

# Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

## Allamakee County



### Working Age Population

Allamakee County is a non-metropolitan county in northeast Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Allamakee County declined 5.3 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, Allamakee County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Allamakee County	State
1980	15,108	8,593	56.9	62.1
1990	13,855	7,780	56.2	61.4
1998	13,989	8,139	58.2	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, Allamakee County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Allamakee County	State
1980	7,040	6,463	91.8	94.2
1990	7,160	6,766	94.5	95.7
1998	7,340	6,980	95.1	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	
	Allamakee County	State	Allamakee County	State	Allamakee County	State
Farm	24.0	10.5	18.9	7.9	15.5	6.0
Construction	3.9	4.8	3.4	4.3	5.2	5.2
Manufacturing	12.2	16.2	17.1	14.7	17.3	14.1
Transportation	3.4	4.5	3.4	4.2	3.1	4.4
Wholesale Trade	6.2	5.4	6.0	5.0	6.2	4.8
Retail Trade	16.0	16.5	14.4	17.0	15.0	17.4
FIRE *	4.7	7.1	4.4	6.6	4.4	6.8
Service	15.0	19.8	15.5	24.5	18.6	26.8
Government	12.7	14.3	13.3	14.2	12.4	13.0
Other	1.9	0.9	3.6	1.4	2.3	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Allamakee County	State	Allamakee County	State	Allamakee County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	61,682	19,547,180	122,803	32,466,920	172,753	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	-3.8	3.2	21.5	6.2	13.8	3.4
Construction	6.9	6.6	4.0	5.3	6.3	6.3
Manufacturing	20.4	27.5	19.1	22.9	21.5	21.1
Transportation	10.9	7.2	7.1	6.2	7.1	6.2
Wholesale Trade	11.4	8.0	5.9	6.8	8.0	7.0
Retail Trade	17.0	10.6	10.2	9.7	10.1	9.2
FIRE *	4.3	5.4	3.0	6.2	3.7	7.7
Service	14.1	16.4	10.6	19.9	13.3	22.3
Government	16.2	14.0	14.3	15.7	14.8	15.8

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

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