Iowa State University’s impact in Polk County

4,367 Polk County residents are enrolled at ISU including:
- 1,129 students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 776 students in the College of Engineering
- 728 students in the College of Business
- 679 students in the College of Human Sciences
- 404 students in the College of Agriculture and Life Science
- 364 students in the Graduate College
- 259 students in the College of Design
- 28 students in the College of Veterinary Medicine
- 946 Polk County students were on ISU’s 2016 Spring Honor Roll

27,271 ISU Alumni reside in Polk County including:
- 1,348 in Banking/Finance
- 1,233 Engineers
- 1,213 Pre K/K-12 Educators
- 564 in Agriculture
- 331 Architects
- 106 Veterinarians

20,239 Polk County residents directly benefited from ISU Extension and Outreach education. We’re focused on feeding people, keeping them healthy, helping communities prosper and thrive, and turning the world over to the next generation better than we found it. That’s how we’re building a strong Iowa.

Iowa State University’s science-focused business assistance program is a key problem solver for Polk County businesses. The Center for Industrial Research and Service (CIRAS) provided engineering services to 608 businesses in the last year including:

- Architectural Wall Systems Co.; Bankers Trust; Central Iowa Forming; DuPont Pioneer; Hy-Vee Inc.; John Deere and Co Inc.; Mrs. Clark’s Foods LC; Snyder and Associates; UTC Aerospace Systems; Walsh Door and Hardware Co; Wells Fargo Advisors.

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) serving Polk County assisted 426 clients last year, helping to create or retain 121 jobs and start 19 new businesses.