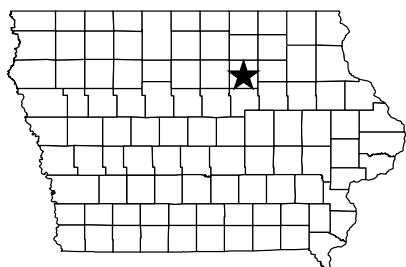


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Butler County

Population Profile

Butler County is a non-metropolitan county in northeast Iowa. The total population in the county decreased 2.7 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 4.9 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

	Butler County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	17,668	15,731	15,305	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	27.3	30.6	29.9	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	4,827	4,816	4,578	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	1,001	754	816	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	917	831	685	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	883	897	721	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	740	774	679	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	608	634	674	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	370	500	512	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	308	426	491	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	4,816	2,059	42.8	2,757	57.2	4,578	1,985	43.4	2,593	56.6
55 to 59	754	351	7.3	403	8.4	816	419	9.2	397	8.7
60 to 64	831	391	8.1	440	9.1	685	312	6.8	373	8.1
65 to 69	897	410	8.5	487	10.1	721	334	7.3	387	8.5
70 to 74	774	333	6.9	441	9.2	679	302	6.6	377	8.2
75 to 79	634	278	5.8	356	7.4	674	282	6.2	392	8.6
80 to 84	500	179	3.7	321	6.7	512	196	4.3	316	6.9
85 or older	426	117	2.4	309	6.4	491	140	3.1	351	7.7

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Butler 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 922 older persons living in nonfamily households in Butler County, 97.4 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

	Butler County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,077	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	1,898	61.7	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	922	30.0	31.5
Males living alone	191	---	---
Females living alone	707	---	---
Living in group quarters	257	8.4	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Butler County age 65 or older in 2000, 58.4 percent had at least a high school diploma and 3.9 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Butler County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,085	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	1,283	41.6	29.4
High school graduate	1,178	38.2	42.0
Less than 4 years college	504	16.3	17.1
4 or more years college	120	3.9	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
Butler County									
Total persons 65 years or older	3,085	1,272	1,813	368	186	182	354	172	182
Persons 65 to 69	708	319	389	184	88	96	176	80	96
Persons 70 to 74	693	330	363	105	63	42	103	61	42
Persons 75 or older	1,684	623	1,061	79	35	44	75	31	44

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 Butler County was \$26,650 in 1999, compared to the \$17,855 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

	Butler County	State
Median household income (\$)	35,883	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	26,650	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	17,855	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	19,722	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	18,864	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	13,852	15,101

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

In 2000, 9.4 percent of the persons 65 or older in Butler 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			
	Butler County	State	Butler County	State		Butler 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	268	9.4	7.7	87	7.5	5.1	181	10.7	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	100	7.2	5.6	52	8.1	4.4	48	6.4	6.6
Persons 75 or older	168	11.6	10.0	35	6.8	6.2	133	14.2	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 6,175 occupied housing units in Butler County, 31.2 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		
	Butler County		Butler County	State		Butler County	State	
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,928	100.0	1,661	86.2	80.0	267	13.8	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	857	100.0	770	89.8	85.2	87	10.2	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	790	100.0	655	82.9	78.4	135	17.1	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	281	100.0	236	84.0	66.0	45	16.0	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		
	Butler County		Butler County		State	Butler 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	1,928	100.0	1,661	100.0	100.0	267	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	81	4.2	74	4.5	6.6	7	2.6	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	1,179	61.2	1,048	63.1	59.9	131	49.1	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	515	26.7	365	22.0	21.9	150	56.2	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	762	39.5	712	42.9	43.7	50	18.7	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	857	100.0	770	100.0	100.0	87	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	35	4.1	35	4.5	7.9	0	0.0	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	528	61.6	481	62.5	56.6	47	54.0	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	261	30.5	215	27.9	25.7	46	52.9	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	333	38.9	315	40.9	39.0	18	20.7	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	1,071	100.0	891	100.0	100.0	180	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	46	4.3	39	4.4	5.3	7	3.9	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	651	60.8	567	63.6	63.4	84	46.7	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	254	23.7	150	16.8	17.9	104	57.8	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	429	40.1	397	44.6	48.6	32	17.8	7.9

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

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