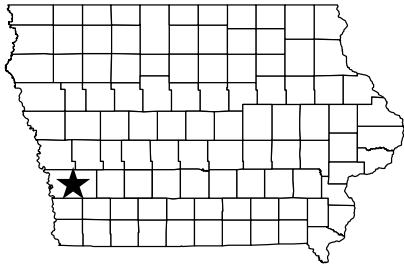


Child and Family Data for Decision Makers



Pottawattamie County

Population Profile

Pottawattamie County is a metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The total population in the county increased 6.1 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population under the age of 18 in Pottawattamie County increased 1.3 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

	Pottawattamie County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	86,561	82,628	87,704	2,913,808	2,776,831	2,926,324
Percent 17 or younger	30.4	27.3	26.0	28.3	25.9	25.1
Population 17 or younger	26,346	22,527	22,813	825,873	718,880	733,638
Under 1 year	1,527	1,065	1,213	48,309	34,301	37,338
1 and 2 years	2,718	2,562	2,318	88,825	79,758	75,150
3 and 4 years	2,599	2,564	2,265	84,494	79,144	75,925
5 years	1,282	1,305	1,214	41,200	41,088	38,649
6 years	1,255	1,287	1,194	39,274	40,967	39,441
7 to 9 years	4,268	3,949	3,887	130,567	127,283	124,513
10 and 11 years	2,938	2,650	2,636	92,514	85,454	84,392
12 and 13 years	2,866	2,403	2,642	90,875	80,260	82,996
14 years	1,554	1,206	1,341	48,311	38,503	43,159
15 years	1,678	1,204	1,417	51,934	38,170	43,759
16 years	1,796	1,133	1,328	54,449	36,626	43,617
17 years	1,865	1,199	1,358	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 10,940 families with children under 18 in Pottawattamie County. A large majority of these families were headed by a married-couple family; 30.1 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	%
Pottawattamie County	10,940	7,646	69.9	2,454	22.4	840	7.7
White alone	10,527	7,417	70.5	2,328	22.1	782	7.4
Black alone	89	42	47.2	35	39.3	12	13.5
American Indian alone	40	15	37.5	15	37.5	10	25.0
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	44	29	65.9	12	27.3	3	6.8
Some other race alone	154	93	60.4	38	24.7	23	14.9
Two or more races	86	50	58.1	26	30.2	10	11.6
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	364	214	58.8	94	25.8	56	15.4
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 Pottawattamie County lived in married-couple families in 1990 and 2000. The percentage living in single-parent families however, increased from 21.5 percent in 1990 to 27.4 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 Pottawattamie County	Percent of children in...					
		Married-couple families		Female householder families*		Male householder families*	
		Pottawattamie County	State	Pottawattamie County	State	Pottawattamie County	State
Total Children 17 or Younger							
1990	20,762	78.5	83.4	18.2	13.7	3.3	2.9
2000	20,415	72.6	78.9	20.7	16.1	6.6	5.1
White alone	19,256	73.6	80.8	19.9	14.3	6.5	5.0
Black alone	204	42.6	36.1	48.0	57.5	9.3	6.4
American Indian alone	84	52.4	56.9	31.0	34.8	16.7	8.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	110	80.0	84.8	15.5	11.1	4.5	4.2
Some other race alone	345	64.6	70.5	26.7	21.9	8.7	7.6
Two or more races	416	51.2	57.6	40.1	35.6	8.7	6.8
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	901	60.8	70.0	29.9	22.6	9.3	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 Pottawattamie County (69.3 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

	Pottawattamie County				State	
	1990		2000		1990	2000
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total Children Under 6 Years in Families or Subfamilies	7,282	—	6,679	—	—	—
Living with two parents	5,339	100.0	4,609	100.0	100.0	100.0
Both parents in labor force	3,848	72.1	3,032	65.8	68.0	69.2
Father only in labor force	1,295	24.3	1,211	26.3	29.3	25.3
Mother only in labor force	104	1.9	223	4.8	1.4	3.0
Neither parent in labor force	92	1.7	143	3.1	1.3	3.0
Living with one parent	1,943	—	2,070	—	—	—
Living with father	326	100.0	560	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	297	91.1	508	90.7	93.2	88.8
Not in labor force	29	8.9	52	9.3		11.2
Living with mother	1,617	100.0	1,510	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	836	51.7	1,090	72.2	56.3	75.9
Not in labor force	781	48.3	420	27.8		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 \$47,105 in Pottawattamie 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 \$31,044. Statewide, median family income increased from \$31,659 in 1989 to \$48,005 in 1999.

5. Median family income

	Pottawattamie County		State	
	1989	1999	1989	1999
Median family income (\$)	31,044	47,105	31,659	48,005
Married-couple family (\$)	33,638	52,602	34,092	52,409
With children under 18 years (\$)	34,927	56,484	36,387	55,946
Female household family*	16,144	26,159	15,202	24,468
With children under 18 years	11,307	20,348	11,079	20,453
Male household family*	n/a	31,720	n/a	32,466
With children under 18 years	n/a	28,448	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 Pottawattamie County in 1999 was 0.6 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

	Pottawattamie County				State	
	1989		1999		1989	1999
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total families in poverty	1,945	8.4	1,522	6.4	8.4	6.0
With related children under 18 years	1,561	13.2	1,223	5.2	12.6	4.6
Married-couple families in poverty	749	4.0	475	2.6	5.0	3.2
With related children under 18 years	442	5.0	245	3.0	6.3	4.0
Female householder* families in poverty	1,120	32.1	887	22.5	33.5	23.4
With related children under 18 years	1,057	42.4	836	30.2	45.1	30.5
Male householder* families in poverty	76	9.7	160	11.1	13.4	11.2
With related children under 18 years	62	15.0	142	15.1	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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