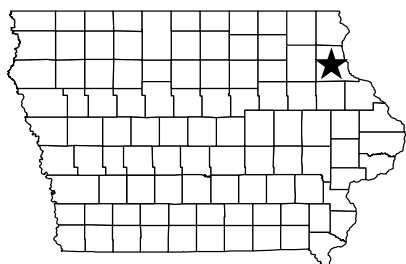


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Clayton County

Population Profile

Clayton County is a non-metropolitan county in northeast Iowa. The total population in the county decreased 2.0 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older decreased 1.5 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

	Clayton County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	21,098	19,054	18,678	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	26.7	28.3	28.4	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	5,639	5,387	5,305	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	1,091	936	956	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	1,103	1,000	887	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	1,080	930	881	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	872	864	829	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	669	717	633	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	465	504	563	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	359	436	556	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	5,387	2,414	44.8	2,973	55.2	5,305	2,381	44.9	2,924	55.1
55 to 59	936	460	8.5	476	8.8	956	501	9.4	455	8.6
60 to 64	1,000	488	9.1	512	9.5	887	424	8.0	463	8.7
65 to 69	930	444	8.2	486	9.0	881	426	8.0	455	8.6
70 to 74	864	372	6.9	492	9.1	829	380	7.2	449	8.5
75 to 79	717	314	5.8	403	7.5	633	257	4.8	376	7.1
80 to 84	504	192	3.6	312	5.8	563	226	4.3	337	6.4
85 or older	436	144	2.7	292	5.4	556	167	3.1	389	7.3

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Clayton 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 1,043 older persons living in nonfamily households in Clayton County, 94.3 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

	Clayton County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,462	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	2,052	59.3	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	1,043	30.1	31.5
Males living alone	242	---	---
Females living alone	742	---	---
Living in group quarters	367	10.6	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Clayton County age 65 or older in 2000, 63.2 percent had at least a high school diploma and 7.7 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Clayton County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,468	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	1,277	36.8	29.4
High school graduate	1,423	41.0	42.0
Less than 4 years college	500	14.4	17.1
4 or more years college	268	7.7	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
Clayton County									
Total persons 65 years or older	3,468	1,466	2,002	637	350	287	616	335	281
Persons 65 to 69	940	461	479	358	196	162	349	191	158
Persons 70 to 74	785	361	424	195	95	100	187	89	98
Persons 75 or older	1,743	644	1,099	84	59	25	80	55	25

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 Clayton County was \$25,793 in 1999, compared to the \$20,000 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

	Clayton County	State
Median household income (\$)	34,068	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	25,793	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	20,000	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	20,025	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	17,857	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	13,156	15,101

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

In 2000, 9.4 percent of the persons 65 or older in Clayton 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			
	Clayton County	State	Clayton County	State		Clayton 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	295	9.4	7.7	95	6.8	5.1	200	11.5	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	150	8.8	5.6	56	6.8	4.4	94	10.6	6.6
Persons 75 or older	145	10.2	10.0	39	6.8	6.2	106	12.5	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 7,375 occupied housing units in Clayton County, 29.7 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		
	Clayton County		Clayton County	State		Clayton County	State	
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	2,192	100.0	1,830	83.5	80.0	362	16.5	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	1,068	100.0	943	88.3	85.2	125	11.7	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	826	100.0	670	81.1	78.4	156	18.9	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	298	100.0	217	72.8	66.0	81	27.2	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		
	Clayton County		Clayton County		State	Clayton County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	2,192	100.0	1,830	100.0	100.0	362	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	150	6.8	110	6.0	6.6	40	11.0	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	1,363	62.2	1,172	64.0	59.9	191	52.8	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	617	28.1	379	20.7	21.9	238	65.7	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	839	38.3	789	43.1	43.7	50	13.8	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	1,068	100.0	943	100.0	100.0	125	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	86	8.1	73	7.7	7.9	13	10.4	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	662	62.0	594	63.0	56.6	68	54.4	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	324	30.3	233	24.7	25.7	91	72.8	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	389	36.4	380	40.3	39.0	9	7.2	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	1,124	100.0	887	100.0	100.0	237	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	64	5.7	37	4.2	5.3	27	11.4	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	701	62.4	578	65.2	63.4	123	51.9	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	293	26.1	146	16.5	17.9	147	62.0	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	450	40.0	409	46.1	48.6	41	17.3	7.9

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

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