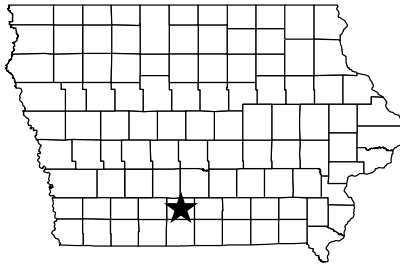


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Clarke County

Population Profile

Clarke County is a non-metropolitan county in southwest Iowa. The total population in the county increased 10.2 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older increased 1.3 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

	Clarke County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	8,612	8,287	9,133	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	27.3	28.5	26.2	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	2,352	2,365	2,395	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	443	373	434	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	433	453	401	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	464	386	339	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	374	335	413	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	284	349	302	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	195	239	234	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	159	230	272	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	2,365	1,009	42.7	1,356	57.3	2,395	1,027	42.9	1,368	57.1
55 to 59	373	190	8.0	183	7.7	434	205	8.6	229	9.6
60 to 64	453	199	8.4	254	10.7	401	191	8.0	210	8.8
65 to 69	386	185	7.8	201	8.5	339	162	6.8	177	7.4
70 to 74	335	134	5.7	201	8.5	413	171	7.1	242	10.1
75 to 79	349	142	6.0	207	8.8	302	124	5.2	178	7.4
80 to 84	239	98	4.1	141	6.0	234	92	3.8	142	5.9
85 or older	230	61	2.6	169	7.1	272	82	3.4	190	7.9

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Clarke 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 498 older persons living in nonfamily households in Clarke County, 95.4 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

	Clarke County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	1,560	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	946	60.6	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	498	31.9	31.5
Males living alone	104	---	---
Females living alone	371	---	---
Living in group quarters	116	7.4	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Clarke County age 65 or older in 2000, 69.6 percent had at least a high school diploma and 10.6 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Clarke County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	1,551	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	471	30.4	29.4
High school graduate	696	44.9	42.0
Less than 4 years college	220	14.2	17.1
4 or more years college	164	10.6	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
Clarke County									
Total persons 65 years or older	1,551	636	915	292	137	155	292	137	155
Persons 65 to 69	376	179	197	128	59	69	128	59	69
Persons 70 to 74	379	159	220	87	40	47	87	40	47
Persons 75 or older	796	298	498	77	38	39	77	38	39

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 Clarke County was \$22,625 in 1999, compared to the \$20,172 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

	Clarke County	State
Median household income (\$)	34,474	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	22,625	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	20,172	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	19,750	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	18,125	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	11,300	15,101

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

In 2000, 7.7 percent of the persons 65 or older in Clarke 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		
	Clarke County	State	Clarke County	State		Clarke 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	110	7.7	36	5.8	5.1	74	9.1	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	62	8.3	30	8.9	4.4	32	7.8	6.6
Persons 75 or older	48	7.0	6	2.1	6.2	42	10.4	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 3,584 occupied housing units in Clarke County, 30.6 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		
	Clarke County		Clarke County	State	%	Clarke County	State	%
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,098	100.0	850	77.4	80.0	248	22.6	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	522	100.0	439	84.1	85.2	83	15.9	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	404	100.0	303	75.0	78.4	101	25.0	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	172	100.0	108	62.8	66.0	64	37.2	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		
	Clarke County		Clarke County		State	Clarke County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,098	100.0	850	100.0	100.0	248	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	101	9.2	46	5.4	6.6	55	22.2	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	522	47.5	490	57.6	59.9	32	12.9	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	389	35.4	216	25.4	21.9	173	69.8	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	331	30.1	311	36.6	43.7	20	8.1	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	522	100.0	439	100.0	100.0	83	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	34	6.5	28	6.4	7.9	6	7.2	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	263	50.4	259	59.0	56.6	4	4.8	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	189	36.2	113	25.7	25.7	76	91.6	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	129	24.7	127	28.9	39.0	2	2.4	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	576	100.0	411	100.0	100.0	165	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	67	11.6	18	4.4	5.3	49	29.7	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	259	45.0	231	56.2	63.4	28	17.0	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	200	34.7	103	25.1	17.9	97	58.8	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	202	35.1	184	44.8	48.6	18	10.9	7.9

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

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