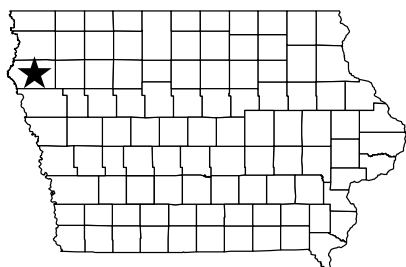


## Child and Family Data for Decision Makers



# Plymouth County

## Population Profile

Plymouth County is a non-metropolitan county in northwest Iowa. The total population in the county increased 6.2 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population under the age of 18 in Plymouth County increased 3.6 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

	Plymouth County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	24,743	23,388	24,849	2,913,808	2,776,831	2,926,324
Percent 17 or younger	30.3	29.0	28.3	28.3	25.9	25.1
Population 17 or younger	7,493	6,792	7,038	825,873	718,880	733,638
Under 1 year	451	293	300	48,309	34,301	37,338
1 and 2 years	798	703	646	88,825	79,758	75,150
3 and 4 years	792	721	695	84,494	79,144	75,925
5 years	381	388	371	41,200	41,088	38,649
6 years	345	430	339	39,274	40,967	39,441
7 to 9 years	1,163	1,227	1,190	130,567	127,283	124,513
10 and 11 years	827	825	798	92,514	85,454	84,392
12 and 13 years	790	767	865	90,875	80,260	82,996
14 years	413	384	399	48,311	38,503	43,159
15 years	496	367	469	51,934	38,170	43,759
16 years	508	337	516	54,449	36,626	43,617
17 years	529	350	450	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 3,342 families with children under 18 in Plymouth County. A large majority of these families were headed by a married-couple family; 17.2 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

	Families with children under 18						
	Total	Married-couple families		Female householder families*		Male householder families*	
		n	%	n	%	n	%
Plymouth County	3,342	2,766	82.8	388	11.6	188	5.6
White alone	3,293	2,732	83.0	378	11.5	183	5.6
Black alone	10	5	50.0	4	40.0	1	10.0
American Indian alone	3	2	66.7	0	0.0	1	33.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	6	5	83.3	1	16.7	0	0.0
Some other race alone	16	14	87.5	0	0.0	2	12.5
Two or more races	14	8	57.1	5	35.7	1	7.1
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	46	31	67.4	10	21.7	5	10.9
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 Plymouth County lived in married-couple families in 1990 and 2000. The percentage living in single-parent families however, increased from 8.9 percent in 1990 to 14.4 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 Plymouth County	Percent of children in...					
		Married-couple families		Female householder families*		Male householder families*	
		Plymouth County	State	Plymouth County	State	Plymouth County	State
Total Children 17 or Younger							
1990	6,574	91.1	83.4	7.3	13.7	1.6	2.9
2000	6,766	85.6	78.9	10.0	16.1	4.5	5.1
White alone	6,550	85.9	80.8	9.6	14.3	4.5	5.0
Black alone	32	59.4	36.1	40.6	57.5	0.0	6.4
American Indian alone	11	81.8	56.9	9.1	34.8	9.1	8.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	37	86.5	84.8	10.8	11.1	2.7	4.2
Some other race alone	52	88.5	70.5	9.6	21.9	1.9	7.6
Two or more races	84	66.7	57.6	29.8	35.6	3.6	6.8
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	141	77.3	70.0	17.7	22.6	5.0	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 Plymouth County (76.7 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

	Plymouth County				State	
	1990		2000		1990	2000
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total Children Under 6 Years in Families or Subfamilies	2,074	—	1,927	—	—	—
Living with two parents	1,882	100.0	1,637	100.0	100.0	100.0
Both parents in labor force	1,365	72.5	1,261	77.0	68.0	69.2
Father only in labor force	503	26.7	301	18.4	29.3	25.3
Mother only in labor force	10	0.5	26	1.6	1.4	3.0
Neither parent in labor force	4	0.2	49	3.0	1.3	3.0
Living with one parent	192	—	290	—	—	—
Living with father	79	100.0	56	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	79	100.0	51	91.1	93.2	88.8
Not in labor force	0	0.0	5	8.9		11.2
Living with mother	113	100.0	234	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	64	56.6	166	70.9	56.3	75.9
Not in labor force	49	43.4	68	29.1		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 \$50,009 in Plymouth 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 \$31,011. Statewide, median family income increased from \$31,659 in 1989 to \$48,005 in 1999.

### 5. Median family income

	Plymouth County		State	
	1989	1999	1989	1999
Median family income (\$)	31,011	50,009	31,659	48,005
Married-couple family (\$)	32,329	52,701	34,092	52,409
With children under 18 years (\$)	35,905	56,240	36,387	55,946
Female household family*	18,220	24,397	15,202	24,468
With children under 18 years	18,393	22,708	11,079	20,453
Male household family*	n/a	36,250	n/a	32,466
With children under 18 years	n/a	32,083	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 Plymouth County in 1999 was 1.3 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

	Plymouth County				State	
	1989		1999		1989	1999
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total families in poverty	466	7.4	300	4.4	8.4	6.0
With related children under 18 years	290	9.1	228	3.3	12.6	4.6
Married-couple families in poverty	315	5.6	177	2.9	5.0	3.2
With related children under 18 years	174	6.2	114	3.9	6.3	4.0
Female householder* families in poverty	111	24.9	115	19.4	33.5	23.4
With related children under 18 years	100	34.2	106	24.9	45.1	30.5
Male householder* families in poverty	40	22.2	8	3.3	13.4	11.2
With related children under 18 years	16	17.8	8	5.3	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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