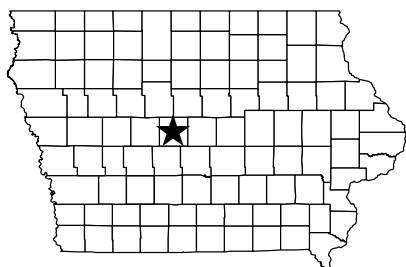


## Child and Family Data for Decision Makers



# Boone County

## Population Profile

Boone County is a non-metropolitan county in central Iowa. The total population in the county increased 4.1 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population under the age of 18 in Boone County increased 5.6 percent. Statewide, total population increased 5.4 percent and the population under 18 increased 2.1 percent during that period.

### 1. Population 17 or younger

	Boone County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	26,184	25,186	26,224	2,913,808	2,776,831	2,926,324
Percent 17 or younger	25.9	24.5	24.8	28.3	25.9	25.1
Population 17 or younger	6,770	6,169	6,515	825,873	718,880	733,638
Under 1 year	389	305	318	48,309	34,301	37,338
1 and 2 years	755	702	639	88,825	79,758	75,150
3 and 4 years	676	657	623	84,494	79,144	75,925
5 years	328	361	361	41,200	41,088	38,649
6 years	298	345	325	39,274	40,967	39,441
7 to 9 years	1,074	1,132	1,075	130,567	127,283	124,513
10 and 11 years	767	748	805	92,514	85,454	84,392
12 and 13 years	742	718	749	90,875	80,260	82,996
14 years	375	310	392	48,311	38,503	43,159
15 years	475	294	397	51,934	38,170	43,759
16 years	449	283	414	54,449	36,626	43,617
17 years	442	314	417	55,121	37,326	44,699

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 1.

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## Family Profile

In 2000, there were 3,238 families with children under 18 in Boone County. A large majority of these families were headed by a married-couple family; 21.5 percent were headed by a single parent. Statewide, 24.0 percent of families with children under 18 were headed by a single parent in 2000.

### 2. Families with children under 18 years by race/Hispanic Origin, 2000

	Families with children under 18						
	Total	Married-couple families		Female householder families*		Male householder families*	
		n	%	n	%	n	%
Boone County	3,238	2,542	78.5	529	16.3	167	5.2
White alone	3,198	2,508	78.4	524	16.4	166	5.2
Black alone	8	7	87.5	1	12.5	0	0.0
American Indian alone	12	9	75.0	2	16.7	1	8.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	4	2	50.0	2	50.0	0	0.0
Some other race alone	8	8	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Two or more races	8	8	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	22	16	72.7	5	22.7	1	4.5
State	361,153	274,565	76.0	64,367	17.8	22,221	6.2
White alone	338,833	261,530	77.2	57,027	16.8	20,276	6.0
Black alone	8,567	3,285	38.3	4,475	52.2	807	9.4
American Indian alone	1,206	617	51.2	471	39.1	118	9.8
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	4,490	3,712	82.7	563	12.5	215	4.8
Some other race alone	5,176	3,624	70.0	998	19.3	554	10.7
Two or more races	2,881	1,797	62.4	833	28.9	251	8.7
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	10,653	7,458	70.0	2,149	20.2	1,046	9.8

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 1 (P34-35).

\*No spouse present.

Note: Includes families with own children only. See definition section on page 4.

The vast majority of children under 18 in Boone County lived in married-couple families in 1990 and 2000. The percentage living in single-parent families however, increased from 15.8 percent in 1990 to 18.7 percent in 2000. The figures for the state were 16.6 percent and 21.2 percent, respectively.

### 3. Children 17 or younger by family type

	Children in all families	Percent of children in...					
		Married-couple families		Female householder families*		Male householder families*	
		Boone County	State	Boone County	State	Boone County	State
Total Children 17 or Younger							
1990	5,898	84.2	83.4	12.6	13.7	3.2	2.9
2000	6,069	81.3	78.9	14.4	16.1	4.2	5.1
White alone	5,922	81.4	80.8	14.3	14.3	4.3	5.0
Black alone	29	75.9	36.1	20.7	57.5	3.4	6.4
American Indian alone	14	92.9	56.9	7.1	34.8	0.0	8.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	21	81.0	84.8	19.0	11.1	0.0	4.2
Some other race alone	31	83.9	70.5	16.1	21.9	0.0	7.6
Two or more races	52	71.2	57.6	28.8	35.6	0.0	6.8
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	91	79.1	70.0	18.7	22.6	2.2	7.4

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 1 (P36).

\*No spouse present.

Note: Includes families with own children only. See definition section on page 4.

## Employment of Parents Profile

The majority of children under 6 years of age in Boone County (71.5 percent) had all parents in the labor force\* in 2000. This compared to 71.4 percent statewide.

### 4. Employment status of parents with young children

	Boone County				State	
	1990		2000		1990	2000
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total Children Under 6 Years in Families or Subfamilies	1,968	—	1,908	—	—	—
Living with two parents	1,686	100.0	1,473	100.0	100.0	100.0
Both parents in labor force	1,176	69.8	994	67.5	68.0	69.2
Father only in labor force	470	27.9	387	26.3	29.3	25.3
Mother only in labor force	26	1.5	61	4.1	1.4	3.0
Neither parent in labor force	14	0.8	31	2.1	1.3	3.0
Living with one parent	282	—	435	—	—	—
Living with father	37	100.0	57	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	37	100.0	57	100.0	93.2	88.8
Not in labor force	0	0.0	0	0.0		11.2
Living with mother	245	100.0	378	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	151	61.6	313	82.8	56.3	75.9
Not in labor force	94	38.4	65	17.2		24.1

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3 (P46).

\*This includes all children in this age group living in single-parent families with that parent in the labor force, as well as children in married-couple families where both parents are in the labor force.

## Income Profile

In 1999, median family income was \$49,346 in Boone County. Median income is the point at which half of the families report more income and half report less. Ten years earlier, median family income in the county was \$31,659. Statewide, median family income increased from \$31,659 in 1989 to \$48,005 in 1999.

### 5. Median family income

	Boone County		State	
	1989	1999	1989	1999
Median family income (\$)	31,659	49,346	31,659	48,005
Married-couple family (\$)	33,963	53,050	34,092	52,409
With children under 18 years (\$)	36,372	55,193	36,387	55,946
Female household family*	16,334	23,201	15,202	24,468
With children under 18 years	16,104	19,714	11,079	20,453
Male household family*	n/a	32,461	n/a	32,466
With children under 18 years	n/a	30,385	n/a	28,788

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

\*No spouse present.

# Poverty Profile

The percentage of families with children under 18 living in poverty in Boone County in 1999 was 1.5 percentage points lower than the state average. Families with female householders, no husband present, continued to constitute a disproportionate percentage of total families with children in poverty. Note: See definition section below for poverty thresholds.

## 6. Poverty status of families with children 17 or younger

	Boone County				State	
	1989		1999		1989	1999
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total families in poverty	429	6.1	327	4.5	8.4	6.0
With related children under 18 years	300	9.4	223	3.1	12.6	4.6
Married-couple families in poverty	241	4.0	116	1.9	5.0	3.2
With related children under 18 years	138	5.3	46	1.7	6.3	4.0
Female householder* families in poverty	163	25.3	151	19.1	33.5	23.4
With related children under 18 years	146	33.3	143	25.4	45.1	30.5
Male householder* families in poverty	25	9.5	60	17.8	13.4	11.2
With related children under 18 years	16	10.3	34	16.7	19.0	14.1

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

### Definitions and Notes:

**Own children** include all never-married children under 18 years who are sons/daughters by birth, stepchildren, or adopted children of householder.

**Related children** include own children and all other persons under 18 years of age in the household, regardless of marital status, who are related to the householder. Foster children are not included since they are not related to the householder.

**Poverty status** is determined for all persons except those institutionalized, in military quarters, in college dormitories, and unrelated individuals under 15 years of age. The income cutoffs used to determine poverty status include several thresholds; for families, size is cross-classified by the number of related children under 18 years of age, with everyone in a particular family given the same poverty status. For a two-person family, the poverty threshold averaged \$10,869 in 1999, it was \$13,290 for a three-person family, and \$17,029 for a four-person family.

**Economic data** (e.g., income and poverty) collected in the decennial censuses are based on the previous calendar year. That is the reason for the 1989 and 1999 headings in Tables 5 and 6.

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