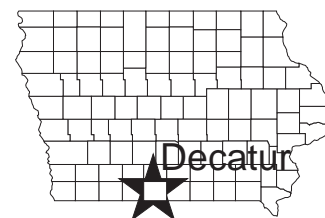


# Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

## Decatur County



### Working Age Population

Decatur County is a non-metropolitan county in south central Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Decatur County declined 14.9 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, Decatur County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Decatur County	State
1980	9,794	5,919	60.4	62.1
1990	8,338	4,896	58.7	61.4
1998	8,220	5,039	61.3	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, Decatur County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Decatur County	State
1980	4,160	3,960	95.2	94.2
1990	3,790	3,555	93.8	95.7
1998	3,760	3,570	94.9	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	
	Decatur County	State	Decatur County	State	Decatur County	State
Farm	22.3	10.5	19.7	7.9	18.3	6.0
Construction	3.8	4.8	4.1	4.3	4.4	5.2
Manufacturing	7.6	16.2	10.1	14.7	8.2	14.1
Transportation	4.1	4.5	4.3	4.2	3.3	4.4
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.4	3.5	5.0	3.3	4.8
Retail Trade	13.3	16.5	11.1	17.0	12.8	17.4
FIRE *	3.2	7.1	2.6	6.6	**	6.8
Service	23.0	19.8	27.3	24.5	30.8	26.8
Government	14.8	14.3	15.6	14.2	14.7	13.0
Other	2.3	0.9	1.6	1.4	4.2	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Decatur County	State	Decatur County	State	Decatur County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	30,953	19,547,180	53,060	32,466,920	64,375	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	-4.1	3.2	10.5	6.2	-0.2	3.4
Construction	6.2	6.6	5.2	5.3	7.0	6.3
Manufacturing	11.3	27.5	12.7	22.9	11.6	21.1
Transportation	9.1	7.2	10.6	6.2	8.4	6.2
Wholesale Trade	14.1	8.0	5.3	6.8	5.5	7.0
Retail Trade	11.6	10.6	8.3	9.7	7.3	9.2
FIRE *	2.9	5.4	2.0	6.2	**	7.7
Service	24.9	16.4	21.8	19.9	30.5	22.3
Government	20.3	14.0	21.8	15.7	26.1	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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