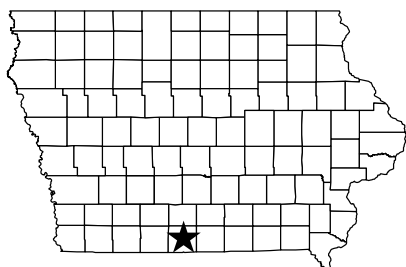


Child and Family Data for Decision Makers



Decatur County

Population Profile

Decatur County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The total population in the county increased 4.2 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population under the age of 18 in Decatur County increased 3.1 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

	Decatur County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	9,794	8,338	8,689	2,913,808	2,776,831	2,926,324
Percent 17 or younger	24.2	23.3	23.0	28.3	25.9	25.1
Population 17 or younger	2,375	1,941	2,002	825,873	718,880	733,638
Under 1 year	132	91	99	48,309	34,301	37,338
1 and 2 years	230	209	191	88,825	79,758	75,150
3 and 4 years	242	207	191	84,494	79,144	75,925
5 years	121	118	110	41,200	41,088	38,649
6 years	125	111	113	39,274	40,967	39,441
7 to 9 years	412	338	322	130,567	127,283	124,513
10 and 11 years	259	216	238	92,514	85,454	84,392
12 and 13 years	280	212	238	90,875	80,260	82,996
14 years	129	106	113	48,311	38,503	43,159
15 years	150	124	146	51,934	38,170	43,759
16 years	157	100	118	54,449	36,626	43,617
17 years	138	109	123	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 933 families with children under 18 in Decatur County. A large majority of these families were headed by a married-couple family; 24.2 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

	Total	Families with children under 18					
		Married-couple families		Female householder families*		Male householder families*	
		n	%	n	%	n	%
Decatur County	933	707	75.8	173	18.5	53	5.7
White alone	913	696	76.2	168	18.4	49	5.4
Black alone	6	2	33.3	3	50.0	1	16.7
American Indian alone	2	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	2	1	50.0	1	50.0	0	0.0
Some other race alone	2	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	50.0
Two or more races	8	5	62.5	1	12.5	2	25.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	11	8	72.7	2	18.2	1	9.1
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 Decatur County lived in married-couple families in 1990 and 2000. The percentage living in single-parent families however, increased from 14.0 percent in 1990 to 19.7 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*	
		Decatur County	State	Decatur County	State	Decatur County	State
Total Children 17 or Younger							
1990	1,845	86	83.4	11.2	13.7	2.9	2.9
2000	1,850	80.3	78.9	15.4	16.1	4.3	5.1
White alone	1,797	80.5	80.8	15.1	14.3	4.4	5.0
Black alone	11	54.5	36.1	36.4	57.5	9.1	6.4
American Indian alone	4	75.0	56.9	25.0	34.8	0.0	8.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	13	84.6	84.8	15.4	11.1	0.0	4.2
Some other race alone	3	100.0	70.5	0.0	21.9	0.0	7.6
Two or more races	22	72.7	57.6	27.3	35.6	0.0	6.8
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	31	64.5	70.0	19.4	22.6	16.1	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 Decatur County (64.4 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

	Decatur County				State	
	1990		2000		1990	2000
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total Children Under 6 Years in Families or Subfamilies	605	—	559	—	—	—
Living with two parents	498	100.0	453	100.0	100.0	100.0
Both parents in labor force	293	58.8	284	62.7	68.0	69.2
Father only in labor force	192	38.6	141	31.1	29.3	25.3
Mother only in labor force	3	0.6	6	1.3	1.4	3.0
Neither parent in labor force	10	2.0	22	4.9	1.3	3.0
Living with one parent	107	—	106	—	—	—
Living with father	11	100.0	30	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	9	81.8	29	96.7	93.2	88.8
Not in labor force	2	18.2	1	3.3		11.2
Living with mother	96	100.0	76	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	59	61.5	47	61.8	56.3	75.9
Not in labor force	37	38.5	29	38.2		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 \$34,831 in Decatur 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 \$22,872. Statewide, median family income increased from \$31,659 in 1989 to \$48,005 in 1999.

5. Median family income

	Decatur County		State	
	1989	1999	1989	1999
Median family income (\$)	22,872	34,831	31,659	48,005
Married-couple family (\$)	24,206	36,922	34,092	52,409
With children under 18 years (\$)	27,730	38,885	36,387	55,946
Female household family*	11,818	20,057	15,202	24,468
With children under 18 years	7,761	18,529	11,079	20,453
Male household family*	n/a	30,250	n/a	32,466
With children under 18 years	n/a	20,417	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 Decatur County in 1999 was 2.5 percentage points higher 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

	Decatur County				State	
	1989		1999		1989	1999
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total families in poverty	349	16.0	238	10.9	8.4	6.0
With related children under 18 years	241	23.1	155	7.1	12.6	4.6
Married-couple families in poverty	269	13.7	140	7.5	5.0	3.2
With related children under 18 years	167	18.8	71	8.9	6.3	4.0
Female householder* families in poverty	67	41.9	66	30.4	33.5	23.4
With related children under 18 years	65	57.0	62	35.6	45.1	30.5
Male householder* families in poverty	13	20.3	32	32.3	13.4	11.2
With related children under 18 years	9	22.0	22	43.1	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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