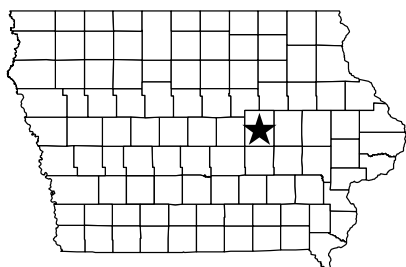


# Child and Family Data for Decision Makers



## Tama County

### Population Profile

Tama County is a non-metropolitan county in central 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 Tama County increased 5.7 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

	Tama County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	19,533	17,419	18,103	2,913,808	2,776,831	2,926,324
Percent 17 or younger	29.0	26.1	26.6	28.3	25.9	25.1
Population 17 or younger	5,663	4,548	4,808	825,873	718,880	733,638
Under 1 year	313	209	258	48,309	34,301	37,338
1 and 2 years	587	473	490	88,825	79,758	75,150
3 and 4 years	549	457	507	84,494	79,144	75,925
5 years	266	256	231	41,200	41,088	38,649
6 years	253	266	261	39,274	40,967	39,441
7 to 9 years	860	772	810	130,567	127,283	124,513
10 and 11 years	651	564	531	92,514	85,454	84,392
12 and 13 years	655	541	544	90,875	80,260	82,996
14 years	368	260	262	48,311	38,503	43,159
15 years	364	254	306	51,934	38,170	43,759
16 years	408	248	335	54,449	36,626	43,617
17 years	389	248	273	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 2,221 families with children under 18 in Tama County. A large majority of these families were headed by a married-couple family; 23 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	%
Tama County	2,221	1,710	77.0	358	16.1	153	6.9
White alone	1,993	1,560	78.3	301	15.1	132	6.6
Black alone	3	3	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
American Indian alone	152	91	59.9	48	31.6	13	8.6
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	3	3	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Some other race alone	48	38	79.2	5	10.4	5	10.4
Two or more races	22	15	68.2	4	18.2	3	13.6
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	85	70	82.4	8	9.4	7	8.2
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 Tama County lived in married-couple families in 1990 and 2000. The percentage living in single-parent families however, increased from 14.1 percent in 1990 to 20.8 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*	
		Tama County	State	Tama County	State	Tama County	State
Total Children 17 or Younger							
1990	4,209	85.9	83.4	10.5	13.7	3.6	2.9
2000	4,331	79.2	78.9	15.0	16.1	5.9	5.1
White alone	3,714	81.5	80.8	13.2	14.3	5.3	5.0
Black alone	18	55.6	36.1	44.4	57.5	0.0	6.4
American Indian alone	346	65.3	56.9	26.3	34.8	8.4	8.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	13	92.3	84.8	0.0	11.1	7.7	4.2
Some other race alone	130	68.5	70.5	17.7	21.9	13.8	7.6
Two or more races	110	57.3	57.6	31.8	35.6	10.9	6.8
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	298	66.8	70.0	24.2	22.6	9.1	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 Tama County (67.9 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

	Tama County				State	
	1990		2000		1990	2000
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total Children Under 6 Years in Families or Subfamilies	1,347	—	1,374	—	—	—
Living with two parents	1,151	100.0	1,063	100.0	100.0	100.0
Both parents in labor force	686	59.6	702	66.0	68.0	69.2
Father only in labor force	413	35.9	278	26.2	29.3	25.3
Mother only in labor force	46	4.0	25	2.4	1.4	3.0
Neither parent in labor force	6	0.5	58	5.5	1.3	3.0
Living with one parent	196	—	311	—	—	—
Living with father	54	100.0	86	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	52	96.3	71	82.6	93.2	88.8
Not in labor force	2	3.7	15	17.4		11.2
Living with mother	142	100.0	225	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	94	66.2	160	71.1	56.3	75.9
Not in labor force	48	33.8	65	28.9		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 \$43,646 in Tama 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 \$28,659. Statewide, median family income increased from \$31,659 in 1989 to \$48,005 in 1999.

### 5. Median family income

	Tama County		State	
	1989	1999	1989	1999
Median family income (\$)	28,659	43,646	31,659	48,005
Married-couple family (\$)	30,315	47,147	34,092	52,409
With children under 18 years (\$)	33,351	47,736	36,387	55,946
Female household family*	16,071	21,985	15,202	24,468
With children under 18 years	13,068	19,531	11,079	20,453
Male household family*	n/a	28,281	n/a	32,466
With children under 18 years	n/a	25,667	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 Tama County in 1999 was 1 percentage point 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

	Tama County				State	
	1989		1999		1989	1999
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total families in poverty	397	8.1	379	7.6	8.4	6.0
With related children under 18 years	249	11.3	281	5.6	12.6	4.6
Married-couple families in poverty	227	5.3	221	5.2	5.0	3.2
With related children under 18 years	116	6.3	142	7.6	6.3	4.0
Female householder* families in poverty	144	31.6	129	26.1	33.5	23.4
With related children under 18 years	117	43.3	110	33.5	45.1	30.5
Male householder* families in poverty	26	13.3	29	11.3	13.4	11.2
With related children under 18 years	16	16.5	29	17.4	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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