

# City of ROLLA



Missouri Presbytery Church Plant

Presbyterian Church in America

## Rolla Statistics

2018 - 2019 Estimates, census.gov/MissionInsite.com based on population within 15 minute drive from Rolla with the exception of \* items which are based on Rolla City.

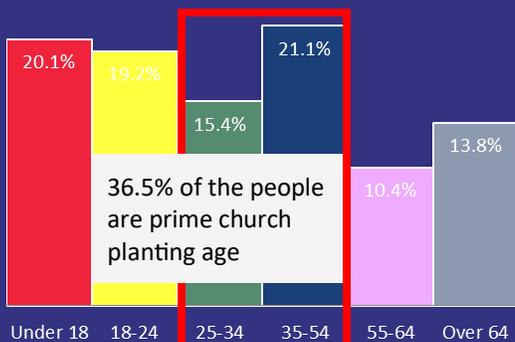
### By the Numbers

Population:	26,845
Median family income:	\$55,412
*Median home value:	\$125,100
*Median Rent:	\$715
Poverty Rate:	14.3%
*Crime Index:	366.2

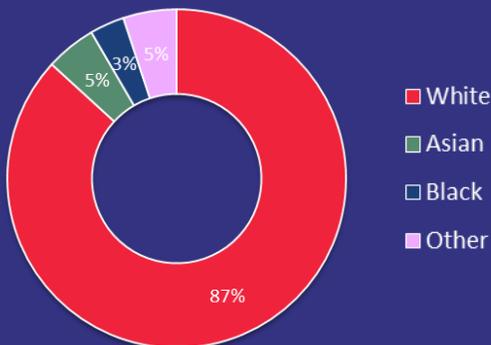
US Average is 274 (2018, city-data.com)

## Age Demographics

Median age: 38



## Racial Demographics



## Marital Status

Married	41%
Not Married	59%

## Households with Children

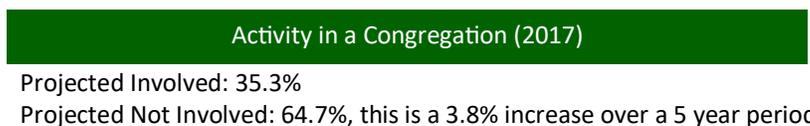
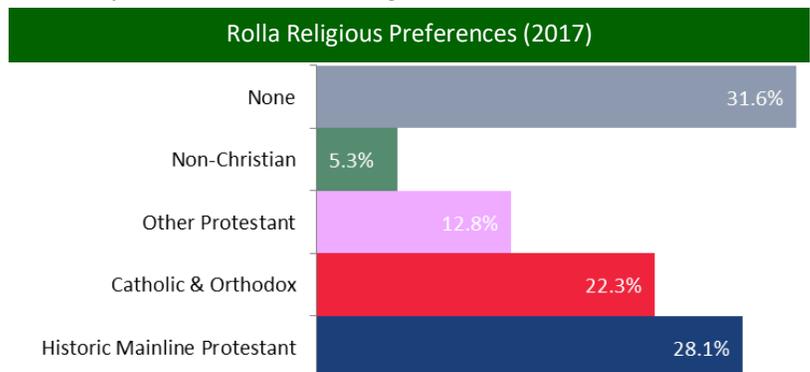
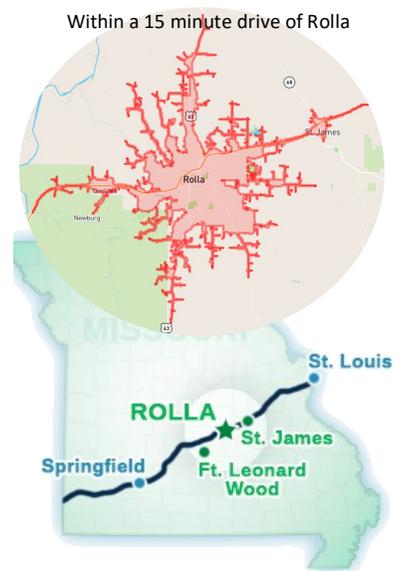
Married Couple	65%
Single Parent	35%

Rolla is a city in and the county seat of Phelps County, Missouri, and it is located approximately midway between St.

Louis and Springfield along I-44. While Rolla is a haven for outdoor adventurers with its proximity to the Current and Jack's Fork Rivers, Ozark forests, caves, springs, and bluffs, it is also the home of the Missouri University of Science and Technology with an enrollment of almost 9,000 students.

Unfortunately, over one-third of the people in this university town chose "none" or "non-Christian" as their religious preference. The Missouri Presbytery recognizes the need for a reformed church in Rolla that will communicate the gospel to this young, educated, and predominantly single population. The presbytery is supported in this endeavor by the Midwest Alliance whose mission is to see PCA churches and presbyteries in the Midwest working together to plant and grow healthy and reproducing churches.

The Missouri Presbytery is the regional body of PCA churches covering much of Missouri, including the St. Louis and Columbia metropolitan areas. As we serve our individual communities, we work together to serve our region. We are praying that a PCA church plant in Rolla will be part of God's plan for serving not only that community, but also the entire region.





Route 66 Mural



Mark Twain National Forest



Rolla's Stonehenge

## Rolla Highlights

White collar workers make up 64.7% of the workforce.

Home of the Missouri University of Science and Technology, well known, both nationally and internationally, for its many engineering departments and computer science department.

Part of the Ozark Highlands American Viticultural Area, with vineyards established first by Italian immigrants to the area.

Rolla Research Center's collection focuses on the history of southern Missouri and the Ozark Highland. Major collections include the records of the St. Louis-San Francisco "Frisco" Railway Company, the St. Joe Minerals Corporation, and the American Zinc, Lead, and Smelting Company.

## Education

(population over age 25)

86.9% High School Grad or higher

16.4% Bachelor's Degree

14.5% Graduate or Professional

## Major Employers

(Rolla-St. James area)

Brewer Science

MO-SCI

Royal Canin

Tacony Corp.

Walmart Distribution Center

St. James Winery

ESDEMC Technology

My Father's World

## Candidate Strengths

- Loves and trusts God far more than he loves or trusts anyone or anything else
- Intentional in evangelism and connects with unbelievers
- Desire to put down roots and equip people for ministry
- A strong preacher - effective communicator - able to preach Christ crucified

## Support

- Mentoring available from experienced church planters
- The commitment of the Missouri Presbytery to church planting

## Imagine

A welcoming church plant reaching the "nones" in Rolla

A gospel saturated, missional church plant in Rolla that becomes a hub to plant additional churches in the surrounding communities

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## Most Common Occupations

