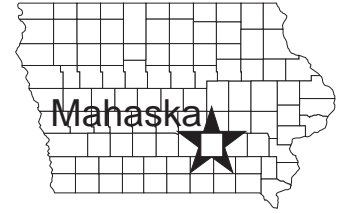


# Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

## Mahaska County



### Working Age Population

Mahaska County is a non-metropolitan county in southeast Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Mahaska County declined 4.0 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, Mahaska County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Mahaska County	State
1980	22,867	13,890	60.7	62.1
1990	21,532	12,656	58.8	61.4
1998	21,901	13,340	60.9	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, Mahaska County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Mahaska County	State
1980	9,940	9,383	94.4	94.2
1990	10,530	10,119	96.1	95.7
1998	11,360	11,090	97.6	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	
	Mahaska County	State	Mahaska County	State	Mahaska County	State
Farm	17.4	10.5	14.2	7.9	11.2	6.0
Construction	5.1	4.8	5.3	4.3	7.8	5.2
Manufacturing	12.4	16.2	10.1	14.7	11.5	14.1
Transportation	3.0	4.5	3.5	4.2	5.4	4.4
Wholesale Trade	4.8	5.4	4.8	5.0	4.6	4.8
Retail Trade	18.9	16.5	19.2	17.0	18.6	17.4
FIRE *	6.4	7.1	5.0	6.6	4.7	6.8
Service	19.4	19.8	25.1	24.5	24.0	26.8
Government	11.2	14.3	11.5	14.2	10.8	13.0
Other	1.4	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Mahaska County	State	Mahaska County	State	Mahaska County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	107,177	19,547,180	172,023	32,466,920	256,505	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	10.6	3.2	15.5	6.2	6.9	3.4
Construction	7.4	6.6	8.2	5.3	15.9	6.3
Manufacturing	16.7	27.5	14.4	22.9	16.7	21.1
Transportation	4.7	7.2	4.7	6.2	7.9	6.2
Wholesale Trade	8.1	8.0	6.4	6.8	6.0	7.0
Retail Trade	14.3	10.6	11.9	9.7	9.6	9.2
FIRE *	4.5	5.4	4.1	6.2	4.2	7.7
Service	16.0	16.4	19.8	19.9	18.4	22.3
Government	11.8	14.0	13.0	15.7	13.7	15.8

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

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