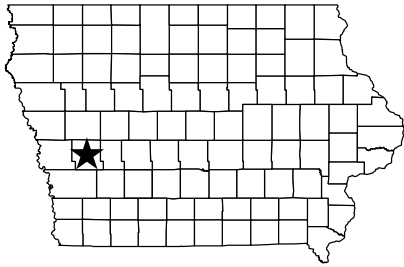


# Child and Family Data for Decision Makers



## Shelby County

### Population Profile

Shelby County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The total population in the county decreased 0.4 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population under the age of 18 in Shelby County decreased 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

	Shelby County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	15,043	13,230	13,173	2,913,808	2,776,831	2,926,324
Percent 17 or younger	30.5	27.1	26.4	28.3	25.9	25.1
Population 17 or younger	4,585	3,586	3,477	825,873	718,880	733,638
Under 1 year	230	127	146	48,309	34,301	37,338
1 and 2 years	406	395	318	88,825	79,758	75,150
3 and 4 years	438	367	309	84,494	79,144	75,925
5 years	231	213	163	41,200	41,088	38,649
6 years	210	213	176	39,274	40,967	39,441
7 to 9 years	688	639	609	130,567	127,283	124,513
10 and 11 years	526	387	417	92,514	85,454	84,392
12 and 13 years	553	422	425	90,875	80,260	82,996
14 years	274	225	208	48,311	38,503	43,159
15 years	303	194	240	51,934	38,170	43,759
16 years	344	204	228	54,449	36,626	43,617
17 years	382	200	238	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 1,684 families with children under 18 in Shelby County. A large majority of these families were headed by a married-couple family; 18.3 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	%
Shelby County	1,684	1,375	81.7	241	14.3	68	4.0
White alone	1,667	1,366	81.9	236	14.2	65	3.9
Black alone	1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0
American Indian alone	3	0	0.0	3	100.0	0	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	2	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Some other race alone	3	1	33.3	2	66.7	0	0.0
Two or more races	8	6	75.0	0	0.0	2	25.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	10	8	80.0	2	20.0	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 Shelby County lived in married-couple families in 1990 and 2000. The percentage living in single-parent families however, increased from 10.4 percent in 1990 to 15.5 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*	
		Shelby County	State	Shelby County	State	Shelby County	State
Total Children 17 or Younger							
1990	3,478	89.6	83.4	8.6	13.7	1.8	2.9
2000	3,361	84.5	78.9	12.5	16.1	3.0	5.1
White alone	3,298	85.0	80.8	12.1	14.3	2.9	5.0
Black alone	2	0.0	36.1	100.0	57.5	0.0	6.4
American Indian alone	12	83.3	56.9	8.3	34.8	8.3	8.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	14	78.6	84.8	7.1	11.1	14.3	4.2
Some other race alone	11	45.5	70.5	54.5	21.9	0.0	7.6
Two or more races	24	54.2	57.6	41.7	35.6	4.2	6.8
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	37	64.9	70.0	35.1	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 Shelby County (82 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

	Shelby County				State	
	1990		2000		1990	2000
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total Children Under 6 Years in Families or Subfamilies	1,055	—	916	—	—	—
Living with two parents	966	100.0	771	100.0	100.0	100.0
Both parents in labor force	659	68.2	624	80.9	68.0	69.2
Father only in labor force	252	26.1	132	17.1	29.3	25.3
Mother only in labor force	41	4.2	9	1.2	1.4	3.0
Neither parent in labor force	14	1.4	6	0.8	1.3	3.0
Living with one parent	89	—	145	—	—	—
Living with father	16	100.0	34	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	16	100.0	28	82.4	93.2	88.8
Not in labor force	0	0.0	6	17.6		11.2
Living with mother	73	100.0	111	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	44	60.3	99	89.2	56.3	75.9
Not in labor force	29	39.7	12	10.8		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 \$44,681 in Shelby 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 \$26,218. Statewide, median family income increased from \$31,659 in 1989 to \$48,005 in 1999.

### 5. Median family income

	Shelby County		State	
	1989	1999	1989	1999
Median family income (\$)	26,218	44,681	31,659	48,005
Married-couple family (\$)	27,371	47,265	34,092	52,409
With children under 18 years (\$)	29,744	50,631	36,387	55,946
Female household family*	15,781	20,345	15,202	24,468
With children under 18 years	13,047	17,697	11,079	20,453
Male household family*	n/a	32,917	n/a	32,466
With children under 18 years	n/a	22,750	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 Shelby County in 1999 was 1.8 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

	Shelby County				State	
	1989		1999		1989	1999
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total families in poverty	257	6.9	160	4.3	8.4	6.0
With related children under 18 years	183	10.7	105	2.8	12.6	4.6
Married-couple families in poverty	182	5.4	78	2.3	5.0	3.2
With related children under 18 years	108	7.1	34	2.3	6.3	4.0
Female householder* families in poverty	70	24.7	72	23.4	33.5	23.4
With related children under 18 years	70	41.7	64	30.0	45.1	30.5
Male householder* families in poverty	5	6.8	10	10.6	13.4	11.2
With related children under 18 years	5	14.3	7	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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