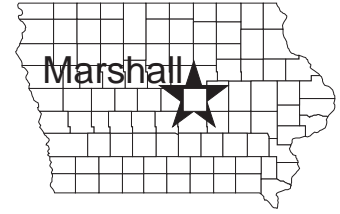


Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

Marshall County



Working Age Population

Marshall County is a non-metropolitan county in central Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Marshall County declined 6.2 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, Marshall County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Marshall County	State
1980	41,652	25,722	61.8	62.1
1990	38,276	23,046	60.2	61.4
1998	38,732	24,128	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, Marshall County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Marshall County	State
1980	19,370	18,300	94.5	94.2
1990	19,980	19,321	96.7	95.7
1998	20,520	19,950	97.2	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	
	Marshall County	State	Marshall County	State	Marshall County	State
Farm	7.0	10.5	5.9	7.9	4.6	6.0
Construction	3.7	4.8	3.9	4.3	4.2	5.2
Manufacturing	26.9	16.2	23.7	14.7	23.2	14.1
Transportation	4.5	4.5	3.7	4.2	4.8	4.4
Wholesale Trade	3.5	5.4	3.8	5.0	3.6	4.8
Retail Trade	15.6	16.5	16.1	17.0	17.0	17.4
FIRE *	5.8	7.1	4.1	6.6	3.8	6.8
Service	18.2	19.8	21.9	24.5	23.4	26.8
Government	13.9	14.3	15.8	14.2	13.8	13.0
Other	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Marshall County	State	Marshall County	State	Marshall County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	342,573	19,547,180	483,218	32,466,920	640,648	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	3.6	3.2	4.8	6.2	3.4	3.4
Construction	3.9	6.6	4.2	5.3	4.8	6.3
Manufacturing	43.7	27.5	38.7	22.9	35.7	21.1
Transportation	7.0	7.2	5.2	6.2	6.1	6.2
Wholesale Trade	4.3	8.0	4.4	6.8	4.5	7.0
Retail Trade	8.3	10.6	8.0	9.7	8.4	9.2
FIRE *	2.9	5.4	2.8	6.2	3.2	7.7
Service	14.1	16.4	16.4	19.9	18.0	22.3
Government	11.1	14.0	14.9	15.7	15.4	15.8

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

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