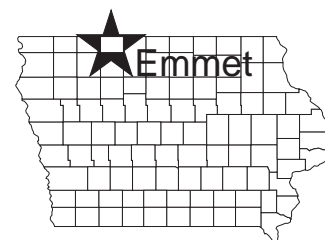


Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

Emmet County



Working Age Population

Emmet County is a non-metropolitan county in northwest Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Emmet County declined 20.3 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, Emmet County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Emmet County	State
1980	13,336	7,992	59.9	62.1
1990	11,569	6,690	57.8	61.4
1998	10,887	6,369	58.5	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, Emmet County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Emmet County	State
1980	6,280	5,941	94.6	94.2
1990	5,540	5,230	94.4	95.7
1998	5,720	5,520	96.5	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	
	Emmet County	State	Emmet County	State	Emmet County	State
Farm	13.7	10.5	11.9	7.9	9.5	6.0
Construction	3.7	4.8	5.5	4.3	6.8	5.2
Manufacturing	20.8	16.2	12.1	14.7	13.9	14.1
Transportation	3.8	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.4
Wholesale Trade	4.7	5.4	4.0	5.0	4.9	4.8
Retail Trade	16.3	16.5	16.2	17.0	16.1	17.4
FIRE *	5.4	7.1	4.4	6.6	4.4	6.8
Service	16.7	19.8	23.0	24.5	24.7	26.8
Government	14.3	14.3	16.7	14.2	13.7	13.0
Other	0.7	0.9	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Emmet County	State	Emmet County	State	Emmet County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	101,072	19,547,180	105,091	32,466,920	156,229	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	15.4	3.2	15.6	6.2	12.4	3.4
Construction	4.3	6.6	6.7	5.3	8.8	6.3
Manufacturing	34.5	27.5	17.8	22.9	19.0	21.1
Transportation	4.6	7.2	6.4	6.2	5.5	6.2
Wholesale Trade	6.0	8.0	5.1	6.8	7.0	7.0
Retail Trade	9.4	10.6	9.0	9.7	8.1	9.2
FIRE *	2.7	5.4	2.6	6.2	3.1	7.7
Service	11.1	16.4	18.4	19.9	18.8	22.3
Government	11.1	14.0	16.7	15.7	16.0	15.8

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

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