

Data for Decision Makers

Fayette County

Population

Fayette County is a nonmetropolitan county in northeast Iowa. Fayette County is composed of 15 incorporated communities and their surrounding rural areas. From 1990 to 2000, Fayette County's population increased 0.8 percent. The state's population increased by 5.4 percent over that period.

1. Population of Fayette County

City	1980	1990	2000
Arlington	498	465	490
Clermont	602	523	716
Elgin	702	637	676
Fairbank (part) *	143	167	211
Fayette	1,515	1,317	1,351
Hawkeye	512	460	489
Maynard	561	513	500
Oelwein	7,564	6,493	6,692
Randalia	101	88	84
St. Lucas	194	174	178
Stanley (part) *		0	0
Wadena	230	236	243
Waucoma	308	277	299
Westgate	263	207	234
West Union	2,783	2,490	2,549
Balance of County	9,512	7,796	7,296
County Total	25,488	21,843	22,008
State Total	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324

* Indicates municipality crosses county border; figure is the portion of population in this county only.

Population Profile

Age distribution

Compared to the state, Fayette County had a lower percentage of young people (19 or younger) and a higher percentage of older people (age 65+) in 2000. The median age in Fayette County in 2000 was 2.8 years older than the median age of the state.

2. Percent of population by age

	Fayette County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
19 or younger	33.0	28.9	27.8	32.3	29.0	28.3
20 to 44	30.8	32.1	30.7	35.1	26.7	34.6
45 to 64	19.9	19.8	22.4	19.2	18.9	22.2
65 or older	16.3	19.2	19.0	13.3	15.3	14.9
Median age	31.4	36.3	39.4	30.0	34.0	36.6

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Community Profile

Race/Ethnicity

As with the other 98 counties in the state, Fayette County is predominantly white, with little noticeable change since 1980.

3. Percentage of population by race/Hispanic origin

	Fayette County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
One Race Only *	100.0	100.0	99.2	100.0	100.0	98.9
White	99.2	99.2	97.7	97.4	96.6	93.9
Black	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.4	1.7	2.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.9	1.3
American Indian	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
Other	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.3
Two or more races *	n.a.	n.a.	0.8	n.a.	n.a.	1.1
Hispanic origin **	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.9	1.2	2.8

* 2000 was the first census that allowed respondents to identify themselves in two or more racial categories.

** Hispanics can be of any race.

Education

Educational levels of an adult population are measured by the educational attainment of residents after their education is largely complete (25 years of age or older). In 2000, Fayette County had a lower percentage of college graduates than the state overall.

4. Educational levels of adults 25 or older

	Fayette County		State	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Percent with:				
Less than 12 years	23.4	15.2	19.9	13.9
High school graduate	44.0	43.7	38.5	36.1
Less than 4 years college	20.8	27.2	24.7	28.8
4 or more years college	11.8	13.8	16.9	21.2

Income and Poverty

Since 1979, median household income in Fayette County decreased \$631 (adjusted dollars). In 1999, Fayette had a median income \$7,016 lower than the state.

5. Median Household income (in 1999 \$)

	1979	1989	1999
Fayette County	\$33,084	\$28,104	\$32,453
State	\$37,515	\$34,921	\$39,469

Poverty rates in Fayette County were the same in 1999 as in 1979; while state levels declined.

6. Percent of population in poverty

	1979	1989	1999
Fayette County	10.8	14.2	10.8
State	10.1	11.5	9.1

Housing

Fayette County had a higher percentage of owner-occupied housing, lower median housing value, and lower median rent than the state in 2000. Fayette County also had a smaller percentage of newer housing units than the state.

7. Housing characteristics, 1990-2000

	Fayette County		State	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Total units	9,262	9,505	1,143,669	1,232,511
Percent of units:				
Owner-occupied	68.2	69.9	64.0	67.5
Renter-occupied	23.5	22.5	26.2	25.8
Vacant/seasonal	8.3	7.6	9.8	6.8
10 or fewer years old	5.3	7.2	10.0	12.3
40 or more years old	57.0	65.3	42.9	51.1
Single detached homes	85.1	84.0	74.6	74.0
Mobile homes	3.5	4.0	5.0	5.3
Median value	\$30,100	\$58,300	\$45,900	\$82,500
Median gross rent	\$250	\$360	\$336	\$470

Employment and Earnings Profile

Employment

The labor force in any area consists of all persons aged 16 or older who either are currently employed or actively seeking work. The number employed is simply the number of labor force participants who currently have jobs. Labor force participants who are not employed and, to a lesser extent, non-participants in the labor force form a pool of available labor. The size of this pool and its skill level are often important factors in economic development efforts.

8. Labor force and employment rates

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Total labor force:			
Fayette County	10,260	11,130	10,800
State	1,448,000	1,572,800	1,563,100
Employment rate (%):			
Fayette County	95.8	96.4	95.8
State	95.7	97.5	97.4

Occupation

Among the 10,424 employed persons age 16 or older in Fayette County in 2000, the largest segment was employed in management, professional, or related occupations.

9. Occupations of employed persons 16 years of age or older

	<u>Fayette County</u>	<u>State</u>
Total employed	10,424	1,489,816
Percentage in:		
Management, professional or related occupations	29.3	31.3
Service occupations	13.6	14.8
Sales and office occupations	23.0	25.9
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	2.7	1.1
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	9.0	8.9
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	22.4	18.1

Employment earnings

The earnings in Table 10 represent earnings by place of work. This is an enumeration of jobs located within the county, whether or not those jobs are filled by county residents. As a result, county residents who commute out of Fayette County to work are not counted, but non-county residents who commute into Fayette County to work are included.

10. Earnings of employed persons 16 years of age or older, by place of work

Industry	Total Earnings (\$000)			Share of Total (%)			
	<u>1990</u>	Fayette County		Fayette County		State	
		<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
All Industries	183,984	247,389	272,882	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Farm	43,107	31,933	52,919	23.4	19.4	6.0	4.2
Manufacturing	24,205	43,097	39,779	13.2	14.6	22.6	19.8
Retail	17,182	23,251	24,016	9.3	8.8	9.6	9.2
Finance *	6,191	10,310	10,553	3.4	3.9	6.1	7.9
Services	30,318	54,158	58,724	16.5	21.5	19.6	22.9
Government	25,957	38,529	40,560	14.1	14.9	16.8	15.9
Other **	37,024	46,111	46,331	20.1	17.0	19.2	20.1

* Finance, insurance, and real estate

** Agricultural services, mining, construction, transportation, public utilities, and wholesale trade

Retail Trade Profile

Retail Sales

The relative strength of the retail sector in a county is measured by the pull factor. The pull factor is derived by dividing the county per capita retail sales by state per capita retail sales. Pull factors greater than 1 represent retail sector strength, while pull factors less than 1 show sector weakness.

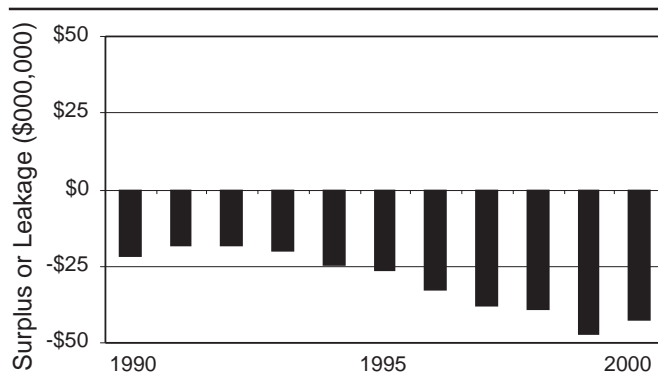
11. Fayette County retail sales

	Number of Retail Firms	Total sales (millions)	Per capita sales	Pull factor
1996	837	\$116.22	\$5,285	0.64
1997	842	\$120.42	\$5,459	0.63
1998	831	\$121.40	\$5,537	0.62
1999	818	\$122.34	\$5,622	0.61
2000	796	\$127.55	\$5,796	0.61

Retail Trade Analysis

Potential sales is an estimate of the amount of money that could be spent on retail goods and services by residents of the county based on the county's income and population. Potential sales is calculated by multiplying the county population by the per capita sales for the state and adjusting for the county's income level. A "surplus" indicates that trade is being pulled from beyond the county, while a "leakage" indicates that the county is losing shopping dollars to other counties.

Figure 1. Retail trade analysis, Fayette County



12. Retail sales by merchandise category, Fayette County

	Sales (millions)			Number of Firms			Percent of Total			Surplus or leakage (millions) 2000
	1996	1999	2000	1996	1999	2000	1996	1999	2000	
Building Materials	\$6.11	\$6.40	\$2.48	17	19	14	5.3	5.2	1.9	-\$9.61
General Merchandise	\$12.42	\$8.89	\$9.50	18	12	11	10.7	7.3	7.5	-\$16.25
Food	\$4.41	\$2.64	*	7	6	*	3.8	2.2	*	*
Apparel	\$1.63	\$1.31	\$1.04	14	8	6	1.4	1.1	0.8	-\$3.01
Home Furnishings	\$3.87	\$4.24	\$4.13	17	16	17	3.3	3.5	3.2	-\$3.22
Eating and drinking	\$11.04	\$12.32	\$12.62	71	70	68	9.5	10.1	9.9	-\$2.11
Specialty Stores	\$6.54	\$7.15	\$7.52	153	151	146	5.6	5.8	5.9	-\$5.45
Services	\$15.42	\$18.20	\$19.71	255	262	255	13.3	14.9	15.5	-\$2.77
Wholesale	\$11.94	\$12.95	\$13.49	74	65	61	10.3	10.6	10.6	-\$2.32
Other	\$42.83	\$48.25	\$57.06	212	210	218	36.9	39.4	44.7	
Total	\$116.22	\$122.34	\$127.55	837	818	796	100.0	100.0	100.0	-\$42.77

* Data suppressed to protect the confidentiality of reports from individual businesses.

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