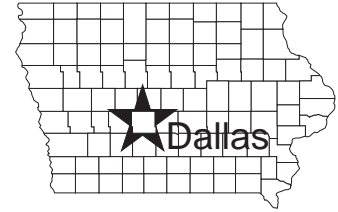


Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

Dallas County



Working Age Population

Dallas County is a metropolitan county in central Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Dallas County increased 30.1 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, Dallas County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Dallas County	State
1980	29,513	17,983	60.9	62.1
1990	29,755	17,939	60.3	61.4
1998	36,900	23,399	63.4	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, Dallas County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Dallas County	State
1980	13,450	12,670	94.2	94.2
1990	16,100	15,536	96.5	95.7
1998	19,900	19,600	98.5	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	
	Dallas County	State	Dallas County	State	Dallas County	State
Farm	14.1	10.5	11.0	7.9	6.8	6.0
Construction	6.2	4.8	4.9	4.3	8.3	5.2
Manufacturing	11.9	16.2	13.1	14.7	14.4	14.1
Transportation	4.4	4.5	4.0	4.2	5.6	4.4
Wholesale Trade	6.0	5.4	3.9	5.0	4.0	4.8
Retail Trade	15.6	16.5	14.6	17.0	13.4	17.4
FIRE *	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.6	**	6.8
Service	19.9	19.8	24.5	24.5	26.0	26.8
Government	13.6	14.3	14.3	14.2	12.3	13.0
Other	1.2	0.9	2.7	1.4	9.0	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Dallas County	State	Dallas County	State	Dallas County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	117,150	19,547,180	196,096	32,466,920	428,582	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	-1.3	3.2	8.1	6.2	6.7	3.4
Construction	8.0	6.6	6.8	5.3	11.9	6.3
Manufacturing	27.6	27.5	19.9	22.9	17.4	21.1
Transportation	7.1	7.2	6.0	6.2	8.9	6.2
Wholesale Trade	8.9	8.0	5.9	6.8	5.0	7.0
Retail Trade	11.9	10.6	10.1	9.7	7.4	9.2
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Government	13.9	14.0	17.0	15.7	13.3	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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