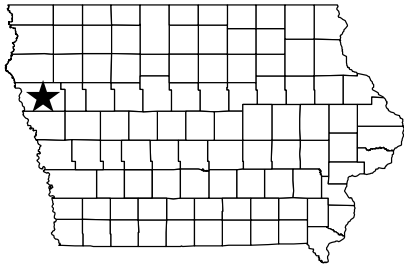


Child and Family Data for Decision Makers



Woodbury County

Population Profile

Woodbury County is a metropolitan county in northwest Iowa. The total population in the county increased 5.7 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population under the age of 18 in Woodbury County increased 2.9 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

	Woodbury County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	100,884	98,276	103,877	2,913,808	2,776,831	2,926,324
Percent 17 or younger	28.9	28.1	27.3	28.3	25.9	25.1
Population 17 or younger	29,187	27,579	28,390	825,873	718,880	733,638
Under 1 year	1,837	1,225	1,517	48,309	34,301	37,338
1 and 2 years	3,332	3,147	3,200	88,825	79,758	75,150
3 and 4 years	3,257	3,093	3,225	84,494	79,144	75,925
5 years	1,565	1,584	1,574	41,200	41,088	38,649
6 years	1,436	1,490	1,594	39,274	40,967	39,441
7 to 9 years	4,724	4,925	4,894	130,567	127,283	124,513
10 and 11 years	3,065	3,329	3,130	92,514	85,454	84,392
12 and 13 years	3,066	3,123	3,027	90,875	80,260	82,996
14 years	1,553	1,431	1,559	48,311	38,503	43,159
15 years	1,670	1,454	1,580	51,934	38,170	43,759
16 years	1,775	1,393	1,478	54,449	36,626	43,617
17 years	1,907	1,385	1,612	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 13,302 families with children under 18 in Woodbury County. A large majority of these families were headed by a married-couple family; 29.3 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	%
Woodbury County	13,302	9,398	70.7	2,921	22.0	983	7.4
White alone	11,563	8,317	71.9	2,433	21.0	813	7.0
Black alone	307	153	49.8	118	38.4	36	11.7
American Indian alone	244	81	33.2	140	57.4	23	9.4
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	337	257	76.3	55	16.3	25	7.4
Some other race alone	657	484	73.7	109	16.6	64	9.7
Two or more races	194	106	54.6	66	34.0	22	11.3
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1,302	918	70.5	250	19.2	134	10.3
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 Woodbury County lived in married-couple families in 1990 and 2000. The percentage living in single-parent families however, increased from 21.6 percent in 1990 to 26.4 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	Percent of children in...					
		Married-couple families		Female householder families*		Male householder families*	
		Woodbury County	State	Woodbury County	State	Woodbury County	State
Total Children 17 or Younger							
1990	25,702	78.4	83.4	18.1	13.7	3.5	2.9
2000	25,871	73.6	78.9	20.2	16.1	6.2	5.1
White alone	21,255	76.5	80.8	17.7	14.3	5.8	5.0
Black alone	715	45.2	36.1	47.4	57.5	7.4	6.4
American Indian alone	641	39.6	56.9	50.9	34.8	9.5	8.3
Asian/Pacific Islander alone	656	79.9	84.8	15.5	11.1	4.6	4.2
Some other race alone	1,566	73.9	70.5	18.2	21.9	7.9	7.6
Two or more races	1,038	52.2	57.6	39.2	35.6	8.6	6.8
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3,452	69.8	70.0	22.3	22.6	7.9	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 Woodbury County (69.1 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

	Woodbury County				State	
	1990		2000		1990	2000
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total Children Under 6 Years in Families or Subfamilies	8,768	—	8,887	—	—	—
Living with two parents	6,436	100.0	6,344	100.0	100.0	100.0
Both parents in labor force	4,579	71.1	4,160	65.6	68.0	69.2
Father only in labor force	1,677	26.1	1,635	25.8	29.3	25.3
Mother only in labor force	73	1.1	187	2.9	1.4	3.0
Neither parent in labor force	107	1.7	362	5.7	1.3	3.0
Living with one parent	2,332	—	2,543	—	—	—
Living with father	393	100.0	621	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	380	96.7	569	91.6	93.2	88.8
Not in labor force	13	3.3	52	8.4		11.2
Living with mother	1,939	100.0	1,922	100.0	100.0	100.0
In labor force	960	49.5	1,409	73.3	56.3	75.9
Not in labor force	979	50.5	513	26.7		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 \$46,499 in Woodbury 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 \$30,678. Statewide, median family income increased from \$31,659 in 1989 to \$48,005 in 1999.

5. Median family income

	Woodbury County		State	
	1989	1999	1989	1999
Median family income (\$)	30,678	46,499	31,659	48,005
Married-couple family (\$)	34,260	52,335	34,092	52,409
With children under 18 years (\$)	36,384	55,556	36,387	55,946
Female household family*	13,374	23,022	15,202	24,468
With children under 18 years	9,623	18,438	11,079	20,453
Male household family*	n/a	32,102	n/a	32,466
With children under 18 years	n/a	25,768	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 Woodbury County in 1999 was 1.3 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

	Woodbury County				State	
	1989		1999		1989	1999
	n	%	n	%	%	%
Total families in poverty	2,674	10.2	1,931	7.2	8.4	6.0
With related children under 18 years	2,175	15.7	1,576	5.9	12.6	4.6
Married-couple families in poverty	928	4.4	678	3.2	5.0	3.2
With related children under 18 years	612	5.8	423	4.1	6.3	4.0
Female householder* families in poverty	1,514	40.0	1,061	25.9	33.5	23.4
With related children under 18 years	1,369	50.2	1,006	34.2	45.1	30.5
Male householder* families in poverty	232	20.5	192	11.6	13.4	11.2
With related children under 18 years	194	31.5	147	13.9	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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