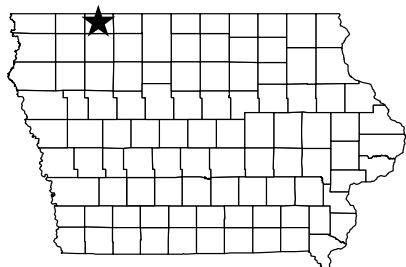


Older Iowans Data for Decision Makers



Dickinson County

Population Profile

Dickinson County is a non-metropolitan county in northwest 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 8.5 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

	Dickinson County			State		
	1980	1990	2000	1980	1990	2000
Total population	15,629	14,909	16,424	2,913,808	2,776,755	2,926,324
Percent 55 or older	28.1	32.4	31.9	22.9	24.3	23.7
Population 55 or older	4,384	4,826	5,235	666,509	675,794	693,625
55 to 59	871	829	981	145,854	122,335	139,052
60 to 64	975	900	865	133,071	127,353	118,360
65 to 69	860	926	911	117,905	122,454	107,373
70 to 74	651	817	848	96,949	104,507	104,562
75 to 79	485	629	675	75,104	84,486	91,505
80 to 84	299	372	491	52,686	59,404	67,655
85 or older	243	353	464	44,940	55,255	65,118

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

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

	1990					2000				
	Total	Male		Female		Total	Male		Female	
		n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%
Population 55 or older	4,826	2,090	43.3	2,736	56.7	5,235	2,340	44.7	2,895	55.3
55 to 59	829	389	8.1	440	9.1	981	490	9.4	491	9.4
60 to 64	900	406	8.4	494	10.2	865	411	7.9	454	8.7
65 to 69	926	445	9.2	481	10.0	911	428	8.2	483	9.2
70 to 74	817	363	7.5	454	9.4	848	373	7.1	475	9.1
75 to 79	629	259	5.4	370	7.7	675	298	5.7	377	7.2
80 to 84	372	128	2.7	244	5.1	491	202	3.9	289	5.5
85 or older	353	100	2.1	253	5.2	464	138	2.6	326	6.2

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

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Living Arrangement Profile

The majority of older persons in Dickinson 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 1,027 older persons living in nonfamily households in Dickinson County, 94.9 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

	Dickinson County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,389	100.0	100.0
Living in family households	2,136	63.0	60.1
Living in nonfamily households	1,027	30.3	31.5
Males living alone	223	---	---
Females living alone	752	---	---
Living in group quarters	226	6.7	8.4

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

Education and Employment Profile

Among residents in Dickinson County age 65 or older in 2000, 77.1 percent had at least a high school diploma and 13.7 percent had graduated college. Statewide, the percentages were 70.6 and 11.5, respectively.

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

	Dickinson County		State
	n	%	%
Total persons 65 years or older	3,388	100.0	100.0
Less than high school	775	22.9	29.4
High school graduate	1,400	41.3	42.0
Less than 4 years college	749	22.1	17.1
4 or more years college	464	13.7	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
Dickinson County									
Total persons 65 years or older	3,388	1,425	1,963	544	299	245	531	292	239
Persons 65 to 69	892	406	486	304	164	140	297	157	140
Persons 70 to 74	864	384	480	140	84	56	136	84	52
Persons 75 or older	1,632	635	997	100	51	49	98	51	47

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 Dickinson County was \$33,594 in 1999, compared to the \$21,855 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

	Dickinson	State
	County	
Median household income (\$)	39,020	39,469
Householder 65 to 74 years (\$)	33,594	29,804
Householder 75 or older (\$)	21,855	21,230
Median nonfamily household income (\$)	22,184	22,454
Male householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	20,375	18,759
Female householder 65 years or older living alone (\$)	16,130	15,101

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

In 2000, 7 percent of the persons 65 or older in Dickinson 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		
	Dickinson	State	Dickinson	State	Dickinson	State	Dickinson	State
	County		County		County		County	
	n	% of age group	n	% of age group	n	% of age group	n	% of age group
Total persons 65 years or older in poverty	221	7.0	59	4.3	5.1	162	9.1	9.6
Persons 65 to 74	105	6.1	34	4.3	4.4	71	7.7	6.6
Persons 75 or older	116	8.1	25	4.4	6.2	91	10.5	12.3

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

Housing Profile

Among the 7,103 occupied housing units in Dickinson County, 30.8 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		
	Dickinson	State	Dickinson	State	Dickinson	State	State	
	County		County		County			
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	2,188	100.0	1,849	84.5	80.0	339	15.5	20.0
Householder 65 to 74 years	1,124	100.0	1,005	89.4	85.2	119	10.6	14.8
Householder 75 to 84 years	795	100.0	649	81.6	78.4	146	18.4	21.6
Householder 85 years or older	269	100.0	195	72.5	66.0	74	27.5	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		
	Dickinson County		Dickinson County		State	Dickinson County		State
	n	%	n	%	%	n	%	%
Total householders 65 years or older	2,188	100.0	1,849	100.0	100.0	339	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	368	16.8	254	13.7	6.6	114	33.6	13.6
Housing units 40 or more years old	844	38.6	773	41.8	59.9	71	20.9	34.8
Moved into unit since 1990	867	39.6	614	33.2	21.9	253	74.6	67.8
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	500	22.9	488	26.4	43.7	12	3.5	7.7
Householders 65 to 74 years old	1,124	100.0	1,005	100.0	100.0	119	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	234	20.8	197	19.6	7.9	37	31.1	12.0
Housing units 40 or more years old	441	39.2	402	40.0	56.6	39	32.8	41.5
Moved into unit since 1990	536	47.7	455	45.3	25.7	81	68.1	72.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	202	18.0	190	18.9	39.0	12	10.1	7.3
Householders 75 years or older	1,064	100.0	844	100.0	100.0	220	100.0	100.0
Housing units 10 or fewer years old	134	12.6	57	6.8	5.3	77	35.0	14.5
Housing units 40 or more years old	403	37.9	371	44.0	63.4	32	14.5	31.2
Moved into unit since 1990	331	31.1	159	18.8	17.9	172	78.2	65.3
Moved into unit 1969 or earlier	298	28.0	298	35.3	48.6	0	0.0	7.9

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

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