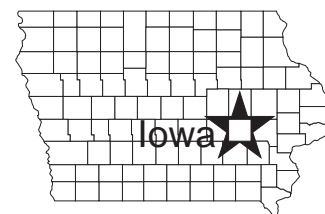


Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

Iowa County



Working Age Population

Iowa County is a non-metropolitan county in east central Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Iowa County increased 1.8 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, Iowa County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Iowa County	State
1980	15,429	9,271	60.1	62.1
1990	14,630	8,490	58.0	61.4
1998	15,550	9,437	60.7	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, Iowa County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Iowa County	State
1980	9,250	8,972	97.0	94.2
1990	7,990	7,790	97.5	95.7
1998	9,150	8,940	97.7	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	
	Iowa County	State	Iowa County	State	Iowa County	State
Farm	16.0	10.5	11.9	7.9	9.0	6.0
Construction	3.0	4.8	3.3	4.3	3.7	5.2
Manufacturing	34.3	16.2	32.8	14.7	32.2	14.1
Transportation	1.6	4.5	1.9	4.2	**	4.4
Wholesale Trade	3.8	5.4	4.8	5.0	5.3	4.8
Retail Trade	16.6	16.5	18.1	17.0	20.5	17.4
FIRE *	3.8	7.1	2.5	6.6	2.5	6.8
Service	12.5	19.8	13.5	24.5	14.9	26.8
Government	7.8	14.3	7.9	14.2	7.7	13.0
Other	0.8	0.9	3.2	1.4	4.2	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Iowa County	State	Iowa County	State	Iowa County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	111,984	19,547,180	202,511	32,466,920	358,084	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	2.7	3.2	9.4	6.2	4.4	3.4
Construction	4.2	6.6	4.0	5.3	4.2	6.3
Manufacturing	52.4	27.5	48.7	22.9	44.5	21.1
Transportation	1.9	7.2	2.8	6.2	**	6.2
Wholesale Trade	6.7	8.0	6.2	6.8	16.6	7.0
Retail Trade	10.7	10.6	9.9	9.7	9.1	9.2
FIRE *	2.6	5.4	1.8	6.2	2.3	7.7
Service	9.9	16.4	7.8	19.9	8.1	22.3
Government	8.0	14.0	7.7	15.7	7.1	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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