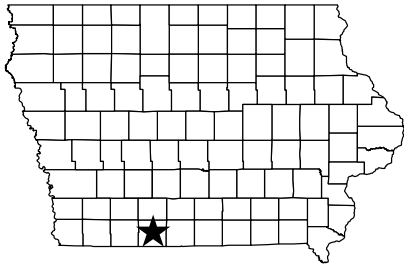


Child and Family Data for Decision Makers



Ringgold County

Population Profile

Ringgold County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The total population in the county increased 0.9 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population under the age of 18 in Ringgold 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

	Ringgold County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	6,112	5,420	5,469	2,913,808	2,776,831	2,926,324
Percent 17 or younger	24.7	23.9	24.0	28.3	25.9	25.1
Population 17 or younger	1,510	1,298	1,315	825,873	718,880	733,638
Under 1 year	80	45	61	48,309	34,301	37,338
1 and 2 years	169	119	121	88,825	79,758	75,150
3 and 4 years	161	126	138	84,494	79,144	75,925
5 years	85	69	66	41,200	41,088	38,649
6 years	76	83	58	39,274	40,967	39,441
7 to 9 years	253	266	207	130,567	127,283	124,513
10 and 11 years	147	168	136	92,514	85,454	84,392
12 and 13 years	157	132	151	90,875	80,260	82,996
14 years	83	76	80	48,311	38,503	43,159
15 years	84	61	94	51,934	38,170	43,759
16 years	107	68	97	54,449	36,626	43,617
17 years	108	85	106	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 622 families with children under 18 in Ringgold County. A large majority of these families were headed by a married-couple family; 20.6 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	%
Ringgold County	622	494	79.4	86	13.8	42	6.8
White alone	618	491	79.4	85	13.8	42	6.8
Black alone	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
American Indian alone	1	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	0	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
Some other race alone	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Two or more races	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2	2	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 Ringgold County lived in married-couple families in 1990 and 2000. The percentage living in single-parent families however, increased from 12.2 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	Percent of children in...					
		Married-couple families		Female householder families*		Male householder families*	
		Ringgold County	State	Ringgold County	State	Ringgold County	State
Total Children 17 or Younger							
1990	1,234	87.8	83.4	9.4	13.7	2.8	2.9
2000	1,242	81.0	78.9	13.8	16.1	5.2	5.1
White alone	1,226	80.9	80.8	13.8	14.3	5.3	5.0
Black alone	5	100.0	36.1	0.0	57.5	0.0	6.4
American Indian alone	1	0.0	56.9	100.0	34.8	0.0	8.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	3	100.0	84.8	0.0	11.1	0.0	4.2
Some other race alone	0	NA	70.5	NA	21.9	NA	7.6
Two or more races	7	85.7	57.6	14.3	35.6	0.0	6.8
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3	66.7	70.0	33.3	22.6	0.0	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 Ringgold County (65.9 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

	Ringgold County				State	
	1990		2000		1990	2000
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total Children Under 6 Years in Families or Subfamilies	348	—	384	—	—	—
Living with two parents	320	100.0	300	100.0	100.0	100.0
Both parents in labor force	219	68.4	173	57.7	68.0	69.2
Father only in labor force	95	29.7	113	37.7	29.3	25.3
Mother only in labor force	2	0.6	12	4.0	1.4	3.0
Neither parent in labor force	4	1.3	2	0.7	1.3	3.0
Living with one parent	28	—	84	—	—	—
Living with father	13	100.0	42	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	13	100.0	40	95.2	93.2	88.8
Not in labor force	0	0.0	2	4.8		11.2
Living with mother	15	100.0	42	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	4	26.7	40	95.2	56.3	75.9
Not in labor force	11	73.3	2	4.8		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 \$34,472 in Ringgold 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 \$25,133. Statewide, median family income increased from \$31,659 in 1989 to \$48,005 in 1999.

5. Median family income

	Ringgold County		State	
	1989	1999	1989	1999
Median family income (\$)	25,133	34,472	31,659	48,005
Married-couple family (\$)	26,086	37,227	34,092	52,409
With children under 18 years (\$)	26,660	40,500	36,387	55,946
Female household family*	15,227	20,833	15,202	24,468
With children under 18 years	8,920	19,583	11,079	20,453
Male household family*	n/a	28,438	n/a	32,466
With children under 18 years	n/a	20,714	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 Ringgold County in 1999 was 1.7 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

	Ringgold County				State	
	1989		1999		1989	1999
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total families in poverty	181	11.5	144	9.4	8.4	6.0
With related children under 18 years	130	19.8	96	6.3	12.6	4.6
Married-couple families in poverty	135	9.3	98	7.5	5.0	3.2
With related children under 18 years	99	17.2	55	11.1	6.3	4.0
Female householder* families in poverty	39	39.8	38	28.4	33.5	23.4
With related children under 18 years	28	46.7	36	32.4	45.1	30.5
Male householder* families in poverty	7	25.9	8	9.6	13.4	11.2
With related children under 18 years	3	14.3	5	11.4	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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