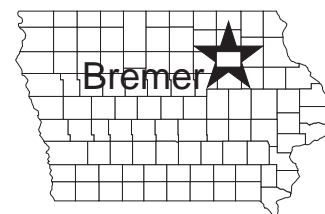


Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

Bremer County



Working Age Population

Bremer County is a non-metropolitan county in northeast Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Bremer County declined 3.5 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, Bremer County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Bremer County	State
1980	24,820	15,280	61.6	62.1
1990	22,813	13,932	61.1	61.4
1998	23,411	14,751	63.0	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, Bremer County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Bremer County	State
1980	10,920	10,287	94.2	94.2
1990	11,400	10,978	96.3	95.7
1998	12,670	12,350	97.5	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	
	Bremer County	State	Bremer County	State	Bremer County	State
Farm	15.5	10.5	11.6	7.9	7.7	6.0
Construction	4.8	4.8	4.1	4.3	5.8	5.2
Manufacturing	13.3	16.2	15.6	14.7	16.5	14.1
Transportation	2.5	4.5	1.7	4.2	1.7	4.4
Wholesale Trade	5.0	5.4	4.3	5.0	3.7	4.8
Retail Trade	16.3	16.5	15.7	17.0	15.3	17.4
FIRE *	9.0	7.1	9.3	6.6	10.5	6.8
Service	20.2	19.8	24.2	24.5	26.2	26.8
Government	12.3	14.3	11.8	14.2	10.9	13.0
Other	1.1	0.9	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Bremer County	State	Bremer County	State	Bremer County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	106,589	19,547,180	200,009	32,466,920	310,405	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	-0.2	3.2	9.8	6.2	9.3	3.4
Construction	6.7	6.6	4.6	5.3	6.3	6.3
Manufacturing	26.2	27.5	26.4	22.9	24.1	21.1
Transportation	2.8	7.2	1.9	6.2	1.5	6.2
Wholesale Trade	8.7	8.0	4.7	6.8	5.4	7.0
Retail Trade	12.2	10.6	9.2	9.7	7.4	9.2
FIRE *	10.5	5.4	11.8	6.2	13.5	7.7
Service	18.6	16.4	17.0	19.9	18.3	22.3
Government	13.4	14.0	12.7	15.7	12.3	15.8

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

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