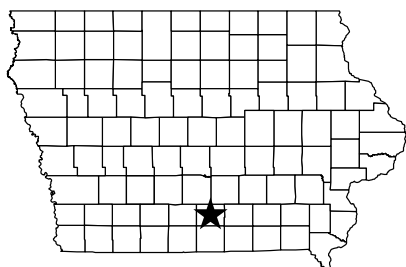


# Child and Family Data for Decision Makers



## Lucas County

### Population Profile

Lucas County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The total population in the county increased 3.9 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population under the age of 18 in Lucas County increased 7.1 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

	Lucas County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	10,313	9,070	9,422	2,913,808	2,776,831	2,926,324
Percent 17 or younger	26.8	24.6	25.4	28.3	25.9	25.1
Population 17 or younger	2,759	2,234	2,392	825,873	718,880	733,638
Under 1 year	159	96	89	48,309	34,301	37,338
1 and 2 years	299	240	236	88,825	79,758	75,150
3 and 4 years	264	234	244	84,494	79,144	75,925
5 years	136	132	134	41,200	41,088	38,649
6 years	120	108	143	39,274	40,967	39,441
7 to 9 years	468	397	402	130,567	127,283	124,513
10 and 11 years	308	288	281	92,514	85,454	84,392
12 and 13 years	295	246	300	90,875	80,260	82,996
14 years	159	133	140	48,311	38,503	43,159
15 years	186	118	142	51,934	38,170	43,759
16 years	185	112	128	54,449	36,626	43,617
17 years	180	130	153	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 1,077 families with children under 18 in Lucas County. A large majority of these families were headed by a married-couple family; 22.6 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	%
Lucas County	1,077	834	77.4	162	15.0	81	7.5
White alone	1,063	824	77.5	159	15.0	80	7.5
Black alone	0	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
American Indian alone	1	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	2	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Some other race alone	4	3	75.0	0	0.0	1	25.0
Two or more races	7	5	71.4	2	28.6	0	0.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	9	6	66.7	2	22.2	1	11.1
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 Lucas County lived in married-couple families in 1990 and 2000. The percentage living in single-parent families however, increased from 16.5 percent in 1990 to 19.3 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*	
		Lucas County	State	Lucas County	State	Lucas County	State
Total Children 17 or Younger							
1990	2,137	83.5	83.4	13.9	13.7	2.6	2.9
2000	2,218	80.7	78.9	13.8	16.1	5.6	5.1
White alone	2,160	80.6	80.8	13.8	14.3	5.6	5.0
Black alone	7	100.0	36.1	0.0	57.5	0.0	6.4
American Indian alone	2	100.0	56.9	0.0	34.8	0.0	8.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	16	93.8	84.8	0.0	11.1	6.3	4.2
Some other race alone	8	50.0	70.5	37.5	21.9	12.5	7.6
Two or more races	25	76.0	57.6	16.0	35.6	8.0	6.8
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	28	64.3	70.0	25.0	22.6	10.7	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 Lucas County (61.3 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

	Lucas County				State	
	1990		2000		1990	2000
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total Children Under 6 Years in Families or Subfamilies	718	—	688	—	—	—
Living with two parents	605	100.0	516	100.0	100.0	100.0
Both parents in labor force	366	60.5	304	58.9	68.0	69.2
Father only in labor force	232	38.3	163	31.6	29.3	25.3
Mother only in labor force	7	1.2	34	6.6	1.4	3.0
Neither parent in labor force	0	0.0	15	2.9	1.3	3.0
Living with one parent	113	—	172	—	—	—
Living with father	8	100.0	57	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	8	100.0	50	87.7	93.2	88.8
Not in labor force	0	0.0	7	12.3		11.2
Living with mother	105	100.0	115	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	62	59.0	68	59.1	56.3	75.9
Not in labor force	43	41.0	47	40.9		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 \$38,352 in Lucas 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 \$27,482. Statewide, median family income increased from \$31,659 in 1989 to \$48,005 in 1999.

### 5. Median family income

	Lucas County		State	
	1989	1999	1989	1999
Median family income (\$)	27,482	38,352	31,659	48,005
Married-couple family (\$)	30,089	41,722	34,092	52,409
With children under 18 years (\$)	32,448	49,074	36,387	55,946
Female household family*	11,488	20,705	15,202	24,468
With children under 18 years	8,973	17,727	11,079	20,453
Male household family*	n/a	31,000	n/a	32,466
With children under 18 years	n/a	17,153	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 Lucas County in 1999 was 1.6 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

	Lucas County				State	
	1989		1999		1989	1999
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total families in poverty	264	10.4	214	8.4	8.4	6.0
With related children under 18 years	195	17.0	159	6.2	12.6	4.6
Married-couple families in poverty	146	6.6	117	5.4	5.0	3.2
With related children under 18 years	94	9.9	70	8.2	6.3	4.0
Female householder* families in poverty	103	39.2	69	26.7	33.5	23.4
With related children under 18 years	93	50.3	61	30.8	45.1	30.5
Male householder* families in poverty	15	25.4	28	22.2	13.4	11.2
With related children under 18 years	8	66.7	28	30.1	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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