marion County. There is a lower percentage of vacant housing units in Pella than there is for Marion County. Many housing units in Pella were built between 1960 to 1979. There is a higher percentage of individuals 25 and older with a Bachelor's degree or higher in Pella compared to Marion County.

Median Household and Per Capita Income, 2018-2022²

-		City	Co	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Households	3,888	+/- 204	13,310	+/- 227
Less than \$34,999	16.7%	+/- 3.0%	20.3%	+/- 2.3%
\$35,000 To \$49,999	9.3%	+/- 2.6%	10.7%	+/- 1.6%
\$50,000 To \$99,999	36.4%	+/- 2.9%	35.2%	+/- 2.2%
\$100,000 Or More	37.5%	+/- 3.3%	33.7%	+/- 2.2%
Median ⁴ Household Income	\$86,025	+/- \$7,502	\$74,193	+/- \$3,055
Median Family Income	\$98,646	+/- \$10,020	\$90,188	+/- \$3,449
Per Capita Income	\$42,214	+/- \$6,453	\$38,168	+/- \$2,335

Educational Attainment, 2018-2022²

	C	City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Population 25 and older	6,341	+/-250	22,248	+/-76	
High School Graduate or Higher	94.9%	+/-2.2%	94.1%	+/-1.2%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	47.9%	+/-5.6%	31.7%	+/-2.4%	

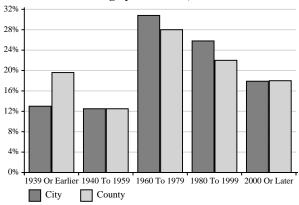
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Housing Characteristics, 2018-2022²

		City	C	ounty
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Units	4,104	+/- 209	14,179	+/- 33
Vacant	5.3%	+/- 2.9%	6.1%	+/- 1.6%
Occupied	94.7%	+/- 2.9%	93.9%	+/- 1.6%
Occupied ^a	3,888	+/- 204	13,310	+/- 227
Owner	67.1%	+/- 4.8%	77.1%	+/- 2.4%
Renter	32.9%	+/- 4.8%	22.9%	+/- 2.4%
Rent ^b	\$1025	+/- \$107	\$845	+/- \$30
Value ^c	\$240,100	+/-\$10,528	\$192,300	+/-\$10,109

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

Percent Housing by Year Built, 2018-2022²



In Pella 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 14.2% of occupations of the civilian employed population in the city.

Occupation of the Civilian Employed Population, ${\bf 2018\text{-}2022}^2$

	(City	County		
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*	
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	5,570	+/- 289	16,772	+/- 508	
Management, business, science, and arts	45.0%	+/- 5.6%	38.5%	+/- 1.9%	
Service	16.7%	+/- 3.0%	14.7%	+/- 1.8%	
Sales and office	18.4%	+/- 3.1%	18.8%	+/- 1.8%	
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	5.7%	+/- 2.1%	8.4%	+/- 1.2%	
Production, transportation, and material moving	14.2%	+/- 3.4%	19.6%	+/- 2.2%	

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

Pella has a higher proportion of the population age 16 or older in the labor force than Marion 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 Pella tend to be lower than the median earnings for Marion 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	6,316	+/- 266	18,610	+/- 435
Median Earnings	\$37,554	+/- \$37	\$44,319	+/- \$2,326
Female	\$28,036	+/- \$6,497	\$32,782	+/- \$1,946
Female, full time ^b	\$47,136	+/- \$6,051	\$46,610	+/- \$1,285
Male	\$51,106	+/- \$1,944	\$52,843	+/- \$1,332
Male, full time ^b	\$66,750	+/- \$7,689	\$65,610	+/- \$4,822

^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	10,479	+/-21	33,169	+/-72
With a disability ^b	11.2%	+/-2.1%	13.5%	+/-1.2%
With Health Insurance	96.3%	+/-1.8%	96.6%	+/-1.0%
With Private ^c Coverage	86.3%	+/-2.8%	79.2%	+/-2.2%
With Public ^d Coverage	26.4%	+/-3.6%	33.7%	+/-1.9%
No Health Insurance	3.7%	+/-1.8%	3.4%	+/-1.0%

^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+	8,493	+/- 197	26,517	+/- 103
in labor force	66.7%	+/- 3.3%	64.9%	+/- 1.8%
not in labor force	33.3%	+/- 3.3%	35.1%	+/- 1.8%
Civilian labor force	5,665	+/- 287	17,165	+/- 477
Unemployed	1.7%	+/- 0.8%	2.3%	+/- 0.8%

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

Individuals and Families Below Poverty Level, 2018-2022²

	City		County	
	Estimate	MOE*	Estimate	MOE*
Total Population ^a	9,215	+/-33	31,721	+/-157
Below poverty	4.2%	+/-1.7%	7.7%	+/-1.6%
17 and under	**%	+/-**%	8.1%	+/-3.1%
18 - 64	4.3%	+/-1.9%	7.5%	+/-1.5%
65+	**%	+/-**%	7.8%	+/-2.9%
All Families	**%	+/-**%	5.2%	+/-1.6%
with children	**%	+/-**%	8.4%	+/-3.0%
Married Couple	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
with children	**%	+/-**%	**%	+/-**%
Female HH ^b	**%	+/-**%	28.1%	+/-10.2%
with children	**%	+/-**%	32.7%	+/-12.1%

^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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- ³For 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.
- 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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