



Ruthven, IA

Palo Alto County

Location:

Ruthven is located in northwest Iowa along US Highway 18, situated between Spencer and Emmetsburg.



Business Climate:

Ruthven is a small but growing community. Our town entrance and downtown have been renovated with new streets and sidewalks. We have a strong core of existing businesses and welcome new establishments to join our progress.

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Demographic Information

Population

Population:	2000
Labor Market Population:	711
	56,989
Data Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census	

Households

Total Number of Households:	2000
Average Household Size:	325
Median Household Income:	2.19
	\$31,027.00

Educational Attainment: Population - Age 25 Plus

	2000
Associate Degree:	7 %
Bachelor's Degree:	10 %
Graduate or Professional Degree:	2 %

Metro Area Distances

City	Driving Distance (miles)	Flight Time	Days by Truck	Days by Rail
Chicago, IL	441	1 hour	1	2
Des Moines, IA	175	1 hour	1	1
Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN	215	1 hour	1	1
St. Louis, MO	512	1.5 hours	1	1

Labor Force Characteristics

For information, please see the Palo Alto County Laborshed Analysis, visit:
<http://www.paloaltoiowa.com/documents/Laborshed%202007.pdf>

Mid Iowa Growth Partnership Labor Report can be viewed at:
http://www.midiowagrowth.com/business/labor_reports.htm

Leading Employers

	Product or Service	Employees
1. Ruthven Community Care Center	Nursing home, Assisted living facilities	50 + 25 PT
2. Pro Cooperative	Grain	51
3. Ruthven Ayrshire School	Education	31 + 18 PT
4. River Valley Telecommunications Coop	Telecommunications	12
5. Bully's Bar & Grill	Bar and Restaurant	10
6. Lakeland EZ Stoppe	Convenience Store	8
7. Iowa State Bank	Banking	7
8. Joan's Cafe	Restaurant	6
9. Picket Fence	Gifts and Crafts	5
B & G Body Shop		

Local Government

Type of Government:	Mayor/Council
Comprehensive City Plan:	No
Year Plan Completed:	
Strategic City Plan:	No
Year Plan Completed:	
City Zoning Ordinance in Effect:	Yes
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Percent of Streets Paved:	100.0

Local Government Services

Ruthven Fire Department	Fire Protection
Palo Alto County Hospital Ambulance Service	Ambulance
Palo Alto County Sheriff's Department	Police Protection

Utilities

Water

Provider Name:	City of Ruthven
Rated Capacity (mgd):	0.216
Average Capacity (mgd):	0.095
Peak Demand (mgd):	0.15
Storage Capacity (gallons):	80,000

Sewer

Provider Name:	City of Ruthven
Rated Capacity (mgd):	0.168
Average Daily Demand (mgd):	0.135
Peak Demand (mgd):	0.253

Electric

Provider Name:	Mid American Energy
Peak Demand (kW):	4,040
Generation Capacity (MW):	5,500
Customers Served (state):	618,257
Customers Served (system):	70,644

Natural Gas

Provider Name:	Mid American Energy
Pipeline Source:	Private
Customers Served (state):	537,912
Customers Served (system):	686,793

Telecommunications

Provider Name:	River Valley Telecommunications
Service Type:	Telephone, Cable TV, Internet, Cell. Phones
DSL:	Yes
Fiber Optics:	Yes
Switch Services:	Yes
Customers Served (state):	700
Customers Served (system):	700

Transportation

Interstates and Highways

Ruthven is located along US Hwy. 18. Interstate I-90 is approximately 50 miles north, and I-35 is approximately 90 miles east.

Motor Freight

Motor Carriers:	0
Local Terminals:	0

Railroads

Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation	
Piggyback Ramp Available:	No
Distance to Nearest Piggyback:	212
Intermodal Services Available:	No

Airport

Spencer Airport is 14 miles away. The nearest International airport is Des Moines at 200 miles distance, or Minneapolis at 250 miles distance.

Waterway

Ruthven is less than one mile from the beautiful Lost Island Lake.

Public Transportation Network

The nearest public transportation network is in Spencer, approximately 20 miles west.

General Comments

Nearest Piggy back ramp is Minneapolis or Omaha

Taxation Structure

Actual Valuation (2009):	\$24,256,072.00
Bond Indebtedness (2009)	
General Obligation:	\$ 35,998.00
Revenue:	\$ 760,000.00
County:	\$ 0.00
School:	\$ 0.00

General Comments:

For up-to-date information on Taxation and Bond Indebtedness, contact City Hall at 712-837-5355.

Quality of Life

Religious Institutions

Ruthven has five religious institutions. Located in town is Sacred Heart Catholic Church, United Methodist Church, and Zion Lutheran Church. Located near Lost Island Lake are Holy Cross Resurrection Chapel and Lost Island Lutheran Church. All facilities have active membership and are welcoming of new members.

Housing Market

Avg. Monthly Rent for 3-Bedroom House:	\$300.00
Avg. Monthly Rent for 2-Bedroom Apartment:	\$275.00
Avg. Cost of Houses Sold in Last 2 Years:	\$60,000.00

Education

Elementary and Secondary Education Overview

Ruthven is fortunate to have it's own fantastic PreK-12 school system, consolidated with Ayrshire. Website - <http://www.ruthven.k12.ia.us/>

Higher Education Overview

Iowa Lakes Community College is located 10 miles away in Emmetsburg, with campuses in Spencer and Estherville. Buena Vista University, a four year university, offers courses through their Lakes & Prairies Center in Spencer as well.

Health Facilities and Personnel

Number of Hospitals:	1
Total Number of Beds:	99
Number of Outpatient Clinics:	1
Number of Medical Doctors:	43
Number of Dentists:	8
Number of Registered Nurses:	181
Number of Practical Nurses:	19