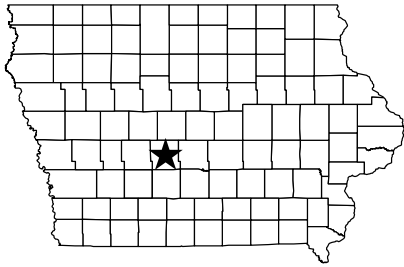


Child and Family Data for Decision Makers



Dallas County

Population Profile

Dallas County is a metropolitan county in central Iowa. The total population in the county increased 37 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population under the age of 18 in Dallas County increased 38.6 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

	Dallas County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	29,513	29,755	40,750	2,913,808	2,776,831	2,926,324
Percent 17 or younger	29.8	27.8	28.2	28.3	25.9	25.1
Population 17 or younger	8,803	8,286	11,487	825,873	718,880	733,638
Under 1 year	454	403	675	48,309	34,301	37,338
1 and 2 years	994	834	1,334	88,825	79,758	75,150
3 and 4 years	874	873	1,363	84,494	79,144	75,925
5 years	422	516	644	41,200	41,088	38,649
6 years	406	492	601	39,274	40,967	39,441
7 to 9 years	1,455	1,516	1,939	130,567	127,283	124,513
10 and 11 years	1,064	1,024	1,193	92,514	85,454	84,392
12 and 13 years	972	949	1,230	90,875	80,260	82,996
14 years	505	425	609	48,311	38,503	43,159
15 years	550	434	652	51,934	38,170	43,759
16 years	559	398	640	54,449	36,626	43,617
17 years	548	422	607	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 5,796 families with children under 18 in Dallas County. A large majority of these families were headed by a married-couple family; 20.3 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	%
Dallas County	5,796	4,622	79.7	852	14.7	322	5.6
White alone	5,496	4,415	80.3	791	14.4	290	5.3
Black alone	45	26	57.8	12	26.7	7	15.6
American Indian alone	6	1	16.7	3	50.0	2	33.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	46	39	84.8	6	13.0	1	2.2
Some other race alone	173	121	69.9	32	18.5	20	11.6
Two or more races	30	20	66.7	8	26.7	2	6.7
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	327	237	72.5	54	16.5	36	11.0
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 Dallas County lived in married-couple families in 1990 and 2000. The percentage living in single-parent families however, increased from 15.4 percent in 1990 to 17.7 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*	
		Dallas County	State	Dallas County	State	Dallas County	State
Total Children 17 or Younger							
1990	7,925	84.6	83.4	12.2	13.7	3.2	2.9
2000	10,974	82.3	78.9	13.1	16.1	4.6	5.1
White alone	10,208	83.2	80.8	12.4	14.3	4.4	5.0
Black alone	87	46.0	36.1	44.8	57.5	9.2	6.4
American Indian alone	17	64.7	56.9	29.4	34.8	5.9	8.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	102	87.3	84.8	9.8	11.1	2.9	4.2
Some other race alone	385	72.7	70.5	16.1	21.9	11.2	7.6
Two or more races	175	66.9	57.6	30.3	35.6	2.9	6.8
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	761	72.9	70.0	16.6	22.6	10.5	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 Dallas County (70.2 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

	Dallas County				State	
	1990		2000		1990	2000
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total Children Under 6 Years in Families or Subfamilies	2,578	—	3,804	—	—	—
Living with two parents	2,174	100.0	3,202	100.0	100.0	100.0
Both parents in labor force	1,622	74.6	2,178	68.0	68.0	69.2
Father only in labor force	529	24.3	861	26.9	29.3	25.3
Mother only in labor force	19	0.9	88	2.7	1.4	3.0
Neither parent in labor force	4	0.2	75	2.3	1.3	3.0
Living with one parent	404	—	602	—	—	—
Living with father	81	100.0	256	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	79	97.5	226	88.3	93.2	88.8
Not in labor force	2	2.5	30	11.7		11.2
Living with mother	323	100.0	346	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	194	60.1	266	76.9	56.3	75.9
Not in labor force	129	39.9	80	23.1		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 \$58,293 in Dallas 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 \$34,881. Statewide, median family income increased from \$31,659 in 1989 to \$48,005 in 1999.

5. Median family income

	Dallas County		State	
	1989	1999	1989	1999
Median family income (\$)	34,881	58,293	31,659	48,005
Married-couple family (\$)	37,477	63,657	34,092	52,409
With children under 18 years (\$)	40,230	65,949	36,387	55,946
Female household family*	14,432	27,399	15,202	24,468
With children under 18 years	11,898	24,358	11,079	20,453
Male household family*	n/a	34,638	n/a	32,466
With children under 18 years	n/a	32,454	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 Dallas County in 1999 was 1.6 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

	Dallas County				State	
	1989		1999		1989	1999
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total families in poverty	496	6.0	454	4.0	8.4	6.0
With related children under 18 years	358	8.2	338	3.0	12.6	4.6
Married-couple families in poverty	217	3.0	210	2.2	5.0	3.2
With related children under 18 years	98	2.7	119	2.5	6.3	4.0
Female householder* families in poverty	244	30.7	209	17.3	33.5	23.4
With related children under 18 years	228	37.9	190	21.3	45.1	30.5
Male householder* families in poverty	35	11.8	35	7.4	13.4	11.2
With related children under 18 years	32	17.8	29	8.3	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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