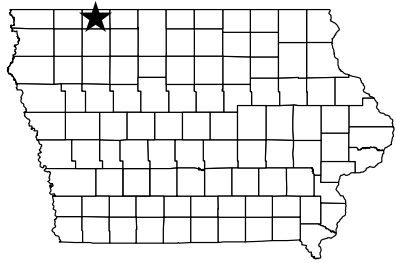


# Child and Family Data for Decision Makers



## Dickinson County

### Population Profile

Dickinson County is a non-metropolitan county in northwest Iowa. The total population in the county increased 10.2 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population under the age of 18 in Dickinson County increased 2.7 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

	Dickinson County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	15,629	14,909	16,424	2,913,808	2,776,831	2,926,324
Percent 17 or younger	26.7	23.5	21.9	28.3	25.9	25.1
Population 17 or younger	4,176	3,506	3,599	825,873	718,880	733,638
Under 1 year	260	143	178	48,309	34,301	37,338
1 and 2 years	483	339	388	88,825	79,758	75,150
3 and 4 years	453	335	312	84,494	79,144	75,925
5 years	226	186	181	41,200	41,088	38,649
6 years	192	188	177	39,274	40,967	39,441
7 to 9 years	630	628	586	130,567	127,283	124,513
10 and 11 years	469	459	434	92,514	85,454	84,392
12 and 13 years	432	439	428	90,875	80,260	82,996
14 years	233	213	227	48,311	38,503	43,159
15 years	269	215	223	51,934	38,170	43,759
16 years	254	182	219	54,449	36,626	43,617
17 years	275	179	246	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 1,856 families with children under 18 in Dickinson County. A large majority of these families were headed by a married-couple family; 22.5 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	%
Dickinson County	1,856	1,439	77.5	315	17.0	102	5.5
White alone	1,842	1,430	77.6	311	16.9	101	5.5
Black alone	4	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
American Indian alone	5	2	40.0	2	40.0	1	20.0
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	3	2	66.7	1	33.3	0	0.0
Some other race alone	0	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
Two or more races	2	1	50.0	1	50.0	0	0.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	15	10	66.7	4	26.7	1	6.7
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 Dickinson County lived in married-couple families in 1990 and 2000. The percentage living in single-parent families however, increased from 15.1 percent in 1990 to 19.0 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 Dickinson County	Percent of children in...					
		Married-couple families		Female householder families*		Male householder families*	
		Dickinson County	State	Dickinson County	State	Dickinson County	State
Total Children 17 or Younger							
1990	3,315	84.9	83.4	12.2	13.7	2.9	2.9
2000	3,439	81.0	78.9	14.5	16.1	4.4	5.1
White alone	3,364	81.2	80.8	14.6	14.3	4.3	5.0
Black alone	16	62.5	36.1	12.5	57.5	25.0	6.4
American Indian alone	9	33.3	56.9	44.4	34.8	22.2	8.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	12	100.0	84.8	0.0	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	35	80.0	57.6	11.4	35.6	8.6	6.8
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	46	71.7	70.0	19.6	22.6	8.7	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 Dickinson County (68.4 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

	Dickinson County				State	
	1990		2000		1990	2000
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total Children Under 6 Years in Families or Subfamilies	1,024	—	1,023	—	—	—
Living with two parents	897	100.0	768	100.0	100.0	100.0
Both parents in labor force	617	68.8	510	66.4	68.0	69.2
Father only in labor force	270	30.1	225	29.3	29.3	25.3
Mother only in labor force	4	0.4	31	4.0	1.4	3.0
Neither parent in labor force	6	0.7	2	0.3	1.3	3.0
Living with one parent	127	—	255	—	—	—
Living with father	12	100.0	42	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	12	100.0	38	90.5	93.2	88.8
Not in labor force	0	0.0	4	9.5		11.2
Living with mother	115	100.0	213	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	92	80.0	152	71.4	56.3	75.9
Not in labor force	23	20.0	61	28.6		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 \$47,739 in Dickinson 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 \$30,659. Statewide, median family income increased from \$31,659 in 1989 to \$48,005 in 1999.

### 5. Median family income

	Dickinson County		State	
	1989	1999	1989	1999
Median family income (\$)	30,659	47,739	31,659	48,005
Married-couple family (\$)	32,334	50,556	34,092	52,409
With children under 18 years (\$)	33,774	53,262	36,387	55,946
Female household family*	15,159	25,602	15,202	24,468
With children under 18 years	11,958	21,250	11,079	20,453
Male household family*	n/a	31,429	n/a	32,466
With children under 18 years	n/a	28,750	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 Dickinson County in 1999 was 2.1 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

	Dickinson County				State	
	1989		1999		1989	1999
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total families in poverty	254	5.9	202	4.2	8.4	6.0
With related children under 18 years	193	10.6	117	2.5	12.6	4.6
Married-couple families in poverty	132	3.5	92	2.2	5.0	3.2
With related children under 18 years	80	5.2	30	2.0	6.3	4.0
Female householder* families in poverty	109	31.4	97	19.9	33.5	23.4
With related children under 18 years	100	41.7	78	22.9	45.1	30.5
Male householder* families in poverty	13	10.9	13	8.1	13.4	11.2
With related children under 18 years	13	21.3	9	9.5	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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