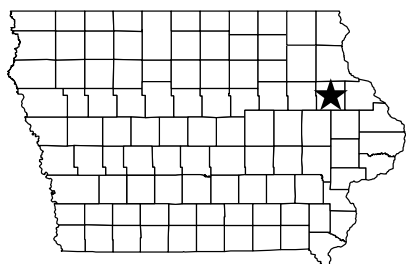


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Delaware County

Population Profile

Delaware County is a non-metropolitan county in northeast Iowa. The total population in the county increased 2.0 percent from 1990 to 2000. At the same time, the population 55 years or older increased 4.0 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

	Delaware County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	18,933	18,035	18,404	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	21.9	23.8	24.2	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	4,150	4,291	4,461	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	945	814	866	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	835	822	835	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	688	811	686	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	640	668	690	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	453	462	595	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	341	381	420	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	248	333	369	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	4,291	1,880	43.8	2,411	56.2	4,461	2,018	45.2	2,443	54.8
55 to 59	814	408	9.5	406	9.5	866	423	9.5	443	9.9
60 to 64	822	387	9.0	435	10.1	835	427	9.6	408	9.1
65 to 69	811	388	9.0	423	9.9	686	329	7.4	357	8.0
70 to 74	668	302	7.0	366	8.5	690	313	7.0	377	8.5
75 to 79	462	183	4.3	279	6.5	595	261	5.9	334	7.5
80 to 84	381	121	2.8	260	6.1	420	169	3.8	251	5.6
85 or older	333	91	2.1	242	5.6	369	96	2.2	273	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 Delaware 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 789 older persons living in nonfamily households in Delaware County, 96.6 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

	Delaware County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,760	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	1,774	64.3	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	789	28.6	31.5
Males living alone	160	---	---
Females living alone	602	---	---
Living in group quarters	197	7.1	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Delaware County age 65 or older in 2000, 63 percent had at least a high school diploma and 6.8 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Delaware County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	2,762	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	1,023	37.0	29.4
High school graduate	1,107	40.1	42.0
Less than 4 years college	445	16.1	17.1
4 or more years college	187	6.8	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
Delaware County									
Total persons 65 years or older	2,762	1,156	1,606	480	286	194	460	266	194
Persons 65 to 69	816	377	439	292	163	129	275	146	129
Persons 70 to 74	564	250	314	136	84	52	133	81	52
Persons 75 or older	1,382	529	853	52	39	13	52	39	13

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 Delaware County was \$28,669 in 1999, compared to the \$21,144 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

	Delaware	
	County	State
Median household income (\$)	37,168	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	28,669	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	21,144	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	20,394	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	16,607	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	12,850	15,101

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

In 2000, 9.8 percent of the persons 65 or older in Delaware 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			
	Delaware County		Delaware County		State	Delaware 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	253	9.8	7.7	56	4.9	5.1	197	13.7	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	105	7.8	5.6	28	4.5	4.4	77	10.7	6.6
Persons 75 or older	148	12.0	10.0	28	5.4	6.2	120	16.8	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 6,834 occupied housing units in Delaware County, 24.7 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		
	Delaware County		Delaware County		State	Delaware County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,686	100.0	1,383	82.0	80.0	303	18.0	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	803	100.0	701	87.3	85.2	102	12.7	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	699	100.0	541	77.4	78.4	158	22.6	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	184	100.0	141	76.6	66.0	43	23.4	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		
	Delaware County		Delaware County		State	Delaware County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	1,686	100.0	1,383	100.0	100.0	303	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	164	9.7	116	8.4	6.6	48	15.8	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	844	50.1	720	52.1	59.9	124	40.9	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	501	29.7	312	22.6	21.9	189	62.4	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	549	32.6	536	38.8	43.7	13	4.3	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	803	100.0	701	100.0	100.0	102	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	81	10.1	67	9.6	7.9	14	13.7	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	394	49.1	344	49.1	56.6	50	49.0	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	257	32.0	180	25.7	25.7	77	75.5	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	259	32.3	259	36.9	39.0	0	0.0	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	883	100.0	682	100.0	100.0	201	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	83	9.4	49	7.2	5.3	34	16.9	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	450	51.0	376	55.1	63.4	74	36.8	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	244	27.6	132	19.4	17.9	112	55.7	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	290	32.8	277	40.6	48.6	13	6.5	7.9

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

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