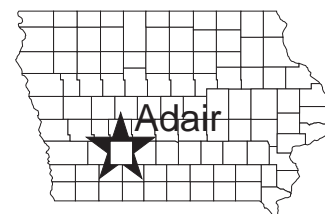


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Adair County



Working Age Population

Adair County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Adair County declined 15.9 percent between 1980 and 1998. Statewide, the working age population decreased 0.5 percent over that period.

1. Total population and the working age population, Adair County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Adair County	State
1980	9,509	5,436	57.2	62.1
1990	8,409	4,518	53.7	61.4
1998	8,064	4,571	56.7	62.9

Labor Force

The labor force in an area consists of all persons aged 16 or older who either are currently employed or actively seeking work. The number employed reflects the number of labor force participants in the county who currently have jobs (whether or not it is the job of their choice). The employment rate is the percent of labor force participants who are employed.

2. Labor force and employment rates, Adair County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Adair County	State
1980	4,560	4,373	95.9	94.2
1990	4,010	3,914	97.6	95.7
1998	4,170	4,060	97.4	97.2

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Employment and Earnings by Industry

The employment data in Tables 3 and 4 represent employment by place of work rather than place of residence. This means that the information is based on the jobs located within the county, whether or not county residents fill those jobs. As a result, county residents who commute to jobs outside their county of residence are not counted in these figures, but non-county residents who commute into the county for work are counted.

3. Percent of total employment by industry, 1980-1998

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Adair County	State	Adair County	State	Adair County	State
Farm	31.4	10.5	25.5	7.9	21.5	6.0
Construction	5.1	4.8	4.0	4.3	5.4	5.2
Manufacturing	2.5	16.2	7.9	14.7	12.1	14.1
Transportation	**	4.5	**	4.2	**	4.4
Wholesale Trade	5.7	5.4	4.3	5.0	4.6	4.8
Retail Trade	17.4	16.5	15.9	17.0	15.2	17.4
FIRE *	4.5	7.1	4.4	6.6	3.8	6.8
Service	16.2	19.8	18.2	24.5	**	26.8
Government	11.6	14.3	12.6	14.2	12.3	13.0
Other	5.7	0.9	7.2	1.4	25.1	1.5

4. Earnings of employed persons by industry, 1980-1998

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Adair County	State	Adair County	State	Adair County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	30,265	19,547,180	64,690	32,466,920	86,686	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	2.0	3.2	17.7	6.2	10.2	3.4
Construction	10.1	6.6	4.9	5.3	6.6	6.3
Manufacturing	4.8	27.5	15.5	22.9	22.4	21.1
Transportation	**	7.2	**	6.2	**	6.2
Wholesale Trade	12.5	8.0	9.5	6.8	7.8	7.0
Retail Trade	16.7	10.6	9.5	9.7	8.3	9.2
FIRE *	5.0	5.4	3.1	6.2	3.9	7.7
Service	17.0	16.4	12.2	19.9	**	22.3
Government	17.2	14.0	14.5	15.7	16.4	15.8

* FIRE refers to the Finance, Investment and Real Estate industry

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