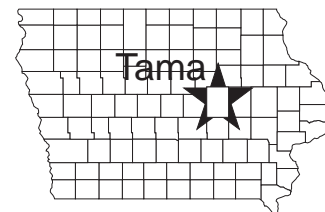


Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

Tama County



Working Age Population

Tama County is a non-metropolitan county in east central Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Tama County declined 7.9 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, Tama County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Tama County	State
1980	19,533	11,341	58.1	62.1
1990	17,419	9,983	57.3	61.4
1998	17,739	10,449	58.9	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, Tama County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Tama County	State
1980	9,680	9,399	97.1	94.2
1990	8,220	7,858	95.6	95.7
1998	9,000	8,740	97.1	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	
	Tama County	State	Tama County	State	Tama County	State
Farm	25.6	10.5	18.5	7.9	15.4	6.0
Construction	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.8	5.2
Manufacturing	6.9	16.2	9.8	14.7	10.1	14.1
Transportation	5.3	4.5	4.1	4.2	3.3	4.4
Wholesale Trade	5.1	5.4	5.9	5.0	5.1	4.8
Retail Trade	15.3	16.5	12.6	17.0	13.7	17.4
FIRE *	6.6	7.1	4.6	6.6	4.2	6.8
Service	14.7	19.8	18.3	24.5	29.2	26.8
Government	13.5	14.3	12.8	14.2	11.4	13.0
Other	2.2	0.9	8.8	1.4	2.9	1.5

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

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Tama County	State	Tama County	State	Tama County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	75,901	19,547,180	135,456	32,466,920	194,695	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	3.0	3.2	16.0	6.2	10.5	3.4
Construction	8.0	6.6	7.1	5.3	4.7	6.3
Manufacturing	14.2	27.5	17.3	22.9	15.8	21.1
Transportation	11.1	7.2	6.3	6.2	5.4	6.2
Wholesale Trade	10.8	8.0	7.3	6.8	8.6	7.0
Retail Trade	13.3	10.6	7.6	9.7	7.3	9.2
FIRE *	5.6	5.4	3.4	6.2	3.6	7.7
Service	14.1	16.4	14.8	19.9	26.5	22.3
Government	16.6	14.0	16.6	15.7	16.0	15.8

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

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