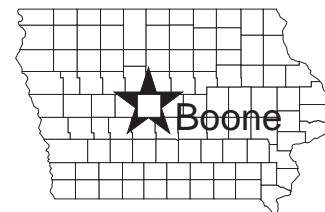


Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

Boone County



Working Age Population

Boone County is a non-metropolitan county in central Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Boone County increased 1.8 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, Boone County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Boone County	State
1980	26,184	15,999	61.1	62.1
1990	25,186	15,083	59.9	61.4
1998	26,233	16,288	62.1	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, Boone County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Boone County	State
1980	12,300	11,734	95.4	94.2
1990	12,600	12,071	95.8	95.7
1998	14,100	13,770	97.7	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	
	Boone County	State	Boone County	State	Boone County	State
Farm	12.8	10.5	10.1	7.9	7.6	6.0
Construction	4.8	4.8	3.7	4.3	**	5.2
Manufacturing	7.4	16.2	8.2	14.7	7.4	14.1
Transportation	8.0	4.5	7.4	4.2	6.0	4.4
Wholesale Trade	4.1	5.4	5.0	5.0	7.5	4.8
Retail Trade	16.2	16.5	19.1	17.0	19.9	17.4
FIRE *	5.4	7.1	4.1	6.6	3.8	6.8
Service	17.6	19.8	19.9	24.5	23.2	26.8
Government	23.1	14.3	21.6	14.2	17.5	13.0
Other	0.5	0.9	1.1	1.4	7.1	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Boone County	State	Boone County	State	Boone County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	143,545	19,547,180	205,546	32,466,920	299,959	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	13.4	3.2	6.4	6.2	4.3	3.4
Construction	5.8	6.6	3.3	5.3	**	6.3
Manufacturing	9.3	27.5	10.3	22.9	9.7	21.1
Transportation	16.8	7.2	16.8	6.2	12.7	6.2
Wholesale Trade	5.0	8.0	7.2	6.8	11.0	7.0
Retail Trade	12.6	10.6	14.3	9.7	14.3	9.2
FIRE *	3.2	5.4	2.6	6.2	2.9	7.7
Service	11.9	16.4	13.3	19.9	16.2	22.3
Government	21.4	14.0	25.3	15.7	22.7	15.8

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

** Data withheld to protect confidentiality when a limited number of businesses report.

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