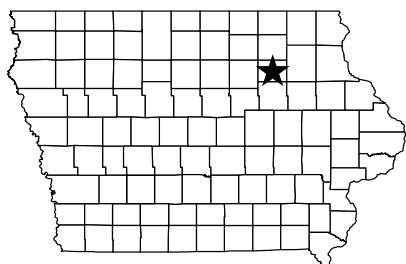


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Bremer County

Population Profile

Bremer County is a non-metropolitan county in northeast Iowa. The total population in the county increased 2.2 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older increased 6.4 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

	Bremer County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	24,820	22,813	23,325	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	22.0	25.3	26.3	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	5,468	5,771	6,143	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	1,161	1,014	1,319	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	1,046	951	1,091	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	976	1,040	873	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	863	912	823	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	631	749	805	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	426	577	627	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	365	528	605	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	5,771	2,478	42.9	3,293	57.1	6,143	2,681	43.6	3,462	56.4
55 to 59	1,014	489	8.5	525	9.1	1,319	666	10.8	653	10.6
60 to 64	951	465	8.1	486	8.4	1,091	535	8.7	556	9.1
65 to 69	1,040	463	8.0	577	10.0	873	401	6.5	472	7.7
70 to 74	912	380	6.6	532	9.2	823	385	6.3	438	7.1
75 to 79	749	323	5.6	426	7.4	805	313	5.1	492	8.0
80 to 84	577	212	3.7	365	6.3	627	220	3.6	407	6.6
85 or older	528	146	2.5	382	6.6	605	161	2.6	444	7.2

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Bremer 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 1,173 older persons living in nonfamily households in Bremer County, 96.1 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

	Bremer County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,733	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	2,274	60.9	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	1,173	31.4	31.5
Males living alone	186	---	---
Females living alone	941	---	---
Living in group quarters	286	7.7	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Bremer County age 65 or older in 2000, 68.5 percent had at least a high school diploma and 10.1 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Bremer County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,717	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	1,170	31.5	29.4
High school graduate	1,638	44.1	42.0
Less than 4 years college	534	14.4	17.1
4 or more years college	375	10.1	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
Bremer County									
Total persons 65 years or older	3,717	1,478	2,239	474	325	149	462	314	148
Persons 65 to 69	839	389	450	193	135	58	187	129	58
Persons 70 to 74	861	399	462	130	90	40	129	90	39
Persons 75 or older	2,017	690	1,327	151	100	51	146	95	51

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 Bremer County was \$31,009 in 1999, compared to the \$21,846 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

	Bremer County	State
Median household income (\$)	40,826	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	31,009	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	21,846	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	21,631	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	21,250	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	15,631	15,101

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

In 2000, 5.8 percent of the persons 65 or older in Bremer 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			
	Bremer County	State	Bremer County	State		Bremer 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	200	5.8	7.7	44	3.1	5.1	156	7.7	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	51	3.0	5.6	21	2.7	4.4	30	3.3	6.6
Persons 75 or older	149	8.5	10.0	23	3.6	6.2	126	11.2	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 8,860 occupied housing units in Bremer County, 27.6 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		
	Bremer County		Bremer County	State		Bremer County	State	
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	2,444	100.0	2,006	82.1	80.0	438	17.9	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	1,084	100.0	978	90.2	85.2	106	9.8	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	1,022	100.0	771	75.4	78.4	251	24.6	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	338	100.0	257	76.0	66.0	81	24.0	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		
	Bremer County		Bremer County		State	Bremer County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	2,444	100.0	2,006	100.0	100.0	438	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	150	6.1	128	6.4	6.6	22	5.0	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	1,301	53.2	1,150	57.3	59.9	151	34.5	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	684	28.0	424	21.1	21.9	260	59.4	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	903	36.9	871	43.4	43.7	32	7.3	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	1,084	100.0	978	100.0	100.0	106	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	83	7.7	71	7.3	7.9	12	11.3	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	580	53.5	548	56.0	56.6	32	30.2	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	300	27.7	230	23.5	25.7	70	66.0	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	452	41.7	442	45.2	39.0	10	9.4	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	1,360	100.0	1,028	100.0	100.0	332	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	67	4.9	57	5.5	5.3	10	3.0	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	721	53.0	602	58.6	63.4	119	35.8	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	384	28.2	194	18.9	17.9	190	57.2	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	451	33.2	429	41.7	48.6	22	6.6	7.9

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

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