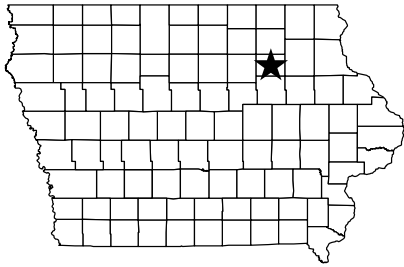


Child and Family Data for Decision Makers



Bremer County

Population Profile

Bremer County is a non-metropolitan county in northeast Iowa. The total population in the county increased 2.2 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population under the age of 18 in Bremer County decreased 2.3 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

| | Bremer County | | | State | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
| Total Population | 24,820 | 22,813 | 23,325 | 2,913,808 | 2,776,831 | 2,926,324 |
| Percent 17 or younger | 29.3 | 25.3 | 24.1 | 28.3 | 25.9 | 25.1 |
| Population 17 or younger | 7,263 | 5,762 | 5,627 | 825,873 | 718,880 | 733,638 |
| Under 1 year | 419 | 233 | 256 | 48,309 | 34,301 | 37,338 |
| 1 and 2 years | 771 | 548 | 478 | 88,825 | 79,758 | 75,150 |
| 3 and 4 years | 709 | 597 | 557 | 84,494 | 79,144 | 75,925 |
| 5 years | 347 | 302 | 288 | 41,200 | 41,088 | 38,649 |
| 6 years | 342 | 316 | 294 | 39,274 | 40,967 | 39,441 |
| 7 to 9 years | 1,109 | 1,051 | 950 | 130,567 | 127,283 | 124,513 |
| 10 and 11 years | 856 | 721 | 642 | 92,514 | 85,454 | 84,392 |
| 12 and 13 years | 834 | 665 | 677 | 90,875 | 80,260 | 82,996 |
| 14 years | 444 | 331 | 354 | 48,311 | 38,503 | 43,159 |
| 15 years | 448 | 311 | 362 | 51,934 | 38,170 | 43,759 |
| 16 years | 486 | 348 | 387 | 54,449 | 36,626 | 43,617 |
| 17 years | 498 | 339 | 382 | 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 2,838 families with children under 18 in Bremer County. A large majority of these families were headed by a married-couple family; 18.7 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 | % |
| Bremer County | 2,838 | 2,307 | 81.3 | 392 | 13.8 | 139 | 4.9 |
| White alone | 2,810 | 2,286 | 81.4 | 389 | 13.8 | 135 | 4.8 |
| Black alone | 6 | 3 | 50.0 | 2 | 33.3 | 1 | 16.7 |
| American Indian alone | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander alone | 8 | 7 | 87.5 | 1 | 12.5 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Some other race alone | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Two or more races | 10 | 7 | 70.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 30.0 |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 13 | 9 | 69.2 | 2 | 15.4 | 2 | 15.4 |
| 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 Bremer County lived in married-couple families in 1990 and 2000. The percentage living in single-parent families however, increased from 10.5 percent in 1990 to 16.2 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* | |
| | | Bremer County | State | Bremer County | State | Bremer County | State |
| Total Children 17 or Younger | | | | | | | |
| 1990 | 5,537 | 89.5 | 83.4 | 8.6 | 13.7 | 1.9 | 2.9 |
| 2000 | 5,359 | 83.8 | 78.9 | 12.3 | 16.1 | 4.0 | 5.1 |
| White alone | 5,241 | 84.3 | 80.8 | 11.9 | 14.3 | 3.8 | 5.0 |
| Black alone | 20 | 20.0 | 36.1 | 70.0 | 57.5 | 10.0 | 6.4 |
| American Indian alone | 2 | 100.0 | 56.9 | 0.0 | 34.8 | 0.0 | 8.3 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander alone | 31 | 90.3 | 84.8 | 3.2 | 11.1 | 6.5 | 4.2 |
| Some other race alone | 10 | 60.0 | 70.5 | 40.0 | 21.9 | 0.0 | 7.6 |
| Two or more races | 55 | 58.2 | 57.6 | 27.3 | 35.6 | 14.5 | 6.8 |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 45 | 62.2 | 70.0 | 24.4 | 22.6 | 13.3 | 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 Bremer County (76 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

| | Bremer County | | | | State | |
|---|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1990 | | 2000 | | 1990 | 2000 |
| | n | % | n | % | % | % |
| Total Children Under 6 Years in Families or Subfamilies | 1,645 | — | 1,544 | — | — | — |
| Living with two parents | 1,468 | 100.0 | 1,254 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Both parents in labor force | 1,055 | 71.9 | 923 | 73.6 | 68.0 | 69.2 |
| Father only in labor force | 380 | 25.9 | 279 | 22.2 | 29.3 | 25.3 |
| Mother only in labor force | 10 | 0.7 | 29 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 3.0 |
| Neither parent in labor force | 23 | 1.6 | 23 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 3.0 |
| Living with one parent | 177 | — | 290 | — | — | — |
| Living with father | 29 | 100.0 | 69 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| In labor force | 29 | 100.0 | 65 | 94.2 | 93.2 | 88.8 |
| Not in labor force | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 5.8 | | 11.2 |
| Living with mother | 148 | 100.0 | 221 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| In labor force | 75 | 50.7 | 185 | 83.7 | 56.3 | 75.9 |
| Not in labor force | 73 | 49.3 | 36 | 16.3 | | 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 \$50,299 in Bremer 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 \$32,662. Statewide, median family income increased from \$31,659 in 1989 to \$48,005 in 1999.

5. Median family income

| | Bremer County | | State | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 1989 | 1999 | 1989 | 1999 |
| Median family income (\$) | 32,662 | 50,299 | 31,659 | 48,005 |
| Married-couple family (\$) | 33,987 | 53,998 | 34,092 | 52,409 |
| With children under 18 years (\$) | 37,221 | 59,490 | 36,387 | 55,946 |
| Female household family* | 13,654 | 25,208 | 15,202 | 24,468 |
| With children under 18 years | 8,411 | 22,308 | 11,079 | 20,453 |
| Male household family* | n/a | 28,920 | n/a | 32,466 |
| With children under 18 years | n/a | 27,321 | 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 Bremer County in 1999 was 2.5 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

| | Bremer County | | | | State | |
|---|---------------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| | 1989 | | 1999 | | 1989 | 1999 |
| | n | % | n | % | % | % |
| Total families in poverty | 422 | 6.8 | 185 | 2.9 | 8.4 | 6.0 |
| With related children under 18 years | 295 | 9.9 | 134 | 2.1 | 12.6 | 4.6 |
| Married-couple families in poverty | 250 | 4.4 | 69 | 1.2 | 5.0 | 3.2 |
| With related children under 18 years | 149 | 5.6 | 32 | 1.3 | 6.3 | 4.0 |
| Female householder* families in poverty | 137 | 35.5 | 76 | 14.0 | 33.5 | 23.4 |
| With related children under 18 years | 129 | 50.0 | 74 | 18.0 | 45.1 | 30.5 |
| Male householder* families in poverty | 35 | 18.7 | 40 | 16.3 | 13.4 | 11.2 |
| With related children under 18 years | 17 | 18.9 | 28 | 21.9 | 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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