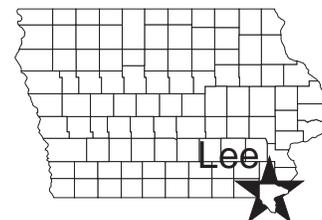


# Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

## Lee County



### Working Age Population

Lee County is a non-metropolitan county in southeast Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Lee County declined 10.4 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, Lee County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Lee County	State
1980	43,106	26,736	62.0	62.1
1990	38,687	23,324	60.3	61.4
1998	38,471	23,964	62.3	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, Lee County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Lee County	State
1980	21,430	19,887	92.8	94.2
1990	18,870	17,662	93.6	95.7
1998	19,260	18,440	95.7	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	
	Lee County	State	Lee County	State	Lee County	State
Farm	6.2	10.5	5.5	7.9	4.4	6.0
Construction	5.3	4.8	3.5	4.3	5.2	5.2
Manufacturing	32.2	16.2	28.5	14.7	26.1	14.1
Transportation	5.6	4.5	5.7	4.2	4.9	4.4
Wholesale Trade	3.2	5.4	2.6	5.0	2.8	4.8
Retail Trade	14.2	16.5	16.8	17.0	16.6	17.4
FIRE *	4.2	7.1	3.2	6.6	3.2	6.8
Service	18.0	19.8	21.8	24.5	25.3	26.8
Government	10.8	14.3	11.5	14.2	10.7	13.0
Other	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.4	0.9	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Lee County	State	Lee County	State	Lee County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	347,908	19,547,180	471,516	32,466,920	659,486	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	0.5	3.2	2.3	6.2	0.6	3.4
Construction	7.2	6.6	3.7	5.3	6.2	6.3
Manufacturing	45.5	27.5	43.0	22.9	38.0	21.1
Transportation	9.0	7.2	8.9	6.2	7.6	6.2
Wholesale Trade	5.4	8.0	4.5	6.8	4.0	7.0
Retail Trade	8.1	10.6	8.6	9.7	8.1	9.2
FIRE *	2.4	5.4	2.4	6.2	2.4	7.7
Service	11.6	16.4	14.6	19.9	19.7	22.3
Government	9.7	14.0	11.2	15.7	12.1	15.8

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

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