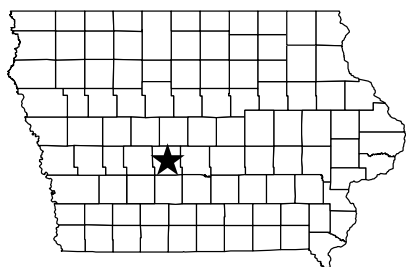


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Dallas County

Population Profile

Dallas County is a metropolitan county in central Iowa. The total population in the county increased 37.0 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older increased 14.1 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

	Dallas County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	29,513	29,755	40,750	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	22.4	22.9	19.1	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	6,623	6,828	7,793	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	1,422	1,246	1,778	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	1,367	1,232	1,484	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	1,161	1,217	1,164	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	929	1,071	1,079	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	740	886	933	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	522	614	689	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	482	562	666	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	6,828	2,912	42.6	3,916	57.4	7,793	3,522	45.2	4,271	54.8
55 to 59	1,246	621	9.1	625	9.2	1,778	917	11.8	861	11.0
60 to 64	1,232	584	8.6	648	9.5	1,484	714	9.2	770	9.9
65 to 69	1,217	548	8.0	669	9.8	1,164	564	7.2	600	7.7
70 to 74	1,071	467	6.8	604	8.8	1,079	500	6.4	579	7.4
75 to 79	886	347	5.1	539	7.9	933	371	4.8	562	7.2
80 to 84	614	210	3.1	404	5.9	689	267	3.4	422	5.4
85 or older	562	135	2.0	427	6.3	666	189	2.4	477	6.1

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Dallas 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 1,374 older persons living in nonfamily households in Dallas County, 93.5 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

	Dallas County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	4,531	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	2,794	61.7	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	1,374	30.3	31.5
Males living alone	286	---	---
Females living alone	999	---	---
Living in group quarters	363	8.0	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Dallas County age 65 or older in 2000, 80.2 percent had at least a high school diploma and 10.9 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Dallas County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	4,522	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	894	19.8	29.4
High school graduate	2,279	50.4	42.0
Less than 4 years college	854	18.9	17.1
4 or more years college	495	10.9	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
Dallas County									
Total persons 65 years or older	4,522	1,905	2,617	766	470	296	748	455	293
Persons 65 to 69	1,116	540	576	435	255	180	422	245	177
Persons 70 to 74	1,165	543	622	202	128	74	202	128	74
Persons 75 or older	2,241	822	1,419	129	87	42	124	82	42

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 Dallas County was \$34,735 in 1999, compared to the \$21,823 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

	Dallas County	State
Median household income (\$)	48,528	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	34,735	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	21,823	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	26,210	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	24,844	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	14,833	15,101

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

In 2000, 7.1 percent of the persons 65 or older in Dallas 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			
	Dallas County	State	Dallas County	State	Dallas County	State	Dallas 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	293	7.1	7.7	76	4.3	5.1	217	9.2	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	117	5.2	5.6	35	3.3	4.4	82	6.9	6.6
Persons 75 or older	176	9.3	10.0	41	5.8	6.2	135	11.4	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 15,584 occupied housing units in Dallas County, 18.6 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		
	Dallas County	State	Dallas County	State	%	Dallas County	State	%
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	2,894	100.0	2,308	79.8	80.0	586	20.2	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	1,506	100.0	1,300	86.3	85.2	206	13.7	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	1,121	100.0	819	73.1	78.4	302	26.9	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	267	100.0	189	70.8	66.0	78	29.2	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		
	Dallas County		Dallas County		State	Dallas 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	2,894	100.0	2,308	100.0	100.0	586	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	568	19.6	414	17.9	6.6	154	26.3	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	1,337	46.2	1,163	50.4	59.9	174	29.7	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	1,151	39.8	741	32.1	21.9	410	70.0	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	932	32.2	872	37.8	43.7	60	10.2	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	1,506	100.0	1,300	100.0	100.0	206	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	334	22.2	293	22.5	7.9	41	19.9	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	646	42.9	570	43.8	56.6	76	36.9	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	649	43.1	502	38.6	25.7	147	71.4	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	435	28.9	407	31.3	39.0	28	13.6	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	1,388	100.0	1,008	100.0	100.0	380	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	234	16.9	121	12.0	5.3	113	29.7	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	691	49.8	593	58.8	63.4	98	25.8	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	502	36.2	239	23.7	17.9	263	69.2	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	497	35.8	465	46.1	48.6	32	8.4	7.9

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

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