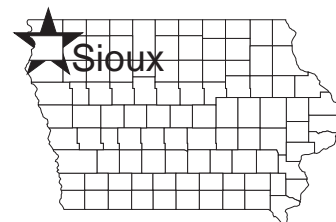


Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

Sioux County



Working Age Population

Sioux County is a non-metropolitan county in northwest Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Sioux County increased 0.2 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, Sioux County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Sioux County	State
1980	30,813	18,620	60.4	62.1
1990	29,903	17,378	58.1	61.4
1998	31,280	18,650	59.6	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, Sioux County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Sioux County	State
1980	16,200	15,536	95.9	94.2
1990	15,260	14,848	97.3	95.7
1998	17,580	17,110	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	
	Sioux County	State	Sioux County	State	Sioux County	State
Farm	19.9	10.5	15.7	7.9	11.4	6.0
Construction	5.5	4.8	3.7	4.3	5.8	5.2
Manufacturing	14.2	16.2	19.5	14.7	20.8	14.1
Transportation	2.9	4.5	2.6	4.2	**	4.4
Wholesale Trade	7.2	5.4	5.9	5.0	6.3	4.8
Retail Trade	14.2	16.5	15.0	17.0	15.2	17.4
FIRE *	4.7	7.1	4.3	6.6	4.8	6.8
Service	19.9	19.8	22.0	24.5	22.0	26.8
Government	9.5	14.3	9.3	14.2	8.8	13.0
Other	2.0	0.9	1.9	1.4	4.9	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Sioux County	State	Sioux County	State	Sioux County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	166,479	19,547,180	329,658	32,466,920	502,198	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	8.5	3.2	22.1	6.2	14.8	3.4
Construction	8.7	6.6	5.2	5.3	7.6	6.3
Manufacturing	20.4	27.5	24.2	22.9	27.3	21.1
Transportation	4.3	7.2	3.6	6.2	**	6.2
Wholesale Trade	13.2	8.0	7.8	6.8	8.1	7.0
Retail Trade	9.9	10.6	8.3	9.7	7.9	9.2
FIRE *	3.6	5.4	2.8	6.2	3.6	7.7
Service	19.3	16.4	15.0	19.9	15.1	22.3
Government	9.3	14.0	9.0	15.7	10.0	15.8

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

** Data withheld to protect confidentiality when a limited number of businesses report.

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