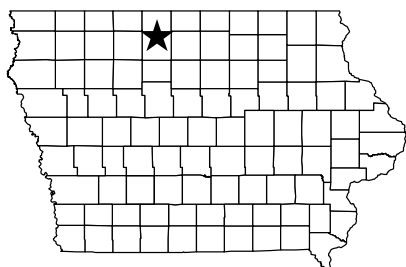


## Child and Family Data for Decision Makers



# Kossuth County

## Population Profile

Kossuth County is a non-metropolitan county in northwest Iowa. The total population in the county decreased 7.7 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population under the age of 18 in Kossuth County decreased 15 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

	Kossuth County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	21,891	18,591	17,163	2,913,808	2,776,831	2,926,324
Percent 17 or younger	30.4	28.1	25.8	28.3	25.9	25.1
Population 17 or younger	6,652	5,215	4,435	825,873	718,880	733,638
Under 1 year	406	225	163	48,309	34,301	37,338
1 and 2 years	675	517	388	88,825	79,758	75,150
3 and 4 years	667	556	380	84,494	79,144	75,925
5 years	300	286	222	41,200	41,088	38,649
6 years	322	333	239	39,274	40,967	39,441
7 to 9 years	1,022	946	696	130,567	127,283	124,513
10 and 11 years	715	634	527	92,514	85,454	84,392
12 and 13 years	752	590	562	90,875	80,260	82,996
14 years	394	279	274	48,311	38,503	43,159
15 years	453	274	313	51,934	38,170	43,759
16 years	466	292	323	54,449	36,626	43,617
17 years	480	283	348	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 2,153 families with children under 18 in Kossuth County. A large majority of these families were headed by a married-couple family; 16.5 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	%
Kossuth County	2,153	1,797	83.5	263	12.2	93	4.3
White alone	2,132	1,781	83.5	258	12.1	93	4.4
Black alone	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
American Indian alone	3	1	33.3	2	66.7	0	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	9	8	88.9	1	11.1	0	0.0
Some other race alone	6	5	83.3	1	16.7	0	0.0
Two or more races	2	1	50.0	1	50.0	0	0.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	11	11	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
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 Kossuth County lived in married-couple families in 1990 and 2000. The percentage living in single-parent families however, increased from 9.7 percent in 1990 to 14.2 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*	
		Kossuth County	State	Kossuth County	State	Kossuth County	State
Total Children 17 or Younger							
1990	5,060	90.3	83.4	7.2	13.7	2.5	2.9
2000	4,304	85.8	78.9	11.0	16.1	3.3	5.1
White alone	4,200	85.9	80.8	10.9	14.3	3.2	5.0
Black alone	8	50.0	36.1	37.5	57.5	12.5	6.4
American Indian alone	16	100.0	56.9	0.0	34.8	0.0	8.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	22	95.5	84.8	4.5	11.1	0.0	4.2
Some other race alone	25	92.0	70.5	8.0	21.9	0.0	7.6
Two or more races	33	63.6	57.6	24.2	35.6	12.1	6.8
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	59	79.7	70.0	16.9	22.6	3.4	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 Kossuth County (75.3 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

	Kossuth County				State	
	1990		2000		1990	2000
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total Children Under 6 Years in Families or Subfamilies	1,511	—	1,225	—	—	—
Living with two parents	1,375	100.0	962	100.0	100.0	100.0
Both parents in labor force	907	66.0	700	72.8	68.0	69.2
Father only in labor force	442	32.1	228	23.7	29.3	25.3
Mother only in labor force	7	0.5	20	2.1	1.4	3.0
Neither parent in labor force	19	1.4	14	1.5	1.3	3.0
Living with one parent	136	—	263	—	—	—
Living with father	24	100.0	83	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	24	100.0	80	96.4	93.2	88.8
Not in labor force	0	0.0	3	3.6		11.2
Living with mother	112	100.0	180	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	75	67.0	142	78.9	56.3	75.9
Not in labor force	37	33.0	38	21.1		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 \$41,159 in Kossuth 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 \$27,665. Statewide, median family income increased from \$31,659 in 1989 to \$48,005 in 1999.

### 5. Median family income

	Kossuth County		State	
	1989	1999	1989	1999
Median family income (\$)	27,665	41,159	31,659	48,005
Married-couple family (\$)	28,839	44,250	34,092	52,409
With children under 18 years (\$)	30,279	47,778	36,387	55,946
Female household family*	15,250	22,837	15,202	24,468
With children under 18 years	14,267	15,069	11,079	20,453
Male household family*	n/a	28,295	n/a	32,466
With children under 18 years	n/a	24,318	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 Kossuth County in 1999 was the same as 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

	Kossuth County				State	
	1989		1999		1989	1999
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total families in poverty	435	8.4	358	7.5	8.4	6.0
With related children under 18 years	286	11.6	222	4.6	12.6	4.6
Married-couple families in poverty	345	7.3	232	5.5	5.0	3.2
With related children under 18 years	202	9.3	109	6.0	6.3	4.0
Female householder* families in poverty	83	23.6	104	25.9	33.5	23.4
With related children under 18 years	77	37.6	99	37.9	45.1	30.5
Male householder* families in poverty	7	5.5	22	15.8	13.4	11.2
With related children under 18 years	7	8.4	14	16.3	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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