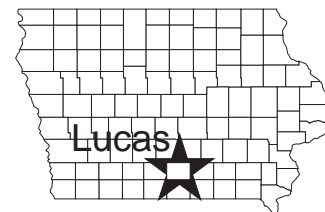


# Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

## Lucas County



### Working Age Population

Lucas County is a non-metropolitan county in south central Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Lucas County declined 10.7 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, Lucas County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Lucas County	State
1980	10,313	6,021	58.4	62.1
1990	9,070	5,200	57.3	61.4
1998	9,152	5,375	58.7	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, Lucas County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Lucas County	State
1980	4,550	4,272	93.9	94.2
1990	4,260	4,009	94.1	95.7
1998	4,040	3,890	96.3	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	
	Lucas County	State	Lucas County	State	Lucas County	State
Farm	18.4	10.5	16.0	7.9	15.6	6.0
Construction	4.7	4.8	2.7	4.3	3.5	5.2
Manufacturing	5.4	16.2	6.8	14.7	6.3	14.1
Transportation	4.4	4.5	3.6	4.2	2.7	4.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	5.4	2.8	5.0	3.9	4.8
Retail Trade	25.3	16.5	33.1	17.0	31.4	17.4
FIRE *	5.8	7.1	4.1	6.6	4.9	6.8
Service	15.9	19.8	15.7	24.5	**	26.8
Government	16.4	14.3	14.1	14.2	14.6	13.0
Other	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.4	17.2	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Lucas County	State	Lucas County	State	Lucas County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	52,561	19,547,180	80,130	32,466,920	94,448	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	1.6	3.2	3.4	6.2	-1.7	3.4
Construction	5.6	6.6	3.6	5.3	5.1	6.3
Manufacturing	7.4	27.5	8.0	22.9	9.1	21.1
Transportation	6.9	7.2	5.7	6.2	4.4	6.2
Wholesale Trade	5.1	8.0	2.8	6.8	5.1	7.0
Retail Trade	36.5	10.6	45.5	9.7	39.5	9.2
FIRE *	4.7	5.4	3.6	6.2	4.9	7.7
Service	12.8	16.4	10.2	19.9	**	22.3
Government	18.2	14.0	16.7	15.7	20.8	15.8

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

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