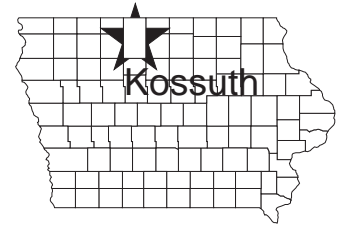


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Kossuth County



Working Age Population

Kossuth County is a non-metropolitan county in north central Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Kossuth County declined 20.8 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, Kossuth County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Kossuth County	State
1980	21,891	12,889	58.9	62.1
1990	18,591	10,425	56.1	61.4
1998	17,738	10,206	57.5	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, Kossuth County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Kossuth County	State
1980	11,410	10,725	94.0	94.2
1990	8,830	8,441	95.6	95.7
1998	8,830	8,590	97.3	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	
	Kossuth County	State	Kossuth County	State	Kossuth County	State
Farm	25.2	10.5	20.1	7.9	15.6	6.0
Construction	5.3	4.8	3.9	4.3	4.8	5.2
Manufacturing	10.3	16.2	9.6	14.7	10.6	14.1
Transportation	2.3	4.5	2.6	4.2	**	4.4
Wholesale Trade	6.9	5.4	6.4	5.0	5.4	4.8
Retail Trade	17.1	16.5	15.8	17.0	16.7	17.4
FIRE *	6.0	7.1	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.8
Service	14.8	19.8	18.4	24.5	21.0	26.8
Government	10.7	14.3	12.0	14.2	11.3	13.0
Other	1.2	0.9	4.5	1.4	8.1	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Kossuth County	State	Kossuth County	State	Kossuth County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	117,150	19,547,180	173,465	32,466,920	221,938	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	20.9	3.2	21.4	6.2	14.8	3.4
Construction	6.8	6.6	4.7	5.3	6.0	6.3
Manufacturing	15.9	27.5	17.9	22.9	17.9	21.1
Transportation	4.7	7.2	4.4	6.2	**	6.2
Wholesale Trade	11.2	8.0	7.7	6.8	8.8	7.0
Retail Trade	12.8	10.6	10.9	9.7	9.6	9.2
FIRE *	5.3	5.4	5.5	6.2	6.3	7.7
Service	11.2	16.4	13.6	19.9	16.6	22.3
Government	10.0	14.0	12.2	15.7	13.8	15.8

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

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