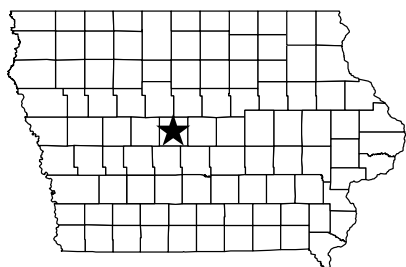


# Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



## Boone County

### Population Profile

Boone County is a non-metropolitan county in central Iowa. The total population in the county increased 4.1 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 3.7 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

	Boone County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	26,184	25,186	26,224	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	26.5	27.6	25.5	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	6,949	6,941	6,685	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	1,358	1,170	1,278	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	1,285	1,240	1,112	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	1,196	1,195	1,035	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	1,013	1,041	1,001	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	866	878	880	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	644	685	628	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	587	732	751	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	6,941	2,903	41.8	4,038	58.2	6,685	2,873	43.0	3,812	57.0
55 to 59	1,170	572	8.2	598	8.6	1,278	602	9.0	676	10.1
60 to 64	1,240	599	8.6	641	9.2	1,112	558	8.3	554	8.3
65 to 69	1,195	543	7.8	652	9.4	1,035	494	7.4	541	8.1
70 to 74	1,041	446	6.4	595	8.6	1,001	442	6.6	559	8.4
75 to 79	878	332	4.8	546	7.9	880	362	5.4	518	7.7
80 to 84	685	254	3.7	431	6.2	628	230	3.4	398	6.0
85 or older	732	157	2.3	575	8.3	751	185	2.8	566	8.5

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

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## Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Boone 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 1,286 older persons living in nonfamily households in Boone County, 95.6 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

	Boone County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	4,295	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	2,479	57.7	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	1,286	29.9	31.5
Males living alone	274	---	---
Females living alone	955	---	---
Living in group quarters	530	12.3	8.4

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

## Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Boone County age 65 or older in 2000, 77.8 percent had at least a high school diploma and 9.4 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Boone County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	4,308	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	955	22.2	29.4
High school graduate	2,098	48.7	42.0
Less than 4 years college	848	19.7	17.1
4 or more years college	407	9.4	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
Boone County									
Total persons 65 years or older	4,308	1,709	2,599	620	410	210	620	410	210
Persons 65 to 69	1,100	539	561	332	207	125	332	207	125
Persons 70 to 74	963	415	548	182	128	54	182	128	54
Persons 75 or older	2,245	755	1,490	106	75	31	106	75	31

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 Boone County was \$30,658 in 1999, compared to the \$23,696 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

	Boone County	State
Median household income (\$)	40,763	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	30,658	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	23,696	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	22,243	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	23,083	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	15,579	15,101

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

In 2000, 5.9 percent of the persons 65 or older in Boone 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			
	Boone County	State	Boone County	State		Boone 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	224	5.9	7.7	52	3.1	5.1	172	8.0	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	97	4.8	5.6	24	2.5	4.4	73	6.7	6.6
Persons 75 or older	127	7.2	10.0	28	4.0	6.2	99	9.3	12.3

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

## Housing Profile

Among the 10,374 occupied housing units in Boone County, 25.9 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		
	Boone County		Boone County	State	%	Boone County	State	%
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	2,689	100.0	2,238	83.2	80.0	451	16.8	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	1,310	100.0	1,149	87.7	85.2	161	12.3	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	1,022	100.0	808	79.1	78.4	214	20.9	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	357	100.0	281	78.7	66.0	76	21.3	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		
	Boone County		Boone County		State	Boone County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	2,689	100.0	2,238	100.0	100.0	451	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	199	7.4	127	5.7	6.6	72	16.0	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	1,610	59.9	1,499	67.0	59.9	111	24.6	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	830	30.9	481	21.5	21.9	349	77.4	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	982	36.5	960	42.9	43.7	22	4.9	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	1,310	100.0	1,149	100.0	100.0	161	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	100	7.6	76	6.6	7.9	24	14.9	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	777	59.3	728	63.4	56.6	49	30.4	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	422	32.2	289	25.2	25.7	133	82.6	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	434	33.1	432	37.6	39.0	2	1.2	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	1,379	100.0	1,089	100.0	100.0	290	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	99	7.2	51	4.7	5.3	48	16.6	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	833	60.4	771	70.8	63.4	62	21.4	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	408	29.6	192	17.6	17.9	216	74.5	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	548	39.7	528	48.5	48.6	20	6.9	7.9

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

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