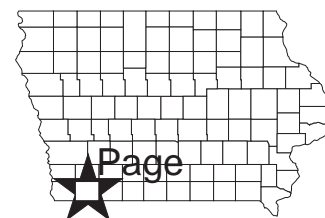


Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

Page County



Working Age Population

Page County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Page County declined 6.0 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, Page County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Page County	State
1980	19,063	11,109	58.3	62.1
1990	16,870	9,590	56.8	61.4
1998	17,269	10,437	60.4	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, Page County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Page County	State
1980	9,020	8,659	96.0	94.2
1990	8,120	7,738	95.3	95.7
1998	8,870	8,620	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	
	Page County	State	Page County	State	Page County	State
Farm	17.5	10.5	14.6	7.9	9.9	6.0
Construction	5.0	4.8	3.8	4.3	4.0	5.2
Manufacturing	10.0	16.2	12.7	14.7	17.8	14.1
Transportation	3.8	4.5	2.9	4.2	2.7	4.4
Wholesale Trade	5.0	5.4	3.3	5.0	3.3	4.8
Retail Trade	20.1	16.5	20.3	17.0	19.4	17.4
FIRE *	5.2	7.1	3.7	6.6	3.7	6.8
Service	17.7	19.8	22.2	24.5	22.1	26.8
Government	14.9	14.3	14.9	14.2	15.2	13.0
Other	0.7	0.9	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Page County	State	Page County	State	Page County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	103,196	19,547,180	158,440	32,466,920	230,842	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	9.3	3.2	11.9	6.2	2.4	3.4
Construction	7.0	6.6	3.7	5.3	4.2	6.3
Manufacturing	15.9	27.5	19.2	22.9	27.6	21.1
Transportation	6.7	7.2	5.3	6.2	5.1	6.2
Wholesale Trade	8.2	8.0	4.6	6.8	5.2	7.0
Retail Trade	16.8	10.6	17.2	9.7	14.8	9.2
FIRE *	3.7	5.4	3.8	6.2	2.9	7.7
Service	14.0	16.4	14.6	19.9	16.9	22.3
Government	17.1	14.0	18.4	15.7	19.8	15.8

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

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