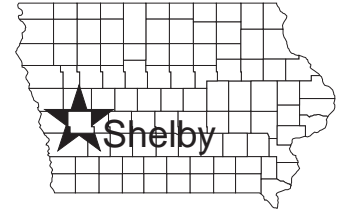


# Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

## Shelby County



### Working Age Population

Shelby County is a non-metropolitan county in west central Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Shelby County declined 16.0 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, Shelby County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Shelby County	State
1980	15,043	8,763	58.3	62.1
1990	13,230	7,355	55.6	61.4
1998	12,978	7,358	56.7	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, Shelby County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Shelby County	State
1980	6,570	6,314	96.1	94.2
1990	6,540	6,272	95.9	95.7
1998	6,710	6,550	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	
	Shelby County	State	Shelby County	State	Shelby County	State
Farm	23.2	10.5	19.8	7.9	13.8	6.0
Construction	5.6	4.8	4.4	4.3	6.1	5.2
Manufacturing	5.3	16.2	3.9	14.7	3.5	14.1
Transportation	3.8	4.5	4.4	4.2	5.5	4.4
Wholesale Trade	7.5	5.4	7.9	5.0	8.9	4.8
Retail Trade	14.9	16.5	15.5	17.0	15.5	17.4
FIRE *	6.7	7.1	5.0	6.6	5.0	6.8
Service	18.6	19.8	24.6	24.5	26.5	26.8
Government	13.3	14.3	12.9	14.2	13.3	13.0
Other	1.0	0.9	1.7	1.4	2.0	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Shelby County	State	Shelby County	State	Shelby County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	60,924	19,547,180	117,484	32,466,920	146,826	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	0.4	3.2	21.8	6.2	10.3	3.4
Construction	10.8	6.6	6.0	5.3	9.1	6.3
Manufacturing	11.1	27.5	4.9	22.9	5.9	21.1
Transportation	7.0	7.2	5.7	6.2	8.1	6.2
Wholesale Trade	14.2	8.0	12.1	6.8	11.0	7.0
Retail Trade	15.4	10.6	10.7	9.7	11.1	9.2
FIRE *	5.3	5.4	3.7	6.2	4.8	7.7
Service	16.3	16.4	16.2	19.9	20.5	22.3
Government	17.1	14.0	14.3	15.7	17.7	15.8

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

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