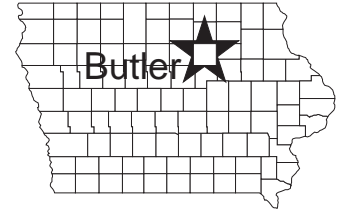


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Butler County



Working Age Population

Butler County is a non-metropolitan county in north central Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Butler County declined 12.2 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, Butler County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Butler County	State
1980	17,668	10,279	58.2	62.1
1990	15,731	8,823	56.1	61.4
1998	15,693	9,026	57.5	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, Butler County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Butler County	State
1980	8,290	7,784	93.9	94.2
1990	7,320	6,991	95.5	95.7
1998	7,590	7,280	95.9	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	
	Butler County	State	Butler County	State	Butler County	State
Farm	28.4	10.5	23.5	7.9	18.5	6.0
Construction	5.1	4.8	4.1	4.3	**	5.2
Manufacturing	5.2	16.2	5.5	14.7	9.6	14.1
Transportation	3.5	4.5	4.1	4.2	3.6	4.4
Wholesale Trade	9.0	5.4	7.3	5.0	6.6	4.8
Retail Trade	13.0	16.5	13.4	17.0	14.5	17.4
FIRE *	5.3	7.1	4.7	6.6	4.3	6.8
Service	16.2	19.8	20.9	24.5	21.9	26.8
Government	12.7	14.3	13.3	14.2	12.1	13.0
Other	1.6	0.9	3.2	1.4	8.9	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Butler County	State	Butler County	State	Butler County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	58,797	19,547,180	99,067	32,466,920	132,585	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	17.8	3.2	28.7	6.2	21.3	3.4
Construction	8.5	6.6	3.9	5.3	**	6.3
Manufacturing	8.0	27.5	7.0	22.9	14.2	21.1
Transportation	5.4	7.2	5.2	6.2	6.0	6.2
Wholesale Trade	13.7	8.0	10.0	6.8	10.0	7.0
Retail Trade	11.3	10.6	8.3	9.7	7.5	9.2
FIRE *	4.8	5.4	3.7	6.2	3.7	7.7
Service	14.1	16.4	12.0	19.9	14.2	22.3
Government	14.2	14.0	15.1	15.7	14.8	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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