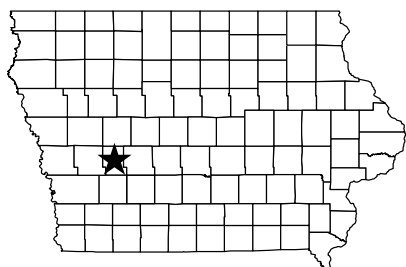


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Audubon County

Population Profile

Audubon County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The total population in the county decreased 6.9 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 7.6 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

	Audubon County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	8,559	7,334	6,830	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	30.4	34.3	34.1	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	2,604	2,516	2,326	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	501	368	372	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	509	452	350	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	470	435	330	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	379	425	396	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	304	333	320	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	220	255	289	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	221	248	269	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

2. Population 55 years or older by sex, Audubon County

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	2,516	1,076	42.8	1,440	57.2	2,326	1,005	43.2	1,321	56.8
55 to 59	368	161	6.4	207	8.2	372	177	7.6	195	8.4
60 to 64	452	217	8.6	235	9.3	350	174	7.5	176	7.6
65 to 69	435	212	8.4	223	8.9	330	147	6.3	183	7.9
70 to 74	425	192	7.6	233	9.3	396	186	8.0	210	9.0
75 to 79	333	125	5.0	208	8.3	320	141	6.1	179	7.7
80 to 84	255	97	3.9	158	6.3	289	115	4.9	174	7.5
85 or older	248	72	2.9	176	7.0	269	65	2.8	204	8.8

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Audubon 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 477 older persons living in nonfamily households in Audubon County, 97.3 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

	Audubon County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	1,604	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	957	59.7	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	477	29.7	31.5
Males living alone	102	---	---
Females living alone	362	---	---
Living in group quarters	170	10.6	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Audubon County age 65 or older in 2000, 63 percent had at least a high school diploma and 6.3 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Audubon County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	1,612	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	597	37.0	29.4
High school graduate	637	39.5	42.0
Less than 4 years college	277	17.2	17.1
4 or more years college	101	6.3	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
Audubon County									
Total persons 65 years or older	1,612	653	959	309	206	103	296	193	103
Persons 65 to 69	322	136	186	117	74	43	117	74	43
Persons 70 to 74	410	196	214	113	75	38	100	62	38
Persons 75 or older	880	321	559	79	57	22	79	57	22

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 Audubon County was \$25,714 in 1999, compared to the \$19,308 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

	Audubon County	State
Median household income (\$)	32,215	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	25,714	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	19,308	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	17,960	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	18,750	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	13,889	15,101

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

In 2000, 7.8 percent of the persons 65 or older in Audubon 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			
	Audubon County	State	Audubon County	State	Audubon County	State	Audubon County	State	
	<u>n</u>	<u>% of age group</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>% of age group</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>% of age group</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>% of age group</u>	
Total persons 65 years or older in poverty	111	7.8	7.7	44	6.9	5.1	67	8.4	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	38	5.3	5.6	17	5.2	4.4	21	5.3	6.6
Persons 75 or older	73	10.3	10.0	27	8.7	6.2	46	11.4	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 2,773 occupied housing units in Audubon County, 36 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		
	Audubon County	State	Audubon County	State	State	Audubon County	State	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	997	100.0	871	87.4	80.0	126	12.6	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	431	100.0	389	90.3	85.2	42	9.7	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	421	100.0	377	89.5	78.4	44	10.5	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	145	100.0	105	72.4	66.0	40	27.6	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		
	Audubon County		Audubon County		State	Audubon County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	997	100.0	871	100.0	100.0	126	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	38	3.8	38	4.4	6.6	0	0.0	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	616	61.8	546	62.7	59.9	70	55.6	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	284	28.5	220	25.3	21.9	64	50.8	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	349	35.0	319	36.6	43.7	30	23.8	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	431	100.0	389	100.0	100.0	42	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	14	3.2	14	3.6	7.9	0	0.0	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	279	64.7	244	62.7	56.6	35	83.3	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	138	32.0	117	30.1	25.7	21	50.0	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	151	35.0	141	36.2	39.0	10	23.8	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	566	100.0	482	100.0	100.0	84	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	24	4.2	24	5.0	5.3	0	0.0	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	337	59.5	302	62.7	63.4	35	41.7	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	146	25.8	103	21.4	17.9	43	51.2	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	198	35.0	178	36.9	48.6	20	23.8	7.9

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

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