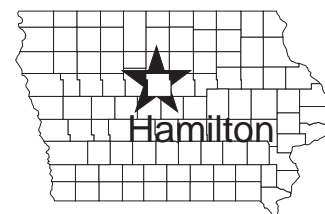


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Hamilton County



Working Age Population

Hamilton County is a non-metropolitan county in central Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Hamilton County declined 11.5 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, Hamilton County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Hamilton County	State
1980	17,862	10,891	61.0	62.1
1990	16,071	9,445	58.8	61.4
1998	16,011	9,635	60.2	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, Hamilton County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Hamilton County	State
1980	8,650	8,243	95.3	94.2
1990	8,350	7,958	95.3	95.7
1998	8,210	7,980	97.2	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	
	Hamilton County	State	Hamilton County	State	Hamilton County	State
Farm	18.4	10.5	12.6	7.9	10.1	6.0
Construction	4.5	4.8	3.5	4.3	4.6	5.2
Manufacturing	18.3	16.2	24.2	14.7	27.4	14.1
Transportation	3.6	4.5	2.6	4.2	**	4.4
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.4	7.4	5.0	7.6	4.8
Retail Trade	15.3	16.5	14.9	17.0	13.1	17.4
FIRE *	7.0	7.1	4.7	6.6	4.2	6.8
Service	13.5	19.8	15.6	24.5	15.9	26.8
Government	12.2	14.3	12.3	14.2	12.4	13.0
Other	1.6	0.9	2.2	1.4	4.5	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Hamilton County	State	Hamilton County	State	Hamilton County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	110,588	19,547,180	175,387	32,466,920	262,946	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	18.3	3.2	10.9	6.2	12.9	3.4
Construction	6.0	6.6	3.5	5.3	4.4	6.3
Manufacturing	22.8	27.5	32.6	22.9	34.4	21.1
Transportation	4.7	7.2	3.9	6.2	**	6.2
Wholesale Trade	11.2	8.0	9.4	6.8	9.0	7.0
Retail Trade	9.4	10.6	8.5	9.7	6.4	9.2
FIRE *	3.7	5.4	3.5	6.2	3.0	7.7
Service	9.9	16.4	11.1	19.9	10.8	22.3
Government	11.7	14.0	13.4	15.7	13.5	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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