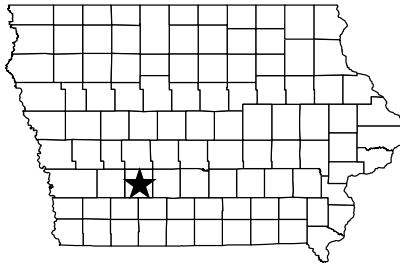


# Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



## Adair County

### Population Profile

Adair County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The total population in the county decreased 2.0 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 7.0 percent. Statewide, total population increased 5.4 percent and the population over the age of 54 increased 2.6 percent during that period. Females consistently outnumbered males in the older age groups.

#### 1. Population 55 years or older

	Adair County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	9,509	8,409	8,243	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	31.3	33.6	31.9	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	2,977	2,827	2,628	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	531	410	391	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	572	436	416	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	570	461	391	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	486	481	384	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	352	441	378	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	218	314	332	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	248	284	336	44,940	55,255	65,118

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 1.

#### 2. Population 55 years or older by sex, Adair County

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	2,827	1,221	43.2	1,606	56.8	2,628	1,147	43.6	1,481	56.4
55 to 59	410	204	7.2	206	7.3	391	186	7.1	205	7.8
60 to 64	436	222	7.9	214	7.6	416	198	7.5	218	8.3
65 to 69	461	203	7.2	258	9.1	391	201	7.6	190	7.2
70 to 74	481	215	7.6	266	9.4	384	186	7.1	198	7.5
75 to 79	441	177	6.3	264	9.3	378	162	6.2	216	8.2
80 to 84	314	121	4.3	193	6.8	332	124	4.7	208	7.9
85 or older	284	79	2.8	205	7.3	336	90	3.4	246	9.4

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 1.

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## Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Adair County lived in family households in 2000, which means they lived with at least one other person related by blood, marriage, or adoption. Among the 558 older persons living in nonfamily households in Adair County, 97 percent were persons living alone, the majority of which were female. Relatively few older residents lived in group quarter settings (e.g., nursing homes).

### 3. Living arrangements of persons 65 years or older, 2000

	Adair County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	1,821	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	1,090	59.9	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	558	30.6	31.5
Males living alone	127	---	---
Females living alone	414	---	---
Living in group quarters	173	9.5	8.4

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 1.

## Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Adair County age 65 or older in 2000, 74.7 percent had at least a high school diploma and 4.7 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

### 4. Educational attainment of persons 65 years or older, 2000

	Adair County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	1,819	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	461	25.3	29.4
High school graduate	982	54.0	42.0
Less than 4 years college	290	15.9	17.1
4 or more years college	86	4.7	11.5

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

Two statistics are important when considering employment among older lowans; labor force participation and employment. Although the number of older lowans participating in the labor force declined steadily with age in 2000, the proportion of labor force participants employed remained quite high.

### 5. Labor force participation and employment for persons 65 years or older, 2000

	Population 65 Years or Older			In the Civilian Labor Force			Number Employed		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Adair County									
Total persons 65 years or older	1,819	755	1,064	395	244	151	374	228	146
Persons 65 to 69	408	196	212	189	104	85	180	96	84
Persons 70 to 74	367	183	184	103	77	26	101	77	24
Persons 75 or older	1,044	376	668	103	63	40	93	55	38

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

## Income and Poverty Profile

Median household income among householders 65 to 74 years of age in Adair County was \$29,250 in 1999, compared to the \$18,621 median of householders 75 years or age or older. Statewide these medians were \$29,804 and \$21,230, respectively. In most cases median income in nonfamily households were lower.

### 6. Median household income (\$) by age of householder, 1999

	Adair County	State
Median household income (\$)	35,179	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	29,250	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	18,621	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	19,627	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	17,000	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	14,722	15,101

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

In 2000, 8.7 percent of the persons 65 or older in Adair County lived below the poverty line compared to 7.7 percent statewide. Poverty rates tended to be higher among older females than among older males both in the county and across the state. NOTE: poverty rates are not determined for nursing home residents.

### 7. Poverty status for persons 65 years or older, 1999

	Total		Male			Female			
	Adair County	State	Adair County	State		Adair County	State		
	n	% of age group	n	% of age group	% of age group	n	% of age group	% of age group	
Total persons 65 years or older in poverty	144	8.7	7.7	38	5.0	5.1	106	11.8	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	41	5.4	5.6	15	4.0	4.4	26	6.9	6.6
Persons 75 or older	103	11.4	10.0	23	6.1	6.2	80	15.2	12.3

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

## Housing Profile

Among the 3,398 occupied housing units in Adair County, 34.4 percent were headed by a person 55 years of age or older. Statewide that percentage was 24.5. The vast majority of these householders owned their homes rather than rented—both in the county and across the state.

### 8. Tenure of occupied housing units with householders 65 years or older, 2000

	Total Occupied Units		Owner-Occupied			Renter-Occupied		
	Adair County		Adair County	State	%	Adair County	State	%
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,169	100.0	954	81.6	80.0	215	18.4	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	482	100.0	446	92.5	85.2	36	7.5	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	504	100.0	373	74.0	78.4	131	26.0	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	183	100.0	135	73.8	66.0	48	26.2	34.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

## Housing Profile (continued)

Older populations tend to be less likely to change residence than younger persons; therefore they are likely to have lived in their current housing unit for longer periods of time and those housing units tend to be older units. This is especially true for older homeowners. It should be noted that "assisted living" quarters are included in the renter-occupied numbers.

### 9. Age of housing units with householders 65 years or older, 2000

	Total		Owner-Occupied			Renter-Occupied		
	Adair County		Adair County		State	Adair County		State
	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Total householders 65 years or older	1,169	100.0	954	100.0	100.0	215	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	81	6.9	70	7.3	6.6	11	5.1	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	681	58.3	598	62.7	59.9	83	38.6	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	351	30.0	220	23.1	21.9	131	60.9	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	424	36.3	385	40.4	43.7	39	18.1	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	482	100.0	446	100.0	100.0	36	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	23	4.8	23	5.2	7.9	0	0.0	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	320	66.4	306	68.6	56.6	14	38.9	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	155	32.2	129	28.9	25.7	26	72.2	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	167	34.6	167	37.4	39.0	0	0.0	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	687	100.0	508	100.0	100.0	179	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	58	8.4	47	9.3	5.3	11	6.1	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	361	52.5	292	57.5	63.4	69	38.5	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	196	28.5	91	17.9	17.9	105	58.7	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	257	37.4	218	42.9	48.6	39	21.8	7.9

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 3.

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