

Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

Dickinson County



Working Age Population

Dickinson County is a non-metropolitan county in Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Dickinson County increased 2.3 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, Dickinson County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Dickinson County	State
1980	15,629	9,444	60.4	62.1
1990	14,909	8,667	58.1	61.4
1998	16,236	9,665	59.5	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, Dickinson County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Dickinson County	State
1980	7,380	6,981	94.6	94.2
1990	8,030	7,765	96.7	95.7
1998	9,650	9,340	96.8	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	
	Dickinson County	State	Dickinson County	State	Dickinson County	State
Farm	11.9	10.5	7.8	7.9	4.6	6.0
Construction	6.3	4.8	4.5	4.3	6.8	5.2
Manufacturing	14.5	16.2	17.0	14.7	18.7	14.1
Transportation	2.4	4.5	1.6	4.2	2.5	4.4
Wholesale Trade	3.5	5.4	2.5	5.0	2.6	4.8
Retail Trade	21.4	16.5	22.4	17.0	22.4	17.4
FIRE *	7.6	7.1	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8
Service	20.5	19.8	24.9	24.5	24.5	26.8
Government	10.9	14.3	10.9	14.2	9.4	13.0
Other	1.1	0.9	1.9	1.4	1.9	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Dickinson County	State	Dickinson County	State	Dickinson County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	77,968	19,547,180	156,404	32,466,920	259,863	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	7.4	3.2	8.8	6.2	4.4	3.4
Construction	8.1	6.6	6.0	5.3	7.6	6.3
Manufacturing	21.1	27.5	26.8	22.9	27.4	21.1
Transportation	3.6	7.2	2.5	6.2	3.7	6.2
Wholesale Trade	8.3	8.0	3.8	6.8	4.0	7.0
Retail Trade	15.8	10.6	14.1	9.7	13.6	9.2
FIRE *	3.7	5.4	4.0	6.2	6.2	7.7
Service	17.9	16.4	20.7	19.9	20.3	22.3
Government	12.6	14.0	12.0	15.7	11.6	15.8

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

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