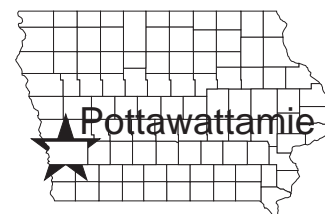


Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

Pottawattamie County



Working Age Population

Pottawattamie County is a metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Pottawattamie County increased 0.9 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, Pottawattamie County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Pottawattamie County	State
1980	86,561	53,865	62.2	62.1
1990	82,628	51,377	62.2	61.4
1998	86,174	54,359	63.1	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, Pottawattamie County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Pottawattamie County	State
1980	41,200	38,600	93.7	94.2
1990	43,600	41,943	96.2	95.7
1998	47,600	46,300	97.3	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	
	Pottawattamie County	State	Pottawattamie County	State	Pottawattamie County	State
Farm	7.5	10.5	5.1	7.9	3.6	6.0
Construction	4.2	4.8	4.3	4.3	4.5	5.2
Manufacturing	9.6	16.2	10.7	14.7	8.8	14.1
Transportation	9.3	4.5	5.6	4.2	5.2	4.4
Wholesale Trade	4.7	5.4	4.1	5.0	4.0	4.8
Retail Trade	18.9	16.5	21.2	17.0	21.1	17.4
FIRE *	6.1	7.1	5.7	6.6	5.3	6.8
Service	22.9	19.8	28.3	24.5	34.8	26.8
Government	16.2	14.3	14.0	14.2	11.9	13.0
Other	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.4	0.9	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Pottawattamie County	State	Pottawattamie County	State	Pottawattamie County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	405,168	19,547,180	681,232	32,466,920	1,046,509	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	2.9	3.2	3.8	6.2	0.9	3.4
Construction	6.1	6.6	5.4	5.3	5.4	6.3
Manufacturing	12.8	27.5	14.0	22.9	11.8	21.1
Transportation	17.6	7.2	10.0	6.2	9.2	6.2
Wholesale Trade	6.8	8.0	6.0	6.8	5.8	7.0
Retail Trade	12.3	10.6	13.0	9.7	13.0	9.2
FIRE *	4.0	5.4	4.6	6.2	5.1	7.7
Service	20.3	16.4	25.7	19.9	32.4	22.3
Government	16.2	14.0	16.7	15.7	15.9	15.8

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

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